

Alex Haley to speak during Black Emphasis Week

Alex Haley was born in Ithaca, New York, August 11, 1921, and was reared in Henning, Tennessee. The eldest of three sons of a college professor father and a mother who taught grammar school, Haley finished high school at 15. He attended two years of college before enlisting in 1939 as a messboy in the U.S. Coast Guard.

On his various ships at sea during World War II, Haley worked late into the nights trying to write stories. For eight years, editors rejected hundreds of his manuscripts before finally occasional ones began to be accepted.

In 1952, the Coast Guard created a new rating for Haley—Chief Journalist. While assisting the handling of U.S. Coast Guard public relations, he con-

tinued his self-taught efforts to improve his writing.

In 1959, Haley retired after 20 military years. He ventured into a new career of full-time freelance magazine writing. His subjects mostly were headline-making personalities. One among these was the controversial "Malcolm X," with whom Haley wrote his first book, THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MALCOLM X. Published in 1965, it was selected among "The Ten Best American Books of the 1960's Decade," and it is now required reading in most U.S. high schools and colleges.

Haley next entered a long, intensive, challenging ordeal of researching the maternal side of his own family, which eventually he traced back across some

200 years and six generations. Finally, he determined that his fourth great grandfather was Kunta Kinte, a youth of The Gambia, West Africa, who in 1767 was kidnapped and brought to the United States as a slave.

Haley's resulting book, ROOTS, became the biggest bestseller in U.S. publishing history. Published worldwide, by now in 37 language translations, it has sold over six million hardcover copies.

A further phenomenon occurred when ROOTS was filmed into a 12-hour television mini-series. Its seven-night run during January 1977 drew over 130 million viewers, the greatest program audience in television history.

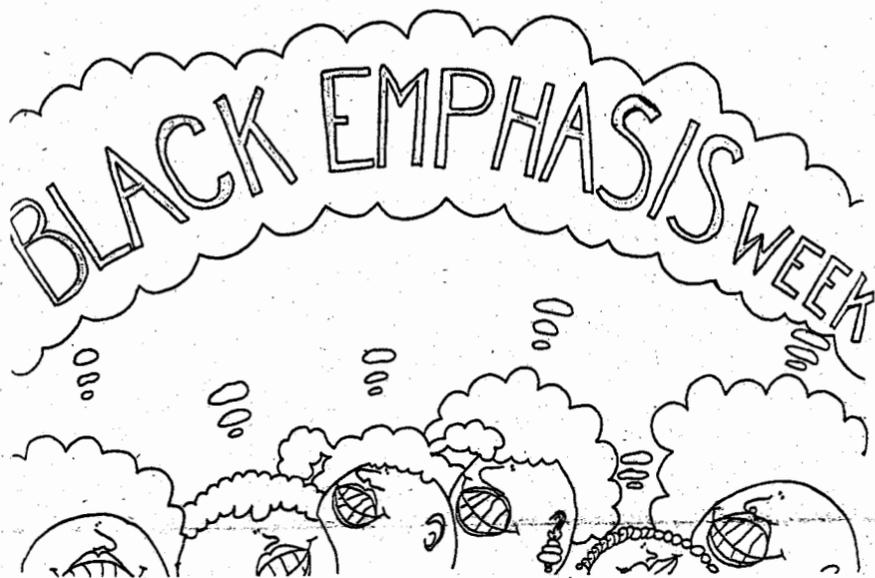
Haley's writing has won him America's two topmost writing awards: the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Colleges and universities have awarded him 17 honorary academic doctorate degrees, while from other sources he has received over 300 special recognitions. TIME Magazine has labeled Haley "A Folk Hero," and his book ROOTS, "A Cultural Landmark." He is currently working on a major new book, HENNING.

The world-renowned author lives in Los Angeles. The heavy demand for his lecturing appearances sees him traveling



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extensively about the U.S. and abroad. Haley will be speaking at Meredith College during Black Emphasis Week.



BLACK EMPHASIS WEEK '85

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1985

Unwinding with Mr. Jerrell Chapel -- 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1985

Convocation--Alex Haley
Subject: The Family
Jones Auditorium -- 10:00 a.m.

Luncheon--Alex Haley
President's Dining Room -- 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1985

Worship--Dr. Thomas P. Grissom
Salem United Methodist Church
Harlem, New York

Shaw University Gospel Choir
Jones Chapel -- 10:00 a.m.

Reception
Chapel Common Room -- 11:00 a.m.

Communion--Dr. Grissom
Jones Chapel -- 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1985

Step Show
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
Eta Omicron Chapter (NCSU)

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated
Jones Auditorium -- 6:30 p.m.

What is Black Emphasis Week?

by *Wendetta Y. Brown*
President of the
Association for Black Awareness

Black Emphasis Week is a time for awareness. So many of us, blacks as well as whites, know so little of black culture. But in spite of the common stereotypes - Afros, black skin, and slavery - black culture is creative, powerful, and sound. More importantly, black culture is an expression of God.

Black Emphasis Week is a time for renewal. Regardless of race, sex, or age, all of us need to restore power to our inner being. By touching base with your

heritage, you can reclaim pride and joy; you can also gain freedom, faith, and strength. As we, the Association for Black Awareness, reclaim our heritage, we hope to inspire you to renew your own spirit.

Finally, Black Emphasis Week is a time for togetherness - a time for all of God's children to unite in harmony. Our life is a gift from God, and what we make of it is our gift to God. So as Black Emphasis Week 1985 starts, keep in mind that the rediscovery of roots for some of God's children is a rediscovery of gifts for all of God's children.

Angels back on winning track

by *Lisa Britt*
Sports Writer

It was the clash of Raleigh's women's colleges Thursday night when Meredith College hosted rival St. Mary's College in Weatherspoon Gym. The Angels pulled off their second big win for the season over St. Mary's, 56-41. Their first meeting was back on November 29 and again, Meredith won by a wide margin of 20 points.

Meredith controlled the tempo of the game, jumping out to a big lead without ever looking back. The Angels went to the locker room at halftime leading 33-20.

Meredith came on strong in the second half, holding St. Mary's to scoring just 3 points in the first 7 minutes of the period. The only threat St. Mary's imposed was cutting the Meredith lead to 11 points with 5 minutes left in the game.

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Freshman curfew discussed in forum held Friday, January 25th

by *Cynthia L. Church*
editor

The Student Government Association held a forum concerning freshman curfew Friday, January 25 at 10 a.m. in Jones Auditorium. The purpose was to hear responses on whether freshmen should have self determining hours.

The freshman senators, Lory Gergen, Anne Kirby and Paula Tomlinson proposed to the Senate that this issue be studied. The Senate then formed a committee and from this committee the forum was suggested.

Joan Bunting, Student Government Association (SGA) President began the

forum by explaining its purpose. After her introduction Bunting opened the floor for comments.

Several students spoke in favor of having a curfew saying "the time limit encouraged freshmen to come in." They also said that it caused freshmen to be more responsible and showed irresponsibility when students did not come back to school.

Kelly Falk, a senior, said that she was in favor of having a curfew. She also said that she ended up being campused one weekend for coming in late. "I'd rather get campused than stay with a guy I didn't know."

Several others agreed and said that the issue was one of "honor" and "responsibility." They felt freshmen should schedule a ride home before they went out. They also added that it was more honorable to come in late than stay out all night.

On the other side were those opposing the freshman curfew. They believed self-determining hours (SDH) was the best solution.

Maria Blackmon stated the penalties for coming in late according to the Honor Code. "If you're up to 5 minutes late, it's one call down (CD); 6-15 minutes late, 2 C.D's; 16-30 minutes late, 3 C.D's; and

HONOR CODE CURFEW VIOLATIONS

Up to 5 minutes1 call down
6-15 minutes2 call downs
16-30 minutes3 call downs

AFTER 3 CALL DOWNS,
STUDENT GOES BEFORE
HONOR COURT

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