

Freedom's Burdens Heavier Than Slavery



JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

RALEIGH (CCNS) - Historian John Hope Franklin, Chairman Emeritus of the History Department of the University of Chicago, spoke to the Founders Day convocation at St. Augustine's College urging for a fuller participation of blacks in the political process. Franklin said, "The burdens of freedom are heavier than the burdens of slavery," as he urged his audience of more than 500 to seize the opportunity to end "the incidious discrimination of race, sex and religion."

Franklin taught at St. Augustine's College during the 1940's but said he left to avoid the draft. Reminiscing on the evils of segregation in Raleigh when he taught at the college, Franklin said that the State Library was not opened to black scholars; and that all five of the blacks employed in professional roles in state government were housed in the Delany Building on Hargett Street in the then-all black business district.

Citing the elimination of segregation since his tenure at St. Augustine's in the '40's Franklin said the struggle of blacks is not over. Asking what needs to be done, Franklin pointed to unemployment - twice as high for blacks as whites - and air pollution, urban decay, disintegration of the family structure, and a weak moral fiber as problems facing the black community today.

Franklin criticized those who makes excuses for not fighting to solve the nation's ills. He said "excuses are the mainstay for those who do not have the courage to face reality."

Franklin also criticized the widespread acceptance of blacks in entertainment and sports as role models, urging acceptance of a broad array of role models.

Dr. Prezell Robison, president of St. Augustine's College, characterized Franklin as a "model in terms of vigilance and perseverance" for students to accept.

Flanked by several local and state politicians and public servants, Franklin mentioned the appointments of Howard Lee, Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources; Dr. John R. Larkins, as Assistant for Minority Affairs for Governor James Hunt; and Harold Webb, state personnel director. He pointed to these as examples of progress blacks have made.

In Founders Day activities, the faculty and trustees of the college bestowed an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon Dr. Frederick D. Patterson. Also cited for civic services were Howard N. Lee, Wake Commissioner Elizabeth Colfield, noted civil libertarian and minister, Rev. W. W. Finaltor, Dr. John Larkins and Raleigh Attorney Fred J. Carnage.

Durham College Launches Fund Drive

Durham College has initiated a comprehensive Educational Improvement Drive as a means of providing equipment for a health and physical education program, to complete the renovation of the library and for unrestricted operations.

The drive became effective December 1, 1976 and will encompass several fund-raising phases at various intervals of the 1976-77 fiscal year. While many events will be initiated, a drawing for a 1977 automobile will be the major phase of the drive.

The education improvement fund committee is co-chaired by T. Hawkins, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and W. G. Pearson, vice-chairman of the Board. Various sub-chairmen have been appointed to coordinate various facets of the activities which will involve the Board of Trustees, employees, students, parents, alumni, and community and friends.

The administration, faculty, staff and friends of Durham College are working diligently in an effort to preserve the fundamental value of its education and to modify its financial resources.

This drive is an effort to remind the community that

Durham College is a worthy undertaking, and that universities are far out-weighted that junior colleges can initiate by the broad national advances state.



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: W. G. Pearson, Jr., vice chairman of the Board of Trustees; Juanita Bynum, president of D. C. alumni; T. Hawkins, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. J. W. Hill, Durham College President.

CALENDAR

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WTVD - TV (Chnl 11) Reel Perspectives, Ervin Hester, producer. Black news magazine format, locally produced by Ervin Hester, guests include the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, the first black Episcopal Priest and a backstage interview with a member of the original Drifters.

- Monday, Feb. 21:
 4:30 p.m. - Durham Recreation Advisory Committee at Civic Center
 7:30 p.m. - Durham City Council at City Hall
 7:30 p.m. - Durham City Board of Education meeting at Lakewood School, Vesson Ave.
 8 p.m. - "Bubbles", a play by the Pocket Theatre at St. Joseph's Performing Arts Center
 8:15 p.m. - Piano Duo - Joan Yarborough and Robert Cowan with the N. C. Symphony at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium

- Tuesday, Feb. 22:
 10 a.m. - Durham Planning and Zoning Commission at City Hall
 7 p.m. - Durham Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet at the Civic Center, \$10.
 7:30 p.m. - Beat high produce price, become more self-sufficient and experience the satisfaction of producing your own vegetables. Come to the Chapel Hill Public Library's annual Vegetable Gardening series and learn how. Experts will direct the series on Utilizing limited garden space; planting spring, summer, and fall crops. Program 2 to be held in March includes soil preparation, planting seeds and seedlings and selecting best varieties. Come to the meeting, CHPL. Admission is free.
 8 p.m. - "Bubbles", a play by the Pocket Theatre at St. Joseph's Performing Arts Center.

- Wednesday, Feb. 23:
 9:30 a.m. - Community Services Committee at City Hall
 8 p.m. - "Bubbles"

- Thursday, Feb. 24:
 1:30 p.m. - Durham City Finance Committee at City Hall
 7:30 p.m. - The Hillside Quarterly meeting of the Parent and Teacher, Student Association will be held in the school's band room.
 9 p.m. - "Bubbles"

- Thursday, March 3:
 8 p.m. - The New Hope Audubon Society will meet Thursday, in the Computation Center (formerly the Arod Building) on the Duke Campus. Jim Wuenschel, who is on the faculty of the Forestry Department at Duke will give a presentation about the wild and scenic portion of the New River. This program is in anticipation of a canoe trip planned to the New River in the Spring.

IRS REPORTS SLOW FILING

GREENSBORO - The first five weeks of the Federal income tax filing period indicates that about a 16 per cent decrease in the number of returns received compared to the same period in 1976, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Robert A. LeBaube, IRS District Director, remarked, "We encourage people to go ahead and file their returns early, and not wait for the rebate program proposed by the President. Early filing of a return will not adversely affect the refund or tax owed in the event a rebate is authorized at a later date."

The director added that an accurate return will speed up any refund and every taxpayer should double check to see if his return is correct before mailing it in. Mathematical and tax calculation errors are the most common, with omission of signatures close behind. Also some taxpayers from North Carolina are claiming both options for the General Tax Credit. The choice is between taking \$35 for each exemption or two per cent of the first \$9,000 of taxable income, whichever is the larger.

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