

## Townsend to Perform at Benton Convention Center

Comedian and film director Robert Townsend will perform in "The Comedy Convention" at 8 p.m. Friday at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. The show marks the beginning of the five-event Sunset Concert Series '93 that will include appearances by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee.

In spite of his improvised childhood in West Side, Chicago, Townsend became famous with the release of the 1987 movie "Hollywood Shuffle," a film he wrote, produced, directed and starred in. The comedy was widely acclaimed and established him as a ground-break-

ing filmmaker.

Following "Hollywood Shuffle" Townsend directed Eddie Murphy's concert film "Raw" and had a starring role in MGM's 1989 release "The Mighty Quinn," opposite Denzel Washington. He then took his talent to the small screen, creating a highly successful series of comedy specials entitled "Robert Townsend and His Partners in Crime" for HBO.

In 1991, Townsend brought his second film project, the comedy-drama "The Five Heartbeats" to the silver screen. His latest film "The Meteor Man" will open in August

and stars Townsend along with Marla Gibbs, Robert Guillaume, Bill Cosby, James Earl Jones, among others. Townsend is also currently producing "Townsend Television," a variety show that will debut this summer on Fox.

"The Comedy Convention" will also showcase the talent of Tommy Davidson of "In Living Color" along with other comedians, including Willie Wilson and Will-E DJ Robo Cop.

Tickets are available at the Benton Convention Center, School Kids Records and Billie's Boutique in Greensboro for \$18.



Robert Townsend

## Student Selected for Leadership Conference

Revonda Jessup, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jessup of Winston-Salem, has been selected to attend the Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development at Western Carolina University.

She attends Mt. Tabor High School, where she is a rising 10th-grader.

The Legislators' School for Youth Leadership Development offers some 300 rising 8th-through 12th-graders an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, critical thinking and com-

munication. The three-week residential program utilizes the cultural and recreational resources of WCU and the setting adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

During their stay, students participate in academic and special-interest courses in photography, journalism, computers, art, astronomy and other topics. Community service and discussions about current issues, led by state and regional leaders, are important aspects of the program, which is funded by the General Assembly.

## Center Celebrates Anniversary

St. Peter's World Outreach Center will celebrate its 65th anniversary this Sunday. The pastor is the Rev. J.C. Hash.

Formerly on Highland Avenue, the church moved to its new location three years ago and has tripled its membership to over 2,500. There are programs designed to meet the needs of the whole man — spirit, soul and body.

Tapes of Bishop R.K. Hash's sermons, along with video presentations and gift cassette tapes of the Rev. J.C. Hash's sermons, will be available during the Friends Day and Jubilee Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

A reception and historical display of the church will be held at 4:30 p.m. with tours available as requested. The Youth Alive Ministry will perform a skit, "The First Church," depicting the traditional church leading up to the church of today.

The closing celebration service, at 6 p.m. will feature the St. Peter's Mass Choir in concert with songs and poetry by the Children's Church.

Pastor Simpson Bakker of the High Point Christian Center will be the guest minister for the after-



The Rev. and Mrs. J.C. Hash Sr.



Bishop and Mother R.K. Hash

noon service.

Bible Study is held at the church on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer is held each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Noon-day prayer is held on Mondays and Fridays. The public is invited to attend.

## Student Receives Award

Melita Nicole Brayboy, a graduating senior at East Forsyth High School, received several awards during a ceremony at the school on May 21. She received a Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship, a Citizenship of the Year plaque from the Kernersville Civitan Club, and the Leadership Award from the senior class of East Forsyth.

Brayboy also received a 1993 North Carolina Teaching Fellows Award, which is a four-year scholarship.

Brayboy is the daughter of Oscar and Betty Brayboy.



Melita Brayboy

## Math/Science Academy to Open

The Mathematics and Science Academy of Excellence for the summer of 1993 will open on June 14 at 8 a.m. in the R.J. Reynolds Business Center at Winston-Salem State University.

The academy admits students of any race, color or national origin to all rights, programs, privileges and activities generally accorded to any student in the Forsyth County Schools.

The students will be motivated to learn higher concepts in mathematics, science, computer science

and communication arts in an intellectual, simple way.

Tuition for the summer program is \$225. Included in this fee for students are all supplies and a daily lunch.

Some scholarships will be available to deserving students.

The school has a total enrollment of 45 students. There are approximately 15 openings remaining. For information or to enroll, call Johnny Sigers at 723-2728 or Virginia Newell at 722-4606 or 722-3480 on or before June 11.

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