ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

SENATOR LEROY R. JOHNSON

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

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 Achievement Bar at the 1963 Independence Ceremonies; recipient of the 1963 Russell Award; recipient of the 1963 NAACP Freedom Award; and guest lecturer at 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 McKnight; E. C. Malone; 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 delinquency on the subject, the Alumni Recognition Day Committee, headed by Associate Professor Harold B. Washington, established 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. 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 1969 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.

A Better Seat At The Table

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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 step-child 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 alumni have achieved national recognition, but have failed to be honored by their alma mater.

School of Law Announces Law Day Program

Law Day Awards Banquet, April 20, 1974, 7:30 p.m., W. G. Pearson Hall Cafeteria. Awards will be presented for outstanding 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 and the Bar Association; Phil 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 seminar programs 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, Enforcers and Prisoners Rights.

NEW SBA OFFICERS, 1974-75

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

HAROLD W. R. WASHINGTON

Nurtured in the bosom of adversities and injustices, many of us heading to the calls of the Protestant and the Hispanic, our brethren's promises tend to forget those who struggled with similar circumstances. Others go through a day-by-day truce 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 Law Manual for the Dis-Possessed, to name a few. Whether his sense of perception 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 of life, he has his fair share at Harvard, Shaw, legal internships, the black communities of Boston, New York, journalism, former and present colleagues at Bronx Legal Services, Harvard, Afro-American Studies Program, NC Central Law School and fellow-woodworkers) 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. Washington defines a man ... a human being, may character, manliness. Diogenes in ancient Athens was requested to perform the endless search for a man, a "featherless biped." We, at NC Central have found a MAN and a FRIEND, HAP.

HAP Lives = HAP is Free

There was a recent announcement that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare ranked our NC Central Affirmative Action Program at the Law School as "high among the law schools of the United States." Implied in this pround statement is the possibility of additional funds for the Law School from HEW on the premise of "full compliance" with Affirmative Action directives.

By Dr. Jesse McDaed, Professor of Black Philosophy at Clark College, recently commented that the only thing Black folk 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 eight (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 quarterback when UNC got 112 million for one Black face. NCCU counts for having several white faces around. I'm not opposed to having white students at the Law School. University has taken the position that its goal is to train Black students into the white schools. The premium the race on the blacks 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 been redressed to the Blacks who attend A.T and the school is possessed 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's 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 counselled me that those who do not understand their past are doomed to repeat their mistakes. It's an enlightened analysis of the past, we have no ground for believing that HEW has any good faith vis-a-vis the Law School. Only those who suffer "historical amnesia" would believe otherwise.

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... but faculty and students from both baccalaureate and beyond... A new good-conduct 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 have not changed. Last spring an inspection team from the American Bar Association was sent there which was highly critical of the law school's inadequate facilities, the low salary that was the special lot of students. 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 and a former president of the Association of American Law Schools, stated recently that the disparity between faculty salaries in Chapel Hill and in Durham (N.C.) is almost shockingly large. "The median salary of the faculty at Chapel Hill is substantially more than at the Durham law school is, in fact, more than $7,000 below the median at N.C."

If the appropriations committee of the General Assembly lives up to its responsibility, that lamentable picture will change for the better next year. UNC Chapel Hill has now more full-time faculty members than all of its Durham counterparts 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.

But this year the General Assembly should also find money for expansion. No money has been requested for salary increases that would bring the median salary within the range of salaries paid at Duke and UNC. This extension of HEW funds to 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 by adding to the already deserved status as a scholastic step. We can move from an equal place at the table in the American Bar Association system. We don't see how the legislators can do any better in this area.

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.