

Powell to speak at Wake Forest

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Secretary of State Colin L. Powell is scheduled to deliver Wake Forest University's commencement address May 17.

Powell will address Wake Forest graduates during the 9 a.m. outdoor ceremony on University Plaza (the Quad). The ceremony is not open to the public.

A New York native, Powell was sworn in as the 65th secretary of state on Jan. 20, 2001.

Prior to his appointment, he was chairman of America's Promise, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to building the character and competence of young people. During his 25-year career as a professional soldier, Powell held several command and staff positions and rose to the rank of four-star general.

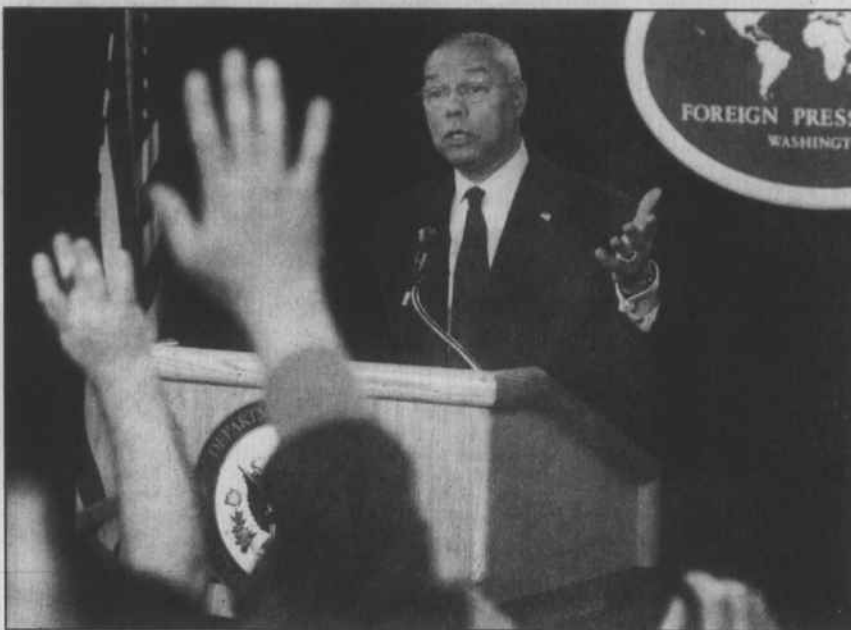
He was assistant to the president for national security affairs from 1987-1989, and served from 1989-1993 as

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. During that time, he oversaw 28 crises, including Operation Desert Storm.

Powell has received two Presidential Medals of Freedom, the President's Citizens Medal, the Congressional Gold Medal, the Secretary of State Distinguished Service Medal and the Secretary of Energy Distinguished Service Medal.

John R. Claypool, professor of preaching at Mercer University's McAfee School of Theology and author of several books, will deliver the baccalaureate address May 16 at 11 a.m. in Wait Chapel. Claypool is the author of several religious books, including "God is an

Amateur," "Tracks of a Fellow Struggler," and "Stories Jesus Still Tells: The Parables."



Secretary of State Colin Powell takes questions from the news media.

Magnet school fair starts Jan. 11

Parents will get chance to enroll their children in programs

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The Magnet School Enrollment Fair will kick off the early bird enrollment period, Jan. 11-23. The event will provide prospective parents and students with the opportunity to meet members of the faculty and to enjoy performances by current students.

Ashley Elementary School, Diggs Elementary School, Hill Magnet School and Paisley Magnet School students will showcase their dance, choral, drama and orchestra talents. Members of the faculty will be on hand to provide information and to answer questions.

The Magnet School Enrollment Fair will be held Jan. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Hanes Mall (lower level, in front of Belk).

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County magnet school programs attract kids to learning by offering in-depth studies and experiences in the child's area of interest, such as music, dance and the global community.

The International Baccalaureate Curriculum, at Ashley Elementary School and Paisley Magnet School, is designed to develop the unique talents and abilities of all students by teaching them to connect the experiences of the classroom to the world around them.

The visual and performing arts and technology program, at Diggs Elementary and Hill Middle Schools, provides students with opportunities to explore art forms and to develop their natural talents.

For more information about the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Magnet Schools, visit www.wsfcmagnets.net or call 727-2519.

State set to get tough on license fraud

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The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles has announced new measures that it hopes will help prevent driver's license fraud, a growing problem in the state. Called Operation Stop Fraud, the new initiative strengthens the state's driver's license and identification card application procedures. The new procedures come in light of claims that the state's lax license procedures could be used by terrorists and illegal immigrants.

Starting Feb. 2, the DMV will accept only proof of identity documents issued by federal or state governments, such as a valid out-of-state driver's license, or an international passport validated by the federal government when individuals apply for a North Carolina driver's license or identification card.

State statutes require that applicants for license or ID card present at least two forms of identification. Acceptable documents approved by the DMV include a valid driver's license, passport with I-94 (visitor status) or I-551 (work visa) stamp, original or certified birth certificate or Social Security number. Statutes also require applicants to provide proof of residency in the state. The DMV will require that proof of residency documents contain a daytime phone number that can be used for verification.



Beatty

The new procedures are the result of a joint partnership between the DMV and Crime Control and Public Safety.

"The purpose of Operation Stop Fraud is to ensure that people are who they say they are," said DMV head George Tattim. "These new procedures will make North Carolina's driver's license procedures among the strongest in the nation and reflect security recommendations from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security."

"Since the terrorist attacks, the focus of driver licensing nationwide has shifted from just highway safety to public safety," said Bryan Beatty, secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. "These new measures will improve the integrity of North Carolina's driver licensing process."

Other measures the DMV plans to employ immediately or in the immediate future include:

- A driver's license/ID Card checking system to scan and validate each driver's license or ID card presented from another state. The equipment will be installed in all full-time offices and the busiest part-time offices. All customers seeking a license or ID card for the first time will be required to visit one of these offices to receive a license.
- A document validation system in every full-time office. The system is programmed to recognize the security features of all INS documents, all passports from countries around the world, and to examine other documents for the presence of (or alteration of) common security features, such as microprinting, moire patterns and more.
- Special software to validate submitted documents and to verify Social Security numbers.

Beginning Feb. 2, the DMV will begin verifying Social Security numbers with the Social Security Administration for customers as they are served. In addition, the DMV also will verify all existing Social Security numbers in its system.

Interface N.C. driver's license records with National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, which is used to broadcast to law enforcement agencies the names and identifying information on persons being sought by law enforcement agencies.

Facial recognition technology to identify fraud. The DMV is seeking grant funding for a pilot project involving a facial recognition system. Facial recognition systems compare facial features to determine whether they match existing images in the database.

WFU, WSSU to stage MLK event

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Students and faculty from Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a collaborative performance titled "Performing the Dream" at Wake Forest's Wait Chapel Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

The program will feature student group talent from both Wake Forest and WSSU and will include a variety of vocal and instrumental performances as well as poetry readings and recitations.

The event, which is co-sponsored by Wake Forest's Office of Multicultural Affairs and WSSU's Student Activities Center, also includes an "MLK Essay/Art/Poetry Contest" for students enrolled in Forsyth County high schools. Contest information has been sent to the local schools, and the winners will be recognized that evening. Contest winners will display their winning artwork, recite their poetry, or read their essays at the performance.

"This will be the third year we've joined with Winston-Salem State in celebrating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and we're excited to col-

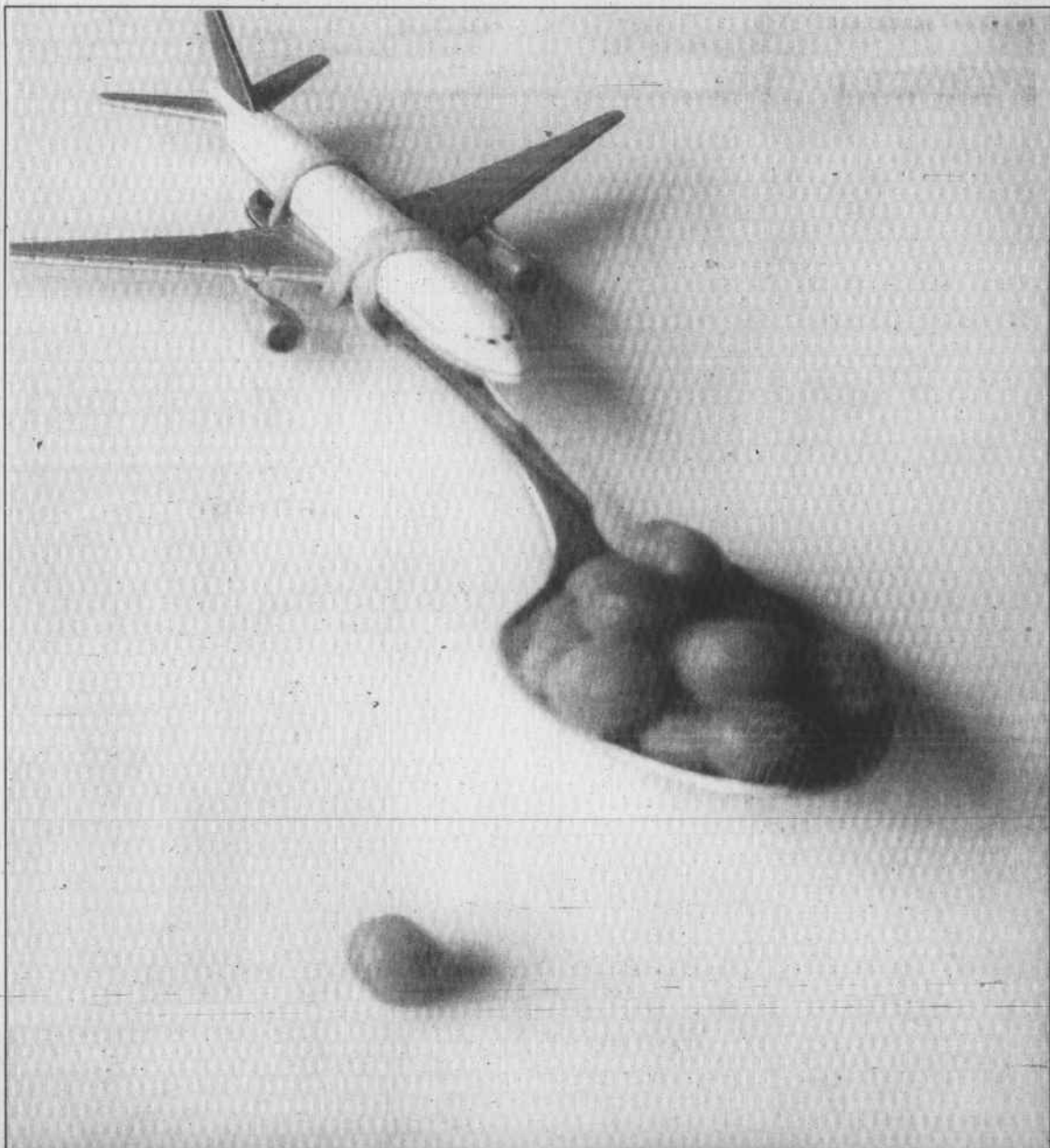
laborate with them and our local high schools again. We believe it's important to continue building bridges as Martin Luther King Jr. taught, and this holiday has proved to be an excellent way to do just that with other universities and schools," said Barbee Oakes, director of the multicultural affairs office at Wake Forest.



Oakes

Wake Forest also will celebrate King day with its sixth annual MLK Invitational Basketball Tournament Jan. 17 in Reynolds Gymnasium on the Wake Forest campus. Teams from N.C. A&T University, WSSU, N.C. State University, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Charlotte have been invited to participate in the tournament. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. for team play. Games will begin at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

The performance is free and open to the public.



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