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Business And Civic Leaders Embrace King Shrine In Display Of Support

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Triangle business and civic leaders have unleashed an unprecedented display of support for North Carolina's first public shrine honoring the slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The North Carolina Martin Luther King statue and memorial gardens, organized by the Raleigh-based King Celebration Committee, Inc., is scheduled to start construction Aug. 14 in Southeast Raleigh, with a formal dedication planned for Jan. 16, 1990, the fifth national holiday honoring King.

Speaking in support of the \$180,000 project were area notables G. Smedes York, former Raleigh mayor and president of York Construction Co.; Daniel T. Blue, Jr., N.C. General Assembly; Frank Daniels, Jr., presi-

dent, News and Observer Publishing Co.; James F. Goodman, president, Capitol Broadcasting Co.; William W.

Chamber of Commerce; Vernon Malone, Wake County commissioner; and Henry McCoy, deputy secretary,

development plans for the project. R. Marc Jordan, president of the chamber, said, "This project means so much to our community and state. The King planning committee did an

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"Anyone should feel honored and privileged to share in the determination to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is a small gesture to his life of sacrifices on behalf of mankind to erect a monument in his honor here..."

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Graham, Jr., vice president, Carolina Power and Light Co. and chairman of the board of the Greater Raleigh

N.C. Department of Administration. The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce took an active lead in the fund

Will Jesse Run?

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Jesse L. Jackson will be presented the NAACP's prestigious 74th Spingarn Award at that organization's convention this year, NAACP executive director Benjamin L. Hooks announced recently.

This is only one of many awards, though probably the most coveted, the charismatic "country preacher" has received or will receive this year. While he will certainly be given the announced top NAACP honor, it is not certain that he will accept the challenge to run for mayor of the District of Columbia despite the loud clamoring that has accompanied rumors he is positioning himself to do so.

But some Democrats seem hell-bent on "giving" Jackson the mayoralty to forestall an anticipated third Jackson bid in 1992 for a Democratic presidential nomination. Some other Democrats, however, according to Democratic National Chairman Ronald Brown, are trying to change DNC rules that seem to favor giving Jackson a leg up in the nominating race.

In an unusually caustic critique of rule change advocates, Brown said at a Capitol Hill press conference recently that those who are advocating rewriting the party's nomination rules would drop their cause if Jackson decides not to run for president in 1992.

Said Brown, "We've had a lot of rules experts emerge in the last couple of months, people who've never paid attention to rules, don't know anything about rules, didn't know anything about rules two months ago, don't know anything about rules now [and] are now pontificating about them. I would suspect that if Jesse Jackson decided to run for mayor of the District of Columbia, a lot of these people would no longer be rules experts and you wouldn't get all of this pontification. I suspect there is a lot more behind this than genuine concern for the rules."

Last summer Jackson and his supporters successfully fought for rules that guarantee Democratic candidates delegates in proportion to the vote they receive in primaries and caucuses. Opponents cried that pure proportionality makes it more difficult for a candidate to wrap up the nomination quickly and that the new rules especially work to Jackson's benefit.

As to Jackson's running for D.C. mayor, while not ruling out such a bid, he has emphatically declared (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

Gov. James G. Martin has announced the 10th annual Governor's Complimentary Ticket Program for Older North Carolinians. Fifteen professional theater companies are donating more than 15,000 free tickets for the enjoyment of older citizens aged 60 and over who attend the performance in groups of 20 or more.

A few of the participating theater companies are: Unto These Hills, Cherokee; Strike at the Wind, Pembroke; Just One of Those Days, Carrboro; and Warehouse Moon, Raleigh.

Tickets are available by writing Wayne White at the N.C. Division of Aging, 1985 Umstead Drive, Raleigh 27603.

ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Dr. Margaret Simms, deputy director for research, Joint Center for Political Studies, will conduct a symposium Thursday, May 18, on "The Black Economic Progress at the Sheraton-Imperial Hotel and Towers, Research Triangle Park.

Joshua I. Smith, chairman and CEO of Maxima Corp., along with William "Sonny" Williams, vice president of the National Alliance of Business, were keynote speakers.

ECONOMIC FUTURE

The Southeast Raleigh Community Development Corp. will conduct a conference on the economic future of Southeast Raleigh at St. Augustine's college (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

Claims Discrimination

Executive Sues Brewery

Corporation Surprised At Charges

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Charging that his attorneys have been working with the firm since mid-January and "[have] been unable to resolve the claims," Obrie Smith, II, director of marketing relations of Miller Brewing Co., has filed a \$4.3 million race discrimination suit against Miller in federal court.

An employee of Miller since December 1978, Smith, 48, a familiar figure at many of NNPA's affairs, is seeking \$1.8 million in compensatory damages and \$2.5 million in punitive damages, plus attorneys' fees.

His suit alleges that the firm discriminated against him on the basis of his race by not promoting him to a higher executive position, particularly the position of vice president of corporate affairs. This position was vacated when Alan Easton, his immediate boss, retired in December 1988. Smith's suit alleges that Smith was the logical candidate for Easton's job.

The lengthy bill of particulars includes Smith's charges that Miller on various occasions took tasks and responsibilities away from him including the brewery tour program and responsibility for various community relations programs and gave them to white executives; the com-

(See EXEC SUES MILLER, P. 2)



APARTMENTS FOR THE ELDERLY—In an effort to help eliminate the plight of the elderly seeking apartments, Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church and congregation join in building a 16-unit complex.

Cosmo & Lewis Estate is located on Cross Link and Medley roads. Here distinguished leaders and residents are seen cutting the ribbon for the opening of the apartments.

A.M.E. Church Brings 96th Annual Session Of 2nd District To Area

Bishop H. Hartford Brookins will preside over the 96th annual session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, held through May 21 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Raleigh.

The Right Rev. Brookins was elected the 91st Bishop of the A.M.E. Church at the 39th session of the

General Conference in 1972.

Throughout his life and ministry, Bishop Brookins has exemplified a strong commitment to people. He has been an activist for the causes of freedom, justice and economic empowerment. Bishop Brookins is a co-founding member of Operation PUSH along with Rev. Jesse Jackson and others. Brookins co-chaired three successful campaigns for Mayor Tom

Bradley of Los Angeles and he played a key role in Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 campaigns for president of the United States.

Bishop Brookins is credited with inspiring numerous black politicians and clergy people both spiritually and financially in pursuing their successful careers in public life and the ministry.

In July 1988, during the 43rd session of the General Conference of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Brookins was assigned as presiding prelate of the Second Episcopal District, which includes the District of Columbia, North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia. He leads more than 316 churches with approximately 100,000 members. His goals for the Second Episcopal District include being a vocal proponent for representative (See METHODIST, P. 2)

Dr. Shaw Displays Unique Perspective

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

One of the leading educators in America and president of one of the oldest black institutions of education has been elected by the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to serve on the executive committee.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University, has been elected to the executive committee of the North Carolina Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the North Carolina Center for Independent Higher Education for 1989-91.

"Dr. Shaw's experience and expertise will bring a unique perspective to our executive committee," said John T. Hensley.

Hensley is president of the committee for the organization that lobbies for 37 colleges in North Carolina including Bennett College in Greensboro, Duke University in Durham, Johnson C. Smith in Charlotte, Livingstone in Salisbury, and Meredith College, Peace College, (See DR. SHAW, P. 2)



DR. TALBERT O. SHAW

Teen Pregnancy: Problem Of Choice A Sense Of Self-Esteem Plays Valuable Role

BY YVONNE CONWELL

Each day in North Carolina 75 teenagers get pregnant, and by the end of the year the figure has reached 28,000. Fifty percent of them will become parents and 40 percent will choose abortion, leaving a complex problem for parents, teachers and

support groups in search of a solution.

The North Carolina Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy in a report issued recently said that in order to decrease adolescent pregnancy, certain prevention strategies must be implemented. "These strategies must be multiple and comprehensive.

They must be long-term and reflect ways to change behavior as well as attitudes and values."

The report said, "They must reflect the world we live in today. Media influences, the changing role of women, the different status of families and the decline of marriage as a solution to a pregnancy must also be recognized."

Ngozi Aal-anubaihotepokoroham, a local Raleigh mother, commented, "I'd like to see more parents and scholars working together. The schools should invite more guest speakers to come in and talk with our kids about this.

"Parents should stop and try and see their kids as individuals, not as children. We need to let our children know that we love them and care about their problems and experiences."

Crystal Williams, also a concerned mother, added, "The community should conduct group sessions where teens would be allowed the opportunity to discuss openly sexual relations."

"The solution to adolescent pregnancy should begin in the home. We as parents should teach our young children about the care of the human body and the reproductive system and how it works," commented Margaret Rose Murray, WLE talk show host and operator of Cross-Link Child Development Center.

The N.C. Coalition on Adolescent Pregnancy reports in its edition of "The Challenge and The Choices" on who is at risk and says that to find ways to reduce teen pregnancy in this state, we must continue to ask ourselves and our community why children are having children.

"We must realize that teens have very diverse personalities; family (See PREGNANCY, P. 2)



AIDS CRISIS IN THE COMMUNITY—With AIDS spreading in the Black community at an alarming rate, this group of community outreach organizers at Drug Action are doing all

they can to educate and thus stem the flow of this deadly disease in the Triangle area. (Photo by Talib Sahib-Calloway)