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The North Carolina Desert of Shrine Temples, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., of North and South America, Inc. invites you to attend their annual Past Deputies Banquet and Ball January 29-30, at the Adams Mark Hotel, Charlotte, NC.

This years event will be held in honor of the late Past Imperial Potentate James E. Lytle, former athletic director of Shaw University. Sixteen temples and courts are expected to attend this conference.

On Friday, January 29 the conference will begin at 12 p.m. There will be a talent show and pageant from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is open to the public with no admission fee. Contestants will be vying for the title of Queen of North Carolina Desert Conference. Later that night at the Rameses Temple No. 51, the Night in Egypt program will be held from 10:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

On Saturday, January 30 at 8:30 p.m. they will have their annual banquet. The speaker will be the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of North Carolina Honorable William Parker. Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased by any member of Rameses Temple No. 51.

The proceeds will go to Shaw University, Raleigh, NC.

Everyone is invited to attend. Alumni and friends of Shaw University are especially urged to attend.

For more information contact Eugene Marsh at 332-2943.



Grand Master Honorable William Parker

Richness Of Black Culture Is Tenth Brown Symposium's Main Topic

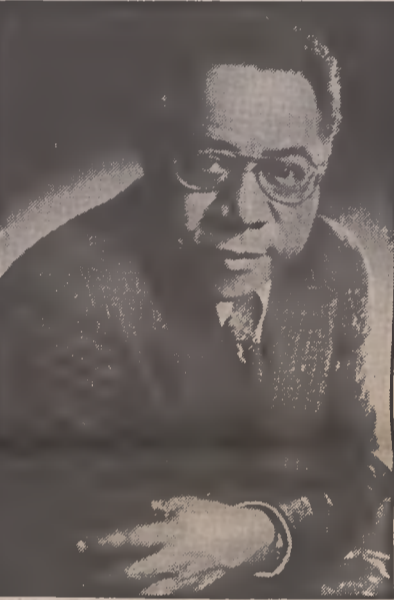
Georgetown - *Roots* author Alex Haley and anthropologist Donald Johanson, known for his discovery in Ethiopia of the 3.5-million-year-old hominid "Lucy," will be among the participants in Southwestern University's annual Brown Symposium February 17-19.

The symposium, titled "Africa and Afro-America," will focus on Africa as the place where humans and early civilizations originated, and will relate the experience of black Americans to a deep heritage going back to the beginning of humankind.

"Black people, including black Americans, have often been treated as a people with no culture, who haven't contributed anything to civilization," said symposium organizer Dr. Weldon Crowley, Professor of History and holder of the Lucy King Brown Chair in History.

"There is a lot of evidence, however, that being black has greater depth to it than perhaps anything else we know about. In other words, the black experience is the human experience, and by giving greater attention to what it means to be black we may be able to understand ourselves more fully," Crowley said.

For example, there is almost no doubt that human life had its origins in Africa, Crowley said. Erect walking hominids found in Africa by Johanson have been carbon-dated back about four million years. *Homo erectus* is generally thought to be no older than 1.6 million years and probably migrated out of Africa around one million years ago. Thus, all of the proto-human developments occurred in Africa, *homo sapiens* emerging in the last 500,000 years. Although the origin of race is a mystery, it has been suggested that current racial differentiation is no more than 35,000 years old, and that prior to 35,000 years ago all the world's human population was black.



Haley

"Blacks can now say that the study of their homeland is not the study of something illiterate and sub-human but of one of the earliest centers of civilized life and the locus of the origin of humankind. One can look at Africa now and assert that it is where the whole process began."

During the symposium, Donald Johanson is expected to update "Lucy"--to give his own and other experts' new estimates on how and when humans developed, and to talk about the search for human origins in Africa. Johanson is director of the Institute of Human Origins at Berkeley and

professor of anthropology at Stanford University. His book *Lucy: The Beginnings of Humankind* was published in 1981. A world-renowned anthropologist, he has conducted numerous field surveys in Africa and has a National Science Foundation Grant in anthropology to continue paleoanthropological research there.

Alex Haley, also author of *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* published in 1965, will keynote the symposium, giving an overview of the black American's search for identity, perhaps beginning with "pan-Africanism," the post-Civil War idea that

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God said, "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater."

Isalah 55:10

God said, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it."

Isalah 55:11

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