



SERIOUS TALK - Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president, Saint Augustine's College; The Honorable John Calhoun, Special Assistant to the President of the United States; and Augustus Toomey, student member of the Board of Trustees talk about the involvement of blacks in supervisory positions. The occasion was the One Hundredth Ninth Observance of the founding of Saint Augustine's College. Calhoun was the keynote speaker on February 12.

St. Aug's National Alumni Association Honors Dr. Prezell R. Roberson

At least 400 persons from Raleigh and all over the country were present February 14, when the Saint Augustine's College National Alumni Association honored Dr. Prezell R. Roberson at a testimonial dinner "for ten years of dedicated service as president of the college." The dinner was held at the Royal Villa Motor Inn.

The program was presented in "This is Your Life," style. Participating in this phase of the program were Mrs. Mamie B. Johnson of Batesburg, S. C., sister of the honoree, who assumed the role of mother; Master Jay Holloway, Raleigh, Godchild; The Honorable James Wade, State Secretary of Administration, Harrisburg, Pa., former student; Dr. Earl H. McClenny, Lawrenceville, Va., professor and co-worker, retired; Dr. James A. Boyer of Raleigh, co-worker and friend; Donnell D. Morris, former student, Fort Luderdale, Fla.; The Rev. Matthews A. Jones, Sr., priest, Detroit, Michigan; Karl Hudson, friend and business associate, Raleigh; Norman Bush, high school principal of S. C.; The Rev. Dr. Moran Weston, chairman of the St. Aug. Board of Trustees, Dr. Charles E. Ramsey, former instructor of Dr. Roberson, Univ. of Minn., all paid high tribute to Dr. Roberson as an outstanding teacher, dean president; and as having made the city of Raleigh equal to our times.

Special gifts were presented by Miss Flora Bryant, and Jerome Green, president and vice president of the senior class; Gilbert Knowled and Jean Battle, president and vice president of the Student Government Association; J. Mills Holloway, chairman of the Chest Fund Committee, representing the faculty and staff; the alumni chapters, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Raleigh; National Alumni Association, George L. Foxwell, president; Mrs. Mary Horton of Edenton, a scrapbook; Mervyn Gaskin,

trustee; and William R. Knight, City Councilman.

President Roberson, in his acceptance remarks, declared that his work is a joy. He said that what Saint Augustine's College has accomplished has been due to the wholehearted cooperation of the Board of Trustees, alumni friends, faculty-staff, students, Foundations, State and County. "It is through the efforts of all of the constituencies."

Music was furnished by Mrs. Martha Spence two solos; a duet with Dr. Addison W. Reed, accompanied by Everett A. Thomas; a solo, Ms. Faye Harris Maye, Jacksonville, Fla.

James E. Burt, coordinator of Alumni Affairs was master of ceremonies.

The Invocation was given by the Rev. Clyde E. Beatty,

college chaplain; the welcome message by William R. Knight, city councilman, and the benediction by The Right Rev. Tomas A. Fraser, bishop, Diocese of North Carolina.

PUNCH LINE OF THE WEEK



Charter Day Dinner Set For Howard U. March 1

Howard University will hold a \$100-a-plate fund-raising dinner on March 1, commemorating its founding 109 years ago.

United States Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.), an alumnus of Howard, will preside over the dinner at the Sheraton-Park Hotel at 8 p.m. The dinner is part of a two-day celebration.

Brooke, also Chairman of the Charter Day Dinner Committee, said he believes the University can reach its goal of \$100,000 to "support many essential University programs."

Brooke will also deliver a major address at the Charter Day Convocation which will be held March 2 at 12 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium on the main campus.

Howard University alumni receiving Alumni Achievement Awards at the Charter Day dinner are: Jaems T. Chambers, retired soccer coach at Howard University and the first black

American to be named to the Soccer Hall of Fame; Dr. James P. Comer, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, School of Medicine, Yale University and Professor of Psychiatry at Yale; Major General Benjamin Lacy Hunton, Commander, United States 97th Army Reserve Command in Fort Meade, Maryland an Assistant Administrator in the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration, United States Department of the Interior; Roxie Roker Kravitz, award-winning actress and a star of the weekly television series, "The Jeffersons"; and G. Frederick Stanton, Vice President Emeritus of Howard University.

It was on March 2, 1867 that the U. S. Congress approved the charter establishing Howard University as an educational facility for training the thousands of newly-freed blacks.

State Offers Rewards In Five Criminal Cases

Governor Jim Holshouser today announced that the State has offered rewards totaling \$12,500 for the solution of four murder cases and a possible kidnapping.

Rewards of \$2,500 each were offered in the following cases:

--The January 7, 1976 murder of Thurmond Edward Royal, 65, and Mrs. Lecie Elender Pruitt Royal, 63, of Wilkes County. Investigation revealed that the victims died as a result of severe blows to the head, crushing the skull. Fourteen rifles and shotguns were removed from a gun cabinet in the Royals residence and an unknown amount of

money was taken from Royal's wallet. The reward will be paid to anyone furnishing information to the Sheriff of Wilkes County or the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation which leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murders.

--The robbery and murder of Tommy Bowens, 70, the operator of a rural grocery store in the Scuffleton community of Greene County. On January 16, 1976, someone entered the store, struck Bowens on the head several times and robbed him of approximately \$120. Bowens

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