

Shaw University Commencement 1981



1. Mayor Smedes York is shown presenting the "Key to the City" to Minister Dikko during Commencement Exercises.
 2. Mrs. Addie G. Stroud, the oldest living Shaw University graduate in the area, is congratulated by Harold E. High, parliamentarian of the Raleigh-Wake Alumni Chapter of the Shaw University National Alumni Association, during their meeting Saturday morning.
 3. Retiring Student Government Association, Thomas Maurice Brown, is shown presenting the presidential gavel to newly elected SGA president, Ms. Brenda Nelson, during this year's senior banquet on Friday evening.
 4. Six Shaw University students received commissions in the United States Army during Saturday morning services. Shown are (L-R) Dr. Stanley H. Smith, Second Lieutenant Halbert N. Fagin, Second Lt. Sylvester Colvin, Second Lt. Bettie W. McDuffie, Second Lt. Blondine R. Peterson, Second Lt. Sylvia Skeeter, Second Lt. Patricia A. Watson and Lt. Col. J. Larry Green, professor of military science.
 5. Mr. Benjamin Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt, presents "The Order of the Longleaf Pine" to Minister Dikko on the Governor's behalf.
 6. Senior class president, Cornell H. Jones, presented a plaque to Mrs. Louise W. Lewis, senior class advisor and coordinator of career placement and planning, during the annual

banquet.
 7. Mr. Israel B. Singleton, president of the National Shaw University Alumni Association, presides during the annual Alumni Workshop. Other officers shown are (L-R): Rev. Kemp Battle, chaplain; Harold E. High parliamentarian; Mrs. E. Elaine Williams, recording secretary, and David Williams, vice president.
 8. Members of the Shaw University faculty and administration look on with pride as the 1981 graduating class processional begins.
 9. The United Heritage Gospel Choir of Shaw University is shown during its moving performance at the beginning of the commencement exercise.
 10. Minister Umaru A. Dikko urged the prospective graduates to seek success in their endeavors, and congratulated them on their accomplishments.
 11. Mack Sowell, dean of students, is shown with the Nigerian delegation that accompanied Minister Dikko to this country.
 12. Minister Dikko presented a carved elephant's leg bone to Dr. Stanley H. Smith as a token of good will during the ceremony.
 13. Ms. Bernadette Brown, a graduating senior, greatly pleased the capacity crowd with a beautiful musical selection during this year's senior banquet.
 14. The mother of Ms. Bernadette Brown accompanied her daughter in a performance

that was truly stunning.
 15. Dr. George C. Debnam, chairman of the executive committee of the Shaw University Board of Trustees, is shown reading the citation for the awarding of the Doctor of Laws degree to Minister Dikko as Dr. Stanley H. Smith looks on.
 16. Mrs. Johnnie B. McLester, past president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, is presented the Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Dr. Stanley H. Smith and Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, vice president of academic affairs and research.
 17. United States Congressman Frederick G. Richmond receives the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.
 18. Dr. John W. Fleming is shown accepting the Doctor of Humane Letters degree and a citation from Dr. O. L. Sherrill as Drs. Smith and Carter assist.
 19. Shaw University president, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, is shown during his farewell address to the 1981 graduating class.
 20. Members of the Raleigh-Wake Shaw University Alumni Association made a monetary donation to the university. Shown are (L-R) James Wilson, Raleigh-Wake Chapter president; Israel B. Singleton, national association president; Jay Johnson, Raleigh-Wake Association member; Dr. Stanley H. Smith, and Thomas B. Kee, vice president for university relations.