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ing Address Saturday

Bishop Tutu Asks NCCU Grads to Aid Demise Of Apartheid

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The 51-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, an honorary doctor of divinity, Anglican Bishop of Cape Town, South Africa, and Reverend Desmond Tutu still doesn't have the vote.

the reality of apartheid. black South African drink water to fill their because they have no

the reality of apartheid. per cent of the whiteicans own 80% of the

the reality of apartheid. that is the message that Tutu brought to approx- 11,500 people and 750 on Saturday, May 10, O'Kelly Stadium under skies and bathed in gen- eezes at North Carolina University.

the audience and par- the graduates starting in the working world, Tutu asked everyone to attention and energy destroying apartheid.

can't reform he said. "You can't Frankenstein, you have to him."

is true of apartheid, nly declared. There is e compromise. All it must be abolished.

will, he promised.

ant a new state," he which is surely coming. no doubt in my heart nor eople of South Africa one day will be free."

freedom can come two by giving all South the right to vote or by

the use of violence. A newly instituted constitution by President P.W. Botha has shown that he doesn't intend to give blacks the right to vote because that would give blacks political power. And political (Continued On Page 4)

Lindsey Merritt, Jr. Wins Horatio Alger Scholarship

This weekend will not be an average three-day period for one senior at Hillside High School. Instead of spending leisure time with friends or perhaps studying for the coming semester exams, Lindsey Merritt, Jr. will be jetting to Houston, Texas to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

Merritt will join 19 other outstanding high school seniors from around the country at a "black tie" banquet at the Westin Galleria Hotel on Friday evening, May 16, at 7 o'clock. These 20 students were selected for their initiative, their achievement, their leadership, and their potential for future success by the Horatio Alger Association.

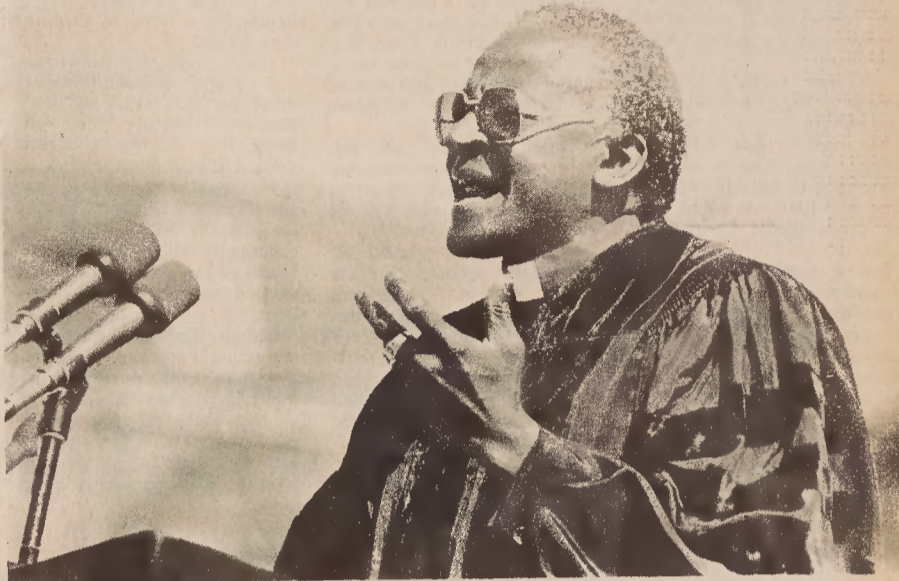
Each year, this New York-based group honors a group of seniors at the same time that new inductees become members of the association. Membership for adults is based on the "rags-to-riches" success that has come from the hard work of the inductees. Among the current members are such self-made persons as: Art Linkletter, Hank Aaron, Luther Hodges, Ruth Love, Mario Cuomo, Azie Taylor-Morton, Gerald Ford, Pearl S. Buck, Rafer Johnson, and John H. Johnson.



MERRITT

These Americans, who have "reached the top" in their respective fields of endeavor, have taken on the responsibility of helping others up also. Each year they help to provide a beginning to students who come from humble backgrounds. It is the hope of these individuals and the Horatio Alger Association that the \$5,000 scholarships will be the springboard and the motivation for a few of tomorrow's leaders.

Lindsey Merritt was chosen after a Horatio Alger Day program was held at Hillside last fall. Dr. Thomas Haggaii, board chairman of IGA Food Stores, (Continued On Page 4)



Bishop Desmond M. Tutu Of South Africa, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and the Archbishop-elect of Capetown, asked North Carolina Central University's 780 degree recipients at May 10 commencement exercises to join the battle to dismantle apartheid in his native South Africa. NCCU awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters to the Rt. Rev. Mr. Tutu.

In Judicial System Races Committee Wins One Loses One

By Jocelyn Daniels
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Durham's primary election saw two African Americans vying for seats in the judicial system. One rose to victory, the other fell to defeat.

The more publicized of the two races involved Attorney Darryl Smith against incumbent Ron Stephens for the office of district attorney. Despite Smith's opinion that Stephens' tenure exhibited a lack of leadership and compassion for victims and witnesses, the voters disagreed almost 2:1.

Stephens defeated Smith by 12,953 to 6,896 votes, even taking three of the African American precinct (precincts 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 34, 41 and 42).

That proved to make a significant difference in the outcome of the race. While Stephens was able to amass African Americans votes in their own precincts, Smith was unable to tap votes from the "silk stocking" (upper income) precincts (precincts 9, 24, 25, 32, 36, 45 and 46) or the middle income districts (precincts 1, 2, 3, 7, 20, 28, 37 and 40).

On the other hand city council member Carolyn Johnson, held her own in all areas, overall, and ran expectedly strong in the African American precincts, despite losing 17 other precincts to opponent M. Allen Mason, III.

She won the three-way race with 9,779 votes to Mason's 5,704 votes and Henry E. Moss' 2,611 votes, winning all of the African American precincts very strongly. In these precincts, op-

ponent Mason could only get as close as a difference of 50 votes (in Holton Jr. High precinct).

However, Darryl Smith was not as lucky. In African American precincts he lost by 85 votes in precinct 15, Holton Jr. High; by 33 votes in precinct 18, Holloway Street School; and by 17 votes in precinct 22, Bragtown School.

Despite this, Smith garnered 4,299 votes in the African American precincts to Stephens' 1,747 — a difference of 2,552 votes.

Nevertheless, Stephens was able to make up that difference in the "silk stocking" precincts alone by winning by a margin of 2,875. There he won 3429 votes to Smith's 554.

In the middle class districts, Stephens won 2,935 to 641 — a difference of 2,294. This added to give Stephens a strong city-wide vote.

Smith said he was surprised by the almost 50% margin defeat.

"I'd hoped to win," he said dejectedly late on election night. "Right now, I have no plans (about whether or not he'll try again). I need to get rest and get my practice back on track."

"Then," he added, "I'll see what the challenges and opportunities are in my future plans. Right now I look forward to being chairman of the ABC board."

Smith added that he'll just have to wait and see if Stephens can meet the challenge of leadership or implement some of his suggestions, which Smith said are still greatly needed.

Stephens said he would

evaluate Smith's suggestions and perhaps use some of them.

"There's always room for improvement," Stephens added after realizing that he was assured the victory on May 6. "I was surprised by the large margin (of victory). I was hoping for 55%. The black vote was not as high as I thought it would be, but I was still able to get some of the votes in the black community."

Analyzing the race, Stephens pointed out the factor that made the most significant difference.

"I was able to get a larger percentage of the black vote in the black community than he was in the white community. I think that happened because more knew me in the black community than whites knew him in the white community."

That mostly, made the difference in the 1,742 votes. However, the only thing that is not clear, is if those votes reflect confidence in the present administration or represent a wave of independent voting by voters, as opposed to traditionally supporting the endorsement of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

Undoubtedly, this will be a time for reassessment both for the organization which has been the voice of the African American community and for the members of that community.

Other judicial races showed Sarah Parker overwhelmingly defeating Joseph R. John for Judge of Court of Appeals, 12,543 to 3,317. And, incumbent James L. Carr won over Jess J. Bowe by more than a 3:1 margin (Continued On Page 4)

Primary Election Challenges Many of Durham's Traditions

Milton Jordan
The other side of the political Durham voters continued trek to the future last authorizing officials to \$10 million in bonds to help price of growth.

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will finance infrastructure projects that are tied directly to growth.

These include the following:

- * \$24.5 million for sanitary sewer construction.
- * \$19.8 million for water projects.
- * \$4.2 million for solid waste disposal projects.
- * \$14.9 million for street projects.

The rest of the money, about \$20 million, will finance quality of life projects, ranging from expanding an existing park and adding a new indoor swimming pool, to city financed housing assistance for low and moderate income Durhamites.

The bonds all passed by considerable margins, averaging about 12,000 votes for and about (Continued On Page 2)

Four Awarded Honorary Degrees At NCCU Commencement Saturday

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Under a clear sky, with a cool breeze blowing and heavy security, approximately 11,500 people gathered for the 75th commencement exercises at North Carolina Central University on Saturday, May 10 at 9 a.m.

With Reverend Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa as it's speaker, the NCCU commencement opened with a stirring rendition of an African Mass, "Kyrie" by Norman Luboff, by the NCCU choir.

Accompanied by bongo drums, "Kyrie" proved to be the perfect mood-setting welcome for Bishop Tutu, his wife and daughter.

The choir also sang a spine-chilling arrangement of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing", by Dr. Charles Gilchrist, director of the choir, following greetings from the senior class president and the scripture and invocation by the Reverend Dr. T. David Parham,

acting director of the United Campus Christian Ministry.

Dr. LeRoy T. Walker introduced Bishop Tutu, followed by another selection by the choir of "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

The near-capacity crowd also witnessed the conferring of an honorary degree on actor, author, choreographer, costume and set designer, dancer, director and painter, Geoffrey Holder.

Holder, who received the Doctor of Fine Arts degree from NCCU, has acted on stage and in film in "Waiting for Godot," "Live and Let Die," "Dr. Doolittle," "Annie," and "House of Flowers."

His writing credits include "Black Gods-Green Islands," "Geoffrey Holder's Caribbean Cookbook," "Adam," and "The Art of Geoffrey Holder."

Other credits are for designing the costumes for and directing "The Wiz" and being the first (Continued On Page 3)



Honorary Degrees were awarded Saturday, May 10, by North Carolina Central University to four men. From left, they were Dr. Russell G. Mawby, chairman of the board of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; Bishop Desmond M. Tutu, Archbishop-elect of Capetown, South Africa, the commencement speaker; Geoffrey Holder, actor, dancer, artist, and director; and Chancellor LeRoy T. Walker of NCCU, completing his three-year tenure as the university's chief administrator.