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November 18, 2002

To: Jacques Marsh, Chief of Security
From: Dr. Gwen Patton, Archivist
Re: Parking Assistance and Security at the Culinary Arts Centre

**The Division of Library/Archives is hosting an affair at the
Culinary Arts Centre on: NOVEMBER 19, 2002, TUESDAY
11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

We are expecting 200 guests.

**We would appreciate the assistance of 2 Security Officers on the
outside to assist with parking.**

Thank you.



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November 12, 2002

To: Mr. Joe Merriwether

From: Dr. Gwen Patton

Re: Seating arrangement for Archives Program in Culinary Arts Centre's Main Dining Room

I can never thank you and your staff enough for all that you do to make our programs tremendous successes. The foundation of our successes is due to your staff who makes certain that the program area is cleaned and arranged in a timely manner. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Is it possible for the marquee to read: **HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY, MRS. IDESSA WILLIAMS-REDDEN.**

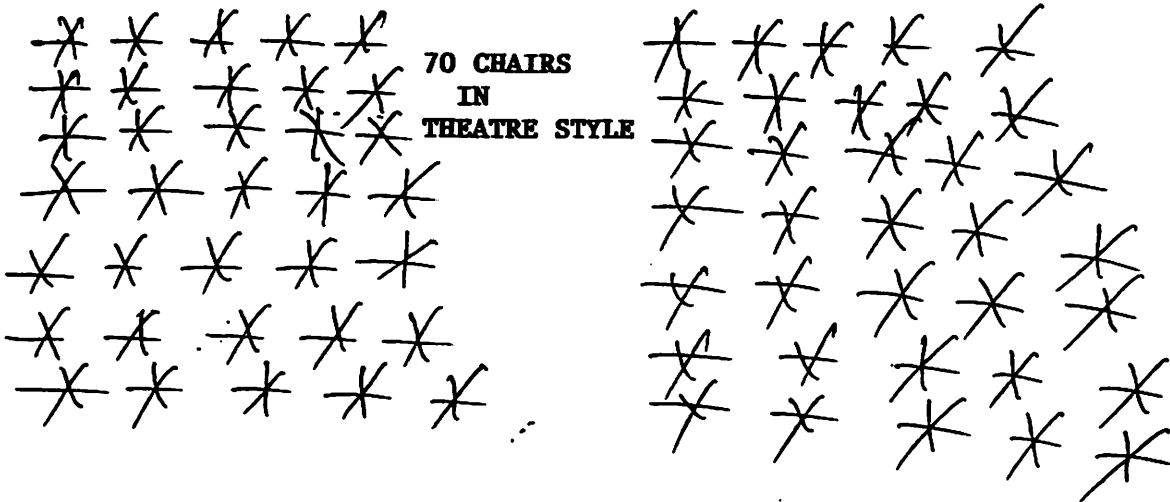
Below is the arrangement for our upcoming program on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 11:30 AM in the Main Dining Room of the Culinary Arts Centre.

HEAD TABLE WITH 8 CHAIRS

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**70 CHAIRS
IN
THEATRE STYLE**



FOOD TABLE

CAKE TABLE

FOOD TABLE

TABLES AGAINST WALL WITH 8 CHAIRS/TABLE

TABLES AGAINST WALL WITH 8 CHAIRS/TABLE

October 10, 2002



Dr. Anthony Molina, President
Trenholm Campus

Dear Dr. Molina:

Attached is a previous letter I forwarded to you about the plans to celebrate Mrs. Idessa Redden's 90th birthday. We spoke on this matter, and you indicated that you would like to participate, but the date was during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

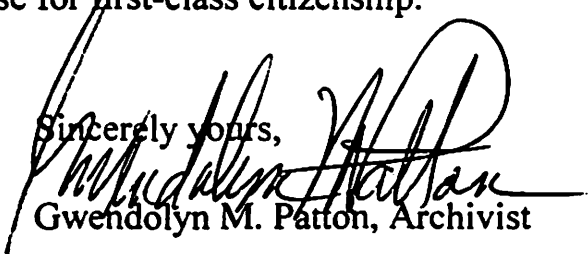
Plans have changed, and now the celebration is scheduled for November 19, 2002 at the Culinary Arts Centre. See attached proof-invitation. I have been successful in locating capital to underwrite the affair.

My previous letter highlights the significance of the Redden Collection. Indeed, the Smithsonian Institution via the King Center had Mrs. Redden's invaluable scrapbook with original programs and articles chronicling the Montgomery Bus Boycott and Dr. King. Mrs. Redden was incensed that the King Center, who had her scrapbook on loan and then they took the prerogative to loan to the Smithsonian, did not return her scrapbook. She consulted a lawyer, and as a result the Smithsonian returned her scrapbook. Mrs. Redden promptly called me and gave the scrapbook to our fledgling archives. Her confidence in our archives is humbling.

I hope that all can go forward with the celebration. Most importantly, I hope you will be a part of the program as we celebrate this outstanding pioneer who continues to champion our cause for first-class citizenship.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


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September 24, 2002

The Honorable John Knight, Jr., Chair
Ways and Means Committee
Alabama State House
11 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Representative Knight:

I would sincerely appreciate your considering to prepare and to present a resolution to Mrs. Idessa Redden on the occasion of her 90th Birthday Party Celebration on November 19, 2002.

Mrs. Redden resides in your district at 1010 Bragg Street. Her community involvement and contributions to our freedom movement are well-known.

If you should consider in the affirmative, information is enclosed that can assist with the drafting of the resolution.

With kind regards, I am

Respectfully yours,

Gwendolyn M. Patton, Archivist



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October 22, 2002

Dr. Gwendolyn M. Patton, Archivist
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Dear Dr. Patton:

Enclosed is the resolution you requested for Mrs. Idessa Redden on the occasion of her 90th Birthday Party Celebration on November 19, 2002. Please extend my best wishes to Mrs. Redden.

If I can be of further assistance, feel free to contact me at 242-7660.

Sincerely,



John F. Knight, Jr.

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Enclosure

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October 22, 2002

To: Program Participants

From: Dr. Gwen Patton, Program Coordinator

Re: Mrs. Idessa Redden's 90th Birthday Party

Enclosed, please find a draft program that lists you as a program participant.

Please inform me if you can serve in this capacity by calling 420-4475.

We look forward to this occasion to celebrate the birthday of this grand lady who continues to do much in community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joe Nether". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" written in a more compact, rounded style and the last name "Nether" written in a more elongated, flowing style.

October 22, 2002

To: David Rawls

From: Dr. Gwen Patton

Re: Video-taping and Photography

Again, we call on you and your students to video-tape and to take still photos of an upcoming archival affair in the main dining room of the Culinary Arts Centre on November 19, 2002.

We can never thank you enough for all that you do. Your work is part and parcel of the archives in producing documents that have retrieval and access of events long since past.

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October 9, 2002

Mrs. Idessa Redden
1010 Bragg Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36108

Dear Mrs. Idessa,

The menu for the Birthday Party is meatballs, drummettes, fruit and cheese, mini quiche, mini rolls, mixed nuts and punch. I think we are getting a good price to feed so many people. The cost is \$800.00. Please make check payable to Trenholm Tech Archives. Call and let me know when I can pick up the check. The sooner the better.

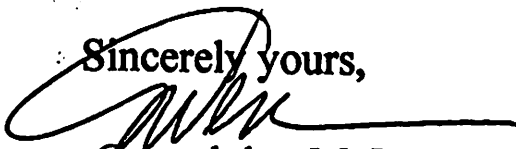
The Archives is picking up the costs for the rental of the Culinary Arts Centre (\$250.00), invitations and mailing (\$50.00), the printing of the Birthday Program (\$50.00), and the Birthday ice-cream cake (150.00).

On the day of your Birthday, we will have a photograph exhibit of you in the library's main reading room. We will encourage your guest, especially John and his son, to view your collection.

I hope all of the above meets your approval.

Please call me at 420-4475. We need to work out the Birthday Program. I am hoping that everything is done and arranged by October 28th.

Sincerely yours,



Gwendolyn M. Patton,
Archivist

