

Howard University Celebrates 115th Year of Service

By Henry Duval
 When Howard University celebrated the 115th anniversary of its founding March 2, the university's namesake, General Oliver O. Howard, emerged from the shadows of history. Seated unassumingly in the audience at the university's Charter Day convocation was Gen. Howard's great-grandson, Tito D. Howard, one of eleven remaining descendants of the Civil War general. The Charter Day ceremony commemorated the founding of the predominantly black university in Washington, D.C., on March 2, 1867 by a charter enacted by the U.S. Congress. Actress Ruby Dee was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree at the celebration, and four Howard alumni were honored for their career achievements the night before at a Charter Day dinner.

Gen. Oliver O. Howard was one of the founding fathers of the university, and, says his great-grandson, he was one of the first to realize that education was the means of freeing blacks from deprivation. "I think Gen. Howard would be proud of the university today," Howard emphasizes.

Tito Howard knew of his great-grandfather from family stories passed down through the generations. One story,

told to him by his grandmother, was that the general adopted a young black boy in the South named Jeremiah, whom the general subsequently tried to enroll in the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, his alma mater. Jeremiah was denied admission, which Howard believes may have been one of the reasons the general saw the need to establish an institution of higher learning for blacks.

A filmmaker by profession, Howard, 43, says he has lived in the Middle East for most of the past nine years, producing a number of documentaries in that region. His last visit to Howard was in 1979, when he met Howard President James E. Cheek.

Howard intends to return to the Middle East, and he wants to help organize a trip to the area for President Cheek. He hopes to lay the groundwork for establishing endowed chairs in Middle Eastern studies at American black colleges, a project he would like to see administered under the guidance of Howard.

During the Charter Day convocation, President Cheek introduced Tito Howard to the university. The descendant of the university's namesake rose to a warm ovation.

Also seated in the audience at the university's Cramton Auditorium

was actor Ossie Davis, who beamed when the honorary degree was conferred upon his wife, Ruby Dee. Davis was awarded an honorary degree from Howard in 1973.

The four Howard alumni honored during the Charter Day ceremonies were Arnett Artis Anderson, a Washington, D.C., dentist; L. Julian Haywood, a professor of medicine at the University of

Southern California; Gabrielle Kirk McDonald, a U.S. district judge in Houston; and Frank Savage, a New York insurance executive.

After witnessing the university's 115th anniversary commemoration and touring the main campus, Tito Howard remarked, "I feel there's a need for my family to be more visible in the affairs of the university."



Hunt, Jackson Meet

Governor Jim Hunt and the Rev. Jesse Jackson met in the Executive Mansion March 11 to discuss a number of mutual concerns, including voter registration, economic development and job training. Jackson and Hunt both spoke at the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Delinquency Prevention.

Day Care Conference To Be Held Here

The annual Day Care and Early Education Conference sponsored by the Durham Day Care Council and Durham Technical Institute will be held Friday evening, March 26, and all day Saturday, March 27, at Durham Technical Institute. The theme of the conference is "Children, Parents, Teachers — Outlook for the '80's'".

On Friday evening a panel will discuss "Perspectives on Education, Day Care and Families." Participants include Dr. Orthner, professor in Department of Child Development and Family Relations at UNC-G; Dr. Carol Stack, professor in Department of Anthropology, Duke University; Ms. Florrie Glasser, Division of Policy Development, N.C. Department of Administration; and Dr. Helen Rauch, Congressional Science Fellows Program, Washington, D.C. The moderator will be Dr. Phail Wynn, president of Durham Technical Institute.

Those who attend all

four workshop sessions and the Friday evening keynote address are eligible to receive one Continuing Education Unit good for certificate renewal.

Workshops dealing with health and safety include First Aid for Children, Child Care Safety and the New Law, Fitting Nutritious Snacks Into Your Budget, and Planning Nutritious Meals for Infants and Toddlers. Sessions about child development include Learning Experiences for Children Under Three, Playing with Sounds for Reading Readiness, Helping Children Develop Social Skills, Children and Feelings. Workshops of special interest to working parents include How to Choose Quality Day Care, The Myth of the Super Mom, After School and Summer Programs for School-Age Children, Child Care Tax Credit, How to Cope as a Working Parent, Rights and Responsibilities of Parents.

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