

Chambers: Black Students Need To Set Higher Goals

"Black students need to set higher goals," said Julius L. Chambers at Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary's 102nd commencement exercises.

Graduates need to say, "I not only want to teach, I want to be principal of the school, superintendent of the school system, state superintendent of public schools," he said. Or "I am not satisfied with being a representative in Congress or a member of the Senate. Like Jesse Jackson, I want to be president."

At that juncture Chambers, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. and nationally renowned expert in constitutional Law and Civil Rights, drew applause from the capacity audience.

"By all standards, Jesse's campaign has been a success," Chambers said.

But as the conservative columnist from Virginia, James Kirkpatrick, put it, "White America" is not ready to support a black presidential candidate.

"We are determined to change this attitude,"

Chambers said. "Black Americans have long appreciated the value of an education and I know we can do better," he charged.

Citing the nurse training programs at Winston-Salem State University, A & T State University and North Carolina Central University are positive examples," he said. "The state threatened in the mid-70's to close the programs unless 80 percent or better of their nursing graduates passed the examination by 1980. In each instance the colleges passed the test."

"It matters not where you come from, what your background and experiences have been or how much you have suffered from past discrimination," he said. "Nothing can excuse students from not giving their best effort and commitment to education," he said.

"Educated blacks are often the least likely to become involved," Chambers said.

"Protecting their status, aloof from the plight of others, minorities who have escaped frequently refuse to lend a helping hand," he asserted.



Julius Chambers
Renowned attorney

"Black Americans must become involved and support the organizations that protect our freedom, while shattering the remnants of the past we must continue our strides toward economic, social and spiritual freedom. I trust that you will never forget that you are free only to the extent the less fortunate are free," he stressed.

Reflecting on the words of the great pioneer in Civil Rights, Frederick Douglas, Chambers concluded, "Forty years of my life have been given to the cause of my people and if I had 40 more they should all be sacrificially given to the

same cause."

Bishop William Milton Smith, chairman of Livingstone's Board of Trustees, was exuberant in his praise of college president, Dr. William H. Greene's efforts in "lifting morale, upgrading faculty and staff, beautifying the campus and handling fiscal affairs." "He is making every effort to bring Livingstone back to its former glory," Bishop Smith said.

"The trustees are also working to help the college," he said. "They recently raised \$150,000 to replace two roofs at the college and approved two property purchases during the past year."

The college bought Duncan Center, which is located across from Livingstone, from the Salisbury City Schools for \$160,000 and part of the estate of the late Bishop Walls. "And we'll keep on buying until we buy Monroe Street," Bishop

Smith concluded.

Dr. Greene introduced the speaker earlier in the program and challenged the seniors in his closing remarks to go forth and make the world a better place for those who follow.

Bachelors degrees were awarded to 86 Livingstone graduates during the ceremonies.

David Badgett, a junior from Long Island, New York, was also commissioned by Bishop Alfred Dunston as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Three students in Hood Theological Seminary were awarded Master of Religious education degrees and ten were awarded Master of Divinity degrees.

Senior class president, Shirley Dingle, delivered farewell remarks on behalf of the class while Albert L.B. Pitts, president of Hood's senior class also gave a farewell statement.

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were awarded to the Rev. Robert A. Pyant, presiding elder of the Cheraw-Bennettsville District of the Pee Dee Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church; and the Rev. Norman H. Hicklin, pastor of Old Ship A.M.E. Zion Church of Montgomery, Alabama.

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Gadsden was named the "Man of the Year."

"On behalf of all the older brothers in the crowd, I would like to say your help and guidance have been appreciated this year," Reeves said. "I have learned much from you."

"Thanks," said Gadsden, who was caught by surprise.

Lynn H. Smith, Personnel Director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, was the keynote speaker.

He urged the brothers and invited guests to achieve, to strive for the best.

Past "Men of the Year" of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity have been Howard Barnhill, Carson Beckwith, Jack Benson, William Blakeney, Bernard Brown, Ray Booton, John W. Brown, Sr., Herman Counts, Cleveland Floyd, Carl Griffin, Reginald Hawkins, Howard Hill, Dr.



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