

Community Notes

Smith receives large Duke grant

• **Johnson C. Smith University** has received a major gift from the Duke Endowment.

The university was awarded \$756,224 in grants, which will be used for library construction, study abroad programs, scholarships, maintenance and faculty salaries.

"The grant is a continuation of the foundation's long and valued support," JCSU President Dorothy Cowser Yancy said. "The contribution allows the university to remain financially stable as we continue to provide a quality education for our students."

The relationship between Smith and the Duke Endowment dates back to 1924. The endowment has awarded the school nearly \$41.5 million over the years.

• **Metrolina Food Bank** will officially open its expanded building Jan. 29 at 500-B Spratt St.

The Food Bank will be rededicated during ceremonies, which will include contributors to its building campaign. Ceremonies will start at 10 a.m.

• **Focus on Leadership Inc.** is seeking nominations for its annual Unsung Heroes Awards.

The awards are given to African Americans in Charlotte-Mecklenburg who have shown dedication and commitment in: arts; business/entrepreneur; community service; education; human service; media; personal achievement; politics; religion and

youth. The deadline for nominations is March 3.

For more information, call Cynthia Sifford at 561-3043.

• **Charlotte Coliseum manager Adonis "Sporty" Jerald** has been nominated for a national award.

Jerald, Coliseum manager for six years, was nominated for the Facility Manager of the Year award as part of a readers' poll conducted by Performance magazine, a tourism industry periodical.

"It does not surprise me that Sporty is recognized in our industry as one of the most capable building managers in the country," said Auditorium-Coliseum-Convention Center Authority Managing Director Steve Camp. "From the very beginning, he has distinguished himself as an extremely knowledgeable building manager aware of the many unique aspects of our industry."

• **The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League** will host its semi-annual JOBS Opportunity Week Jan. 23-25.

The job fair will take place from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Urban League's office at 500 North Tryon St. The event is open to current Urban League clients and students who have pre-registered. For more information, call 379-7734.

• **Portraits of Color** will offer a 16-week cultural arts and development program this month.

The program, which starts Jan. 23 will explore African

American art forms in dance, music and theatre through classes, workshops and performing opportunities. Curriculum will take place at Hawthorne Recreation and Community Center, 345 Hawthorne Lane. Youth ages 5-18 can enroll in dance and music; youth ages 7-18 can enroll in each discipline, although it is suggested participants enroll in no more than two at a time.

Enrollment fee is \$85 per student for one discipline; \$160 for enrollment in two. For more information, call Bridget Phifer at 535-3633 or 537-9787.

• **The Black Political Caucus** will hold its monthly meeting Sunday at First Baptist Church-West. For more information, call Johnnie Collins at 393-1200 or Anna Hood at 333-4685.

• Nominations are being sought for the annual **Police Community Relations Awards**. The awards recognize officers and work teams from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police who have contributed to the improvement of police-community relations.

Nominations may be made by citizens in the patrol area, Charlotte-Mecklenburg School personnel groups, fellow officers or their superiors. To nominate an officer, write the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, 600 East Trade St. Charlotte, N.C. or call the committee at 336-2424. Deadline for nominations is April 1.

• **The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma** fraternity will host its annual graduate chapter basketball game at Cochrane Middle School Feb. 2-3. The school is located at 6200 Starhawk Drive.

Games will tip-off at 7 p.m. each day with teams representing Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi in addition to the host fraternity. Representatives from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Charlotte will be on hand to provide information on the Big Brothers Challenge. Donations will fund scholarships for Sigma Beta Club members and other deserving high school students. For more information, call Darryl Tyson at 554-0375.

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Slave ship won't come here

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to tell about our history since the Civil War."

Like Discovery Place officials, Zimmern said she hopes the exhibit will come to Charlotte, in some other facility. The Afro-American Cultural Center is too small.

"I hope a venue can be found," she said. "It is something worthwhile to bring."

The Henrietta Marie exhibit drew 5,000 people to Detroit's Museum of African American History Monday. That's 2,000 more than would normally attend the museum during its Martin Luther King festival, according to museum staffer Kevin Davidson.

"The response has been very positive, in terms of media response and corporate response," Davidson said. "What makes the exhibit most appealing is there is a slave ship section you can actually walk through and feel like you are in this confined space."

"What makes this unique is the wealth of artifacts. They have shackles in various sizes, smaller ones for children."

"This is the first physical evidence of a slave ship in the western hemisphere," Davidson said. "That is why it has gotten so much attention."

The exhibit, in a six-month showing, drew 85,000 visitors to its home site, the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society in Key West, Fla., near where the ship sank in about 1700.

Detroit is a first stop on a tour that will take it to Chicago, Los Angeles, Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, where it will open in the fall of 1998.

Memphis and Atlanta may be the closest sites for Charlotteans to see the exhibit.

A science center in Boston is

also negotiating for the spring 1998 slot left open by Discovery Place's decision not to exhibit it here, during a larger exhibit on deep sea exploration.

It will also be exhibited October 1997 through January 1998 at the Fort Worth (Tex.) Museum of Science and History.

"We are a history and science museum, so it fits very well into our mission," said Karen Turner, the museum's director of special programs. "We deal with history and cultural issues, as well as science. We will probably add to the exhibit. It is not large enough. We have a local African American artist who does sculpture on the slave trade and the lives of Africans who came here. We will probably add an exhibit of his work."

Turner acknowledged that her museum's broader mission is different than Discovery Place.

"We are in a different situation than some of the science museums," Turner said.

In Detroit, Davidson said two corporate sponsors, General Motors and the Hudson Department stores, sponsored a series of lectures by African American history experts from around the country.

One lecture was titled "The Africans boarded the Henrietta Marie: Where they came from and where they went." Others were "The Ibo People and Culture: A Contemporary Perspective" and "The Middle Passage: A Scholar's Perspective."

Michael H. Cottman, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and member of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers, delivered a lecture entitled "A Memorial to those who boarded the

Henrietta Marie."

Cottman was among the 10 black scuba divers who commemorated those Africans aboard the slave ship by placing a one-ton monument at the bottom of the ocean where the wrecked ship sat for 290 years.

He has traced the origin of the ship and its route from London, to Africa and through the Caribbean. He's writing a book about the ship.

Turner, at the Ft. Worth museum, said the exhibit was very sensitive and could be appreciated by blacks and whites.

"People say history doesn't change, but how we perceive it changes all the time. You can liken it to the holocaust. Jews have embraced that as a symbol of the strength of their culture."

Kevin Davidson said, "I think we have to go beyond what our initial feeling might be about slavery and all that entails and how it affects us and focus more on how critical it is for us to keep this in our minds and keep it on the minds of the larger society."

"Just as we are constantly, on a regular basis, reminded of the Jewish holocaust, we had a holocaust of our own that was at least 10 times the size of that."

"We have to be mindful of the fact that slavery, once it ended, in effect still continued because our political, social and economic systems, passed laws and embedded attitudes that said you are less than a second-class citizen and every aspect of this society is going to treat you this way."

"That started during slavery and still affects us today. The OJ Simpson verdict gave indication of how deeply embedded these racial attitudes are in our society."

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