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### Rev. Jesse Jackson Reflects On Life

On September 14, Jesse Jackson will be the fourth guest in The Obser-ver's Centennial Series of speakers and performers commemorating The Observer's 100 years in print. Jackson's 8 p.m. performance at Ovens Auditorium will be a night of personal reflection on the forces that shaped one man's life, growing up in the Carolinas. Tickets are \$5 and are available by mail from the Charlotte Observer.

Jackson's appearance kicks off the second half of The Ceptennial Series, which will also include Newspaper Night at Ovens Auditorium on Thursday, October 9, admission \$1; a concert by George Hamilton IV and the Moody Brothers on October 23 at 8 p.m., Spirit Square, tickets \$5 and a special appearance by the Reverend Billy Graham on Novem-ber 22, Ovens Auditorium, tickets \$2.

Tickets for the events will be available by mail from the Charlotte Observer.

Don't miss this exciting fall lineup of Centennial speakers and events, beginning with Jesse Jackson. Jackson born in Greenville, S.C. ran for president in 1984 and has risen to international prominence as a cha-

mpion of civil and economic rights. A dynamic speaker, Jackson will share stories of his life growing up in the Carolinas and the personal and political journeys he has made throughout the world and the Caroli-nas in pursuit of political equality and freedom for all people.

#### Leadership Charlotte

Leadership Charlotte, a program sponsored by the Urban Institute of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte in conjunction with the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and organization, is accepting nominations for Class IX until September 24. Completed applications are due October 24.

Designed to prepare participants for leadership roles in the community, Leadership Charlotte IX sessions and seminars are scheduled to begin January 12, 1987, and end with graduation May 13, 1987.

Approximately one-half of Leadership Charlotte's 50 par-. ticipants are named by the business sponsors of the program with the remaining number selected by the Board of Directors from community nominations and applications. The selection process insures that a wide range of persons with varied backgrounds and interests, but all with leadership p qualities, are chosen. All residents of Mecklenburg County are eligible to apply.

A non-refundable \$15 application

fee is required from each com-munity applicant for Class IX. Those accepted must pay an additional \$135 participation fee by December 3. To obtain an application form, call or write Ms. Sarah Davis: Leadership Charlotte, Urban Institute, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, N.C. 28223, 704-547-2307.

#### Good Samaritan

#### **Holds Reunion**

The triennial reunion of the Good Samaritan Hospital Alumni Association will have their reunion beginning September 18-21 at the Marriott Hotel.

The activities begin with a reception for alumni on Thursday, September 18. On Friday, Septem-ber 19, a workshop and a memorial service will be held. Later that night a dance will be held.

A business meeting will begin activities for Saturday, September-20, to be followed by a luncheon. Rev. Don Steger will be the guest speaker to this public affair. Tickets

are \$17.50.

People's Night, featuring the Mt.
Carmel Baptist Church Young
Adult Choir will be the program focused on Saturday evening.

The reunion climaxes on Sun-day, September 21, at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church. The alumni will worship with the Right Rev. Edward King and his

The Good Samaritan Alumni are registered nurses who graduated from this hospital's School of Nursing, Alumni from across the country are expected to attend this reunion. Julia Washington is the

# New EMS Standards Strengthen State's Life Support System

Raleigh - Human Resources Secretary Phillip J. Kirk Jr., has announced the approval of new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) standards that will strengthen North Carolina's ad-

vanced life support system.

He added that the new EMS regulations were approved by the North Carolina Medical Commis-sion. They include new standards for ambulances and mobile intensive care units, new equipment and medical supply requirements; new drug supply standards; and additional radio and communications requirements. The regulations will become effective September 1, 1986.

"The commission is to be com-

mended for its commitment to ensuring that North Carolinians receive the very best emergency medical care possible," Kirk emphasized. "The new regulations are designed to provide our citizens with state-of-the-art qauality in advanced life support treatment. This is especially important for victims of heart attacks or automobile accidents and can mean the difference between life and death."

Bob Bailey, Chief of Emergency Medical Services for DHR's Division of Facility Services, explained that there are three levels of advanced life support prehospital care available in North Carolina. Emergency Medical Technician

(EMT) - intermediates are certified to administer fluids and use advanced techniques for keeping an airway open for breathing. EMT intermediate require approximately

40 hours of training.
EMT-advanced intermediates receive 80 additional hours of training. In addition to the skills of the EMT-intermediate, they can also use a defibrillator to administer electric shock to the heart of a cardiac arrest victim, give essential heart medication, and insert a tube into a patient's airway to assist him or her in breathing. He pointed out that EMT-paramedics have all the skills of the other two levels, as well as several other advanced skills.

This training gives them the authority to administer additional medications and to effectively deal with trauma and medical emergencies. EMT-paramedics must complete at least 400 hours of training to become certified. The advanced life support system now includes 57 North Carolina counties, and covers 83 percent of the state's population.

The new standards mean that North Carolina will continue to be a national leader in emergency medical care," Bailey stressed. "The improvements in advanced life support will result in better and faster treatment at the scene of accidents and other life-threatening

mergencies. Our dedicated EMT's and paramedics will be better trained and equipped to help people.

He also noted that the regulations adopted by the Commission will greatly improve transportation and communications during times of medical crisis. The standards will now require that all ambulances used in advanced life support programs carry equipment and medical supplies needed to match the skill level of the technicians.

In addition, all vehicles must be inspected each year by the Office of Emergency Medical Services to verify that all required equipment is in place and operating properly.

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