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NAACP wants remnants of Confederacy out of South's flags

By The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. -- The NAACP will mount a new lobbying effort to remove the Confederate battle flag from the capitols of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Mississippi.

"This is one of our top legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session," said Earl Shinhoster, Southeast regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

South Carolina and Alabama fly the Confederate flag over their capitol buildings, while Georgia and Mississippi have incorporated the flag into the

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designs of their official state flags. Shinhoster said the displays are offensive to blacks.

"I think there is no question but that the Confederate battle flag in and of itself, as was the Confederacy, was as much a racial issue or phenomenon as anything else," he said.

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about."

An attempt to change the Georgia flag died in committee during the last session of the Legislature.

"We do realistically think we can get it done this time," Shinhoster said.

He said the Georgia Legislature incorporated the Confederate flag into the official state banner in 1956 as a gesture of "defiance and resistance" to the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court ruling against public school segregation.

Political group revamped

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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The North Carolina Institute of Politics has reorganized and its executive director said he hopes to have a good representation of all segments of the state's population included in the institute's classes.

"We're trying to set the board up to be representative of demographics," said Walter De Vries, the executive director of the IOP, based in Wilmington. "If they do a good job, we'll have a good selection of fellows."

The IOP originally was formed in 1970 and held its first seminars at Duke University. A second class was held in 1974. De Vries said there was not a good representation of minorities in the previous classes. There were four Afro-Americans in the first IOP class in 1970 and five in the 1974 class. Each class consisted of 20 fellows. De Vries said the 20 fellows for the 1988 class will be selected from a

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Attending the Kinara

David Williams, 17, and Tameika Spruill, 6, are shown next to the Kinara, used in traditional Kwanzaa ceremonies. The seven red, black and green candles represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa. For more details about the local Kwanzaa celebration, see story page A6 (photo by Santana).

Clarence 'Yamp' Washington Business leader, activist laid to rest

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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Clarence "Yamp" Washington -- businessman, activist, veteran, family man and friend -- was laid to rest Wednesday. He died Christmas Day after a brief illness.

The owner of Washington's Concrete Stone and Contracting Co. left many reminders of himself through his work. Many local residents leave their homes every morning via driveways poured by Washington's workmen. Many cuddle up and warm their bodies in front of fireplaces he built. Still others entertain in basement recreation rooms built by him.

"He did splendid work," said community activist Mazie Woodruff. "He was not the type of person who would just take your money and do a shoddy job."

Woodruff said she didn't know Washington had been sick. "I was just looking at my driveway the other day and thinking I would get him to do it for me. I know he would have done a beautiful job," she said.

Woodruff said Washington was a quiet man who shied away from publicity.

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Washington

Petition drive brings 14,000 names

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Thanks largely to a successful grassroots effort, supporters of the Rev. Jesse Jackson were able to secure the necessary signatures to ensure his inclusion on the state's Democratic ballot for the Super Tuesday primary election.

"It was a fantastic success," said Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble, the district manager for Jackson's presidential campaign. "The petition drive went beyond anybody's expectations."

Womble said the 2,000 signatures collected in the Winston-

Salem/Forsyth County area was the largest number of signatures collected in the state. He said credit for the petition drive's success in this area should be given to the people who illustrated their dedication to Jackson's campaign and made sure that the signatures were collected.

"The people of this city and Forsyth County have done a great job of getting signatures," said Womble. "I thank all of the businesses for accepting the petitions and all of the individuals who took time to sign the petition. I feel confident now that Jesse's name will be on the ballot in North Carolina."

The deadline for collecting the

signatures was Dec. 21, and state campaign organizers are confident that sufficient signatures have been collected.

"At this moment we have counted 14,700 signatures," said Bruce Lightner, the state coordinator for the Jackson campaign. "We're tremendously pleased. A petition drive like this usually takes months to collect signatures and we got this many in only a few weeks."

Lightner said he expects Jackson to be certified by the FEC by the end of the month.

In early December, a spokesperson for the Federal Elec-

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Group works to help engineering students

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Minority students in schools throughout the Southeast are benefitting from a Georgia Tech-based program designed to turn their desire into degrees.

The 12-year-old Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering includes 25 institutions of higher learning, 50 corporations and 11 local school systems in the Southeast. Its mission is to increase the number of minority engineers, which remains small

despite recent growth.

"For years, there weren't very substantial opportunities for minorities in engineering," said Carolyn Chesnutt, director of the \$600,000-a-year program. "When that changed, there was little interest in the minority community in engineering because of a lack of knowledge or awareness or understanding."

SECME introduces students to the field by providing them with a

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1987 goal exceeded by \$21,000

UNCF telethon raises \$100,662

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Contributions from last weekend's United Negro College Fund Telethon are still trickling in, but local telethon organizers said the Triad event has already raised \$100,662, far in excess of its \$79,000 goal.

Diane Autry, an assistant for the telethon, called the fundraiser a "tremendous success" and credited volunteer and corporate support for the positive outcome of the telethon.

"The support we got was just great," said Autry of the fourth annual local telethon. "We really got good moral support from the community. Some of the volunteers have even expressed an interest in getting more involved next year."

Marilyn Baldwin, the assistant director of the UNCF office, attributed part of the growing success of the telethon to the fact that the general public is becoming more aware of the telethon efforts and to the

fact that alumni of historically black colleges are becoming more and more able to contribute to their alma maters.

"More alumni are involved and giving," Baldwin said. "They're getting to the point now where they are better able to give because they're starting to finish repaying their student loans and they're more settled. In this area, we've seen a good surge of support from alumni."

Autry said this year's UNCF Super Viewing Party also was a success. The party was free to the general public and was offered as a "thank you" to the community for its support of the campaign. She said also that use of appeal letters and matching charitable contribution programs in the corporate arena were very helpful to the drive.

Last year's Triad telethon raised contributions in excess of \$97,000. The goal for the 1986 telethon was \$75,000.

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Admiring the Admiral

Capt. Walter Davis Jr., who earlier this month was named as a selectee to become a rear admiral in the U.S. Navy, is surrounded by his family during a visit to the Twin City. He and his wife, Constance, right, currently live in Washington. A rear admiral is equivalent to the army's two-star general. Also pictured with Davis are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Davis. (photo by Santana).