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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, February 22, 1983 -- Shirley Chisholm was the only woman, and the only Black American, to sit on the powerful House Rules Committee and was a leading member of the Congressional Black Caucus until her retirement in 1982. Chisholm will speak at the University of Dayton on Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

In February 1982, Chisholm announced that she would not seek reelection to Congress. By writing, teaching, lecturing, and travelling around the nation, Chisholm hopes to create a new national state of mind that demands peace, prosperity and equality for all Americans.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Chisholm spent her early childhood on the island of Barbados in the West Indies. She received a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a diploma in administration from Columbia University. Before becoming active in politics, Chisholm was a school teacher and director of a day nursery.

Chisholm was first elected to Congress in 1968. She was assigned to the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry and Rural Villages. Because this committee had no relation to the needs and problems of her district, she requested that her name be removed from the committee assignment. Her request was honored and she was granted a seat on the Veteran's Affairs Committee.
In 1971, Chisholm campaigned for the Democratic party nomination for President. Although she was not successful, her name, her ideals, and her commitment became imbedded in America's consciousness.

Chisholm, author of *Unbought and Unbossed*, her autobiography, and *The Good Fight*, the story of her 1972 bid for the Presidency, has earned praise for her efforts on behalf of Black colleges, compensatory education, minimum wage for domestics, American Indians, the Haitian refugees, migrant farm workers, and the poor.

Chisholm's talk at the University of Dayton is sponsored by the Women's Studies program as part of a "Focus on Women" seminar. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Press interviews will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Kennedy Union Ballroom.

For information, call Ro Nita Hawes at 229-3241.