



JOHNSON C. SMITH ALUMNI, FRIENDS
.....Just Before Embarking On Five-Day Cruise

JCSU Alumni, Friends Enjoy Five-Day Cruise

By Deborah Gates
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Alumni and friends of Johnson C. Smith University recently returned from a five-day cruise aboard the SS Emerald Seas to Nassau and Freeport in the Bahamas.

Ms. Minnie Maxwell, JCSU Alumni Affairs Director was coordinator of the cruise which consisted of 65 persons.

"The trip was overwhelming, educational, recreational and enjoyed by all," Mrs. Maxwell said, adding, "This was the first alumni cruise and hopefully it will be an annual affair."

The group assembled on the JCSU campus Sunday, June 26 and boarded two buses for the trip to Miami.

Once aboard the SS Emerald Seas, the ocean-going resort became their luxurious hotel where they relaxed in spacious living quarters, lavish lounges and colorful bars.

The group arrived in Nassau Tuesday, June 28, where they spent two days sightseeing and shopping, followed by a day of browsing in beautiful Freeport.

When returning to Miami,

Friday, July 1, the group stopped in Orlando, Florida for a fun-filled day at Disneyworld. They returned to Charlotte Sunday, July 3.

JCSU alumni and friends from Charlotte who enjoyed the cruise were David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kennedy, Mrs. Wilhemina Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, Miss Hattie T. Russell, Mrs. Mabel Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Young, Miss Wilma H. Hood, Miss Verta Witherspoon, Mrs. Gladys Moreland, Miss Inez Brown, Rev. and Mrs. Preston Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Wilson, Mrs. "Liz" Frazier Moore, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Levi, Mrs. Geneva Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Witherspoon, Mrs. Doretha L. Leak, Miss Mildred Nix, Miss Marlene Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. William Cherry, Mrs. Antwerp Duncan, Miss Claudette Bailey, Mrs. Dorothy H. Gadsden, Mrs. Mildred P. Aldridge, Richard Maxwell Jr., and Mrs. Minnie Maxwell.

Joining the group from other cities were Dr. W.H. Young of Anderson, South Carolina, Miss Gloria B. Parlor and daughter of Kansas City, Kansas, Mrs. Alberta B. Jones and daughters of Charleston, South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mims of Henderson, North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso McConnell of High Point, North Carolina, Mrs. Lauri Carr of Roebuck, South Carolina, Rev. and Mrs. Elliott Talford of Decatur, Georgia, Miss Sadie Pitts of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Irene B. Moseley of High Point, North Carolina, Mrs. Katharine Gardner of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Helen Brooks of Gastonia, North Carolina, Mrs. Dorothy Brown and Miss Constance Kerns of Washington, D.C.

Ms. Morris Reception Attracts 300 Guests

During the time when Margie C. Morris entered the world of teaching, schools were still predominantly black; students wore bobby socks and Saddle Oxfords, and the "Jitter-bug" was the most popular dance. Now after 31 years of watching hem lines rise and fall and several decades of watching students dance to the tunes of "The Jerk," "The Shake" and "The Hustle," and ultimately searching the hearts and minds of both black and white students, Margie C. Morris turned in her chalk on June 17, 1977.

"I'm retiring because of health reasons," said the popular East Mecklenburg teacher. "I'll miss it, but I do need the rest."

Miss Morris taught business education at Mary Porter Academy in Oxford, North Carolina for nine years, at York Road High School 11 years before retiring after another 11-year reign at East Mecklenburg High School.

One Saturday morning recently more than three hundred people from all over the country came to Miss Morris' home at 2520 Tanglebrook Lane to honor her 31 years of teaching to help her celebrate her new life of retirement.

In the midst of the reception, Margie's sister, Catherine M. Wilson, presented her a plaque of recognition which she can add to the others already displayed on her wall plus several others she received that day.

The guests enjoyed delicious and tasty refreshments, prepared by Mrs. Bettye McCarroll, which they ate under lawn umbrellas and tents.

Miss Morris' retirement has not changed her extra curricular activities such as active participation in her church work at Little Rock AME Zion Church where she recently resigned as superintendent of the Sunday School (also for health reasons) and a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Out-of-town relatives included Mr. and Mrs. George A. Morris, brother and sister-in-law, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald P. Morris, Misses Sheila and Cheryl Morris, all of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Char-



MS. MARGIE C. MORRIS
...Enjoying retirement

les Hines, sister and brother-in-law of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Morris, brother and sister-in-law of Boston, Massachusetts; Mrs. Jessie A. Hanion, a cousin of Roanoke, Virginia, Mrs. Mattie Morris Ray, an aunt of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis G. Tucker, a niece and her husband of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Other out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Kennedy of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Genevieve H. Schott, Mrs. Roberta E. Howell and Miss M. Irene Parham of Oxford, North Carolina; Mrs. Estelle Carr, Miss M. Louise Carr, Mrs. Willie Mae McLendon, Miss Regina McLendon

and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rooks of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Now that she has retired, Margie has all intentions of heeding the advice of a friend who is also a retired school teacher, and that is "Do nothing and do it very slowly."

Mayor Belk Proclaims

"Black Cultural Week"

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Mayor John Belk has proclaimed Sunday, August 7 through Saturday, 13 as "Black Cultural Week," and will present his proclamation Saturday, August 13 during the Black Cultural Festival to be held in Marshall Park.

This 4th annual Festival, sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural and Service Center is entitled Ujamma 77. Ujamma 77 will be the highlight of Black Cultural Week and will feature talents in many areas of Black Culture.

Features during the Festival will include local theatrical group The Ebony Group and Company, play actress Eileen Neely who is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Jim Boyce and the Steel Drum Symphonets, S&W Express of Salisbury, N.C., Frigid Funk of Huntersville, Ba-Lu Choir of Salisbury, Metropolitan Presbyterian Gospel Choir, and singer and impressionist Harold Morgan.

According to Jerry Springs, board member of the Afro-American Cultural and Service Center, supportive services, including Legal Aid, Family Housing Services, the Red Cross, the NAACP and Open House will be present to assist people.

Arts and crafts will be displayed by artist Robert Moody, jewelry maker Al Duncan, quilter Lucielle Springs, basketweaver Mary Bennett, and many others.

Springs said an African Village and Market scene will be displayed, depicting Liberian type villages. This exhibit will be sponsored by Liberian Miata Gray and Clyde McMillan.

County Commissioner Harvey Gantt, will give a welcome address and Rev. Greg Davis

will sing the Black National Anthem.

According to Springs, the purpose of the Festival is to bring together black talent in local areas so to help expose it to people in the Charlotte-Metrolina area.

Ujamma 77 will be themed "Togetherness Is." Ujamma

means "family and unity" in Swahili.

The festival will be free and opened to the public. For information about volunteering services or participating in the Festival, call Jerry Springs or executive director James Jeeter at 374-1565.

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