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NEWS BRIEFS

SHAW-WIGGINS DEDICATION

The Shaw Divinity School will formally dedicate the Shaw-Wiggins Campus, the new home of the school at a formal convocation at 11:30 a.m. July 23 at the new Shaw Divinity School chapel. The honorable Johnny Ford, Mayor of Tuskegee, Ala. and president of World Conference of Mayors will be the speaker.

PRISON DORMS

Secretary Aaron J. Johnson will join other state and local officials for the dedication of two 50-man dormitories at the Robeson County Prison Unit at 10 a.m. on July 29. The North Carolina General Assembly, in their recently-concluded "short" session, appropriated another \$17.4 million for construction of an additional 624 medium-custody beds and support facilities.

BAR ASSOCIATION GRANTS

The Wake County Bar Association has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to fund the association's Volunteer Lawyers Program, a program which includes 320 private attorneys in Wake County who have volunteered to provide free civil legal services to the county's poor.

AMERICAN HUB HELPS

More than 1.68 million passengers boarded planes at Raleigh/Durham International Airport during the first six months of this year, an increase of more than 96 percent over the same period in 1987. The increase reported to the airport authority also reflects the influence of the American Airlines' hub for north-south flights, which opened June 15, 1987.

AIDING BLIND

The Wake County Board of Commissioners has awarded the contract of operating the courthouse snack bar to the state Division of Services for the Blind. The division will become the third operator in the past year to try running the restaurant. Under the contract awarded this week, the division's Business Enterprise Program will lease the snack bar for one year and will pay 5 percent of its gross sales as rent to the county. The contract

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Weather

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are in the weather picture for most of the state through Friday, followed by variable cloudiness through the weekend. Showers and thunderstorms Friday with highs in the 90s Thursday and cooling a bit Friday with highs in the 80s, except in the lower 90s in the southeast. Lows are expected to be in the 60s and 70s.



REV. JESSE JACKSON
Arcade Slaying

Murder Trial Resumes

Teenagers Describe Incident

Prosecutor Karl E. Knudsen said in his closing statement in September 1985 that Mark Lee "Mack" Nichols "told his cousin on several occasions that he was going to rob Pete Collins. And then, lo and behold, Pete Collins is robbed. Pete Collins is shot. Pete Collins is killed."

But one of Nichols' court appointed attorneys, Thomas C. Manning, told the jury Nichols' cousin never heard Nichols and Douglas E. Black say "when, how where...they intended to do these things. Saying something doesn't make it true."

Two teenagers told a Wake Superior Court this week their account of the 1985 robbery and the shooting death of video arcade owner Roy Leonza "Pete" Collins.

The testimony came in the first-degree murder trial of Black, who is charged with shooting Collins during Jan. 29, 1985, robbery at Capitol Variety and Video on Smithfield St.

According to police, Black fled Raleigh the day after the shooting, and was not arrested until May 1987 when he was picked up in Cincinnati on unrelated charges.

A Wake jury in September, 1985 convicted Nichols of first-degree murder, armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and assault and was sentenced to life plus 50 years in prison.

During the 1985 trial, Nichols' attorney, L. Michael Dodd and Manning claimed that Knudsen based his case against Nichols on circumstantial evidence and failed to prove "beyond reasonable doubt" that Nichols was guilty of the charges brought against him.

"There are many questions that remain unanswered, many reasonable doubts in this case," Dodd said.

No weapons, ballistic tests, or fingerprints connect Nichols to the scene of the crime, Dodd said, and no one at the scene could identify the assailants.

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Jackson Electrifies Convention As Dukakis Marshalls Campaign Forces

Annie Sanders voiced the feelings of possibly millions of Americans watching the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta on Tuesday evening as Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke:

"I didn't know whether to cry or shout," the owner-operator of Annie Loves U-2 Beauty Salon said.

"He's tops now. What else can I say? That's all we talked about the whole (next) morning in the shop," she said.

From teary eyes, suppressed anger, hope to jubilation, supporters

and admirers of Jackson pinned their ears to each word of his speech.

"It's a good feeling," was the way Ms. Sanders described her reaction to the candidate's message. "We're just too excited in here today. It's like church or something. All of us strongly feel that if he doesn't make it this time, he probably will be the president the next time. We have to keep on pushing."

Emma Goza, proprietor of E.G. Hats, Etc., described Jackson's speech as "dynamic...very well prepared and very well delivered."

"I was very impressed. I felt very good about the progress he has made. He is a winner. I couldn't tell from his comments whether or not he had obtained any real commitments from the (Michael) Dukakis camp and what his role will be. I do believe that he will have a major role in the Dukakis campaign... (and) in the Democratic Party. He was characterized as being the most powerful black politician that has ever been," said Mrs. Goza.

As Dukakis moved into the winner's circle at the close of the

Democratic National Convention, a cadre of key black supporters began to move into the spotlight after months of involvement in the hotly contested campaign with Rev. Jackson.

The long-time Dukakis followers are mostly from the northeast region of the country and include select state and local leaders along the Boston to Austin (Texas) axis now being re-established for presidential candidate Dukakis and vice-president teammate Lloyd Bentsen.

Top strategists include: newly promoted campaign coordinator Joseph D. Warren, who established the Warren Committee of original Dukakis backers in the Boston area; Donna Brazile, deputy national field director who formerly served as (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2)

Cong. Lewis Encourages Involvement

More than 100 people including Congressman John Lewis of Atlanta, attended a reception/fundraiser at St. Augustine's College for Congressman David Price last week. Price is running for reelection this year.

"Talk the talk and walk the walk," Congressman Lewis told the crowd. "Go out there and see that David Price is reelected. We need him in Washington."

Lewis, who was a close ally of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, is a former city council member from Atlanta and was elected to Congress in 1986 when Price was also elected. Speaking in support of Price, Lewis encouraged the crowd to not only vote for their incumbent congressman but to also get personally involved in bringing positive change to their community and their country.

"It's very important that we have men and women of conscience," said Lewis. "People that are willing to do their part in the nitty-gritty work, to roll up their sleeves and help put back on the American agenda the concerns and the needs of that segment of the population that has been left out and left behind." David Price is one of those people, he added.

"I say to all of you here in this region of the country, in this state and 11 southern states from Virginia to Texas, that we refer to as the Old South. We call it the New South. I call it the Good South. The south that is in (See ENCOURAGES, P. 2)

Judges' Bench

TAKING HOSTAGES

The trial of two American Indians accused of taking hostages at a Lumberton newspaper has been rescheduled for August 1 but defense attorneys say they will not be able to open the trial on that date. Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs are accused of storming the offices of The Robesonian newspaper Feb. 1 and holding up to 20 people hostage during a 10-hour siege. William Kunstler is their lead defense counsel.

PIZZA HUT ROBBERY

About three weeks ago a Pizza Hut Store was robbed by two men at 4450 Creedmoor Rd. Police reports said the two men entered the restaurant shortly after 4 p.m. and ordered food. Then one of the robbers pulled out a revolver and demanded money.

Both men fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

The description of the gunmen is as follows: two black men — one was described as 20-23 years old, standing about 5-10 and weighing about 135 lbs., the other described by witnesses as 28-30 years old, 5-8, 190 lbs. with a mustache and long sideburns. He wore a red baseball cap, blue jeans and a red shirt. While his taller companion was wearing a red baseball cap also, with a blue shirt, and a blue sweatshirt wrapped around his waist.

Anyone with any information concerning this crime can call Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP. You can remain anonymous, and possibly receive up to a \$1,000 reward.



GATHERING SUPPORT—Congressman John Lewis of recently to get involved in bringing positive change to their Atlanta encouraged an audience during a fundraiser for community and country. Congressman David Price at Saint Augustine's College

Chavis Heights Residents Prepare For 50th Anniversary Celebration

The residents of Chavis Heights are planning a festive 50th anniversary celebration for their community. A community festival is being planned and will include a host of activities ranging from games, arts and crafts, Teddy Bear Parade, food, fun and more. Ms. Jessie Copeland, president of the Chavis Heights Resident Council, invites all residents who ever lived in Chavis Heights to attend the community festival.

"Many former residents who have excelled in their professions will be featured on a short program to share what the Chavis Heights Community means to them," Ms. Copeland said. "Some of the former residents will include Bobby and Lorraine Hinton, James Burt, Obataiyi B. Akinwale and others."

Chavis Heights is one of the Raleigh Housing Authority's (RHA) oldest communities. The roots of Raleigh's

public housing program goes back to 1938, the year RHA was organized, but the fruition was not until 1940. In July, 1940, initial occupancy began at Halifax Court. Before Thanksgiving this was the home of 231 families. Chavis Heights, the project for blacks, was opened for partial occupancy on December 16, 1940. Before Christmas 92 families had moved in. The other 139 units were occupied Feb. 15, 1941, only 12 days after opening. With 4,319 poorly housed families to choose from, according to a survey, the Housing Authority had four or five

applications for every unit available. Their greatest sorrow was that so few could be accepted.

Chavis Heights adjoins Chavis Park, a recreational development, which by its name honors John Chavis, a black freeman who was a cultural leader of his race here before the Civil War. The Chavis Heights community leads others in commemorating the Housing Authority's 50th year of service to the citizens of Raleigh and Wake County.

1988 not only marks the Golden Anniversary of Chavis Heights, but (See CHAVIS HEIGHTS, P. 2)

Brandon Elected To Regional Post

Over 90 North Carolina adult and youth delegates and observers played major roles in the 79th Annual NAACP National Convention, winning elections, gathering awards, earning diplomas, making presentations and conducting workshops in the process.

Vote! Be Heard, was the theme of this year's national convention held July 9-15 in Washington, D. C. Rev. Jesse Jackson, Vice President George Bush, Gov. Michael Dukakis, Virginia Lt. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder and AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland all spoke to the convention participants.

North Carolinians made significant achievements and contributions at this convention.

Among them: Associate Consultants, a black Winston-Salem public relations and consulting firm, announced the successful negotiation of a national billboard campaign to promote the NAACP's nationwide Radiothon membership drive culminating on Sept. 24. The firm, in conjunction with the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, will erect billboards in the 50 top metropolitan areas. "This is a two-year campaign that will culminate with billboards nationwide in 1989," said Rodney Sumler, president of Associate Consultants and chairman of the NAACP's state press and publicity committee.

Portia Brandon, president of the

Raleigh-Apex branch, was elected vice chairman of the Region Five executive committee. Region Five, which consists of seven states is the largest region in the NAACP. Also elected to represent Region Five on key committees were D. D. Garrett, of Pitt County, teller; Rev. John London, Hertford, time and place committee and Joseph Mitchell, Greensboro, sergeant-at-arms.

Ann Shipman of Fayetteville and Ada Singleton of Wadesboro were each bestowed the Unsung Heroine Award by the national board of directors. -Five North Carolinians were (See PORTIA BRANDON, P. 2)



MS. PORTIA BRANDON



JUBILEE CONVENTION—Colonel Frederick Gregory, NASA Kennedy, of Mobile, Alabama, Delta's new national president, astronaut, Mrs. Hortense G. Canady, of Lansing, Michigan, chat after speeches by Young and Gregory to Delta's outgoing president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Mayor Diamond Jubilee convention held here. Andrew Young, of Atlanta, Georgia, and Dr. Yvonne