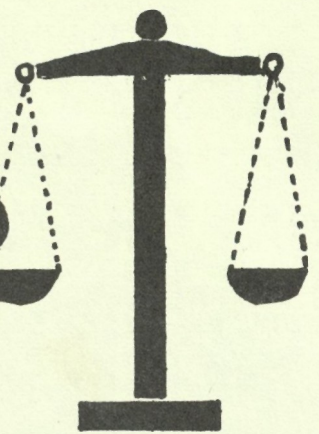




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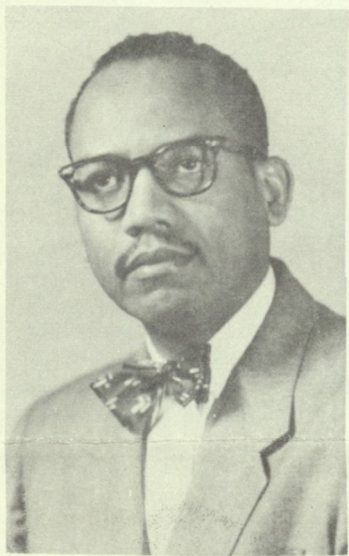
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## SPECIAL LAW DAY EDITION

### ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

#### SENATOR LEROY R. JOHNSON

Johnson To Speak At Annual Law Ceremonies On April 19, 1974



Senator Leroy R. Johnson

The BARRISTER selects as its Alumnus of The Month, Georgia State Senator Leroy R. Johnson.

Senator Johnson, a 1957 graduate of the School of Law, was the first Black elected to the Georgia State Legislature since Reconstruction.

As a member of the Georgia Legislature, he has introduced many bills which have had an impact upon the State criminal justice system.

As the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he is the only Black to head a standing committee in the Georgia legislature.

Senator Johnson, a native of Atlanta, graduated from the city's Booker T. Washington High School and then received his Bachelor of Arts from Morehouse College and the Master of Arts from Atlanta University.

During his period of enrollment at NCCU, he served as President of the SBA and Fourth Circuit Vice President of the ABA Student Division.

Following graduation from the Law School, Senator Johnson served as a Criminal Investigator on the Solicitor General's staff until 1962 when he was elected to the Georgia legislature.

In 1971, Johnson became primarily responsible for the return of Muhammad Ali to the boxing ring, when he secured the license for Ali to fight in Georgia.

Among the many honors bestowed on Senator Johnson are: Special Ambassador to Zanzibar at the 1963 Independence Ceremonies; recipient of the 1962 Russwurm Award; recipient of the 1963 NAACP Freedom Award; and guest lecturer for the University of California College Association for Public Events series.

Senator Johnson returns to his alma mater to deliver the 1974 Law Day address April 19, 1974.

### Law School First Alumni Recognition Day

Several of the Law School's alumni have achieved national recognition, but have failed to be honored by their alma mater.

Among those graduates who have achieved prominence are: Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson; Soul City Developer Floyd McKissick; Georgia Senator Leroy Johnson; and N. C. Superior Court Judge Sammie Chess. The list of prominent graduates of the Law School is fairly extensive.

As a step toward remedying the Law School's dereliction on the subject, Associate Professor Harold R. Washington instituted the first Alumni Recognition Day Program on April 20, 1974.

The program, part of the Law Day Committee activities, will feature a panel discussion on the Future of Black Law Schools and an Alumni Recognition Luncheon.

cognition Luncheon.

The panel for the Black Law Schools discussion will be: John Harmon, Esq., Carlton Petway, Esq., C. C. Malone, Esq., and Paris Favors, Jr.

Keynote speaker for the Alumni Recognition Luncheon will be C. C. (Buddy) Malone, Durham attorney, a 1959 graduate of the Law School.

Among the alumni to be honored at the Recognition Luncheon for continuing service and contributions to the Law School are: Frank W. Ballance, John H. Harmon, T. T. Clayton, A. Leon Stanback and James Smith.

An Alumni Directory has been prepared for distribution as part of the Recognition Day activities.

Student coordinators for Alumni Recognition Day are Emma N. Jackson and Ronald McCrimmons.

### A Better Seat At The Table

(Reprinted from The DURHAM MORNING HERALD, Thursday, March 14, 1974)

For 33 years the law school at North Carolina Central University has labored against heavy odds to turn out competent lawyers and to contribute to the community and the state of North Carolina.

Like the university that surrounds it, the law school has been treated much like the stepchild who gets the smallest servings at the table and is quartered in the least desirable room in the house.

The school has been the victim of separate-but-unequal policies that handicapped it, its (Please turn to Page 2)

## School Of Law Announces Law Day Program

North Carolina Central University Law School will observe its 12th Annual Law Day on April 19, 1974 at 10:30 a.m. in B. N. Duke Auditorium.

Georgia State Senator Leroy Johnson, a 1957 graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Law, was the first Black elected to the Georgia State Legislature since Reconstruction, and will be principal speaker for the occasion.

North Carolina Central University Law School Day theme is "Law: Hope or Oppression" and the National Theme is "Young America: Lead the Way."

In addition to Senator Johnson's address, the Law Day activities will include: Finals of the Moot Court Competition, April 19, 1974, at 3:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Alumni Cocktail Party, Bull City Elks Lodge at 8:00 p.m. A panel discussion on the future of the Black law school, April 20, 1974, 1:00 p.m. in the W. G. Pearson Hall Cafeteria. The Fashion Show sponsored by the Law Wives will be held April 20, 1974, at 3:00 p.m. Alfonso Elder Student Union

Lounge. Law Day Awards Banquet, April 20, 1974, 7:30 p.m., W. G. Pearson Hall Cafeteria. Awards will be presented for meritorious service to the Law School and the Durham community. Academic Awards will be presented for the highest grade in each course. Organizational awards will be sponsored by the Moot Court Team, Law Wives Association, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, and The Barrister. The Awards Ball will be held April 20, 1974, 10:00 p.m., at the Bull City Elks Lodge.

The Law Day activities are a culmination of year long programs sponsored by the Law Day Committee to enrich the Law School curriculum and to inform the Durham community.

The year-long seminars were concerned with Juvenile Justice, The Legacy of Dred Scott, The Judiciary and the Legacy of Dred Scott, Migrant Farm Workers, Corrections Officers' Legal Training Program, High School Legal Education, The High School Colloquium, Eugenics, and Prisoners Rights. These seminars were developed through the guidance of Professor Harold R. Washington,

advisor to the Committee.

Chairperson for the Law Day Committee is senior law student Patricia L. Henry. Co-chairpersons are Paris Favors, Marilyn McDonald and Carmela Delvecchio.

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The scheduled programs are designed to enhance the educational and social values of the Law School populace as well as the returning alumni.

### NEW SBA OFFICERS, 1974-75



New SBA Officers, 1974-75, are left to right, Joseph A. Williams, Treasurer; Michael Lee, President; Michael L. McKinnon, Vice President; Emma Nell Jackson, Secretary.



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## A MAN CALLED HAP



Harold R. Washington

Nurtured in the bosom of adversities and injustices, many of us heeding to the calls of the Protestant Ethic and the Horatio Alger's fictitious promises tend to forget those who struggled with similar circumstances. Others go through a day-by-day trance without giving thought to purpose in life or a sense of mission. On the other hand there are those, few in number, who possess the combined qualities of compassion, courage, competence, integrity and fortitude coupled with an understanding of history. One of these latter individuals is Professor Harold R. Washington. He has demonstrated on frequent occasions an exceptional ability to perceive complex legal and social issues and articulate them through pragmatic programs. Some of these programs have recently been revealed to us in the forms of: A Legal Aid Program for Indigents, Dred Scott Day, Alumni Recognition Day, High School Legal Education

Program and a Land Manual for the Dis-Possessed, to name a few. Whether his sense of mission and dedication calls for the filing of a complaint, lecturing on Charlie "Bird" Parker, counseling students on legal problems or translating the needs of the community, he performs all to his utmost. If one can, on sober reflection, name five true-and-tried friends in a life-time, consider that life well-spent. There are many (inmates at Central Prison and Attica, his students at NCCU, Harvard, Shaw, legal interns, the Black communities of Boston, New York and Durham, former and present colleagues at Bronx Legal Services, Harvard Afro-American Studies Program, NCCU Law School and fellow-woodcarvers) who can claim Washington as a friend. A friend is, in the words of Webster . . . one attached to another by esteem, respect, and affection; an intimate. Webster defines a man as . . . a human being, manly character; manliness. Diogenes in ancient Athens was requested to perform the endless search for a man, a "featherless biped." We, at NCCU have found a MAN and a FRIEND. HAP!

As a closing argument to the jury of indifference and to those who for some reason or another, intend to denigrate their talents to the highest bidder, prostitute their skills for material possessions, sell their birthrights for a mess of porridge, permit Hap's life to continue to stand as a general denial of those false principles. Washington's life, has been, in a larger measure, res ipsa loquitur.

"HAP LIVES — "HAP IS FREE"

## HAP'S REPORT

There was a recent announcement that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ranks our Affirmative Action Program at the Law School as, "high among the law schools of the Southeast.

Implied in this proud statement is the possibility of additional funds for the Law School from HEW on the premise of "full compliance" with Affirmative Action directives.

Dr. Jesse McDade, professor of Black Philosophy at Clarke College, recently commented that the only problem with Black folks is that we suffer from "historical amnesia."

I believe Brother McDade

was being kind.

Why should the Law School be proud of its 39 percent white enrollment, when the University of North Carolina School of Law has a present Black enrollment of two and eight tenths (2.8) percent and is still getting HEW funds at an astronomical level?

UNC counts its HEW grants in terms of millions of dollars. NCCU counts its grants in terms of nickles and dimes.

At a juncture when UNC got 112 million for one Black face, NCCU got nothing for having several white faces around.

I'm not opposed to having white students at the Law

## First Black Women Attorneys Conference Held In Washington

"A Woman To Achieve Has To Be Twice As Good As A Man, But Fortunately, That Isn't Too Difficult."

By CHERI R. BRYANT and EMMA NELL JACKSON  
"The Black Woman Attorney — Identity and Involvement" was the theme of The First Annual Conference of the National Association of Black Women Attorneys, Inc., held April 5-7, at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Nine Black North Carolina Central University Women Law students, along with Dean Le Marquis DeJarmon, one of the featured speakers, represented the law school at this historic conference.

The National Association of Black Women Attorneys, Inc., (NABWA), was organized in Washington, D. C. on November 7, 1972. Charter members of NABWA are founding President, Wilhelmina J. Rolark, Esq., Washington, D. C.; Vice-President, Barbara Sims, Esq., Buffalo, New York; Secretary, Jean Capers, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio; and State Representative Gwen Cherry, Treasurer, Miami, Florida.

The general purpose of the organization, as stated by the charter, is "to advance the practice of law; improve the administration of justice by in-

School. Some have contributed greatly to the Law School's effort. However, anyone who reads Adams v. Richardson as a directive to outstrip UNC in "Affirmative Action" is just plain stupid.

It is terribly myopic (and an indication of "historical Amnesia") to expect Casper Weinberger, the present Secretary of HEW, to do more than his predecessors, especially given the Secretary's documented proclivity for racism (he has closed and ham-strung more educational and public assistance programs affecting Blacks than all of his predecessors) and the fact that he is part of King Richard, The Crooked's, administration.

I sincerely hope that the Law School will gain in prestige and accouterments; however, it becomes counterproductive to gain anything when those who are to be benefited do not receive the fruits.

Durham County Representative Bill Whichard never acknowledged the existence of the Law School until he was apprised of the fact that it had a "substantial white enrollment." Then he decided that he would give his assistance in procuring additional funds for the Law School.

The premise of admitting "substantial numbers" of whites in order to gain benefits for the Law School does not redound to the benefit of Blacks if those "substantial numbers" ultimately become the majority.

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creasing opportunities for participation of Black women at all levels therein; to increase the number of Black women practicing law by programs for recruitment of Black women as law students providing law school scholarships, and to advance causes of civil and human rights of all citizens of the United States."

NABWA is a very new organization and members of the North Carolina Central University delegation to the conference actively participated in helping to get the organization off the ground. Acie L. Ward acted as co-chairwoman of the second panel discussion, "Problems in Admission of Black Women to Law Schools and as Faculty Members." Miss Ward is also to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Cheri R. Bryant, second year student, was appointed to serve on the committee to draft the Constitution and By-Laws, Emma Jackson, second year student, was appointed to serve on the Black Women Prisoner Rights Committee as well as the Bar Admissions Committee. Gurnia Michaux, second year student, was appointed to serve on the Black Women Prisoner Rights Committee.

The next annual conference is slated for Washington, D. C., April 4, 5, and 6, 1975.

University has taken the position that its goal is to train Black students —those students unwanted by the white schools. The premise plays on the racism of whites. (Note: There is no such animal as "Black racism," since racism connotes the power to oppress and obviously Black folks just don't possess that power.) The benefits have redounded to the Blacks who attend A&T. The school is the possessor of one of two atomic reactors in the state and a few other trinkets. NCCU has a green campus, and not much else. Different strokes for different folks? Their stroke works.

Among those who counsel us to forget our past are the manufacturers of the Confederate Rebel poster that proclaims, "Forget, Hell!!!"

The teacher (Santayana) of my teacher counseled that those who do not understand their past are doomed to repeat their mistakes. Based upon an enlightened analysis of the past, we have no ground for believing that HEW will act with good faith vis-a-vis the Law School. Only those who suffer "historical amnesia" would believe otherwise.

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faculty and students from birth to baccalaureate and beyond.

That official policy is gone now, and it is time to change the financial practices that were part and parcel of it. Unfortunately, as far as the law school is concerned, those practices still linger into the '70s. Last spring an inspection team from the American Bar Association issued a report that was highly critical of the law school's inadequate facilities, the low salaries and the high number of students per class. And last fall the North Carolina Bar noted that the law school "has never been able to develop the faculty, library or financial aid resources required of a major law school because of inadequate funding."

More recently Walter Gellhorn, a distinguished professor of law at Columbia University and a former president of the Association of American Law Schools, said that "the disparity between faculty salaries in Chapel Hill and in Durham (NCCU) is almost shockingly large."

The median salary of faculty members at the NCCU law school is, in fact, more than \$7,000 below the median at UNC.

If the appropriations committee of the General Assembly lives up to its responsibility, that lamentable picture will change for the better next year, NCCU has requested three more full-time faculty members for the law school, which would bring the total to 13. These definitely should be granted, and if the money is available another two or three positions above the request would, for the first time, make the student-teacher ratio at the school comparable to that at Chapel Hill.

Perhaps more important, money has been requested for salary increases that would bring the median salary up within the range of salaries paid at Duke and UNC. This would enable the school to hire several exceptionally fine new professors to its staff and reward those who have been paid below their competence.

In the budget for the following year the school will request a new building to help relieve the crowded conditions and improve facilities.

But this year the General Assembly can and should help the school break out of its undeserved status as a scholastic stepchild and give it an equal place at the table in the university system. We don't see how the legislators can do any less in good conscience.

The Honorable Elreta Melton Alexander, Candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina will speak in the Moot Court Room on April 22 at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by P. A. D. Speaker's Program.