

Calendar

TODAY

•7:30 p.m., A Midsummer Night's Dream, the Shakespearean comedy, will be presented at Phillips Middle School, Estes Dr., Chapel Hill. \$10, \$7 students.

SATURDAY

•8 p.m., Koffi Koko, from Benin, West Africa (African dance). Memorial Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill. \$18-\$10. 962-1449.

MONDAY

•2 p.m., Chancellor Julius Chambers kicks off NCCU's Black History Month observance with speech in Moot Court Room of the Criminal Justice Building.

•7 p.m., Andre Vann, "Collecting Memorabilia on African American Businesses in Durham." Auditorium, Stanford L. Warren Library, Fayetteville Street.

TUESDAY

•9:25 a.m., Lecture: Dr. David W. H. Pellow (professor, NCCU Modern Foreign Language Department): "Black Nations of the South Pacific." rm 146A, A.E. Student Union.

WEDNESDAY

•9 a.m., Panel discussion led by Andrea Harris (president of NC Institute of Minority Economic Development): "Understanding the Challenge of Building Wealth in the Black Community." rm 146A, A.E. Student Union.

THURSDAY

•7 p.m., Cornelia McDonald, poet, dramatist, and performer will present at the Eva Perry Regional Library.

FEB. 6

•7 p.m., Panel discussion: Cry for Freedom - local high school students posing questions to area residents about the civil rights movement of the 1960's. Barnes and Noble, SE Maynard Rd., Cary.

FEB. 12

•7 p.m., Tragedies at Sea: A look at ships and shipwrecks with a local maritime expert. Barnes and Noble, SE Maynard Rd., Cary.

FEB. 13

•11 a.m., Lecture: Colin Palmer (CUNY Graduate Center): "Passageways: A Re-Interpretation of the Black Experience in America." Room 146A, A. E. Student Union.

•Last day for seniors to file for graduation.

ONGOING

•NCCU Museum of Art: "Effective Sight: The Paintings of Juan Logan." Feb. 8-March 29. Tuesday- Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.

•Hayti Heritage Center: "Explore the World" programs every first Saturday. Fayetteville St., Durham. Free.

•Barnes and Noble: Open-mic readings. Second Thursday of each month. 9 p.m. New Hope Commons, Durham.

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Chancellor Chambers urges racial understanding for city

by Evelyn Howell
Staff Writer

Two of Durham's top academic leaders were guest speakers at Durham's second town meeting to promote racial understanding held Jan. 22 at Jordan High School.

Julius Chambers, Chancellor of North Carolina Central University, and Nan Keohane, president of Duke University, spoke at the meeting whose theme was "Let's Talk About It: Racial Understanding," sponsored by several groups, including NCCU and Durham Public Schools.

Dr. Beverly Washington-Jones, a professor of sociology at NCCU. Washington-Jones facilitated the meeting.

The meeting was the second of two sponsored by the Committee on Racial Understanding (a racially diverse planning committee spearheaded by Washington-Jones) to bridge the gap between the races in Durham.

The committee was formed last June by Chambers, Keohane and John Hope Franklin, Professor Emeritus at Duke University. Franklin heads President Clinton's Council on Racial Conciliation.

Chambers said he believes that dialogue is one of the most important links to racial understanding.

"We need to talk," Chambers said.

"Open dialogue allows us to get to know one another. It allows us to take a moment to appreciate the culture of each other."

The meeting's leaders said they were optimistic about the public coming together.

"I applaud Durham and we are ready to talk," said Washington-Jones.

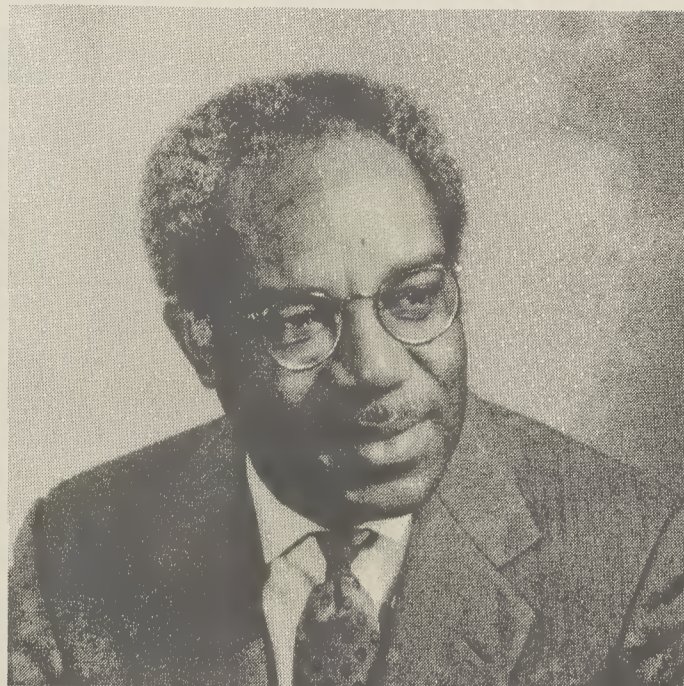
Keohane said she is optimistic about future town meetings set on improving race relations.

"I look forward to sharing in that journey," she said.

During the meeting, audience members broke into eight small groups to discuss topics that emerged from last October's meeting. The topics included "Working Within Our Neighborhoods," "Working Within Our Religious Organizations," and "Working Through the Media."

The group discussions lasted one hour. Afterwards, the audience reassembled in the auditorium to comment, ask questions and voice concerns from their previous group discussion.

The next town meeting is scheduled for



Chancellor Chambers

March.

Washington-Jones said she hoped to link efforts in Durham with President Clinton's efforts to encourage honest discussion about race relations in this country.

She said she hopes Clinton will schedule a national town meeting on race relations in Durham.

Overflow



Water gushes from pipes near the tennis courts, the results of a water-main break Jan. 20 that left at least half a dozen buildings without water for two hours.

Staff photo by Paul Phipps

NCCU rushes to fix safety violations

Officials say correcting all violations discovered by the state Department of Labor last semester could take as much as one year to complete.

by Gaysha Kelley
Staff Writer

North Carolina Central University's campus in October have been fixed.

The North Carolina Department of Labor found 130 safety and health violations on campus last October after Chancellor Julius Chambers invited them to inspect the campus.

The Department of Labor had given NCCU until Dec. 19 to fix all violations.

Gen. George Walls, special assistant to the Chancellor, said the university has made progress.

"Nearly all the buildings have new wiring installed," he said. Walls is also NCCU's liaison with the state Department of Labor.

But, said Walls, it will take some time before all the violations are fixed.

"We are making sure that employees are receiving health and safety training," said Walls. "Also, some buildings need to be renovated. This may take a year or more depending on the State approved process," replied Walls.

Walls said it would also take more money to fix the remaining violations.

A consulting firm has been hired to estimate the cost.

"The consulting firm has to look at each building to determine how much to spend in the first phase of the project," said Walls.

"We have gone to the UNC General Administration to replace the money that has already been used to fix the violations," said Chancellor Chambers.

Education Fair brings employers to campus

by Shelvia Dancy
Editor-in-Chief

Students at North Carolina Central University's School of Education can get an early start on the job hunt through an Education Fair scheduled 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the L.T. Walker Complex.

The Education Fair, now in its 14th year, is sponsored by University Career Services.

More than 100 school systems will attend the Education Fair to interview prospective teachers.

About 70 school systems from other states, including Missouri, Delaware, and California, will also attend the Education Fair.

"School systems from across the country will come and do some pre-interviewing and will share their knowledge about their school systems and hiring practices," said Carmen Dorsey, interim Director of University Career Services. "We certainly hope to expose education majors to opportunities available to them across the country."

She advised students to arrive prepared for interviews.

"In the past, we have had what they call 'pre-

contracts' offered to students right at the event," said Dorsey. "Students should come prepared with anything that will put them in the final phase of the interviewing process--resumes, reference letters, test scores if they have them available," Dorsey said.

She also said the Education Fair is an excellent opportunity for students to find jobs.

"Teachers are now a premium market," Dorsey said. "The systems are somewhat disappointed because they don't have as many applicants for the job as they would like to have, so it's more a seller's market as opposed to a buyers market. The school systems are here trying to sell their opportunities to the students who might be eligible for those jobs."

Dorsey said the Career Services office has extended invitations to the Education Fair to neighboring universities.

"We also invite area school systems," Dorsey said. "This year we will have students from St. Augustine and Shaw University, which we customarily invite because they don't have a fair of their own."

"We'll also have students from Meredith College, St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, and St. Paul's in Virginia."

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