Lincoln Alumnus and Football Legend, Franz Byrd, '25, Urges The Return of Football To The University

Bright and sunny, with hundreds of returning alumni on campus, Saturday, October 26, Homecoming Day '85, appeared to be a lovely and perfect day.

But for many, including Franz Alfred (Jazz) Byrd, a member of the Class of 1925, something was missing.

A Lincoln Football game.

In fact, no home game was scheduled for the day, Byrd noted, sadly.

Byrd, an honor student as well as an outstanding athlete and football legend during his days at Lincoln, told a luncheon audience that the University could recapture some of its missing “spirit” by returning competitive football to Lincoln, which dropped the sport in 1961 for financial reasons.

To further support his request, Byrd donated a $500 check for the startup of football at the University.

Currently, a committee of Lincoln students, faculty and administrators, including interim president Dr. Donald L. Mullett, is investigating the feasibility of returning football to Lincoln.

Byrd was a record holder in track and field, and in 1923 and 1924 he was selected as an All-American halfback and quarterback for the football team. For three years after graduation he was football and baseball coach at Florida A and M University where his football teams won championships and his baseball teams won championships and sent several star players to the now defunct Negro National Baseball League.

Because his parents were sickly he returned home to New York City where he worked in several Federal government agencies, and public high schools.

During World War II he worked in the Office of Price Administration where he served as chief of distribution of all ration stamps for the Eastern Seaboard (13 states and 762 Ration Boards and Military Installations). After the Harlem race riots in 1943 he was made chief clerk of the largest wartime Ration Board and was cited by New York City for outstanding effort in quelling the riot and awarded an honorary New York City police badge.

Byrd took and passed civil service tests for the Internal Revenue Service and became the first of his race to be an office auditor. He held other positions in the IRS until his recent retirement. He was also the first of his race to be employed by the state of Delaware as state income tax auditor and reviewer, a position he held until his retirement some years ago.

FRANZ ALFRED (Jazz) Byrd, Class of 1925, pauses at the podium during his well-received speech at the Oct. 26 luncheon for homecoming. Seated to Byrd’s right at the head table is: Cordelia Talley, ’72, vice president of the East Coast Chapter of the General Alumni Association.

University Starts Fund Raising Clubs

Lincoln will soon start five fund raising clubs among the alumni and the general public to raise money for the University’s various programs.

The five clubs are named for Abraham Lincoln (President), for whom the university is named; Founder’s, in honor of Lincoln’s founder John Miller Dickey; Arch, for the University’s arch entrance; Century, to commemorate Voll Memorial Hall, which was constructed in 1898, and which was renovated from a library in 1973 to serve as the main administration building.

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ALUMNI NOTES

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

At the Homecoming meeting of the Council of the General Alumni on October 26, the members:

- heard the report of the Director of Alumni Relations, Dr. Frank T. Coleman, who, as chairman of the Association’s Athletic Committee, introduced Dr. Donn Bennice, Lincoln new athletic director;
- listened to remarks from Dr. Bennice, who is desirous of starting a Lions Club, a booster organization;
- received the executive secretary’s report of a survey of the various operating structures of a number of colleges and universities and referred it to the Committee for Liaison Between the University and the Association for implementation;
- received the treasurer’s report which listed the next worth of the Association at $38,275.35;
- approved a budget of $20,900 prepared by the executive secretary and the treasurer; and
- heard the report of alumni trustee William Rivers which summarized the results of some Board and committee meetings.

University To Offer Alumni Directory

Lincoln alumni will soon receive brief questionnaires from Harris Publishing Co., Inc., which is compiling a new Alumni Directory for the University. Alumni are encouraged to promptly return the questionnaires. Harris will later contact alumni directly to verify information to be listed in the directory and to ask whether they wish to purchase copies. Alumni who cannot be reached by Harris will appear in the directory with information provided by alumni records.

MOVING?

Please notify the LU Lion 4 weeks in advance. To change or correct your address, please send this form to: Lincoln Lion — Alumni Bulletin, Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa. 19352

Name ____________________________ (Please Print)

New Address ________________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip __________

Class ____________________________

ATTACH OLD ADDRESS LABEL from your latest issue
Trustees Chairman Retires As Pastor Of Pitt Church

The Rev. Dr. LeRoy Patrick, chairman of Lincoln’s Board of Trustees and a 1939 alumnus, was recently honored at a farewell dinner on the occasion of his retirement from the pastorate of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh following 35 years of service.

Dr. Donald L. Mullett, Lincoln’s interim president, participated in a tribute to Dr. Patrick at the Pittsburgh dinner. Judge Justin M. Johnson of the Pennsylvania Superior Court was master of ceremonies. Speakers included U.S. Congressmen William J. Coyne and Doug Walgren; state Sen. Leonard J. Bodack; Dr. Jack Milliones, president of the Pittsburgh Board of Education; Lawrence Moncrief, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; and numerous members of the clergy.

Dr. Patrick was commended not only for service to his congregation but for his contribution to Pittsburgh and to the civil rights movement throughout the state.

Dr. Patrick took the helm of Bethesda in 1951, arriving in Pittsburgh from Chester, where he had been pastor of the T.M. Thomas Presbyterian Church since his ordination in 1942.

It wasn’t long until he was working for the institution of mandated kindergartens in public schools. As chairman of the NAACP Education Committee, he became embroiled in a battle with the Pittsburgh Board of Education. His actions prompted Time magazine in 1953 to select him as one of 100 potential leaders. He joined others in planning demonstrations, conducting sit-ins and walking picket lines to fight for equal opportunities for blacks.

In the 1970s he chaired the Allegheny County Black Political Organization, and attended the national Democratic conventions of 1972 and 1976. In 1978 he campaigned for Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick Thornburgh.

His congregation grew steadily, and his church moved from East Liberty to Homewood. There the church opened a community center which offers recreational, social, educational and religious activities to all age groups. A free food larder was started 20 years ago and continues today. A program begun by Dr. Patrick in 1969 has resulted in the church’s owning 194 units of rehabilitated housing.

Born in Charleston, S.C. and reared in Philadelphia, Dr. Patrick received master of divinity and master of sacred theology degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. In 1964, he was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Lincoln.

He is affiliated with numerous civic and religious organizations, including the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pittsburgh area Council on Religion and Race, the Urban League and the American Civil Liberties Union. He is a board member of the Homewood-Brushton Revitalization and Redevelopment Corp., and a golden life heritage member of the NAACP. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to religion, civil rights, community service, and health and welfare.

He and his wife, Norma, have two sons, Stephen and Gregory.

In The News

Search Reopened For New President

The search for a new permanent president for Lincoln University has been reopened, according to the Rev. LeRoy Patrick, chairman of Lincoln’s Board of Trustees.

Until a successor to Dr. Herman R. Branson, who retired June 30, 1985, is appointed, Dr. Donald L. Mullett, vice president for fiscal affairs and board treasurer, will continue to serve as interim president, said Dr. Patrick.

MISS LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, 1985-86, senior Josette Henry, of Miami, Fla., flashes her winning smile after being crowned during the Homecoming weekend of October 25-27, 1985. Originally from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Josette is a business administration major. She plans to attend law school.
## Winners Of Homecoming - 1985

### Floats And Cars Awards

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The following alumni and groups donated $350 to purchase awards for the homecoming floats and cars awards: General Alumni Association, Philadelphia Alumni Chapter; Dr. Fred S.A. Johnson, ‘27; U.S. District Judge Barrington D. Parker, ‘36; and Dr. Therman B. O’Daniel, ‘30.

### 'Good Housekeeping' Winners Homecoming 1985

#### Dormitory Winners
- Amos Hall
- Rendall Hall
- Ashmun Hall
- Alumni Hall

#### Good Housekeeping Winners
- Lucy Laney
- Ashmun
- Alumni
- Bond
- McCauley
- Hansberry
- McRary
- Rendall
- Frederick Douglass
- Houston
- Cresson
- Amos

#### Students and Class
- Marlene Davis, So.
- Greg Crump, Fr.
- Josette Henry, Jr.
- Virginia Lewis, So.
- Tanya Folk, Fr.
- Kathleen Smith, Fr.
- Santo Dunn, Sr.
- Derek Timothy, Jr.
- Melvyn Banks, Unknown
- Glennis Morris, So.
- Rochelle Collins, So.

### 'Hi, THERE!' Two unidentified Lincoln coeds enjoying the October 26 Homecoming Day festivities.

### 'LINCOLN UNIVERSITY CENTURY-PLUS CLUB ALUMNI ANNUAL GIVING'

Enclosed is my $__________ contribution to the CENTURY-PLUS CLUB Annual Alumni Fund Campaign

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**ZIP:**

Please make checks payable to LINCOLN UNIVERSITY. Contributions are tax deductible. Please send your gift to:
- LU Alumni Century-Plus Club
- Alumni Relations
- Lincoln University
- Lincoln University, PA 19352
Oliver Franklin is Philadelphia’s deputy city representative for arts and culture. He oversees disbursement of some $4 million to support artistic and cultural organizations and individuals. Several years ago, he made a film, “The Lincoln Story,” about his alma mater.

Peter E. Smith was recently named executive director of the YMCA of Germantown, Philadelphia. He was welcomed by the community in a reception in his honor Sept. 17. A resident of the Mt. Airy section of Philadelphia, Smith is a native of Oklahoma. He has various capacities at YMCA’s in Philadelphia and Los Angeles for the past 15 years. He and his wife, Frances, have two children.

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Samuel R. Overton died in October at 83. He was employed by Rorer’s Pharmaceutical Co. as a medical detail agent for 26 years until his retirement in 1970. A resident of Chester County, Pa., he received a degree in pharmacy from Muharran Medical College.

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B.G. RANDOLPH, of Baltimore, Md.

'25
FRANZ A. BYRIS, of Wilmington, Del.

'28
JOSEPH A. BAILEY, a lawyer from New York, N.Y.

REV. MARK GIBSONS, a retired Presbyterian minister, from Bloomsfield, N.J.


LEROY G. JOHNSON, Lincoln University, Pa.

'O J. CHAPMAN, Salisbury, Md.

SILAS B. WILLIAMS, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

'23
COLDEN L. BROWN, of Baltimore, Md.

'DELMAS D. ANDERSON, of Wilmington, Del.


W.E. TAYLOR, a retired teacher, from Baltimore, Md.

ARNETT WILLIAMS, of Washington, D.C.

'DENNIS R. FLETCHER, a retired clergyman from Teaneck, N.J.

REV. CANNON THOMAS W. S. LOGAN, SR., a retired clergyman, from Yeadon, Pa.

'E.B. JACKSON, a retired Episcopal president, from Wilmington, Del.

'37
GLADSTONE DURANT, of New York, N.Y.

WILLIAM M. JORDAN, of Charlotte, N.C.

'38
JOSEPH F. FERGUSON, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

WILLIAM H. FULSON, an engineer from St. Albans, N.Y.

HAYWOOD JONES, a retired teacher from New York, N.Y.

BUNYAN A. MILLS, of Pomona, N.J.

'39
WILLIAM B. CUFF, SR., of Coatesville, Pa.

WALTER I. JOHNSON, II, of Teaneck, N.J.

REV. LEROY PATRICK, a clergyman from Pittsburgh, Pa.

'40
JUDGE ALBERT P. WILLIAMS, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

'SHERMAN CARTER, of New York, N.Y.

VERNON DANIELS, of St. Albans, N.Y.

'42
LAWRENCE HARRIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

PRICE F. HARRIS, a retired U.S. Army officer from Washington, D.C.

DR. W. W. HAYNES, of Hampstead, N.Y.

HILTON C. JAMES, of Philadelphia, Pa.

'THOMAS W. EVANS, of Cinnaminson, N.J.

'THEODORE HAWKINS, '31, greets Lincoln's Interim President Dr. Donald L. Millett, as Hawkins' wife looks on.

B. G. RANDOLPH, '21, a retired educator, was one of two members of the Class of '21 present for Homecoming '85.

PHILIP V. SKERRETT, a physician from Philadelphia, Pa.

'RAY BARNES, of Philadelphia, Pa.

MELVIN S. MCCOY, of Princess Anne, Md.

'MILLARD P. COKER, of Philadelphia, Pa.

JOSEPH F. HARRIS, a realtor from Silver Spring, Md.

DR. DONALD L. MULLETT, interim president of Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa.

'ARIE GOODWIN, an educator, Philadelphia, Pa.

'52
ALFRED J. KASE, a physicist, from Dover, N.J.

DONALD L. PIERCE, A Lincoln math professor, Lincoln University, Pa.

'55
AL JONES, of Coatesville, Pa.

'56
VICTOR M. ROSS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

'THOMAS MILLS, a physician from Bennington, Vt.

'59
GEORGE B. JONES, a hearing examiner, from Washington, D.C.

'63
ARCHIE PERRY, a schoolteacher, from Philadelphia, Pa.

'70


SHEILA HUDSON, of West Chester, Pa.

ENJOYING the sunny Oct. 26 Homecoming Day (L-R) are: Ronald Crawford, '87; Sharman Curry, '88; Karen Leigh, '86; and Wayne Howard, '86.
Homecoming '85

CORDELIA TALLEY, '72, vice president of the East Coast Chapter of the General Alumni association, serves as mistress of ceremony during the Oct. 26 luncheon at Homecoming '85.

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DOLORES S. COLEMAN, an educator, from Philadelphia.
THEODORE HAWKINS, a mortician, from Chester, Pa.
WILLIAM KING, an attorney, from Silver Spring, Md.
JAMES V. PETERSON, of Derwood, Md.
KENNETH E. WILSON, of Willingboro, N.J.

74
DEAN ANDRISTINE M. ROBINSON, Associate Dean of Students, Lincoln University, Lincoln University, Pa.

76
BELINDA MORTON, a public school teacher, Philadelphia, Pa.
BRENDA M. WILSON, of Willingboro, N.J.

79
JERRY S. FONTAINE, of Wingdale, N.Y.

80
CHARLES FLEMING, JR., of Downingtown, Pa.

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JACK BLANTON, of Orange, N.J.

83
WILLIAM A. LOMAX, of Midland, Va.

85
LESLEY D. JONES, of Baltimore, Md.

ALUMNI CLASS PHOTOS
Group photos of alumni classes taken during commencement weekend are now available. For each 5" x 7" glossy print desired, please indicate the appropriate class graduation year and send $2.00 for postage and handling to:

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Lincoln University
Lincoln University, Pa. 19352

HOMECOMING CONCERTS
A concert featuring the popular soul band Maze with Frankie Beverly, and special guest artist Natalie Cole highlighted Lincoln homecoming festivities.

Maze and Beverly, who bring a touch of funk to an R&B base, have had five gold albums. Their latest release is "Can't Stop the Love."

Cole, whose style combines pop and R&B influences, has had numerous hits and the recently released album "Dangerous," which is rapidly climbing the charts.

The Oct. 24 concert was held at Lincoln's Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

Jazz musician Norman Connors, a master percussionist, performed Oct. 25, at Lincoln's Student Union Building.

On Oct. 26, Lincoln welcomed returning alumni with a full schedule of events, including a parade. The homecoming theme was "that ole Lincoln spirit." Gospel singer Vanessa Bell Armstrong appeared in concert Oct. 27, at Mary Dow Brown Memorial Chapel.
"Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear ... Homecoming at Ole Lincoln U. marches on...."

Will Football Kickoff Again at Lincoln U.?! (See Page 1).

More on Homecoming '85 on Pages 1 and Inside