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SUBJECT: DR. RAYBURN TO SPEAK AT SGC

Dr. Wendell Rayburn, President of Savannah State College, will be a guest speaker on the campus of South Georgia College Wednesday, February 9. Dr. Rayburn will be speaking in the College Union ballroom at 11:15 a.m. His speech will be on "Black Heritage: A Past to Cherish and A Future to Fulfill."

Rayburn is a native of Detroit, Michigan. He received his B.A. degree from East Michigan University, his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan, and his doctorate from Wayne State.

After thirteen years as a teacher and administrator in the Detroit Public School System, he joined the staff of the University of Detroit as Assistant Director of Special Projects. He moved up the ranks at the University of Detroit until he left in 1974 as the Associate Dean for Academic Supportive Programs. He then joined the University of Louisville as the Dean of University College and Professor of Liberal Studies. He remained with the University of Louisville until he was elected President of Savannah State College in 1980 by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He took office September 15, 1980.

Rayburn is very active in civic organizations. He is vice president of the Coastal Empire Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is on the Board of Directors of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the West

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Broad Street YMCA, the Board of Directors of Candler General Hospital, and the Board of Trustees of the Telfair Council of Arts. He is also a member of Rotary International, Savannah West Club.

Dr. Rayburn is married to the former Gloria Ann Myers and they have three children: Mark, Rhonda, and Wendell, Jr.

The public is cordially invited to attend Dr. Rayburn's presentation on February 9.