

Bennett president keynotes scholarship banquet

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toring, developmental activities, business education and community service. As part of its community service effort, the MPA provides scholarships to students pursuing math, science, accounting and other energy-related degrees at colleges and universities in North and South Carolina.
Cole is Bennett's 14th president. She made history in 1987 when she became the first African-American

woman elected president of Spelman College, where it became the first HBCU to receive a number one rating by U.S. News and World report magazine when it was named the top liberal arts college in the South.
Cole will sign copies of her most recent book immediately after the banquet. The book is titled: "Gender Talk: The Struggle for Women's Equality in African American Communities."
Ticket prices start at \$75;

additional ticket prices and number of reserve seats vary based on level of financial support. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Carla Daniels at (980) 373-7846 or Walter Wright at (704) 382-1841.
Donations to the MPA Scholarship fund are welcome. Please make checks payable to MPA Scholarship Fund at FFTC.
• No one knows for sure why Barber-Scotia College President Sammie Potts

resigned this week.
Potts' resignation was announced Monday, but calls to his office were not returned. Calls to college spokeswoman Vivian Ross Nivens weren't returned, either.
Potts' resignation is expected to be discussed Friday at



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the school's board of trustees meeting. The search for a replace will also start then.
Potts helped pull Barber-Scotia from the brink of bankruptcy when he was named president in 1996. He worked with alumni and corporations to raise money to retire the school's debts and led the revitalization of his-

toric Faith Hall as a dormitory.
Barber-Scotia, whose most famous graduate is educator Mary McLeod Bethune, was placed on warning status by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regarding financial concerns and institutional issues.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Brisbane Academy scholar invited to Fla. summer leadership summit

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mercedes Pullin has been accepted as a student leader to the People to People Leadership Summit in Orlando, Fla., this summer.

Mercedes, a student at Brisbane Academy, will join a select group of students June 10-19. Participants gain insights to guide their educational professional careers through workshops, presentations, excursions and discussions. The summits focus on leadership, team building, college admissions and professional aspirations in law, medicine and health care.

• Joseph "Jake" Suggs will be inducted into the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Officials hall of Fame Feb. 26 in Raleigh.

Suggs, a graduate of Charlotte Catholic High School and Winston-Salem State University, is a long-time official in football, softball, and basketball on the amateur level in addition to his work in the CIAA.

• Shaune Langston has joined the Barnes & Thornburg law firm of Indianapolis, Ind., as an associate in environmental and litigation.

Langston, a Charlotte native, earned her law degree from Northwestern University

School of Law - Chicago and bachelor's from UNC Greensboro.

• Renee Casali AIA and Kevin Utsey AIA have joined Isaacs + Associates Architects as principals.

• Sit-in Movement Inc. announced the appointment of Amelia Parker as its new executive director for The International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

Parker, a senior management, communications, governmental and international affairs consultant in Washington, D.C., will assume her positions Feb. 16.

Parker, a Johnson C. Smith University graduate, served for 10 years as executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus, where she was responsible for the overall management of member and constituent activities, Congressional testimony, special events, and public information.

Parker was a contributor to the Library of Congress' publication, "African Americans in Congress," which marked the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Congress. She also authored the history of America's first black trade association, the National Business League, founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington.



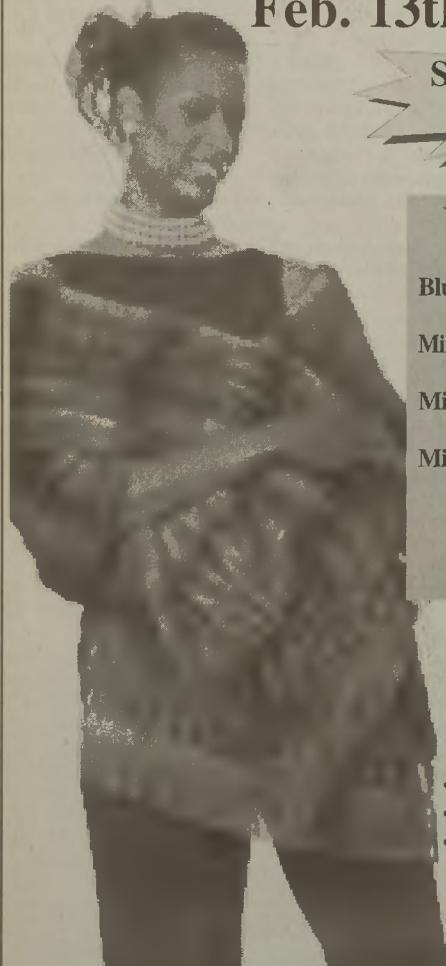
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