



ENDOWMENT FUND CHECK—Dr. Talbert O. Shaw (3rd from left) holds \$1 million check for the Shaw University Endowment Fund. He is flanked by Senator Robert Morgan, University trustee and chairman for corporate support; Mrs. Barbara J. McSweeney, president of the National Alumni Association; Dr. C. R. Edwards, chairman of the General Baptist steering committee; Dr. Josephine B. Clement, vice chairman of the University Board of Trustees; Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, co-chairman of the General Baptist steering committee; Dr. J. B. Humphrey, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.; and Dr. Thomas E. Kee, Shaw's vice president for enrollment management.

Shaw Marking 125 Years Of Service

Mid-November 1989 will mark the start of Shaw University's 125th year of continuous operation. Founded in 1865 by a Baptist minister from Monson, Mass., with a small grant from the New York State Baptist Association, Shaw came into formal existence through a gift of property and a charter by the General Assembly of North Carolina. Part of the land was used to establish the first four-year medical school in North Carolina, and Shaw continued to educate doctors, graduating a total of 489, until World War I. The university's commitment to provide educational opportunity for all led quickly to the establishment of schools of law, pharmacy, and religion, areas in desperate need of black professionals in North Carolina and in the South. Determined to better their fellowman, Shaw graduates also founded several historically black institutions of higher learning in North Carolina, including what is now Fayetteville State University, Greensboro A&T University, and North Carolina Central University.

The university has also been concerned in preparing leaders for the nation and the world with its sometimes bold and innovative approaches in education. Long before institutions of higher learning saw the need to educate women, Shaw University felt that the education of black females would play an important role in Black society; and to that end in 1873, Estey Hall, the first building specifically designed for the education of Black women, was built on the northeast corner of the campus. An officially designated, historic landmark, the building is currently undergoing com-

plete renovation, funded with both private, and public monies.

From its inception, of course, Shaw has primarily educated Black students; but its purpose of providing educational opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, sex, or social standing, has opened the door to all students whose goal is achievement. The university's history, in many ways, stands as a landmark in the total history of higher education in America, but perhaps of more significance is its undoubted importance for the future.

As an institution of higher learning, Shaw has not only been fortunate in being able to see how society's needs change, but has also had the ability and foresight to venture into areas where others have yet to step. All the while, Shaw has remained true to its original purpose.

One such endeavor for Shaw within the past decade has been the establishment of 10 statewide Centers for Alternative Programs in Education (CAPE) where mature learners, frequently working members of the community unable to attend college in the traditional manner, may earn a fully accredited college degree (A.A., B.A., or B.S.) in fields ranging from Business Management and Criminal Justice to Liberal Studies. More than 700 students are currently enrolled in these centers and have received credit in their degree program for previous work experience.

It should be noted, though, that the university's concerns and philosophical commitments take its CAPE program to sites located in

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Shaw Accomplishes Endowment Project

Shaw University's President Talbert O. Shaw announced today that the University successfully accomplished its endowment fund goal of raising \$1 million. The \$1 million donated by Shaw alumni, members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, corporations, friends, UNCF, trustees and faculty and staff is to match a \$2 million grant provided through the U.S. Department of Education's Title III Endowment Challenge Grant Program.

The alumni effort was led by a national fundraising committee under the direction of President Barbara McSweeney and the renowned gospel singer, alumna Dr. Shirley Caesar.

In addition, members of the General Baptist State Con-

vention of North Carolina, Inc. (GBSC) churches made sacrificial donations above and beyond their regular annual contributions for this campaign. The GBSC effort was conducted under the leadership of Convention President J.B. Humphrey and Executive Secretary C.C. Craig, along with a special steering committee co-chaired by Dr. C.R. Edwards, member of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

Contributions also came from businesses, corporations, foundations, many friends, as well as the trustees, faculty and staff of the university. A grant

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