

Rev. V. E. Brown Sponsors Appreciation Dinner

By Donald E. Mason
 Rev. Vernon E. Brown, former candidate for Durham County

Sheriff, gave his followers and supporters an appreciation dinner to show his thanks last Friday at Cotton's restaurant.

"I am glad that over 5,000 people joined me in the run of this election," Brown said. "They seem to understand the shaky, cloudy conditions that exist in Durham County at the present time," he said.

Brown, the senior pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church, served with the Durham County Sheriff Department for twelve years, and was the first black court baliff of Durham County.

Brown was unsuccessful in his candidacy for sheriff in the May 8 democratic primary. This was his second attempt to unseat the incumbent Sheriff, Roland Leary. However, Brown's ideas for the advancement of Durham County were not silenced.

set up road blocks so that we can search and seize all kinds of illegal drugs and alcohol," Brown said.

Brown went on to say that he would change the correctional system by separating youths who are in jail from the older inmates. "I would take the younger inmates and put them into separate cells from the older ones. I think that this solution will stop the senseless beatings and rapings that occur in jail," he said.

Rev. Brown said that he plans to conduct a series of workshops to educate young African American teens about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. "I think these workshops are needed in order for our youths to see and learn exactly what drugs and alcohol will do to their lives," he said.

"I am proud of my run for sheriff of Durham County. The purpose of the appreciation dinner was to



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show gratitude for my supporters who have been wide open with understanding," said Brown. "I hope that my opponent will show progressive change to Durham County".

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Durham County Government Memorial Day Schedule



All administrative offices of Durham County Government will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will re-open Tuesday, May 29th at 8:30 am.

The Durham County Library (main and branches) will be closed on Memorial Day and will re-open Tuesday, May 29th at 9:00am.

The administrative offices of the Sheriff's Department will also be closed Monday but the other divisions will operate normally throughout the holiday period. If you need to contact the Sheriff's Department, call 560-0900. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29th at 8:30 am.

The County's four container sites, located in Bahama, Rougemont, on Redwood Road and at the intersection of Highway 55 and Alexander Drive, will operate on the regular 24-hour schedule. Once the containers are filled, the gates will be locked.



SUPPORTERS DINE WITH THE CANDIDATE

Institute For Minority Enterprise Established at Lincoln University

Langston University (Langston, Oklahoma) has established the National Institute for the Study of Minority Enterprise to conduct primary research on the status of minority business. The Institute's primary objective is to augment growth and economic independence within the minority

business community. Through a vigorous program of research, publication and training, the University will extend its community service efforts. The Institute will act as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of historic and current data on minority enterprise in the United States and other countries.

In its clearinghouse capacity the Institute will serve as a resource for industry, government, and the non-profit sectors. Through the collaborative activities of academicians, minority business persons, technical experts, and students, the Institute will perform demographic studies and commissioned research on topics related to the status of minority enterprise. A full-text, computerized database will provide comprehensive information on available literature and other data addressing minority enterprise. Access to the database will be available to the public.

University officials commented that the Institute will provide a valuable service by ensuring that

pertinent decision makers knowledgeable about the state of minority business at all times. Information will assist in determining the development, educational, and training needs of those businesses to strengthen their chances of growth and survival. For additional information contact the Langston University School of Business, Langston, Oklahoma 73050, (405) 466-

Gov. Jim Hunt To Address DTCC Graduation

Former Gov. Jim Hunt will address the commencement of Durham Technical Community College's annual graduation ceremony on June 11.

The graduation program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Durham Hotel and Convention Center.

Hunt served as governor of North Carolina from 1977 to

Business Activity Increases In Southeast

Business activity in the Southeast increased 1.1 percent in the first quarter of 1990, according to the First Wachovia Southeast Business Index. Over the past 12 months, the index has risen 2.1 percent.

During the first quarter, two components of the index improved and two were off, compared to the previous quarter.

Non-agricultural employment increased 1.1 percent from the fourth quarter. The value of building permits, which reflect construction plans, rose 3.7 percent. New claims for unemployment benefits were up 5.0 percent. The average manufacturing workweek was down slightly at 40.5 hours.

Non-agricultural employment was higher in the District of Columbia and all 13 Southeastern states tracked by the index. Tennessee and Kentucky had the largest percentage gains in jobs.

Since the first quarter of 1989, non-agricultural employment has risen 2.7 percent in the Southeast compared with 1.9 percent for the nation.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Southeast was 5.1 percent in the first quarter, down 0.1 percentage point from the previous quarter. For the nation, the first quarter unemployment rate

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