

REV. JESSE L. JACKSON

Jackson Plans Commencement Speech At A&T

1988 A&T State University commencement, with U.S. presidential candidate the Rev. Jesse Jackson as speaker, is expected to attract a record crowd to the Greensboro Col-

Jackson, a 1964 A&T graduate and one of its most distinguished alumni, will speak at 11 a.m. to the nearly 1,000 graduating seniors, their parents, the A&T faculty and staff and friends.

"We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have the Rev. Jackson, the internationally prominent human rights leader, to address our com-mencement," A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort said. "The reality of the situation is that he is very much en route to becoming the next president of the United States.'

The occasion will take on additional meaning for Jackson as two of his sons, Jonathan and Jesse Jr., will be among those marching in the commencement exercise. Jackson's wife, Jacqueline, also attended A&T, and will be present for the graduation.

Jackson is a native of Greenville, S.C. His distinguished career in public service began while he was an A&T student. He was a quarterback on the football team and was elected president of the Student Government Association. While in Greensboro he led student demonstrations against segregated facilities. After graduation from A&T, he moved to Chicago where he attended Chicago Theological Seminary.

In 1967, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. appointed him director of SCLC's Operation Breadbasket. He remained in that position until 1971 when he founded Operation PUSH.

his humanitarian service to the na- eight life terms by the state after he tion. He has more than 17 honorary degrees. He has received the Golden

Begins Selection Process Edward T. Smith, chairman of the BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN RWCA political action committee, was moderator for the event, with A political forum at St. Augustine's College sponsored by the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association heard Margaret Rose Murray, Oscar Smith and attorney Geoffrey Simmons servstatewide candidates making promises ranging from putting the Bible back in schools from a labor commising as the questioning panel for the 2½-hour session on Wednesday even-

A second political forum will be sponsored by the RWCA on Thursday, Jackson a campaign donation if he should be the Democratic Party's April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. The organization's endorsement meeting is scheduled led by gubernatorial candidates Lt. for Thursday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Gov. Robert Jordan and Bruce A. the Hargett Street Branch of the Friedman, and the candidate for the Fourth District congressional seat,

Democratic and Republican candidates for Council of State positions, lieutenant governor and governor at on it at the international, national and

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respond to community concerns over drugs, black economic development, education and consumer issues.

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State Attorney General Lacy Thornburg said combatting drugs in the state "seems to be a losing battle, but nevertheless we're continuing it."

"The first thing we had to do was get at the demand side... why and how to say no ... it's working beautifully," said Thornburg, who is seeking to return to office on the Democratic ticket. "We're working

years. It's a new ballgame in growing

also the decrease of black-owned farms. "I've been very conscious of the problem in this area... We've lost 200,000 family farms in the last 20

farmlands each year, acknowledged

Republican candidate for insurance commissioner H.L. Redenhour and a representative of current commissioner, Democrat Jim Long, agreed to the need to relieve the difficulties on female heads of households in obtaining in-

Fourth District congressional can-(See RWCA, P. 2)

Senator Rand Calls For Stronger Laws **On Drug Trafficking**

Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand has called for tightening drug trafficking laws and restricting the driving privileges of DWI offenders.

'We have to shut down the drug things," declared Rand, D-Cumberland, "and we have to tighten up on drunk drivers."

Rand, 48, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in the May 3 primary, is the principal sponsor of legislation that has given law enforcement officials more authority to fight increasingly sophisticated drug trafficking rings.

"We must extend the use of the investigative grand jury in drug trafficking cases," said the Fayetteville attorney. "We also must give our law enforcement agenies the authority to use electronic surveillance." Rand's bill on electronic surveillance was adopted by the Senate in 1987 but has yet to be approved by the House.

The senator made his comments in a press conference on law enforcement. He was on a campaign tour in which he met with the state's sheriffs' association in Monroe. A large number of law enforcement officials have endorsed Rand.

Michael F. Easley, president of the state's District Attorneys Association, said, "Many politicians have declared war on drugs, but Tony Rand is the only one to equip law enforcement with the tools to fight the battle." Cumberland County District Attorney Edward W. Grannis, Jr., added, "If Tony Rand never gets another vote, he has made one of the most significant contributions against drugs of all North Carolinians."

In his law enforcement position paper, Rand called for tighter restrictions on allowing DWI offenders back on the highways. He said that under current laws, many DWI offenders are allowed to return to the road with little or no driving restrictions.

Rand urged the legislature to extend efforts in the public schools to educate elementary school-age children about the dangers of drugs. He cited the success of two pilot programs in Mecklenburg and Wake counties that concentrated on elementary students and said, "The legislature should examine these programs and expand them to other school systems, especially for those systems that have serious drug problems."

NCSU Black Students **Honored At Banquet**

North Carolina State University's sixth annual African-American Awards Banquet recognized top graduate and undergraduate black students for academic achievement in a ceremony last week at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

Jacqueline Hughes-Oliver of 5014 Fort Sumter Road, Raleigh, received the Graduate Dean's African-Ame ican Achievement Award, given to the most academically outstanding African-American graduate student. She is a master's student in statistics in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

Seniors Sheryl D. Brown of Kinston, Pamela S. Gilyard of Raleigh and Donnell T. Walton Charlotte each received a certificate and a cash award as the black students with the highest undergraduate grade-point average based on more than 30 credit hours. Both Brown and Gilyard received academic awards last year for being among the top three black students.

Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Brown of 803 Arrow Drive, Kinston, holds the highest average. She is majoring in biochemistry. Gilyard, of 2800 Sanderford Road, Raleigh, and Walton, of 800 Walnut Street, Charlotte, are both majoring in electrical engineering.

Margaret Evans Goodson of 6405 Dixon Drive, Raleigh, received a cash award for holding a 4.0, or straight A, average. She is a freshman majoring in health occupations teacher education.

Ninety-four certificates were awarded to students who had completed a minimum of 30 hours with a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The Graduate Research Award,

presented to the African-American graduate student who best exemplifies research through publication and experimental design, was presented to Ralph Fielder of 517-A N. Bloodworth St., Raleigh. He is a master's student in product design in the School of Design.

The Chancellor's African-American Leadership Award was presented to Richard B. Wright, 1831 Bellwood Drive. Wright is a master's student in psychology in the College

of Educationa nd Psychology. An outstanding black graduate student from each NCSU's colleges and the School of Design received an African-American Achievement

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Black Family Conference To Look At Health

The steering committee of Strengthening the Black Family, Inc., announces its eighth conference, scheduled for April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Boyer Building, St.

Augustine's College.

Strengthening the Black Family,
Inc., : cablished in 1987, is a community-based coordination and dissemination system chartered to support the implementation of black family enhancement programs in Wake County. Beginning in 1961, annual conferences have been conducted through the networking of organizations which comprise the membership of the present-day Strengthening the Black Family, Inc.

The 1988 confernce will focus on "Strengthening the Black Family: Mobilizing Its Resources in Pursuit of (See BLACK FAMILY, P. 2)

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A host of statewide office-seekers

faced questioning from a panel of ex-

aminers and a fair-sized audience.

presidential nominee.

Woman Raped In Home

Police **Look For** Suspect

Police were searching at press time for a male suspect who reportedly raped a Raleigh woman in her home last week.

The woman was raped after she returned to her East Raleigh home after jogging, police say.

Police say the man grabbed the woman as she was getting her house

The man forced the woman into her East Cabarrus Street home and locked the screen door behind them. The woman said the man indicated

he had a knife and pushed something against her side. Police describe the suspect as a black male, about 5'7", 180 pounds, chubby, with a medium complexion

and a medium Afro. He was last seen wearing a burgundy shirt, blue jeans, a blue jacket and a red cap. In related events: Army Spec. 4 Ronald Adrin Gray may face a death sentence after he was found guilty of all 14 rape, robbery, attempted

murder and murder charges leveled

against him by the Army. Unanimous guilty verdicts by the general court-martial panel on the murder counts make it possible for the Army to sentence him to death. Jackson has been much honored for He has already been sentenced to confessed to raping and killing two Fayetteville women.



Ligon Middle School Observes Career Day

The members of the eighth grade at work in those areas. Ligon Middle School celebrated the coming of spring recently by par- ty and their areas of expertise were: ticipating in Career Day. The purpose George Smart, architecture; Capt. of Career Day was to introduce the Tyree Jones and his sister flight atmembers of the class to a variety of occupations by those who know them on an intimate and practical basis, who are actively participating in those fields or who train people who

The Eastern N. C. Center for an incoherent development strategy forward to developing a close working relationship with developers, real estate brokers and representatives of banking and lending institutions as partners in developing and im-plementing acceptable strategies for the revitalization of targeted neighborhoods. The programs envisioned will utilize the resources and technical expertise of the

(See MINORITY, P. 2)

(See POLICE, P. 2) (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2) Minority Economic Development Center Opens In Eastern N.C.

Minority Economic Development for the economic involvement of opened here Saturday, as Ted Hooker, project coordinator, and a host of well-wishers watched Mayor Raiph Elramey cut the ribbon of-ficially opening the center at 305 East Nash St. in downtown Wilson. The center has as a goal to assist municipalities, community organizations and businesses in economic development planning and im-

The organizers and the initial sup-porters of the Center were concerned about the lack of day care facilities for moderate and low-income families, a lack of affordable housing,

minorities, crime and the effect of rapid development outside the urban areas of cities and towns in Eastern North Carolina.

The project coordinator stressed the points of the minority community's need to raise its standard of living by attacking the con-tinual drawbacks of teenage pregnancy, drugs and crime, plus the dire need to pull its small, independent contractors together so that as one they would be able to secure a greater percentage of the area's construction

The Center and its coordinator look

Neighborhood National Reinvestment Corporation.

M. L. Banner, compliance specialist with the Economic Development Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., was in attendance



mey (3rd from left) cuts the commonled ribbon formally no the Eastern North Carolina Center for Minority imic Development at 305 East Nash St. in Wilson. Duter the accasion were (L.-r.) Mable Perks, Ted Hooker,

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cafeteria at 7:30 a.m. for hot buns and coffee. They were welcomed to Ligon See LIGON, P. 2)

Activist Julian Pierce

Acting as presenters for the activi-

tendant Michelle Jones, aviation; Ms.

Jane Richardson, banking; Ms. Judy

Cross, careers in fashion design and

modeling; Dallas Foster, Wake

Technical College; Dr. Shrikant Kulkarne, chemistry; Dr. Reda

Vilner, chiropractic medicine:

Wilbert Williams, computer science.

Also, Ms. Montina Lee, counseling;

Ms. Lois Staton, museum curator;

Ms. Darlene Sams, dental science;

Dr. David Fowle, elementary educa-tion; Bob McCollum, mechanical

engineering; attorney Larry Height, law (ABC commission); attorney

Susan Iddings, law (General

Assembly and private practice); Dr.

William D. Lee, medicine; Sgt. Jim

Beck, Army; Sgt. James Utley, Air Force; Petty Officer Penny Briley,

Navy; Frank Derrickson, real

estate; Ms. Sue Woodling, social

work; Gerhardt Zimmerman, sym-

phony music; and Dr. Ethelbert Chukwu, college education. The participants met in the

sassination Of Leader

BY BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

An assassination is always painful. It is particularly painful when it takes from us a leader who was beloved by his people and whose potential was so vibrant. Julian Pierce, a Lumbee Indian attorney and activist in Robeson County, was just such a man. He was

County, was just such a man. He was killed on Merch 26 of this year.

Attorney Pierce had decided to run for a newly-created Superior Court judgeship in the May primary. It was a dangerous decsion. For this is a county in which drug corruption reputedly reaches even into the offices of the sheriff and other local officials.

In addition, Pierce's opponent was Joe Freeman Britt, an established member of the power structure that runs the county. Britt is the current district attorney and holds the world's record for sending more people to death row—primarily Native American and African-American. an anyone else. In fact, he's in the ss Book of World Records" for

this dubious distinction.

Together, the Native American and African-American populations make up 58 percent of Robeson County. Dexter Locklear, finance committee chairman for Pierce's campaign, noted that the passage of a recent school referendum showed the poten-tial of the combined strength of the Native American and African American votes. Through Julian Pierce's candidacy, that coalition would have been strengthened even

Who was this man and why did someone feel he was so dangerous that he was shotgunned to death in his own home? Pierce was born and raised in neighboring Hoke County, graduated from college to become a chemist and then returned for his law degree. After receiving his master's degree in tax law from Georgetown University, he worked with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

Attorney Pierce could have stayed in Washington, earning a comfortable

living and working decent hours. In-stead, he made the decision to return home and help empower his people. In 1978 he became the first director of Lumbee River Legal Services, formed to provide legal aid to the poor of the area.

Attorney Pierce prepared the peti-tion for official federal recognition of the Lumbee Nation which would give them control over their comments and its economic development Pierce was also called upon to assis with numerous cases of unsolve with numerous cases of unsolve Americans and parties Americans and parties and provided the second seco them control over their comm murders of native America African Americans, some even in volving the local police. However, Julian Pierce was not on

However, Julian Pierce was not enly involved in the law; rather, he participated in the entire life of his community. He was instrumental in
organizing and served as chairman of
the Robeson County Health Corporation which operated medical clinics in
three Robeson County towns. He also
served as chairman and chief fundraiser for an ongoing outdoor play
(See ASSASSINATION P. 2) (See ASSASSINATION, P. 2)