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SHIRLEY CHISHOLM TO OPEN DENISON'S CONVOCATION SERIES

GRANVILLE---Political maverick Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress, will present Denison University's first fall All-College Convocation at 8 p.m. Tuesday (Sept. 12) in Swasey Chapel. Her address, "Controversy Versus Challenge in Education," is sponsored by the Denison Lecture Series, Women's Studies, Black Studies and Women's Programs, and is free and open to the public.

After making history in 1968 by becoming the first black woman elected to the Congress, Chisholm once again made history four years later by campaigning for the Democratic Party nomination for president. She was the first black woman to seek the nation's highest office.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Chisholm began her political career in the early 1950's in Brooklyn's boss-run Democratic clubhouses. In 1964 she was elected to the New York State Assembly where she served until her election to Congress in 1968.

In February 1982, frustrated by what she felt was the political control conservatives held in Washington, Chisholm announced that she would not seek reelection to the Congress.

Chisholm is the author of two books: "Unbought and Unbossed," her autobiography; and "The Good Fight" which documents her bid for the

presidency in 1972.

A cum laude graduate of Brooklyn College, Chisholm earned her master's degree and a professional diploma in educational supervision from Columbia University. In addition, she has received honorary doctorates from 31 institutions

CALENDAR LISTING: Denison University, Swasey Chapel, Granville, Ohio---"Controversy Versus Challenge in Education" featuring the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress Shirley Chisholm. 8 p.m. Tuesday (Sept.12). Free. Call 614/587-6578 for more information.

Other Denison Convocations include:

---Sept. 21: Babcock Lecturer George Will, political columnist and television commentator, dicussing "A View on Washington";

---Sept. 28: Janet Hyde, director of the Center for Research on Women at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, on "New Scholarship on Ethnic & Minority Women";

---Oct. 5: Anderson Lecturer Freeman Dyson, physicist, speaking on "Trees and Climate";

---Oct. 10: Filmmaker Ally Acker presenting "Reel Women: Pioneers of the Cinema";

---Oct. 17: Mitch Snyder, activist with the homeless, will present an All-College Convocation;

---Oct. 24: Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Derwinski will deliver a convocation address;

---Nov. 2: Goodspeed Lecturer Phyllis Tribell of Union Theological Seminary will present "Feminist Readings of Hebrew Scriptures";

---Nov. 9: Ronneberg Lecturer Ruth Hubbard of Harvard University's biological laboratories will present "Gender Ideology & the Biology of Sex Differences."