

Dr. Francis To Explore Implications Of Nations At Risk

Dr. Norman C. Francis has long served education in a far larger role than his title of president of Xavier College, New Orleans, the past 15 years would suggest. He is the current president of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF); and member of the board for the Educational Testing Service, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the Committee of Education of the United States Catholic Conference, the Board of Visitors for the Institute of

Policy Sciences and Public Affairs at Duke University; and a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace. Dr. Francis has also served on 29 additional boards, commissions and associations and has been granted nine honorary degrees. His most

publically noted work came while serving on the National Commission on Excellence in Education which released the report "A Nation at Risk" in April, 1983.

The report condemned mediocre standards, low

expectations, and teaching and administrative inadequacies in American education, recommending sweeping reforms. Subsequent reports by other commissions reached similar conclusions. The commission's work exploded on the national scene in 1983 to the point where the issue of education has become a national political issue of the 1984 election year.

Dr. Francis' April 4th address at Johnson C. Smith University is sponsored by The Duke Endowment in celebration of their 60th anniversary. His visit is one of a four-part

colloquia, entitled "Suggested Solutions to Some Problems of Private Higher Education" that includes programs at Davidson College, Furman and Duke Universities. Dr. Francis will explore the implications of the "Nation at Risk" report for the historically black college.

In an interview with the "Black Collegian" magazine, Dr. Francis emphasized that the Presidential Commission took the position that a public commitment to excellence in educational reform can be made along with a strong

public commitment to an equitable treatment of America's diverse population.

"Black Americans have suffered because the quality of education that they have experienced has not been of the quality that black Americans need, or for that fact, that any American needs," remarked Francis.

The President's Commission recommended:

- 1) State high school requirements include a minimum of four years of English, 3 years of mathematics, 3 years of science, 3 years of social studies and one-half year of computer science.
- 2) Higher, measurable expectations for academic performance and student conduct (higher admission standards to four-year

colleges).
3) Longer school days, longer school years.
4) Higher standards for teacher performance.

5) Administrative accountability to the general public for implementation of reforms.

"We have cheated young people because we have selected them outright when they entered high school and said some of them are going to college and some are not," added Francis. "Every youngster can learn. Let them all take the basics which will enable them to do whatever they choose whether its vocational school or college."

Dr. Francis' address will be held in the University Church on the JCSU campus at 8 p.m. with a reception to follow.



Dr. Norman Francis
... UNCF president

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra To Present Musical Inaugural Salute

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will open the week-long inaugural celebration of Johnson C. Smith University's 11th President, Dr. Robert L. Albright, with a performance on Monday evening, April 2.

Assistant Conductor Dr. Jordan Tang will open the program with Michael Ivanovitch Glinka's "Overture to Russian and Ludmila" at 7 p.m. in the Jack S. Brayboy Health and Physical Education Center on campus.

"We're just absolutely delighted that the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will be a part of our celebration," remarked Dr. J. R. Law of the inaugural steering committee. "When we first started work on planning activities for the week, little did we dream that one of the finest regional orchestras in the nation would be part of our program."

Dr. Tang began his role as assistant conductor on June 1 of this year. He was previously the music director of the Ozark Festival

JCSU Celebration



Dr. Jordan Tang
.....Assistant conductor

Orchestra and of the University Symphony at Southwest Missouri State University, of which he was a music faculty member. Dr. Tang, a native of Hong Kong, received his Ph.D.

from the University of Utah, his Master's of Music from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a Master's of Sacred Music from Wittenburg (Ohio) University. His composi-

tions have been performed by the Utah Symphony, Kansas City Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony, Nashville Symphony and others, as well as being broadcast by CBS TV, National Radio and the Voice of America network.

The Charlotte Symphony Orchestra will be performing Mozart's "Symphony No. 35 in D Major", selections from Rogers and Bennett's "The King and I," and John Phillip Sousa's "El Capitan." The program is open free to the public and will be followed by a reception for the musicians and the audience in the Grimes Lounge of the Student Union Center.

"We'd really like to put out the welcome mat and certainly hope that the Charlotte community will join us Monday night and for all of the activities planned during the week," invited Dr. Law.

For more information, contact Dr. James R. Law, JCSU professor of Psychology, at 378-1000, ext. 2057 week-days between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. of the office of University Relations at 378-1022 or 1025.

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| Project | Description | Estimated Cost | Anticipated Bid Date |
| 36th Street Culvert | Includes construction of a double-barrel, reinforced concrete box culvert on 36th Street at Sugar Creek. Incidental highway work is also included. | \$ 150,000 | April |
| Fourth Ward Sidewalks, Phase V | Includes construction of brick paver sidewalks and granite curb at various locations in the Fourth Ward Historical District. | \$ 177,900 | February |
| Skyland-Neely Drainage Improvements | This project will involve the installation of reinforced concrete storm drainage piping, construction of concrete paved ditches, and drainage structures. | \$ 110,000 | April |
| First Ward Shopping Center Modifications | Includes parking lot construction, and construction of a facade on front of the existing stores located at E. 7th and McDowell Streets. | \$ 65,000 | April |
| Spring Resurfacing | Resurfacing of approximately 47.5 miles of City maintained streets with 1" of asphalt overlay. | \$1,300,000 | April |
| Tryon-College Street Connector | Includes construction of a connector street from S. Tryon Street to S. College Street. Curb and gutter, sidewalks, storm drainage and paving will be part of the construction. | \$ 250,000 | May |
| Intersection Improvements - Various Locations | Four intersections will be improved under this contract. The improvements will involve median construction, lane widening and paving, and reconstruction of curb and gutter radii. | \$ 85,000 | May |
| Independence Park Parking Lot Improvements | Construction will include concrete sidewalk and curb, and asphalt paving of the existing parking lot at Independence Park. | \$ 60,000 | May |
| Western Heights Street Improvements | Includes reconstruction of Frazier, Montgomery and Flint Streets in the Five Points C.D. Area. The work will involve storm drainage, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and asphalt paving. | \$ 200,000 | May |
| East Trade Street Boulevard | Includes construction of a median along E. Trade Street from College Street to McDowell Street. Work will include curb and gutter, sidewalks, pavement grinding, and asphalt paving. | \$ 750,000 | May |
| West Trade Street Boulevard Landscaping | Will include providing and installing plants, trees, and shrubs in median presently under contract for construction from I-77 to Church Street. | \$ 400,000 | June |
| Utility Department Water Distribution Facilities | | | |
| Lawyers Road | 6,000' of 8" water main along Lawyers Road - Olivet Drive to Oak Lane | \$ 90,000 | April |
| Wastewater Collection Facilities | | | |
| Long Creek III Interceptor | 8,500' of 15" sanitary sewer main along Long Creek - Coulwood Area to Gutter Branch | \$ 750,000 | June |
| Harri-Ann Trunk | 800' of 8" sanitary sewer from McAlpine Creek to Harri-Ann Drive | \$ 50,000 | June |
| Purchasing Department Proposed Purchases | | | |
| Swimming pool chemicals | | | |
| Detector check valves - Utility Department | | | |
| Water meter yokes and accessories - Utility Department | | | |
| Crushed stone - all departments | | | |
| Fire hose - Fire Department | | | |
| Various and sundries office, janitorial, automotive parts and supplies | | | |
| County Engineering Department Future Construction Projects | | | |
| Project | Description | Estimated Cost | Anticipated Bid Date |
| Radio Equipment Building | Total construction of radio equipment building in the vicinity of Highway 49 and Harris Boulevard. Approximately 19,000 square feet. General, electrical and mechanical contracts anticipated. No plumbing. | | April |
| Social Services Building | Total construction of new building at the Social Services complex on Billingsley Road. General, electrical, plumbing and mechanical contracts anticipated. | | May |
| County Services Center Renovation | Renovation of the basement and first floor of the County Services Center on North Tryon Street. General, electrical, plumbing and mechanical contracts anticipated. | | May |
| Coulwood Park | Construction of Coulwood Park in the western section of the county. General, plumbing and electrical contracts anticipated. | | June-July |
| Walden Greenway | Construction of Walden Greenway in the vicinity of Carmel Road and Highway 51. Contracts are undetermined at this time. | | June-July |
| Briar Creek Levee | Construction of 2,400' levee. Large amount of the dirt will have to be hauled in. | | May-June |
| Sediment Basins | Excavation and grading of sediment basins that collect run-off from Harrisburg Road Landfill. | | Undetermined |
| Golf Course | Construction of 9-hole golf course as part of final use development of Harrisburg Road Landfill. | | Undetermined |
| Parking Lot | Construction of parking lot at the Social Services Complex at Billingsley Road. Grading, drainage and paving anticipated. | | May |
| Lakeview School Renovation | Renovation of Lakeview School. General, mechanical, plumbing and electrical contracts anticipated. | | Summer |
| For further information call: City Engineering Department-Eva Dixon-374-2291 Utilities Department-Kathy Freeze-399-2221 Purchasing Department-Bill Mouchet-374-2256 County Engineering Department-David Thompson-374-2770 M/WBE Coordinator, Community Relations Committee-George Wallace-374-2424 | | | |
| IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS DURING APRIL, MAY AND JUNE. THE CITY AND COUNTY ENCOURAGE ALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES INCLUDING THOSE OWNED AND OPERATED BY MINORITIES AND WOMEN TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROJECTS. | | | |

Inaugural Takes On International Flavor

The inaugural week celebration will take on an international flavor as a night of music, dance, good food and dialogue prevails Thursday evening, April 5 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Center on campus.

"The event is twofold," explained project coordinator Rev. Devia Phinisee. "It's a way to recognize our international students and faculty along with fostering a better understanding of people throughout the world and present a forum for an exchange of ideas."

Vivian Nivens, director of the Afro-American Center in Charlotte, will act as mistress of ceremonies. Marion Beame, foreign student advisor at UNCC, will discuss the im-



portance of international involvement on the campuses and communities of America. Jim Boyce and the Steel Drum Band will provide music. Johnson C.

Smith foreign students will perform a dance routine along with an interpretive dance by Rena Blake of the JCSU Writing Center.

"Many participants will be wearing native costumes and a part of the show will be a display of international fashions," added Rev. Phinisee.

One of the highlights, of course, will be the array of international foods for sampling.

"Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite international dish," explained Rev. Phinisee. "We really hope the public will come out to the campus and add to the program with their dishes,

international dress and experience while traveling or living in other countries."

Slide projectors or video equipment may be arranged for anyone in the community to share their travel experiences.

An art exhibit of paintings done by Charlottean Susie Lawing during her travels will also be on display in the Student Union Center.

"We really expect to have a lot of fun and we really hope the public will come and share in an exciting evening with us," encouraged Rev. Phinisee. For more information, call Devia Phinisee at 378-1058.

Brain Trust Symposium To Examine JCSU

A Brain Trust Symposium will examine "Johnson C. Smith University: Linking the Future to the Past." Friday evening, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the conference rooms B&C of the Student Union Center.

A panel of distinguished former faculty members will address the direction of Johnson C. Smith University from the perspective of their academic disciplines and years of service. Dr. James Law, JCSU Professor of Psychology will moderate the panel and question period following each presentation.

Panelists include Dr. Winson Coleman, Dr. Samuel Byuarm and Dr. Cesar Blake.

Dr. Coleman is a retired Professor of Philosophy who taught for 44 years at JCSU. He was director of the Division of Humanities, director of summer

school and Academic Dean from 1962-70. Dr. Coleman has served as Visiting Professor in Political Philosophy at the University of Colorado.

Dr. Byuarm is a retired Professor of Sociology who served as division chairman during his three decade career at JCSU. He was a visiting professor at Bethune-Cookman, Lynchburg College, UNCC and UNC Chapel Hill. Dr. Byuarm was active in Charlotte community affairs serving on the board of the Area

Fund, the Health and Hospital Council, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority and in the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Dr. Caesar Blake is a Smith graduate and former professor who is now a Professor of English at Toronto University. He is currently a Visiting Professor of English at Davidson College.

"Friday's forum is a specific look at the issues of future education at Johnson C. Smith University and how our past frames

our efforts," cited Dr. Law. "We are taking the implications that Dr. Norman Francis will address on Wednesday's colloquia concerning the future role of historically black colleges and applying it to Johnson C. Smith University's role."

The public is invited to participate. A reception will follow afterward. For more information, contact Dr. James Law at 378-1000, ext. 2057 or Dr. Maxine Moore at 378-1068 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. week-days.

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