

LYLES RECEIVES BLACK AWARD

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Leonard E. (Lenny) Lyles, vice president of minority affairs for BATUS, the U.S. holding company for B.A.T. Industries, London, has been named a successful Black Achiever by the Black Retail Action Group (BRAG).

The award took place at the 17th Annual BRAG Awards Dinner held Oct. 9 in New York City. Proceeds go toward continuing BRAG's self-help projects for minority students.

BRAG is an organization that promotes acceptance and participation of black and other minority men and women at all levels of the retail industry.

J.J. Thomas, president of BRAG, said in presenting the award that Lyles had "distinguished himself through creativity, leadership and managerial expertise. His contribution and success have been a major source of inspiration and encouragement to Black Americans who have similar goals and aspiration."

Lyles is a former Baltimore Colts running back who played college football at the University of Louisville.

After his football career, he joined Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., also headquartered in Louisville, as a sales representative and was later promoted to personnel management before being transferred to Brown & Williamson's parent company, BATUS, to become Vice President of Minority Affairs.

BATUS has more than 40,000 employees in a nationwide network of tobacco, paper and retailing businesses.

The retailing businesses consist of Saks Fifth Avenue, Marshall Field's, Ivey's, Breuners and Thimbles Specialty stores.

Lyles is active in numerous civic and professional organizations.

He and his wife, the former Faith Wilson, live in Louisville. They have two sons.

Pre-Retirement Planning Seminar Scheduled

IDS/American Express is holding a special financial planning seminar dealing with pre-retirement planning. The seminar is titled Retirement: Your Age of Opportunity. It will be held on Thursday, October 29, 1987 at 7:30 p.m.

The location of the seminar will be at 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 100, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

The guest speaker will be Herb Newman, Division Manager.

Reservations are requested. Please call Horace Dube at 794-0400 to reserve a space.

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