

Kemp Receives NCNB Par Excellence Teaching Award

Christopher W. Kemp, Chairman of the Johnson C. Smith University Music Department and University Choir Director, was selected as the first North Carolina National Bank (NCNB) Par Excellence Teaching Award winner. The annual award, presented to Kemp by NCNB senior vice-president James Leavelle, included a tax-free \$1,000 stipend as well as a commemorative plaque.

Candidates for the honor are nominated by fellow faculty members. A committee examines each candidate's credentials, including student evaluations, to determine the eventual winner.

"The final selection was very difficult as there were many worthy nominees," cited committee member Bessie Ledbetter. "Professor Kemp's credentials were simply impeccable."

Christopher Kemp began his association with JCSU in 1947 after completing work on his Masters in Music degree from the University of Michigan. Kemp graduated with high honors from Hampton Institute. His education con-



James Leavelle, senior vice-president of North Carolina National Bank, presents Christopher Kemp with the "NCNB Par Excellence Teaching" Award.

tinued at summer courses and seminars throughout the country and the world. Kemp studied at the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary in New York, the University

of Salzburg (Austria), the University of Ghana (West Africa), the Peter Wilhousky Master Class in Conducting, Steinway Hall (New York), the Eastman School of Music of the

University of Rochester and at a host of other schools and institutes.

"The highlight of my education was studying in the summer of 1966 with Nadia Boulanger at the

Conservatoire d'Americaines in Fontainebleau, France," beamed Kemp.

Honors include participating conductor at the First International Conference of Music Education held at the Palais des Geaux Arts in Belgium where he received a Bronze Medal for his performance. Kemp has received numerous awards of merit for his music scholarship and performances.

The Johnson C. Smith University Choir was selected as the official broadcasting choir for the United Presbyterian Church, USA, in 1964. The choir performed at the Dedication of the Charred Cross at the New York World Fair also in 1964. In his 37 years as director, the JCSU Choir has performed thousands of concerts throughout the country and made numerous radio and television appearances. Record albums include participation in the Charlotte Symphony's recording of Beethoven's "Choral Ninth Symphony" and three albums of sacred and secular choral literature.

"We are delighted that a person of Christopher Kemp's stature and commitment was selected as the first recipient of the NCNB Par Excellence Teaching Award," remarked JCSU President Robert L. Albright. "Professor Kemp exemplifies the qualities of excellence that is the goal of every effort at the university."

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All dogs and cats four months of age or older in the City of Charlotte are required to have a yearly animal license. New licenses will be valid from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985.

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Teachers To Hear Beveridge

During this year's presidential campaign, the Rev. Jesse Jackson has made an issue of how delegates are chosen for the Democratic National Convention this summer in California.

The man who will be at the center of that debate at the 1984 Democratic National Convention will be the kickoff speaker for the 15th annual Taft Seminar on American Democracy and the Two-Party System this month at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Albert Beveridge III, an attorney who is counsel to the Credentials Committee of the Democratic National Convention and chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Elections, will be at UNCC June 18 for the banquet which officially opens the Taft Seminar for teachers. Beveridge will speak following the 7:30 p.m. dinner in the Spough Rooms of Cone Center. His topic is "Choosing Convention Delegates: Presidential Politics 1984."

Ninth District Congressman James G. Martin, a Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina, will be the concluding speaker on June 29 at 1 p.m. Rep. Martin's topic is "Political Change in North Carolina: The Strategy for Winning the Governorship."

These two are among some 34 speakers who will

lecture to classroom teachers, librarians and school administrators during the two-week Taft Institute. Directed by Dr. Schley Lyons, associate dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, the Taft Institute helps elementary and secondary teachers

better understand the political system so they can effectively instruct their students about government and the two-party system.

All sessions are scheduled in the Spough Rooms of Cone Center. Following are the speakers and their topics:

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