

### Highest Grade-Point Average

# Wake Student Takes Top Honors

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This year the competition for the number one spot among high school graduates for the Wake County area was very intense. The title of "top valedictorian" for 1988 goes to Kimberly Camille West, 18, of the William G. Enloe Magnet High School in Raleigh.

Out of the 4,538 seniors to be graduated in the 22 public, private, and church-related high schools in the Wake County area, Ms. West had the highest grade-point average of 4.835, which was also tops for her class of 460.

Ms. West was born in Fayetteville in 1970 and grew up in Raleigh. She is

one who strongly believes that she can achieve any goal through hard work and determination. As proof, she has achieved numerous significant accomplishments.

Some of her academic achievements include being inducted into the National Honor Society and being elected an officer of the Enloe Chapter. In the 10th grade, she was accepted at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, but decided not to attend in order to continue the numerous activities in

which she had become involved at Enloe. During the summer of her 10th grade, she attended the North

Carolina Governor's School where her mind was opened to futuristic and

convergent thinking. While still at Enloe, Ms. West was a part-time student at North Carolina State University.

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A versatile person, Ms. West is also involved in many community and extracurricular activities. While at Enloe, she actively participated in the girls' tennis team, the Symphonic Honors Wind Band, served as vice president of the French Club, was a 1986 state finalist on the Speech and Debating Team, and was elected by the student body as its 1987 homecoming queen.

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MS. KIMBERLY C. WEST

## Brawley Story Denounced As "Pack Of Lies"

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—A former aide to the Rev. Al Sharpton told the Daily News and WCBS-TV that he'd left the team of advisers working on the Tawana Brawley case because "it's all nothing but a pack of lies."

Perry McKinnon, 39, who served as an aide to Sharpton from January until May, told the News that even Sharpton expressed doubts about the teenager's charge that she had been kidnapped and raped by six white men last November.

"I brought it up to [Sharpton] that all the information didn't jibe to me," McKinnon told the

"There are too many lies. And I'm not going to live with all those lies..."

—Perry McKinnon

News. "That it just didn't show where some whites had done it. And that we shouldn't be taken off the beaten path by any rumors or any writing that was on her body."

The 16-year-old was found lying on the side of a road in Wappingers Falls, her hair shorn and racial epithets written in animal excrement scrawled on her body.

"He said to me, 'That sounds shaky to me, too,'" McKinnon said, recalling the conversation with Sharpton.

"Sharpton told me, 'It don't matter whether any whites did it or not. Something happened to her,'" McKinnon said, referring to Ms. Brawley. "But I said, 'That's not enough,'" McKinnon told the News.

He also told the news organizations that Sharpton admitted the whole Brawley situation was "not about the story. It's about them

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## Adoption Wait Shorter For Healthy Children

Couples who wish to adopt black infants will have an even shorter wait than ever before at the Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

"More black young women are choosing to place their children for adoption," said Sandy M. Cook, director of the Inter-Agency Program at the Children's Home Society. "This means there's not only school-age children but also infants available to couples who wish to increase their family through adoption."

"So often, myths and half-truths keep many families from knowing about adoption or from experiencing the joys of being parents. This is so unfortunate when there are so many children who need families and so many couples who are either childless or who would like to be parents again."

"Unlike what many people believe, couples do not have to be rich or own their own home to adopt. Our guidelines are just good common sense. We want our families to have enough income to support another child, to have enough room in their home for another child and to be young enough to watch the child grow up."

"When couples contact us, they do not have to wait a long time to meet with a caseworker. Our caseworkers meet with the families several times to get to know them and for the family to understand the components of adoption," said Cook.

Most of the infants at the Children's Home Society are with their adoptive families by the time they are six to seven weeks of age. Infants must remain with foster parents for at least 30 days from the time that both birth parents sign consent forms for adoption. As soon as an infant is legally free to be adopted, the agency places the child with an adoptive family that has been selected for that particular child.

"Adoption is a wonderful way to

\$325,000 Allocated

## Park Finally Gets Gym

### Council Approves Facility

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Raleigh City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr., said last week that after several years of "pushing," a gymnasium will be constructed at the Roberts Park Recreation Center.

"At our last council meeting we were able to get approval... for \$325,000 for the building of a gymnasium onto Roberts Park," Campbell said.

"It will not be a large gymnasium. Roberts Park is designed as a neighborhood park," he said, noting that the facility will not be of the magnitude of the Chavis Park gymnasium or similar structures.

A Roberts Park master plan committee has been appointed to guide the building of the gymnasium and additional landscaping at the site. Dr. David Mallette, Sr. is chairman of the committee which includes as its members Ed Worth and A.W. Solomon.

Campbell said the gymnasium had been the focus of promises and discussions for years. A decision by the city to allocate \$30,000 for gymnasium study, and the inclusion of the facility in a bond issue, resulted in a heightening of community interest in the additional construction.

W.A. Rainbow, a resident of the Roberts Park community, and many others in the neighborhood have shown a strong interest in the upgrading of Roberts Park with a gymnasium, Campbell said.

He stated that the precise location (See NEW GYM, P. 2)



POWERFUL ADVISER—The nation's first black national security adviser, Lt. General Colin L. Powell delivers a press statement flanked by (left to right) former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, President Reagan and Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci. Powell has emerged as one of the most powerful black men ever to serve the U.S. government.

### An Interview With Dr. Nthato Motlana

## South African-Israeli Dilemma

JERUSALEM—Israel's president, Haim Herzog, hosted visiting diplomats and 130 African students currently studying in Israel to celebrate 25 years of African-Israeli relations and the anniversary of the Organization of African Unity. The 130 students at the president's reception are part of Israel's International Development Cooperation Program (Mashav) which, since its founding in 1958, has provided advanced training to thousands of African students and professionals in such fields as agriculture, community health, industry, business and communications.

Among the visitors from 23 African countries was Dr. Nthato Motlana, the most prominent black South African leader ever to come to Israel. Dr. Motlana, in his capacity as president of the Soweto Civic Organization, said that he was in Israel to investigate the change in Israel's policy toward South Africa.

Following are his remarks to Voice of Israel radio in an interview.

Q. What is your impression regarding Israel's relations with black Africa in general and black South Africa in particular?

A. We were saddened a few years back when relations between Israel, black Africa and black South Africa soured... black South Africans have over the years enjoyed a very special relationship with the Jews of South

Africa. Therefore it was most disappointing when the relationship soured, when black African nations broke relations with Israel over the question of Israel's relations with Arabs. There are indications now that the relationship may be repaired. I am more than favorably impressed by the number of African nations represented at this gathering. Many of them have not renewed diplomatic relations with Israel. Many of these people are students. Over the years it is apparent that the best am-

bassadors of Israel are these students. Black students from South Africa are noticeable by their absence. I would hope that in the future they will play an important role in this relationship... I hope that Israel will regain the kind of pre-eminent position it had; sending its emissaries, sending its experts, medical, engineering, but most important its agricultural experts in order to help in the development that Africa needs so much. I do hope relations will improve.

Q. Are the South Africans who are already receiving training in places like the Afro-Asian Institute having any impact?

A. There have been too few black South African students who have come here to make a real impression. I came here to see this organization called ORT. We are engaged in a battle to extend training, not only academic training but vocational training, to black South Africans. There are very many technical high (See SOUTH AFRICAN, P. 2)

## Largest Prison Construction In NC History Bearing Fruit

The largest prison construction program in state history is beginning to bear fruit with new dormitories at Sanford Advancement Center and Guilford, Forsyth and Davidson County prison facilities.

During the dedication of two 50-bed dormitories at the Sanford Advancement Center, State Correction Secretary Aaron J. Johnson stressed the need for continuing the correctional reforms of recent years.

"This construction is just a start," Johnson said. "There is much more than needs to be done."

In his remarks, Secretary Johnson added, "We will need even more construction to bring our prison system

up to appropriate standards." North Carolina's prison system is currently facing a number of legal challenges in which prison overcrowding is a major issue.

The dormitories that were dedicated last week are part of the state's \$29.3 million Emergency Prison Facilities Development program, under which 2,554 new beds are being built system-wide to help address the problem of prison overcrowding. Gov. Martin's 1988-89 supplemental budget requests almost \$28 million for the construction of an additional 976 medium-custody beds and support facilities.

"As Gov. Martin noted in his 10 Year

Prison Plan more than two years ago, we need to build prisons for those that pose a threat to public safety," Johnson said. "But we also need alternatives for those who can pay their debt to society without incarceration."

He added, "Otherwise, we may have to build a new prison every year to meet population pressures."

The first construction completed under this program, at the New Hanover Correctional Center near Wilmington, was formally dedicated in April. The dedication of two new 50-man dormitories at the Carteret Prison Unit near Newport was held (See PRISON, P. 2)



BENEFACTORS LUNCHEON—(Right to Left) John H. Bryan Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Sara Lee Corporation; The Honorable Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta; the fund-raising event saluted Johnson for his support of The Honorable Judge Abe Marovitz and John Johnson, UNCF, chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson Publishing