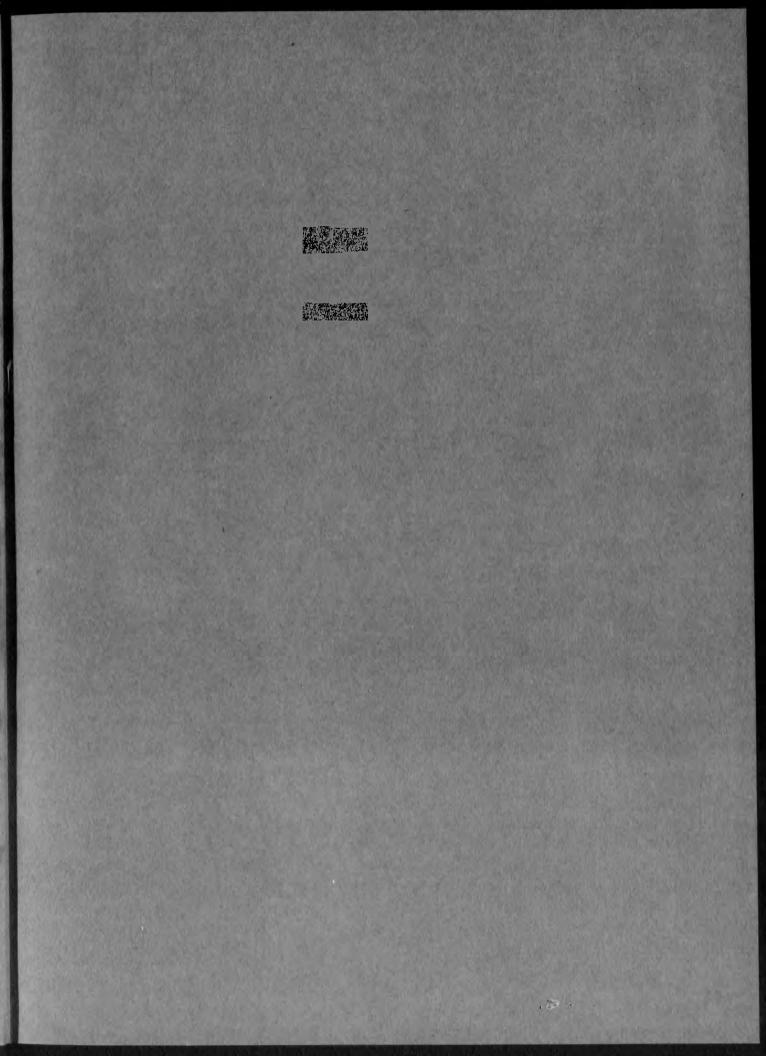
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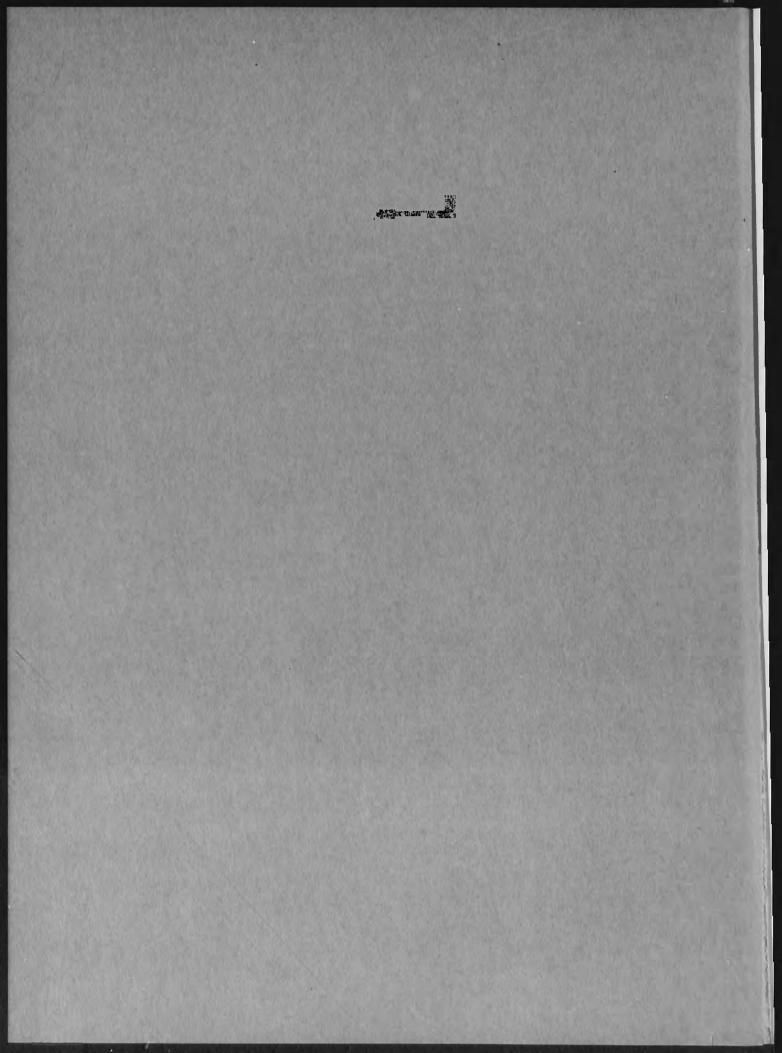
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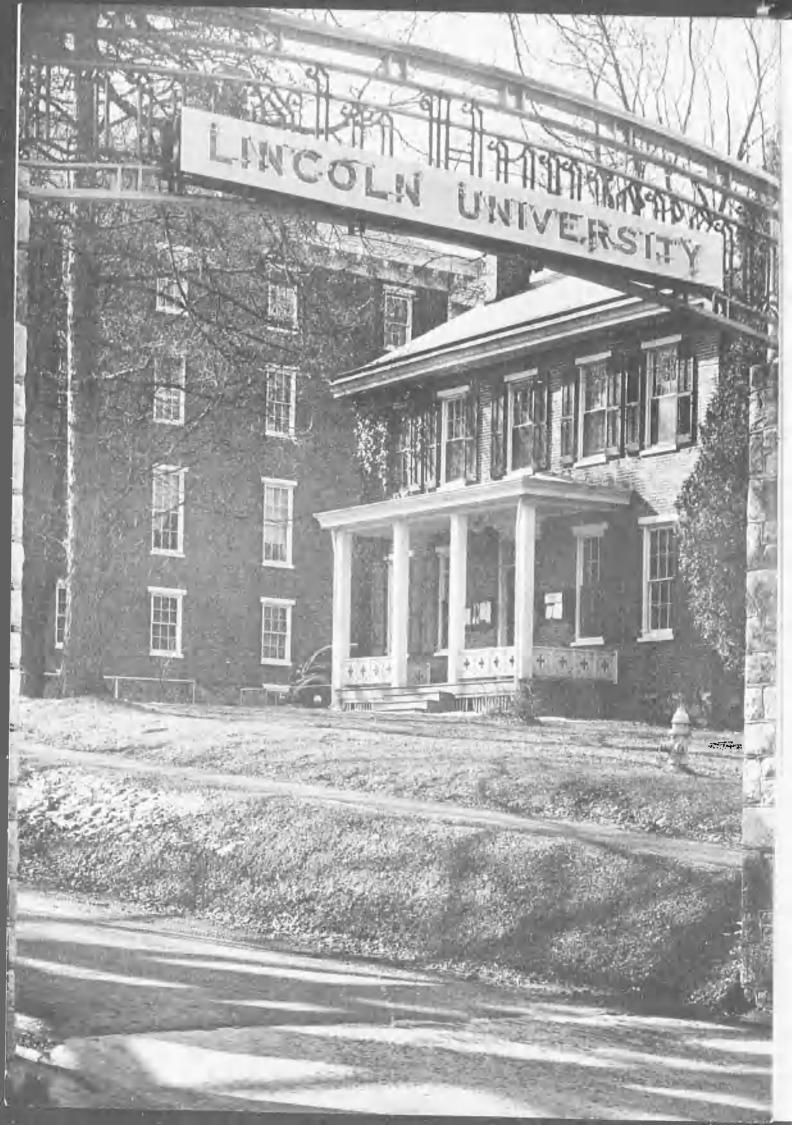
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FOREWORD

The 1939 "Lion" is an attempt to recapture visually, the myriad activities of student life on the campus of Lincoln University. The emphasis has been placed on informality, for it is in this way that we will best remember the four turbulent years spent at our Alma Mater. This is the first time that such a kaleidoscopic attempt has been made to present all phases of our collegiate sentence.

In the years ahead, it will be a remembrance of our salad days, and will, we hope, produce a pleasant nostalgic feeling of days well spent amid the natural beauties of these rolling hills.

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DEDICATION

It is difficult to put into words one's estimate of the worth and influence of Dr. Frank Harris Ridgley. He was so utterly self-effacing, unassuming and gentle and yet so positive a personality. How to appreciate the full worth of such a man in just proportions is almost an impossible task.

As a member of our faculty he was preeminently fitted for his position as Dean of the Seminary and professor of Old Testament Literature, Hebrew and Greek, having studied at Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; the United Free Church College, Glasgow, Scotland; the University of Pennsylvania where he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Semitics; and at the University of Leipzig, Germany.

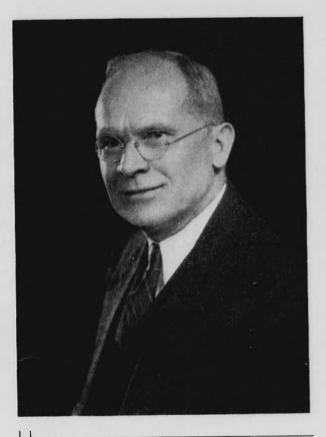
As a teacher he was a sound and careful scholar who possessed the rare ability to make difficult subjects understandable and interesting. He was not domineering, but invited the sincere criticisms and honest questions of those whom he taught. Students who differed with him on questions of religion felt that they were not in conflict with him but only with something incidental to him. Always there was the impression that he possessed an inward spiritual adequacy and an abiding faith in the Old Book which was "undisturbed by life's trial or critic's proof."

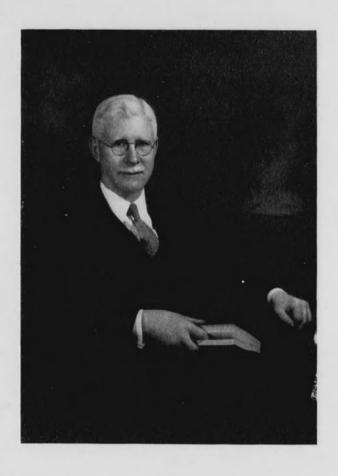
He was a man of broad sympathies, not bitter or unpleasant in private relations, loyal in friendships, devoted to every good cause, and consecrated to the noblest ideals. The splendid tribute which Edwin Markham paid to another may aptly be applied to him:

"The strength of virgin forests braced his mind,
The hush of spacious prairies stilled his soul.
His words were oaks in acorns; and his thoughts
Were roots that firmly gript the granite truth.

And when he fell in whirlwind he went down As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs, Goes down with a great shout upon the hills, And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

Idel 111. E. Daylor





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings-

Again, a Lincoln class bids us farewell, and men go out to sterner responsibilities. Others take their places, yet the places are never filled. We know you as individuals—not lost in the crowd. You will return from time to time, we hope to renew the old friendships and check with us on what is wise in the preparation of men.

We shall follow your careers with the hope that you understand life better for the days at Lincoln, that in the joy of working you will be part of a generation that will find its way out of the uncertainties of the present into the better times within our reach, yet so elusive as the passions of men prevent their progress.

We hope for new buildings that will leave only the memory of a library crowded with books and men and the closely packed halls, where thrice daily, so many students are gathered at the call of the bell. Yet through all change will be the continuing Lincoln passing on its life and welcoming you to the old ways.

May the winds blow fair and the tides run smooth, but may you never lack the heart to breast the current when the port lies up the stream.

Sincerely,

WALTER LIVINGSTON WRIGHT,

President

DEAN MILLER Class Advisor

Ever since we were freshmen, we have admired Dean Miller for his scholarship, religious eminence, and his personal distinction. We have always found him willing to cooperate in all things which tended to enrich student life at Lincoln University. His surety of judgment, amiable disposition, and fair administration led Phi Alpha Psi to choose him as its Class Advisor. May he continue to make himself a vital force for scholarship, honesty and understanding to the men who follow us in years to come.

MR. ULYSSES G. LEE Year Book Advisor

We are indebted to Assistant Professor Lee for the many valuable points which he gave to us during the preparation of our book. His knowledge of Journalism and good taste proved definite assets to the staff. Year Books are projects of the student body and when a member of the faculty is called upon to be the advisor, the temptation is great for him to exercise his position to curtail the freedom of the staff. But we are glad to say that Professor Lee gave us a "Carte Blanche" and no changes were deemed necessary.





DEAN WILSON'S MESSAGE

Men of '39—Comrades All:

Greetings and farewell. No paeans to blazon forth your day of triumph. No sorrow songs recounting days of bitter struggle and nights of darksome agony. At noontide or in the stillness of the night, your hands have found commerce with things your hearts have most desired. Whether pursuing the course on man's dull groping toward the Highest Good or searching for the mysteries incased within electrons or simple cells, from dawn to dusk your minds have trafficked with all things to which you were alive.

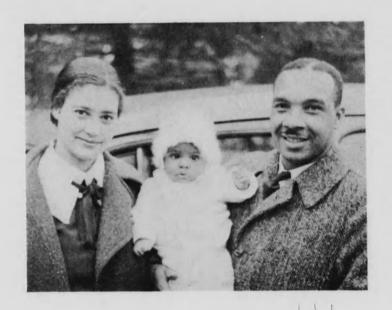
There is no turning back, nor can your deepest wishings recapture for you even the faintest fragment of all that filled your yesteryears. Whatever was admitted into the hours of bygone days and nights has made of you the greater or the lesser man. Pause now in this brief hour, as one, who moving toward his star, stands still to check his course and gain new strength for plodding still more difficult.

Hail, then, this day as a time of arriving and departing. If, into this moment of recollection, you bring strong minds, clear eyes, and hearts that know no fainting—well done. Take leave of these protecting walls. Face forward from the disturbing beauty of woods and hills, of winter's quiet snows, and springtime's verdant ecstasy.

Between the eternities of all our yesterdays and all our tomorrows, we stand, reverent and thoughtful. Pledge again your deepest loyalty to the best that these years have revealed to you and within you. Down through the years into the greater life you go. For those, who now declare their purpose to advance into this large sphere, life hath decreed that weaklings perish and men of indecision have no voice.

Your Friend and Fellow-Traveler,

FRANK THEODORE WILSON.



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WALTER EVERETT WARING, A.M. (Pennsylvania), Assistant Professor of French

REV. GEORGE LAKE IMES, A.M. (Fisk), D.D., Lecturer in Practical Theology



History tries not merely to date events, but to exhibit them as the expression of some idea. Our endeavor, therefore, must be not only to chronicle what has happened in the eighty-five years of our University's life, but to interpret it as the realization of the ideal of the founders.

THE VISION

John Miller Dickey (1806-1878) founded our University in response to a vision that came to him, May 8, 1849, in the old historic Presbyterian church at New London, Pennsylvania. The vision was that of an institution that would provide for young colored men a "higher" education, higher, not because above the secondary level, nor because it embraced non-vocational subjects, but because it was directly related to God, the highest being, and to Redemption, the highest good.

Dr. Dickey was a practical idealist. He wished to give immediate benefits to the Negro. The enslaved Negroes were at that time inaccessible, but there were an increasing number of "free" Negroes. Therefore he resolved to work for them. This attracted him to The National Colonization Society of America, the primary aim of which was "To rescue the free colored people of the United States from their political and social disadvantages." With no immediate hope that slavery could be abolished, repatriation to Africa seemed the only way out, but apart from education of the highest type, even this way would lead nowhere. Therefore in 1853 Dr. Dickey persuaded the Presbytery of New Castle to adopt an overture that "There shall be established within our bounds and under our supervision an institution to be called The Ashmun Institute, for the scientific, classical, and theological education of colored youth of the male sex.'

ASHMUN INSTITUTE AND THE "FREE" NEGROES

In the same year 1853 thirty acres of land were purchased; in 1854 the charter was granted by the Pennsylvania legislature; in 1855 a building was begun and the Rev. John Pym Carter, A.M., of Baltimore was elected Principal and Teacher; and on December 31, 1856, Ashmun Institute was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, notably an address by the new Principal in which he "vindicated the necessity of this institution and the capability of the colored man for intellectual and moral elevation." Next day, Ianuary 1, 1857, the work of instruction began with two pupils in the preparatory department and two in the theological department. For nine years the Institute continued its beneficent work. Necessarily it had to accept its students at the level on which they were, but it did not leave them there, for it gave them all the education it could impart without regard to the fact that they were colored. And the effort was abundantly justified by its results in providing leadership for the "Free" Negroes in America and in Africa.

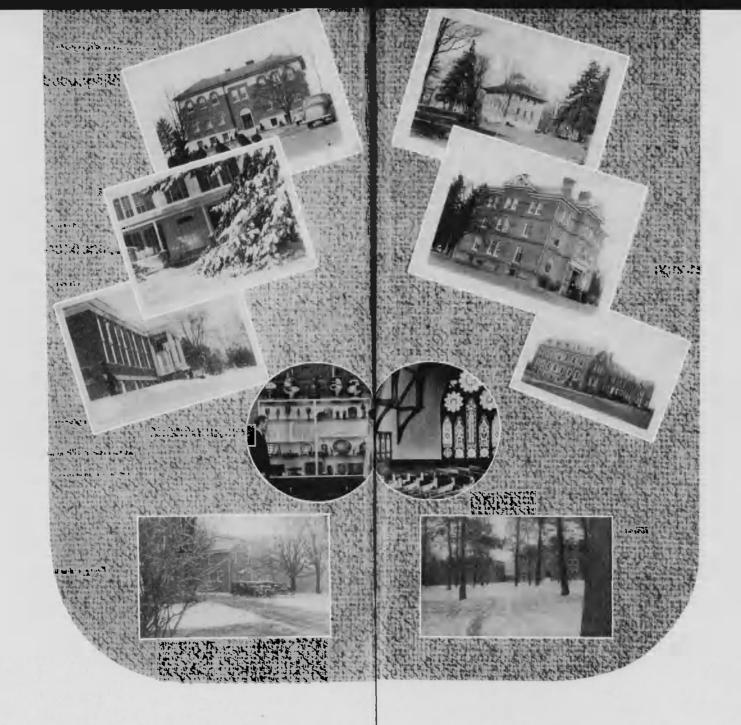
THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND THE "FREED" NEGROES

The work of The Ashmun Institute came to a close when Lee on April 9 1865, surrendered to Grant at Appomatox. A new and larger phase of educational effort for the Negro was now necessary. Dr. Dickey met the situation by calling to the Presidency the Rev. Isaac Norton Rendall (1825-1912) and by having the Pennsylvania legislature on April 4, 1866, change the name of The Ashmun Institute to The Lincoln University. Under the planning of Dr. Rendall and his three Princeton Seminary classmates, Edwin R. Bower (1826-1883), Lorenzo Westcott (1828-1879), and Gilbert T. Woodhull (1827-1898), all graduates of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) as well as of Princeton Theological Seminary, the liberal and Christian character of the institution was maintained as it has to the present essentially continued. The freed ex-slaves were received on the level at which they were, but they were not permitted to remain there, for the untiring effort of the faculty was to fit them by training for the best and highest leadership. The trustees earnestly sought to justify the new title of "University" by adding to the preparatory, collegiate, and theological departments that had existed from the beginning. In 1869 a business section was attempted, but after a trial discontinued when it was found to seriously threaten the character and aim of the departments already existing. In June, 1870, it was resolved to establish departments of medicine and law, the former in Philadelphia, and the latter in West Chester, Pennsylvania, but the financial strain was beyond the resources of the University at that time, and the departments while not abolished were discontinued

THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY AND THE NORTHERN MIGRATION

With the ending of the World War in 1918 it was evident that a new era in the status of the American Negro had come. The Northern Migration of the Negro introduced profound changes, and the University was compelled to adapt itself to them. The transition began in the presidency of Dr. John B. Rendall, 1906-1924, continued under his successor, Dr. William Hallock Johnson, 1927-1936, and is now the acutest task of the present administration headed by Dr. Walter L. Wright. It has in part been met by organizing the University as a cooperative enterprise of white and colored both in the trustees and the faculty: the corporation and the operation. The hope is that the essential ideals of the University will not be changed in spite of the fact that the persisting tendency of the time is to regard the present existence as a broad place for body building rather than a narrow valley of soul making.

DEAN GEORGE JOHNSON.



The Campus

The McCauley Refectory . . . Professor Hill's Residence . . . The Vail Memorial Library . . . The African Exhibit . . . Cresson Hall.

The Campus

Memorial Hall . . . Houston Hall . . . Rendall Hall
. . . The Mary Dod Brown Memorial Chapel . . .
University Hall.





SENIORS



WILLIAM FREDERICK ADEN

"Fred" came to Phi Alpha Psi from Howard University as a sophomore. He has been outstanding as the campus artist and cartoonist, and was an ardent supporter of the drama. Friendliness and poise were personified in his every action.

Forum, Dramatics, Yearbook, Lincolnian, Dormitory Council-Lincoln-Ashmun, Cartoon Club

OMEGA PSI PHI

JOHN WESLEY ALEXANDER

A bit of a scapegrace, John hails from Orange, New Jersey. He was most consistently renowned for his innumerable "week-ends," and seriously leans toward the pursuit of medicine.

Intramural Basketball, Football Trainer, Chemistry Instructor

OMEGA PSI PHI

ROYAL CLARKE ALEXANDER, JR.

"Roy" was Phi Alpha Psi's "Peck's Bad Boy," but not a bad sort, only very spoiled. His extra-curricular activities consisted mainly of sleeping, rabbling and using double-meaning words. About his future plan, let's toss a coin and take a guess . . . social work.

WILLIAM EDWARD ALLISON

"Wild Bill," king of the mat, jolly, playful and well liked by all, these combinations of admirable traits will help us think of this son of Cape May, New Jersey, who wants to enter the teaching profession.

Football, Wrestling, Captain, Boxing Intramural, Track, Intramural Boxing, Varsity Club, New Jersey Club

JOHN OLIVER BECKWITH

Instead of Beckwith, Washington, D. C., should have dubbed him "Bookwith." As a scholar and a gentleman, "Beck" was an astonishing fellow and as a football player, no back-seat driver. But why limit him to the pigskin? He participated in practically every sport on the campus. Medicine is his future field.

Varsity Football, Intramural Basketball, Track, Tennis, Beta Kappa Chi, Phi Kappa Epsilon, Student Council

OMEGA PSI PHI

CHARLES MAURICE BLAKE

Baltimore, Md., has first claims on our "Charlie." His simple manner, sincerity and ability to laugh longest at his own jokes, are the things that will linger longest with us when we hear his name mentioned. He's bound for a principalship somewhere, Baltimore preferred, of course.

Soccer, Glee Club, Polemarch Kappa Alpha Psi

KAPPA ALPHA PSI





CHARLES DOUGLASS BONNER

College taught "C. D." how to effectively capitalize on all his talents, however slight, and turn them into unearned increment. His fine bass voice, excellent scholarship and scientific endeavors, were qualities which Lincoln should miss. New Bedford, Mass., has hit the bell again.

Glee Club, Choir, Quartet, Dramatics, Newspaper Staff, Instructor in Chemistry, Beta Kappa Chi, Dormitory Council, Leader and Manager of "Bonner's Swinging Collegians," President of Musical Club, Le Cercle Francais, Reorganizer and President of Phi Kappa Epsilon, Intramural Wrestling, Tennis, Class Football, Intramural Basketball

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

CHARLES HENRY BRISCOE

"Little Grim" was the campus "busybody." With his diminutive size and inexhaustive energy, he was an invaluable aid in the administration building, if not so valuable as an ad-getter for the "Lion." Whenever he appeared with a stack of "Business" papers, it meant "get scared." It might be a library notice, or more terrible, a grim expense assessment.

N. A. A. C. P., Lincoln University Players, Dormitory Council-Lincoln-Ashmun, Business Manager of the "Lion"

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

MILTON REID BROOKS

A sound and logical thinker, a student of biology and the related sciences, "M. R." . . . "Baldy" . . . was often solicited for advice. He was a "J. V." guard and shone in the unforgettable "Frosh-Soph" melee. This son of McKeesport, Pa., will always be regarded as a man of culture, experience, and determination. He's to be a "donor of knowledge."

Treasurer of the Class, Newspaper, Dormitory Council-Rendall Hall

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

ISAAC NEWTON CARTER

Isaac Carter, broad in stature and mental faculties as well, delved into the realm of sociology and history. He'll be remembered for his quiet manner. He aspires toward social work as his choice of profession.

Philosophy Club, Presbyterian Group

ALFRED CASPER

"Chemistry" Casper was perhaps the most zealous and consistent fellow at Lincoln University during the reign of Phi Alpha Psi. For pure "sticktuitiveness" he was hardly approachable. And yet the Musical Club shared his scholastic perseverance. Pleasantville, N. J., and pedagogy encompass him.

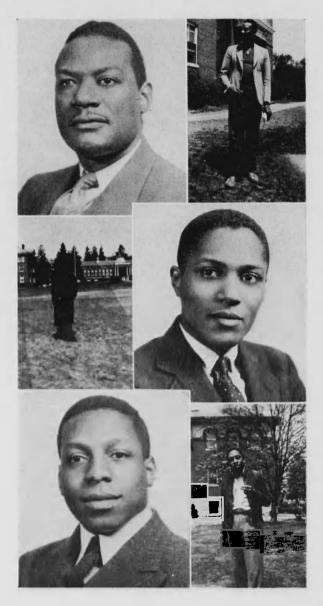
Glee Club, Dormitory Council-Lincoln Ashmun, Student Instructor in Chemistry

PERRY LEON COOK

Washington, D. C., presented "Ma—an" Cook to Phi Alpha Psi as a midsemester student. "Ma—an" was defined by a perpetual grin, and his social connections. He was seriously inclined to philosophy and politics, and desires to become a teacher in the Washington Public School System.

Dramatics, Philosophy Club, Instructor in Philosophy, Lion Staff

OMEGA PSI PHI





KENNETH SINCLAIR DODSON

Radical, energetic "Ken" was really "The Lion." Many's the pound he lost, and sweat he poured. A subtle knowledge of aesthetic work made him a superb critic and connoisseur of the fine arts, especially along modern trends. Brooklyn, N. Y., calls him either for teaching, creative writing or journalism.

Editor of Lincolnian, Editor-in-Chief of the Lion, Dramatic Club, Winner of Award for Individual Acting, N. I. D. A. '37, Forum, Vice President of New York Club, Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Campus Community Chest Fund, Debating Team

JOHN BRELAN FALCONER

"Rev" was another of the perennial pie men. Up from Mississippi, he was a drawling bullshooter and excellent student. He knew his religion "back," and was perpetually haunting Delaware.

PHI BETA SIGMA

LEO CARROL FIELDS

"Red Sails," the fat man of Wilmington, was the perpetual politician. One of Professor Davis' boys, he'll always recall jumping into botany. Green and red do not go well together, neither did Leo and his prep cap. He'll be a "Boss Tweed" someday

University Forum

PHILIP LAWRENCE GOODEN

Phil "goodn't" have done better as a week-ender and sport. His pastime was the radio (920 club), and Morpheus' embrace. A nice fellow, "hail, hearty and well met," he's from Wilmington. Will you ever forget his bout with Frank Gorden? Or ask him about the first day of spring.

Fireside Group, Presbyterian Group

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

FRANK ROOSEVELT GORDON

"Flash" was always on the move. Charmingly boyish, clamorous, yet instilled with a deeply rooted business intuition coupled with theological aptitude, this lad from Wilmington, Del., attempted any proposition. As an under-classman, he played varsity football, and hurt more than one person in the intramural and fraternal basketball games.

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Intra-mural Council, Basketball

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

WILLIAM EDWARD GRIGGS

Of quiet mien and easy going, Baltimore's "T. P." reveled in mechanics and "Coleisms." A simple philosophy of truth and fair play and his sincerity insured his success in all endeavors. What varied "bull sessions" and "jumps" occurred in Rendall No. 4 at the expense of his record box! After every meal feet were wiped on his precious red carpet. He's a teacher to be and we have no doubt that he'll be one of the best.

Dramatic Club, Varsity Track Team, Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Forum, Associate Literary Editor of Lion

ALPHA PHI ALPHA



WILLIE LEO HAMILTON

"Steel Mills" Hamilton, the vociferous one, came to us from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was always to be found engaged in debating, and was one of the class' prize "bullers." He claimed many honors representing the heavier roles in dramatics. He intends to sermonize.

Debating, Dramatics, President of Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Secretary of Senior Class

PHI BETA SIGMA

CLIFFORD STANLEY HAYE

"Loud and wrong Haye" will not be forgotten by Phi Alpha Psi for his corking basketball game, his priceless "model" practice teaching class and his sudden raucous laughter. New York is waiting with bated breath for him to join its rank of teachers

Varsity Basketball, Intramural Basketball, Varsity Club, New York Club, Secretary of Freshman Class, Glee Club, Wrestling

ALPHA PHI ALPHA



JOSEPH JEFFREY HIGGS

As the youngest man in Phi Alpha Psi, "J. J." compensated for his juvenility through his clamorous voice and large stature. A rabbler from Jersey City, N. J., Higgs academically thrived in the medium of biology. He can tell everything about "call it mesoderm," and "dissociation K." Medicine is his calling.

University Quartette, Intramural Track and Basketball, University Choir, Treasurer of Senior Class, Glee Club

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

LINDSAY THOMPSON JACKSON

Lindsay's intellectual capacity combined with his keen sense of humor and friendliness constitutes a congruent whole that radiates success. His application to biology and chemistry was not forsaken for the broadening influence of extra-curricular activities. Lindsay hails from Pleasantville, N. J., and aspires toward teaching as a profession.

Biology Instructor, Glee Club, Dormitory Council-Lincoln Ashmun, Coffee Club, Orchestra, String Quartette, Choir

ARTHUR LEON JOHNSON, JR.

"Stump," Baltimore's petit man of affairs, was one whom all were to admire from numerous channels of approach. In scholarship as well as in the more sportive aspects of college, namely "Jitterbugging," dressing, tennis, and boxing, he was to reach top honors. With his intellectual qualifications, combined with his magnetic personality, he'll make an excellent doctor.

Dramatics, Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Society, Phi Kappa Epsilon Honorary Society, Dormitory Council, Rendall Hall, Varsity Club, Tennis, Intramural Boxing and Basketball

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

WALTER IRVIN JOHNSON, JR.

Well read, suave "Walt" hails from Atlantic City, N. J. His friendliness and diplomacy were his ace attributes and will certainly assure his becoming an excellent teacher. The drama cherishes his portrayal of Father Aherne, in Mark Flavin's "First Legion" '36, and academically he was always to be listed in the University Bulletin.

President of Lincoln University Players, President of University Forum, Associate Editor of Lion, Student Council, Phi Kappa Epsilon, N. A. A. C. P., Y. M. C. A. Cabinet

OMEGA PSI PHI



FREDERICK LEE JOYNES

"Fred" came to the class of '39 as a sophomore from Cape Charles, Va. He was a staunch supporter of rabble football, and a refectory "boss." Joynes was a striving, thinking student, and aspires to pedagogy

OMEGA PSI PHI

ABRAHAM LEONIDAS LANIER

"Gate" blew up from Winston-Salem, N. C., on a windbag, which failed to burst during his four years here. As an orator, student and cheer leader, he will be long remembered with affection and amusement. In the fields of Economics, Political Science and Sociology, he has all the prerequisites for a successful career as a lawyer

Debating Team, Dramatic Club, N. A. A. C. P. President, Student Council, Presbyterian, Fireside Group, Freshman Basketball Team

ALPHA PHI ALPHA



THOMAS BROCKHOLST LIVINGSTON, JR.

A cultured individualist and urban cracker-box philosopher was "T. B." He was ever the same reserved, tactful fellow, deep in thought or effective conversation about the whimsicalities of Man and society. A son of Newport, R. I., he shall become a pedagogue.

Philosophy Club

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

WILLIAM EDWARD MADDOX

"Bill," product of Swarthmore, Penna., displayed admirable ability as an athlete. What "games" he and "Selassie" played. A smiling disposition, simplicity, and genuineness made him a fine chap, who is destined to become a teacher.

Varsity Football and Track

OMEGA PSI PHI

WILLIAM HENRY MERCHANT

The scientific boxer and astute student, "Wm. Henry" came to Lincoln U. from Havre de Grace, Md. He was one of the best read and worldly minded men of Phi Alpha Psi. His cordiality was simple and wholehearted, and must inevitably bequeath him a position as a pedagogue or politician.

Boxing Captain, Track, Philosophy Club, Lion Staff, Varsity Club

OMEGA PSI PHI

FRANCIS NWIA KOFI NKRUMAH

Africa's Nwia Kofi conditioned all his intellectual endeavors through his zeal for knowledge. As a freshman he quite easily and interestingly adjusted himself to Lincoln and the new environment, and graduated a fine and polished gentleman intent on the economic resurrection of his beloved native land.

Fireside Group, Dramatics

PHI BETA SIGMA





HERBERT CORNELIUS NORRIS, JR.

"Trucking," jiving "Haile Selassie" of Wildwood, N. J., was one of the class "pugs" and "gators." Remember his bout with "Tally" as a prep . . . what blood! He was a sparkplug of the football team, and was a too fine heckler and "spieler." Could sing some fine ditties too!

Varsity Football, Track Manager, Varsity Club, Glee Club, Boxing

OMEGA PSI PHI

LEROY PATRICK

Had "Pat" lived during Puritan times, his perseverance, dogmatism and executive capabilities would certainly have earned him a place as a self-righteous Elder. Philadelphia is proud of its English major, scholar and future minister.

Dramatic Club, Presbyterian Group, Editorin-Chief "Lincolnian," Debating, Student Council, Phi Kappa Epsilon Honorary Society

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

JOHN BENJAMIN RANDOLPH

"Johnnie" was a fine executive and a man of affairs. A staunch "Cheyneyite" and consistent week-ender, he still kept up on his "stuff." His manner was quite intent and thoroughgoing. He's a Philadelphian and future teacher.

Lincoln University Players, Male Chorus, N. A. A. C. P., Presbyterian Group, President of Junior and Senior Class, Phi Kappa Epsilon Honorary Society, Lion Staff

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

WILLIAM HENRY RAMSON

"Hooks's" collegiate life has been quite versatile. His perseverance has carried him to both scholastic and athletic recognition. His valuable service as adviser to a neighborhood boy's club displayed those qualities of service and love for all mankind that embrace this noble son of Phi Alpha Psi. Ramson comes from York, Penna., and contemplates teaching as a profession.

Football, Track, Intramural Basketball, Boy's Club Adviser, President Cresson Hall Dormitory Council, Intramural Council

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

LEE RAYFORD

Lee clinched his title of "Man About Town" when he fell on the campus in his "hard" Pierce Arrow. As a student, Lincoln will present him with an A.B., as a lover, Cheyney should reward him with an honorary Ph.D., but what Washington, Howard University and "Med" school have in store for him, is a matter of conjecture

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Dramatic Club, Vice President of Senior Class

OMEGA PSI PHI

PHILIP REED

"Phil" has spent four years at Lincoln, developing his "gift of gab." His attempts at humor, his piercing sardonic voice and his renown as a tennis player, will follow him back to New York, where he intends to enter social work.

Forum, Varsity Tennis Team, New York Club, Intramural Ping-Pong Champion, Intramural Basketball

ALPHA PHI ALPHA





WILLIE HART ROARK

"Willie Roark from New Yo-ark" was always prepared for some "sport." At the slightest provocation he left the campus to go anywhere, at any time. On the gridiron his performance was quite exemplary. Physical Ed. prepared him for subsequent work as a gym instructor.

Varsity Football, Track Team, Varsity Club, Instructor in Physical Education

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

JOHN WARRENT ROBERTSON, JR.

We all admire versatility and surely this is the keynote of "Robbie's" life at Lincoln. He ventured in the fields of Mathematics and Physics where his success warranted his being appointed student instructor. "Robbie" captured C. I. A. A. laurels in wrestling. He aspires toward medicine

Treasurer N. A. A. C. P., Rendall Hall Dormitory Council, Gamma Phi Pi Honorary Math. and Physics Society, Varsity Club, Wrestling Team, Varsity Football, Football Trainer

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

ELBERT CRUTCHER ROBINSON

Everything "Puddin' Head" had his hand in, seemed to turn to gold; handling typewriters, laundry and cigarettes have paved his way for a successful career as either a business man, lawyer, or politician. Dramatics, oratory and leadership in numerous organizations made him one of the most valuable members of Phi Alpha Psi. Florida's his home and we wouldn't be surprised if he tried to sell his native state all over again to the United States and succeeded.

Student Council (President), Y. M. C. A. Cabinet (Treasurer), Glee Club, Forum, Philosophy Club, Winner Kappa Alpha Psi Freshman Oratorical Contest, Tennis Team, Robinson Scholarship

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

GEORGE KUBELIK ROBINSON

"G. K." was quite an adventurous chap. His vital interest in transportational facilities prompted him to purchase two resemblances of motorcardom while at Lincoln. Well, never mind the cars for G. K. will get there anyway. He intends to enter medicine.

Musical Organization, Concert Orchestra, Dramatic Club

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

LAFAYETTE WILSON ROBINSON

"L. W." in a quiet yet thoroughgoing way encompassed through progressive steps a versatile and serviceable life at Lincoln. His valuable service to the drama, his musical talent, application to his studies, and personality traits will long be remembered. Robinson comes from Cumberland, Maryland. He aspires toward medicine.

Dramatic Club, Concert Orchestra, Swing Band, Glee Club

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

FRANCIS C. SCHANCK

It will be hard to replace the inimitable Schanck. His inherited ability to make friends and spread good cheer will live on in our memory. As a wrestler, he carried our Alma Mater to fame and with the same fight he'll move along life's way, never losing, we hope, his pleasant mannerisms and magnetic attraction.

Varsity Wrestling

OMEGA PSI PHI





CHARLES ERRINGTON SIMMONS, JR.

From the swampy shores of Florida, Charles brought to Lincoln the spirit of industry, manliness, and scholarship. The spirit of bunkam never once entered his intellectual horizon; for in Chemistry and advanced Mathematics, he excelled. Charles wants to become a certified public accountant

Lincoln University Musical Club, Beta Kappa Chi, Student Instructor in Chemistry

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

WILLIAM DAVENPORT SKERRETT, JR.

"Bill" was born and bred at Lincoln University and who could think of him other than being quiet and non-assuming in his seldom noticed jaunts to and from school, his effort, and good character. "Bill" intends to teach.

University Concert Orchestra, Swing Band

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

MELVIN LINWOOD TALIAFERRO

"Tally" of Allentown, Penna., was one of the best liked fellows at Lincoln University. His ready smile, willingness and ability to judge facts for their face value epitomized this strange personality. This characteristic, what with his athletic prowess, designated him as a natural leader in all sports. He wants to become an M. D

Varsity Football and Track, Glee Club, Varsity Club, Boxing, Capt. Football Team

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

HARRY LEE THOMAS

Harry was a terrific social baron, weekender, and the pride of Philadelphia. He was quite thorough in biology and also knew a good deal about muscle. What an excellent instructor he was in the "cat." This is assurance enough that he has possibilities of becoming another Arrowsmith.

Instructor in Anatomy, Junior Varsity Basketball

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

HENRY THOMAS

"Mr. Milque Toast" was the shy fellow from Norristown, Penna. One of Mr. Dorsey's "boys," he was always rejoicing at the thought of a Glee Club tour. He wants to further his studies at Howard University in anticipation of a medical career

Glee Club, Orchestra

ALPHA PHI ALPHA

CAMERON THORNHILL

Thornhill was one of the most respected members of Phi Alpha Psi. He could always be depended on to give a fair, impartial and just decision. Brooklyn College sent him to us and he hopes to study medicine at Meharry. Good luck.

Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, Student Head of Library, Vice President New York Club

PHI BETA SIGMA





BERNARD BRUCE TILDON

"Blip" excelled in languages, music, and as a man of campus affairs. His friendliness and often his indifference made him an interesting personality. As a teacher of French and Spanish, he should be a valuable asset to Wilmington's Howard High School, which needs able pedagogs.

Glee Club, Student Council, University Choir, Football Team Manager, Intramural Basketball, Varsity

KAPPA ALPHA PSI

MARTIN VINCENT WATERS

Gleeclubbing, "Zionchecking" "Muddy" was a class wit and playful rabbler from Pleasantville, New Jersey. Very spirited, he was aggressive in intellectual pursuits and campus activities. How well he, Charlie Blake and "Apey" Lucus could harmonize "Loch Lomond." What will he become? . . . no doubt a swell lawyer or teacher.

Glee Club, University Choir, University Quartette, Orchestra, Dormitory Council, Lincoln-Ashmun, Lincolnian, Intramural

GEORGE WHITNEY WILLIAMS, JR.

Asbury Park's friendly, casual George was another guy everybody liked and respected. His musical ability was revealed in his active participation in Glee Club affairs. He is a rabid lover of ping pong.

Glee Club, Orchestra, Band



UNDERCLASSMEN



JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

La Fenus Hutchin	President
James Johnson	Vice-President
John Horner	Secretary
John Thomas	Treasurer
J. Harold Nichols	Chaplain
Jack Tracey	. Student Councilman
Vernon Brock	. Student Councilman

The class of '40 arrived on the campus and began their collegiate life full of high spirits, good scholars, and numerous men who were destined to become leaders. They elected La Fenus Hutchins as their president when they were "Preps" and he has guided them ever since. Among the outstand ing men of '40 have been the president himself, who has excelled as an actor, an officer and as one of its most helpful members; James Johnson, whose physical heights corresponded with his scholastic, executive, and outstanding achievements; Jack Tracey, who was probably the class' most active and useful member, serving as an actor of merit, a debator, student council representative and other offices too numerous to mention; Vernon Brock, whose athletic, scholastic and leadership ability has made him a valuabe asset to his class; J. Harold Nichols, for his quiet efficiency, scholastic and active cooperation; John Thomas, besides being one of the highest ranking Juniors scholastically, is the Basilus of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and holds many offices.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

OFFICERS

J. Riche Coleman	President
Phillip Randolph	Vice-Pres.
Theodore Bolden	Secretary
Reginald Young	Treasurer
Frank Murray	Chaplain
James Lewis	Sergeant-at-arms
St. Julian Decosta	.Student Councilman

The "Gutbucketeers" led the class of '41 through swift, hilarious paces during its freshman year. None of its members will ever forget the night the class of '38 walked. They fought until breakfast was announced. Many of their number have had to leave because of financial reasons. Their high spirits did not make them forget their scholarship was also a part of their collegiate life. The week-enders of the class were numerous and many of its members have got married. Two more years remain and they have active plans for presenting to the school, a monument to preserve the memory of the class of '41.

J. Riche Coleman has been president for the two years and he is walking, talking, active, reflection of the members of his class.



FRESHMAN CLASS

OFFICERS

Charles J. Nelson	President
Woodson Hopewell	Vice-Pres.
I. Willis Pinkett	Secretary
Harold Kopchynski	Treasurer
Lewis M. Hunt	Sergeant-at-arms
John J. Ford	Chaplain
Ronimus R. Stokes	Student Council

The present freshman class is the largest and one of the most promising that Lincoln has had in many years. At the beginning of the year, they numbered 158 members in their class. They have come from all the states on the Atlantic seaboard and from many of the Western states. Fifteen members are from Africa and two came from South America.

They feel proud for having beaten the Sophomore Class in the annual Freshman-Sophomore Football game. The score was 21-0. They have plans for a sterling gift for the school when they graduate. They have been active in most of the extra-curricular activities, especially the Glee Club, Dramatics and the Debating team.



EXTRA-CURRICULLA



STUDENT COUNCIL

OFFICERS	
President	Elbert C. Robinson
Secretary	St. Julian DeCosta
Treasurer	
N. S. F. A. Rep	Jack C. Tracey
Corresponding Sec.	Roy Nichols

The twenty-eighth day of March, 1916, saw the formation of the first Student Council of Lincoln University for the purpose of maintaining and developing a true standard of conduct among the students of the University, to promote and conserve their welfare in every respect, and for the purpose of cooperating with the faculty more effectively in maintaining in character and conduct the high ideals of Lincoln University.

The members of the Student Council are eleven in number chosen by their respective classes in the following ratios: Two from the senior class; two from the junior class; one from the seminary; one from the sophomore class; and one from the freshman class; four members are elected at large, not more than two of whom can be members of one class, not more than one of whom can be members of the same fraternity. The elevation to membership of the Council is for a period of one year. Any member is eligible to succeed himself, and shall hold his seat until his successor qualifies. It is required of each member of the Council that he shall be of exemplary character, and shall definitely commit himself to the faculty regulations on matters pertaining to the welfare of the University.

The duties of the Student Council are to keep watch and guard upon all that concerns the honor and morals of the institution and of the students therein, and, likewise over those conditions and circumstances which minister to their physical, social, and intellectual welfare.

The scholastic requirement for membership is not less than 2.70 in academic standing.



"LION" STAFF

Kenneth S. Dodson	Editor-in-Chief
Walter Johnson, Martin Waters	Associate Editors
William Griggs, Arthur Johnson	Literary Editors
Charles Briscoe, Abraham Lanier	. Business Managers

STAFF

Frederick Aden Lee Rayford Perry Cook Bernard Tildon John Randolph Elbert Robinson

William Merchant

This year's "Lion" staff was not so very unlike those which have preceded it. There were many moments when we were almost sure it would not come out, times when the additional financial burden we had undertaken, in order to put out a unique book, for Lincoln at least, seemed impossible to raise, and times when the editor was ready to slit all of our collective throats. But here we are, out at last, and no one has died under the strain, no one is in hock and our book is completely different from any year book Lincoln has put out in the past. Special mention should be given to our editor, who gave up most of his other activities to put the book over, to Arthur Johnson and William Griggs for their tireless work and to Walter Johnson. At the back of the book, are acknowledgments to all those who assisted us in any way to get the 1939 "Lion" off the press.



Seated: John W. Thomas, Jesse Gloster, Leroy Patrick, Jack Tracey, Charles Bonner. Standing: Paul Williams, Ralph Koger, Charles Bull, J. Riche Coleman.

Seated: Edward Cannon, Elbert Robinson, Willie Hamilton, Jack Tracey, William Griggs. Standing: Kenneth Dodson, Jesse Gloster, Frank Gordon, Lee Rayford, John Thomas, Walter Johnson.

LINCOLNIAN

The Lincolnian resumed activities this year under the Editorship of Kenneth S. Dodson. Since its revival, after a two year suspension, it has become a vital force for progress on the campus. Student problems, faculty problems and criticisms and suggestions for the improvement of the community have all been pressing issues on the editorial page of the paper.

Y. M. C. A. CABINET

The Y. M. C. A. Cabinet was formed to facilitate, promote and maintain the true ideals of the Young Men's Christian Association, through the development of the body, mind and spirit of each student of Lincoln University. This year it has sponsored numerous speakers on the campus and has contributed to the obtaining of Josephine Harrold and Anne Wiggins Brown, for concerts on the campus. It has sent men to various conferences which discuss vital problems.

DEBATING TEAM

The purpose of the Debating Team is to give students an opportunity to express themselves in public. The development of the ability to express one's opinions, to recognize both sides of a question, to portray not only the speech, but also the varying emotions of life, these are some of the benefits derived from debating. This season's debates were carried out adequately under the supervision of Prof. J. Newton Hill. Debates were held with The Students Literary and Debating Guild of Brooklyn, Virginia State, Virginia Union and Urstnus College.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY FORUM

The Lincoln University Forum is an organization of students which, under faculty guidance, presents to the school outstanding speakers in the various fields of learning during the school year. The work of the forum is particularly important in a small school not situated in a metropolitan center such as Lincoln is, for it serves as a supplement to instruction, prevents provincialism, and generally widens the scope of the student body's intellectual horizon.

Seated: William Hamilton, Leroy Patrick, Paul Williams, Abraham Lanier. Standing: Grant Shockley, Jack Tracey, James Johnson, Kenneth Dodson.

Seated: Henry Mitchell, LaFenus Hutchins, Leo Fields, Walter Johnson, William Griggs, Fred Aden, Thomas Dickens.

Standing: Edward Cannon, Kenneth Dodson, John Thomas, Abraham Lanier, Rufus Shorter Jack Tracey, Elbert Robinson.





Seated: Allan Wilson, Jack Tracy, Walter Johnson, Abraham Lanier, Wendall Logan, J. Riche Coleman, George K. Robinson and Charles Bonner.

Standing: John Randolph, Franklin Williams, Edward Cannon, John Thomas, and Ernest Bouey.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY PLAYERS

This year the Lincoln University Players presented, "The World Waits", by George Hummel, at Virginia State College and Hampton Institute. The A. & T. Players (Greensboro, North Carolina), gave "The Divine Bug" as the N. I. D. A. exchange play. On April 14 and 15 the Players took "Transit", written by Phillip Stevenson, to Virginia State College, the scene of the N. I. D. A. Festival. On April 20 the Players re-enacted "Transit" at the Cultural Olympics, held at the University of Pennsylvania Auditorium.

"THE WORLD WAITS"

George Hummel's "The World Waits" has successfully been given at Hampton, Virginia State and in New York City. The setting and acting at all performances were splendid examples of what a college group can do with an excellent play.

PHI KAPPA EPSILON

The Phi Kappa Epsilon Honorary Scholastic Society was founded at Lincoln University in October, 1934, for the purpose of stimulating and rewarding students who display evidence of high intellectual achievement. Its purpose is to propagate and foster scholarship, character, and all ideals which may be constructed as a necessary element for constructive achievement.

STUDENT INSTRUCTORS

Because of either their scholastic or athletic ability, the men in this picture are the helpers of the faculty. Some work in the Laboratories, others in the Gym and still others help correct papers and take charge of classes when the teachers are absent.

Seated: John Randolph, Leroy Patrick, Charles Bonner, John Beckwith, Arthur Johnson. Standing: Walter Johnson, Francis Nkrumah.

Seated: William Ransom, Charles Bonner, Abraham Lanier, Paul Jackson, Walter Johnson, Lindsay Jackson, and John Robertson.

Standing: Willie Roark, Alfred Casper, Leroy Patrick, Norman Jones, John Falconer, and Jones Quartey.





Seated: Abdul Disu, William Merchant, Elbert Robinson, Perry Cook, Paul Harris. Standing: Roy Nichols, J. W. Hutchinson, Thomas Livingstone.

Seated: Thomas Dickens, Benjamın Mitchell, Jack Tracey, Willie Roark, John Phillips, Kenneth Dodson, Barefield, Carlton Ford.

Standing: Philip Reed, Andrew Bass, Samuel Davis, Robert Ramsey, James Parker, Arthur Brisbane, Blackwell, Hamilton Hannibal, Kenneth Phipps, George Twine.

PHILOSOPHY CLUB

The Philosophy Club meets once a month at the home of Dean George Johnson to discuss various philosophical topics. At every meeting a member of the group reads a paper, after which the group entertains a discussion; in this way the philosophies of the greatest thinkers are studied.

NEW YORK CLUB

The New York Club of Lincoln University was founded in December, 1937, and its purpose is to help further the development of the educational and social standards of New York Students at Lincoln University, in order

that their latent leadership abilities may be developed.

It is creating a scholarship fund, which will be used to assist New York students to attend Lincoln University and so far, two successful scholarship dances have been given during the Christmas Holidays in New York City. The group has organized a speaker's bureau and an educational committee which presents the ideals and aims of the organization to churches, alumni groups, schools, and community centers in New York City and at the same time aids in the publicizing of Lincoln University in New York City.

DORMITORY COUNCILS

LINCOLN-ASHMUN CRESSON HALL RENDALL HALL

Seated: Martin Waters, Charles Briscoe, Fred Aden.

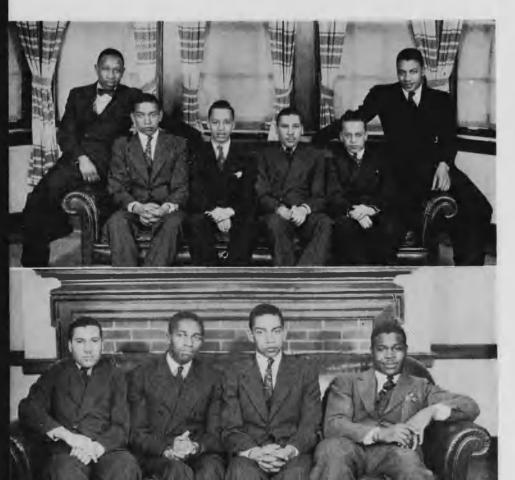
Standing: LaFenus Hutchins, Alfred Casper.

Louis Purnell, Charles Bonner, William Ransom Franklyn Williams.

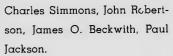
Seated: John W. Thomas, Arthur Johnson, Milton Brooks.

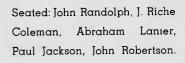
Standing: John Robertson, Richard Fowler, John Horner.





J. Harold Nichols, James O. Beckwith, Charles Bonner, Charles Simmons, Arthur Johnson, Vernon Brock.





Standing: Charles Briscoe, Charles Bull, John W. Thomas, Charles Bonner.

BETA KAPPA CHI LAMBDA PHI PSI N. A. A. C. P.

TENNIS TEAM CHEER LEADERS OMEGA BASKETBALL TEAM

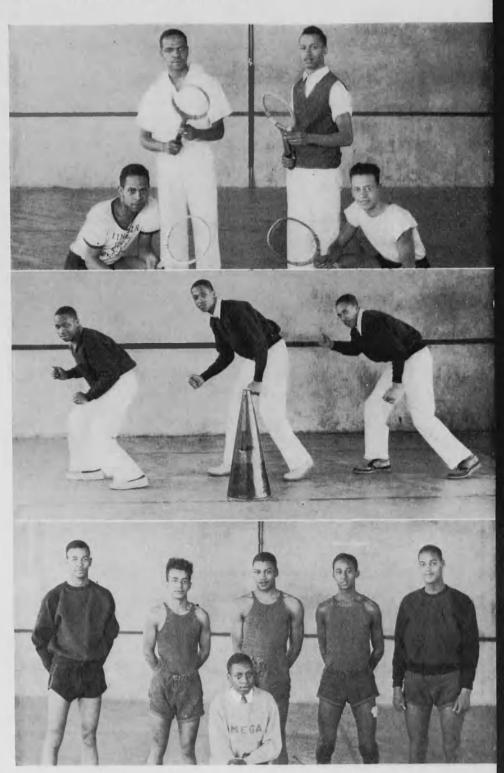
Kneeling: Cleo Palmer, Arthur Johnson.

Standing: Phillip Reed, Charles Bonner.

J. Harold Nichols, Abraham Lanier, Edward Johnson.

Seated: Perry Cook

Standing: William Garner, Caesar Marshall, Vernon Brock, John W. Thomas, Rufus Shorter.





BONNER'S SWINGING COLLEGIANS

"Bonner's Swinging Collegians" is composed of a group of students who are interested in playing popular music. They frequently secure engagements to serve their talents at neighborhood dances.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY MUSICAL CLUB

OFFICERS

Charles D. Bonner	President
Franklin H. Williams	Business Manager
James M. Sims	Secretary and Treasurer

The purpose of the Lincoln University Musical Club is to propagate the expression and study of all phases of music and all ideals which may be construed as necessary foundations for constructive musical achievement. It is our hope that through the inspiration of the Lincoln University Musical Club, every student at Lincoln University may be induced to strive for a level of musical achievement commensurate with his highest artistic capabilities.

The work of each year is climaxed by a May Day festival and prom held on the campus during the month of May. Excepting commencement, it is the biggest affair of the year, and visitors to the campus are made welcome.





ALPHA PHI ALPHA

OFFICERS

Arthur L. Johnson Jr	President
John B. Randolph	Vice-President
Jack C. Tracey	Recording Secretary
LeRoy Patrick	Corresponding Secretary
Melvin L. Taliaferro	Treasurer
Abraham L. Lanier	Parliamentarian
Robert Ramsey	Sergeant-at-Arms
Wendell Logan	
William E. Griggs	. Associate Editor to SPHINX

Nu Chapter awards each year to that member of the freshman class with the highest scholastic average, the Seldon Scholastic Medal, in honor of the late Milton Seldon, of the class of 1921.

Alpha Phi Alpha sponsors annually their "Go to High School Go to College and Education for Citizenship Campaign." To effect this program, representative brothers are sent to the secondary schools and communities where they encourage students to continue their education and give adults competent advice concerning their political, social, economic, and religious status. The fraternity has realized that a "voteless people is a hopeless people." Last Christmas the chapter was instrumental in distributing baskets to the poor in the community.

The cardinal principles of the fraternity are: 1. To protect the chastity of womanhood; 2. To promote scholarship; 3. To promote Christian Character; 4. To obey the laws of the Land.



OMEGA PSI PHI

OFFICERS '37-'38.

Basileus	Walter I. Johnson, Jr.
Vice Basileus	John Wesley Thomas, Jr.
Keeper of R. & S	Frederick Aden
Keeper of Finance	I. Gregory Newton
Keeper of Peace	Perry Honey
Editor-to-Oracle	James E. Johnson
Chaplain	J. Harold Nichols
Co-Deans	. Perry Cook and V. Brock

The week of February 21-29 marked the 25th anniversary of Beta Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. During its twenty-five years of existence it has continually stressed the four cardinal principles of manhood, perseverance, scholarship and uplift on which the fraternity was founded. This year's program of activities included four aspects of Fraternalism, namely; educational, cultural, social, and athletic. The celebration of "Negro Achievement Week," and the presentation of the Alfred W. Walker Memorial Scholarship Medal, were the high spots of the educational program. The Epsilon Glee Club of New York and the Annual Omega Prom were indicative of the cultural and social phases of work, while the Omega basketball team rounded out the athletic side by winning the intramural championship.

Programs of interfraternal goodwill as well as university co-operation have been especially stressed with a view toward bettering the conditions of fraternalism on the campus.



KAPPA ALPHA PSI

OFFICERS

Charles Blake	Polemarch
Harry Thomas	
Bernard B. Tildon	Keeper of Records
Joseph J. Higgs	. Keeper of Exchequer
Russel Tracy	Strategus
Frank Gordon	. Lieutenant Strategus
Milton Brooks	Parliamentarian
Elbert Robertson	Historian

Epsilon Chapter was founded at Lincoln University on December 14, 1916, and is the fifth oldest of the innumerable chapters in the Fraternity.

The Chapter annually sponsors the Freshman Oratorical Contest in conjunction with the observance of "National Guide Right Week". A silver loving cup and a gold medal are awarded for first and second prizes respectively. The "National Guide Right Week" observance is one of the several national movements of the Fraternity. One of its objectives is, to help Negro youth, especially high school senior boys, to think through their further preparations for life in the terms of definite, suitable vocational choices.

This year marks the 24th anniversary of Epsilon Chapter. In these ensuing years we have endeavored to develop in youth the spirit of comradeship and the power to meet and mingle with men; to secure for the young, inexperienced youth upon entering college, brotherly aid and guidance in making adjustments in the new college environment; to inculcate and intensify a sense of honor and a respect for the rights of others.

We have afforded the opportunity for students to acquire the social graces and embellishments which fit them for participation in the society of cultivated men. Epsilon has sought to make permanent the perpetual college friendships which will cheer and illumine the life of members through all of their future.

PHI BETA SIGMA

OFFICERS

Cameron Thornhill	President
Christian Moorehead	Vice-President
Edward Cannon	
E. Augustus Hewlett	Treasurer
Wilfred JamesCo	rresponding Secretary
Herbert Gould	Dean of Pledgees
H. Jones Quartey	
Wm. Hull	Sergeant-at-Arms

Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Lincoln University on May 11, 1922.

In a large measure the growth of the Chapter has been concomitant with that of the National Body.

The Fraternity has advocated the "Clean Speech" program which is one of its earliest platforms, but the changing times demanded wider fields of activity and an interest in things which went beyond the campus. As a result, the Chapter celebrates yearly, in conjunction with the National Body, a "Bigger and Better Negro Business Week", and an education program.

As the nation today faces a great crisis, a mood of deep uncertainty hangs over every activity in American life. Some industries blame the government, and the government in turn blames the industries. As the Negro is involved in this vicious cycle, he must create proper employment for Negro boys and girls about to leave college. Thus during its "Bigger and Better Negro Business Week", the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity shows that there are still business opportunities that have not been fully utilized.

In carrying out the annual program on the campus there has been a consistent effort to bring men, who, by virtue of their experience and achievements, could impress upon students the value and need of emphasis upon those pertinent issues. This year Dr. Alain L. Locke, Professor of Philosophy of Howard University, was the guest speaker during the Educational Observance Program.







ATHLETICS



FOOTBALL

Opening the 1939 campaign with the brightest prospects in a decade, the Lincoln University Lions proved that pre-season dope had not been wrong in its claims. The Lions opened the season with a decisive victory over North Carolina State College on Oct. 1, and then came back the following week to claw a weak but fighting Cheney eleven to the unbelievable score of 64-0.

Despite the brilliant showing of the new squad in its first two games, the Lions ran into difficulty when they encountered the Morgan College Bears on Homecoming day and went down to a 21-0 defeat. From this point on the team failed to regain its stride, rising only one more time to turn back the highly touted Virginia Union eleven 6-0 on a rain soaked field.

The season was brought to a close with a heart breaking defeat on Thanksgiving Day, when, amidst sleet and snow the Lions fell before a revitalized Howard Bison to the tune of 6-0.

There is a wealth of material on hand in such worthy plebes as Bob Shade, Bolden, Irvin, Roman, Pearcy, coupled with such veterans as Mac-Brown, "Philo" Lee, "Tank" Gilmore, S. Brown Baker, Lewis and others. Most of these men will be called upon to bear the heavy burden of bringing to Lincoln her first championship since '31.

Despite the loss through graduation of the unforgettable Talliafero, whose courage, fight, and leadership carried the Lions through four years of spirited football, we are looking forward to great things from the coming squad.

BASKETBALL.

After getting away to a slow start, the varsity basketball team gained momentum steadily. They lost in the beginning of the season to Howard, 44-37; Virginia State, 42-27; Virginia Union, 45-36; and to Morgan, 45-38. However as time passed with the fellows becoming more and more accustomed to playing with each other, the team began to function smoothly and effectively. Among the victims were: Virginia State, 56-47; Shaw University, 39-22; Morgan, 44-39; Cheyney Teachers, 53-18; and Howard, 39-33, 35-26, 37-36.

The three Jersey yearlings who contributed much to the team's gratifying success were: Ernest Young, of Trenton, at center; Robert Bolden, guard, from Atlantic City; and Monford Ervin, forward, hailing from Orange. Rounding out the quintet were Perry Honey, captain and stellar veteran guard from Camden, N. J.; Clifford Haye, of Jamaica, L. I., and Jesse Glostor, of Pittsburgh, both accurate, sharpshooting forwards.

Kneeling: Robert Ramsey, Alton Wareham, Robert Engs, John Walls and John Brown.

Standing: Monford Erwin, Jesse Gloster, Ernest Young, Perry Honey, Robert Bolden, Clifford Haye, and James Dorsey.





BOXING AND WRESTLING

The boxing and wrestling season opened with the annual intramural tournament. Besides being the source of thrilling interest to the student body, the tournament's primary purpose of revealing promising candidates to represent Lincoln in the C. I. A. A. Boxing and Wrestling Matches, which were held at Virginia State College, Ettrick, Va., on March 24-25, 1939, was fulfilled.

On February 25, in the Lincoln Gym, the members of the Freshman Boxing Squad engaged in a dual meet with the Douglass High School boxers. The bouts provided the on-lookers with a thrill a second. The leather was thrown fast and furiously. When the smoke from the battles drifted away, Lincoln emerged on the long end of the count, coining 5 out of 8 bouts.

The final meet of the season was the annual C. I. A. A. tournament mentioned above. There were eight schools represented. Of our boxers, Murray was the only member of the Lion squad to emerge victorious. The wrestlers, however, suffered no such ill-fortune. The Lion groaners finished on "top" in every division except the heavyweight.



TRACK TEAM

At press time, the track team had not got completely under way. During the Penn Relays, they won their relay in the Collegiate Division. The team consisted of Floyd Harris, Theodore Bolden, Louis Ramos and Melvin Taliaferro. Their time was 3:30.3, which was good time for the mile relay. On May 6th, they participated in the meet of the C. I. A. A. at Virginia State. Kneeling: Albert Neely, William Merchant, Louis Ramos, Melvin Taliaferro, Charles Okedas, Lowell Mason, and William Ramsay.

Standing: Herbert Norris, Milton Peracy, William Allison, John Blalark, Juan Luyanda, Reginald Williams, Louis Hunt and Earl Brown.



VARSITY CLUB

OFFICERS

Melvin L. Taliaferro	sident
Perry HoneyVice-Pre	sident
Russell Tracey	retary

Sportsmanship is the keynote to the beliefs of the athletes of Lincoln University. The promotion of the ideals of fair play, the regulation and unification of men, who set as objective goals of clean living, honesty, determination, and a recognition of the necessity of being able to succeed through the integration of skill and ability, give good cause for such an organization as "The Men with the L." Men, who, by the demonstrations of superiority have indicated their right to affiliate themselves as a group, entrenching the principles of true sportsmanship more firmly in their hearts.

This group of men believe that they are the instruments by which an influence both beneficial and progressive will be exerted upon the campus life of the student personnel.

Membership of the Varsity Club has come to include those winning a major letter in football, basketball, or track, or any athlete having been awarded a major "L" for having won a championship in intercollegiate competition.

As all Lincoln men of the past have, and all of the future shall, we preach Lincoln University supremacy. We are men who are assured that the future of Lincoln University athletes shall be a mighty and progressive advance. The Varsity Club shall always be proud of its members representing it, and hence the college, with a will that refuses to be denied.

JUST POEMS

The paens of men singing Rise.
And before Fomer, the world is
God's
only poem.
My poem
is the rough tale of ages,
The good men and bad women
and the Pie-Man—
shouting in the hall.

The boxer feints, slillily shifts a left shoulder hunched until The curved line of action runs Diagonally across the lack Into motion. . . . The blow cleaves Infinitesimal time blazing Into a straight line between two stars.

Night—
Rustling echoes scuttle to earth.

Gently

Stirring pungent smells

Over a shadowed field standing so

Quietly under the flood moon.

And

Serrated shocks of bundled corn

Stalks

Dance a dance of wild grief

Fonderously still.

Langorous golden movement of Kipe wheat gently crushed By rippling shadow of the wind.

The flamed are of light across
The sky
The sky.

A spherical drop, fleeting silvered Encompassing eternity, glimpsed Thru a dirty pane Through a dirty pane Are:

Beautiful. Simple Motion caught And held in static tracery A chaste image expanding Where naked beauty paused to bath.





THE LINCOLN RABBLE

These campus shots, informal and varied, are filled with remembrances for those of us who have been a part of that exciting, uncompromising, and healthy Lincoln Rabble.

WHO'S WHO AT LINCOLN

Most Businesslike.....FRANK R. GORDON The "hustlin'" parson is Frank's call Laundry man, pie man clamoring in the hall. With his hair askew from perpetual speed, How can a fellow like that but succeed?

Most Sophisticated C. BONNER Charles is a gentleman in every way, Never perturbed, collected on any day. His mien is calm, his manner smooth, His presence will always, all ways soothe.

Most Friendly F. SCHANCK Punch him in the eye, and pester him With a "joke" (?)! Schanck will always grin and bear it, Quite the amicable bloke.

Best Looking ... L. RAYFORD "Smooth" Rayford . . . take it Gable
He's got "cards" on every table . . .
A medico he would someday be,
His suavity alone will cost a fee!

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Most Likely to Succeed...E. C. ROBINSON
Gentleman, jiver, with the smooth gift of
"gab,"
Give him half an opportunity, and that he'll
nab,
For want of something to do he's never lost,
In Florida or N. Y. he'll be somebody's
"boss."

Most Officious A. LANIER

"I am the master of **your** fate, Wisdom, power exude from 'Gate.' Caesar, Napoleon, Gunga Din . . . would 'Duck and bow,' were I to step in."

Most Interesting F. NKRUMAH

Africa is the beloved of his dreams, Philosopher, thinker, with forceful schemes. In aesthetics, politics, all, he's "In the field." Nkrumah, "tres interresantes," radiates appeal

Biggest Bullshooter L. FIELDS
Leo's quite popular,
He's copped this honor too.
Reason—the men he can't bull
Are apparently very few.

Best Read K. DODSON

Books, news, people are his hobby, A sort of Edwin C. Hill. Put him in Rendall's lobby And all boredom he's sure to kill.

Best Personality*. W. GRIGGS, A. JOHNSON
Personality is hardly definable,
The "sum toto," psychologists say.
Griggs and "Stumpy" have just this,
Together they hold sway.

Class Bore*.....L. PATRICK, L. FIELDS

They call you bores, Leo and Pat In which I know you don't revel, But that's the class ballot, pals, Tell them to go to the devil! *Indicates a tie.

WHO'S WHO AT LINCOLN

Class Week-enders

JOHN RANDOLPH and PHILIP GOODEN

Travel broadens a man's knowledge,
So Randolph and Gooden believe.

Why not partake of an exodus,
Each week-end new wonders to perceive?

Best DressedARTHUR L. JOHNSON
Clothes help make the man,
Whether it be a green gabardine or a tan.
"Stump," a versatile wardrobe, has sought
to acquire,
That's why we all call him "Joe Esquire."

Most Cultured WALTER JOHNSON Suave, calm, cool, and collective, Strong willed and bent on reaching his objective.

A patron of the drama, music, and the arts, He'll be one of the muses in the esthetic mart

Most Brilliant ARTHUR L. JOHNSON Short, handsome, playful, yet wise, Surely, he'll approach success with a mercurial rise.

So if the ravages of disease upon you fall, Consult Dr. Johnson, like the umbrella man, he'll mend all.

Class Poets
WALTER I. and ARTHUR JOHNSON
Write on, oh muses of poetry;
Stretch your imagination into rhythmical orgy
Sing of love, of war, and stories of old,
Delve into the innermost depths of your soul.

Class Musician ... BERNARD TILDON
Come forth, oh ye patron of Orpheus,
Send forth your lilting tunes into yon breeze.
Whether it be Chopin, Mozart or swing,
Tildon musical talent on our ears shall ever
cling

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Class Orator WILLIAM HAMILTON

With the resounding force of all the winds, Released from Ulysses' bag with a thundering din,

Your dissertations cause all to rustle
And confide their attentions to your wondrous muscle.

Class Scientist LINDSAY JACKSON

"You will appreciate the exopodite,"
Diminutive Jack will say;

As he skillfully leads his students In a precise, scientific way.

You read and ponder much, we know, In games you are very rough;

But even then, I fear, J. O. Your mind is on your stuff.

Class Wit MARTIN WATERS

Wit is an intellectual quality we all admire, It elevates the drab spirits from the quagmire.

"Muddy" spontaneously possesses this trait; Procrastinates on all subjects at a phenomenal rate.

Social Celebrities

LEE RAYFORD and CARTER NORWOOD

Sally forth, oh patrons of Epicurius, Life is too short to be always serious. If you are able to "rug-cut" forty years from today,

Old age will not have obliterated your sportive ways.

Most Popular ARTHUR JOHNSON

Popularity calls forth a combination of traits, Which like cosmic rays, from their source radiate

Good cheer and transitional power, Tempering and changing to sweet all things sour.

Most Radical KENNETH DODSON

"Down with everything! The world is in a terrible way!

Listen, all, to what my doctrine has to say. My objections are sound and well grounded, And upon them, some truth (I hope) is founded."

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

ROOKS

WE, the Class of Nineteen-hundred-and-thirty-nine, being of sane mind and of sound body and obsessed with the desire to benefit mankind upon our passing from this to an unknown world, do make this final will and testament:—

 To the Vail Memorial Library whose bookless shelves have led us along the paths of wisdom, we leave the following set of books for the use of Faculty and Student-Body alike with the stipulation that they are never to be taken from the Reference Shelf:

BOOKS	AUTHORS
"Combined Encyclopedia, Dictionary and Thesaurus".	Dean Wilson
"Ancient and Honorable Scotch Jokes"	Dean Johnson
"Consultation Committees and Their Values"	Professor Grim
"Easy Chairs for the Who's Whos"	Professor Foster
"Persian True Stories Made Modern"	Professor Labaree
"How to Buck the Rabble"	Rev. G. L. Imes
"Drooping with Ph.D.s and Personality"	Professor Haviland
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F	Professor J. Newton Hill
"How to Bag Without Losing Dignity"	Mrs. L. Dorsey
"How to Use Make-Up Effectively"	
"The Guest House and Its Uses"	Norman Gaskins
"How to Keep One's Culture Amid the Rabble"	Professor Waring
"Getting the Best House on the Campus and Keeping I	t"Professor Grub

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

- 2. To the individual members of the Student Body we leave the following:—
- A. Lanier leaves his senatorial pomp to H. Payne of the Junior Class.
- J. Higgs and B. Tildon leave their co-presidency of the Clubs to S. Atwell and James Johnson, respectively.

Gregory Newton leaves his bluff crudeness to one Caesar Marshall.

Leo Fields leaves his surplus weight to one Thomas Dickens.

Charles Briscoe, with apologies, leaves a disreputable Chester to Palmer Hunt.

Willie Hamilton leaves a pie-business in good condition to H. Erwin.

"Dixie" Carroll leaves his success in public-speaking to J. Fugett.

- L. Robinson leaves the barber-shop and its bull-sessions to Webber.
- K. Dodson and L. Patrick jointly leave "The Lincolnian" to any two friendly souls with journalistic tendencies.

Wm. Skerrett leaves the Village once again safely in his father's hands.

William Cuff leaves his undamaged reputation of "Mouse" to F. Lindo.

- Charles Bonner leaves his right to lead the Alma Mater to one Franklin Williams.
- L. Jackson, W. Ransom and F. Gordon leave their membership in the "Proud Papas Society" to V. Brock, R. Coleman and M. Anderson.
- K. Dodson turns over his presidency of "Krum Elbow Society" to one Jack Tracey of the Junior Class.
- O. Williams leaves his four years of poverty to Sophomore K. Lee.
- Francis Nkrumah leaves his tribal rights, totem poles and drums to his tribesmen and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.
- G. K. Robinson leaves his "rolls-royce" to Richard Brown.
- W. Roark turns over his "Glamour-Boy" title to Franklin Williams.
- W. Merchant leaves his golden gloves to Frank Murray.
- Wm. Hamilton leaves his four-years' accumulation of "heads" to one Edward Cannon of the Junior Class.
- K. Dodson leaves to Willis Pinkett, his N. I. D. A. award for individual acting.

CLASS PROPHECY

During the spring of 1955 we left our base in Baltimore in a chartered plane for Philadelphia. There were four in our party, Dr. Arthur L. Johnson, Baltimore's leading Physician; George Carroll, owner of a prominent undertaking establishment; Lafayette W. Robinson and William E. Griggs, heads of departments at the Douglas High School in Baltimore. We were greeted at the airport by Dr. Harry Thomas, staff executive of the new Mercy Hospital, and Mr. Paul Harris, owner of one of Philadelphia's large department stores. That evening we were the guests of the newly formed Progressive Club of Philadelphia, where we were the guests of Rev. LeRoy Patrick, Dr. Melvin Taliaferro, and Isaac N. Carter, the latter being the newly appointed head of the department of history at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School. We were informed that Prof. John B. Randolph of Lincoln University was on a leave of obsence to study for his Doctorate in French at the University of Paris. Dr. John W. Robertson of Lincoln, we were told, has discovered a new method of diverting the cosmic ray into a source of energy.

We encountered engine trouble shortly after leaving Philadelphia and were forced to land our luxury liner at Pleasantville, New Jersey, where we established contact with Dr. Martin Waters, and Mr. Lindsay Jackson, Principal and Vice Principal, respectively, of the new junior high school. We soon alleviated our mechanical difficulties and proceeded on our aerial jaunt to New York City. We spent the night at the home of Philip Reed, social investigator, who in turn took us to the new Mimo Club, owned by Clifford Haye. Willie Roark was away that week-end with his track team, serving in the official capacity as physical director of the Harlem High School. The next day we sat in on a class in theater technique at N. Y. U., where Dr. Walter I. Johnson is guest lecturer. That afternoon Dr. Johnson took us to a matinee performance of "Revolution," a new propaganda play by Kenneth Dodson, one of Broadway's most successful playwrights and directors. Following this delightful visit, we were conveyed to Newark Airport in one of New York's new monorail radioelectric cars. At the airport we refueled our plane with a new high volatile motor fuel, recently developed by Prof. Renold Leighston, of the Department of Chemistry, Howard University. Our journey south carried us first to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As we swooped down upon the "Smoky City" our pilot pointed out to us the new million-dollar "Faith Baptist Church" where Rev. William L. Hamilton, of the class of '39, is pastor. The next day, Dr. Milton Brooks, M.D., carried us to a Lenten Service at the new church, which we understand has a congregation numbering 5,000.

Well, our next stop was Washington where the reception committee was composed of Dr. Rayford, M.D.; Professors Perry Cook and Charles D. Bonner, of Howard University, and Mr. Oliver Beckwith, Principal of Dunbar High School. That afternoon we decided to visit Congress, and who should we find on the floor when we entered the balcony of the House of Representatives but Leo Carroll Fields, Honorable Congressman from Delaware. Congressman Fields was presenting to Congress a new revision for income tax scales. In the Senate lobby we met Senator Lanier of North Carolina where he was taking a smoke following a brilliant address that he had just delivered. That afternoon we dined with Dr. Charles D. Bonner, who, by the way, is head of the Medical School at Howard. He told us that a few weeks ago he was the guest of Dr. G. K. Robinson at Charleston, South Carolina, and that Charles Simmons, executive of the Afro-American Insurance Company, had flown up from Florida for the occasion. That evening we attended a lecture at the Shaw Junior High School, at which time the Honorable Elbert C. Robinson, Attorney for the N. A. A. C. P., spoke on the question, "The New Negro and His Political Rights." Elbert told us that on the day before he had spoken at the new Howard High School in Wilmington where Bernard Tildon is Vice Principal and Phillip Gooden is head of the history department. Rev. Frank R. Gordon had introduced him upon the occasion.

Our trip was quickly brought to a halt and this can be explained by the fact that we flew from Washington to Baltimore in ten minutes. We were received by an alumni delegation at the airport, led by Charles Blake of the Coppin Teachers' College Faculty. It certainly was a pleasure to have visited some of our old classmates of the class of '39.

W. E. GRIGGS, '39.





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