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## Carolina celebrates 191st

The University will celebrate its 191st birthday Friday with an 11 a.m. convocation in Memorial Hall. The faculty procession will begin forming at the Old Well at 10:40 a.m.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. will deliver the address and Distinguished Alumnus awards will be presented to writer John Ehle Jr. of Winston-Salem, attorney Katherine Robinson Everett of Durham, state Secretary of Human Resources Sarah Taylor Morrow of Raleigh, educator and author James Wesley Silver of Dunedin Beach, Fla., and business executive Sherwood Hubbard Smith Jr. of Raleigh.

The entire University community is invited to take part in the celebration, which commemorates the Oct. 12, 1793, laying of the cornerstone of Old East. Classes will be cancelled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enable faculty and students to attend.

Staff employees who want to attend and whose absence won't interrupt departmental operations will not be charged leave time.

Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III will preside over the festivities. The invocation will be given by Phillip Harris, president-elect of the Alumni Association.

The platform party also will include President William C. Friday; Philip Carson, chairman of the Board of Governors; George R. Ragsdale, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Faculty Chairman Doris Betts; Provost Samuel R. Williamson Jr.; Student Body President



Ehle



Everett



Smith



Morrow



Silver

Paul Parker; and Richard W. Pfaff, secretary of the faculty.

Music will be provided by the Men's and Women's Glee clubs, Carolina Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Larry Cook, associate professor of music. They will perform *Beati quorum via* by C.V. Stanford and *O Clap Your Hands* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Providing the processional and recessional music will be Pro Tempore Brass Ensemble. The University Band will play outside Memorial Hall before and after the convocation.

WUNC (91.5 FM) will tape the program and rebroadcast portions of it Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Ehle, a 1949 graduate and former faculty member in the Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures, is the author of 10 novels, the most recent being "Last One Home."

He is known for his contributions to education. He was instrumental in efforts to improve the quality of secondary education in North Carolina, and he has been in-

involved in programs developed to identify and support talented minority students.

When Everett completed studies in the School of Law in 1920, she was the first woman to finish at the head of a law school class at Chapel Hill. During the years she has compiled numerous other firsts, including being the first woman to argue and win a case before the N.C. Supreme Court. In 1959 she became one of the first two women elected to the Durham City Council, on which she served for 20 years.

She has served as chairman of the Durham Welfare Board and as president of the N.C. Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She has received an honorary degree from Duke University and the N.C. Distinguished Service Award for Women.

Morrow, who was graduated from the University in 1942 with a B.S. in medicine, also earned a master's degree in public health from here in 1960. She has held faculty appointments in the Department of

Maternal and Child Health and Department of Pediatrics.

For seven years, she has been secretary of the Department of Human Resources, where she has devoted special attention to improving newborn and geriatric health care. Morrow has improved the quality of various department programs, particularly those providing medical assistance for indigents.

Silver, a 1927 graduate, is a retired history professor who held faculty positions at several leading colleges and

He is best known as the author of "Mississippi: The Closed Society," a condemnation of the white supremacy advocated in that state up to and during the desegregation efforts of the 1960s. The book sold more than 75,000 copies and earned two awards, but the uproar it created in Mississippi eventually caused Silver to leave the state.

He recently published "Running Scared: Silver in Mississippi," a book recalling that controversial period.

Smith earned his undergraduate degree in 1956 and his J.D. in 1960.

He practiced law in Charlotte and Raleigh before becoming associate general counsel for Carolina Power and Light Co. in 1965. He became the company's president in 1976 and its chief executive officer in 1980.

Since 1980 he has been chairman of the American Nuclear Energy Council, and since 1981, director of the Edison Electric Institute. A trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, he is a former president of the Business Foundation of North Carolina and is chairman of its investment committee.