Wake Student Takes Top Honors

BY IRENE R. CLARK Special To The CAROLINIAN

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 gradauted 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

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

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 organizawhole Brawley situation was "not about the story, it's about them

(See TAWANA BRAWLEY, P. 2)

Couples who wish to adopt black in-

fants will have an even shorter wait

than ever before at the Children's

"More black young women are

choosing to place their children for

adoption," said Sandy M. Cook, direc-

tor 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

"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

many couples who are either

childless or who would like to be

their own home to adopt. Our

young enough to watch the child grow

to get to know them and for the family

to understand the components of

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 re-

30 days from the time that both birth

parents sign consent forms for adop-

tion. 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

adoption," said Cook.

"Unlike what many people believe,

family through adoption.

parents again.

Home Society of North Carolina.

Adoption Wait Shorter

For Healthy Children

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 unvergent thinking. While still at Enloe. During the summer of her 10th Enloe, Ms. West was a part-time stugrade. she attended the North dent at North Carolina State Univer-

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Carolina Governor's School where sity (1986-87), where she earned A's her mind was opened to futuristic and in both Calculus III and Differential

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 homecom-

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MS. KIMBERLY C. WEST

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Park Finally Gets Gym

Council **Approves Facility**

BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN

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.

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)

start or to add to a family. Our ser-

vices are free but many of our

families make donations to help us

find homes for other children," said

across the state, we are easily ac-

cessible to any families who may

need our services," said Ruth Mc-

Cracken, executive director. The

agency's offices are located in

Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville,

Greensboro, Greenville, Jackson-

ville, Raleigh and Wilmington. A

telephone call or a letter to any office

will begin the adoption process.

"With our eight offices located

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

An Interview With Dr. Nthato Motlana

Mutual Savings And Loan Ranks As Tops For Serving Blacks

DURHAM-A Durham savings and loan association that has made a tradition of lending to blacks unable to get money from white-owned banks has received national recognition after 67 straight years of profits.

With more than \$22 million in assets last year, Mutual Savings and Loan is ranked among the top 200 S&Ls in the nation. It also received an A-plus rating last year from Sheshunoff Rating Services, the highest mark given by the firm.

In 1987, Mutual earned \$306,906 in profits, up from \$298,344 in the previous year. That translates to a two percent return on assets. Among banks and S&Ls, a one percent return on assets is considered good.

The company was chosen savings and loan of the year by the magazine Black Enterprise in its June issue.

'We know our niche and we stick to it," said F.V. "Pete" Allison, president of Mutual. "We're here to serve the community-not that we're not out to make a profit. We're small, so we can get to know our customers and design a savings and loan plan for them.'

Founded in 1921 by a group of black business leaders, Mutual's clientele is still mostly blue-collar blacks. George K. Quick, Mutual's senior vice president, told the

magazine the institution has never suffered an annual loss or lost money on a loan in 67 years. "Over the years we've gradually built up our reserves so when

the bad years hit we were able to make it through," said Allison, who's been with Mutual for 35 years. Making loans is not a perfect business, he said.

"It doesn't take but two or three bad loans to take an S&L down," he said. "We tried to make small loans to individuals but we stayed (See MUTUAL SAVINGS, P. 2)

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 communica-

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 Isreal 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

JERUSALEM-Isreal's president, Africa. Therefore it was most disappointing when the relationship soured, when black African nations broke relations with Isreal 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 order to help in the development that people are students. Over the years it Africa needs so much. I do hope relais apparent that the best am- tions will improve.

bassadors of Isreal 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 preeminent position it had; sending its emissaries, sending its experts, medical, engineering, but most important its agricultural experts in

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 Air 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 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. Matin noted in his 10 Year

up to appropriate standards." North 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)

Legislature Funds children who need families and so **Fourth Year Basic Education Program** couples do not have to be rich or own

guidelines are just good common students will get more teachers, more sense. We want our families to have summer school and more textbooks enough income to support another and supplies, the General Assembly child, to have enough room in their has decided.

home for another child and to be As part of the 1988-89 budget, the Legislature invested \$260.5 million in "When couples contact us, they do the Basic Education Plan, a plan begun by the Legislature four years not have to wait a long time to meet ago to underwrite a core education with a caseworker. Our caseworkers for all public school children in North meet with the families several times

Carolina. The single largest expenditure, \$88 million, will go to fund additional teachers in grades K-12, at the discreation of the individual local school unit. Another \$7 million will go to reduce class sizes to one teacher main with foster parents for at least

per 28 students in grades 10-12. The second-largest single expenditure, \$40.6 million, will allow the staste to pay the full salary of the previously locally-funded vocational education teachers. The state had been paying half the salaries of the vocational education teachers.

Approximately \$17 million goes to

North Carolina public school complete tull funding of the remedial summer school program begun by the Legislature in 1985. As of the 1988 school year, the intensive program and its related transportation costs will be available for all students who need remedial instruction in all grades from 1-11.

In addition, the General Assembly will invest \$12.5 million more in 1988-89 to raise the per-student allotments the state makes for instructional materials and supplies for textbook funds.

Legislators voted to put \$30.5 million into funding to help handicapped, gifted and exceptional students throug the BEP. The budget bill pro-vides \$7.5 million to eliminate internal caps for funding programs for handicapped students and \$5 million to extend programs for handicapped and gifted students to include those between the ages of 18 and 20. Another \$18 million will be used to pay for related services like visual See LEGISLATURE, P. 2)



BENEFACTORS LUNCHEON—(Right to Left) John H. Bryan Company, gather at the L Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Sara Lee Annual Benefactors' Lunci Corporation; The Honorable Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta; the fund-raising event saluted J The Honorable Judge Abe Marovitz and John Johnson, UNCF. chairman and chief executive officer of Johnson Publishing

"Adoption is a wonderful way to