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Dr. Albright

## JCSU's 11th President

### Dr. Robert L. Albright

Robert Lewis Albright will be presented the charter and seal at his investiture as 11th president of Johnson C. Smith University at a 2 p.m. inaugural ceremony at the University Church on campus on Sunday, April 8, 1984.

Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, chairman of the Board of Trustees, will make the presentation to Dr. Albright at the Act of Installation. William H. Dougherty, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, will preside over the investiture.

The inaugural convocation is held in observance of Founder's Day as Johnson C. Smith University celebrates its 117th anniversary. The private, liberal-arts, independent college, was founded under the auspices of the Committee on Freedom of the Presbyterian Church USA in 1867 by the Reverend Samuel C. Alexander and the Reverend Willis L. Miller on land donated by Colonel W. R. Myers at its present Beatties Ford Road location. It was originally named the Henry J. Biddle Memorial Institute in gratitude for the generous financial support of the widow of Major Biddle, a Philadelphia, PA, Union Army major who died in battle in 1862. The school was renamed Johnson C. Smith University on March 1, 1923, in appreciation to the substantial support given by the widow of a

Pittsburgh, PA, pharmacist who later made a fortune founding the McKeesport Tin Plate Company.

The state of Pennsylvania will again have an imprint on the health and future of Johnson C. Smith University with the administration of Robert Lewis Albright, a Philadelphia native, as its 11th president. When he assumed the office last July at the age of 38, he became the youngest president in the history of the institution (eclipsing his predecessor, Dr. Wilbert Greenfield by one year).

Dr. Albright was educated in Philadelphia's public school system, graduating from Overbrook High School. He received the A.B. degree from Lincoln University (1966), the M.A. degree from Tufts University (1972) and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Kent State University (1978). Prior to assuming the

presidency of Johnson C. Smith University in July, 1983, Dr. Albright served as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (1981-83). He also served as the special assistant to the assistant secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education (U.S. Department of Education), director of the Moton Consortium on Admissions and Financial Aid, vice president for Student Affairs at Lincoln University, director of Admissions and Special Services (Lincoln) and director of Upward Bound at Virginia Union University.

Dr. Albright has served as consultant to the U.S. Department of Education. He is a senior faculty member at the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions and has served as a lecturer at the University of North Carolina Summer Institute on Admissions, Financial Aid and Academic Placement.

# HUD To Study Way To Desegregate Housing

## To Fund Cancer Research Volunteers Begin Residential Crusade

A chance to determine individual risks of getting the most common forms of cancer will be the focus of the American Cancer Society's 1984 Residential Crusade. On April 7-8 trained volunteers throughout Mecklenburg County will be distributing a folder offering a written test on risks for lung and colorectal cancers. Recipients will have the further option of sending for an expanded risk test that covers additional cancer sites.

"By taking either risk assessment test, people can learn how cancer risks apply to them," said Judy Canady, local residential chairman. "This information can help alert them to practice safeguards that can protect them from the disease."

The door-to-door campaign is one aspect of the Society's annual educational and fundraising April Cancer Crusade. Money raised will enable the Society to support local programs for the prevention of an early detection of cancer and services for cancer patients as well as to fund cancer research projects on the national level.

Questions in the risk tests are designed to measure a person's accumulated cancer risks, such as personal and family medical history, age and lifestyle. Each answer to a series of multiple-choice questions is assigned a point of value. When points are tallied and placed on a special score panel, a person can learn whether his or her risk is

low, moderate or high for that type of cancer.

In the expanded test, risk factors for five additional cancer sites are explored - skin, bladder, breast, cervical and endometrial. The short and expanded versions of the tests concern risk factors for cancers that account for over half of all cancer deaths.

Because of the importance of the educational component in the Cancer Crusade, Residential workers for the ACS are trained in how to effectively deliver that message at the door. Through group meetings, individual conversations, and cable television, hundreds of local door-to-door workers have a better understanding of the American Cancer Society and the need for cancer education. This emphasis on training makes the Cancer Crusade unique among fundraising organizations.

## Coping Seminar

A two-session seminar on coping with "Agoraphobia There's A Way!" will be offered at WomanReach on April 18 and 25 (Wednesday) from 7-9 p.m. with Faison Covington facilitating.

For more information and to register, call a peer-counselor at WomanReach from 10-4 p.m. weekdays, 10-1 p.m. on Saturday, at 334-3614.

All women are welcome at WomanReach, where all services are free! A United Way Agency.



Lovely Rita Sutton  
.....Garinger sophomore

## Rita Sutton Is Beauty Of Week

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
Acting is an important part of Rita Sutton's life, but she certainly knows how to distinguish stage creation from real life situations.

This week's beauty is a 10th grader at Garinger High School. On stage she can become "Dorothy" from "The Wiz"; she can sing and dance and portray peace which is something Rita wants to see achieved worldwide. Off-stage, Rita is still vibrant, and able to make people feel good about themselves. However, she realizes those joyful moments which she conveys on stage aren't always the leading roles in real life.

That's when our beauty, who describes herself as "very sensitive," becomes obviously disturbed. "If I had the opportunity to change an international factor, it would be hunger and starvation," she commented. Rita, 16, is amazed at the number of people who do day to day without food. "I wonder where all the money for those programs which are designed to feed people is going," Rita pointed out. She feels the impact of the program should be greater.

It can be assured if Rita can do anything to help better a situation, she will. Because she is an actress, she has used her talent in the Charlotte community to raise money for the relocating of the Afro-American Cultural Center. Rita has participated in the Center's fundraisers by acting in plays held at the Mint Museum, Marshall Park, and Children's Theatre.

"I want to experience Hollywood," she excitedly voiced. It won't be surprising if her dream comes true. Rita has gotten off to a good start with local acting. In fact, she recently was crowned "Miss Blue and Gray" at her high school (Garinger) pageant. "I did a monologue from 'The Wiz,' to lead into the song, 'As Soon As I Get Home,'" Rita beamed.

"This was my first pageant, and I was shocked when I heard my name called as the winner." Rita quickly added, she always keeps a positive attitude. "That way, I won't ever feel a letdown," she deduced.

Rita enjoys singing a variety of music. "I especially enjoy singing gospel."

## IBS To Find Workable Approaches

A study has been launched by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in an effort to determine workable approaches to the racial desegregation of public housing throughout the United States.

HUD Secretary Samuel R. Pierce, Jr. has announced that the Department has awarded a \$70,000 contract to International Business Services, Inc., a minority-owned firm based in Washington, D.C., to study desegregation strategies that work and those that fail.

The Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Warren T. Lindquist, welcomed the study, saying that despite HUD's requirement that PHA's accept and assign applicants on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to race, segregation persists in housing authorities in many areas.

HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Antonio Monroig stressed the importance of the research saying, "We must do everything we can to assist public housing agencies in alleviating segregated conditions where they exist - preferable through voluntary compliance. Our objectives," he said, "is to desegregate public housing found in violation of the Constitution or Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. We will do this as quickly as we can using every means available to the Department," Mr. Monroig pledged.

With HUD field staff assisting, the research firm will study innovative desegregation techniques that have proved successful, as well as desegregation programs which have failed to achieve results.

The contractor will examine data on subjects such as the physical conditions of public housing, its availability, management practices, and the impact of area demographic patterns. It will consider the affect of court decisions on tenant selection or rejection and how these, in turn, affect an agency's ability to carry out desegregation plans. International Business Services will contact and interview organizations with significant experience with public housing programs and desegregation issues.

HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research will administer the eight month contract, under which International Business Services will produce a final report.

# Walls Memorial AME Zion Church Kicks-Off Centennial Celebration

The kick-off service for the Centennial Celebration of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church will be held Sunday, April 1. The guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service will be the Right Rev. Reuben Speakes, Presiding Bishop of the Ninth Episcopal Area of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

A 5 p.m. Centennial Message will be delivered by the Right Rev. L. Scott Allen, Resident Bishop of the Charlotte Episcopal Area, Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Combined choirs of Walls Memorial AME Zion will render music for these services. The church, under the leadership of Rev. J. T.



Right Rev. L. Allen  
.....Local Bishop

White, will celebrate the church's 100th year from April 1 until December. What the members share with their church family forefathers is faith. The theme of the 100th anniversary celebration,



Right Rev. R. Speakes  
.....Walls Mem. speaker

"We've Come This Far By Faith," holds strong the messages of endurance by simply believing. Within this series the story of Walls Memorial's birth will be told, as well as how faith served a big role in its

continuation.

In the early 1800's, a group of black families in the rural Little Hope area southwest of Charlotte, were determined to establish a church. The church they established and nourished through the years of hardship is now ending its first 100 years of service to its members and community.

Life has changed a great deal in those 100 years; so much that it is sometimes easy to ignore a past which is so different from the present. But the past is too important to dismiss. There are triumphs to remember, events to relive, wise decisions to study, and a determination to emulate.

The history of Walls

Memorial AME Zion Church is not filled with stories of famous people accomplishing impossible tasks. It is something more, and because of that it has more to offer each of us today.

This history is of the work of ordinary people who labored and sacrificed to meet goals and then set new ones. Their aim was establishing a church which would be a powerful influence for good in the lives of their families and the world around them.

As the church pauses to look back, it is only to catch its breath before pressing ahead. The same spirit which has guided them in the past is abroad today

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**TURTLE-TALK**

The actions of men are the best interpreters of their actions.