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PRESS RELEASE

The Champaign Section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will hold its Second Annual Awards Banquet on <sup>Saturday,</sup> January 17, 1987 at 7:00 P.M., at Juner's Castle Lodge for the benefit of the United Negro College Fund. This year's honorees are Mrs. Louise C. Leonard, Mr. Vernon L. Barkstall and Mr. J. C. Caroline, all of Champaign-Urbana, who represent many collective years of community service. Mrs. Leonard, Urbana, a "community conscience", served as president twice for both the Champaign County League of Women Voters and the Champaign-Urbana Unit of Church Women United. Mr. Barkstall is presently Executive Director of the Urban League of Champaign County and Mr. Caroline was the first black football coach at Urbana High School and now teaching in this community. It is especially significant that these persons should be recognized for their work in improving the quality of life for many segments of our population, just as the United Negro College Fund provides educational opportunities at 43 historically Negro colleges for minorities who would otherwise be deprived of an education. We all recognize that "A Mind is a Terrible thing to Waste." Anna Wall Scott is president of the local section of NCNW and chairs this event with Ruth Hendricks. Tickets and further information regarding the event may be obtained by calling Esther P. Kemp, Coordinator of Communications (384-5080).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
CALL Esther P. Kemp  
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January 13, 1987

Mr. Vernon L. Barkstall  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
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Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Mr. Barkstall:

Confirming our telephone conversations, the Second Annual Awards Banquet of the Champaign County Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., for the benefit of the United Negro College Fund, will be held Saturday, January 17, 1987 at 7:00 P.M., at Jumers Castle Lodge, Urbana. On this occasion the group wishes to honor you for your many years of service to humanity and this community and look forward to having you with us. Other honorees will be Mrs. Louise C. Leonard and Mr. J. C. Caroline, Tickets for you and Mrs. Barkstall are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Esther P. Kemp  
Communications

Enclosures

Banquet Tickets 2



**BARKSTALL**



**LEONARD**



**CAROLINE**

Louise C. Leonard, Vernon L. Barkstall and J.C. Caroline will be honored at the second annual awards banquet of the Champaign Section of the National Council of Negro Women at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Urbana. Leonard has served as president of the Champaign County

League of Women Voters and the Champaign-Urbana Unit of Church Women United. Barkstall assumed the executive directorship of the Urban League of Champaign County in June 1966 and now is president and chief executive officer of the organization. Caroline was the first black football coach at Urbana High School and is now teaching in the community. The banquet will benefit the United Negro College Fund. For tickets and further information about the event, contact Esther P. Kemp at 384-5080.

# Opposing SDI makes no sense

One has to admire the opponents of President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. They never give up.

When the project was first announced, the erstwhile experts ridiculed it as totally unachievable. Now, however, it appears that not only is it achievable, but it can be accomplished with current technology.

Does that dampen the opposition of the anti-SDI militants? You bet it does not. They now sing a new chant: "SDI is too expensive." Of course, they have absolutely no empirical evidence for such an allegation. They do not need it. All they try to do is shout down the opposition.

Actual estimates of SDI expense come in far below the inflated mouthings of the far left. But, query: How much is it worth to each of us to be able to prevent nuclear destruction in the United States — and hopefully elsewhere?

I would suggest that it is worth every bit as much (in current dollars) as it was to find a cure for tuberculosis, polio and a host of other diseases. They, too, were life-threatening, and I believe the majority of us would have been willing to spend whatever it took to eradicate their existence.

Why a different approach to nuclear destruction? I wish I had the answer.

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I find the primary election in both parties deadly dull. Now that Bruce Babbitt has departed, the Democrats are so far to the left the

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**From where  
I stand...**

by John Hirschfeld



Communist Party need not run a candidate of their own. The Republican candidates, on the other hand, seem to stand for little or nothing.

Bush is everywhere and nowhere; Kemp and DuPont are gone because they had no agenda; Robertson needs a miracle (which no one, including Robertson, believes in anymore); and Dole was best described recently by Joseph Sobran: He "has no discernible purpose for being president. He would just like to be president."

My choice was, is, and will remain Jeane Kirkpatrick — and she has about as much chance of receiving the recognition she deserves as a snowball in hell, particularly after endorsing Dole — a mistake she will rue at the convention, since a Bush/Kirkpatrick ticket is probably the strongest the Republicans could have mustered.

The Illinois primary was absolute dullsville. It can only get worse considering the players.

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In honoring Charles Everett Phillips Sr. (1889-1975) in my column of March 3, I made only passing mention of Brig. Gen. Joel W. McKean and Mildred W. Barksdale. It was not intended as a slight. I presumed

that both individuals were well known by local residents. Since that presumption on my part is apparently incorrect, let me both apologize to them and elaborate on why there were honored by the National Council of Negro Women.

Among his numerous honors (Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency's Meritorious Honor Award), Gen. McKean, as commander of Chanute Air Force Base, revived the memories of the Black 99th Pursuit Fighter Squadron by celebrating the dedication of a building named for the Squadron Commander.

Mildred Barksdale has been a leader in higher education for 36 years, and a resident of Champaign-Urbana for almost two decades. Since 1973 she has been assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Illinois. At the same time she has been active in the Champaign-Urbana Girls Club, University of Illinois YWCA, Mount Olive Baptist Church, the Urban League, the League of Women Voters, the Urbana School System and the Champaign-Urbana Community Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

Someone once said that leadership is not play; it is often a very lonely vigil. I am sorry if I made it lonelier by eulogizing the deceased honorees at the expense of those still living.

My apologies.

John C. Hirschfeld is president and chief executive officer of The News-Gazette.

# ge Fund to benefit from local project

ut of it, rather than the further burden of accreditation loss.

**EMPHASIZING THE THEME** "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," members of the Champaign Section of the National Council of Negro Women currently are engaged in a project to benefit the United Negro College Fund.

The undertaking, along with the group's scholarship program and observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, were embodied in the program of the second annual awards dinner of the CSNCNW held Jan. 17 at Jumer's to benefit the UNCF general fund.

Three prominent local residents were honored and presented with plaques signifying their leadership and dedication in their community activities and services:

**Mrs. Louise C. Leonard**, community and civic leader who has worked diligently in the C-U community to facilitate interracial harmony and

peaceful social change in her capacity as president of Church Women United, in addition to having served as a past president of the League of Women Voters.

**Vernon C. Barkstall**, chief executive officer of the Urban League of Champaign County since 1966, and community activist.

**J.C. Caroline**, former football star at the University of Illinois and with the Chicago Bears. He was the first black football head coach at Urbana High School, and a long-time teacher there. Jan. 17 was Caroline's birthday.

Because of illness, Leonard was unable to attend, and the plaque for her was received by her youngest son, David.

**THE ORGANIZATION'S 1986-87** scholarship recipients were Leslie Harmon of Urbana, now studying at Tougaloo College in Mississippi; Sonya Crayton of Rantoul, a freshman at Washington & Lee College

in Lexington, Va.; and Kimberly Davis of Rantoul, a freshman at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Funds for this second year of scholarship awards were derived from proceeds of a spring art show sponsored by the Champaign Section. Candidates for the scholarship awards must live in Champaign County and qualify on the basis of need and academic ability.

Introduction of the recipients was made by Dorothy Vickers-Shelley, chairwoman of the section's scholarship fund-raising activities.

The after-dinner program, presided over by Cynthia Biggers, included an address by Spuriell White of Chicago, Illinois Area Development director of the United Negro College Fund Inc. He pointed out the urgent needs for substantial support of the colleges and universities, particularly those serving the needs of black young people. "They

are vital to the nation as a force for racial unity and equal educational opportunities for needy and underprivileged youths," he said.

**OFFICERS IN THE Champaign Section**, in addition to Anna Wall Scott, president, are Mary Haywood, vice president; Marian Scantlebury, financial secretary; Dorothy Vickers-Shelley, treasurer; Faye Catchings, corresponding secretary; and Cally Embry, historian.

The organization recently made a \$1,500 pledge to the United Negro College general fund for 1987, to be sent in by early March. Net proceeds from the benefit awards dinner total about two-thirds of that gift pledge.

Those wishing to send a contribution to help make up the balance may make out checks to United Negro College Fund, Champaign Section NCNW and mail to A.W. Scott, 309 W. Michigan Ave., U.

*"A mind is a terrible thing to waste . . ."*

*This formal note wishes to invite you to share the "mirth, wisdom and cuisine" for the benefit of the United Negro College Fund. This Post Holiday Gala Event will be held in the Elegant Ballroom of Jumer's Castle Lodge, Lincoln Square, Urbana, Illinois. On Saturday, January 17, 1987, 7:00 p.m. V.I.P. Reception 6:00 p.m.*

R.s.v.p.

Formal Attire

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## **Award Recipients 1987**

*Mrs. Louise C. Leonard*, Community and Civic Leader. Mrs. Leonard has diligently worked in the twin cities to facilitate Interracial Harmony and Peaceful Social Change, in her capacity as President of Church Women United. In addition to having served as President of the League of Women Voters, her civic activities have extended throughout the community.

*Mr. Vernon Barkstall*, Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Campaign County since 1966 and Community Activist.

*Mr. J.C. Caroline*, Former Football Star with the University of Illinois and the Chicago Bears. Mr. Caroline was the first black football head coach hired at Urbana High School. Today is Mr. Caroline's birthday. **Happy Birthday, J.C.!**

## **1986-1987 Scholarship Recipients**

*Sonya Crayton*, Freshman – Washington L. Lee College Lexington, Virginia

*Kimberly Davis*, Freshman – Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois

*Leslie Harmon*, – Tougaloo College Tougaloo, Mississippi

## **1985 Award Recipient**

*Prof. William Warfield*

## **Program – Cynthia Biggers, presiding**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” – Audience

Haywood Mickens – accompanist

Prayer – Mrs. Montrula Shelby

## **Dinner**

### **The Occasion – Cynthia Biggers**

Selection – Mr. Lawrence Craig, student of Prof. William Warfield: “Minstrel Man” by Margaret Bonds, Black Composer.

Mr. Peter Mackenhirn – accompanist

Introduction of Champaign Section National Council of Negro Women’s Scholarship Recipients by Mrs. Dorothy Vickers-Shelly, Chairperson of Scholarship Fundraising Activities.

“The Justification For and Meaning of The United Negro College Fund” – Mr. Russell D. White, Illinois Area Development Director of The United Negro College Fund, Inc.

Presentation of Award to Louise Leonard by Esther Phillips Kemp.

Remarks –

Presentation of Award to Mr. Vernon Barkstall by Mrs. Odessa Hudson, Founder of Champaign Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

Remarks – Mr. Barkstall

Presentation of Award to J.C. Caroline by Anna Wall Scott, President of Champaign Section, National Council of Negro Women.

Remarks – Mr. Caroline

Introduction of Mrs. Jeanne Rochford, Ex Director of Vintage Champaign Council and Bicentennial Chairman of Champaign, Illinois.

Presentation by Mrs. Rochford for The United Negro College Fund.

Martin Luther King’s famous speech “I Have A Dream”, dramatized by Lawrence Craig.

Introduction of Guest Tables and Officers of N.C.N.W. – Anna Wall Scott.

“Largo De Factotum Della Città” from the opera *Barber of Seville*, by Rossini, by Lawrence Craig.

Benediction – W. Howe Donaldson

Guests are invited to a Thank you party which will be held in Room 101 - Hospitality Suite, immediately following the event.



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December 1987

Dear Members of NCNW:

It is my pleasure to wish you a happy holiday season, and to invite you to attend our meeting this Saturday, December 12, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, at 2 p.m. We are in the process of preparing an agenda for the ensuing year, and need your help.

*Changed to Feb. (?)*  
This year our Annual Affair for the United Negro College Fund will be held at Jumer's Castle Lodge, January 16, 1988, Afro American Heritage Revisited: A Cultural Extravaganza. Our goal this year is to contribute to U.N.C.F. \$3,000.00. To accomplish this will require a group effort.

Those of you who did not attend the last meeting missed a most informative session. Beginning with the minutes (written and read by Mrs. Hoskins), we heard a thorough recapitulation of the medical knowledge presented by Dr. Camille Parham, M.D. at our October meeting. After our business meeting we were given instruction in "self-defense", by a representative of the Police Training Institute, at the University of Illinois. I understand that the instructor will make a return visit at our January meeting. Our First Vice President Dorothy Vickers Shelley is in charge of our programs, and is doing a fine job. Keep up the good work, Dorothy.

Our mistress of Social Sessions Ruth Hendricks and our membership chairman, Second Vice Octavia Cole, are really doing a good job. Thanks! Until Saturday.

*Anna Wall Scott*  
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president

*P.S. No Gifts Saturday*