

**DINNER**

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Darden is an associate fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and serves as secretary of its Technical Committee on Aeroacoustics.

Numerous awards and honors Darden has received include Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1975; Outstanding Performance Award, Langley Research Center, 1973 and 1987; Candace Award for Science and Technology, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, 1987; Black Engineer of the Year Award for Outstanding Achievement in Government, 1988; and Superior Accomplishment Award, Langley Research Center, 1988.

In addition to her professional activities, Darden has served in leadership roles at both the presbytery and synod levels of the Presbyterian Church, USA. She has taught high school and college mathematics, and she often speaks to student groups, especially minority students, encouraging them to enter scientific and technical careers.

The Brotherhood Dinner included a talk by Darden as well as a videotape, "Soaring Higher than an Eagle: The Wind Beneath Her Wings."

Also honored at the dinner were the following six academically outstanding students from area colleges.

- Arthur Hall, son of Arthenia and Ralph Hall, Mongolia, is majoring in mechanical engineering at NCSU;
- Sharon Hardy, daughter of Foster Hardy, Jr. of Wilmington and the late Patricia H. Hardy, is majoring in accounting at Shaw University;
- Jemal Norwood, son of Patricia and James Norwood of Philadelphia, Pa., is majoring in mathematics at Shaw University;
- Diomedes A. Perez, son of Ms. Ana Lucia Pena, Santiago, Dominican Republic, is majoring in computer science at St. Augustine's College;
- Angela Polite is majoring in communications at St. Augustine's College; and
- Donica T. Thomas, daughter of Detrima and Joel Thomas, Dumfries, Va., is majoring in political science at NCSU.

The University-Community Brotherhood Dinner was established in 1982 to honor important contributions of African-Americans to the nation and the world, and to enhance an environment where people of different races may realize their full potential.

**KWANZAA**

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'80s and '70s. Despite Kwanzaa's apparent success, however, the holiday is still only celebrated by a minority in the African-American community. Most black folks know about it, but it is certainly not a holiday which is deeply ingrained in the consciousness and practice of the majority of African-Americans yet. Some mistakenly see Kwanzaa as "Black Christmas" and others see it as a substitute for Christmas. In fact Kwanzaa is not Black Christmas and it is not a substitute for Christmas. Black people can celebrate Christmas and Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa, however, as an African-American holiday is exclusively devoted to the celebration of ourselves as African people, our history and culture. It is centered around a set of principles—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith—which African-Americans need to learn, study and practice for our collective survival and development as a people.

As Dr. Karenga has said so many times, "Culture is the key crisis in black life." African-Americans, by and large, still lack knowledge of self and kind. We are still afflicted by an insidious self-hatred rooted in the legacy of slavery, Eurocentric "miseducation," cultural aggression and the persistence of racism and white domination as a continuing reality of American culture and life. Our lack of serious and unrelenting devotion to self and kind—the African-American and pan-African family—is a major impediment to our progress as a people.

African-American holidays, therefore, are imperative, for they allow us to focus on ourselves and our liberation for a change. Kwanzaa is designed to be just such an occasion. And though it has a serious purpose, Kwanzaa need not be dull and drab. Indeed, in keeping with our traditional and popular cultures, Kwanzaa should be colorful, festive and source of comfort and enjoyment. Kwanzaa should provide both information, inspiration and celebration.

But most of all Kwanzaa should commit us to use African-Americans cannot build and sustain viable cultural, educational, economic and political institutions dedicated to our development and progress unless we first affirm ourselves. We must embrace the proposition that as Africans in America, we must be the primary agents of our own liberation. That's why African-Americans should celebrate Kwanzaa.

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**INSIDE AFRICA**

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as those of other organizations consider the ghetto Township Councils as undesirable structures of the abominable apartheid system which causes untold suffering to millions of the black inhabitants of the minority-ruled republic. The blacks would like the system to end forthwith. Using rubber bullets, birdshot and teargas, the regime's forces stopped the angry demonstrators from further acts of demonstration.

Later, during the selfsame weekend, 19 blacks were killed in an ambushed bus in a clash between rival black factions, in the Natal Province, which has become the scene of pitched battles for apartheid-oriented faction fights during the past five years, in which more than 3,000 lives were lost.

Already one-third of South Africa's black Township Councils have been rendered defunct through pressure of ANC and other activists. But another two-thirds still remain, and await to be nullified, too.

Nelson Mandela, who recently returned to the strife-torn land from a successful fundraising campaign and morale-boosting appeal in the Orient and Australasia, said that it was not legitimate in a democracy to interfere with peaceful demonstrations. He added that the regime's forces should not harass peaceful demonstrators.

Further to these orgies, the extreme Afrikaner Conservative Party led by Andries Treurnicht and the equally extreme Afrikaner Resistance Movement led by Terblanche continue to threaten violence by organizing death squads to kill blacks, as well as to set blacks against other blacks.

One wonders where de Klerk is during all these atrocities and carnage. Why doesn't he discipline the police and military, and incarcerate the leaders of the Afrikaner movements on Robben Island, where the regime's political foes are often sent as political prisoners? Surely, de Klerk isn't the reformer that we are often told he is, wishing to democratize South Africa.

However, it is a good augury that blacks are uniting to resist the wiles and machinations of de Klerk's, Terblanche's and Treurnicht's Afrikaners who stand for black disenfranchisement and genocide.

**INMATE GRADS**

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the computers in Raleigh track offenders in eastern North Carolina and Winston Salem monitors the west. Each of the base stations has a staff of 15, including a supervisor, 12 house arrest specialists and two administrative assistants.

Division of Adult Probation and Parole director John Patsavouras has named Timothy Moore supervisor of the eastern regional base station. Moore has been with the dept. for 7 years and moves into his new job after serving as an electronic house arrest officer in Wake County. Smith has been with the department for 16 years and assumes his new job after working as an electronic house arrest officer in Winston-Salem.

Each station is set up to monitor 1,000 offenders for the state and up to 500 offenders for local law enforcement that want to use the state system. House arrest specialists will monitor the computer hook up to offenders and identify violations.

Probation and parole officers will be assigned up to five house arrest cases. They will be responsible for setting up offenders on house arrest. They will supervise the offender and follow up on any violations identified by house arrest specialists.

The house arrest programs that were already operating in 14 counties of the state will continue to operate with electronic house arrest officers monitoring the computer hook-ups and supervising offenders.

These 14 counties had 945 offenders on house arrest Nov. 30, the latest date for which figures are available. That number will increase as judges and the Parole Commission begin the assign offenders into the new statewide system.

**MINORITIES**

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York, Washington, D.C. and North Carolina, has been at the forefront of this issue since 1982. Its work includes among the reports' many findings was that race was the most States."

The report conclusively demonstrated that minority communities contain far more toxic dumps and related facilities than non-minority communities. Three of every five African Americans and Hispanics live in a neighborhood with a hazardous waste site. Moreover, three of the five largest hazardous waste landfills—40 percent of current U.S. commercial capacity—are located in minority communities. Among the reports' many findings was that race was the most significant variable in differentiating communities with hazardous waste sites from those without such sites.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, the Commission's Executive Director who

first coined the term "environmental racism" said "the environment is too important to be left to just environmentalists. The evidence clearly shows that it's African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who are disproportionately living with toxic pollution in their back yards". He added, "Our future is at stake. It's precisely because industry doesn't put toxic waste dumps in Beverly Hills that we must insist on being a part of the policy debate. It's our environment too".

Dr. Chavis called for a partnership to fight environmental racism, comprised of the environmental movement, industry, government, civil rights, and grassroots organizations. Summit planning will involve leaders from all these fields. Noting that the "green movement" itself has long admitted that it has failed to effectively include minorities, Dr. Chavis called on the leaders of the major environmental groups in particular to actively support the Summit.

**UNCF**

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Rawls Parade of Stars' helps member schools keep tuition low, award scholarships and financial aid to students, expand curriculum and defray operating costs.

These are important factors for the 48,000 young men and women who attend UNCF's schools annually. Students are also enthusiastic about the high academic standards at these schools, small classes, individualized attention from dedicated professors, and the unique atmosphere at historically black institutions. The unmatched characteristics of these schools are shaping today's students into the leaders and responsible citizens of the 21st century.

Kenneth Wilkins, register of deeds, is the chairman of the UNCF of Wake County, Inc., and has been making a year-round effort to make this one of the most successful years.

Portia Brandon, chair of the UNCF church committee, said, "We asked all Wake County area churches to take up a special offering on Dec. 2 and churches collecting contributions of \$250 or more will present their checks on Dec. 29 at our UNCF telethon." The telethon will be aired for Raleigh-Durham viewers over ABC affiliate, WTVD-11.

Telethon host and Grammy award winning singer, Lou Rawls, attributes the success if the program to the public's response to a worthwhile cause. "Educating the youth of our nation is priority one," Rawls says. "The 'Parade of Stars' provides Americans with a convenient way to support the College Fund by calling in their financial support."

The national telethon action emanates from two exciting cities. Joining Rawls and some 50 celebrities from the Aquarius Theatre in Hollywood will be co-hosts Marilyn McCoo, who joined the "parade" in 1984, and singer-actress Ann Jillian, a frequent telethon guest. Ed McMahon will also join the trio in Hollywood, as singer Nancy Wilson anchors the program from the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. Local fund-raising segments are incorporated into the national show from some 65 markets across the country.

Over the years, celebrity participants on the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" has included such greats as the late Sammy Davis Jr., Bob Hope, Lola Falana and Stevie Wonder, artists who have made the television special truly entertaining. Viewers can expect the same quality performances with the 1990 lineup.

Marquee headliners for this year's show include Bill Cosby, Natalie Cole, Engelbert Humperdinck, Patti LaBelle, Kenny Rogers, Herbie Hancock, Oprah Winfrey, Neil Sadaka, The Whispers, Reba McEntire and M.C. Hammer.

Some of today's top contemporary vocalists will appear on this year's telethon, including James Ingram, whose success as a soloist continues to match the greatness of his collaborative efforts; Michael McDonald, the ex-DooBie Brothers lead singer whose mega-hit with Patti LaBelle, "On My Own," cinched him as a giant in pop and rhythm and blues; and Angela Winbush, whose "The Real Deal" recording confirmed her as one of today's most versatile musical personalities.

The lasting appeal of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon can be traced to the show's origins: The College Fund's need for a national event to raise millions of dollars to help educate deserving students and support its member institutions. That need exists today as it did when Rawls teamed up with August A. Busch III, chairman and president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, to produce a big-name, big-time television special.

Some 48,000 students at UNCF schools benefit from the contributions generated by the exciting seven-hour telethon. The show makes it possible for these youngsters to continue moving forward and to succeed in their respective disciplines.

Christopher F. Edley, who will retire after 18 years as president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, said the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon has made significant contributions in UNCF over the past 10 years.

"Public awareness of the College Fund and its needs have been greatly

**WHISTLINGS WILLIAMSTON**

BY JOYCE GRAY

**WILLIAMSTON**—Calvary Tours presents Calvary Cruise Jan. 27-31, 1991: Bahamas, Abaco, Eleuthera Islands.

Fly to Miami, Fla., board a large cruise ship and sail to the Bahamas, Abaco, and Eleuthera Islands, all at a cost of \$540 (which will include meals) from Newark, N.J. or Richmond, Va., ground transportation and lodging.

There will be two worship services a day: 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Rev. Wallace Hefflin is the night speaker. Payment must be received by Dec. 28, and checks should be made payable to Calvary Tours and mailed to Ms. Lillian Bryant, 1 Swanee Court, Ashland, Va. 23005. Or one may call Sister Donna Pisani at (804) 798-2923 for further information.

The person who wants to get away from it all for awhile must consider what it means to be good to yourself where the weather is usually very beautiful in the winter.

Soul sister, Ms. Ida Moore, owner and operator of Ida's Fish and Chips Restaurant, has announced that her business hours are being shortened due to the approaching winter weather, but she is offering her place to those who want to have business meetings. New hours will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Catering service will be continued.

The business is located on Gatling Street, Williamston, near Hwy. 17 North. For further information, call 792-5180.

Expressions of sympathy are extended to the family of the late Ms. Lena Sheppard of Robersonville, who passed while hospitalized. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Eulogistic services for Ms. Lucy Howell Daniels, 75, were held Saturday, Nov. 24, at Willow Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Gold Point. The Rev. Walter Hines, pastor, officiated.

Born in Martin County on Sept. 12, 1915 to the late John and Mary Howell, Ms. Daniels departed on Nov. 18.

She was united in marriage to the late Walter Daniels. This union was blessed with one son.

Ms. Daniels was a member of Willow Chapel Church, and was president of the Usher Board. She was also a member of Household of Ruth No. 5754 of Everetts, Christian Aid Lodge of Gold Point, and Venus Chapter No. 514, Order of the Eastern Star or Robersonville.

Taking part in the service were Curtis A. Lee, scripture reading; Deacon Gregory Black, prayer; Deacon Columbus Cross, words of honor; Ms. Helen Hayes, acknowledgements and obituary; and Clinton Powell, solo.

Those she left to mourn included a son, Alton Daniels of the home; two brothers, Preston Howell, Gold Point, and J.D. Howell, Baltimore, Md.; three sisters, Ms. Ellie Richards, Suffolk, Va., Ms. Maggie L. Cherry,

enhanced by the 'Lou Rawls Parade of Stars,' and we are indeed thankful," Edley says. "The impending work force needs of this country will continue to make it a national priority to provide access to college for African-Americans."

Edley praised the more than 30,000 volunteers across the country who work to make the telethon successful in their communities, and he thanked corporate sponsors for their continuing support of the program.

Other popular entertainers who will join host Lou Rawls on the "Parade of Stars" include Dianne Reeves, Tavin Campbell, En Vogue, Petula Clark, Billy Davis Jr., Vesta Williams, Bryant Gumbel, Mickey Gilley, Traine Hawkins, Charlton Heston, The Time, Clint Holmes, Tony! Toni! Tone!, and Tone Loc.

Note television stars will include Donnie Simpson of cable station BET, the cast of the Emmy-winning comedy, "In Living Color," and the cast of "Generations," the hot new daytime drama.

Wayman F. Smith III, corporate affairs vice president at Anheuser-Busch Companies, the telethon's founding sponsor, said the success of the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" in the 1980s proved that the nation understands the significant role historically black colleges have in America.

"The first decade of the 'Parade of Stars' was a monumental success in every way," Smith says. "Financial support from individuals, organizations and the business community surpassed all of our expectations."

"But our job is not over," Smith continued. "As the cost of living rises, so will the cost of a college education. We must therefore maintain our fund-raising momentum to assure that deserving students have the financial means to go to college in the years ahead."

Nearly 80 percent of students attending UNCF schools require financial assistance to complete their college education, since a majority come from low-income families. Contributions generated by the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon help UNCF colleges keep tuition low.

Bethel, and Ms. Jonnie Mae Lambert of Irvington, N.J.; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were grandsons. Nieces served as floral bearers. Services of comfort were entrusted to Flanagan Funeral Home, 1028 W. Fifth St., Greenville. Interment was at the Howell Cemetery, Gold Point.

Final rites celebrating the life of Angela Brown Coston were held Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Joshua Baptist Church, 376 Broadway, Greenlawn, N.Y., with Rev. Robert Hamilton officiating.

One of four children born to Ms. Iva Wardell Ormond Brown and the late Rev. Luther Brown, Sr., on Nov. 19, 1946, in Williamston, Ms. Coston was a graduate of E.J. Hayes Elementary and High Schools in Williamston. She earned her bachelor of science degree in social studies from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

Marriage 24 years ago to John W. Coston, III, produced three children. Angela was employed by the New York City Department of Social Services as a case worker supervisor, in a career that spanned 25 years, with concern for the plight of children, especially those in foster care.

As a child, Angela was a member of the Williams Chapel AME Zion Church in Williamston. She later became a member of Joshua Baptist Church in Greenlawn, N.Y. There, she was an active and enthusiastic member of the Prayer Band and Gospel Choir. She also was the director of the Children's Choir.

After a long illness, she expired on Friday, Nov. 16, at her home, where she had requested that she spend her final days with her family, the greatest joy in her life.

In addition to her husband, John, she leaves their children, Maya, Andrea and John, IV, of the home; her mother, Ms. Iva Wardell Brown of Williamston; a sister, Ms. Phyllis Brown Smotherson of Largo, Md.; two brothers, Luther Brown, Jr. of Washington, D.C. and Vincent Keith Brown of Severn, Md.; a grandmother, Ms. Helen Ormond of Williamston; two sisters-in-law, Ms. Charlotte Mahoney and Ms. Iantha Queen Brown; two brothers-in-law, Arnold Coston and John Smotherson; and her parents-in-law, John II and Flora Coston. She also leaves one grandchild, Trevor; a niece, Nikki Brown; two nephews, Marshall Brown and Tyler Smotherson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Scripture readings were from Psalms 30 and Timothy 1:4-9. Prayer of comfort was by Deacon John W. Coston, Jr. Remarks were made by chairmen of the Deacon Board, Ministerial Board, and Prayer Band. A special tribute was paid by Ms. Margaret Tenton. Musical selections were rendered by the Joshua Anglican Choir, Vincent Keith Brown and Ms. Phyllis Smotherson. Also Ms. Josephine Harris.

Harry C. Lanier returned to the Veterans Hospital in Virginia for a checkup on Dec. 5.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Reba Reddick, Ms. Rachel Lyons, Ms. Mammie Keyes, Ms. Grace P. Smithwick, Alton Bell, Ms. Lear Ryan, Ms. Annabel Best, Ms. Zara Chance, Joe Biggs, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, George T. Hyman, Ms. Eleanor Hyman, David Feggins, Sam Brown, Ms. Daisy H. Biggs, Ms. Clara P. Barnes, Robert Lee Barnes, Frederick Bennett, Ms. Armaza C. Roberson, George A. Perry, and Ms. Betty S. Lanier.

Ms. Christine Council was readmitted to the hospital Wednesday, Nov. 28. Reports were she was doing very well according to her condition—a prayer answered.

Also, Ms. Roxie West, Ms. Esther W. Roberts, the two latter persons in nursing homes, Magellan Duggins, Ms. Maude Eva Riddick, Ms. Hattie Spell, Jesse Bell and Ms. Willie Ann Wallace.

Happy birthday greetings to Ms. Wardell Brown, Ms. Ruby L. Jerinigan, Ms. Frances D. Evans, and Ms. Fannie Jane Moore.

Ms. Marzetta C. Moore, Ypsilanti, Mich., worshipped at Goddard Hill Church last Sunday. She visited Hood Temple AME Zion Church while in town also.

We checked on Ms. Frances D. Evans to learn if she had gotten back home from her trip to Georgia safely and she was under the weather. Also her mother, Ms. Leda Mae Duggins, who had accompanied her there to visit Ms. Evans' son, Tommie, and his family.

Ms. Evans stated that Thanksgiving dinner was indeed an enjoyable, festive time in which everyone soon afterwards had a touch of the virus, bugging one at a time which spoiled some of the action planned upon arriving back home.

Of course, Ms. Evans couldn't possibly know how much she was missed at the Thanksgiving break within her community.

It was good to see Peter J. McNair of Plymouth last Saturday after his many weeks of recovering from a

freak accident in June. Sherick Moore, Plymouth, was released from Pitt Memorial Hospital on Tuesday after a 24-day stay, and much testing to find the root of his sudden illness.

The Martin County Branch, NAACP, is in the planning stage of preparing for Jubilee Day.

At the Dec. 5 executive session, which was held at Ida's Fish and Chips, the topic for Jan. 1 was discussed and would be put before the general membership body on Dec. 9. Last Jan. 1, the topic was "Jubilee Day 1990—The Need for a Stronger NAACP," and Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church offered their facilities generously. They have also done so again for 1991. The time is noon. The general public is invited.

All choirs and sister churches were invited to celebrate with St. James Missionary Baptist Church on Jan. 13, 1991, the anniversary of their pianist, Ms. Nancy Purvis. The church is located on Hwy. 64 east of Williamston.

We were pleased to learn that all of those in the household of Mr. and Mrs. I.B. Cordon, Jamesville, were back on their feet after a bout with a virus.

Ms. Gladys Flowe, Charlotte, arrived back home safely after spending several days in Williamston with her daughter, Ms. Gladys J. Duggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nichols attended worship service at Goddard Hill Church on Dec. 2. Elder Melvin Scott announced that Minister Joseph Bell had been ordained.

Elder Scott's subject was "He Didn't Have to Do It, But He Did." His scripture readings were taken from Isaiah 53 and Philippians 2:5-18.

Special honor was paid to Ms. Alice Ballance, Bertie County resident, and Ms. Edna Hines, Hertford County resident, for outstanding work in community service, by the executive committee of the First Congressional District Black Leadership Caucus at their Dec. 1 meeting in Roper. Both Ms. Ballance and Ms. Hines serve as county contacts for the caucus.

Ms. Ballance's area is day care for children. Ms. Hines' concern is the latchkey children.

Washington County contact person, Ms. Earnestine Hannon, was so pleased with the items discussed on the agenda that she decided there was no need to "fuss" about anything, to everyone's surprise.

**Only Black On Miss. Town Payroll**

MCLAIN, Miss. (AP)—A black woman became the only minority on the town's payroll last Tuesday after winning a seat on the board of Aldermen, according to unofficial returns.

Maureen Hooks, 32, a spokeswoman for Concerned Citizens of McLain, a group that organized summer boycotts and asked the town for fair minority hiring practices, received 27 percent, or 58, of 213 votes cast.

"There are so many things that have been brushed beneath the rug in town government," said Hooks, a Green County adult basic education teacher.

The non-partisan election was held to replace two aldermen on the five-member board. Hooks' campaigners said she will enhance the board in this newly racially even southeast Greene County town of about 700.

"I think we will have fair representation with Maureen Hooks and I feel she will represent both races fairly—blacks and whites," said Howard Garrett, 29, a spokesman for Concerned Citizens of McLain.

Elton Lott, a 37-year-old logger, won the other seat with 37 percent, or 79 votes.

"I'm glad I won it," Lott said Tuesday night. "There's a lot of things going on in town that need to be looked into and there need to be a lot of changes."

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