

Hudgins and Tolbert Engagement Announced



Sara Hudgins and Preston Tolbert

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hudgins of Old Fort, NC, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Ellen Hudgins, to Carl Preston Tolbert, Jr., son of Carl and Mary Edmiston Tolbert of Statesville.

Sara is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Nichols and the late Mr. and Mrs. Everson Hudgins, of Old Fort, NC. She is a graduate of McDowell High School in Marion and Western Carolina University with a bachelor of arts degree in studio arts with a concentration in ceramics.

Preston is the grandson of Mrs. James Allen Edmiston, Sr., and the late Mr. Edmiston and the

late Honorable and Mrs. Homer Brown Tolbert, Sr., of the Amity community. He is a graduate of South Iredell High School in Troutman, Mitchell Community College and Western Carolina University with a bachelor of fine arts in studio arts with concentrations in ceramics and sculpture.

After Sara attended a ceramic workshop at Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts in Helena, Montana, the couple became engaged in July at Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota. Following the wedding they will both be assistants to Don Reitz, ceramic artist, in Clarksdale, Arizona.

NAACP Plans March in Raleigh

Statesville NAACP President, Woody Woodward will lead the Branch, its allies and friends to the Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HkonJ) second annual march in Raleigh Saturday, Feb. 9.

"HK on J is a nationally-recognized effort by our State NAACP and all our local branches across the state, and our friends and allies in social justice organizations across the state to bring a vision, concrete programmatic goals, and a collective focus to the efforts of the many people of good will who are frustrated by the way our Government responds to money, but not to human needs," said Rev. Dr. William Barber, president of the State NAACP. "We know that when the scores of NAACP Branches across the state get energized, and we begin to assert our power at the local level, we can move mountains."

Last February, more than 5,000 NAACP members and their allies and friends presented an 11-foot scroll in front of the Legislative Building on Jones Street, that listed the 14-point Agenda that was presented to the state legislature as a list of policy recommendations, including "quality education for every child, a livable wage for all

workers, universal healthcare, and readdressing past acts of racism to prevent current discrimination.

HkonJ coincides with the NAACP's 99th anniversary as the oldest civil rights organization in the nation.

"Last year we took two buses," Woodward said. "This year we expect to have those two buses and additional transportation, if needed."

"The buses will depart Christian Outreach of the Piedmont, 1424 Rickert Street, at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, Feb. 9.

For more information, contact the Statesville Branch NAACP at 704-876-3131. Organizations wanting to be an HkonJ partner, should call Mrs. Turner, executive director of the NC NAACP, at 866-NC-NAACP.

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Students Create New Play

DAVIDSON- Rather than stage a classic work by its namesake, the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) will create a new play during its upcoming fifth residency at Davidson College. Students and members of the college community will witness the creative process as a playwright, director, and cast develop a play inspired by the Cold War space-race that culminated with America's Apollo 11 moon mission in 1969.

Davidson is collaborating with the RSC to develop the new play by British playwright Rona Munro who will arrive on campus January 20 with only preliminary scripting, and will spend the four-week residency in intensive development of the play with a cast of ten actors (five from the UK and five from the US), and director Roxana Silbert.

Silbert and Munro will build the new play day-by-day in the rehearsal room, tailoring the story based on the skill of the actors, the direction of rehearsals, and input from members of the Davidson community. The residency will culminate in three "work-in-progress" performances the weekend of Feb. 15.

That same weekend, the college will host an academic symposium titled

"Imagining History: Shakespeare and His Legacy," which concerns the creative process of fictionalizing history. Keynote speaker Saturday, Feb. 16 will be Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Edward Albee, author of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Other speakers and panelists will include historical novelist, non-fiction writer, and literary critic Thomas Mallon, Shakespearean Phyllis Rackin from the University of Pennsylvania, and scholars of modern drama Laurence Senelick from Tufts University and Mary Karen Dahl from Florida State University.

Symposium events, workshop productions, and many other residency events will be open to the public, but tickets will be required for some. For complete information, visit <http://www.davidson.edu/Shakespeare>.

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