

Service Awards Cont. Wrisley Receives Honor Events In Black History

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J. W. SEABROOK SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS

President Student Government Association: Jerry Beatty
Miss Fayetteville State University: Lydia Day

Miss Student Center: Leola Weak
Outstanding Service Award: Charles Artis

OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN RESIDENCE HALLS

Bryant Hall: Terri Lynn Williams
Harris Hall: Cynthia Taliaferro

Joyner Hall: Ruth Merritt
New Residence Hall (Female): Rochelle Gore

Vance Hall: Berry Harris

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO FSU NEWSPAPER

Dedicated Service: Jackie Stewart

Outstanding Service: Emanuel Vaughn, Jr.

MUSIC AWARDS

Band Director's Award: Michael Alexander

Paul Robeson Award for Outstanding Baritone: Archie Williams

Roland Hayes Award for Outstanding Tenor: Michael Mazingo

Marian Anderson Award: Teresa Johnson

Leontyne Price Award for Outstanding Soprano: Denise Mitchell

John Phillip Sousa Award for Senior Bandman: Daniel Dunlap

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Outstanding Service Award: Carlton Davis, Norman Johnson, Harvey Moseley Shelia Rogers and Terri Williams

Recognition for Service to the Student Government Association: Angela Collins, James Collins, Jeffery Cooper, Marjorie Council, Arleen Crawford, Arrida Henry, Gevevieve Jones, Andrea McCrea, Ramona Morrow, David Myers, Donita Norman, Michelle Robinson, Stephone Sanders, Stanley Singleton, Deborah Smith, Valerie Strayhorn, Emanuel Vaughn, Jr., Mary Williams, Herman Wilson and Marion Coe.

Dr. Robert L. Wrisley, Assistant Professor of Business Education and Office Administration at Fayetteville State University, was recently honored at the 29th Annual State Leadership Conference of the North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America Organization. At the conference held in Winston-Salem, Dr. Wrisley was presented an honorary life membership in the North Carolina FBLA organization for his outstanding and faithful service to the organization.

During the fall of 1982, The Division of Business and Economics with the North Moore High School FBLA Chapter, with Dr. Wrisley as Coordinator, co-hosted a leadership conference for high school students in the fourth educational district. Approximately 850 students and advisors attended this conference. In February, during National Vocational

Week, assistance was also given to the North Moore High School FBLA Chapter in the conducting of various competitive events at Fayetteville State University.

The Future Business Leaders of America organization is comprised of junior and senior high school students in all fifty states and the U. S. territories. There are more than 200,000 young men and women in the national organization and over 10,500 members in the North Carolina state chapter. Various activities are designed to supplement regular classroom instruction by encouraging strong leadership qualities so that students can become business leaders tomorrow.

In addition to Dr. Wrisley's FBLA activities, he serves as President-elect of the Business and Office Division of North Carolina Vocational Association and Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee of the North Carolina Business Education Association.

May 10, 1854 - Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield, "The Black Swan," sang before Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace. She was the first black to appear in a command performance before royalty.

May 11, 1895 - William Grant Still, noted classical composer and conductor, was born in Woodville, Mass. Having studied music at Wilberforce University, Oberlin College and the New England Conservatory of Music, Still has the distinction of having received the first Guggenheim Fellowship in 1934. Still's works consist of more than 100 orchestral compositions, five symphonies, and six operas. He died December 3, 1978.

May 11, 1911 - James A. Bland, a singer and composer of minstrel songs, died in Philadelphia at the age of 56. Bland composed much of his music while he was a student at Howard University. His **Carry Me Back To Old Virginia** was adopted by the state of Virginia as its official song. He wrote nearly 700 songs. Bland added a fifth string to the banjo, creating a more versatile instrument. After a spectacular career as a minstrel, he died penniless. In 1946 he was honored by the Lions Club of Virginia, and a monument was erected over his grave in Bala Cyniord, PA.

May 12, 1951 - Oscar De Priest, first black to be elected to Congress from the northern state, Illinois, died in Chicago.

He was elected as a Republican to the 71st, 72nd, and 73rd Congress, as the only black in Congress from 1929 to 1933. He was courageous a fighter for every legal guarantee of rights for blacks, and also against every aspect of racial bias.

May 16, 1947 - Herman Marion Sweatt, a black man from Houston, lost the first round of suit for admission to the University of Texas as a law student. District Judge Roy C. Archer, in Austin, ruled that segregation of white and black schools in Texas was required by the state constitution. The decision was reversed when the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the University of Texas to admit Sweatt into the law school.

May 17, 1708 - Mark Anthony William Amu, philosopher and counselor for the state of Germany, was born near Fort San Antonio, Axim, Gold Coast. Amu was a teacher of the German philosopher Immanuel Kant, who refers to Amu in several of his books. Amu studied at Halle in Saxony, and at the University of Williamberg where he distinguished himself as a student of the Latin and the Greek languages as well as Hebrew, French, Dutch and German.

May 17, 1954 - The Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public-supported schools is unconstitutional, therefore, outlawing the doctrine of "separate but equal."

May 19, 1925 - Malcolm X, the controversial Black Muslim who evoked the thunder of revolution during the sixties, was born in Omaha, Neb. The former Malcolm Little rose from meager beginnings and a life of crime to become one of the most eloquent and powerful speakers of the era. After acquainting himself with the doctrine of the Black Muslims during his ten year prison sentence for burglary, he converted to its radical point of view. After his parole in 1952, he became an outspoken defender of their doctrine, seeking publicity through raging speeches about retribution and vengeance against white people, at predominantly white gatherings. When in 1963, he characterized the Kennedy assassination as a case of the "chickens coming home to roost", he was suspended from the Black Muslims by leader Elijah Muhammad. He soon formed his own protest group called the Organization of Afro-American Unity. His philosophies altered somewhat after his holy pilgrimage to Mecca. His doctrine changed from vengeance to world brotherhood. Despite his sometimes conflicting racial attitudes, he continuously preached the value of self help, self love and education for black people. He was assassinated in 1965 and buried as Al Hajj Malik al-Shabazz.

May 21, 1904 - Thomas (Fats) Waller, pianist and composer, was born in New York City. Waller, a major jazz creator, was the first musician to play jazz successfully on the pipe organ. In 1922, Waller made his first record, "It Ain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do", followed by "Ain't Misbehavin'", "Black and Blue", and "Honeysuckle Rose". Waller was the first solo jazz artist to play Carnegie Hall.

May 29, 1886 - Charles H. Mahoney attorney, business organizer and politician, was born in Decatur, Mich. Mahoney helped organize the Great Lakes Mutual Insurance Company in 1928, of which he later became president and board chairman. His appointments included City Planning Commission, the Wayne County Board of Supervisors and the Michigan Labor Commission. He was one of the organizers of the Public Bank of Detroit, and a member of its board of directors. He once served as associate counsel to famed criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow. In 1954, he was appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as the first black full delegate to the United Nations General Assembly.

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