

Community Notes

• **Lester Newman, Treva Norman and Jon Lee Wiggs** have been appointed to leadership positions at Johnson C. Smith University.

Newman has been named vice president for academic affairs. Prior to Smith, he held the same position at Shelby State Community College in Memphis, where he served as professor of physical science.

Norman is vice president for student affairs and will serve as special assistant to President Dorothy Cowser Yancy. She was JCSU's director of institutional research and planning.

Wiggs is director of institutional assessment, evaluation and research. He will be responsible for research activities, including compiling and reporting data on the internal and external environment of the university.

All three appointees report directly to Yancy.

• **The Greenville Community Historical Society** will hold its Celebration of Life program Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. at Greenville Center.

Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church, a former Greenville Community Church, will be in charge.

• **The Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg** will hold its monthly meeting Sunday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church West. Richard Bargoil, manager of the Economic Development Division for the city of Charlotte, will talk about the widening of Beatties Ford Road.

For more information, call Johnnie Collins at 393-1200 or Anna Hood at 333-4685.

• **Radiance of Charlotte**

will present "Celebrating A Legacy Of Excellence" Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Public Library.

Guest speaker will be Michelle Thomas of Johnson C. Smith University and PAMSA will give an African dance performance.

• **Mecklenburg County** is accepting nominations for boards.

Positions are available on the Emergency Medical Advisory Council, Minority Affairs Advisory Board and Spirit Square Board of Directors. Nominations will take place Monday and appointments made April 2. The deadline for applying is March 4 at 600 East Fourth St.

• A program honoring **Dr. Charles Warren Williams** was held Wednesday at the westside health center named

for the Charlotte physician, the city's first African American surgeon.

The event celebrated Black, History Month and National Heart Association Month.

Williams, who died in 1982, founded the C.W. Williams Health Center at 3333 Wilkinson Blvd., first known as the Metrolina Comprehensive Health Center and served as its chairperson.



Williams

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Mrs. Williams read a list of her husband's accomplishments.

On hand for Wednesday ceremony were his wife, Vivian Williams, and his colleagues in the center's creation, Dr. J. Matthew Murphy, a dentist, and Peggy

Williams was organizer of the Southern Piedmont Health Systems Agency, chair of the Charlotte Boxing Commission, developer of Hyde Park Estates and East

Independence Plaza, a director of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, and the entrepreneur who brought coin-operated laundries to Charlotte.

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100 Black Women group organizes

A national black women's organization is forming a Greater Charlotte chapter.

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Greater Charlotte will be the first of its kind in North Carolina, and organizers anticipate the chapter will be a force for change in African American communities.

"We feel this organization will bring together a diverse group of African American women with a primary focus to make a difference," said Viola Alexander, chair of the organizing committee. "We hope to contribute to solutions for success in our communities."

The 65-member organization includes Cabarrus, Catawba,

Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan and Union counties in addition to Mecklenburg. NCBW is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers working to improve the lives and career opportunities of African American women through networking and programs.

Organized in 1970, NCBW was formed to address problems and opportunities facing black women in the wake of gains made during the civil rights and women's rights eras. Programs dealing with family, career and political and economic empowerment helped foster leadership skills in its members.

The coalition became a national organization in 1981.

and by 1991, there were 60 chapters with 7,000 members in 22 states and Washington, D.C. The Charlotte group, which met for the first monthly meeting Monday, hopes to

be chartered by early fall.

For more information on the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Greater Charlotte, call 551-1923.

Maggie Walker opened more than the St. Luke's Bank.



She opened doors.

Maggie Walker founded the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank in 1907, both to serve the financial needs of her Richmond, Virginia community and to create jobs for other black women. She saw a need, found a

solution, and then made banking history — as well as black history — by becoming the first woman president of an American bank. Wachovia salutes Mrs. Walker, and the enterprising spirit that inspired her.

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Northwest CDC meeting held



Ike Heard, center, and Joseph DeLaine, right, discuss westside development plans with John Huber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department. Heard is executive director of the Northwest Corridor Community Development Corporation. DeLaine, president of the McCrorey Heights Community Association, is a member of the Northwest Corridor CDC board. Several key westside issues were discussed during the Northwest Corridor CDC's annual information meeting Feb. 8 at First Baptist Church West on Oaklawn Avenue. About 45 people attended.

Nfume takes seat

BALTIMORE — Rep. Kweisi Mfume left Congress to head the NAACP with \$188,000 in leftover campaign funds that he could use to someday return to politics, donate to charity or give to another politician.

Mfume, only the second Marylander to leave Capitol Hill with substantial leftover campaign funds, said he has not seriously considered how he will spend the money, but added he could save it for a future political race.

Mfume is to be installed this week at the NAACP's national board meeting.

Federal election law would also permit the five-term Baltimore Democrat to spend the funds on charitable donations. Mfume said he has "several favorite charities," including the National Association

for the Advancement of Colored People, which is \$3.2 million in debt and "clearly at the top of my list of priorities," he said.

According to the Federal Election Commission, once Mfume clears up his congressional expenses, he could spend campaign kitty on charity, other candidates or a future race.

Like all lawmakers, he will be required to report the status of his campaign funds to the FEC every six months until the money is gone.

He is not permitted to use the money for personal use.

Former Rep. Helen Delich Bentley was the other Maryland lawmaker who left office with money to spare. Bentley had about \$42,000 when she left Congress.

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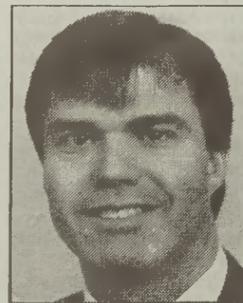
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