

## Chavis Earns Master Of Arts Degree

By EILEEN HANSON  
Special To The Post

The Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr. received high honors when he graduated recently from Duke University Divinity School. Chavis studied for his degree while he was a prisoner at Hillsborough prison, a member of the celebrated Wilmington Ten case.

Chavis was awarded his Master of Arts degree, magna cum laude (with great honors) at the 120th commencement exercises at Duke University in Durham on May 11. University President Terry Sanford presided, with the Hon. L. Richardson Preyer, Congressman from the 6th District, giving the commencement address. Provost William Bevan awarded the degrees.

Chavis received his B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and was studying at Howard University in Washington, D.C. at the time of his incarceration in 1972.

He and 9 others were convicted of burning a Wilmington grocery store during a period of racial turmoil in the port city. Chavis was sent as a mediator to the troubled city in January, 1971 by the United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice.

Chavis spent many years in prison while the case was being appealed to higher courts. In January, 1978 Gov. Jim Hunt reduced the long sentences of the "10", making them eligible for early parole. Chavis was the last to be released in December, 1979.

Chavis attended Duke on study release, returning to the prison each day after his classes. He was not allowed to speak to the press, and was only allowed to preach weekly at a Durham church.

His mother, Mrs. Elisabeth Chavis, and his three children, all of Oxford, attended the graduation ceremony, as did his sisters Helen Othow of Chapel Hill and June Davenport of Charlotte.

"We are very proud that he received his high award while a prisoner of the state of North Carolina," said Ms. Davenport.

Chavis currently resides in Washington, D.C. where he directs the office of the Commission on Racial Justice.



ATTRACTIVE PAMELA BARNES  
...Olympic High senior

## Pamela Barnes Is Beauty Of Week

By TERESA BURNS  
Post Staff Writer

It's time again for the introduction of the Post's beauty. Make no mistake, Pamela Barnes' special and her intelligence surpasses her 17 years.

Ms. Barnes is a senior at Olympic High School. After her graduation she would like to work one year and then attend Kings College. "I think I'll be better prepared for college and appreciate it more if I worked one year," she began. "I enjoy working and I want to see what it is like also."

Once the year is over she will head for Kings College, take the Fashion Merchandising and Business Administration curriculum and probably continue to work.

Classroom data, plus on-the-job experience will eventually equal a boutique - this will be one for men-an idea of Ms. Barnes which gives her ambition a flavor of uniqueness.

Our Leo-beauty is the only child of Mrs. Rose Barnes. Contrary to the belief that the only child can be spoiled, Ms. Barnes says she doesn't fit that mold. "I don't think I'm spoiled. I think I am an extremely nice person. Maybe too much so." She further describes herself as a versatile person. "I'm not particular. I can get along with almost anyone."

This could prove to benefit our beauty's career in Fashion Merchandising and her present educational position with Sears. "I work part-time at Sears' SouthPark in the Baby Shop, and I'm learning a lot," she commented.

Working is just one facet of Ms. Barnes' life. Other moments are spent studying or relaxing. "I try to do a lot of homework to keep my grades up," Ms. Barnes remarked. "For entertainment I prefer good movies in general. I like photography and would like to become more advanced in it. I also like to work with craft, paintings and art." Her latest invention is a 24 inch statue of three football players in uniform.

She attends St. Paul's Baptist Church and at Olympic is vice president of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). She was recently chosen as the voting delegate for the DECA convention in Asheville.

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# Absence Of Hot Issues Could Mean Light Vote Turnout

17,000  
Marched  
For Jobs

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Over 17,000 participants in the "National Youth Pilgrimage for Jobs, Justice and Peace" cheered wildly as speaker after speaker attacked President Carter's proposed budget cuts, called for a restoration of mass demonstrations reminiscent of the 60s, and promised to help retire 80 House members who voted against the Mitchell Human Needs Amendment.

The author of the Human Needs Amendment is black Maryland Congressman, Parren Mitchell, who spoke at the rally led by Operation PUSH leader Rev. Jesse Jackson in Washington Saturday. The coalition of labor, religious, unemployed students and political leaders conducted the nearly two-mile trek down Pennsylvania Ave. from the White House to the back steps of the Capitol to "challenge this nation to deal effectively with its basic, social, economic and political problems...that reflect themselves most acutely in the black experience," as Washington, D.C. delegate Walter Fauntroy put it.

The marchers came from several states aboard Greyhound buses and privately-owned church buses. They were young and old, professional and unemployed, black and white, and representative of political persuasions as diverse as white left-wing socialists and black nationalists. During the three-and-a-half hour program, a tense moment developed when members of the latter group began a rhythmic chant demanding that ex-Black Panther leader Bobby Seale be allowed to speak. Acceding to the chanters, the M.C., Rev. E. V. Hill of Los Angeles, called Seale to the mikes. In a thickly hoarse voice, the ex-Panther promptly proceeded to cite the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Independence, which addresses itself to the necessity of spelling out the dissatisfaction that cause one group of people to break the political bonds that bind them to another.

## Named "Assistant Principal Of The Year"

# Assistant Principals Cite Sigler

By TERESA BURNS  
Post Staff Writer

Lloyd Sigler, assistant principal at North Mecklenburg High School, was recently named as North Carolina's Assistant Principal of the Year at the Annual North Carolina Assistant Principals Conference held in Boone.

Sigler was chosen first by local principals and assistant principals. Then his name and credentials were forwarded to the State Selection Committee. He was chosen because he had the most outstanding record of all assistant principals in the 15 district school systems in N.C.

"He did his job willingly and without complaint; yet the demands upon him were severe," said Princi-



Lloyd Sigler  
...Honored by peers.  
pal James Cockerham of McClintock Junior High School. "Lloyd is loved by students, esteemed by bus drivers, respected by parents, admired by teachers and venerated by his principal and friends,"



Dr. Reginald Hawkins

.....with unidentified patient

## Dr. Reginald Hawkins Calls For "New Black Morality"

By SUSAN ELLSWORTH  
Post Staff Writer

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, 56, a practicing dentist for over 30 years, Presbyterian minister and political activist in a Post interview last week criticized current black leadership and called for a new black morality.

The Charlotte-based civic leader protested blacks allowing whites to pick their leaders for them. Hawkins alleged that many of the bland token blacks who emerged after the Civil Rights Movement are controlled by whites.

He avowed that many black leaders are encouraging fellow blacks to strive for white acceptance instead of following "the pursuit of black excellence."

Blacks should develop their own value system, according to Hawkins.

"Whites are more materialistic and capitalistic," he charged. The black unity which prevailed during the early tribal days is disintegrating, he protested.

Although Hawkins fought for desegregation in Charlotte schools, the North Carolina Dental Society, public accommodations, hospitals, housing and employment, he still affirms whites will never accept blacks.

Hawkins said desegregated schools have forced black students to work for white acceptance which they can never achieve, at the expense of following

An exclusive interview

"the pursuit of black excellence."

"Black students are told they're nobody in a desegregated school," he warned, emphasizing that blacks performed better in segregated schools.

He alleged blacks are not being taught in the schools now and consequently are failing.

After successfully challenging the Mecklenburg School Board in court for discrimination in Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board, Hawkins said he was victimized by a campaign to mar his reputation.

The Board of Education accused Hawkins in the mid 60s of misusing funds and charged him with incompetence.

"They have never been able to prove malpractice," Hawkins contended. When he was ordered to take refresher courses in dentistry Hawkins refused and denied charges of incompetence.

Hawkins pointed out he has received dental honors and awards, which includ-

ed Dentist of the Year of the National Dental Society in 1962, past president of the Old North State Dental Society and the Charlotte Dental Society, and in 1970 was granted recognition to the Academy of General Dentistry.

He also mentioned being listed in "Who's Who in Health Care in America" from 1975-78 - a distinction no white dentist in Charlotte currently possesses, he said.

Since whites will never accept blacks, Hawkins alleges blacks should form a bond with other people of the world.

"Blackness is not a color; it's an experience," he asserted. Hawkins defined this experience as oppression. Opposing oppression is a commonality that can bind people together he said.

Hawkins called for blacks to "invent something the rest of the world wants." While the Arabs, for example, may be disliked, he emphasized, their oil gives them power.

## Youth Speak Out Will Be Held May 31

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, in conjunction with the National Youth Advocacy Coalition, will sponsor a YOUTH SPEAK OUT on May 31,

from 9-12 noon.

This event will take place at the Education (Metro) Center Gymnasium at 701 East 2nd Street at Brevard.

The purpose of the SPEAK OUT is to give youth who are normally excluded from decision making processes an opportunity to share their views. They will SPEAK OUT on such issues as employment, housing, voter registration, career development, education, youth and the church and drugs. The SPEAK OUT will hope to sensitize and arouse citizen leaders in the community to the needs of young people. Come out and share your concern by LISTENING TO THE FUTURE.

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is an organization comprised of major youth serving agencies that play an influential role in the shaping of future youth employment programs and society's awareness of youth issues.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League is a community based organization that is concerned about youth.

7,000 Blacks  
Expected To  
Vote Tuesday

By EILEEN HANSON  
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Your vote will carry more weight than usual if you cast it in the June 3 run-off election.

According to Board of Elections supervisor Bill Culp, only 10 to 15 percent of the registered voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to choose 4 new school board members for Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

"We're looking for a light turnout, about 20-25,000 voters," said Culp. About 6-7,000 black voters are expected at the polls.

"The total absence of hot issues in the non-partisan School Board race means it will be difficult to get people to the polls," he said. "But a low turnout means each vote counts more."

Eight candidates are running for 4 places on the School Board. They are Don Austin, Ward McKeithen, Harvey Sadoff, Ella Scarborough, John Shamp, L. J. Stanley Jr., Sarah Belle Stevenson, and Carrie Winter. Board chairman Phil Berry was elected outright in the May 6 primary election and does not have to face a run-off.

There will also be run-off for State Auditor between W. S. (Bill) Chestnut and Edward Renfrow. District Court Judge incumbent L. Stanley Brown faces Terry Brown. All are Democratic candidates.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 111 locations. A voter's registration card indicates his or her voting location, or it may be obtained from the Board of Elections at 374-2133.

The Vote Task Force will provide transportation to the polls throughout the day. Call 334-5309 anytime on Tuesday.

The School Board candidates are trying to make the race come alive with issues such as integrated education, teacher's salaries, student discipline, community relations and competency testing.

Two black women are running for the first time: Ella Scarborough, 33, is head librarian at Duke

Power. She wants to stabilize the pupil assignment system and create more traditional schools. She thinks teacher salaries are too low.

"You can't expect much motivation if teachers are worried about the bills at home," she said.

While she does not favor competency tests, she wants competency to begin in the kindergartens.

"What do we do with 243 children who failed last year? A certificate is nothing in the world of work. What about the psychological impact on these children?" she asked.

Sarah Belle Stevenson, 54, has been active in PTAs and politics for many years. She is former head of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council of PTAs, and chairs the Quality Education Committee which seeks to promote positive support for quality integrated education.

"I have been involved in the schools for about 30 years," she said.

## IBM Pledges

\$60,000 To

## J. C. Smith

Johnson C. Smith University has received a \$60,000 pledge from International Business Machines Corporation to be paid in equal installments over a three-year period.

The first installment of \$20,000 was presented to University President, Dr. Wilbert Greenfield by Monroe Miller, IBM personnel manager.

Miller said the gift to the major campaign, launched in November, is designated for endowments in faculty salaries and scholarships.

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