Message From The President

In this special edition of the Lincoln Lion, the University is focusing upon three significant themes that will be repeated throughout the new fiscal year that began on July 1.

First, as Lincoln University prepares to celebrate its sesquicentennial or 150th anniversary in 2003 and 2004, our guiding light is our Vision Statement.

Second, I want to again thank you -- our loyal and dedicated Alumni -- for your generous contributions. And third, while Lincoln has shown good progress in its alumni giving and overall fund-raising activities, greater results are required if we are to achieve success in the University’s first major capital campaign to raise $100 million.

One example tells the story of the progress that we have made in alumni giving and the work ahead. We are grateful that 303 alumni contributed in fiscal year 2000-2001. However, with a proactive development program, we are pleased to report that the number climbed to 543 of the 6,000 alumni in fiscal year 2001-2002.

For the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2003, our goal is 1,000 alumni donors.

Vision Statement

Lincoln University is a premier, Historically Black University that combines the best elements of a liberal arts and sciences-based undergraduate core curriculum, and selected graduate programs to meet the needs of those living in a highly technological and global society.

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A Lincoln Man: Profile in Scholarship, Service, and Honor

James F. Collington '47 Bequeaths Over $1 Million of Estate to Lincoln

Funds Endow Student Scholarship and Renovate Campus Classrooms and Dormitories

James F. Collington, who attended Lincoln University on an academic scholarship and graduated cum laude in 1947 with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology, has left $1,065,499.25 of his estate, a condominium in Maryland valued at $66,000, and his vast record and book collection to his alma mater.

Honored for his years of dedicated service as an administrator with the U.S. Treasury Department, Mr. Collington died May 14, 2002. He was 78.

In a letter dated May 1, 2002, University President Ivory V. Nelson thanked Mr. Collington for naming Lincoln as a "primary beneficiary" of his estate.

"...We truly appreciate your support as a son of Lincoln University," President Nelson wrote.

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Message From The President

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Commit it to memory; brand it in your mind and on your heart! Our Vision Statement means that Lincoln University -- America's first HBCU -- is intent on being the 'Institution of Choice' and the very best source for a higher education for its students.

What is best?

Best is…

… Faculty providing the highest quality instruction and utilizing the best technology.

… Staff and faculty having the student as their paramount concern; using the concept of quality-customer service; and being accountable for the conduct and performance of their duties.

… Students who are accepted into the graduate and professional schools of their choosing; highly sought after in the job market; and successful in a global society.

Lincoln has determined that there are four ways in which the University can effectively achieve this best status.

We must utilize our strategic planning to sharpen our academic focus.

We must encourage employees and supporters alike to become avid cheerleaders of the University’s Vision.

We must upgrade our facilities and technology.

And, with your continued support we will substantially increase our funding and allocations for the education of our students.

Your gift is an investment in our students’ success! I urge you to fill out the enclosed donor’s envelope and make your tax-deductible contribution today. Please be generous.

James F. Collington ’47
Bequeaths Over $1 Million of Estate to Lincoln

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Lincoln is distributing the Collington Estate in the following manner:

- $500,000 to endow a scholarship fund for the benefit of students of single parents.
- $100,000 endowment to catalog and maintain his music and book collection.
- The remaining funds, approximately $535,300, will assist the University in upgrading classrooms, dormitories, and support a current project to renovate the Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel.

An only child, Mr. Collington was born on June 15, 1923 in Jacksonville, Florida. The following year, the family moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his early education in the public schools of Pittsburgh. Upon completing high school in 1940, he was awarded a four-year academic scholarship by the Urban League to attend Lincoln. At Lincoln, he joined Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and played varsity football.

In June of 1943, he was drafted into the Army and served as a technical sergeant on the famed Red Ball Express in the European Theater of Operations under the command of General George Patton. Since an army without gas, bullets, and food would quickly be defeated, the Army Transportation Corps created the huge trucking operation called the “Red Ball Express” on Aug. 21, 1944, according to the Armed Forces Press Service. Supply trucks started rolling August 25 and continued for 82 days.

Men like Mr. Collington played a major role in the Nazis’ defeat by ensuring U.S. and Allied warfighters had what they needed to sweep across France into Germany. Nearly 75

Served in the Famed Red Ball Express Unit in World War II.

of all Red Ball Express drivers, including Mr. Collington, were African American.

Interestingly, Hollywood made a movie about the unit and its many heroic deeds but had white actors playing the roles.

Upon being honorably discharged in 1946, Mr. Collington resumed his studies at Lincoln and graduated with the highest honors the following year. He worked as a caseworker for Allegheny County Department of Assistance for eight years before being appointed special agent to the U. S. Treasury Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

He served as a field agent and as supervising special agent in New York City until 1972, when he was transferred to Bureau headquarters in Washington, D.C. He was promoted and served as the interstate coordinator in the Firearms Division until his retirement in 1977. For his years of dedicated and exemplary employment, he received the Secretary of the Treasury Award for Outstanding Service.

He was the Worshipful Master of the Widow Sons’ Lodge Number 11, Prince Hall Masons in Brooklyn, New York during 1973. Also, in 1973, Mr. Collington purchased a home in Columbia, Maryland where he became an avid bird watcher. He also became an enthusiastic vegetable gardener.

He learned to bowl and enjoyed the game immensely as well as the camaraderie of fellow bowlers. He looked forward to the monthly trip by bus to Atlantic City with three fellow bowlers. He loved music – swing, jazz, the blues, and the classics. His record collection is vast as are his books, including the books on music anthology. He studied the history of civilization over a period of three years – using his self-created library that was replete with references.

Mr. Collington was not affiliated with any religious denomination. He believed that there was a loving God, that there was life after death, and that God entrusted man to do unto others as he would have others do unto him. He was generous to many charities annually. Besides the estate that he bequeathed in his will to Lincoln, he left his 1987 Crown Victoria to a local cancer group in Maryland.

Mr. Collington was twice married and twice divorced; he had no survivors other than several cousins.
Lincoln is challenging members of University Fraternity, Sorority, and Social Fellowship organizations to “Step Up to the Contributor’s Plate” to compete to become the #1 organization in giving to their alma mater.

Which organization will come in first as the top contributor by the deadline of June 30, 2003? Results will be announced in future editions of the Lion.

The University’s goal is to have at least 1,000 Alumni contributors for fiscal year 2002-2003. Last fiscal year, Alumni contributors totaled 543; in fiscal year 2000-2001, 303 donated.

“We are moving with momentum, but we need more help from our Alumni,” Alumni Relations Director Michael Taylor ’95 said. “That’s why the University is reaching out to organizations such as fraternities, sororities, and social fellowships.

“We are hoping that each Fraternity/Sorority/Social Fellowship Organization will have a minimum of 100 members to contribute a gift to Lincoln. This effort will bring us closer to the goal of 1,000 Alumni contributors.”

So…AKAs, ALPHAs, DELTAs, IOTAs, GROOVEs, KAPPAs, QUEs, RHOs, SIGMAs, SWINGs, and ZETAs…get ready, and tell your brothers and sisters that THE COMPETITION IS ON! (Currently, the Alphas are in the top spot with 17 contributors.)

To register for the Challenge, send in your fiscal contribution, payable to Lincoln University.

Please indicate your Class Year and Organization affiliation in the memo section of your check. You may also charge your gift to MasterCard, VISA, Discover, or American Express.

Contributions are tax deductible and can even be matched by your corporation or employer. For further details on how to join the Challenge, or to serve as your organization’s representative, please call 610-932-1231.

Stepping up to the Plate for Lincoln

(Note: If you have currently donated for fiscal year 2002-2003, please call the Alumni Relations Office to confirm your organization.)

Campus Greek-Lettered Organizations

αφα
Alpha Phi Alpha

φβς
Phi Beta Sigma

ωψφ
Omega Psi Phi

καψ
Kappa Alpha Psi

ζφβ
Zeta Phi Beta

ΣΓΡ
Sigma Gamma Rho

ιφθ
Iota Phi Theta

Social Organizations

GΦG
Groove Phi Groove

SΦS
Swing Phi Swing
Welcome Class of 2002!

Congratulations to the new alumni of Lincoln University – Class of 2002! The Alumni Association offers new members one year of free dues. This includes both baccalaureate and master’s degree graduates. Graduate members may also affiliate with the GAC by contacting Sharman Lawrence, the organization’s president at smssl@aol.com.

Our membership offer includes all rights and benefits of belonging to the Alumni Association. Membership cards and a letter of welcome were mailed to all members of the Class of 2002. If you did not receive your membership card and letter, please contact the Executive Secretary, Bruce Benson, at bbenson@voicenet.com or by writing P.O. Box 182, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

There is one correction to the letter of invitation: your dues are good until Dec. 2003, 18 months of free membership in the Association!

Officers and Trustee

The results of the election of officers for 2002-05 – Lisa M.B. Johnson ’85, President; Sharron Lawrance ’98, MHS, Vice President; Serethea Matthews ’73, Area Director Central; William Long ’75, Area Director West; and Gloria Boykin-Wright ’75, Treasurer. The position of Area Director East and South resulted in a tie and appointments will be made at the October Council meeting. Tracey Joel Hunter Hayes was elected to a four-year term to the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to all elected and soon to be appointed officers of the Association.

Atlanta Chapter Revitalized

The Alumni Association, in keeping with one of its goals to increase chapter involvement and development, welcomes the Atlanta Area Alumni Chapter to our fold. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the many dedicated alumni in the Atlanta area to see this chapter revitalized and working. The officers of the Atlanta Metro Chapter are: Robert Ray ’79, President; Keith Warrick ’76, Vice President; Michelle Thompson ’87, Secretary; Mark Williams ’89, Treasurer; and Lester Walker ’85, Historian. The chapter may be contacted at Atl_lualumniassoc@yahoo.com.

University’s Web Site

The Lincoln University Web site contains information about starting a chapter in your area; please visit the site at www.lu.lincoln.edu or contact the Executive Secretary at P.O. Box 182, Lincoln University, PA 19352, or e-mail: bbenson@voicenet.com.

Class Reunions: 3’s and 8’s

Classes ending in 3’s and 8’s – it’s your year in 2003! Reunion plans are being made with the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information, please contact Michael Taylor ’95, Director of Alumni Relations. The Association is looking for a few alumni in the classes ending in 3’s and 8’s to bestow with the prestigious Alumni Achievement Award. If you know of a person in your class whom you believe to be worthy of this award, please submit the name to the Alumni Achievement Award Committee, and mail to P.O. Box 182, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

The criteria for the award are that the recipient must be a dues’ paying member of the Association, contributor to Lincoln University and their respective profession and community. Each recipient will be contacted when nominated for biographical information.

Solicitation of Dues

The Association will be soliciting dues for 2002-03, beginning in October 2002. Please remember that your dues represent the sole operating funds of the Association. In order for the Alumni Association to continue to serve your concerns and support Lincoln, we need your support of dues.

Dues are only $35 per year. We also encourage alumni to become Life Members of the Association; Life Memberships are $500, payable over a period of five years or one lump sum.

Whichever you choose, we welcome your support. Dues can be sent to AALU, P.O. Box 182, Lincoln University, PA 19352. Please make checks payable to AALU.

Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel

I must remind our members of the beauty of the stained-glass windows in the Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel. The windows were removed for repair. The offices of Development and Alumni Relations have sent letters to alumni for support. The results netted only $15,000 for a project that costs over $100,000. We can and must do better for Mary Dod Brown, for I know, personally, she holds dear a lot of memories for all Lincoln alumni.

Please be generous and send your donation to the Office of Development and External Affairs, Lincoln University, PA 19352.

I know the alumni of this institution can and will do better than $15,000 for this much-deserving project.
University Alumni Relations Director Michael Taylor ’95 (left) presents Dr. Oscar Sistrunk, Jr. ’52 with a Contributor T-Shirt and a Certificate of Appreciation for sponsoring an alumni meeting and banquet in Florida on Aug. 20 at the Radisson Plaza Orlando Hotel. Dr. Sistrunk pledged a donation of $10,000 to his alma mater. Taylor also attended a session in Ft. Lauderdale.
It's a New Day

Alumni President Thanks Supporters for Re-Election and Outlines Goals

Dear Alumni:

It is with great pleasure that I address you after a successful bid for re-election for a full three-year term. Thank you for the confidence and reassurance you have placed in us to do what we need to do to grow our organization. Our goals during my tenure as President of this great organization are to:

- Reactivate or start 20 alumni chapters in the next four years
- Have 1,000 dues paying alumni in the next four years
- Increase Alumni student recruitment efforts
- Raise $1.25 million for our Alma Mater in the next five-to-seven years, and
- Keep the lines of communication open with the University to build better relations.

These are lofty goals, but we can accomplish anything with your support!

As we move forward with achieving the goals set for the Alumni Association, we want you to open your mind and heart to do your very best to help us. Specifically, we need you to:

- Contact the chapter in your area and join that chapter, if you are not already a member
- Take the initiative and contact the Area Director to assist with starting a chapter
- Pay your Association annual dues; dues are only $35 per year or become a lifer at $500, which is payable over a five-year period, and
- Make an annual contribution to Lincoln University.

Won’t you help us? You may also help by joining us for Homecoming 2002 on Saturday, Oct. 26. The University has a day full of activities that will make us feel good about coming home. When you arrive, please look for the alumni registration booth; we can help keep the University’s database updated and we will know that you are in the house! Also, look for me because I will be sporting my Orange and Blue!

Contact us anytime; we work for you.

Yours for a Stronger Association,

Lisa M.B. Johnson ’85
National AALU President

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PhotoGallery: Alumni Picnic 2002

Hundreds of alumni -- many with family members -- returned to campus on Saturday, July 20 for the Annual Alumni Picnic. It was an opportunity to greet former classmates, spend time at the Orange and Blue, and participate in a variety of organized activities.
World-acclaimed poet Langston Hughes '29 and his prolific works will be honored Sunday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., during a one-woman show by Jessica Care Moore at the Atlanta History Center.

...Will live for e'er in memory...
In Memorial

Benjamin L. Brown ’51, Esq.: June 18, 2002
Hilton Davis ’50, Esq.: July 2002
Belford D. Harty ’52: March 25, 2002
Dr. Jonathan Theodore Latimer, Jr. ’60: June 19, 2001
Nathaniel C. Patton ’33: July 2002
Beverly Valentine ’75: June 6, 2002
Homer E. Vaughn ’64: July 2002

Rudley A. Young ’79 (left) and Luther R. Manning III ’77 (right) present President Ivory V. Nelson with a $1,545 donation.
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Turn to Pages 6-7 to see more Photographs from Annual Alumni Picnic on July 20, 2002.

University President Ivory V. Nelson (left) greets Dr. Frank (Tick) Coleman '35 at the annual alumni picnic on July 20, 2002. Over 300 persons attended the campus event.

2002 Homecoming Weekend Schedule of Activities*
October 25-27

Saturday, October 26 -- Homecoming Day

9:00 a.m. Information Table, Alumni Registration, and Contribution Opportunities, Student Union Building, top level
9:00 a.m. Alumni Association Council Meeting, Vail Memorial Hall, board room
9:30 a.m. Ladies/Lions Auxiliary Meeting, Guest House
10:00 a.m. Open House, Langston Hughes Memorial Library
10:00 a.m. Reunion Classes Meeting (3’s and 8’s), Student Union Building, top level
11:30 a.m. Contributors' Luncheon and Awards Rally, Student Union Building, top level

TBA Homecoming Networking Jam (Time and location to be announced)

*For more details on these and other Homecoming activities, contact: Office of Alumni Relations at 610-932-8300, ext. 3429, 3433, or 3449; also visit Lincoln’s Web site at www.lincoln.edu.

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