

# DEATHS ELSEWHERE

## **Junius Kellogg Basketball Player**

Junius Kellogg, 71, whose report of an attempted bribe uncovered a national college basketball scandal in 1951, died of respiratory failure Sept. 16 in New York.

A 6-foot-10 center, Mr. Kellogg was the first black player at Manhattan College. He arrived at the school in 1950, and a year later was approached about shaving points by Henry Poppe, the team's captain the year before.

Mr. Kellogg told coach Ken Norton, who notified authorities. Within months, seven players on City College's 1950 NCAA-NIT double champions were arrested on charges of taking bribes. There were soon disclosures of fixed games at New York University and Long Island University.

Mr. Kellogg went on to play with the Harlem Globetrotters before becoming paralyzed in a 1954 car accident and spending the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

## **Peter N. Witt Brain Researcher**

Peter N. Witt, 80, a scientist widely known for his research with spiders and psychedelic drugs who had served as executive director of the North Carolina Foundation of Mental Health Research and research director of state's Mental Health Department, died Sept. 15 in Raleigh, N.C. The cause of death was not reported.

Dr. Witt, who was born in Berlin, was living in Switzerland after World War II when Life magazine reported his work involving spiders. He had discovered that psychoactive drugs such as LSD, psilocybin and marijuana caused changes in the webs of a particular arachnid, the orb spider.

His work received much attention, and some experiments were

conducted by NASA in the Skylab space station in the early 1970s, but its promise for advancing the understanding of human brain chemistry remained unfulfilled.

## **Charles A. Ferguson Linguist**

Charles A. Ferguson, 77, a linguist who established the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington in 1959, died Sept. 2 at a health care facility in Menlo Park, Calif., of a heart attack and strokes.

Dr. Ferguson left the Center for Applied Linguistics in 1967 to take a position as a linguistics professor at Stanford University, where he retired in 1987.

After receiving a doctorate in linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania in 1945, he joined the faculty of the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, where he taught courses in more than 20 languages. He established an Arabic language school for State Department personnel in Beirut.

## **Kurt Hager Politburo Member**

Kurt Hager, 86, the longtime chief ideologue of East Germany's Politburo, the ruling body of the East German Communist Party, where he served from 1963 to 1989, died Sept. 18 in Berlin. He had cancer.

He had been charged with numerous counts of manslaughter in the deaths of people trying to escape over East German borders to the West, but was declared unfit to stand trial in 1996 because of his illness.

Mr. Hager, a journalist by training, was a hard-line communist who stubbornly rejected democratic reforms. He joined the party in 1930 and fought in the Spanish Civil War.

## WAKE COUNTY

DR. PETER N. WITT, Raleigh, Sept. 15.

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