

HONOR STUDENTS stand in front row of North Carolina Central University's graduating class of 1981 on Sunday, May 17, in O'Kelly Stadium.



LLOYD V. HACKLEY (left) of General Administration, UNC-Chapel Hill; and former Law Dean Harry Groves.

WILLIE REESE, III President Senior Class

NAACP Mother of the Year Contest at White Rock

by Donald Alderman
A "Mother of the Year" contest, several appreciation awards, and gospel singing will highlight the annual NAACP Freedom Day Celebration, North Carolina State Conference Branch-NAACP announced Monday.

The "freedom celebration," to be held Sunday, May 24 at White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville St., at 3:30 p.m. features Mrs. Mildred Bond Roxborough of New York City as the guest speaker. Mrs. Roxborough is a national NAACP associate director for operations and has served as field director and membership director.

She will crown the 1981 NAACP Mother of the Year. Also, mothers from across the state will receive special appreciation awards and certificates, according to Kelly M. Alexander, NAACP state president.

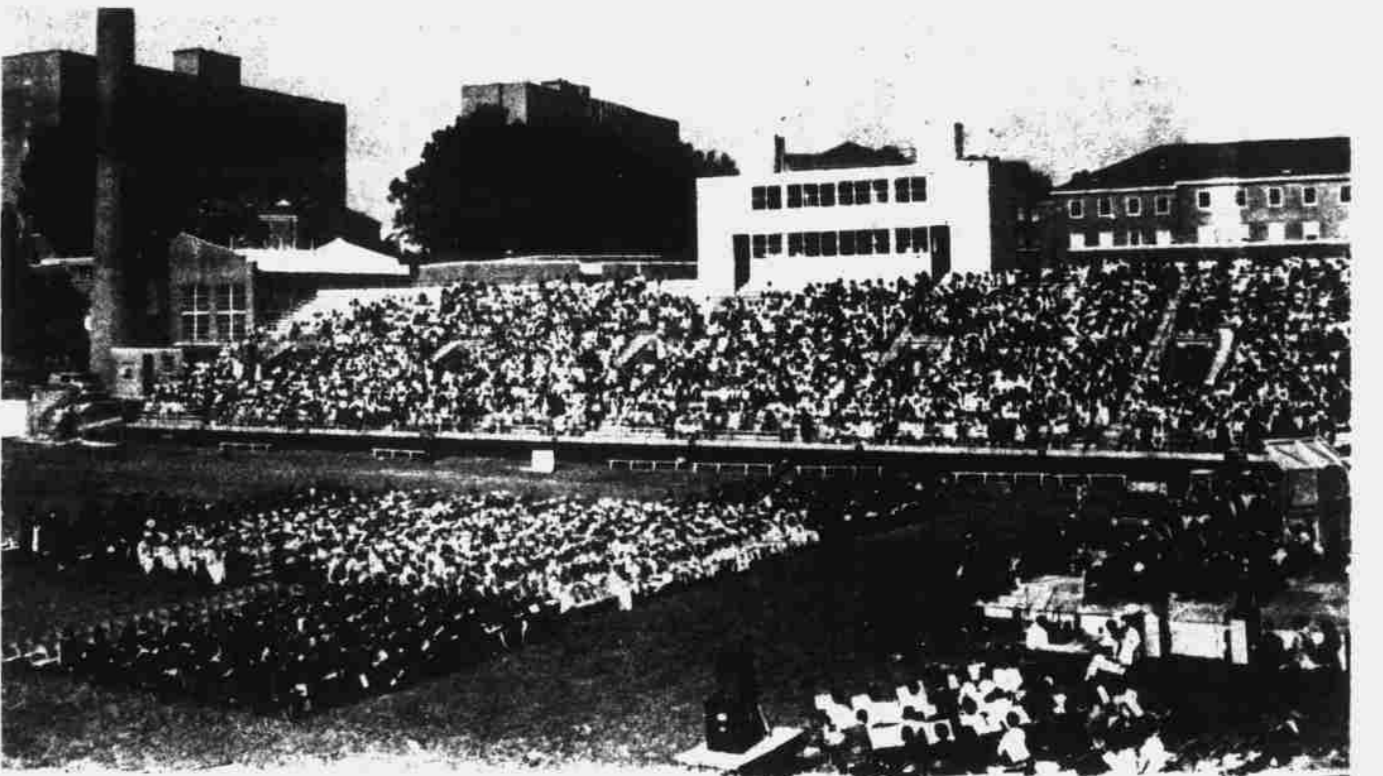
"A special musical program will be presented by the Sandy Groove Baptist Church Gospel Choir of Lumberton. The White Rock Baptist Church Senior Choir will also perform," Alexander said.

The occasion represents a salute to the black woman.

George Frazier, NAACP Durham chapter president remarked, "This NAACP activity year is special for Durham."



NCCU CHANCELLOR ALBERT N. WHITING (left) speaks with (from left) Miss Ruth Eileen Koger of Los Angeles, top honor student, Class of 1981; Chairman of the Board of Trustees William A. Clement; Miss Marilyn R. Williams, Brooklyn, NY, second honor student, Class of 1981; and, Francis A. Kornegay, NCC alumnus of Detroit, on whom was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.



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Institute Sponsors Program

By Donald Alderman

surprised by students' seriousness.

Another student in Frederick Fuller's class asked John Virgil, former UNC basketball standout and professional player, about the money opportunities in professional basketball. Virgil replied, they were good but he emphasized the need for study. "You should concentrate on the books, right now," he said.

While in J.E. Hunter's class a student asked Dr. John Wadsworth, dentist, about the fears associated with a dental visit. He explained that most fears are myths of the profession; that today's technology allows dental work to be performed without any pain to the patient.

Others addressing students were Ms. Jacelyn Pyles, UNC medical student, Mrs. Nellie Riley of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources, and Mrs. Sadiyah Abd Shakur of the St. Joseph's Performance Dance Center.

Ms. Pyles told students of the rigors of medical school and emphasized the importance of elementary school to any further college, graduate, or professional study. "Now is the time to get serious about your education," she said.

"You don't always want to be a worker; you want to make decisions also," Mrs. Riley said. She spoke of the role of women in the workplace today and how they, too, can hold decision-making positions.

Mrs. Shakur explored current myths and realities of African lifestyle and

culture. Students were impressed and proud of the similarities between African and African-American cultures.

From truck driver to surgeon were students' responses to their present career choices. One student said, "I want to be the richest man in the world," provoking laughter from the class. The smallest youngster said, "I want to be a football player." Laughter prevailed again. Whatever you decide to be, be the best, the students were told.

BCDI-D members said the event was successful and "the effort was more than worthwhile."

"I think it is good for students to get excited and motivated about something. This kind of exposure is what our children need," said Ms. Sue McLaurin, BCDI-D program committee chairman. "The interest of the children was very encouraging. It underscores the need for our community members to be more visible to our children. It was a very successful pilot program," said Dr. Valora Washington, BCDI-D president. "Next year, we will definitely be expanding the program to include more schools and grade levels."

E.K. Tolbert, principal, Fayetteville Street Elementary School, said "This kind of thing is very important for our students. It gives them something to think about in terms of their future."

Prometheans Rep Visits Durham

By Trelle L. Jeffers

Dr. Dorothy Jenkins, program director of Prometheans, Inc., a program which deals with the career needs and preparation of predominantly black youth, was in Durham, May 11-13, to discuss plans with Durham business and educational leaders on how to organize a local chapter of the organization.

The purpose of Prometheans, Inc., is to develop educational programs which will assist in identifying, motivating and recruiting minority students to enter higher educational institutions and to graduate with competitive skills.

Dr. Thomas Bass, a member of the Durham City School Board, initiated the visit of Dr. Jenkins, who appeared before the regular school board meeting, May 11, and again at Burroughs Wellcome, May 12, in the Research Triangle Park, where she gave slide presentations and explained the program in depth.

Dr. Jenkins said that the main thrust of the program is to let black youth know what jobs are available in the careers of their interests; what alternative careers they may seek; and the necessary preparation that is required to secure the desired jobs.

"There are jobs available, but our students are not prepared (through their training) to hold one of these jobs," said Dr. Jenkins.

The main feature of the program is a Career Awareness Fair which Prometheans, Inc., and community-based groups, businesses, organizations, educators, etc., hold for young people, preferably ninth and tenth graders. Representatives from various careers spend a week during the fair in counseling and giving information on various careers to young people. It may involve a whole school district.

Several educators and members of the Durham community have indicated an interest in a local chapter of the program, and the National Technical Association of Durham has begun to spearhead a Career Awareness Fair for October, 1981.

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The support and contributions received from fellow DURHAMITES have enabled THE DURHAMITES to donate a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy student of Durham, North Carolina for three consecutive years. Last year's recipient is nearing completion of his freshman year at the University of Florida. Appreciation is extended to each contributor for the success of making an aspiration a reality.

This year, THE DURHAMITES plan to donate a fourth scholarship to another deserving senior high school student in the city or county of Durham, North Carolina, to provide financial assistance during the first year of college.

In addition, concerted efforts will be made to continue the trend of responding to local community emergencies and individual needs. The loyalty and support of the many friends of THE DURHAMITES, not only provide funds so sorely needed to carry out the programs of the organization, but serve as an incentive for the organization to strive for the accomplishment of greater objectives.

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