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NEWS BRIEFS

DELIVERING ADDRESS

Dr. Kenneth Smith, president of Chicago Theological Seminary, will deliver the convocation address at Shaw Divinity School's 55th convocation for the awarding of degrees at 11 a.m. May 14 in the chapel of the school's new campus at 509 Hilltop Drive. The president's reception will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the convocation.

LEGISLATURE FUNDS ARTS

From Shakespeare, ballet and opera to outdoor drama and folk-dancing, the arts flourish in North Carolina and the General Assembly is one of their most generous supporters. During the 1987 session, the General Assembly appropriated more than \$32.3 million for support of the arts in North Carolina, approximately \$5 per person for everyone who lives here.

NONSTOP FLIGHTS

Raleigh-Durham Airport could get its first nonstop flights to the West Coast under an American Airlines proposal for an Asian international flight hub in Seattle, Wash., if approval is given. Peter J. Birkett, American's district sales manager in the Triangle, made these comments as part of a panel discussion on the City of Raleigh's Economic Development Forum, which focused on the Triangle's role in the international marketplace. A decision is expected in June.

CROSSROADS PARK MALL

Construction at Crossroads Park Mall broke ground in a celebration with area dignitaries and businessmen this week. A. Boyd Simpson, president of L.J. Hooker Developments, welcomed guests and answered questions about the 1.7 million-square-foot supermall which will open late next year at the junction of U.S. 41 and I-40 in Cary.

SPECIAL BENEFIT

Ms. Willie Jordan-Williams, lyric-soprano, and James Longmire, bass-baritone, will appear in a special benefit concert at the Shaw Divinity School chapel, 509 Hilltop Drive, at 8:30 p.m. May 12. Ms. Ruth Hatley will be the accompanist.

COLLEGIATE REPRESENTATIVE

FAYETTEVILLE—Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, has been named the North Carolina collegiate representative to the Council of Chief State School Officers.

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

The administration is seeking \$250 million in funding for the drug-free schools program in FY '89, which is reported as a \$20 million increase over FY '88 levels. Because this program is new, the agency has not gathered statistical data which would project the number of blacks being serviced by this program, according to DOE.

PRISON POPULATION

According to figures released by the North Carolina Department of Correction, the average daily population of the state's prison system was 17,429 during March and 17,759 during April. This reduction reflects the lingering effects of emergency powers that were invoked during March to reduce the state's prison population below the legislatively mandated cap of 17,400.

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Dr. Elizabeth Latner, veteran educator and professor of Foreign languages and humanities at Shaw University was awarded a certificate as Distinguished Professor for 1988. The award signifies excellence in teaching, dedication to providing leadership to students and rendering meritorious service to the university.

WEATHER

A chance of thunderstorms will continue across North Carolina Thursday and again Saturday following a front that triggered showers and thunderstorms earlier this week. There is also a chance of thunderstorms along the coast on Friday. High temperatures will be in the upper 80s and low 90s through Saturday.

Seeking Double Salaries

Lawmakers Want Bigger Pay

BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN
Staff Writer
A legislative study panel has suggested that the salaries of members of the General Assembly be more than doubled.
Some citizens who could find themselves paying the healthy boost the present salaries should be

cut in half. Others suggest the higher salary is long overdue.
"What do they do? I believe I'm going to run for office," was one comment that could be heard in response to the proposal by the 14-member commission to raise state legislators' salaries from \$10,140 to \$21,375.
The basis for the increase, according to the commission, would be to attract the best-qualified candidates for public office.
If approved the pay rise would become effective in 1989.
"They need not to give them the \$10,000 they are making. Why do they need the money? Isn't that a part-time job? I believe in giving them ex-

pense money. That's what separates your statesmen from politicians. That's always been my feeling about any kind of public office. When you pay you attract people for the money. I don't think anybody needs to be running or something like that for a job or a paycheck," the speaker said.
And then there is the other side of

the issue, as another person noted, "\$20,000 is not too much for the work and time they put into it. It's almost like a full-time job when they're in session."
The speaker suggested that an attempt might be under way to bring legislators' pay in line with that received in other states, wherein he said some receive as much as \$30,000 annually for full-time work.
Candidate for lieutenant governor and state Sen. Tony Rand said he feels "some increase" is justifiable.
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\$20,000 Bond
Two Facing Drug Charges

Suspended From Job With Pay

A social Service employee along with a Wake County middle school teacher are out on bond and facing charges of trafficking in more than an ounce of cocaine.
Ms. Emily Randolph Debnam, 28, of 621 Quarry St. has been charged with two counts of trafficking in more than one ounce of cocaine. Her address is listed as the same as the Rev. Leatha Debnam, pastor of Tupper Memorial Baptist Church on S. Blount Street.
Ms. Debnam is employed as a disability specialist trainee by the state division of Social Services. She was released from the Wake County Jail on \$20,000 bond. As of Tuesday she had not been suspended from her job.

Also released on \$20,000 bond was a Wake County middle school teacher, Anthony M. Pope, 30, of 205 S. Swain St., who was charged with trafficking in more than an ounce of cocaine.
Pope, according to Wake County School officials has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of the legal investigation and an internal school system investigation.
Pope is the athletic director and coach at Whitley Middle School in Wendell.

Pope and Ms. Debnam were arrested in the parking lot of the Star-mountain Plaza Shopping Center off U.S. 1 North.
Pope has been teaching health and physical education at Whitley Middle School since 1981. He started as the coach of the school's track team in his first year and became coach of the football team three years ago.
If convicted, Pope and Ms. Debnam could face seven years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.
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LISTENING CADETS—Saint Augustine's College Cadets listened intently to N.C. 4th students went on to tour Annetum and Gettysburg Congressional District Congressman David Price during a part Battlefields (a part of Civil War history).

African Liberation Day Recalls Struggle For Freedom And Unity

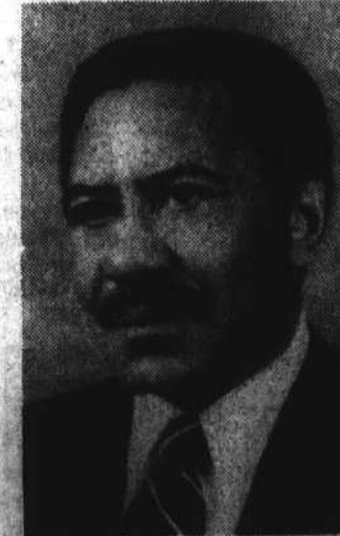
Since the settler-colonialism began in the 14th and 15th centuries when the Europeans established settlements in the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Middle East, African people have struggled against national oppression and economic exploitation.
April 15 was declared "Africa Freedom Day" to symbolize the determination of the people of Africa to free themselves from foreign domination and exploitation.

Between 1958 and 1963 17 countries in Africa won their independence, and 1960 was proclaimed the "Year of Africa." On May 25, 1963, 31 African heads of state convened a summit meeting to found the Organization of African Unity.
African Liberation Day was founded in 1958 by Kwame Nkrumah on the occasion of the first Conference of Independent States held in Accra, Ghana and attended by eight independent African states.
Nkrumah, whose ideas infused the black power movement here in the United States, published several books on the theme of the right of the people to self-determination, and the importance of unity among people of African descent. He wrote:
"It must be understood that liberation movements in Africa, the struggles of black power in America or in any other parts of the world can only find consummation in the political unification of Africa, the home of the black man and people of African des-

cent throughout the world. African-Americans have been separated from their cultural and national roots."
In 1970 the Pan-African Secretariat of Guyana made the call for the celebration of African Liberation Day in the Western Hemisphere. In response, a large demonstration was held in Georgetown, Guyana and smaller celebrations in the United States, Canada and Europe.
In 1972 a coalition of forces in the United States sponsored African Liberation Day in Washington, D.C.
On Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28, African Liberation Day activities will take place in Washington, D.C. on the campus of Howard University and in Malcolm X Park.
The activities will kick off with a Pan-African and International Symposium at Howard University's School of Social Work Auditorium on Friday at 6 p.m. and conclude with a march and rally beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday in Malcolm X Park. The theme will be "Thirty Years of African Liberation Day: Africa Will Be Free, Unified and Socialist."
Similar activities will be taking place in cities throughout the United States and Canada on the same dates.
An impressive array of organiza-
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DR. TALBERT O. SHAW



DR. JAMES E. CHEEK

Dr. Cheek Returns To Shaw Commencement

Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard University, former president of Shaw University and a Shaw alumnus, was the Shaw commencement speaker May 7 at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Three hundred thirty-three graduates were awarded baccalaureate degrees.
Dr. Cheek's administration at Shaw University is credited with the erection of ultra-modern buildings, the erection of the Blount Street overpass and Tupper Memorial Garden.

"Outstanding Young Men in America," 1973 edition of "Men of Achievement," and the 1974 edition of "Leaders in Education."
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Appreciation Checks Claimed By Three Here

There were three winners in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating businesses. The winners who found their names hidden on the Appreciation Page this week were Ms. Mattie Whitaker, 1216 Smithfield St.; Ms. Beatrice Thompson, 2206 Calvary St.; and Ms. Pearl Jacobs, 201 Worth St.
After coming into The CAROLINIAN office at 518 E. Martin St. and properly identifying themselves, win-
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Rights Leaders To Meet With Busch, Dukakis

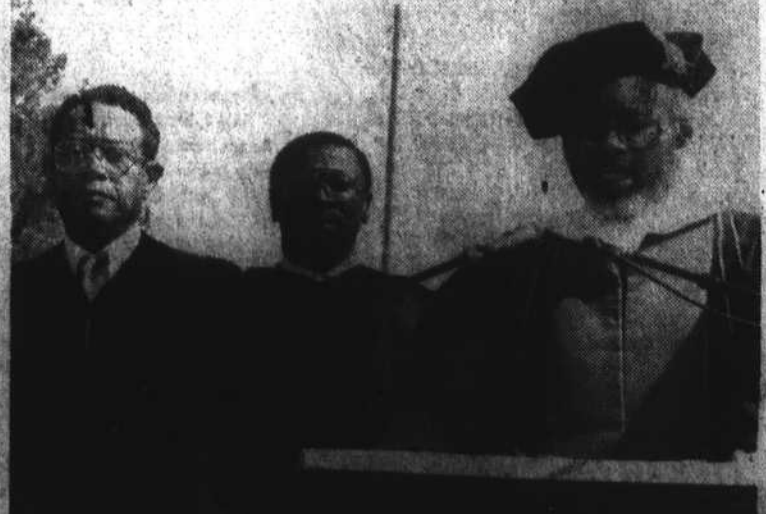
BY LARRY A. STILL
NAPA News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The presidential nominees of the Republican and Democratic parties must follow the leadership of Rev. Jesse Jackson in considering key public policy issues of all Americans if either one expects black voters to provide the margin of victory in 1988, National Urban League experts declared last week.
NUL president John E. Jacob and other civil rights leaders are scheduled to meet with Vice President George Bush, the expected Republican nominee, on May 19, and Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis "soon" to discuss campaign platform recommendations presented in the "Black Americans and Public Policy" report prepared by the major non-profit, community-based organization.
"We're not ruling out the nomination of Rev. Jackson [at the Democratic Party convention in Atlanta in July]," Jacob declared, but he emphasized that if Bush and Dukakis are selected as predicted, "they cannot win without black support."
The National Urban League will urge its 161 chapters and other community organizations to consider the nominees' views on government action to deal with the pervasive problems in civil rights enforcement, employment, education, welfare, and
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Judges Bench

TENANTS SETTLE CLAIMS
A group of Raleigh tenants who lived in substandard houses have agreed to \$5,500 settlement of their claims against landlords who postponed making repairs ordered by the city. The settlement ended a long legal battle against landlords Norman K. and Evelyn B. Stanley of Raleigh. In a Wake Superior Court trial in April 1986, the Stanleys were found to have used unfair business practices by charging tenants excessive penalties for late rent, using eviction proceedings to collect rent and demanding full rent for units that violated the city housing code.

DRUG LAWS

North Carolina should remove the loopholes from some of its anti-drug laws, Gov. James G. Martin recommended in a package he proposed for tough new measures to keep convicted drug traffickers in prison longer. State laws now provide for a mandatory five-to-10-year sentence for drug dealers, depending on the severity of the crime, Martin said. Martin said he would seek mandatory life sentences for convicted drug kingpins—those directing the drug activities of at least five other people. Those whose drug activities result in someone's death could face the death penalty under another measure now pending in the legislature, one Martin said he would urge lawmakers to pass.



HONORARY DEGREE—Dr. Cecil L. Peterson, extreme left, was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Humanities as North Carolina Central University observed its graduation exercises Saturday, May 7, in Durham. Dr. Peterson retired in 1986 from the post of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at NCCU, and was recently elected Professor Emeritus by the NCCU Board of Trustees. Dr. T. R. Baines, center, assisted as NCCU Chancellor Tyrone R. Richmond conferred the degree.

This Week's Appreciation Money
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