

NCBLC Holds 10th Anniversary Conference

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Network Development, and Dr. Benjamin Chavis, executive director of the United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice.

At a 10 a.m. Political Empowerment Workshop, Dr. Chavis will be joined by Dr. Linda Williams, senior research associate at the Joint Center for Political Studies in Washington, D.C., and Attorney Lezli Baskerville, executive director for the National Black Leadership Roundtable.

Tony Brown, executive director and host of "Tony Brown's Journal" on public television and chairman of the Council for the Economic Development of Black Americans, will be featured speaker at the noon Luncheon Session to be held in Grimes Lounge, JCSU Memorial Union. Tony Brown is the founder of the "Buy Freedom Campaign," established in 1985 to address the economic development of black businesses.

At a 3 p.m. Economic Development Workshop, Congressman Parren Mitchell, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Braintrust on Housing, Minority Enterprise and Economic Development, will be the keynote speaker. Joining Congressman Mitchell as panelists for this workshop will be: Joshua I. Smith, chairman of the board, president, and chief executive officer of the Maxima Corporation, an information management company that grossed \$30 million last year; Attorney Arthur Teele Jr., president of two multi-million dollar companies involved in national and international contracts; and Robert "Bob" Brown of High Point, N.C., president of B & C Associates, a public relations firm whose contracts are worldwide.

Congressman Charles B. Rangel, deputy whip for House Democratic Leadership, chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures-Committee on Ways and Means, and candidate for the Democratic Party House Majority Whip, will be featured speaker at the 6 p.m. Banquet at JCSU Memorial Union Grimes Lounge.

Finally, Sunday, July 20, is Black Women's Political Congress Day. Congresswoman Cardiss Collins, the only black woman in Congress, chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Government Activities and Transportation, and treasurer of the Congressional Black Caucus, will be keynote speaker at the 8:30 a.m. session in Grimes Lounge. Following the Women's Political Breakfast session, a 10:30 a.m. workshop will feature as panelists: Dr. Linda Williams; Attorney Lezli Baskerville; Attorney Carolyn Johnson, councilwoman of Durham City Council; and Affirmative Action Officer Cora McFadden of Durham, N.C.

Apparently there will be a strong emphasis on political plans for the black community during this year's NCBLC Conference. However, the inclusion of economic strategists, namely the chief executive officers,

indicates a new direction for the Caucus. Davis agrees that stressing economics is new for the Caucus. "The idea is to show how blacks have benefitted from economic growth through hard work in executive big business," he relates. Though, he points out, economic growth potential for the black community has always been a part of the "family plan" espoused by Congressman Walter Fauntroy during "Washington Roundtable" discussions. Simply, economics is just now reaching the top of the agenda. "Economics is part of the 'family plan,'" contends Davis. "Yet it is not in lieu of the civil rights struggle and we are still concerned with politics."

A hoped-for outcome of this Conference, expressed by Davis, is

for local people to participate in working out strategies and programs to be carried out in Charlotte. Along the same vein, NCBLC chair, Dr. Allison, desires that "supporters of the Caucus throughout North Carolina will come and leave the conference to imple-

ment priorities which evolve."

On site registration for the entire weekend of activities, which will include seven meal functions, at \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members, will be available at 4 p.m. at JCSU Memorial Union Lobby, Friday, July 18.



Mrs. Reginald Lee Byrum
.....The former Miss Lawanda Smalls

LaWanda Smalls And Reginald Byrum Wed

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

LaWanda Yvette Smalls and Reginald Lee Byrum were recently united in holy matrimony at Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church. The Rev. John I. Jackson officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Ingram of Charlotte; she was given in marriage by her father. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dowd Wesley Jr., also of Charlotte.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Beverly Hogue. Miss Roslyn Webb of Wilson, NC, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Thomas and Renea McDonald, both of Charlotte; Patricia McLean of Gastonia; and Trudy Byrum, sister of the groom, also of Charlotte. Little Miss LeVonne Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curl Sims, was

the flower girl. Junior bridesmaids were Melanie and Audrey Ingram, sisters of the bride.

Best man was Mr. Larry Quick Sr. Larry Quick Jr. served as ring bearer. Ushers were Devanye Byrum and Wesley K. Byrum, brothers of the groom; Al Green, the groom's cousin; Gary Ingram, brother of the bride; Curtis Jordan, Chuck Connors, and Harold Jackson.

Music was provided by Joseph Walker, organist, and Gloria Garner, soloist.

Hostesses were Kyra and Kiffney Reid, Sandra Quick, Sonya Jackson, and Margaret Barringer.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony.

Prior to the wedding day, the bride gave a bridesmaids' luncheon. Miss Michelle Thomas and her mother, Mrs. Jane L. Thomas, hosted a lingerie shower for the bride.

Rape Crisis Needs Volunteers

Rape Crisis Service of the Victim Assistance Program needs volunteers to serve as telephone counselors and hospital companions to rape victims in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

A training session for new volunteers will begin August 9. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed to keep this service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Rape Crisis Service offers volunteers flexible hours and a complete training program, said Janet Jones, coordinator of volunteers. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and must have a car and a telephone.

"Any individual who is a good listener, a caring person and who

wants to do something to help victims in our community would make a good volunteer," Jones said.

"Volunteers can decide which 4- to 6-hour shifts they wish to work. They are not required to be at a certain place as long as they have the beeper," Jones said.

Interested persons should call Jones at 375-9900, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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