

# Leadership Charlotte Taps Into The Community's Pool Of Leaders

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Sen. Terry Sanford (D-NC) will be the keynote speaker at the 10th Anniversary celebration of Leadership Charlotte. A banquet honoring the ten years of the community leadership education program's existence.

A banquet reception will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Charlotte's Adam's Mark Hotel. The public is invited to attend the \$20-per-person event. Fifty graduates of Leadership Charlotte Class X will be recognized at the celebration.

Leadership Charlotte is the result of a brainstorm of UNCC's Dr. Schley Lyons. He remains the guiding spirit of the organization, which is administered by the Urban Institute.

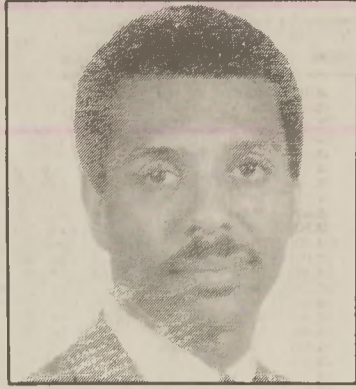
"I modeled Leadership Charlotte on a program the Charlotte Chamber had for people in business," Lyons said. "It all began in the late 1970s—a period of political flux in Charlotte. Women and blacks were demanding a piece of the political pie. It was the beginning of district representation in city-county politics. And the neighborhood groups movement was just getting a toe-hold."

The first Leadership Charlotte class had 35 graduates. For the first two years the program survived on federal grant funds. Lyons attracted corporate sponsorship for the third class. The organization has been primarily corporate-sponsored since. Class X will have 50 graduates, most of whom are sponsored by businesses.

"I remember the early days," Lyons said. "It was a relief when Duke Power and the Charlotte Observer came on board to sponsor employees in the program. Others soon followed."

Numerous community leaders came out of Leadership Charlotte. Michael Evans, Cecil Henderson, Carla DuPuy and Dr. Paula Newsome are typical of the kind of leaders the program prides itself on producing.

Newsome, a Wilmington native, is no stranger to success. She is from a family of achiev-



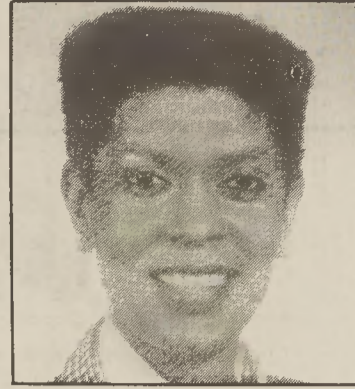
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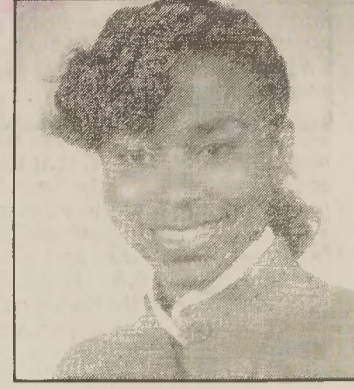
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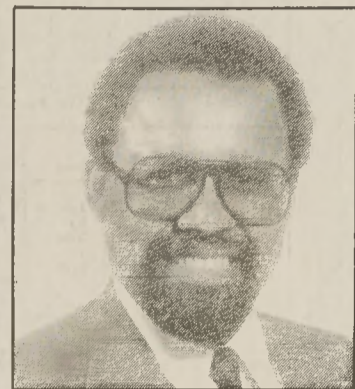
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ers. Her cousin, Tim Newsome, is a fullback with the Dallas Cowboys. And she has single-handedly built a successful medical practice and a political-community service base for herself since coming to Charlotte four years ago.

"Leadership Charlotte helps to improve our community by tapping its natural diversity," Dr. Newsome said. "It is a most effective way to achieve a cross-pollination of ideas. It provides exposure for emerging leaders via a system of networking among their peers in a pool of potential mentors."

In addition to being a graduate of Leadership Charlotte, Dr. Newsome is also an executive

with the organization. A member of its board of directors, she serves on its Steering Committee and is Director of Alumni Affairs. Dr. Newsome also serves as Vice President of Focus On Leadership, a similar organization begun early this year for minority people.

Titus L. Ivory, a Wachovia Bank executive, and Michelle Thomas, who is with the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission, are two representative members of Leadership Charlotte Class X.

"Leadership Charlotte draws upon a broad spectrum of Charlotte's population," Ivory said. "It has given me the opportunity to meet many people I

might not have otherwise." "The program also gives the individual an opportunity to enhance personal goals," Thomas said. "And it is a great crucible for ideas affecting our corporate, political and socio-economic environment."

The May 10 celebration will also honor previous Leadership Charlotte Circle of Excellence recipients. Past winners include Bob Goodale, Carla DuPuy and Ray Gooding.

"This is a creative way to tap our pool of leadership," Gooding said. "And it is a good barometer of where Charlotte came from and where it is going."

## Griffin Faces Runoff In May 31 School Board Contest

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McIntyre, who was elected last November to fill an unexpired term, was happy with her showing but didn't take anything for granted.

"I think I'm in pretty good shape," she said. "I'm not an eternal optimist, so I'll have to see it for sure."

McIntyre said the election signaled discontent with inequities in education and pupil as-

signment. Martin and Rikard will bring a new look to the board regardless of the outcome of the runoff.

"You'll see some changes with three different personalities coming together," she said.

Griffin, who served on the board from 1985 to 1986, expressed satisfaction with being among the top finishers but was disappointed by the low voter turnout.

Resigned to facing four more weeks of campaigning, he said there is more work to be done.

"It looks that way" for a runoff, Griffin said. "I'm going to immediately start to plan for the runoff."

Griffin said he would've preferred avoiding a runoff, but it beats not making it to one.

"I'm somewhat concerned with the low voter turnout," he said. "I feel better being in fifth than the

last time when I didn't get in at all. I'm happy to have gotten to the runoff."

## Protestors Rally For Increases In Wages

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ATLANTA (AP) --- Some 10,000 union members and civil rights activists rallied last Saturday to demand jobs with better pay and better benefits.

"People aren't poor because they don't have jobs, but because of the low pay for the jobs they've got," Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Hightower told the crowd.

The rally in the Atlanta Civic Center parking lot marked the end of a four-state "pilgrimage for economic justice" by the Southern Christian Leadership

Conference.

The journey began in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 20 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in that city.

The pilgrimage demonstrated the "rebirth of the coalition of labor unions and civil rights workers seeking full employment with decent wages," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the SCLC, which King founded. "The current minimum wage (\$3.35 an hour) just won't do it."

"We have come to protest the policies that have turned the

world's mightiest industrial power into a declining nation," said Bernice King, daughter of the slain civil rights leader.

Lowery saw several contrasts between April's SCLC march and civil rights marches in the 1960s, including the presence this time of many black elected officials and greater police support.

Drugs joined poverty as a theme in the latest march, Lowery said.

"We're calling the drug pushers the new lynch mob, and they're much more threatening than the old lynch mob," he said.

## Jackson Pushes On Despite Recent Primary Setbacks

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lighten his work load until just two weeks before the end of the campaign;

2.) A viable agenda that blacks, the poor and the left-outs can feel a part of (what programmatic document will the new President act on? That's a key question, says Walters); and

3.) Appointments. There are 1,006 executive level positions a President has to fill. Blacks and other minorities should expect to garner their fair share of these positions, Walters says.

Walters said Jackson's "backward" leverage has to do with "all those resources he can bring to the table -- his proven ability to arouse the voters on substantive issues and the 10

million votes he won in 1984. His "forward" leverage are those 12 million votes in 1988. When the white and Hispanic vote is added, Walters declared, "there are a total of between 15 or 20 million, twenty five per cent (or more) of the base Democratic vote support. This is the kind of thing that Jackson and his organization can bring. That's a lot of votes and anyone who wants to run to win will have to deal with Jesse and this fact."

Dr. Walters, who has written a book, "Black Presidential Politics in America" (State University of New York Press) shrugged off suggestions that he speculate on who the Jackson campaign might put forward for top cabinet, policy making, Commission, Department, Agency or

judicial posts. Said he: "There are thousands of people within the Rainbow Coalition constituency who would be eligible for these positions. So it would be idle to speculate on that at this point."

He emphasized that "the campaign is not over, in spite of the setbacks," adding, however, "if we would stop the race right now, the more than 800 delegates he has won and the tremendous strengths he has already gained in caucuses and primaries give him credibility and clout to bargain for all kinds of things at the Atlanta convention."

## Runoff Is Likely In District 2 Race

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nated by religion, morals and, lately, by advertising controversy.

Walton blasted the media for paying more attention to his 1987 assault conviction than his years of service to the black community. Majeed pledged not to make the conviction an issue, but tried to hammer home the need for a role model for the district.

Walton had the backing of ministers groups, which cited his accomplishments and acknowledgement of his mistakes

dorsements from the Black Political Caucus and two local newspapers.

A Walton ad that appeared in last week's Post drew fire from some persons who said their names were included as supporters without their authorization. Walton called the mixup inadvertent.

Some concerns were raised about Majeed's Islamic faith, but that didn't stop him from getting support from former city councilman Ron Leeper, former mayor Harvey Gantt and en-

## Community Watch Crime Exhibition

Area citizens are invited to attend a Community Watch meeting and forum to be held Wednesday, May 11, 2 to 10 p.m., at Owens Auditorium.

The meeting of the chairpersons of Community Watch programs will begin at 7 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and will be attended by district police captains who will answer questions about crime prevention. City Councilman Al Rousso will speak at this meeting.

From 2 - 10 p.m. there will be an on-going exhibition of burglar alarms and home security devices.

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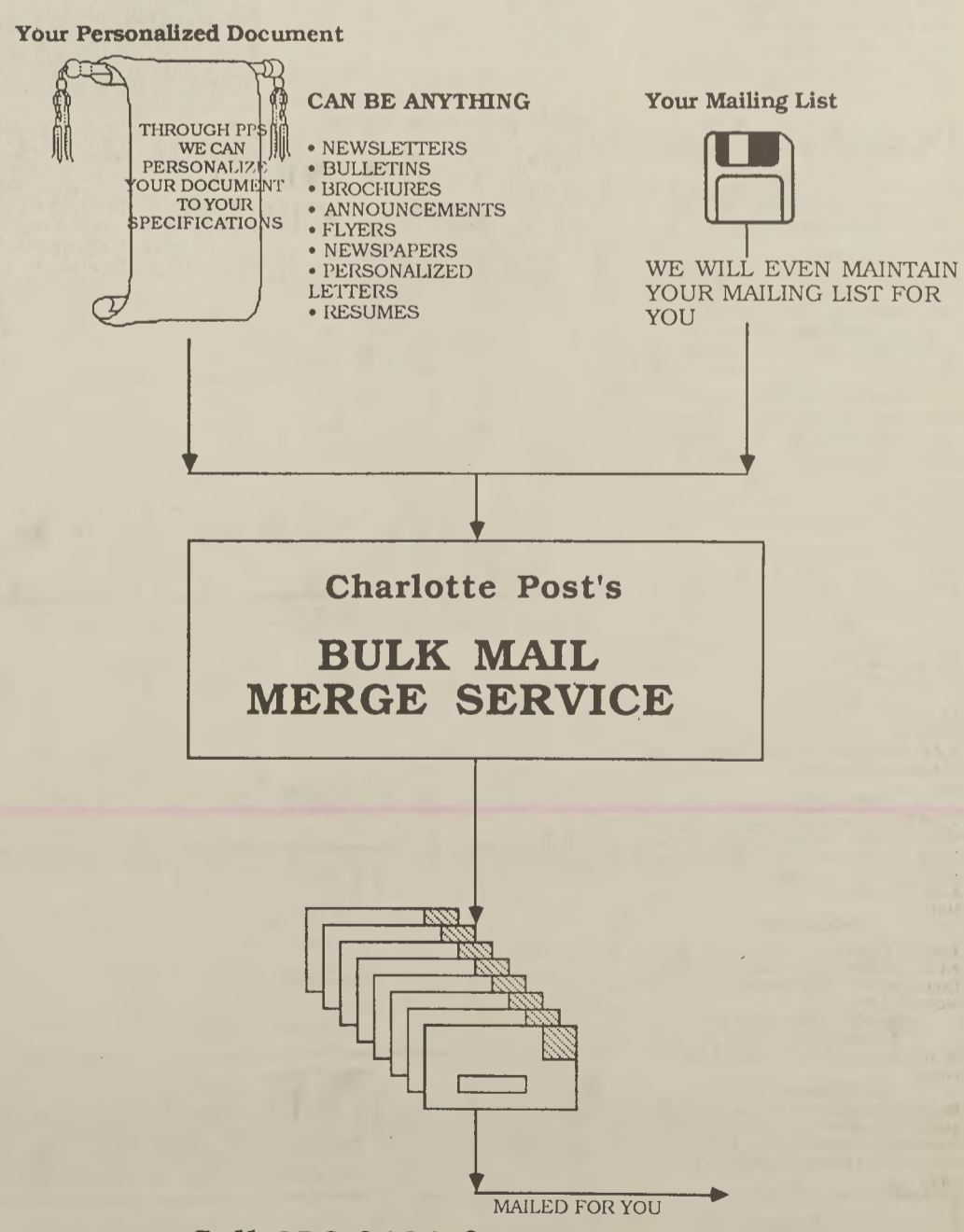
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