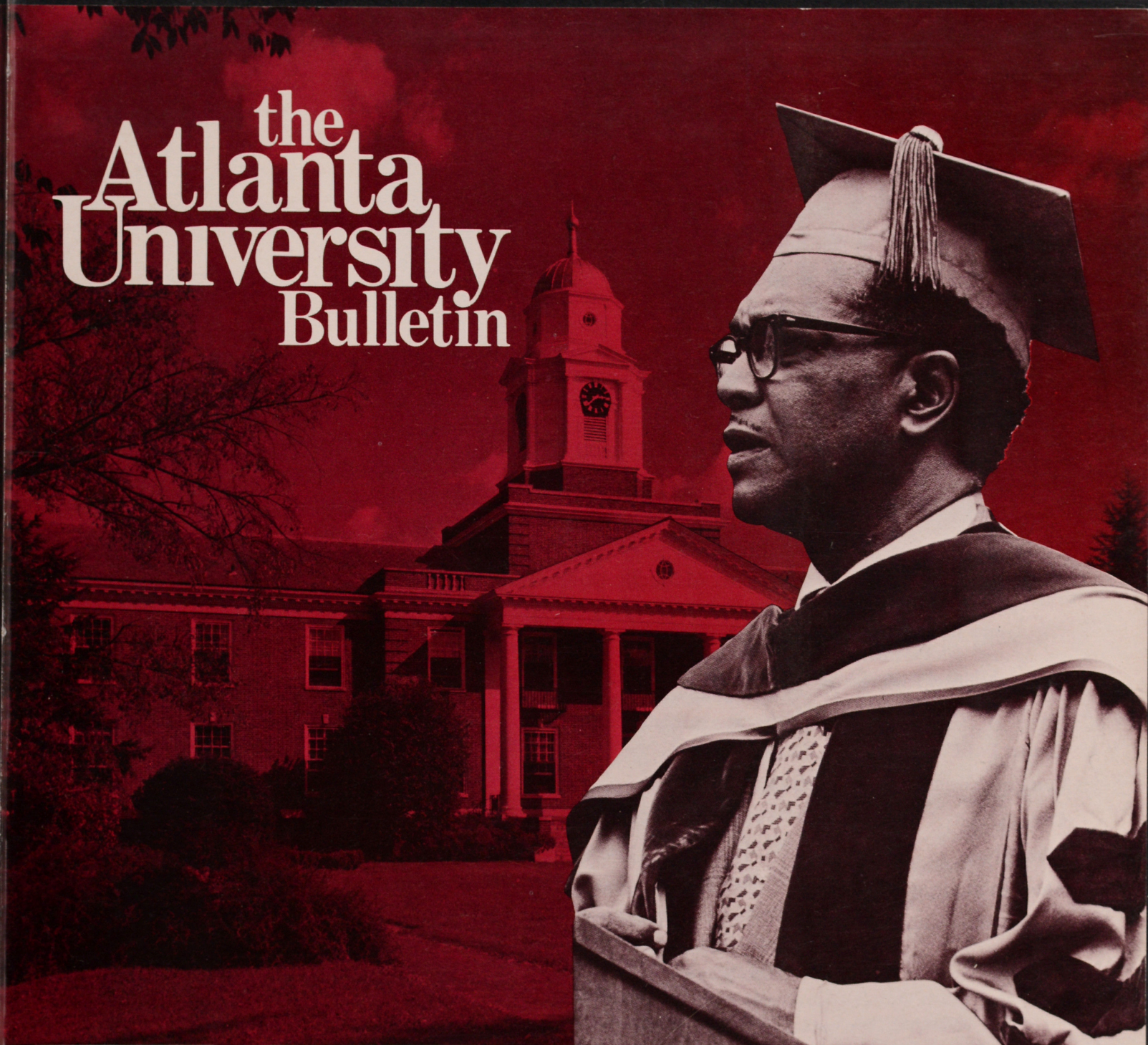


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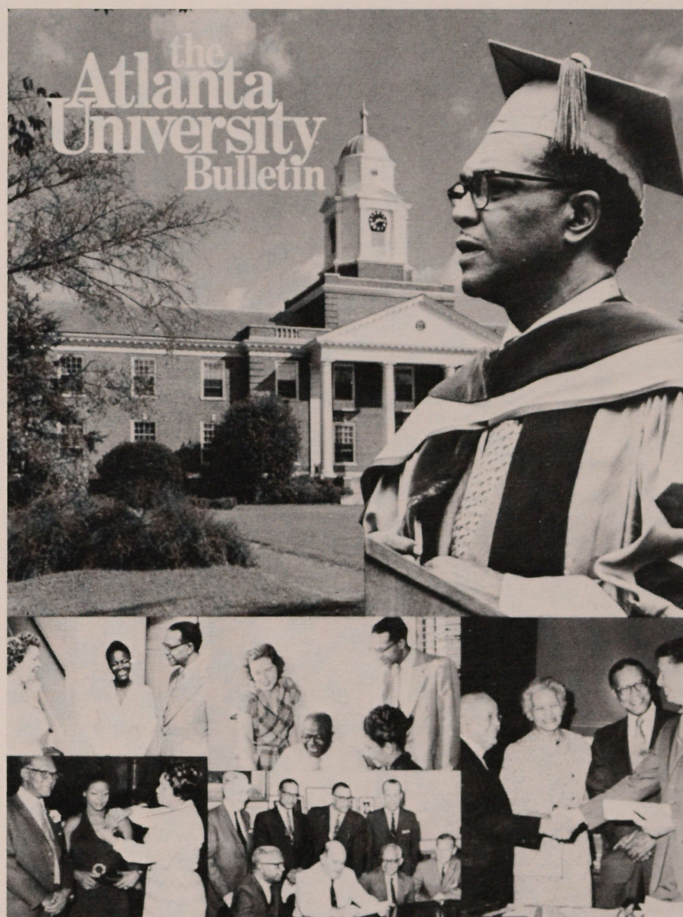


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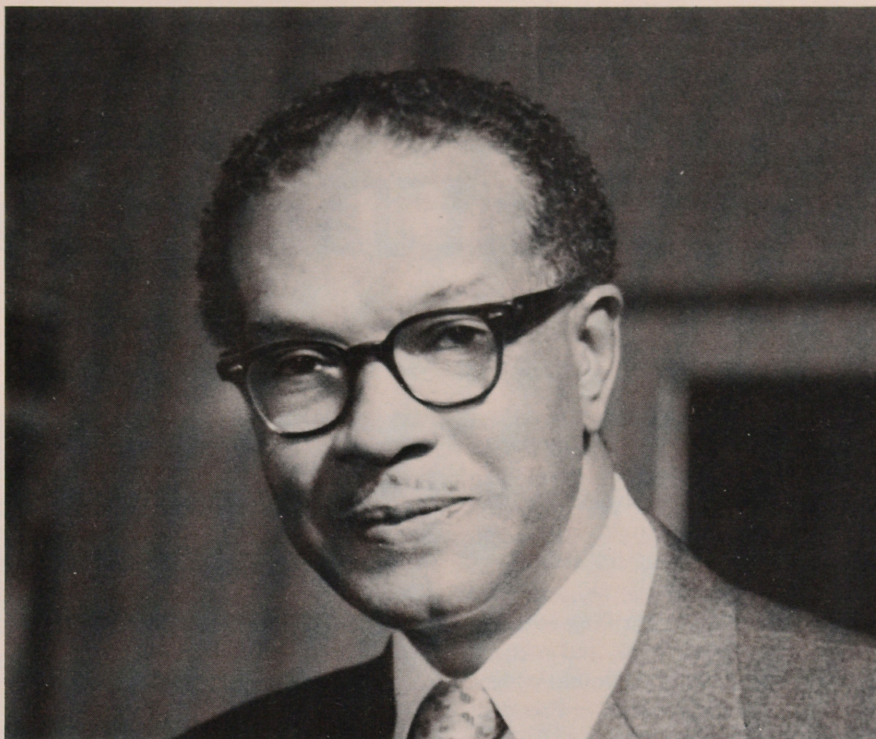
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Atlanta University President, Dr. Thomas Jarrett, announces plans to retire. See article on page 4.

A Message From The President



President Jarrett

From time to time President Jarrett has used this space to communicate with alumni and friends of the University. He did not submit a letter for this issue; however, it seemed appropriate that some message from him be included. With this in mind and because a number of people have already asked for a copy of his impressive Charge to the May graduates, we are including here, in lieu of the President's Message, that Charge.

This is the last time that I will see many of you. You now go your separate ways in keeping with your interest and your training; and you join the countless number of graduates of Atlanta University who are earning their marks and whose voices are being heard throughout this nation.

As you depart, I have no gems of wisdom to pass on to you. I can only tell you that in the future you will be judged by the problems that you attempt to solve as well as those which you ignore or leave to others. Your pride today in your achievement must be matched by your performance, and your confidence must be balanced by your output. There is no in-between.

I hope that you do not expect to make a lasting impression on the world through intellectual power alone, for as educated persons, you must articulate yourselves to others with understanding, tolerance, compassion, and honesty. Self-knowledge is the only guarantee that you have against a very highly contagious disease known as self-deception.

Do the best that you can, and give the best that you can. You have not been trained to walk in the footsteps of anyone. Make your own footsteps. Keep your dignity. Find a way or make one.

I wish for you all of the best in the years to come. May God bless you.

President Jarrett to Retire This

On November 18, 1976, President Thomas D. Jarrett indicated to the Board of Trustees that he planned to retire in the Summer of 1977, bringing to an end three decades of service to Atlanta University.

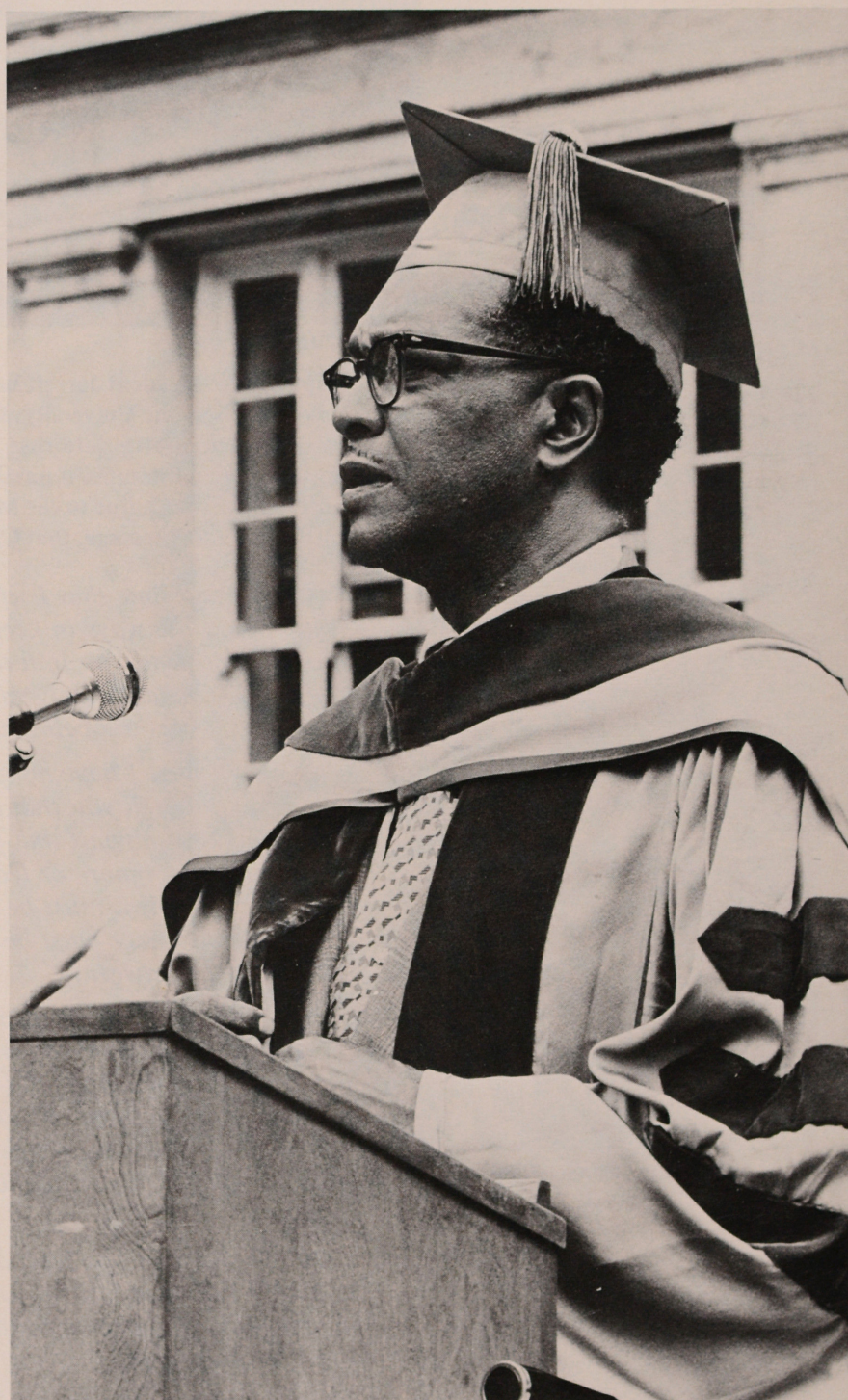
He was elected to the presidency in November, 1968, after serving as acting president from June, 1968, and as chairman of the Interim Committee, appointed at the time of former President Rufus E. Clement's death.

Dr. Jarrett joined the faculty of the University in 1946 and became Chairman of the Department of English in 1957. The same year he was appointed acting dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, becoming Dean in 1960.

For thirty years he has been a familiar figure on campus—the inevitable briefcase under his arm, crammed with work he had not been able to finish before leaving the office at 5:30, 6:30 or later. Yet, he has found time always for the student, faculty member, secretary, or alumnus who approached him. No one associated with the University has ever asked for his time or attention in vain.

His tenure at Atlanta University has spanned a period of enormous social change. The Cold War days of the late forties, leading to the McCarthyism of the early fifties, which period also brought the civil rights movements and the passage of civil rights laws of monumental import, the exciting Camelot days of the early sixties, the protests and campus unrest of the late sixties and early seventies, and the dwindling interest in and support of education in the mid-seventies. All of these events have had tremendous impact on higher education in general and Atlanta University in particular. Even through all these changes, Dr. Jarrett has never wavered from his commitment to principles of honesty, excellence, and liberalism.

On numerous occasions, President Jarrett has commented that "one of the key characteristics in the long history of Atlanta University has been its ability to



President Jarrett addresses a graduating class.

Year



President Jarrett with Trustees Clayton B. Yates and Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton met with President (then Governor of Georgia) Jimmy Carter.



President Jarrett and other Center presidents met with Mills B. Lane, then President of Citizens and Southern Bank, who endowed the Atlanta University Center Mills Bee Lane Professorship in memory of his father. (left to right, standing) Lawrence T. MacGregor, Chairman of the Atlanta University Board, President Jarrett, Dr. Vivian Henderson of Clark College, Dr. Hugh M. Gloster of Morehouse College; (sitting, left to right) Dr. John Middleton of Morris Brown College, Mr. Lane, Dr. Albert Manley of Spelman College, and Jack Glenn, Chairman of the C & S National Bank Board.

adjust to changing needs and circumstances." He has sought always to continue this tradition, and the record of his administration reveals considerable success in this effort.

During his presidency a number of academic programs have been initiated. Three new doctoral programs have been established (in political science, educational administration, and chemistry); specialist degree programs have been added in the Schools of Education and Library Service; four new departments (Afro-American Studies, Public Administration, Special Education, and Administration and Supervision) have been established; and programs have been developed in urban education, visiting teacher training, and early childhood education. Within the Center, the University is responsible for a new undergraduate-graduate program in social welfare, and has developed cooperative programs and joint faculty appointments in history, economics, statistics, the behavioral sciences, and business administration with the other Center schools as well as cooperative programs with Emory and Georgia State universities.

The growth of the University during this period has been significant. The enrollment has increased from 843 to 1,360 full-time students, and the faculty, from 91 to 124, 67 percent of whom have earned doctorates. The \$10,483,980 endowment of 1968 has been increased to \$17 million.

While devoting himself to the tasks of professor, department chairman, dean, and president over these thirty years, Dr. Jarrett has found time to serve the University in other ways. He was chairman of the Faculty Centennial Committee on Academic Needs of the University, Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Self-Study in 1967, Chairman of the Foreign Study-Travel Award Committee, advisor to Fulbright Fellows and Woodrow Wilson Scholars, and Book Review and Poetry Editor of *Phylon*.

His professional memberships include

President Jarrett to Retire This Year *(Continued)*



President and Mrs. Jarrett with Cicely Tyson



The Atlanta University English Department—1948: (standing) Dr. Helen M. Coulborn, and Dr. Jarrett, (sitting) Dr. Nathaniel P. Tillman and Mrs. Lucy C. Grigsby.

the National Association of College Deans and Registrars, which he served as president and executive committee member, and the National Council of Teachers of English, which he served as chairman of the nominating and research committees, a member of the Commission on English, and director. He was a member of the Committee on the Negro in Graduate Schools, the Mayor's Committee on Adult Education, the Georgia State Advisory Council on Community Service and Continuing Education, the Joint Gradcost Committee of the Council on Graduate Education, the Georgia Science and Technology Commission, a member of the advisory committee for the National Defense League Development program, and a consultant for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He has served as chairman of the governing board of the Education Improvement Project of the Ford Foundation's Urban Laboratory in Education, a member of the Knoxville College Board of Trustees, a director of the Council for Financial Aid to Education, and chairman of the Rhodes Scholarships Selection Committee for the Southern District. He holds memberships in several learned societies and has published many articles in professional journals.

A *magna cum laude* graduate of Knoxville College, Dr. Jarrett earned his master's degree at Fisk University and his doctorate at the University of Chicago. Before coming to Atlanta University, he had taught at Central High School (Paris, Tennessee), Knoxville and Louisville Municipal Colleges.

President Jarrett has made no public comment about his retirement plans. Probably he expects to rest a bit, grow a few roses, complete some of the writing for which there has not been time the last few years. Certainly his years of service have entitled him to time for himself, but he will surely continue to find some time for Atlanta University. His imprint on this University is indelible, and it is hardly possible that the University's hold on him is any less.

Atlanta Mayor Speaks At Charter Day Convocation

"The best available means of changing our lives is politics," Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson told an audience of students, faculty, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the chartering of Atlanta University. (Founded in 1865, the University was chartered two years later).

"If we are to change our policies, we must be a broad-based political force that can change the people who make the policies," he said, urging that the audience provide "selfless leadership" and also confront other black leaders with hard-hitting questions which can lead to effective change in the policies of this country.

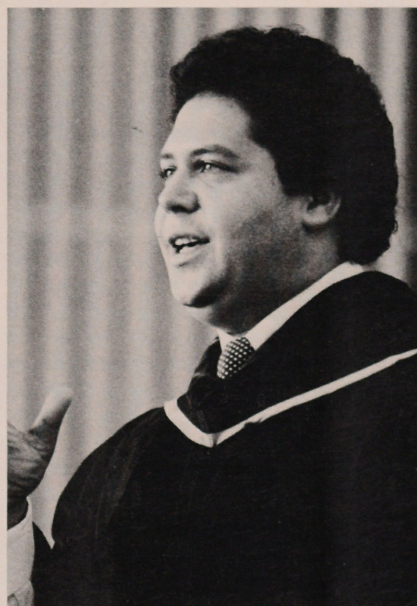
"The talented tenth," Jackson said, using the phrase of W. E. B. DuBois, "must not forget the other ninety percent. It is important," he continued,

"that we not get so big that we forget about the folks who made it possible for us to be so big."

Jackson, the first black mayor of Atlanta and the youngest mayor of a major city in the nation, was elected to the City's chief executive office in 1974, after serving a four-year term as vice mayor.

During the Convocation, Mrs. Bessie Briscoe, Head of Technical Services in the Library, was presented a plaque honoring her for 25 years of service to the University.

President Jarrett presided and music was provided by the Morehouse College Glee Club, under the direction of Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, and soloist Uzee Brown, a member of the Morehouse faculty. The Reverend William V. Guy, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, gave the invocation and benediction.



Speaker Mayor Maynard Jackson



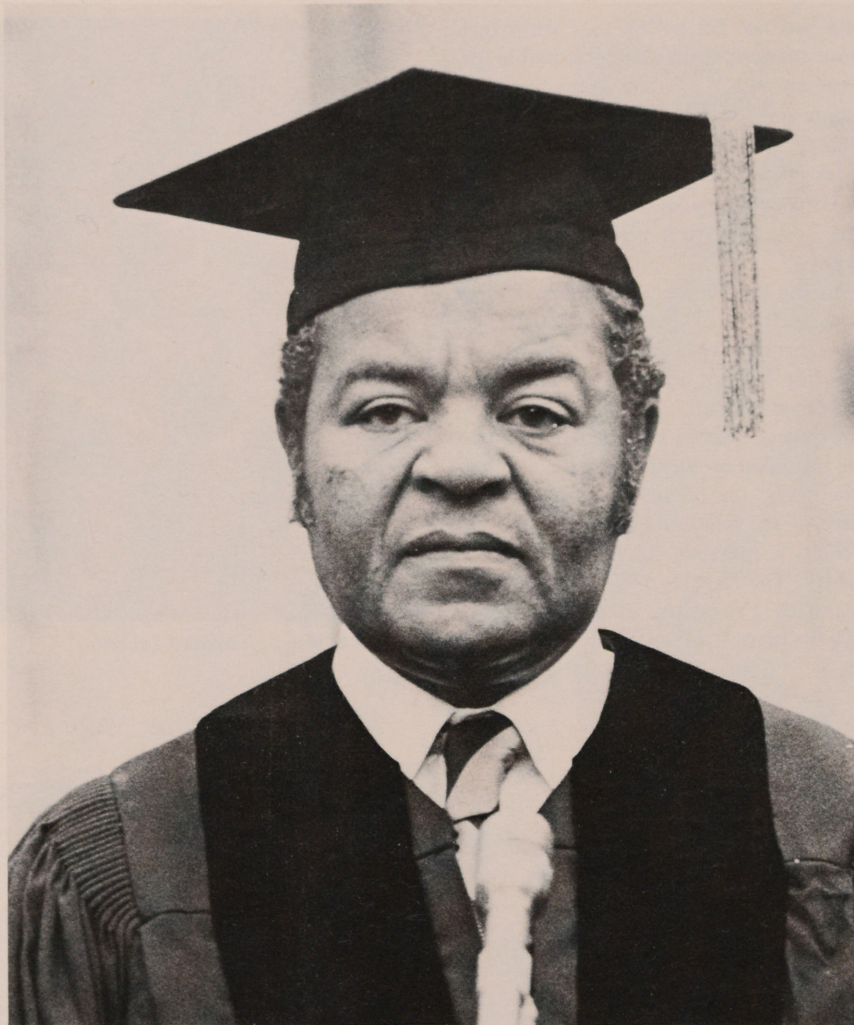
President Jarrett presents plaque to Mrs. Bessie Briscoe, honoring her for 25 years service to the University.



Mayor Jackson robes for Convocation

Graduates told to slay "ultimate dragon" of self-doubt

U.S. Solicitor General Speaks at Commencement



Wade H. McCree, Jr.

"We must cast off the psychological shackles that still inhibit us, just as we shed our physical chains in emancipation over a century ago," U.S. Solicitor General Wade H. McCree, Jr., told graduates at the University's 108th Commencement Exercises on May 16.

McCree defended compensatory programs, saying, "Many young men and women who are making significant contributions to the nation as a whole would have never had a chance to receive an education, and our society would have been without their services, but for special programs." However, he pointed out, "All Black people do not

require this special assistance, and when persons who have not been culturally deprived participate in them they take someone else's place. When they do so, they are as selfish as an affluent person is who accepts financial assistance designed for the needy. Many of these persons do not perform well enough for admission under standard criteria because they don't try hard enough. . . . Many often rationalize their unimpressive showing and provide further data for the Jensens and the non-academic racists.

"If we are to preserve the remedial programs with their alternative admis-

sions standards, and we need them," McCree continued, "we must demonstrate that they will not be required forever or for everybody. And we can only do this by seeing to it that an ever-increasing number of Black men and women succeed on standardized tests when they are measured by the same yardstick as anyone else. I know that we can do this . . .

"The Black is Beautiful emphasis," he said, ". . . has resulted in our acceptance of our physical characteristics. Similarly the change in the preferred nomenclature—Negro to Black—is useful. However, accepting one's physical characteristics is just the beginning. We must reject the insinuations about our intellectual inferiority. We must not tolerate lackadaisical performance in school. We must insist upon measuring up to the highest standards.

"This is the charge I leave with you," he concluded. "Rid yourself of any lingering doubts of your own ability to achieve whatever anyone else can, and then teach the rest of us to become as you will be—truly free men."

McCree was principal speaker at Commencement. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Fisk University, he earned the Bachelor of Laws degree at Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Michigan until 1954, when he was elected a Circuit Judge in the State of Michigan. He was appointed a Federal District Judge in 1961, and in 1966 was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He was appointed Solicitor General of the United States by President Jimmy Carter in March, 1977.

Judge McCree has served on the law faculties of Wayne State University, the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies and the University of Indiana. He is vice chairman of the Fisk University Board of Trustees, an overseer of Harvard College, and a visiting committeeman of the Harvard and Wayne State law schools.

He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a director of the Federal Judicial Center, a member of the In-



Katherine Dunham receives honorary degree. "Dancer, choreographer, composer, producer actress, writer, anthropologist, and educator, you have used your extraordinary talents not only to bring pleasure, grace and beauty to the world but also to help create bonds among the nation as you have demonstrated their cultural interrelatedness.



President Jarrett and Solicitor General McCree. The citation to the Solicitor General read in part: "Distinguished man of the law, intelligent and calm, as befits your profession, you have gone along your way evenly and quietly, breaking age-old barriers which prevent achievement of the American dreams of individual dignity and equality of opportunity.

stitute of Judicial Administration, a member of the Advisory Board of the American Bar Association *Journal*, the Association's Committee on Standards of Judicial Administration, and its Advisory Council on Appellate Justice. In addition to these professional affiliations, he is a member of the Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Needs, the Executive Board of the Council of Boy Scouts of America, and a director of two hospitals.

Honorary Degrees

President Jarrett conferred the honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon the Solicitor General and the honorary

Doctor of Literature degree upon Ms. Katherine Dunham.

Ms. Dunham, famous dancer-choreographer, is a woman of many dimensions. She has choreographed for or performed in the theatre, motion pictures, and several operas. She has performed in well-known night clubs and hotels in most of the major cities and resorts of the world and has made television appearances in the U. S., Canada, England, Mexico, and several other countries. Through her own performances and her dance company, she has acquainted the world with American and Caribbean Black dance forms.

Ms. Dunham is also a scholar, a writer, and an educator. She has done extensive research in social anthropology, was U.S. State Department Advisor for the First World Festival of Negro Art, and is now head of the Performing Arts Training Center at Southern Illinois University.

She has received numerous honors and awards, including: the Chevalier of the Haitian Legion of Honor and Merit, the University of Chicago Professional Achievement Award, the Southern Illinois University Distinguished Service Award, the *International Who's Who in Poetry* Certificate of Merit, the Black Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Contribution to the Arts, the Black Merit Academy Award, and election to the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame.

Graduates

Three hundred four graduates crossed the stage to receive their degrees and congratulations from the President, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Deans of their Schools.

Degrees awarded were: School of Arts and Sciences—two Doctor of Philosophy degrees, 31 Master of Arts degrees, 15 Master of Science degrees, 14 Master of Public Administration degrees; School of Business Administration—85 Master of Business Administration degrees; School of Education—three Doctor of Education degrees, 11 Specialist in Education degrees, and 79 Master of Arts degrees; School of Library Service—three Specialists in Library Service degrees, 23 Master of Science in Library Service degrees; and School of Social Work—39 Master of Social Work degrees.

Music was provided by Dr. Joyce Finch Johnson, organist, and the Atlanta University Center Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Wendell P. Whalum. Father Colman Haggerty, Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, gave the invocation, and The Reverend Cornelius L. Henderson, Minister of Ben Hill United Methodist Church, gave the benediction.

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Black Health Subject of Second DuBois Conference



Dr. John Reid, Conference Director



Dr. Thurman Evans, Banquet Speaker



Dr. Homer Nash

More than 300 doctors, sociologists, social workers, and health care administrators gathered in Atlanta December 12-15 for the Second W. E. B. DuBois Conference, which focused attention on "The Health of Black Populations."

The health theme was chosen, according to Dr. John Reid, Chairman of the Department of Sociology and Director of the Conference, because of the excessive toll of death and health disorders among blacks. "The life expectancy of blacks," Dr. Reid said, "as compared with such minorities as the Chinese and Japanese as well as the majority whites, is scandalously low, and there is a higher incidence of almost every kind of morbidity among blacks."

Some of the nation's foremost authorities in the fields of health, medicine, and sociology discussed a variety of topics—infant and maternal mortality, abortions and family planning, birth defects and congenital disorders, cancer, heart and circulatory diseases, mental health, suicides, homicides, and accidents, venereal diseases, social services, and public health policy.

The Conference opened on Sunday evening with a "get acquainted" reception, and sessions began Monday morn-

ing, continuing through Wednesday afternoon.

A high point of the Conference was the Tuesday night banquet, where Dr. Thurman Evans, National Medical Director for Operation PUSH and President of the District of Columbia School Board, held the audience enthralled with his facile use of words and statistics as he discussed "The Politics of Health." President Jarrett and Dr. Reid greeted the banqueters, and both spoke briefly of the continuation of the DuBois tradition at Atlanta University through these conferences.

Honor guest at the banquet was Dr. Homer E. Nash, who was presented a plaque in appreciation of his "more than 50 years service to mankind" as a practicing physician in Atlanta.

This was not the first DuBois Conference to be concerned with health. Indeed, the first Atlanta Conference (the title by which the conferences directed by Dr. DuBois were known) in 1896 was a study of mortality, and this was broadened in the 1906 Conference to a fuller inquiry into health.

In his remarks at the banquet, Dr. Reid referred to the 1906 Conference publication, which stated:

If the population were divided as to

social and economic condition the matter of race would be almost entirely eliminated. Poverty's death in Russia shows a much greater divergence from the rates among the well-to-do than the difference between Negroes and whites of America. In England, according to Mulhall, the poor have a rate twice as high as the rich, and the well-to-do are between the two. The same is true in Sweden, Germany and other countries. In Chicago, the death rate among whites of the stockyards district is higher than the Negroes of that city and further away from the death rate of the Hyde Park district of that city than the Negroes are from the whites in Philadelphia.

"We follow in DuBois' footsteps," Dr. Reid said, "not only in conducting this conference focusing upon black populations and health and by repeating the methods DuBois used in his studies, but we shall surely find that we will again emphasize DuBois' finding that it is the social and economic situation that accounts for the lower level of general health among blacks. We can only join in his determination to end the discrimination that has led to these disadvantages."

Henry Ossian Flipper Day

A.U. Celebrates Exoneration of Former Student

"To the faculty at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, and to the president in particular, to whose careful mental and moral training of myself is due all my success at the military academy. . . ." With these words Lt. Henry Ossian Flipper, the first black graduate of West Point, dedicated his book *The Colored Cadet at West Point*, published in 1878.

Just four years later, Flipper was courtmartialed and dismissed from the military. He was cleared of these charges last December after an extensive review by Army officials.

Applauding this reversal, the Georgia House of Representatives issued a resolution commending Lt. Flipper. The University and the Atlanta Branch of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History held a Ceremony of Recognition and Commemoration on March 21, which was declared Henry Flipper Day in Georgia by Governor George Busbee.

Flipper had been out of West Point for five years and had a number of Indian campaigns behind him when his commanding officer charged him with embezzling \$3,791 in government funds. In addition, he was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Found innocent of the first charge, he was convicted of the second—which had been based on the first—and dishonorably discharged.

Five years ago Ray MacColl, at that time a student at Valdosta State College, became interested in the Flipper case. He soon found himself involved in what he calls a "personal commitment to clear this man" and a massive research effort, which led from the Thomas County (Georgia) Courthouse to the library of the Supreme Court in Washington.

In a brief presented to the Army



Ray MacColl tells audience about his experiences while seeking Flipper's vindication.

Board of Review, MacColl outlined five major reasons behind his contention that the Flipper trial had not been carried out in proper military fashion.

"I tried not to stress the racial overtones of the trial, MacColl said. "I felt—and still feel—that prejudice was a strong factor behind the charge and conviction, but that's a subjective issue. Instead, I concentrated on the objective realities of the trial's irregularities."

MacColl was assisted in drawing up his brief by Roy Lilly, Jr., a Thomasville attorney; Norman, Larson, executive director of Landmarks, Inc.; and Tom Hill, curator of Thomas County Historical Society. In addition, Second District Congressman Dawson Mathis aided enormously in the struggle for Flipper's vindication.

Flipper, whose father was a slave in Thomasville before the Civil War, went on to other honors after the 1882 military disgrace.

He was employed by five departments of the United States government, including: the Justice Department, where he was a special agent; the court of private land claims; the postal department; the U. S. Senate; and the Department of the Interior, where he was Assistant to the Secretary.

"He was one of the first Black engineers in America," MacColl said. "His whole life is fascinating. Even his appointment to West Point was a battle. After word leaked out in Atlanta, he was offered a \$5,000 bribe by some of the City's leading white citizens to turn it down."

Flipper, besides being an engineer and an Army officer, was also the author of several books and historical articles, editor of a Western newspaper, owner of a restaurant, and a translator. He was fluent in both French and Spanish.

All four of his brothers achieved a great deal of prominence. One was a professor at Savannah State College, another a Bishop in the AME Church, another a doctor in Florida, and a fourth followed in his father's footsteps and became a shoemaker.

Flipper, who returned to Atlanta from engineering assignments in Latin America in 1940, died in 1951, still uncleared of the charges levied against him.

"I think this was the right time for his vindication," said MacColl. "This proves that some of the mistakes of history can be corrected."

Mr. MacColl described the long and arduous work which led to Flipper's

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vindication to the Atlanta University audience. He apparently feels that his zeal and dedication have been well rewarded by the success of his mission and by the obvious affection and appreciation which the Flipper family feels for him.

Several members of the family came to Atlanta for the ceremony. Among them were Mrs. W. R. King of Valdosta, Georgia, who remembers her Uncle Henry well and who gave Mr. MacColl a great deal of information and encouragement, and Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Sutton of Atlanta. The Suttons were hosts at a luncheon for program participants following the Ceremony.

Representatives from the Georgia Governor's office, the United States Department of Defense, and West Point also participated in the program.



Members of the Flipper family at the ceremony.

CAAS Conference And Workshop Held on Campus

"Black Survival" was the theme of the Ninth Annual Conference of the Center for African and African-American Studies.

Held in early December, the Conference included sessions on African and Afro-American literature, folklore, family life, rural community development, and education. There were special sessions focusing on Southern Africa, Jamaica, and Black Women.

Program participants included Hoyt Fuller, John Henrik Clark, Eugenia Collier, George Kent, and a score of other scholars.

Composer Howard Swanson was star of the Sixth Annual CAAS Music Workshop held February 24-26. During his visit to the campus, the Atlanta born composer heard his works performed and discussed and was honored at a special luncheon closing the conference.

Swanson is one of the outstanding black composers in the nation. His "Short Symphony" was premiered by the New York Philharmonic in 1951 and won for him the New York Critic's Cir-



Composer Howard Swanson (left) with participants in the CAAS Music Workshop (left to right): Raoul Abdul of the New York Amsterdam News, Florence Robinson of the Clark College faculty, and composer Hale Smith.

cle Citation as the best new work to be played in New York that year. His works include two other symphonies, "Night Music" for chamber orchestra, a concerto for orchestra, "Vista No. II" for string octet, a piano sonata, two nocturnes, a number of instrumental works for strings, brass and piano, and many songs. Marian Anderson performed his "The Negro Speaks of

Rivers" from 1949 throughout her recital career.

The Music Workshop also included sessions on "Black Music in Brazil" and "Jazz Ensemble Techniques" and a concert of Afro-American music.

Dr. Richard A. Long, Chairman of the Department of Afro-American Studies, directed both the Conference and the Workshop.

IBM Executive Is Visiting Professor

Dr. W. Daniel Nilsson, Manager of Project Support-Systems at IBM in East Fishkill, New York, is Visiting Professor of Business Administration. His year at the University has been made possible by the IBM Faculty Loan Program, under which executives of the Company are encouraged to volunteer to work for one year in a college or university. At the University's request, and with Dr. Nilsson's enthusiastic consent, IBM has agreed to extend his stay at Atlanta University for another academic year.

Dr. Nilsson earned degrees at the University of Rhode Island (Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering), New York University (Master of Science in Engineering), and Oklahoma State University (Doctor of Philosophy).

He was employed as an associate engineer by IBM in 1965 and has held various positions with the Company since that time. In his present position

he manages a group of high level planners, engineers, and programmers who provide planning, analysis and measurement support for Systems Management. This includes the establishment of schedules, resource plans, cost controls, performance (actual vs. planned), key issues, and control center mechanisms.

Dr. Nilsson has taught two courses this year—Productions and Operations Management and Analysis of Information Systems—and conducted a series of seminars to explain to students the kinds of things industry looks for in professional employees. He has also worked with students, individually and in groups, outside the classroom and has been involved with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Deans in developing a faculty evaluation system.

Whitney Young Scholarships Awarded

Whitney Young Student Scholarships have been awarded School of Social Work students Jennifer C. Milton and Willalene Starks. They each received full tuition and fees for the current academic year under the scholarships.

Ms. Milton, the daughter of Mrs. Lavonia Faust of Wichita, Kansas, graduated from Wichita State University. She has worked in social work agencies, primarily in clinical and foster care settings, and plans a career in social work policy, planning and administration. She is enrolled in the School's Accelerated Program.

Ms. Starks, the daughter of Willie Clinton and Mable Starks of Montgomery, Alabama, graduated from Bishop College. She has worked as a public school teacher and plans a career in psychiatric social work, specializing in child and family therapy.

The Whitney Young Scholarship Fund was established through a \$50,000 grant from Avon Products Foundation of New York City. Recipients are chosen on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and

adherence to the ideals of Whitney M. Young, Jr., former Dean of the School of Social Work and, at the time of his death, Executive Director of the National Urban League.

Nineteenth Annual Reading Conference Held This Spring

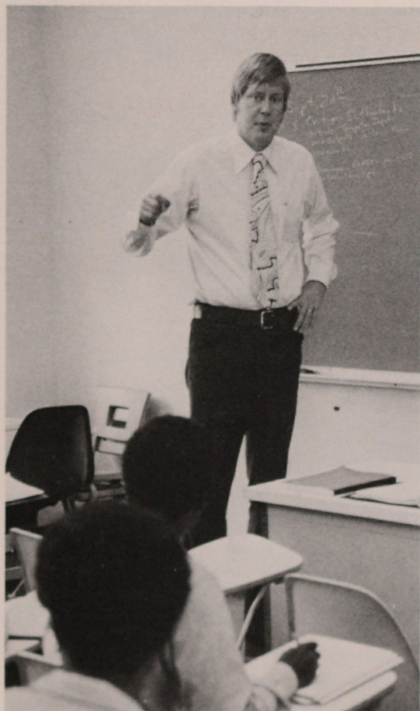
A prize-winning children's novelist, an outstanding educator in the field of human relations, the Reading Teacher-of-the Year, and several Center presidents were honored during the Nineteenth Annual Reading Conference.

Mrs. Muriel Crosby, author of *An Adventure in Human Relations*, was keynote speaker at the Conference, which had as its theme "Humanistic Approaches to Reading Instruction."

Following the opening session, novelist Mildred Taylor (*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* and *Song of the Trees*) was honored at a book-author luncheon. Rotating sessions were held during the afternoon on subjects relevant to the Conference theme.

The following day, Friday, April 1, workshops began at 9:30 in the morning and continued throughout the day, interrupted only by an Awards Luncheon at noon.

At the luncheon, awards were presented to the Reading Teacher-of-the-Year and to President Thomas D. Jarrett (Atlanta University), Dr. James P. Brawley (former president, Clark College), Dr. Benjamin Mays (former president, Morehouse College), Dr. Albert Manley (former president, Spelman College), and to Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson, Miss Wyonella Henderson, and Mrs. Merlissie R. Middleton, who accepted the awards for the late Rufus E. Clement (Atlanta University), the late Vivian Henderson (Clark College), and the late John Middleton (Morris Brown College). These men were honored, according to Conference Director Miriam Jellins, because they were largely responsible for establishing the Reading Center.



Dr. W. Daniel Nilsson, Manager of Project Support Systems at I.B.M.

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Ms. Lucy Grigsby and Mr. Tauquir A. Warsi were honored at the Toastmasters' Annual Awards Banquet. Ms. Grigsby, Professor and Chairman of the Department of English, was named Professor of the Year, and Mr. Warsi, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, was cited as Outstanding Professor.



Kerry Gail Adams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Montgomery, Alabama, accepts congratulations from Prince E. Wilson, Vice President, as he presents her a certificate of award from the Crown Zellerbach Company. With them is Mrs. Genevieve Hill, Dean of the School of Social Work.



Mrs. Kimuel A. Huggins and President Jarrett posed with the 1977 Huggins Lecturer, Dr. Richard F. Neblett, and two former Huggins lecturers for this photograph following the Fifth Annual Kimuel A. Huggins Memorial Lecture. In the photo (left to right) are: Dr. Henry C. McBay, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Morehouse College; President Jarrett; Mrs. Huggins; Dr. Neblett; and Dr. Warren A. Henry, Chairman of the Physics Department at Howard University.

Dr. Neblett is Manager-Contributions, Public Affairs Department, EXXON Corporation. He began his career as a chemist with what is now EXXON Research and Engineering Company. His research and engineering activities have included the fields of fuels and lubricants, combustion, fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals, and environmental problems.

The Department of Chemistry established the Huggins Lecture Series in 1972 as a continuing memorial to Dr. Huggins, first chairman of the University's chemistry department.



Mr. Chuck Isler (left), assistant to the regional director of Amoco Oil, presents a \$4,000 check from the Amoco Foundation to Dr. Jarrett. The Foundation made the unrestricted grant to the University to be used for "any capital, educational or scholarship purpose."



The libraries of 25 predominantly black colleges and universities may grow to encompass tens of millions of books and journals as a result of a workshop held in the School of Library Service this year.

The workshop was organized by the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory of the University of California and Atlanta University under the sponsorship of the Energy Research Administration.

The workshop was designed to acquaint librarians with nationwide information retrieval systems. Such systems respond to queries within seconds, listing, for example, all articles published within the past five years on a plant disease of interest to agricultural scientists, or four current books on teaching the mentally handicapped, or all publications by a certain astro physicist on the origin of the solar system.

By the end of the workshop, each participant had practical experience using two different systems, had become familiar with information retrieval jargon, and had learned how such systems can contribute to his or her school's library and information services program.

Dr. Lorene Brown of the University's faculty worked with information specialists Isom Harrison and Leonard Fisher of Livermore Laboratories to develop the workshop. In the photo above, Mr. Harrison watches as Library Service students Michelle Hewlett and Gloria Kelley try out one of the demonstration systems.



Representatives of DuPont presented a \$6,000.00 check to President Jarrett recently. The gift was designated for use in the University's Industrial Chemistry Program.

Atlanta University was the first institution in the nation to offer a master's degree program in industrial chemistry. Dr. Thomas W. Cole, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, was largely responsible for developing the program because, he says, "more than half our graduates enter the chemical industry after completing their work here. It makes sense to provide them with the special training and knowledge required by industry."

With Dr. Jarrett in the photo above are (left to right): Mr. R. T. Koffenberger, College Relations Representative from DuPont's Wilmington, Delaware, headquarters, Mr. J. W. Wade of the Savannah River Laboratory, and Dr. Cole.



Students view part of a collection of African art given to the University by Dr. and Mrs. Rafe Henderson of Decatur. The twenty pieces of Africana have been on exhibit in the lobby of Trevor Arnett Library.

Professor of Library Service Retires after 47 Years at the University

Mrs. Hallie Beachem Brooks Honored at Gala Banquet



Mrs. Brooks beams as she displays Kentucky Colonel Commission. Looking on, Dean Virginia Lacy Jones.

Orchids, champagne, gifts, and much love were the order of the evening Friday, May 13, when more than 200 former students, colleagues, and friends gathered at the Atlanta Hilton to honor Mrs. Hallie Beachem Brooks, who is retiring from Atlanta University after 47 years of service.

Brought to the University by President John Hope, Mrs. Brooks was librarian at the Laboratory High Schools from its inception in 1930 until it closed in 1942. She then joined the faculty of the Atlanta University School of Library Service.

A taskmaster non-pareil, Mrs. Brooks has been viewed with awe, and sometimes alarm, by students over the years. Her pursuit of excellence in her own work and

her insistence that students follow her example have never flagged. Former students, some of whom had traveled from as far away as New York and Los Angeles to honor her, talked Friday evening about how much her standards, a cause of frequent complaint during their student days, had benefited them as they moved from the University into the larger world. Ms. Laurie Johnson, Dean of Students at the University and an alumna of Lab High, summed up this feeling when she told Mrs. Brooks, "We call you Inspiration."

From the moment Mrs. Brooks was escorted to the dais as guests sang "Hello Hallie" (composed by fellow faculty member Stephen James to the tune of

"Hello Dollie") through a slide presentation ("Through the Years with Hallie Beachem Brooks," prepared by Ms. Joyce White Mills, a colleague in the School), tributes, presentations, and a champagne toast which brought everyone to their feet and closed the gala affair, the evening was an unqualified success.

Presentations from the students, the Trevor Amett Library staff, Phi Beta Mu Honorary Fraternity, alumni, colleagues, and friends included a \$750 check, the typewriter (much used but still cherished) from her office; a jade necklace from the students in the School of Library Service; a \$50 contribution in her name to the Georgia Library Association Scholarship Fund and a reproduction of a necklace

from the King Tut Treasury from the Trevor Arnett Library staff; an emerald and diamond pin from the Atlanta Life Insurance Company; and a custom designed ring set with a ruby and diamonds from the Atlanta University faculty, staff, friends and alumni and from the alumni associations of the Laboratory High School and the School of Library Service.

Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson sent greetings, and the Governor of Kentucky sent her a Kentucky Colonel Commission.

Several members of Mrs. Brooks' family came to Atlanta for the occasion: her sister, Mrs. Octavine Ferguson of Richmond, Indiana; her niece and namesake, Dr. Hallie Beachem Collins of Mill Valley, California; her nephew, Mr. William Beachem of Sausalito, California; another niece, Miss Gayle Quick of Denver, Colorado; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ousley of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mrs. Lenora Quick of Denver, Colorado.

A graduate of Butler University, Mrs. Brooks earned the Bachelor of Library Science degree from Columbia University and the Master of Arts in Library Science from the University of Chicago, where she also studied at the doctoral level.

Before coming to Atlanta she had served as Assistant Librarian in the Indianapolis (Indiana) Public Library. During the summers while she was librarian at Lab High, she taught library science courses for school librarians in the Southeast.

At the Atlanta University School of Library Service she first taught Children's Literature and School Library Service before developing specialties—The History of Books and Writing, Literature of the Humanities, Mass Communications, Publishers and Publishing, and The Reading Public. These courses, according to Dean Virginia L. Jones,



Mrs. Brooks is congratulated by student.

represent much of the basic intellectual content upon which librarianship is built.

Her knowledge of the art of bookmaking is extensive. In 1948 she published a *Panoramic Chart of the Manuscript Period in Bookmaking* (5th to 15th centuries), which is still used in graduate library schools throughout the United States and Canada.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Brooks has served as acting dean of the School of Library Service, and, at some time, as chairperson of every committee in the School. She has been an active and productive member of the American Library Association; the Southeastern Library Association, the Georgia Library Association, the Metropolitan Atlanta

Library Association, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Atlanta Public Library.

Her influence in the community has been extensive. She is secretary of the Board of Trustees of the First Congregational Church and has been the Church's representative on the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Gate City Day Nursery, of the historically important Neighborhood Union, and of the Grady Homes Girls Club. She was co-chairperson of the Negro Division of the United Appeal Drive, twice chairperson of the NAACP Freedom Fund Campaign, and she is a life member of the YWCA.

Alumni News

From The Director's Desk



Over the past sixteen months the Alumni Association and the Alumni Office have mailed over 75,000 pieces of material to the alumni and friends of Atlanta University. As a result of our efforts, alumni interest in the University and the Alumni Association has been increasing.

Printed communication to the alumni of an institution is one of the most viable mechanisms available for fostering and sustaining excellent alumni/university relations. Some alumni have reminded me of the amount of communication they receive from their "other" institutions as compared to the amount they receive from Atlanta University. I made a pledge in our special issue of the A. U. Bulletin last summer to increase our communication with the alumni, and we are well on the way to fulfilling that pledge. The Alumni Association has instituted a newsletter that will be published periodically to assist in our efforts to increase communication with the alumni.

One of the most rewarding experiences that I have had since assuming this position, in addition to serving all of the University's outstanding graduates, has been my discovery of the tremendous loyalty to Atlanta University by the "Old A.U." alumni (those who graduated prior to 1932 when the University became a graduate institution). It has been one pleasant experience after another getting to know many of these early graduates and allowing them to share their early perspectives on the University. I invite all graduates, particularly "Old A.U." graduates, to write me and share any information, suggestions and/or ideas about A.U.'s past and future. It would be a personal victory for me to have letters from graduates on file for future reference. Who knows, A. U. may set a record for having the most personal letters from its alumni and it would be an enviable record.

The 1976-77 Annual Alumni Fund Campaign, under the leadership of the Honorary Chairman, Ambassador Andrew J. Young, and the Chairman, Dr. George Singleton, was a great success. Over 700 alumni and friends contributed to the success of the campaign. A detailed report will be forwarded to all contributors and it will also be published in the next issue of the Bulletin. We sincerely thank the 1976-77 contributors for helping to "move A.U." forward.

The following are some areas in which your assistance is needed immediately:

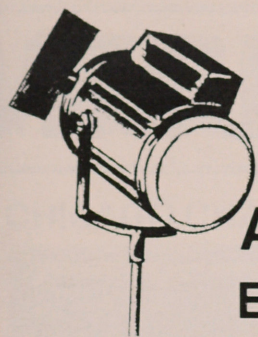
Alumni Chapters are vital to the success of the Alumni Association and to the future of the University. Chapter applications have been developed to assist us in our organizing efforts. Once the application has been signed by at least five alumni and returned, the chapter is organized and ready for business. Assistance from my office and from the National Alumni Association will be available to all chapters. Please write me for an application to organize a chapter in your area.

Good students are crucial to the continuation of an institution. Alumni are the best source of student recruitment. Please refer students to the University and indicate to the Alumni Office the name of the student you were responsible for recruiting. We will acknowledge your efforts.

I am honored to communicate with you in this manner for the third time, and I sincerely thank you for your ideas, suggestions, criticisms and support in our efforts to MOVE ATLANTA UNIVERSITY FORWARD. Please continue to provide me with your address changes, notes about your accomplishments (with photograph if possible), recommendations, etc. You may submit such information by writing to me at the University or by calling 404-681-0251, extension 221 (in all communication, please use year of graduation, degree, and all names applicable).

We need your letters and your support. Thanks.

James E. Powers



Atlanta University Alumnus Spotlight

Ella Gaines Yates



Ella Gaines Yates

Ms. Ella Gaines Yates (Library Service 1951) was unanimously elected by the Board of the Atlanta Public Library System as the new Director. She is the first black to hold the position in Atlanta and is one of only two black women in the country to occupy such a position.

Ms. Yates was assistant Director of the Atlanta Public Library prior to becoming the Director. Her prior work experience eminently qualifies her for the new position. She worked as Assistant Branch Librarian for the Brooklyn Public Library, Head of Children's Department at Orange, New Jersey Public Library, Branch Librarian at East Orange Public Library, Assistant Director, Montclair, New Jersey, Public Library and Assistant Director of the Atlanta Public Library. She has a total of twenty-four years of increasingly responsible experience as a professional librarian, fifteen have been in responsible administrative positions.

She is currently managing the temporary move from the Atlanta Public Library's main branch while the old building is being demolished and replaced by a new ultra-modern facility.

The total project of demolishing and rebuilding the new library will cost \$18.9 million. Mrs. Yates is managing the move of over 500,000 copies of books, over 12 miles of shelving, to the temporary location.

In addition to her many responsibilities regarding the new library, she is also responsible for the other supportive and public services to 26 branches and one central library. She is setting up two new branches which will make a total of 28.

Among the myriad of other activities, Mrs. Yates calls her "most exciting project" the new recreational annex at the Fulton County Jail, where there will be a library.

Mrs. Yates finds the time to work on her law degree where she is in her junior year.

She has been listed in Who's Who of American Women 1970-71, 1972-1973, the Dictionary of International Biography 1972 and the Biographical Dictionary of Librarians in the U.S. and Canada.



Ms. Yates with James Powers, Director of Alumni Relations.

ATLANTA AREA CHAPTER ORGANIZES



The officers and committee members of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter pose during their Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday, February 20, 1977. Seated from left to right: A. Z. Traylor, Annie Ruth Hill, Richard Morton, Richard Dent, Barbara Whitaker, Ruby Miles, David Searcy, O. B. Quarterman. Standing from left to right: Sam Gillyard, Uneeda Brewer, Dorothy Johnson, D. Jean Bailey, Nettie Grier Smith, James E. Powers, Sharon Y. Bomar, Ruby Rowe, Verdree Lockhart, Nettie Washington, Fred Browne, Gladyce Dawson, Grace Delorme, Willie Belle Johnson, Florence Dick, Nannie L. McCormick and Anna Pearl Atkinson.

CHAPTER OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Barbara Whitaker '58—President
Richard Dent '72—Vice Pres. at Large
Larry Moss '72—Vice Pres. for Arts & Sciences
Sam Gillyard '73—Vice Pres. for Business
Bennie McMorris '74—Vice Pres. for Education
David Searcy '75—Vice Pres. for Library Service
Richard Morton '75—Vice Pres. for Social Work
D. Jean Bailey '75—Corresponding Secretary
Ruby Miles—Recording Sec.
Annie Ruth Hill '27—Treasurer
A. Z. Traylor '39—Parliamentarian

Fred Browne '27—Fundraising Chpsn.
O. B. Quarterman '54—Program Chpsn.
Francine Henderson '70—Publicity Chpsn.
Uneeda Brewer '75—Membership Chpsn.
Nannie McCormick '27—Hospitality Chpsn.
Al Saddler '50
Ruby Rowe '55
Nettie Grier Smith '27—At Large Executive Committee Member
Bob Wayner '68
Nettie Washington '58

Corrections to the 1975-76/Annual Alumni Fund Honor Roll

Mrs. Shirley McGee Fannings '70 (name misspelled)

*Mr. Henry A. West '27 (contribution made by Mrs. Maggie West in memory of Mr. West)

Chapter and Group Contributions

Cleveland Chapter (Social Work) \$250.00

Bay Area Chapter (Social Work) \$130.00

School of Social Work Alumni Association \$895.81

Social of Business Graduates

Employed at Mellon Bank \$50.00

The reports on the 1976-77 Annual Alumni Fund, (July 1, 1976—June 30, 1977) will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

WEEKEND '77

CHICAGO CHAPTER ORGANIZES



Chicago Chapter members pose after their Christmas Party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Wilhemina Oliver Blanks. The chapter meets each third Sunday at the Dusable Museum at 57th and Cottage Grove. The chapter is planning to make a substantial contribution toward the 1976-77 Annual Alumni Fund Campaign. All alumni in the Chicago area are invited to join and support the chapter in its efforts. Inset: Left—Manford Byrd, Jr. and Edgar G. Epps. Seated from left to right: Florence Robinson Sims, Gloria Wiseman, Alice Thomas Motts, James Hylick, Anna M. Earles, Judge Sidney A. Jones, Rutha Watson Jack. Standing from left to right: Virginia Davis Morgan, Rochelle Burton, Bernice Abney McIntosh, Ellis Reid, Membra Bethea, Robert Jack, Carrie Bell, Graham Reid, Wilhemina Oliver Blanks, Ruby J. Gibson, George Earles.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Anna M. Earles—President
James B. Hylick '45—Vice President
Gloria Wiseman—Recording Secretary
Rutha Jack '43—Assistant Recording Secretary

Ernest Fair '57—Corresponding Secretary
Wilhemina Oliver Blanks '27—Finance Chairperson
Manford Byrd, Sr. '54—Program Chairperson
Judge Sidney A. Jones, Treasurer

WASHINGTON, D.C.



The Washington Chapter of the Atlanta University School of Social Work Alumni presented a check for \$1,000 to Dr. Jarrett. The gift is to be used for the Human Resources and Development Center building, which will house the School of Social Work. In the photo above, President Jarrett holds check. Standing with Dr. Jarrett in the photo above are: (left to right) James Creigan, parliamentarian; Ms. Wilma Jeff, President of the National Social Work alumni group; Ms. Minnie Edwards, first vice president, and Ms. Doris Oglesby, treasurer of the National Social Work Alumni Group.

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Alumni Elect Officers and Vote to Change National Structure

A new organizational structure for the National Alumni Association was approved at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 14, 1977. The new structure required amendments and revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. All changes are considered positive and progressive.

One of the major changes is a provision for additional officers to include greater alumni participation in the National Association. The addition of Vice Presidents for each School in the University and for the College and Normal graduates will give the responsibility of mobilizing alumni from the respective schools to officers at the national level. The addition of a Board of Directors to develop policy and act on certain matters of the Association was another major change.

The organizational structure of the National Alumni Association includes: President, Vice President-at-Large, Vice President for Arts and Sciences, Vice

President for Business Administration, Vice President for Education, Vice President for Library Service, Vice President for Social Work, Vice President for College and Normal, Regional Directors, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, members of the Board of Directors and several committees.

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting were:

President Richard Dent, '72
Vice President-at-Large
 Leonia Lanier Dorsey, '28
Vice President for Arts
 and Sciences . . . Eddie Lomax, '51
Vice President for Business
 Administration
 Frank Brown, '75
Vice President for Education
 Gloria Tuckfield, '74
Vice President for Library
 Service Richard Griffin, '51

Vice President for Social
 Work Wilma Jeff, '62
Vice President for College
 and Normal
 Willie B. Thomas Johnson, '17
Secretary Louise George, '68
Assistant Secretary
 Gladyce Dawson, '50
Treasurer . . . Jacob Henderson, '34
Parliamentarian
 Judge Horace Ward, '50
Chaplain Henry Barbour, '70

Members of the Board of Directors are:

Fred Browne, '27
Nettie Grier Smith, '27
Verdree Lockhart, '57
Ruby Rowe, '55
Annie Ruth Hill, '27
Jacob Henderson, '34
Barbara Whittaker, '58
Mary Lawson, '37
Ella Gaines Yates, '51
Cleopatra Thompson, '37
James E. Powers, '74
Edward A. Nelson Jr., '74
Ruby L. Thompson, '67

REUNION CLASS MEMBERS AT RECEPTION



Seated (left to right) Mrs. Willie Belle Thomas Johnson '17, Mr. Benjamin Sherard '17, Mrs. Mary Walton Lawson '37, Dr. Cleopatra Davenport Thompson '37, Mrs. Annie Ruth Simmons Hill '27, Mrs. Nannie Holcum McCormick '27, Mrs. Nancy Houston Walker '27. Standing (left to right) Mrs. Eloise Murphy Milton '17, Mrs. Hilda Colbert Lyman '27, Mrs. Alyce Kendrick Amey '27, Mrs. Nettie Grier Smith '27, and Ms. Olive B. McLin '27.

WEEKEND '77

1897 Graduate Honored

One of the chief honorees at the Annual Alumni Banquet was unable to be present. Mr. Robert Washington Gadsden, '97, had hoped to attend Alumni Weekend '77 to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of his graduation from Atlanta University. His health prevented his attending, but he sent greetings to his fellow alumni by his son, Mr. Robert W. Gadsden, Jr.

Mr. Gadsden, Jr., read a statement written by his 103-year-old father and accepted several awards for him.

"I regret that I am unable to be with you on this occasion, but circumstances beyond my control make it impractical if not impossible for me to be present at this time. I am sure that you will understand that when one gets to be my age, the manner in which the body responds from day to day is unpredictable. Two years ago or maybe one year ago or even two months ago, I would have been all agog about seeing old friends, meeting new ones and telling in person some of the things that happened in my college days some 80 or more years ago. My love for Atlanta University has never waned. It was the reason for my making the tremendous effort to send my children there; it has been the pride of my life and in great measure was an incentive to whatever success I may have attained.

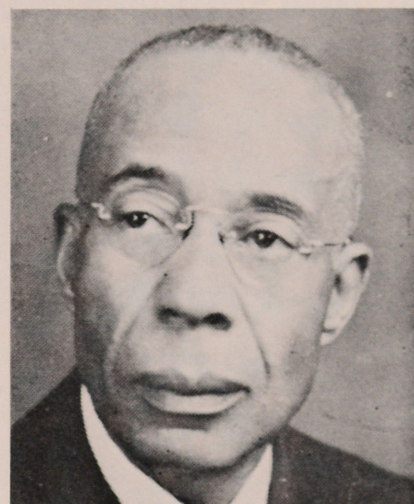
I recall with pride and pleasure the years spent at Atlanta University, and

the thrill of graduating in the Class of 1897. Also, I recall with pleasure the first football team on which I played with none of the protective equipment that football teams have today. In fact, never in my wildest fancies could I have foreseen the improvements in football uniforms. I remember the baseball team on which I played shortstop, first base and pitcher when the circumstances called for it. I can't recall whether or not we were champions of the day, but we were not far behind.

I remember my Sophomore and Junior years when Joe Porter, James Weldon Johnson, George Towns and I were the Atlanta University Quartet, chosen to travel throughout the New England States singing and playing to audiences to interest people in donating money to Atlanta University. I remember these men with joy and pleasure, for we made a most compatible group.

I also remember the hard time which many of us had in remaining in school because of financial difficulties, but we had pride in ourselves and a love for the University instilled in large part by the University itself which made us strive onward and upward to excellence. Believe me, it was demanded of us in those days to do our best, act your best, and look your best or leave for the best interest of Atlanta University.

There is also a sadness in the knowledge that the classmates of that year are



Mr. Robert W. Gadsden

no longer with us, and that I am the lone survivor of that group.

I am highly honored and deeply gratified to have been chosen as the recipient of this Award, and I thank all of you for it.

Again, my regrets at not having been able to accept this honor in person."

Mayor Maynard Jackson conferred honorary Atlanta citizenship upon Mr. Gadsden, and Georgia Governor George Busbee issued a proclamation honoring him on the occasion of his eightieth college graduation anniversary. Atlanta University presented a plaque in recognition of Mr. Gadsden's anniversary and of the fact that he graduated from the University earlier than any other living alumnus.

CLICK CLICK—OOPS— NO PICTURES!

The photographer who covered the Alumni Banquet clicked his camera over thirty times. Unfortunately, his clicking did not produce any usable photographs—each negative was only partially exposed. (Incidentally, he won't be clicking at next year's banquet!) We do have some photographs from the Class Reunion Reception (when our regular photographer was available). Thanks for your patience and understanding.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT REPORTS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Emphasizing the Association's mission to "Move Atlanta University and the Alumni Association Forward," out-going Association President Dr. Verdree Lockhart expressed his appreciation to all those who had given encouragement, aid, and time to the work of the Association and the University.

He indicated that, while much had been accomplished during the two-year term of his presidency, there was much

more that he had wanted to do, but that time had been too short.

Dr. Lockhart voiced especial praise for the following committees and their chairpersons: Banquet, Mrs. Nettie Grier Smith; Reunion, Mrs. Willie B. T. Johnson; Awards, the late Dr. C. V. Troup; Scholarship, Mr. Earl Dabney; Constitution Revision and Nominating, Dr. Fred Browne; and Annual Alumni Fund, Dr. George Singleton.

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ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHER DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND RECEPTION



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Black Americans Face "Equality Crises" Atlanta Mayor Tells Banqueters

"The work of the Black college has never been more necessary than it is today," Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson told those gathered at Paschal's Motor Hotel for the Annual Alumni Banquet.

"Today," he said, "a thin veneer of acceptance veils the persistent racism of America. Sometimes even we believe things are better these days."

Comparing statistics on the average salary of the Southern black male with that of his white counterpart, Jackson said it would take about 22 years to close the gap. "If this be equality," he exclaimed, "save us from oppression."

"The time for symbolic gestures is over," the Mayor said. "The era of implementation is upon us. Our scholars must help us prepare our strategies for

full employment. Our scholars must help us combat crime and violence in our communities. Our scholars must help us examine and analyze our politics so that we can utilize effectively the political tools at our command. Our scholars must heed the call to struggle . . ."

"I am confident we will succeed," he closed, quoting Albert Camus, "If we listen attentively we shall hear amid the uproar of empires and nations, the faint fluttering of wings, the gentle stirring of life and hope. Some say this hope lies in a nation, others in a man. I believe rather that it is awakened, revived, nourished by millions of solitary individuals whose deeds and words every day negate frontiers and the crudest implications of history."

Columnist Named Alumnus-of-the-Year

The National Alumni Association selected Mrs. Lillian Beavers Garnett to receive the University's Alumna-of-the-Year Award.

Mrs. Garnett is a columnist with the Atlanta *Voice* newspaper and the author of two books. The first one, *Tower of Strength*, was published in 1975. It is a biography of her father and his family. In 1976, she published a collection of articles and human interest stories entitled *My Reflections*.

Mrs. Garnett spent many years teaching in the Atlanta Public Schools and the Atlanta University Center, and she is very active in community affairs. She is a dedicated member of the Bahai World Faith.

After accepting the Alumna-of-the-Year Award, Mrs. Garnett presented a \$1,700 scholarship to be used for a student in the Department of English.



Alumnus-Of-The-Year Garnett
with President Jarrett

Outstanding Alumni Honored at Banquet

During the Annual Alumni Banquet, the National Alumni Association presented "Meritorious" awards and other citations to several alumni.

The recipients of "Meritorious" awards were: Dr. James A. Colston, former president of Bronx Community College; Dr. Horace E. Tate, secretary-elect of the Georgia Association of Educators and Georgia State Senator; Dr. Cleopatra D. Thompson, dean of the School of Education at Jackson State University; and Mrs. Ella Gaines Yates, director of the Atlanta Public Library.

"Faithful Service" awards were presented to Mr. E. L. Simon, University trustee and chairman of the Clark College Board of Trustees; Mr. Thomas Jefferson Flannigan, writer, Atlanta *Daily World*; Mr. S.S. Abrams, former insurance executive; and Mrs. Willie B. Thomas Johnson, vice president for college and normal alumni of the National Association.

Sixty-year certificates were presented to members of the Class of 1917. Mrs. Willie B. Thomas Johnson and Mrs. Eloise Milton were present to receive theirs. Special gifts were presented to the golden anniversary celebrants from the Class of 1927.

National Alumni Association "appreciation trivets" were presented to all banquet guests.

Over \$3,000 in Gifts During Alumni Weekend

Alumni and friends of Atlanta University continued to set financial records during Alumni Weekend '77.

Gifts from reunion classes and other alumni totaled over \$3,300, moving us to within \$4,000 of our 1976-77 annual Alumnu Fund Goal (as of May 20).

Thanks to all contributors for "making it happen for Atlanta University."

A. U. ALUMNI WEEKEND '77

President Jarrett Speaks at Alumni Banquet

"This is the last time I will address this group as President of Atlanta University," President Jarrett told alumni, faculty, and friends of the University at the Annual Alumni Banquet.

Expressing optimism for the future of the University and the Association, the President praised the response of alumni over the last two years. "Contributions from alumni totaled more in a few months of 1975-76 than during the

previous three years combined," he noted. He made specific reference to the alumni who have encouraged their employers to support the University. (Contributions from companies participating in the "matching gift" program have increased tremendously.)

Dr. Jarrett was surprised, and obviously moved, when Mrs. Nettie Grier Smith presented him a silver buffet server from the Association. Speaking on behalf of the alumni, Mrs. Smith,

who served as Association President during much of Dr. Jarrett's tenure as University President, thanked him for his dedicated service to the University and his support of the Alumni Association.

After accepting the gift and expressing his gratitude, Dr. Jarrett installed the new officers and board members. He charged them to "continue to work for the betterment of the University and the Alumni Association."



Mrs. Nettie G. Smith, of the National Alumni Association, presents silver buffet server to President Jarrett.

Nostalgia is Theme of Class Reunion Reception

Several members of the Classes of 1917, 1927, 1937, 1947, 1957, and 1967 attended the Class Reunion Reception.

It was heartwarming to watch them take a "stroll down memory lane" as they recalled people and events of twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, and sixty years ago.

On display were photographs of the Class of 1917, a diploma from 1927, and the actual Commencement Pro-

grams from 1917, 1927, and 1937.

Many thanks to Mrs. Willie B. Johnson, '17, Reunion Classes Chairlady.

Homecoming at A.U.?—Yes!

A Homecoming reunion is being planned for all former students and graduates of "Old AU" (college and normal school; prior to 1932). According to Mrs. Leonia Lanier Dorsey, Vice President-at-Large of the National

Alumni Association, the Reunion is being planned for May 19 - 21. She urges all former students and alumni to come and celebrate "being alive so many years after our schools was promoted to the graduate level."

For further information, contact Mrs. Dorsey at 3337 Charleston Street, Houston, Texas 77021.

(If anyone knows the whereabouts of Mrs. Theresa Monroe from the Class of 1928, please forward the information to Mrs. Dorsey. Mrs. Monroe's last known address was in Philadelphia.)

1922

Ms. Lilliam Beavers Garnett has completed a book entitled *My Reflections*. It is a compilation of human interest stories which appeared in the *Atlanta Voice* newspaper. Her book is divided into three sections: philosophies, places, and people. Ms. Garnett continues her column in the *Voice*.

1931

Mr. Joseph A. Bailey (History) was a member of a two-person panel discussing "John Hope: 40 Years Later" at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Dr. Hope was president of Atlanta University at the time Mr. Bailey, the first person to receive a graduate degree from the University, attended.

1946

Mrs. Ersa H. Poston (Social Work) was named a delegate to the 31st General Assembly Session of the United Nations by former President Gerald Ford. She is president of the New York Civil Service Commission, in which position she serves as head of the Department of Civil Service, the state's central personnel agency. Mrs. Poston has been director of the New York State Office of Economic Opportunity and a confidential assistant to Governor Nelson Rockefeller. She has professional and civic affiliations with over 38 organizations and has received 35 distinguished and outstanding achievement awards.

1947

Mrs. Martha S. Lewis (Social Work) has been appointed Deputy State Commissioner of Social Services for metropolitan New York. She has worked in the area of social services for over 25 years in New York.

1950

Judge Horace T. Ward (Arts and Sciences) was recently appointed Judge

of Superior Court by Georgia Governor George Busbee. Alumnus Ward is the first black superior court judge in the State's history. He was previously judge of the Fulton County State Court and served as a State Senator from 1964 to 1974. He also served on the commission which drafted Atlanta's new city charter. Governor Busbee said of the new appointee, "All who enter his courtroom know that they will receive a fair and impartial hearing and that justice will be done regardless of status."

1950

Dr. Calvin L. Calhoun (Arts and Sciences) has been elected president of the Southern Society of Anatomists for 1976-77. The Southern Society of Anatomists is a regional association composed of members of the anatomy departments of all medical and dental schools in the Southeastern United States. Dr. Calhoun is professor and director of the Division of Neurology at Meharry Medical College and has been professor and chairman of the Department of Anatomical Sciences.

1951

Senator Horace T. Tate (Education) has been appointed to the Georgia State

Senate Appropriations Committee for the 1977-78 General Assembly. He is a member of the Senate's education committee and its primary and secondary education sub-panel, and he will serve as vice chairman of the retirement committee. Senator Tate has given 31 years of service to education in the State of Georgia, and he is currently serving as associate executive secretary of the Georgia Association of Educators.

1952

Ms. Mary A. Dowery (Social Work) has been appointed assistant professor of sociology at Ball State University.

1953

Dr. Ruby Jackson Gainer (Arts and Sciences) was awarded the Past Grand Daughter Ruler's Degree. This is the highest honor given during the annual session of the Grand Temple of Daughters of the Benevolent Protective Order of the World's Elks. The honor was bestowed upon Dr. Gainer for "meritorious service in the State Association." Dr. Gainer is president of the City (Pensacola) Association of Women's Federated Clubs and vice president of the Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs. She holds more than 293 awards, representing almost every field of human endeavor. She was recently named "American Patriot" by the *Royale Entertainers* and Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the *Pensacola Voice* and the *Black Press*.

Dr. Thelma Johnson Roundtree (Education) was selected to serve on the Commission of Liberal Learning of the American Association of Colleges. She is vice president for academic affairs and professor of English at Saint Augustine's College and an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University. Prior to becoming vice president for academic affairs, she was academic dean and professor of English and humanities at Saint Augustine's. Dr. Roundtree has served as a consultant for twenty-one colleges and universities in the area of humanities, six colleges



Poston



Roundtree

and universities in the area of language arts, two colleges in the area of journalism, and three in the area of human relations.

1956

Mr. Daniel P. Harley, Jr. (Social Work) has been appointed director of the newly created Pennsylvania Bureau of Affirmative Action. He will be on loan from the U. S. Department of Labor Manpower Administration, where he served as Midwest regional director for equal employment opportunity programs. The new bureau, considered to be the first of its kind in the nation, will be responsible for guarantees equal access to employment opportunities in Commonwealth government through review of all agency personnel practices.

1957

Dr. James A. Pulliam (Arts and Sciences) is Assistant Professor of Anatomy at Meharry Medical College. During the last academic year, the College's students honored him by dedicating the yearbook to him.

1958

Mrs. Naomi T. Ward (Social Work) was appointed by the Georgia Secretary of State to the Marriage and Family Counseling Licensing Board for a term to end December, 1979. She is coordinator of practicum and assistant professor in the University's School of Social Work. Mrs. Ward is also co-chairperson of the Legislative Awareness Committee for the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She is affiliated with several community activities and a member of many professional organizations.

1961

Dr. Alice W. Johnson (Education) has received her doctoral degree from the University of Sarasota. She was a reading specialist on leave of absence from the Cincinnati Public School System and is currently reading supervisor at Xavier University in Cincinnati. She is completing her third book, *Teaching Reading to the Innercity Child*. Her other books are *Kennetta* and *Symbols of Love*.

1962

Dr. JoAnn Hammons (Arts and Sciences) is assistant professor of anatomy at Meharry Medical College



Harley



Beverly

and a specialist in electron microscopy. She was named one of the school's outstanding teachers by Meharry students.

Dr. Delores B. Stephens (Arts and Sciences) has been awarded the Ph.D in English by Emory University in Atlanta. Her dissertation was entitled, "The Novel of Personal Relationships: A Study of Three Contemporary British Women Novelists."

1965

Dr. Creigs Beverly (Social Work) was selected one of the fellows in the Atlanta Fellows and Interns Program and he has been assigned a position as special assistant to Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson in the area of human development. Before coming to Atlanta, Dr. Beverly served in several different capacities: caseworker for Milwaukee County Public Welfare Department; vice president of the United National Development Corporation in St. Paul and associate director of both the Inner City Development Project and the Head Start Program in Milwaukee. Most recently he has been teaching in the Atlanta University School of Social Work where he worked with the Alcoholism Counselor Training Program and the Leadership Development Program and was acting chairperson of the Social Welfare Policy and Services Sequence.

1967

Ms. Rose M. Graham (Business Administration) has been appointed administrator of the Affirmative Action Program for Westinghouse Electric Corporation. She will be assisting Westinghouse divisions in carrying out activities to assure nondiscrimination in employment practices. Ms. Graham was previously an industrial relations assistant and a supervisor of employee services at Westinghouse. Prior to joining Westinghouse, she served as an assistant in the Bureau of Budget in Washington, D.C., and as an information and resources specialist with the Regional Economic Development and Business Service Center in Atlanta.

1968

Mr. James E. Dean (Social Work) has been recently appointed to the License Review Board of the City of Atlanta. He resigned from the Atlanta Community Relations Commission to accept this appointment. Mr. Dean, a former Georgia State Representative, was invited to participate in the Inauguration of President Jimmy Carter. He is currently Director of Alumni Affairs at Clark College.

Dr. Robbye R. Henderson (Library Service) received her Ph. D. degree from Southern Illinois University. Her dissertation was entitled "Rules and Regulations Governing Book Thefts in Selected



Shannon

Predominantly Negro Colleges and Universities."

Dr. Nathaniel Charles West (Education) received the Doctor of Education degree in the area of counselor education from Auburn University.

1969

Captain Francine B. Shannon (Social Work) was sworn in as a U.S. Army Reserve Officer by her father, Colonel Leslie F. Zsuffa, in an induction ceremony at Fort McPherson, Georgia. She has been assigned temporarily to

Fort Sam Houston, where she will attend the Academy of Health Services.

1973

Ms. Mary P. Sinclair (Education) has won her wings and is now a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. She completed her training at Delta's Training School at the Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta.



Henderson



Sinclair



Durrett



A. Johnson

1974

Mr. Dan Durrett (Arts and Sciences) has been selected a fellow in the Atlanta Fellows and Interns Program. He has been assigned to work with the City's Bureau of Cultural and International Affairs, where he administers the community development program in the area of historic preservation. His assignment involves working with the city planning department, the department of community and human development, and the urban design commission on a model for a historic preservation plan.

Mr. Robert R. Jennings (Education) has been chosen "Teacher of the Year" at Home Park Elementary School for the 1976-77 school year. He is a certified "Teacher of the Gifted" and is currently working toward a doctoral degree in curriculum and instruction.

Ms. Carolyn Johnson (Social Work) has been appointed director of cooperative education at Southern University in New Orleans. She was previously coordinator of the cooperative education program and an instructor at the University of North Alabama.



K. Johnson

1975

Ms. Rosalind C. Corbett (Education) has been promoted to assistant director of career services at Temple University. She was previously a counselor, responsible for coordinating the recruiting program in Temple's career development division. Before joining the Temple staff, she was with the RCA Service Corporation in Drums, Pennsylvania, as leader of residential programs at Keystone Job Corps Center for Women.

1976

Ms. Karen Lee Johnson (Social Work) has been appointed to the newly created position of planning associate at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee. She is responsible for the collection, generation and analysis of campus data which will assist the president in increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and in developing a long-term plan for the College. Ms. Johnson previously served as administrative assistant to Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta and as a welfare department official in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Sturdivant

Ms. Doris Jean Sturdivant (Education) has won her wings and is now a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. She completed her training at Delta's Training School at the Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta.

Former Students

Ms. Darlene Gladys Garcia has won her wings and is now a flight attendant with Delta Airlines. She completed her training at Delta's Training School at the Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta.



Garcia

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Correction: Mrs. Edith L. Scriven appeared in this section of the October Bulletin. We received inaccurate information. Mrs. Scriven, now Mrs. Bland, is alive and in very good health in Virginia. Please accept our apologies.

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