

# Omegas To Honor Dr. Lavonia Allison On Saturday



DR. THORPE

Dr. Earle E. Thorpe, professor of history at North Carolina Central University, will be the keynote speaker at a program recognizing the achievements of Dr. E. Lavonia Allison and other prominent local citizens, on Saturday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of Saint Joseph's AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville Street.

The program, presented by the Durham chapters of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, is the

concluding activity of the chapters' observance of the Fraternity's National Achievement Week.

Dr. Thorpe will address this year's national theme, "Striving for Excellence," focusing on the historical facets of the black man's strong desire to achieve excellence in spite of seemingly irresistible negative constraints. Dr. Thorpe is the author of approximately 25 articles published in several learned journals, and six books of history, four of which deal with the history of the black man in America. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Education*, *Turhuel Lives: The North Carolina Who's Who*, the *Directory of American Scholars*, and *Contemporary Authors*.

He is national president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Edgemont-Few Gardens

Community Center, associate minister of the Ledge Rock Baptist Church in Wake County, and a member of the National Archives Advisory Council, the NAACP, the State Historical Advisory Commission, Phi Alpha Theta (the national history honor society), Pi Gamma Mu (the national social science honor society), the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and several other organizations.

Dr. E. Lavonia Allison is being honored as the "Citizen of the Year." She is director of the North Carolina Health Manpower Development Program (NCHMDP) in Chapel Hill, a position she has held since 1974. Prior to joining NCHMDP, Dr. Allison, a Durham native, was an associate professor and supervisor of student teachers in the health and physical education department at North Carolina Central University. She was the first and only black to

serve as president of the North Carolina Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. In 1980, she was appointed to a three-year term as one of the fifteen members of the National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps, Health Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Very active in community and Democratic Party activities, Dr. Allison has served as vice chairman of the John F. Kennedy Young Democratic Club of Durham County, the Democratic Women's Club, and the Durham County Democratic Executive Committee. In 1970, she became the first black female to serve as chairman of a county Democratic Executive Committee in any of the state's 100 counties. She has served on the State Democratic Executive Committee since 1970, having been re-elected five con-

secutive terms. In 1981, she was elected as chairwoman of the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, after having served as its vice chairman for several years. She has also served as a member of the National Black Caucus of Democrats, a member of the Leadership Roundtable of the Congressional Black Caucus, and chairman of the Political Committee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

She serves on a number of advisory committees, including a charter member of the WTVD Channel 11 Television Station Minority Affairs Advisory Committee, the Duke Hospital Advisory Committee, the UNC Contract Programs on Optometry, Dentistry, and Medicine, and the Equal Health Opportunity Committee of the American Public Health Association. She is also a member of Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority and the White Rock Baptist Church.

Among her awards are the Outstanding Educator of America, the North Carolina Heart Association's Distinguished Leadership Award, *Who's Who in Women in Politics*, *Who's Who in Education*, and the North Carolina Masons' Woman of the Year.

Other honorees of the Fraternity include Grover C. Burtney, Sr., who is the recipient of the graduate chapter's "Omega Man of the Year" award. He is being recognized for his many years of work within the fraternity on the local, district and national levels, and for his accomplishments as a leading Durham business man. He is the owner of Burtney Funeral Services and Burtney Clothiers, and co-owner of Furniture Moods, a recently opened store in downtown Durham which is the largest

black-owned furniture showroom in the southeast. A member of Saint Mark AME Zion Church, he was treasurer of the Building Committee for the church's present structure on South Roxboro Street.

Receiving the Service Award is Lindsey A. Merritt, who is currently director of the Career Counseling and Placement Center at North Carolina Central University. He is being honored for his near-twenty years of service as the undergraduate advisor to Tau Psi Chapter at North Carolina Central University, a position from which he is resigning at the end of the year.

The two recipients of the Fifty Year Awards are Dr. Charles A. Ray, a retired professor and chairman of the English department at North Carolina Central University, and H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Sr., president of Union Insurance and Realty Com-



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pany, Washington Terrace Apartments and Shopping Center in Raleigh, and Glennview Memorial Park.

The Fraternity's Sixth District (North and South Carolina) Representative Tyrone Gilmore of Spartanburg, S.C., will be the guest of the chapters for the occasion. A reception will follow the achievement program in the W.G. Pearson Conference Room at Saint Joseph's. The activities are open to the public.

## Can The Present Political-Economic System Satisfy Needs Of Blacks?

Last In A Series By Pat Bryant

When former President Jimmy Carter and the Democratic Party were deaf to the desires of blacks, Afro-Americans in fewer numbers have been involved in electoral politics. Will blacks again become involved significantly in the Democratic and Republican Parties? Do blacks think their interests can be protected through affiliation within the current economic structure? To get at answers to these questions ten blacks who

are active in North Carolina life were asked "Can the present political-economic system satisfy the needs of blacks?"

T.C. Jervy, senior black publisher in North Carolina and editor-publisher of the *Williamington Journal*:

"I think it (the political-economic system) could be made to satisfy the needs of all people. I don't know of any other government setup unless it's put into a parliamentary form of government. I don't see where communism is going to be the solution to it because only ten percent of the people in the Soviet Union belong to the Communist Party. They have got a capitalist setup at the top just like over here. I wouldn't like to live there under the economic situation it has.

W.J. Kennedy III, president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and board member of several multinational corporations:

"Not really in terms of what's happening today. We've run into a situation where the elected officials are elected not on the basis of their abilities, but really based

on how much exposure they can get in the media and how much they can pay for it. In other words, political offices today are bought and not won and I think this is very unfortunate, particularly for the low income people and particularly for the black. There are just not any constituents who have the funds to buy political offices that come up. As is evidenced by the last election, money seems to be the difference in being elected and being defeated. That's been the secret of Jesse Helms' success and the secret of Senator East. Helms' money supported East's campaign. Any moderate or liberal politician in today's atmosphere is going to have a real tough time being elected. I think this spells bad news for the low income and particularly for the black population.

Ms. Carrie Graves, Charlotte poor people's advocate and director of the Southern Organizing Project's North Carolina Military Vs. Human Needs Project:

"No! It was not designed for the inclusion of blacks and poor people. We have to

develop our own system. At the same time, we have to exist and survive under the present system that we have.

Leonard Dunston, president of the North Carolina Association of Black Social Workers:

"I have some grave reservations as to whether or not that can be done without radical and philosophical changes in the current political and social structure. At best, I see accommodations will be made, but in terms of achieving self-sufficiency in a system that is geared to exploit the people economically — where you are asked to produce labor more than you can ever realize in terms of income. I don't see how those two could ever level out.

Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount.

"I think that problems of blacks can be solved. I don't think our answer lies in any political system. I think our answer lies in us. We have been 'bewitched' in some way or another for lack of a better term, and certainly brainwashed. We have within our God and within our own culture the answer to our problems. It may take Reaganomics to shake us into that reality. We handle the capital, if you look at the billions of dollars we handle annually.

Clarence Lightner, former mayor of Raleigh and politician:

"Sure, the concerns of black people will have to be met. I serve on the National Democratic Committee and that is one of things that a large faction of us talk about at all times. It seems like they want to make some moves to un-reform the reforms that we have made. There might be some need in some areas for this, but we are alert to see that it doesn't revert to where we were. Gordon Dilahunt, postal worker and organizer for the Raleigh Black United Front:

"No, I clearly don't think so. It (the economic-political system) is designed to benefit the wealthy and those in government and institutions that support them and put them there. The first thing that the people of North Carolina are going to have to realize is that their interests cannot be represented by the Republicans and the Democrats. An alliance of the Afro-American people, in the main, and the labor movement is going to have to be forged in the development of a political force in electoral politics and also in the area of economic and social struggle. Perhaps a labor party, a third political force that would come into an alliance with black people. Labor might do it. But clearly aligning with the Democrats won't do that. Their whole mission is to maintain the status quo and only make the changes that are necessary to keep a lid on things. That is their history in this state and the country, for that matter. So I think that kind of force will have to emerge. Even that will only be a beginning step toward changing the lives of people within the kind of structural poverty and unemployment, racial antagonism, oppression of women, the throwing aside of old people and that kind of thing. It is clear that fundamental changes in the economic-political system have to be made to eliminate these problems."

Ms. Virginia Newell, Winston-Salem alderman and chairman of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, Winston-Salem State University:

"I don't think this country has made a commitment to black people. Black people have been out of the political system which has never included them. Our laws were made to exclude the black politically, economically, in education and everything else.

We have passed some laws that have tried to erase that, but they have never been adhered to. I think we will always be on the periphery and that Afro-Americans have to force our way in. I don't mean shoot in. I think that Afro-Americans are going to have to stand up and say we are a part. In other words, when America stands up, then blacks will stand up too. We'll force our way in and demand our rights.

Ms. Jennifer Henderson, director of the North Carolina Hunger Coalition, Fayetteville:

Yes, with modifications. Never having had the opportunity to fully participate in the economic-political system, blacks have been pushed into the position of consumers rather than producers in a capitalist society which rewards only producers. Blacks must organize means of production for some of the commodities we consume, but that cannot be the capitalist mode that we know now. Through selective buying and selling, we can improve worker pay, incentives, benefits, and worker ownership of production in some instances. We can improve our situation by building an economy within the black community with some of the characteristics borrowed from the world's socialist economies, and the capitalist ones too.

Dr. Earl E. Thorpe, national president of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History and professor of history at North Carolina Central University:

"The present political and economic system has racism so thoroughly a part of it that fundamental changes in the economic-political system have to be made to eliminate these problems."



Percy Julian, a black chemist, developed physostigmine, a drug used to treat glaucoma.

## Making The Most Of Clothing Investment

According to national statistics, the average family, regardless of size, spends approximately 7 percent of its take-home pay on clothing and maintenance.

"Learning how to better use this 7 percent is what 'investment dressing' is all about," says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist at North Carolina State University.

"The key to investment dressing is planning and planning involves three steps," says Miss Tutterow. The steps are making a clothing inventory, an activity chart and a shopping list.

The clothing inventory should result in a separation of your clothing into frequently worn, less frequently worn, least frequently worn and not worn at all.

Try on all the garments in the first three groups and analyze why the clothing in the "less frequent" and "least frequent" categories is not worn more often. You must then determine whether some is worth salvaging or not.

If a garment has been placed in the "not worn" category, the best approach is to discard it, Miss

Tutterow advises. "Remember," she says, "what you want to strive for is the interchange of clothing items and accessories to maximize their wearing frequency."

Next, to better understand your clothing needs, make an activity chart listing all of your major activities. List your weekly and monthly activities, rank each according to time spent on it and list the garments you have which can be worn for each activity. Identify additional clothes needed.

You are now ready to prepare the shopping list. "Your clothing inventory and activity chart become the bases for the shopping list," Miss Tutterow explains. And other criteria include clothing styles, garment fit and life cycling cost of the garments.

Look for styles that have a long life (from three to five years) and durable construction. And spend the major portion of your money on tops such as jackets, suits, shirts and blouses, Miss Tutterow advises, because the focal point of the body is the face.

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