



KEYNOTE SPEAKER — The Hon. L. Douglas Wilder, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was the keynote speaker for St. Augustine's College Commencement Exercises. From left to right: Dr. Dwight

Fennell, vice president of academic affairs; Gov. Wilder, Hon. Clarence Lightner, member, board of trustees; Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president, St. Augustine's College.



PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION — Dr. James A. Boyer, President Emeritus of St. Augustine's College, receives the President's Medallion from Dr. Prezell R. Robinson during St. Augustine's College's 125th Commencement

Exercise. Dr. Robinson is celebrating his 25th year as president of St. Augustine's College. Dr. Dwight Fennell, vice president of academic affairs looks on.

Talented Writing Students Attend First Rainbow Institute Program

BY DAVID WILLIAMSON
Special To The CAROLINIAN

CHAPEL HILL—Fifteen "remarkably bright" rising seniors from high schools across the United States will gather at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this summer for a learning experience that could alter the course of their lives.

The intensive, three-week training program may not change the face of American journalism, but it likely will change some of the faces—from mostly white to white, black, brown, yellow and red.

One hundred twenty-three high school juniors—almost all honor students with writing talent and almost all minorities—competed for 15 available spots in the first Rainbow Institute.

"This institute is an effort to try to increase the numbers and percentage of minorities who choose journalism as a career," said institute director Chuck Stone. "By the year 2000, it has been estimated that the majority of the work force will be minorities. For that reason and others, we think it is important to bring a larger number of minorities into the mainstream of American life."

UNC-CH's School of Journalism and Mass Communication will host the institute, which the Freedom Forum is sponsoring, from June 21 to July 11.

Winners will write stories under deadline pressure, observe how professionals edit their writing, conduct polls, attend classes and interview prominent North Carolinians, according to Stone, Walter Spearman professor of journalism and mass communication and a nationally syndicated columnist.

They will also watch television news and videotaped lectures on journalism, take quizzes, read widely, swim, see movies, attend a Durham Bulls baseball game, visit a reformatory, report on a rock concert and produce a newspaper.

At the end of the three weeks, they each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

With luck, they also may get a little sleep.

Brainchild of David Hawpe, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, the Rainbow Institute is the most ambitious workshop of its kind in the United States, Stone said. Dr. Richard R. Cole, dean of the UNC-CH school, worked hard to get UNC-CH selected as host.

He also persuaded Stone to direct the institute and Jan Elliot, an associate professor, to be assistant director.

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loved the idea of a rainbow," Cole said. "We wanted to bring young people of various racial hues together to learn about journalism in a multicultural society."

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Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Says Racism "Stupid And Ugly"

NEW YORK, N.Y.—"Most African-Americans are hard-working, good citizens," asserted Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Weisel, who described the tragedy that occurred in Los Angeles as "just that, a tragedy," and urged that the victims of racism not be blamed for the problems of our country.

"African-Americans have been subjected to centuries of racism," Weisel maintained in an article to be published this Sunday in Parade magazine. "And racism is stupid, just as it is ugly. Its aim is to destroy, to pervert, to distort innocence in

human beings and their quest for human equality.

"Racism is misleading," he added. "There are good people and bad people in every community. No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. We all come from somewhere, and we all wonder where we are going."

Wiesel, who experienced the consequences of prejudice firsthand, when nearly all his family died at the hands of Nazis, said something must be done to heal the effects of "the poisonous theories" of those who foster ethnic and religious hatred.

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