Lincoln Enters 140th Year With Ongoing Success

Lincoln Masters Graduate Becomes Mayor of West Chester

Master of Human Services graduate Clifford DeBaptiste '84 was elected the first African American mayor of the Borough of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Taking office in January 1994, he had been named Citizen of the Year in West Chester and had served on the West Chester University Board of Directors and various public commissions.

Mayor DeBaptiste, who was fifty-five years old when he entered the Masters Program at Lincoln, recalls that “I had fun going to Lincoln. I never missed a class; I was never late for a class.” When he was a student, he used to study early in the morning, starting at 3 or 4 a.m. Normally he is a 5 a.m. riser. “I don’t go to bed early, either.” He remembers hearing a Lincoln professor suggest that one of the Masters Program students may well become a mayor.

The Mayor was sworn in the church where his wife’s funeral was held two years before. At the inauguration, ministers enjoined him not to walk it alone, reminding him to make sure the Lord was with him and to be compassionate in his dealings with rich and poor alike. His three daughters—Inez, a lawyer; Celeste, a surgeon; and Lillian, an MBA—spoke of his extraordinary energy, vision, and compassion. Mayor DeBaptiste frugally uses one tea bag for two cups of tea. He recites the poetry of Langston Hughes, collects paintings, (especially African American artists), and purchases art objects from around the world on his trips to Asia, Africa, and the Mideast. He also begins and ends all he does with prayer. “God got me in, will be with me while I am in, and will be there when I leave,” said Mayor DeBaptiste of his new position.

“So much needs to be done and you need so many people to do it,” he reflected. “I don’t walk around with a big ‘I’ and little ‘you’s.” Believing that the average person needs a break now and then, the Mayor recently forgave a host of parking tickets associated with the severe winter weather. “We are all ambassadors,” says Mayor DeBaptiste. “If I can make a job easier for somebody, it benefits everybody.” Mayor DeBaptiste doesn’t want any one person to get the credit for the revitalization that is happening in West Chester. “The people in the trenches are the ones who count.”

The poem “Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes hangs on his kitchen wall. “Well, son, I’ll tell you // Life for me ain’t been no crystal stair. // It’s had tacks in it, // And splinters, // And boards torn up, // And places with no carpet on the floor— // Bare. // But all the time // I’ve been a-climbin’ on,” recites the new Mayor of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Lincoln Graduates Excel in Doctoral Programs

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Nneka Azikiwe ‘93 is studying medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is the granddaughter of Nnamdi Azikiwe ‘30, the first President of Nigeria, who led Nigeria to independence from British rule in 1960. She was a student in the LASER (Lincoln Advanced Science and Engineering Reinforcement) program and also a MARC (Minorities Access to Research Careers) Scholar. During summer breaks she worked in laboratories with professors at Penn State and Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as Harvard Medical School. Nneka’s goal is to work in the international medicine field, perhaps for UNICEF or the Pan American Health Organisation.

English

Lenetta Raysha Lee ‘85 is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Temple University. She earned her Masters Degree at Ohio State University. “I am glad I came to Lincoln,” says Lenetta. “It is a wonderful place to be educated.” At Lincoln, Lenetta recalls that she “grew up, learned a lot about myself, and became historically aware and culturally conscious.” Lenetta comes from the town of Lincoln University. Her grandmother owned a restaurant called Ye Ole Lion’s Inn (better known as Sissy’s). She fed many a Lincoln student even when they didn’t have money. As a girl, Lenetta

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Alumni: Please Note
Alumni Association Ballots will be sent only to those alumni who have paid 1993-94 dues by March 1, 1994. There will be no balloting at the annual meeting.

Lincoln University Men's Basketball Team, Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southern Regional Champions

The 1854 Society: A Growing Planned-Giving Component

The Office of Development and External Relations is pleased to announce the establishment of a new giving society: The 1854 Society. This Society will recognize individuals who have notified the Development Office of an individual planned giving arrangement to support Lincoln University.

Already, several alumni have become members of this distinguished group of devotees who have included Lincoln in a bequest or designated Lincoln as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. This kind of dedication and commitment provides continued support and substantially influences the future of the University.

Lincoln Basketball

Men Win ECAC Title Again
Lincoln overcame a six-point deficit to win its second straight Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III South Basketball championship with a 75-71 overtime win against Frostburg State University.

Frostburg (17-9) led 26-25 at the half, with the teams even at 60-60 at the end of the second half. Cory Thames led Lincoln (16-7) with 17 points and 11 rebounds. He helped rally the Lions, who trailed 61-55 with five minutes of regular play left.

Lincoln went on a 12-0 run in the last 1:30 of regulation and the first two minutes of overtime to take a 67-60 lead with 2:52 to play in overtime. Shannon McCants scored five of his 11 points in overtime. Derick Spence added 16 points, Ray Curry 14.

Thames, who also pulled down 11 rebounds, won the tournament MVP award. It was his 19th double-double of the season.

Led by Head Coach Robert Byars and Assistant Coach Andy Haman, the winning team consisted of James Bilups, 33; Thad Brathwaite, 43; Andre Carr, 10; Ray Curry, 23; Darius Gilbert, 31; Raymond Grimes, 14; Leon Howard, 40; Shakhil Lyles, 12; Shannon McCants, 11; Derick Spence, 4; Cory Thames, 35; Tyrone Tyson, 44. The Managers are Robert Knox, Lakesha Maclin and Christie Yarn.

For example, a bequest of at least $5,000 can provide a perpetual scholarship fund.

In an effort to bring more alumni into the Society, the Alumni Office is developing an alumni lawyer pool to provide free counsel to those who are interested in scheduling the preparation of a planned giving document for Lincoln. Currently, these volunteers number only ten, but they represent some of Lincoln's and the nation's most outstanding attorneys. We expect that the group will grow and that Lincoln can soon have a viable 1854 Society.

Women Have Bright Spots
The Lady Lions finished their season with a 5-14 overall mark, but considering that Lincoln had won just one game in the prior three years, those five victories were a definite breakthrough. "In that regard, I'm pretty pleased with the season, and I'm pleased with the overall effort," said first-year head coach Paul Makovsky. "We played a really tough schedule this year, and I know that it's going to take more than a year to turn this program around."

But those wins were not the only bright spots. Monica Fitzgerald and Naneka Brathwaite were two others. Fitzgerald, a junior center who stands at 5' 11", was the leading shot-blocker among Division III players, averaging 6.9 blocks a game and totaling 132 for the season. Brathwaite, a sophomore, is now the sixth-ranked rebounder nationwide among Division III players. She averaged 15 rebounds per game, 310 for the season.

"The future looks bright," said Coach Makovsky. "There is a lot of tradition in the men's program, and I think that there is plenty of room for the women's program."
Alumnus Facilitates Du Pont Company Grant

Bruce McMillan, '73, a Lincoln University Executive Mentoring Committee member and formally Account Manager for Database Marketing & Sales and Printing & Publishing for Du Pont Imaging Systems, was instrumental in obtaining for Lincoln a forty-thousand dollar grant from the E.I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company. A check was formally presented by Du Pont's Vice President of Technology and Professional Development, Dr. Claibourne D. Smith. The President of Lincoln, Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, accepted the gift on behalf of the Pre-College Lincoln University Science (PLUS) program.

Dr. Sudarkasa thanked Du Pont for being a role model in its investment in high school students who would otherwise have lacked support, but who, because of the PLUS program, will be brought to Lincoln University for a four-week intensive summer program. “It will be our students, those that are here now and those that will come behind them, who will demonstrate by their success that the investment you have made was well worth it,” she said. The summer program consists of science and mathematics courses, intensive training in laboratory and computational skills, and an SAT preparatory workshop. The enrichment activities include field trips and research presentations. The PLUS program has been administered by the Department of Chemistry since 1988.

The PLUS program at Lincoln University has been a remarkable success. Almost nine out of ten students who have gone through the program went on to college, and nearly eight out of ten of those who did majored in sciences. Dr. Smith expressed Du Pont’s excitement about the program that helps minority students pursue careers in the sciences, mathematics, and engineering. “Today’s students are tomorrow’s chemists and engineers,” said Dr. Smith. “Through our support of programs such as PLUS, we are working to insure that Du Pont’s future workforce is one of the most competitive in the world.

Lincoln Alumnus Initiates Partnership that Leads to a $120,000 Gift from J.P. Morgan Delaware

Lincoln University alumnus and J.P. Morgan employee Robert A. Allen ’80 initiated a corporate partnership with J.P. Morgan Delaware that led to a gift of $120,000 in funding and equipment. The gift included a three-year grant, twelve computers, and the use of the Team Focus decision support system (together valued at an additional $60,000).

Dr. Sudarkasa spoke of the “global enterprise common to both” and “interpersonal and technical skills” that the gift would support. The gift will help establish a Finance and Banking Program at the University. It will further strengthen the already strong technical training provided by the Department of Economics and Business Administration. The funding will help the Department provide scholarships, mentoring programs, internships, seminars, lectures, tutoring sessions and field trips in the area of Finance and Banking. The computer workstations, loaded with the latest data management software, will equip a computer learning center for Lincoln University students. The Team Focus system will teach current decision-making techniques and will allow students to solve business problems.
Tick Coleman '35 is Luncheon Honoree

As the University's Distinguished Honoree, Dr. Coleman received a commemorative medallion. Twenty-seven other Distinguished Honorees and five Philanthropy Award recipients were also recognized.

Dr. Coleman has been an important part of the daily operations of Lincoln's Development Division for more than a decade. A 1935 Lincoln Graduate, he holds a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and an honorary doctorate from Lincoln, where he served on as volunteer basis as Director of Alumni Relations from 1981 to 1988 and as an alumni representative on the Board of Trustees for ten years. A 1981 retiree of the School District of Philadelphia, Dr. Coleman has done extensive community work, serving in leadership capacities with the Philadelphia YMCA, the Wharton Settlement, the Wissahickon Boy's Club, the Department of Public Assistance, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, the Peace Corps, the Salvation Army, the Neighborhood Center-South, the Wilmont Boys' Club, the Curtain Community Center, the Southside Camp, and the Lansdowne Board of Education. He has received Lincoln's Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Philadelphia Community Award, and numerous other honors.

Entrepreneur Honored

Wilmington, Delaware entrepreneur Joseph V. Williams, Jr., '68, was honored as 1993 Delaware Minority Small Business Person of the Year on October 5, 1993 at a luncheon for 330 people in the Hotel DuPont, part of the area's Minority Enterprise Development Week. Mr. Williams started the Joseph V. Williams, Jr. State Farm Insurance Agency from scratch in 1972; it has since grown to more than $250,000 in gross sales and services more than 1,500 households.

NAFEO Honors Three Lincoln Alumni

Three Lincoln Graduates were honored as Distinguished Alumni of the Historically and Predominantly Black Colleges/Universities by NAFEO (the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education) during its 19th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, March 23-27, 1994, at the Washington Hilton Hotel: Keith E. Brown '73, Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs, U. S. Agency for International Development; Earl O. Pree '34, former Program Assistant/Education Director, Philadelphia Model Cities Program; and John W. Robertson '39, Medical Advisor to the President, JFK Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia.

Lincoln Graduates Win Medical Honors

Dr. Edward S. Cooper, '46, has been awarded the highest honor of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Strittmatter Medal. Dr. Cooper's organizational activities have included Chair, Talent Recruitment Council, National Medical Association (1964-67); Chair, Committee on Scientific Evaluation for the annual session (1970) of the American College of Physicians; Chief Proctor, American Board of Internal Medicine written examination center in Philadelphia (1973-89); Board of Directors, Blue Cross of Philadelphia (1975-); member of several committees of the National Institutes of Health; member, Board of Trustees, Rockefeller University; and President of the American Heart Association; (1992-93). Surgeon John W. Robertson, '39, was also honored by the Philadelphia County Medical Society. He is Emeritus Chair of the Department of Surgery and Medical Advisor to the President of J. F. Kennedy Hospital. A founding member of the American College of Surgeons, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter, Dr. Robertson was the first African American to serve on the Pennsylvania State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, serving as Chair of the Board during rewriting of the Medical Practice Act.
Tuskegee Airman LOUIS R. PURNELL spoke on November 14, 1993 at a program honoring U.S. Air Force Members, 1941-1993 at West Chester University, Pennsylvania. He was first to speak in the panel titled “Remembrances: Tuskegee Airmen, WWII (1941-1945).” Purnell flew eighty-seven combat missions in North Africa and southern Italy; his unit, which flew a total of 1,578 missions, was the only escort group not to lose one bomber to enemy fire. His wings, scarf, and other wartime memorabilia are on permanent display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Paul L. Peeler '58

Class Notes

Dr. JOHN L. LAWTON will be going to the Republic of Benin in West Africa to work with the Directors of Teacher Training as part of the Teachers for Africa Program, part of the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH).

Dr. JIM LAW, a professor of psychology at Johnson C. Smith College in Charlotte, NC, has set outdoor world records for the 400-meter and 200-meter runs in the 65-to-69 age group of the U.S. National Senior Sports Organization; he also holds the U.S. outdoor record in the 100- and 60-meter dashes. In May 1993, he received the President's Teachers for Africa Program, part of the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH).

Dr. EMERSON EMORY's story, "Benny Binion," was accepted for publication in Legacies, stories of courage, humor, and resilience, of love, loss, and life-changing encounters by new writers sixty and older. The publication, edited by Maury Leibowitz and Linda Solomon, was sponsored by the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged. The story appears in the section entitled "Heroes and Friends."

Dr. ROBERT L. ALBRIGHT has resigned. Dr. Albright left the 127-year-old historically Black University to become an executive vice president of the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. Dr. Albright is quoted in the January 27, 1994 issue of Black Issues in Higher Education: "This was a very painful decision because I frankly had not considered leaving Johnson C. Smith. I simply felt that I could do more for a larger segment of society—which often is forgotten and neglected—on ETS's platform than at Johnson C. Smith."

Dr. HORACE A. JUDSON has been appointed the ninth president of the State University of New York (SUNY) Plattsburgh, effective January 10, 1994. Formerly, Dr. Judson served as Dean, Provost, and Academic Vice President at California State University at Stanislaus and, for seventeen years, at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland as a professor of chemistry, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Department Chair, and Associate Dean.

Contributions Welcome

Lincoln Alumni/aie are invited to submit news of their recent accomplishments, employment changes, new endeavors, marriages, etc., for inclusion in Class Notes. Please send to the Lincoln Lion, Office to Public Relations, Lincoln University, Lincoln University, PA 19352.
Scenes from Homecoming '93
Class Notes (continued from page 5)

'87
BRIAN HUNTER and MADONNA MARRYSHOW were married on July 17, 1993 in Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Brooklyn, New York. A reception was held at the Terrace on the Park in Queens. Now residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Hunter is a senior programmer analyst with Independence Blue Cross and Mrs. Hunter is pursuing a career in nursing.

'88
Federal employee GS-12 DWIGHT K. DANIELS recently received a Letter of Commendation for "consistently performing his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner" while assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C.

'90
ALISA R. DRAYTON received a Master of Science degree in Urban Policy Analysis and Management in May, 1993 from the New School for Social Research of the Graduate School of Management in Urban Policy.

Credos

I entreat the Class of '54 especially and all other Lincoln graduates to observe the following:
The Lincoln University Credo
—Welcome them, destitute and ignorant. Release them enlightened and all other Lincoln graduates to observe the following:

Note to the Class of 1934: 60th Reunion

Dear Classmates:
I'm counting on you to help me take the Class of 1934 over the $100,000 mark at our 60th class reunion on Saturday, April 30. We are at about $90,000 in contributions over the years, and we can be the first class to hit that mark.

Please call me at my office (215-932-8300, Ext. 214) or at my home (215-932-2013) when you read this to let me know if I can expect your support.

Alfred H. Farrell

In Memoriam

'31
Dr. GEORGE WILLIAM HUNTER, a former dean of arts and science at South Carolina State University, died on August 3, 1993. Holder of a master's degree from Columbia and Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Hunter also taught at Texas College; Prairie View State College; Maryland State College, where he chaired the Chemistry Department; and North Carolina A&T.

'32
USAF Reserves Major (Ret.) ULYSSES WILLIAM EARLE, 84, died on August 6, 1993. A veteran of World War II and liaison officer for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, he worked for forty-two years as a social worker for the City of New York and was active in Cub Scouting.

RUSSELL LEE NELSON, A World War II Veteran of the Army Medic Tank Division, died in November, 1993. He was employed at the Veteran's Administration, Philadelphia; the Philadelphia Board of Education and O.L.C, where he taught mathematics; and the Haverford Post Office, from which he retired in 1980. Active for many years in the Zion Baptist Church and a past Democratic Comitteeeman, he was a member of numerous organizations.

'33
ISAIAH M. HARRISON, retired executive director of the Dunbar Center in Syracuse, NY, died on December 13, 1992, at the age of 86. Deacon and treasurer of Bethany Baptist Church, Mr. Harrison was especially honored in 1971 when more than 1,500 people attended the "Ike Harrison Day" banquet in Syracuse.

'39
WILLIE H. ROARK died in November 1993. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Roark was a caseworker for the New York City Human Resources Administration until retiring in 1983. Survivors include his wife Eleanor and four sons Richard, David, Leslie, and Wendell.

'41
JOHN FRANKLIN WALLS died at the age of 74. A lifelong South Camden resident and the first black captain of Camden High School's basketball team, Mr. Walls founded an annual Fourth of July picnic at the Cooper River Park gazebo that attracted two hundred people last year. He was a boilermaker for twenty-five years at the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in Camden and for twenty-one years at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Note to the Class of 1989: $5,000 Goal

Dear Class of 1989,
I would like to take this moment to tell you that it is my honor to serve as your class agent. And although you have not heard from any of our representatives in a while, we have been hard at work forging on with the legacy of the class of 1989. Suffice it to say, there are many things that you need to be informed of.

First of all, we are working diligently on finally getting the yearbook completed and in your hands. I understand that this has been a major concern of many of you and I assure you that every effort is being made to complete this monumental task. The yearbook committee has asked me to request pictures of you and anyone else that you would like to see in your yearbook.

Please send photos c/o Mr. David Brown (Editor), 6030 Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Be sure to note the names of the people pictured, what is happening, and when & where the picture was taken. Any questions can be posed directly to David by calling 215-472-2731. Please be sure to affix the proper postage. All pictures sent should be considered nonreturnable.

And now, I am proud to formally announce that plans are underway for our fifth-year reunion. All activities are being scheduled to coincide with the 1994 Commencement exercises Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st. This event is of great importance to all of us and I am encouraging everyone wishing to attend to make preparations now. Remember, this once-in-a-lifetime occurrence is fast approaching. Details of scheduled events will be disclosed by mail.

Do not hesitate to call the Alumni Relations Office at 215-932-8300 Ext. 429 if you think that there is a chance that we may not have your current address as we continue the process of updating our records.

Finally, as many of you already know, our class will be making a formal monetary gift to the University during our reunion activities. I am asking every class member to do his and her part to help us reach our goal of $5,000. Remember, what matters is that you give and not what you give. If you consider that we have more than 167 class members, we should be able to reach our goal with minimal strain on anyone's budget. Please give whatever you can. Monies should be sent to the Lincoln University Development Office, c/o the Class of 1989, Lincoln University, PA 19532. Thank you in advance for your support!!

Jeffrey B. Cooke
Class Agent
L.U. Class of 1989
215-476-0291

Note to the Class of 1989: $5,000 Goal

Lion May Move to New Format

Support a change to a magazine format by placing an advertisement.
Rates:
quarter-page: $400;
half-page: $600;
full-page: $800.

The Lincoln Lion reaches over 8000 Lincoln Alumni/ae.
Note to the Class of 1974: 20th Reunion

It has been almost twenty years since we graduated from Lincoln, and although we have gone on in our lives, nothing can parallel our times there. The lessons learned (not necessarily in the classroom) have been the foundation for our successes.

I would like to encourage you to attend the 1994 commencement exercises April 29 through May 1, 1994 on campus to celebrate our 20th anniversary. In celebrating what Lincoln has done for us, I challenge you to make a contribution to our Alma Mater for every year since our graduation so that other young brothers and sisters may have the opportunity to build the foundation necessary for future success.

Bill Barber and I will be trying to contact each of you over the next few months. Please assist us by passing the word around to other class members and encouraging them to attend. If you would like to be of assistance, please contact me at 301-559-9471 after 5:30 p.m. or Bill Barber at 919-852-9806. Lyoyd Asparagus at Lincoln has also agreed to be of assistance. He can be reached at 215-932-8300, Ext. 6193.

I look forward to seeing you at the 1994 Lincoln commencement.

Bennie Turner ’74

Note to the Class of 1959: Let’s Keep on Trucking

by William L. Eichelberger ’59

As a result of October and November 1993 mailings I made to members of the Class of 1959, I received a splendid letter dated November 21 from one of my classmates in California. In his missive, he said, “I will be submitting a check to Lincoln for $1,000.00. It was by Alonzo Adams. A Mayor’s Son and Parents (center, front row) Rev. Thomas O. Mills, Sr. and his wife Marguerite, parents to five Lincoln alumni: (clockwise, from left) Dr. C. Norris Mills, D.P.M.; Bunyan A. Mills, II; Dr. Thomas O. Mills, Jr., M.D.; the late Rev. Judson C. Mills, esq.; and Don C. Mills, esq.

Six Mills family members, representing two generations, have attended Lincoln University. The tradition began when Bunyan A. Mills ’38, recommended that his five nephews attend Lincoln. The retired postal service employee who now lives in Baltimore attested to Lincoln’s diversity and great curriculum, and the young men about to finish high school wanted to attend. The first nephew to follow in his uncle’s footsteps was Dr. Thomas O. Mills, Jr. He graduated in 1957 and is now a pathologist in Vermont. Next came brother Bunyan A. Mills, II ’59. He is an educational administrator living in Salem, New Jersey. Judson C. Mills ’60 was a Salisbury, Maryland lawyer with a Ph.D. in theology. He died in 1988. Dr. Clarence Norris Mills ’62 is a podiatric surgeon living in Baltimore. Don C. Mills, the youngest of the brothers, completed the academic tradition in the late 1960’s. He now practices law in the Virgin Islands. Dr. Clarence Mills credits his parents with all his brothers attending college. His father, Rev. Thomas O. Mills, was a Baptist minister near Charleston, South Carolina, and his mother taught school for forty years. “My parents both put a high value on education. They gave us the support we needed to complete our studies.”

Why did they all decide on Lincoln? “We knew we wanted to attend an African American school, and we liked the diversity of students at Lincoln,” said Clarence. “It was well-known for its pre-med and pre-law programs. We had attended segregated schools in the South and we wanted to get out—to get more freedom.”

Central Jersey Alumni Association Chartered

The Central Jersey Alumni Association of Lincoln University was chartered on October 10, 1993, at a program held at Plainfield Public Library in Plainfield, New Jersey. President Niara Sudarkasa was present for the occasion and gave greetings. A painting of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall ’30 was dedicated by Superior Court Judge Rudolph N. Hawkins Jr. ’57; unveiling was by Alonzo Adams. A Mayor’s Proclamation was read, as was a letter from New York Superior Court Justice Bruce Wright ’42.

The chartering was conducted by Dr. Alfred Farrell ’34, Professor Emeritus of English and Assistant Secretary of the Alumni Association. Other participants included Carol P. Anderson ’68, Opening; Dr. Leonard Bethel ’61, Invocation; and vocal soloist Veronica B. Bethel accompanied by Roland Jones.
A Nickel Bag of Hope For America, Volume II
by Poet Ted Ganges '72

THE FOUR SHADES OF ALPHA POEM
(the alpha acrostic poem/19 august 1990/washington/d.c.)

PART I.
(Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded in 1908 at Howard University. Now watch me spell Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in this acrostic poem) . . .

BLACK & GOLD/PINK & GREEN
THE FOUR SHADES OF ALPHA
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN???

Alpha/astute/adorable/agreeable/adventurous/american/africans
Leaders/lectures/legendary/ladies/lady/las/lawyers/living
Picturesque/paradise/paramount/pan-american/people
Humanitarian/heroes/hostess/housewives/hairdos
Active/acute/adamant/admirable/autonomously/alpha

Alpha/astute/adorable/agreeable/adventurous/american/africans
Leaders/lectures/legendary/ladies/lady/las/lawyers/living
Picturesque/paradise/paramount/pan-american/people
Humanitarian/heroes/hostess/housewives/hairdos
Active/acute/adamant/admirable/autonomously/alpha

PART II.
(Alpha Phi Fraternity was founded in 1906 at Cornell University. Now watch me spell alpha phi fraternity in this acrostic poem) . . .

Alpha/academic/athletic/artistic/attractive/african/americans
Learned/legacy/lawmakers/lovers/light/light/alpha/light
Paraphernalia/pillows/paddles/pens/pennants/playboys/parades
Handshakes/healthy/hallelujah/happenings/hip hop happenings
Autobiographical/attorneys/architects/audacious/alpha/adonis

Phi/poets/priest/prophets/printers/playwrights/pacifists/philosopher/pharmacists
Honorable/handsome/heroes/heavy/howard/hipsters
Intelligent/intellectuals/idealistic/industrious/intercontinental

Alpha/african/african/african/americans/advantage
Laudable/loyal/italic/literature/luxurious/lively/lifers from lincoln
Pastors/priests/professors/provost/pinstriped/peacemakers/pacemakers
Harmonious alpha hymns/historical/hallmarked/halftime/hampton
Awesome/authoritarian/authentic/authors/alpha/administrators

BLACK & GOLD/PINK & GREEN
THE FOUR SHADES OF ALPHA
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN???

James Ronald Derry ’30 Willed His Langston Hughes ’29 Collection to Lincoln University

Lincoln University has received the Langston Hughes James Ronald Derry Collection. The collection consists of a variety of signed writings by poet Langston Hughes, which include twenty-six letters, postcards, articles, photographs, and phonorecords. In addition, there are eighteen articles by or about Hughes and two carbon copies of the manuscripts, “Big Sea” and “Front Porch.” Also included is a small collection of material pertinent to African American history. Among these are references of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigeria’s first president.

James Ronald Derry, who graduated from Lincoln in 1930, was a close friend of Langston Hughes, Lincoln ’29 and Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Lincoln ’30. Derry is mentioned in several of Hughes’ biographies. The collection was established by Consuela Scott, sister-in-law to Derry. In his will, Derry requested that Lincoln University be given his Hughes Collection. The collection is valued at $12,000.

Through Scott’s estate, a trust fund valued at $190,000 will be established for the collection’s organization, maintenance, promotion, and use. The collection will be housed in Special Collections of the Langston Hughes Memorial Library at Lincoln University.

Lincoln Starts Drive to Endow Chair in Honor of Nnamdi Azikiwe ‘30

Lincoln University has launched a project to honor The Right Honorable Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe ’30, Owelle of Onitsha, and the first President of Nigeria. Specifically, Lincoln is establishing the Nnamdi Azikiwe Distinguished Professorship and Chair in International Affairs. By endowing the Chair, Lincoln will honor one of Lincoln’s greatest sons, and one of the political giants of the 20th century.

A number of activities are planned in tribute to Dr. Azikiwe. On Friday, April 29, the University will hold a Conference honoring his contributions to Nigerian liberation and Pan-African thought as a journalist, politician, statesman, and educator. On the evening of April 29th, the University will hold a gala benefit dinner dance at which Dr. Azikiwe will be the guest of honor. If you wish to contribute to the professorship in Dr. Azikiwe’s honor, please make your check or money order payable to Lincoln University, with a note designating the funds “For the Azikiwe Endowed Chair.”

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used to attend Lincoln convocations, collecting autographs from Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giavanni, Yolanda DeBoise, and Maya Angelou. “I didn’t apply elsewhere; I always knew I was going to Lincoln.”

Lenetta works in Oxford, Pennsylvania as a transitional first grade teacher with a class of twelve developmentally delayed students. Her expertise is in teaching people how to read. “Reading can take you anywhere in the world; it helps your dreams to come true.” Reading also provides “the historical relevancy that we need to learn to help us become historically literate,” according to Ms. Lee. “Reading empowers.”

Her dissertation will study children’s literature. “The problem with children’s literature for African Americans is that it mirrored the dominant society, and included African American caricatures.” Ms. Lee finds the omission of African Americans even more damaging than the stereotyping. She hopes that her academic work will encourage more authors to “look at the Afrocentric paradigm and start to write children’s literature through African eyes, so that the children and the culture become subjects not objects and we begin to have some agency.” Ms. Lee will travel to Africa in 1994 with Molefi Kete Asante, Professor and Chair of the Department of African Studies at Temple University who spoke in February at the convection of Black History Month at Lincoln.
Graduate Discovers Lincoln Roots

Antoinette Terri Wallace '81

Antoinette Terri Wallace, who graduated from Lincoln with a B.S. in Political Science in 1981, worked for her Alma Mater for nine years as a Resident Director/Counselor before she found out that she was not the first member of her family to attend Lincoln. "I got really excited when I found out that I had roots here," exclaimed Antoinette when she found out that her father's mother's father, Ernest F. Showell, entered Lincoln in the fall of 1912, graduating with honors in 1915. "I was tickled to find out that he graduated in three years with high honors." "Now that I came back to Lincoln, I don't want to go back to the city now. I feel that this is my home." "I'm sorry that I missed my great-grandfather's life, but after reading the article, I feel that I know him." The article that Antoinette's grandmother sent her spoke of how earnest Ernest Showell was. During a stormy discussion when he was a freshman, even though surrounded by seniors, he said "Gentlemen, in spite of the fact that we are students, yet we must not forget we are about our Father's business and now, as at all times, we must act, do, and say things only in the Jesus way." One week before he died, he told Flitchy H. Quinn "You told me not to continue to preach and work so hard, but I just could not stop my Master's work. I have lived, worked, and loved the best I knew." In what is clearly not a 9 to 5 job, Antoinette Wallace works as hard serving Lincoln's freshmen women as her great grandfather worked in his ministry so long ago.

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William A. Jones, Jr.
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Arnold L. Malliet, Jr.
John N. Manuel
Andrew Maxwell
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Emmett Palmer

Yearbooks Needed

Special Collections librarian Ruth Hunter and archivist Khalil Mahmud are enlisting the help of alumni in completing the Archive's collection of yearbooks. The years needed are 1902-22, 1924-27, 1932-34, 1936, 1944, and 1966.

If anyone can supply one of these yearbooks or can give information indicating the lack of publication for any of the above years, please contact Mr. Khalil Mahmud, Archivist, Langston Hughes Memorial Library, Lincoln University, Lincoln University, PA 19352. Your help will be much appreciated.

Ladies Auxiliary Holds Fashion Show

The Philadelphia Chapter of the Ladies Auxiliary of Lincoln University held a Sans Appelle Fashion Show and Luncheon on December 4, 1993 at Pinn Memorial Baptist Church. Participants included Chapter President Dorothy Norman, Greetings; former scholarship recipient Theodore Stevenson, soloist; Sheila G. Johnson, accompanist; Chapter Chaplin Bernice Pree, Prayer; Margaret Burris, Introduction of Fashion Coordinator; Margaret Alford and Betty Rivers, Door Prizes and Raffles; and Chairperson Sandra Saunders, Closing Remarks.

Other officers and members are Delores Skerret, Vice President; Eliza Brown, Recording Secretary; Gertrude Jordan, Corresponding Secretary; Rosa M. Oates, Treasurer; Stephanie Wilson, Financial Secretary; Searcy Maddox, Historian; Vivian Grasty; Willa Mae Stevenson; Emma Baskerville; Owanna Dickerson; Marguerite Johnson; and Evelyn Wimberly.
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