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Rachel Granger
Varsity cheerleader

Young Rachel Granger Is Ready To Face Life's Challenges

By Teresa Simmons
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The world is full of people who are afraid perhaps of life or circumstances they may have to face on this earth. There is one solution, our beauty, Rachel Granger, feels that can resolve such turmoil.

That is "receiving Christ into their lives. I wish everyone could do that." Ms. Granger, a rising senior at West Charlotte Senior High School, is not one to say "I can't" when it comes to life's challenges. "I never say I can't because I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. This is my philosophy of life and it comes from Philippians."

Ms. Granger is a member of Victory Christian Center where Reverends Robyn and Maria Gool pastor. In church she is involved in Sunday School, the Wednesday night teaching service and Girl's Aglow.

In school she is a Varsity Cheerleader. The squad is presently in rigorous practice for an upcoming cheerleader competition. She is also a member of the Ambassador Club at West Charlotte. This Girls' Club helps the community by going out to nursing homes and children's homes for visits and aiding also with materialistic items.

Ms. Granger enjoys swimming, cheerleading and spending time with God. She has excelled in school with a GPA of over 3.0. She has chosen Oral Roberts University to attend upon graduation from high school.

"My family and I visited the university and I enjoyed the atmosphere there. We stayed in the dorms and everyone was so bright."

There seemed to be love everywhere. We could tell that it was a Christian school with a Christian atmosphere. There were beautiful sites and beautiful people."

While attending Oral Roberts University Ms. Granger plans to major in Computer Science. Even in this profession she feels that her service to God will not lapse.

Her life seems to have been blessed in a special way. She has received awards in swimming, became Little Miss AKA in 1973 and this summer participated in the Project Excel program at Johnson C. Smith University for students with GPA's above a "B" average.

She has been influenced mostly by her parents, John and Valeria Granger. She also has a sister, 10

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Here Saturday Night

"Farewell Dinner" To Honor Julius Chambers

By Audrey C. Lodato
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Nationally known and respected civil rights attorney Julius L. Chambers will be honored at a farewell dinner sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers and the North Carolina Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The "Tribute to Excellence" for Chambers will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 11, at the Adams Mark Hotel, 555 South McDowell Street.

Chambers is leaving Charlotte to become the Executive Director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, headquartered in New York. Acceptance of that position brings the prominent attorney full circle; he had served as the LDF's first legal intern in 1963-64, working principally with civil rights cases.

A native of Mt. Gilead, NC, Chambers has practiced law in Charlotte since 1964. He is presently senior partner of the law firm Chambers, Ferguson, Watt, Wallas, Adkins and Fuller, P.A. Chambers is also lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania and at Columbia Law School, and has given seminars at several leading law schools, including Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The scholarly Chambers was the

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

Conventions may take place in Charlotte everyday, but none have drawn the thousands of people nationwide that are expected to gather for the 27th annual national convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). National president of SCLC, Rev. Joseph Lowry and Rev. Albert Love also of the national office have been working with local SCLC members for months to pull together a four-day conference bearing the theme, "Turning To Each Other To Turn The Nation To Jobs, Peace and Freedom."

Dr. Lowry pointed out in an earlier planning session, Charlotte is ideal for the SCLC national convention. He stated, "This year is a critical year in politics and North Carolina is one of the key states being watched nationwide."

According to several SCLC members, the campaigns between Sen. Jesse Helms and Gov. Jim Hunt are stirring some political souls. "A great number of people who will attend this rally are the black people in North and South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and other Southern states who dislike Reaganomics," assured Carrie Graves, a member of SCLC and SCLC Women.

Also the director of the Equal Rights Council, Graves added all the people who attend the conference will come seeking answers to the problems in their communities, regardless of where they live.

Another reason Charlotte is a good choice for the convention, according to Dr. Love, is because of the tremendous amount of people who came here to share their testimonials on health care during a national inquiry conducted by SCLC earlier this year.

Though Charlotte was one of 11 cities where the inquiries were held, Dr. Love noted some of the most critical cases were heard by people who travelled to Charlotte. Rev. Love stated that's an indication of how some people are being negatively affected by cuts in social programs.

Listed below is a schedule of events for the convention, August



Local ministers, who comprise the SCLC National Convention Planning Committee, met at a planning session and breakfast last Saturday at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church. Present to formulate plans for the August 15-18 convention were, front row, left to right: Reverends B. M. Hamright, William Lee, A. G. Coley, James E. Palmer, H. S. Diggs, Robert "Bob"

Walton, R. B. Seth, C. V. Owens, Preston Pendergrass, and F. A. Griffin. Second row, left to right: Reverends A. L. Jiwright, James Exum, James Lewis, Willie M. Crank, D. P. Miller, Robert Leak, W. H. Caldwell, T. E. Maxwell, J. A. Cuthbertson, Herman Thomas, Leroy Henderson, C. E. Dewberry, L. J. Wallace, and Albert E. Love. (Photo By Peeler's Portrait Studio)

- 15-18.
- AUGUST 15
- 10 a.m. - Press Conference
- Noon - Board-Staff Luncheon and Registration
- 2 p.m. - Board Meeting
- 6 p.m. - President's Reception, hosted by Dr. Lowry
- 8 p.m. - Concert-Culture Night - Local Entertainment
- AUGUST 16
- 9 a.m. - Registration
- 10 a.m. - Devotions
- 10:20 a.m. - Call To Order 27th Annual Convention
- 11:30 a.m. - Presidential Address
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch
- 2 p.m. - Workshop focusing on voter registration and the impact of the 1984 election. A seminar on world peace will also be held.
- 5 p.m. - Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. - Oratorical Contest with high school students across the country participating. The contest is sponsored by SCLC Women.
- 8 p.m. - Mass Meeting
- AUGUST 17

- 7:30 a.m. - Solidarity breakfast with representatives from civil rights organizations and labor unions.
- 9:30 a.m. - Devotions-Election-Committee Reports
- 10 a.m. - Congressional Hearing on Assault on Affirmative Action. Discussion will also be held on racist violence concentrating on such groups as the Ku Klux Klan.
- Noon - Crisis in Health Care Hearing Reports & Findings.
- 12:30 p.m. - Luncheon sponsored by SCLC Women. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ruth Love, general superintendent of Chicago Public Schools. Dr. Love has received national attention recently in her effort to regain her position since her contract wasn't renewed. However, the theme for the luncheon is "Black Family." Evelyn Lowery is the convener for SCLC Women.
- 3:30 p.m. - Youth Rally. Moderators from the various colleges will discuss employment, the

- sub-minimum wage bill, voter registration, college survival and more.
- 7 p.m. - Banquet
- AUGUST 18
- 10:30 a.m. - Solidarity March will take place from Marshall Park to Revolution Park. A rally will follow at the statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Convention headquarters for the SCLC Convention is the uptown Radisson Plaza. The mass meeting August 16 will be held in the United House of Prayer For All People on Beatties Ford Rd.
- A few of the special guests and speakers include chairman of the National Hispanic Leadership Conference, Tony Bonilla and SCLC board member and social activist Dick Gregory. Both are expected to appear at the mass meeting.
- William Bywater, president of the Electronic Technical Salaried Machine Workers Union, and Bill Lucy, president of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, will be guest speakers at the solidarity breakfast.
- U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner, Mary Berry, will conduct a hearing on the assault on affirmative action. She will discuss the impact of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling seniority verses affirmative action.
- Other invited guests include Mayor Harvey Gantt, Walter Mondale, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman Walter Fautroy, Coretta Scott King, Benjamin Hooks, Mayor Marion Berry, John Nettles, Mayor Andrew Young, and many others.
- Graves stressed an urgent need of youth participation throughout the convention. She noted several young entertainers will appear at the solidarity march. "One of the entertainers is a really big name and we have to keep that a surprise until the last moment," Graves commented.
- To demonstrate unity, all youth are asked to wear purple for the solidarity march.
- Most events are free. A \$45 fee will cover registration, (\$5) and the Friday labor breakfast, (\$5) Women's luncheon (\$10), unity banquet (\$25).
- For more information, telephone in Charlotte 704-335-0921; in Atlanta (national headquarters) 404-552-1420. Tickets for any of the events may be purchased at the Equal Rights Council on West Blvd., Westover Shopping Center.



Julius L. Chambers
Nationally known attorney

recipient of several distinguished scholarships and fellowships and holds degrees in history and law from North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University), the University of Michigan, the University of North Carolina School of Law, and Columbia University



The man of the hour is the one whose wife told him to wait a minute.