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Belinda Chafin  
...Rutledge College student

## Chafin To Seek Career In Fashion Designing

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Stating she was "born with the talent to sew," Belinda Chafin is looking forward to a career in fashion designing.

However, Belinda, a Rutledge College student, will soon be graduating with a degree in computer science. But there is a method behind all this. She says, "I want to become familiar with computers in order to have something to fall back on. Also, I'm sure that computer training could help in my designing career. I believe they will become popular with fashion designing."

To put the two together is Belinda's strategy. Already she has been able to do this. She works a full-time job at night, sews in whatever time she has and attends computer classes during the day.

About sewing, 21-year-old Belinda practically taught herself the craft when she was 16. "I still have the first outfit I made," she claims. This outfit only serves as a reminder to Belinda now that she has become far more adept at sewing. She designs all of her own clothes. Though she does use patterns, Belinda explains, "I usually add something to the outfit or take something away."

"I mentally conceive ideas for designing," continues Belinda, "but I'll have to learn how to put them on paper."

Her designs mainly fall in three categories of style: "conservative-casual," "conservative," and "casual." The first category is distinct and Belinda explains it by saying, "Women have more office positions than years ago but I don't believe they have to look like a man when they go to work. The type of outfits I'm describing are conservative enough for the business world but casual in style for femininity."

"Also," continues Belinda, "I'm very interested in designing for

women in the plus-sizes. I know a lot of heavy women can't find the best clothes."

An additional attraction in the clothes Belinda plans on designing is her unique use of colors. "I like to combine colors, that people do not usually wear together, in a suit," she relates. The result is a stunning suit designed with stripes of contrasting colors.

This idea is a reflection of Belinda's independent thinking which is also evident in the way she plans to go about building her designing career. "I have to do it on my own," she emphasizes, claiming she will not attend a design school. "Though I know I'll always need someone, I really feel that in order for me to become a success the creative steps I take in my career I have to pursue alone."

A native New Yorker, from Long  
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## 21 Churches Competing

# Churchworker Of Year Contest Off And Running!

By Loretta Manago  
Post Staff Writer

The next six weeks will perhaps be the most challenging weeks ahead for the contestants participating in The Charlotte Post-WPEG-Eastern Airlines sponsored, "Churchworker of the Year" contest.

As the contestants, along with their committees, make contact with potential subscribers to The Post, they will, no doubt, revel in the prizes that they will receive as a result of the number of subscriptions that they sell. They will feel the anxiety of waiting out the weeks to see who will be crowned "Churchworkers of the Year." But most importantly they will have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts in this campaign will help to financially advance the causes of their churches.

Similar to the two previous contests, all contestants will be competing in areas of small, medium, and large churches. Contestants fall under these categories by the size of their respective church's congregation size. A church with one to 300 members is considered small, a church with 301-700 members is considered a medium sized church, and a church with a congregation of 701 members and more is considered a large church.

This year, in the small category, the church and its representatives are as follows: Chappell Memorial Baptist Church, Cora Lee Hubbard; Matthews-Murkland, Presbyterian Church, Lucille Johnson; Greater Bethel AME Zion Church, Brenda

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

With the theme, "New Directions: Where Do We Go From Here?" the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus will host its first annual banquet and awards night Saturday, June 1, commencing at 6:30 p.m. at McDonald's Cafeteria, Beatties Ford Rd.

At this time of considering new courses of action, the Caucus will first honor past presidents of the organization including: Howard Barnhill, Rev. James McCallum, Robert Davis, Rebecca Taylor, and Jim Richardson. Current president of the Caucus is James Polk.

Recognition will also be given to Willie Mae Smith, Willie Stratford, Cedric Jones, Pete Cunningham, and W. L. Burns, in appreciation for their service to the Caucus.

Representative Robert R. Woods, senior member of the House of Representatives, South Carolina, will be guest speaker for the event.

In retrospect, the Black Political Caucus was first organized in 1969. It was during this primary year of school desegregation when the group formed under the initial name: Black Concerned Citizens (BCC). With Howard Barnhill as president, the organization's purpose was to help integrate Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Still, another matter the BCC



Jim Richardson  
...State senator

became involved in during the early years was alleged police brutality, according to Robert Davis. The BCC worked with then-Mayor John Belk in investigation of such complaints.

"Soon it became apparent that most of the people who remained involved in BCC were active in the political process," points out Davis.

Therefore, in 1971, the BCC group changed its name to the Char-



Howard Barnhill  
...State representative

lotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus and under the presidency of Rev. James McCallum, who was pastor of Simpson-Gillespie CME Church, the organization's focus was geared to political action. A primary concern was voter education and registration.

A non-partisan organization, the Black Political Caucus progressively became involved with enhancing the political power of blacks. One

of their major functions is interviewing all potential political candidates in this area and then endorsing those whom they feel are ideal for the welfare of the community.

Additionally, states Cedric Jones, long-time member of the caucus and chairman of the 55th voting precinct, "An extension of the Caucus is the Tuesday Morning Breakfast Meeting." Presided over by Sarah Stevenson, this weekly gathering of elected officials and concerned citizens is a time for discussions on political community interests. Often guest speakers are presented at these meetings who have expertise on various topics, for example, zoning or minority affairs.

It has been said that a new direction for the Caucus may involve "political clout through economic development." However, in general, President James Polk claims, "We are concerned with the quality of life in our neighborhoods with emphasis on any community matter and political implication in which we can assist and solve problems."

Tickets for the Black Political Caucus' first awards banquet are \$15 per person. For ticket purchase or further information, contact Rev. Jewett Walker at 333-3779, or Ella Talley at 375-6268.

## Benedict Graduates Told Black Colleges Are Needed!

Special To The Post

The president of the United Negro College Fund said Sunday that black colleges play an important role in the American higher education system and whites who question the need for them are racially motivated.

"No one asks the question whether a Jewish college or university should exist, or a Lutheran college and Catholic college -- and they all do exist. But they do ask that question about blacks," Christopher F. Edley told 195 graduates of Benedict College.

He said the questions are being

asked at a time when white colleges are unwilling to accept black students in "broad numbers."

Speaking to over 3,000 persons at Benedict's 115th commencement convocation at The Township in Columbia, Edley said critics have "raised the question as to whether students with B or C averages should be admitted to college, and they want to limit enrollment to those with averages of 80 or 90 now that the droves of whites have come through."

The UNCF president pointed out that in the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s white universities admitted masses of whites "from second and third

rate high schools and off the farms if they had a C high school graduation record."

Those students were admitted and went on to become educated Americans, "and now is our hour," Edley added.

"It is not fair for society to now erect barriers to our admission to higher education that are higher than any barriers whites had to overcome in the 1920's through the '60s. And we cannot allow that debate to go on without naming it for what it is, and it is racism," Edley said.

Following his speech, Edley was

presented an Outstanding Service Award for directing UNCF's fund-raising efforts on behalf of 43 private, fully-accredited black colleges. The Fund raised nearly \$30 million last year.

An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon the Rev. Roscoe C. Wilson, pastor of St. John Baptist Church of Columbia.

Benedict's Class of 1985 included 50 honor graduates, with two receiving their degrees summa cum laude. Graduating "With Highest Praise" were Naima Abdullah of Columbia, an English major, Derrick Jefferson of Timmonsville, a physics-engineering major.



Mattie Caldwell  
...Medium category

Prince; Gallean, Lena Grier; and Macedonia Baptist Church, Minnie Patterson.

In the medium category Maggie Freeman of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mattie Caldwell of Ebenezer, Mollie Massey of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, Etha Shannon of Clinton Chapel, Barbara Walker of Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Brenda Wall of Antioch Baptist Church, and Darnell Ivory of Faith CME Church are the contestants.

Competing in the large church category are: Elaine Marshall of Parkwood CME Church, Mary Hollins of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, and Bessie Marshall of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.



Brenda Wall  
...Medium category contender

Throughout the course of the contest each candidate will be aiming to sell the most subscriptions or renewing as many subscriptions as possible in order to reach the top position in her category.

Once the three top semi-finalists have been determined, the ministers of those persons will then submit a letter of recommendation, stating why that contestant should be named "Churchworker of the Year." Based upon that letter alone, a panel of impartial judges, who will be named at a later date, will decide who will win the three grand prizes.

For the past two years, the grand prize has been a trip for two to the Bahamas, generously donated by Eastern Airlines, one of the



Bessie Marshall  
...Competing in large category

"Churchworker of the Year" co-sponsors. But this year, the grand prize has been sweetened even more. For not only will the contestant and her guest travel to the Bahamas via the Emerald SS, but the minister of the winning contestant and his guest will receive a trip to anywhere of the 100 destinations Eastern Airlines flies in the U.S. Couple these trips with the two remaining grand prizes, one of which is a fur coat from The Vintage Girl and the "Churchworker of the Year" contest becomes one of the most lucrative annual events.

Not every contestant will be able to win one of the three grand prizes, but every contestant and her committee persons will have the op-

portunity to win some of the fabulous prizes that have been cheerfully donated by some of the Charlotte Post's advertisers.

Not all of the prizes have been announced, but those advertisers who are participating in the contest and the gifts they are contributing, include: Montaldo's, a \$50 gift certificate; Buffalo Tire, a \$50 gift certificate; Naturalizer (South-Park, a pair of shoes; D'Essence No. 2, a \$35 valued hair do; Ledford's, a \$50 gift certificate; Pro Play, a cue stick; Peak Drug, a \$25 gift certificate (excluding prescription and tobacco products); Bullock Photography, an 11x14 family portrait, valued at \$65; Browsers Consignment, a \$50 gift certificate; Chez Marjorie, a \$25 gift certificate; MWS Associates, a professional curl; Hair Original, Brownlee Jewelers, a \$50 gift certificate; Discount Uniforms, a \$20 gift certificate; Ann's Beauty Salon, an Omni curl; Beckwith Beauty Boutique, a professional curl; Ray's Furniture, a \$50 gift certificate; The House of Charles and Jimmie Grier's Alter House.

The Charlotte Post-WPEG-Eastern Airlines sponsored contest, which kicked off Monday, will continue through July 7.

Each Monday in the six-week period, contestants will report their number of sales to Sabrina Johnson, Promotions and Marketing Director. And based on the number of subscriptions sold alone, the rank of the contestants will be determined.

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