It is an historical fact that the first baccalaureate class of Lincoln University was graduated in June of 1868. An alumni association was formed at the next commencement in 1872. The objects of the association were stated in the catalogue of 1872 as:

To cooperate with trustees and faculty in advancing all interests of education generally by increasing the number of students in all departments of instruction, and to strengthen and perpetuate the ties which bind the alumni to each other and to their Alma Mater.

The Alumni Association was founded in a period which was most difficult for the infant institution and the country which was in the beginning throes of Reconstruction and adjusting to the Fourteenth Amendment and the Fifteenth Amendment which followed. So, the “cold, cold world” of equality is not new to the Lincoln Alumni Association.

The alumni petition of 1875 remarkably documented the spirit of the times. The African-American had not yet felt the full onset of the collapse of the Reconstruction Policy. The equalitarian spirit set forth in the petition stemmed from the very roots of the republic and though a forlorn hope at the time, it was to become the voice of the “New Negro.”

In 1875, three years after its organization, the Alumni Association in a most revealing and diplomatic petition demanded that African-Americans be fairly represented as members of the faculty. This was done under the presidency of the Reverend Charles Hedges, Class of 1869. The trustee board delayed its reply until the following commencement, June 6, 1876. The reply, though interesting, was negative and gave no hope of ever relinquishing the white-professorship-only policy.

This denial of the alumni’s aspirations had the effect of a rallying cry for alumni. Through efforts of the Reverend Edward Webb, Lincoln’s financial agent, the Alumni Association was strengthened. The method used was to get a key man. This man proved to be Solomon Porter Hood, Class of 1873, who really was the first alumni secretary without portfolio or pay. His was a labor of love and he was able to contact alumni throughout the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. During the commencement of 1882, Webb and Hood selected class secretaries for each class. It would seem that all was set for a solid cohesive and communicative alumni, but such was not the case. The older specter of failure to respond and lack of concern caused this grand plan to be inoperative and non-productive.

A second petition was presented in 1886, recommending competent alumni who might worthily fill professorships. This petition was treated with utter contempt, and no reply was made by either administration or the trustees.

To further the cause of the petition, Dr. N. F. Mossell, Class of 1879, spoke for the alumni at the 1886 commencement. He fearlessly raised the issue of black professorships and offered to donate several hundred dollars toward a “chair” if occupied by a colored man. The speech so rankled the faculty and administration that Dr. Mossell was denied the privilege of speaking at Lincoln and told pointedly that appointments to the faculty were made by the trustees and not by the alumni.

The Alumni Association widely publicized this issue by circulating ministers in Philadelphia, public figures of that time, and newspapers throughout the country. The situation at Lincoln, as they saw it, was vividly described and candid expressions were requested. Many of the respondents agreed with the alumni position. Among them were General B. F. Butler, the St. Joseph Advocate and the Philadelphia Press. The last, a leading newspaper of the time, went so far as to state that the white-only faculty and trustee situation at Lincoln militated against the consideration of Lincoln alumni and African-Americans as men.

It is almost poetic justice that Dr. Isaac N. Rendall’s death should rouse the crestfallen spirits of the alumni. During his tenure of forty years as president and molder of the Lincoln Idea, his life had been very influential in the lives of numerous Lincoln alumni. The then president of the Alumni Association was Isaac N. Rendall, who had a vision for the institution that went beyond the traditional boundaries of higher education. His passing in 1899 marked a significant moment in the history of Lincoln University, as it signaled a time of change and transition for the institution.
At the spring meeting of the Council of the General Alumni Association on March 7 in Philadelphia, the Council accepted the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to present Alumni Awards to the following on May 2:

- Reginald E. Benn, '42
- Calvin L. Hackney, '52
- William H. Rivers Jr., '57

In other news:

- A second summer conference is scheduled to be held on campus on the weekend of July 24-25.
- Dr. James A. Parker, chairperson of the Committee for Liaison Between the Association and the University, announced that his committee has contacted the president, Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, for a meeting date to discuss closer ties between the Association and the University.
- Copies of the Lincoln University Gospel Ensemble album are still available. Send $8 (postage and handling) to the Executive Secretary, care of Lincoln University. Entitled God Has Never Failed Me Yet, the album was recorded live in the Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel.

The Executive Secretary can also use your S&H green stamps if you have no special use for them.
Open Letter
to the
Alumni

Dear Alumnus/-na:

Realizing that Lincoln must bring together alumni support (a male/female constituency) if it is to sustain its margin of excellence, the Alumni Relations Office has established the Century-Plus Club.

The Century-Plus Club is the planned giving program of Lincoln University Alumni—a special group of alumni and friends who recognize that Lincoln requires support beyond the average in order to remain a university of the first rank.

To maintain a reputation as a great university, Lincoln's special needs must be met by those who have the willingness and resources to do so. Many of Lincoln's innovative programs are a direct result of the generosity and responsibility of Lincoln alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

As we look to the future, it becomes obvious that if Lincoln is to enhance its excellence in teaching, research and service, additional support will be needed.

Our 1987 goal is to have at least 2,000 out of a total alumni body of more than 6,000 to become members of the Century-Plus Club. The target dates are:

—SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1987
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
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—SATURDAY, OCTOBER
24, 1987 ALUMNI HOMECOMING DAY

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We want to thank those who have given in 1986.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Frank "Tick" Coleman, '35
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Displaying jackets donated by the LU Alumni Association at the 1985 Track Convocation are track coach Cyrus Jones (left), and then senior Barrington Fearon, class of 1986. Also pictured are Dr. Frank T. Coleman, director of Alumni Relations (center), and Dr. Donald L. Mullett, then interim president (seated, left), and Barbara Crittenden, assistant professor of physical education and athletics (seated, right).
The death of ERNEST A. BALLA has been reported to the Office of Alumni Relations by his widow. Balla died on November 19 at the age of 89 in New Bedford, MA.

GEORGE HOFFMAN, the first black to be elected to a local office in Somerville, N.J., died on December 8, 1986. He was 84.

A former council president and long-time council member, Hoffman was born in Somerville and lived there all his life. In 1965, he retired as chief of the Budget Department for the Army Reserve Corps after 40 years of service as a federal employee. He also served as deputy employment officer for the President's Committee on Equal Employment, and, for the Civil Service, as a statistician, researcher, teacher and naturalization and welfare counselor.

Following his retirement, he worked as a substitute math teacher at Somerset County Vocational High School for ten years.

Hoffman earned a law certificate from New Jersey Law School (now Rutgers Law School) in 1930. He was a member of St. Thomas African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Somerville.

Hoffman's wife, Rose Styles Hoffman, died in 1978. He is survived by two nephews and four nieces.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, a retired physical education teacher, died on March 11 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky. Before his retirement he taught at the old Madison Junior High School for 45 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

PAUL S. TERRY, a funeral director for more than 50 years, died at his home in West Philadelphia on December 25. A native of Reading, he was reared in Pleasantville, N.J., and attended school there. He played varsity basketball and was a member of the high school orchestra. With his wife, Frances Tyson Terry, he established funeral homes in Pleasantville and West Philadelphia that are now operated by his sons, Paul Jr. and Thompson T. Terry. His wife preceded him in death.

REV. RICHARD D. WILLIS died on January 3, 1987, in the Veterans Hospital in Hampton, Va. His death was reported by his widow.

In Memoriam

Tomlinson D. Todd, Class of '36 Secretary —Radio Moderator, Civil Rights Activist

Dr. Tomlinson D. Todd died of a heart attack in Washington, D.C., on March 27. He was 76.

Dr. Todd, secretary of the Class of '36, is credited with the discovery, unearthing and publicizing of the "lost laws" of 1872 and 1873, which prohibit restaurants from denying service because of race, and under which were filed charges that led to early restaurant desegregation in the 1950's. His many contributions to the civil rights movement were chronicled in a three-part series which ran in the September/October 1986 issues of Washington Sun newspaper.

The founder, producer, director and moderator of the Americans All Radio Program which broadcast from 1946 to 1962, Dr. Todd was noted as a pioneer in racial relations. In the 1940's, he served as president of an interracial group known as the Institute on Race Relations, which demonstrated extensively against segregation and tried to eradicate racial barriers. He also founded the Club Internationale, dedicated to the promotion of universal brotherhood.

Dr. Todd hosted several Washington, D.C., interracial banquets, one of which was vigorously attacked by Senator Theodore Gilmore Bilbo, who took exception to statements attributed to banquet guest William Hamberry, a Howard University anthropologist. Dr. Hamberry stated that early history indicated that the white race had descended from the black race. This theory upset Bilbo to the extent that he made derogatory remarks about blacks and called everyone attending the banquet a Communist. The solution, he added, would be to send all the blacks in America back to Africa.

Also attending the banquet were Congressman William Rowan, who introduced a bill to eliminate discrimination in public places in Washington, and Dr. Charles Drew, who formulated blood plasma for use in transfusions and noted there was no difference between the bloods of whites and blacks.

During his career, Dr. Todd met six United States presidents: John F. Kennedy, with whom he guested at the White House; Lyndon Baines Johnson; Richard Milhoux Nixon; Ronald Reagan; Gerald Ford; and Harry S. Truman, who was a member of the Club Internationale.

Dr. Todd's work also brought him in contact with other public figures, including Gene Kelly, Henry Fonda, Walter Pidgeon, Orson Welles, Humphrey Bogart, Judy Holiday, Lillian and Dorothy Gish, Lauren Bacall, Lena Horne, Bob Hope, Harry Belafonte, and Charles Laughton.

After graduating from Lincoln, Dr. Todd pursued studies in ten other universities, was employed by the Federal and District Governments, and taught high school in Washington, D.C.

He was involved in numerous political, education, civic, and community endeavors. Organizations with which he was affiliated include the Capital Press Club, National Press Club, Pleasant Plains Civic Association, Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C., and the Washington Urban League.

Dr. Todd was cited or otherwise honored by Time Magazine, National Association of Colored Women, Afro-American Newspaper, and Pittsburgh Courier newspapers. He was the recipient of two honorary doctorates, was feted at three testimonial dinners and travelled to Europe and Africa as the guest of the Government of Nigeria.

TRAGOTT H. "T.H." LASH, of Salisbury, N.C., died on November 8, 1986, after being in declining health for several months. A retired businessman and owner-manager of Lashstone Concrete Company in Salisbury, he was an active member and financial and legal supporter of the Crown in Glory Lutheran Church. He also served on the finance committee of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and was a long standing member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His survivors include his wife, Nan James Lash of Salisbury, and a daughter, Sylvia Holman of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The death of CECIL A. IVORY JR., which occurred in October, 1986, has been reported to the Office of Alumni relations. Ivory was strangled to death while jogging in Central Park in New York. A native of Charlotte, N.C., he served as assistant to the District Attorney in the borough of Queens for two years after receiving his J.D. degree from George Washington University School of Law. He accepted the position of assistant to the Attorney General of the State of New York as consumer fraud specialist and remained in that position for 12 years until he was appointed as Administrative Law Judge in the State of New York, a position he was holding at the time of his death. He is survived by his mother, a brother, a sister, three aunts, and an uncle.

STANLEY B. FRANKLIN has been reported to the Office of Alumni Relations by his family. Franklin died on December 24, in Philadelphia.

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Spring 1987 Edition
Early History of Lincoln University

The story of Lincoln University goes back to the early years of the nineteenth century and to the ancestors of its founder, John Miller Dickey, and his wife Sarah Emlen Cresson. The maternal grandfather of John Miller Dickey was a Philadelphia marble merchant who made contributions to the education of African-Americans in that city as early as 1794; his father was minister of the Oxford Presbyterian Church before Rev. Dickey, after serving as a missionary and preaching to the slaves in Georgia, became pastor of that same church in Oxford, Pennsylvania, in 1832. Sarah Emlen Cresson inherited a long tradition of service and philanthropy through the Society of Friends in Philadelphia.

Rev. Dicke was involved in the American Colonization Society and took an active part in 1851 in the court actions leading to the freeing of a young African-American girl who had been abducted from southern Chester County by slave-raiders from Maryland. At the same time, having been unsuccessful in his efforts to gain admission to even the most liberal of schools for a young freed man, James Amos, Rev. Dickey undertook to prepare the young man for the ministry.

In October of 1853 the Presbytery of New Castle approved the plan advanced by Rev. Dickey for the establishment of “an institution to be called Ashmun Institute, for the scientific, classical and theological education of colored youth of the male sex.” On April 29, 1854, the new school received its charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

On changing the name of the Institute to Lincoln University in 1866, John Miller Dickey proposed to teach on the University level, and to enroll students of “every clime and complexion.” Law, Medical, Pedagogical, and Theological Schools were planned in addition to the College of Liberal Arts. White students were encouraged to enroll; two graduated in the first baccalaureate class of June 1868, and the enrollment has continued to be interracial.

A great schoolmaster, Isaac N. Rendall, became principal of Ashmun Institute in 1865 and president of Lincoln University in 1866. Within a decade, plans for the Law, Medical, and Pedagogical Schools had to be dropped for financial reasons, but the College of Liberal Arts grew in stature and the Theological Seminary continued until 1959 to prepare many Lincoln graduates for the ministry.

The Alumni Association began the twentieth century with a committed giving to unselfish causes—first, in establishing a memorial scholarship to the memory of Dr. Isaac N. Rendall and shortly thereafter in beginning a drive to fund the erection of a memorial arch honoring the selfless sacrifices of the numerous alumni who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of this country during World War I.

The life of an institution and its purpose are best delineated by the product of its labors. So it is with Lincoln, those alumni have been a vital contributing force in the life of this nation since the first baccalaureate class of 1868. At first, the early alumni took their places in the tremendous tasks of the ministry and education. They labored tirelessly in the North and throughout the South and into the dark reaches of Africa. A few labored in the field of medicine and law. As the years unfolded and the country became more receptive and enlightened, alumni distinguished themselves in a multitude of fields. It would not be far-fetched to state that Lincoln alumni engaged in practically every field of human endeavor that was opened to African-Americans. In many instances they pioneered in opening up these opportunities. This will be quite clearly shown as the story of the alumni is unfolded in its ongoing history.

Alumni Organize (Continued from page 1)
Members of the Reunion Classes of

'12—'17—'22—'27
'32—'42—'47—'52
'57—'62—'67—'72—'77—'82
*1937—50th Year

It's time again for your class to have its reunion during Commencement Weekend, May 1-3, 1987. As you know from past experience, class reunions are very special at Lincoln University. Old acquaintances are renewed, memorable times are relived and a special gift from the class is presented to the University at the Alumni Banquet, Saturday, May 2, 1987. Baccalaureate Service and Commencement will be on Sunday, May 3, 1987.

As you make reunion plans, consider encouraging classmates to give to Lincoln—Lincoln needs your support each year. A list of your classmates' contributions made prior to the banquet will be provided in order that the gifts may be included in the class's total giving at the Alumni Banquet.

THE 1987 MINIMUM GOAL FOR ALL REUNION CLASSES IS $3,000.00. This means that at least 30 classmates will contribute $100.00 or more. You can literally double the dollar value of your gift to Lincoln if you work for one of the firms with a Matching Gift Program. To make your match, simply obtain a form from your Matching Gift Coordinator (Personnel or Community Relations Department) and send it along with your gift to Lincoln.

A calendar of Commencement Activities and reservation form will follow. Enclosed are several copies of your updated class list. Please return to this office one copy with corrections as may be necessary (additions, subtractions, changes of address, etc.). This listing will be needed immediately in order that we may help you inform your classmates of this occasion.

I look forward to assisting you in making this a great time at Lincoln. Please do not hesitate to write or call.

Sincerely yours,

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ROBERT H. FITZGERALD, a Lincoln University student in 1858-1859, photographed in later life in his Civil War Union Uniform.

Most of the students enlisted in the Union Army in 1862-1863. Muskets were issued to those remaining in the Summer of 1863, to form a Militia Company to oppose Robert E. Lee's expected march across Pennsylvania if the Union Army was defeated at Gettysburg.

Commencement Weekend
May 1-3, 1987

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Sunday
May 3, 1987