

A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS

By John Raye

It would not be an exaggeration to refer to Irene P. Hairston as Superwoman for she has indeed blazed a trail, touched so many lives, racked up so many honors, awards and accomplishments, and pioneered so many efforts on so many fronts, that you leave her presence in a state of profound awe and amazement.

More than anything else, Hairston is one amazing woman, an all-weather woman ... a woman for all season. She is, as they say, a sister with no-excuses.

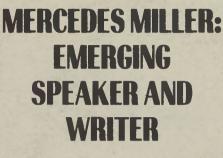
Hairston first cut her teeth in the University, respectively. education arena. Born, raised and educated in the Winston-Salem/



Irene P. Hairston

Forsyth county public school systems. Hairston earned Bachelor's Master's degrees from and Winston-Salem State University and North Carolina A & T State

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The AC Phoenix interviewed this very talented lady:

WHO IS MERCEDES MILLER? Mercedes (Mur sa dus) Miller is an individual passionate about using her gifts and talents to maximize her own life and impact the lives of others. Leader of International organization, young woman perpetuates peace and power, personally and professionally.

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE



Mercedes Miller MAXIMIZING YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR YOURSELF AND **OTHERS?**

Several years ago I developed a mission and vision statement for my life. I use them as a litmus test

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CHARLOTTE'S REV. ALEXANDER AND DURHAM'S MACEO SLOAN WILL GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AT BLACK ISSUES SUMMIT IN WINSTON-SALEM

(Winston-Salem, NC) - The message of unity that will inspire Sloan, chairman and chief munities. executive officer of Sloan Financial Management Group, both in speakers of the 2003 State of in Winston-Salem in May.

Alexander was recently named one of the top 40 leaders under 40 by the Charlotte Business Journal. Known for his insightful and visionary style of oratory, Alexander said he hopes to bring a

Rev. Claude R. Alexander Jr., conference attendees to work pastor of University Park Baptist together in order to uplift blacks, Church in Charlotte, and Maceo K. black businesses and black com-

"This conference will be an Group and NCM Capital excellent opportunity for black leaders to come together from all Durham, will serve as keynote corners of North Carolina to not only address problems plaguing Black North Carolina Conference our communities, but also to begin taking action to improve these problems," Alexander said.

Alexander's 2 p.m. address on May 4th, will kick off the first State Black North of Carolina Conference, which will be for two days at the M.C. Benton Jr.



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Convention and Civic Center and the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza Hotel. Following the opening session will be several seminars that focus on faith, family and

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