

Teenager Offers Fellow Teens A Voice

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As a senior at Mt. Tabor High School, Leslie Brown is well on her way to preparing for a future career in broadcasting. The 17-year-old is already a producer for a one-hour, local radio segment.

Brown produces "Teenage Forum," a news talk radio show on WSJS radio station, which discusses topics that are of interest to teens. It includes a panel of guests, which include experts in the field and teens who have opinions on the subjects. Listeners are invited to call the program and join the discussion.

Brown says topics range from the trivial to the most serious. The show has covered topics including voluntary drug testing in high schools, inter-racial relationships, teenage homosexuality, and politics.

Brown says as the show's first African-American producer, she has helped add another perspective to the show. She says an upcoming show will feature panelists who support and oppose a more multi-cultural educational system. Another show will feature African history.

As producer, Brown's duties include selecting topics for the segment, contacting and gathering panelists, developing an angle for the topic, and using her public relations skills in bringing it all together.

Brown says she also oversees a board of 12 other teens from all over Forsyth County who help come up with topics, find panelists, and help publicize the show.

"I'm asking teenagers in every school — in journalism classes, in debating teams, or any teenagers who are interested in expressing their opinions on anything," Brown says. "I'm looking for them now. I'm looking for people to listen. I'm looking for a new executive board."

Brown says along with the valuable experience of overseeing the project from beginning to end, producing the show has provided a way for her to give back to the

community. "I feel this is one of my contributions to this community," Brown says. "I think I am offering the parents,

"The show is a voice for teenagers," she says. "Young people have a lot to say, but I don't think our perspectives are always respected or taken seriously."



Leslie Brown makes a call to a panelist for the next "Teenage Forum" segment.

adults, and teenagers of this community a chance to see what their child, friend, or grandson or granddaughter is thinking."

Brown says the show was created "for and by" teens.

Brown plans to pursue a broadcast journalism degree in college next year. She says she hopes to develop her skills in producing, directing, and writing. She says her ultimate goal is to establish her own public relations firm.



Leslie Brown sits at the control board in a WSJS radio production room.

If you're a teenager who is interested in joining the executive board or if you simply want to have some input in "Teenage Forum," you can call Leslie Brown at 777-3900.

"Teenage Forum" airs on WSJS (600 on the AM dial) every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.



Actress Lynn Whitfield (second, left), a past winner of an NAACP Image Award for her dramatic portrayal of the legendary Josephine Baker, is shown with (from left to right): T.H. Poole Sr., chairman, Image Awards Committee; Wayman F. Smith III, corporate affairs vice president for Anheuser-Busch Companies; and Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman, NAACP officials who recently announced a record number of entries for the 25th Annual NAACP

NAACP's 25th Annual Image Award Show

Anheuser-Busch Companies, one of the nation's best-known sponsors of sports and other major entertainment events, announced it will be the sponsor of the NAACP's 25th Annual Image Awards. This is the first time a corporation will sponsor the nationally broadcast special, scheduled to air on the NBC network Jan. 23.

The NAACP Image Awards will honor individuals and groups that contribute to the positive portrayal of African-Americans in the entertainment industry.

Wayman F. Smith III, vice president of corporate affairs at Anheuser-Busch and an honorary chairman of the Silver Anniversary show, said the company was pleased to be a partner with the NAACP in sponsoring such a valuable program that highlights the positive roles of African-Americans.

"We are extremely proud to help bring this important program to millions of television viewers," Smith said. "Our sponsorship of the NAACP Image Awards is a

continuation of a long-standing relationship Anheuser-Busch has had with both the national office and local NAACP Branches."

The winners will be selected from a record 645 entries that were submitted for nomination at the 1993 awards.

Twenty-seven categories will be judged, including the best in motion pictures, television, music and literature.

In addition to Smith, other honorary chairpersons are late-night talk show host Arsenio Hall

and Lew Wasserman, chairman and chief executive officer of MCA Inc. The program will originate from the stage of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

"For decades," Smith said, "the NAACP has championed fair and balanced portrayals of African Americans in the entertainment industry."

The awards show is a celebration of the progress that has been made, and the hopes of a better tomorrow."



Carver Heights Elementary School Principal Veda McNair (right) presents an honorary plaque to Marian D. Blount, honoring the librarian for her 25-year service. The school's media center was recently named the Marian D. Blount Media Center.

Chronicle Award Nominees

The Winston-Salem Chronicle invites you to help in the selection of this year's recipients for our Man and Woman of the Year and our Community Service Award.

Recipients will be chosen by the Chronicle staff and advisory board. Judging will be based as follows: The Man and Woman of the Year will be persons who have demonstrated an outstanding character trait, who serve as a model for others. This could be the fact that they have triumphed over some personal tragedy, or helped an individual (or group of people) overcome some obstacle in order to obtain a better standard of living. The incident or incidents for which the Man and Woman of the Year are being nominated must have occurred during the year of 1992.

The recipient of the Community Service Award will be judged based on his or her contribution to the African-American community. The individual must have demonstrated a commitment to serving the African-American community through his or her affiliation with community service agencies, community-oriented projects or community institutions, i.e., schools, churches, etc.

Your nominees (one for Man of the Year and one for Woman of the Year, the other for Community Service Award) should be Winston-Salem residents and will be recognized in the Jan. 28, 1993, special edition of the Chronicle as well as receive commemorative plaques.

Please print legibly and be as specific as possible in describing your nominees' accomplishments. Nominations must be received by the Chronicle no later than 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1993.

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Nominee's Name _____

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Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

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Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Man of the Year".

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