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From ASU: DR. KATIE BELL AND MS. RUBY SULLIVAN

DRAFT LETTER  
Inside Address

RUFUS LEWIS COMMUNITY LIBRARY, Ms. Mary Wihloute, Head Li-  
brarian  
3095 Mobile Hwy., 36108

Dear-----:

We invite you to attend the 90th birthday party of the Honorable Rufus Lewis. His service in the community, especially in the area of voting rights and citizenship participation, is immeasurable. Celebrating his birthday will give us the opportunity to thank him for his work that continues to manifest today. His work will forever serve as the foundation and inspiration for posterity to continue his legacy for citizenship involvement.

The Honorable Rufus Lewis Birthday Party  
CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF SERVICE  
801 Bolivar (Lewis' Home)  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
November 26, 1996---Tuesday  
12:00 Noon--1:00 P.M.

RSVP: 832-9000, extension 4

We look forward to your presence,

Sincerely yours,

Leroy Bell

cc: Dr. Fred Gainous  
Dr. Gwen Patton, TSTC Archivist  
for the Lewis Collection

IF YOU APPROVE, LETTERS OF INVITE WILL HAVE TO BE SENT OUT RIGHT AWAY

November 7, 1996

80 people

To: Dr. Leroy Bell, Interim President  
From: Dr. Gwen Patton  
Re: 90th Birthday Party for Honorable Rufus Lewis

Coach Lewis will be 90 years old on November 30, 1996. I thought it would be appropriate for the College to host a birthday party in his honor, given that he and his family have entrusted his most invaluable papers and documents in our care. All know that he was the pioneer in our Voting Rights Movement.

If you approve, attached is a draft letter of invite for your signature. We will invite the press, David can video the affair, and Diane Ward will take B&W photos for the Archives. At the party, we can announce to the press (the public) that we are thankful to have the Lewis Collection in our repository, our plans to stabilize the papers and documents for current and future review, study and appreciation.

I have talked with Coach Lewis' daughter, Eleanor, and if the College approves, the birthday party can be held in the Lewis' home, November 26th, from Noon to 1:00 P.M. From the Archives budget, we can purchase ice cream and cake. Guests are not to bring presents, but rather cards. Coach Lewis loves cards.

Below is the guest list:

FAMILY

Mrs. Eleanor Dawkins (Daughter)  
1001 East Washington Ave., 36104

30/78  
The Hon. & Mrs. Joseph and Virginia Dickerson  
1407 Rosa Parks Ave., 36108 (niece)

Ms. Karen Dawkins  
120 West Fairview Ave., 36108

Mr. & Mrs. James and Mildred Hall (Niece)  
3562 Old Selma Rd., 36108

Mr. and Mrs. David and Sarah Ross  
1412 Adams Ave., 36104

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley & Sarah Griffin  
2833 Woodley Rd., 36116

The Staff of Ross-Clayton Funeral Home  
1412 Adams Ave., 36104

ELECTED OFFICIALS---Legatees of Lewis  
The Hon. Earl Hilliard  
3800 Norman Bridge Rd., 36105

The Hon. Leu Hammonds  
5336 Loisa Lane, 36108

The Hon. Henry Spears  
2069 Wabash Ave, 36108

The Hon. Alvin Holmes  
P.O.B. 6064, 36106

The Hon. Mark Gilmore  
940 Alma Dr., 36108

The Hon. Herman Harris  
4435 Woodcrest Dr.,  
36108

The Hon. John Knight, Jr.  
875 John Brown Ave., 36106.

The Hon. Sidney Williams  
603 W. Patton Ave., 36105

The Hon. John Winston  
1521 Robert Hatch Dr.,  
36106

The Hon. T.C. McClammy  
3035 Rosa Parks Ave., 36105

The Hon. Joe Reed  
874 John Brown Ave., 36106

PIONEERS  
Mrs. Zecozy Williams  
2010 Hill St, 36108

The Hon. Charles Langford  
918 Grove St. 36104

Jerome Gray  
449 So. McDonough, 36104

Mrs. Idessa Redden  
1010 Bragg St. 36108

The Hon. Lillian Jackson  
648 Early St., 36108

5 Young Democrats  
(Future Lewis Legatees)  
(To Be Determined)

The Hon. Charles  
Conley  
3321 Rosa Parks Ave.  
36105

The Hon. James Brown  
3921 Piedmont Dr., 36108

The Hon. Willie Paul  
4309 Sunnybrook Dr., 36108

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ADDITIONAL GUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE HON. RUFUS LEWIS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Family

Mrs. Ella Bell  
2634 Airwood Dr. 36108

Ms. Eoila Cooper  
Bellingrath Jr. H.S.  
3488 So. Court St. 36105

✓ Mr. & Mrs. Jerome & Chery~~l~~ Thomas  
3800 Pine Forest Ave., 36116

✓ Mr. & Mrs. Ransom Pringle  
c/o Community Action  
1066 Adams Ave, 36104

Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Gibbs  
c/o Community Action  
1066 Adams Ave., 36104



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**P R O G R A M M E**

**Mistress of Ceremony, Dr. Gwen Patton**  
**Hostess, Ms. Yvonne Williams**

**Signing of Guest Book/Receiving Line of Lewis' Family**

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS-----Dr. Leroy Bell, TSTC Interim President**

**LIBRARY/REPOSITORY-----Dr. Nina Beauchamp, TSTC Librarian**

**OCCASTON/LEWIS COLLECTION--Dr. Gwen Patton, TSTC Archivist**

**EXPRESSIONS-----LEGATEES OF HONORABLE LEWIS' WORK, GUESTS**

**Singing of**

**"Happy Birthday" to THE HONORABLE RUFUS LEWIS**

**A Tribute to The Honorable Rufus Lewis  
on the Occasion of Celebrating his  
90th Birthday**

**A Lifetime of Dedicated Service to the Community**

**SOCIAL-----Ice Cream Cake and Punch**