

Special festivities set for Thompson inauguration

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Dr. Cleon F. Thompson Jr. will be inaugurated as Winston-Salem State University's eighth chancellor during a Friday, April 4, ceremony in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on the campus at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. C.D. Spangler Jr., president of the University of North Carolina system, will preside, and Howard University President James Cheek will deliver the inaugural address.

The ceremony will highlight four days of inaugural activities geared toward the community, students, faculty, staff and WSSU alumni.

Tuesday, April 1, has been designated Community Day and will feature campus tours beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Office of Admissions in the Alumni

Building. At 7 p.m. in Room 228 of the Hall-Patterson Communications Building, local civic leaders and WSSU officials will participate in a public forum, followed by a reception in the lobby. The topic will be "WSSU and Winston-Salem: Moving Toward the 21st Century."

Students' Day, April 2, will feature a breakfast, served by Student Government Association officers with Chancellor and Mrs. Thompson and the vice chancellors as special guests, a "This Is Your Life" tribute to the chancellor and lunch on the lawn for the students.

A 5 p.m. Greek Step Show in the Pit on campus will close Wednesday's events.

April 3 has been marked Faculty/Staff/Alumni Day with a faculty/staff lunch and discus-



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sion at noon in the Hauser Student Union Ballroom. The evening activities include "Sip, Chat and Chew," a gathering of alumni, faculty and staff, in the Winston Plaza Hotel at 7 p.m.

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New coliseum

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"The bonds covered the basic building," Swann said, "but, after hearing the concerns and problems other places were having, we suggested doing some things differently."

City voters approved a \$20 million bond referendum to construct the coliseum and an annex for ice hockey and exhibitions last June. Wake Forest University, which will use the coliseum as its home floor for basketball, is contributing \$4 million.

Thomas W. Fredericks, budget director for the city, told the aldermen that interest totaling \$2.4 million from the sale of the bonds could be used to make up the additional cost, along with \$2.8 million from uncommitted money now in the city's General Fund. Wake Forest and WSSU are providing an additional \$635,000.

The facility will be located just east of the old Memorial Coliseum off the Cherry-Marshall expressway.

Its exterior will include the copper siding and a combination of red and tan brick, the plans say. A memorial pool or fountain with flag poles will be located in front of the building.

Its total interior space will cover 218,800 square feet, which will include 7,672 seats in the upper level and 6,208 seats below the concourse. There also will be 248 private boxes and 140 seats for the handicapped.

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"We've clearly understood that this has to be done right," Swann said. "We wanted to make sure that we come up with what the community is asking for."

When Alderman Larry W. Womble expressed concern about the arena's ability to expand, Eyberg said an additional 4,000 seats could be added without major changes in the structure.

Construction of the coliseum is slated to begin in November and is scheduled to be completed by November 1988, Swann said. Design plans for the annex have not been completed. Construction of the annex, which is expected to seat 3,000 to 4,000 spectators, will not begin until after the 1987 Dixie Classic Fair.

The front entrance of the building will face 27th Street, while the rear entrance will face Deacon Boulevard. The old coliseum will remain open until the summer of 1988, when it will be torn down and turned into parking space, Swann said.

Other features include 13 concession stands, eight exterior and six interior ticket booths, four performer dressing rooms, four men's and four women's toilets, two officials' dressing rooms and one press room.

Five team locker rooms will

also be provided. One of the team locker rooms will be in the school colors of WSSU. Wake Forest is paying for its own dressing room.

The arena will seat 14,126 for basketball, 14,776 for center-stage events, 10,750 for end-stage events, 9,228 for ice shows and 12,714 for rodeos and truck pulls.

The building will be air-conditioned, Rogers said, which will allow the city to use it year-round. The lack of air conditioning in the old facility caused the city to close it during the summer months.

The name Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum will be prominently displayed across the front of the building, Rogers said. He also said that an attrac-

tive marquee with the name and a schedule of events will be built on the outside.

The Board of Aldermen approved the Joel name last month after much wrangling among veterans. A group of older veterans wanted the facility named for all former servicemen, while other veterans, led by a Vietnam veterans group, supported the Joel name.

Joel, a black man who is the only Winston-Salem native to receive the nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, died in 1984. He was decorated in 1967 for saving the lives of 13 fellow soldiers while being wounded himself during a Viet Cong attack.

His one-man campaign

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Organization (NTO) during the 1960s, Smith helped write the 1968 Fair Housing Act, which outlawed discrimination in all phases of federal housing. He said he has closely monitored over the years how federal money has been spent for housing.

"Very little money has been going to provide housing for poor people in this city over the last few years," he said. "Nothing has been built since 1971, while the majority of money has gone downtown. Now here comes Gramm-Rudman along to wipe out what little is left for poor people to fight over."

Smith said the Fair Housing Act and other civil rights legislation paved the way for progress in America -- progress he does not want to see come to an end.

"The time from the passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act and other civil rights legislation to the present is the most prosperous time in this nation's history," Smith said. "If the courts allow Gramm-Rudman, that prosperity will be destroyed."

He said the growth of U.S. cities, fairness in housing, employment and educational opportunities and a more even-handed distribution of federal monies have resulted from civil rights legislation. Gramm-Rudman, he said, will erase their effects.

"The citizens better be aware of Gramm-Rudman's potential to put us back into slavery," he said.

The bill, authored by Sens. Phil Gramm (R-NH), Warren B. Rudman (R-Texas) and Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.), will go before the Supreme Court soon. A lower-court ruling declared an aspect of the bill dealing with automatic reductions in certain programs unconstitutional.

Gramm-Rudman forces a 4.3 percent cut in many portions of the fiscal year 1986 budget for domestic programs. It also requires the president to look for deeper cuts in the next fiscal year and a new federal budget process designed to reduce the \$3 trillion federal deficit each year by predetermined amounts. It mandates a balanced budget by 1991.

Gramm-Rudman will take effect April 1, if the president and Congress cannot agree on a budget and the Supreme Court does not rule against it.

"The courts need to be reminded of the struggle for human rights and human dignity that was waged in the '60s to help all people," Smith said. "Every city and state in the Union needs to protest this bill."

Smith officially launched his campaign two weeks ago at a press conference in front of the Chronicle building on Liberty Street. He appeared with the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, who echoed Smith's feelings.

"Gramm-Rudman is just part

of the conservative political and religious trend now sweeping Congress," Mendez said. "It basically amounts to a backlash against the gains blacks and poor people made in the '60s. It's not simply a matter of balancing the budget. It speaks to whether Congress is going to be progressive or reactionary."

The attack on the legislation he helped author is central to Smith's opposition to Gramm-Rudman.

"This country was coming out of one of the most segregated eras in the history of man when this act was made law," Smith said. "The Fair Housing Act grew out of the need for better housing and better living conditions for people in this country. It opened the door of opportunity to all people."

Smith said the act states that anyone who receives federal monies cannot discriminate in any way in the handling of that money.

"Before this, federal monies were not adequately distributed," he said. "States had more control."

The Fair Housing Act saw to it that money would go to the people through employment opportunities, salaries and affirmative action programs, he said.

"The federal courts were speaking to all these matters at the same time. Jobs in police departments, schools of your choice, access to public facilities -- all issues dealing with segregation -- were being dealt with at this time. The 1964 Civil Rights Act had provided the impetus to move toward dismantling segregation."

"The Fair Housing Act provided monies to solve the issues that this country was facing," he said. "Those monies allowed this

country to go forward.

"It's a sad day when we allow senators from two Southern states (Rudman and Hollings), who had some of the most radical segregation policies in the history of this country, to set policies for human dignity."

U.S. Rep. Stephen Neal, who represents the 5th Congressional District, which includes Forsyth County, voted for Gramm-Rudman.

Smith said supporters of the bill should be lobbied.

"We are very disappointed that Neal supported this bill," Smith said. "We need to let him know the damage the bill will have on his constituents."

Neal could not be reached in his Washington office. But his legislative assistant, John E. Hardage, said Neal supports the idea and timetable for Gramm-Rudman but not all of the proposed cuts in domestic programs. Neal favors freezing the defense budget or increasing it only by the rate of inflation, Hardage said. President Reagan seeks a 12-percent defense budget increase.

Hardage said the Congressional Budget Office estimates cuts of \$20 billion in domestic spending next year as a result of Gramm-Rudman. The state is expected to lose \$200 million in federal funds.

"We have to tell the people in Washington, don't cut people's services; cut defense," Smith said. "There's enough waste in federal dollars alone to balance the budget. Plenty of that money is spent uselessly."

"We cannot sacrifice human needs for the sake of anything. If we are to be a strong nation, we can't cut out social programs, decent housing and other human needs. If we do, we'll be destroying ourselves by not providing for ourselves."

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Women's Basketball League
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Modeling Class
For boys and girls ages 12-17. Will begin on April 5, 1986. Beginner Class will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. and the Advanced Class will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information contact Paulette Evans.

MEET ... TRIMONA GARLINGTON

Trimona Garlington, our physical director, is no stranger to the Winston-Salem area. She attended Winston-Salem State before moving to Nevada. While in Nevada, she earned her master's degree in exercise physiology. She has organized quality fitness programs for young and old and awaits your visit to our facility. Come and join Trimona and the rest of her fitness instructors for a workout.

TRIMONA GARLINGTON

MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mr. James has been an active member of the YMCA for many years. He actively participates in the Health Services and Nautilus areas of our facility. Mr. James has been a member that we can call on to help us in many of our projects that we do to provide services to our youth. Just recently Mr. James was honored as the top division manager in our Annual Sustaining Campaign Drive. Mr. James serves the community as a member of the Sethos Temple No. 170. We are proud to select Mr. Harry James as our Member of the Week!

HARRY JAMES

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