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By Nat Pilate

President of the
National Alumni Association

My Fellow FAMUans and Friends:

Some events in history have been so tremendous, so memorable, that merely mentioning a name or location brings into full focus the event (s) and surrounding activities. Such is the case with legendary former football coach Alonzo “Jake” Gaither. Few men accomplished the level of success that “Jake” Gaither achieved in his profession. The “Jake” Gaither era at FAMU is well documented and chronicled, but in addition to developing an unprecedented winning record, one of Coach Gaither’s greatest attributes was his ability to motivate people.

It is somewhat paradoxical that just as this great motivator passed on another great motivator is taking the helm of “Rattler Football.” It was like the ending of one era and the beginning of another.

Anyone who has heard Coach Billy Joe during one of the many spring and summer fests that have been held around the State

and across the Nation can sense a new level of enthusiasm about Rattler football.

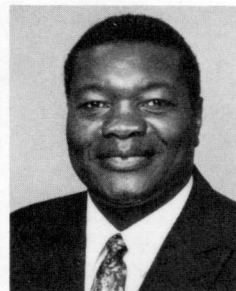
My hope and expectations are that the new level of enthusiasm that we are realizing about the upcoming football season will permeate all levels of support for the University and for Alumni activities. Our support to the football program can be manifested by simply attending the game and giving our enthusiastic and vocal support to the Rattler football team. Our support to the University must extend beyond moral support to include financial support to the University.

I have frequently stated that whenever any University is prospering academically and athletically, its Alumni Association prospers as well. I am thoroughly convinced that we are on the verge of an unprecedented period of academic and athletic achievement at FAMU.

By working together, and each alumnus pulling his or her fair share, I am confident that the Gaither era will be reincarnated and we can soon say, “Happy Days Are Here Again!”



Gaither

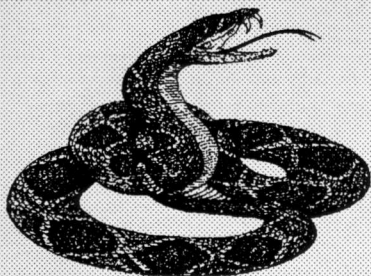


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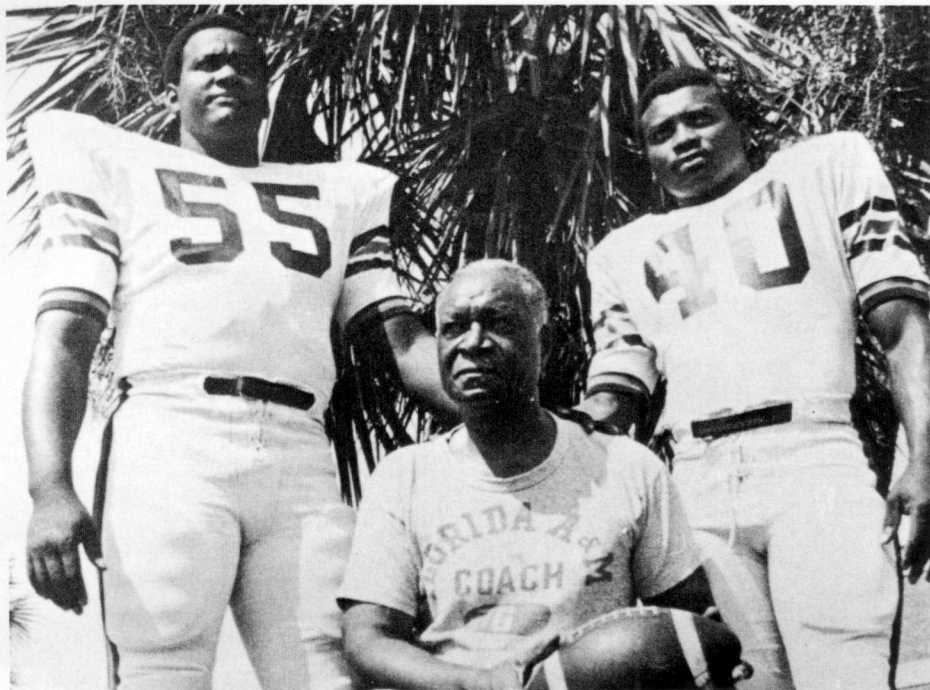


Cover Photo: The legendary Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither, 1903 - 1994, led the Rattlers to unprecedented success on the gridiron. His incredible winning percentage of 84 percent is still the best in the history of college football for any coach winning at least 200 games. A tribute to "Jake" in this RQ.

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"ON THE HILL"

"There is no place for mediocrity. We must rid ourselves and our communities of drugs, crime, teenage pregnancy, and general hopelessness. We must once again encourage our youth to "go to high school, and go to college. "



By Keith A. Miles

Director of
Alumni Affairs

Remembering, reminiscing, reflecting are all very important to growth and development in life. We often look back and remember moments and times in our lives that had a profound impact on where we are today.

Such was the case with the hundreds of former FAMU football players who returned to "the hill" to pay their last respects to Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither in February. "Jake" helped mold these men into what they are today. For those who didn't have one, "Jake" was their father, and his beloved Sadie was their mother. All of them were affectionately known as "Jake's" boys.

Although gridiron success had come to FAMU before the Gaither era, it was "Jake" who literally put Florida A&M University on the map. His teams were incredible, known and feared by their "blood, sweat and tears" moniker. "Jake" was known to run up the score and not apologize for it by what he called, "killing a mosquito with an axe."

He "asked for no quarter and gave no quarter" in producing a 203 wins, 36 losses

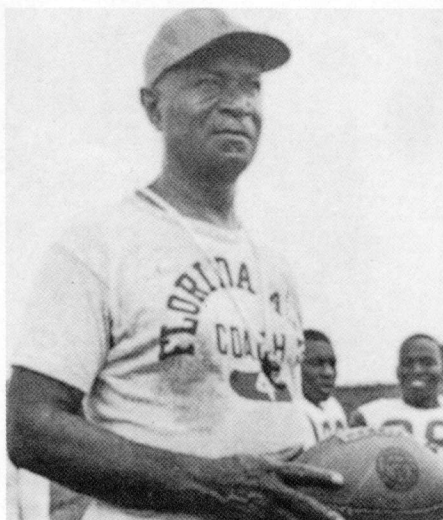
and 4 ties record. He posted unbeaten seasons in 1957, 1959, and 1961 and won national championships in 1947, 1953, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1964.

"Jake" sent 44 players to the National Football League and said he could build more character by winning than losing. He won the coaching triple crown in 1975, the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award, the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame Award and the Walter Camp Award. But more importantly "Jake" should be remembered for his "Spirit of Excellence." It was "Jake" who said, "There is no place in the life of my people for mediocre performances. We must excel. For a black boy this is not just a game of football. He is carrying a cross of fifteen million blacks on his shoulders."

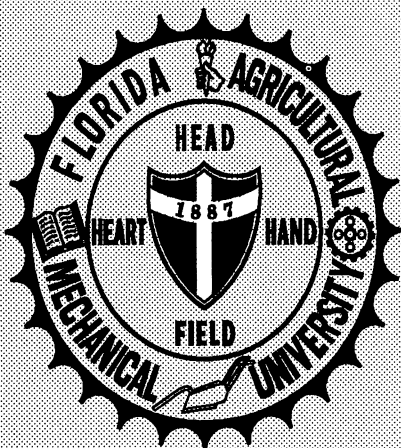
So it is today. There is no place for mediocrity. We must rid ourselves and our communities of drugs, crime, teenage pregnancy, and general hopelessness. We must once again encourage our youth to "go to high school, and go to college." "Jake's" message still speaks loudly today, it is up to us to make sure it is heard.

Thanks "Jake" for the memories.

Courtesy of the Florida State Archives



"Jake," and his staff, turned boys to men and continued the Rattler football legacy.



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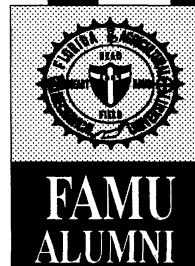
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LIFE MEMBER SAYS THANKS

Enclosed is the photo you requested at the '93 Weekend of Rededication (WORD) Life Membership Breakfast. I enjoyed the events I attended during WORD and hope that this event will be continued in the coming years. Thanks again for processing my Life Membership quickly and adding me to the FAMU NUMBER.

*Marvin L. Williams
Tallahassee, Florida*

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO

Please tell me what do I have to do to have my name listed as a Life Member of the Alumni Association. Yes, I am vain! I am a past president of the New York Chapter; one of the initial founders of the chapter; one of the initial organizers of the Northeast Regional Conference which led to the initial Weekend of Rededication (WORD) observance in 1971; a 50 year graduate who returned to "the hill" in 1993 and made a significant contribution; an active and participating member of the NY Chapter. Yes, I received the Life Membership pin and plaque at the NE Regional Conference but, I would like to see my name listed on the various publications of the University!

*William L. Generette
New York, New York*

Editor's Note: Please accept our sincere apologies. We made a mistake, but are happy to correct it in this issue. Blame it on our heads, not our hearts and thanks for all of your involvement in the Association.

ENJOYING MY MEMBERSHIP

I thoroughly enjoy the Rattler Quarterly and all the news in the QUEST monthly newsletter. I look forward to receiving them another year.

*Gerald L. Brown
Colton, California*

The following letter was written by Nat Pilate, National Alumni President, to Florida Governor Lawton Chiles requesting his selection of an African-American and a FAMUan on the Florida Board of Regents.

Dear Governor Chiles:

I have been informed that you have selected a non-minority as a replacement for Regent Cecil B. Keene as a member of the Florida Board of Regents. I am writing you to express my deep concern and to respectfully request that you reconsider this selection.

In my letter to you of August 27, 1993 recommending Dr. Henry E. Cotman, I expressed the need to continue minority representation on this important board. Additionally, we feel that it is equally important to have someone who graduated from Florida A&M University to assure some semblance of racial and philosophical balance on this board which administers policy matters for all State universities.

As you know the Board of Regents has never had a member who is an alumnus of Florida A&M University since Dr. James Gardener served. Likewise, in this day when racial and ethnic diversity is the preferred modes operandi it seems politically appropriate to designate someone from Florida A&M University to this important position. Black Floridians entrusted their aspirations for a sense of fairness in these matters through their overwhelming support toward your election. I hope their trust will not be betrayed.

Again, I urge your reconsideration and look forward to your response.

*Nathaniel Pilate
National President
Mims, Florida*

Editor's Note: Governor Chiles did reconsider and appointed Audrea Anderson, an African-American from Fort Myers, to the Board of Regents. However, no FAMUan sits on the Board. The Association plans to continue its efforts to get an alumnus on the Board of Regents.

FIGHT FOR COLLEGE OF LAW

I along with other concerned citizens throughout the State of Florida have been working diligently on the current campaign for the reinstatement of the College of Law at Florida A&M University. Our campaign, thus far, has been a successful one, as can be

measured by the numerous recent attempts to undermine it.

The Division of Law at Florida A&M was created in 1951 to keep blacks out of the University of Florida. During its brief tenure, and with limited resources, the FAMU Law School produced many successful lawyers, black and white. Majority institutions today cannot honorably make the same assertion. It is interesting to note that, prior to FAMU law school's first graduating class in 1954, any graduate of a Florida law school was not required to take the bar examination to become a member of the Florida Bar. The State of Florida also created, for the first time, a minimum LSAT requirement, another obstacle to keep black students out of the University of Florida.

The demise of the FAMU law school (predominantly black) and simultaneous inception of the FSU Law School (predominantly white) only a few blocks away was clearly a violation of the civil rights of all Black citizens of the State of Florida. This is not just a FAMU issue. We in Dade County need only consider the fate of Booker T. Washington, Carver, Mays and North Dade high schools. Black citizens throughout this country can relate similar situations.

Florida continues to under-educate its black citizens and the present results of its past discrimination and neglect can now be seen. We must not participate in the perpetuation of a system that has failed us for the last 26 years. Now is the time for us to put aside our collegiate allegiances and rivalries. Now is the time for the churches, sororities, fraternities, and other civic organizations to embrace this movement.

A people without vision shall perish. The struggle continues.

*Vanessa Woodard Byers
Miami, Florida*

Editor's Note: Ms. Woodard Byers has been a key catalyst in the efforts to return the College of Law to FAMU. The three Dade County Alumni Chapters have unified to work on this issue and a political action committee has been organized involving others who feel strongly about it.

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RATTLER PROFILE

WILLIE FLOYD

by Traci Y. Pollock

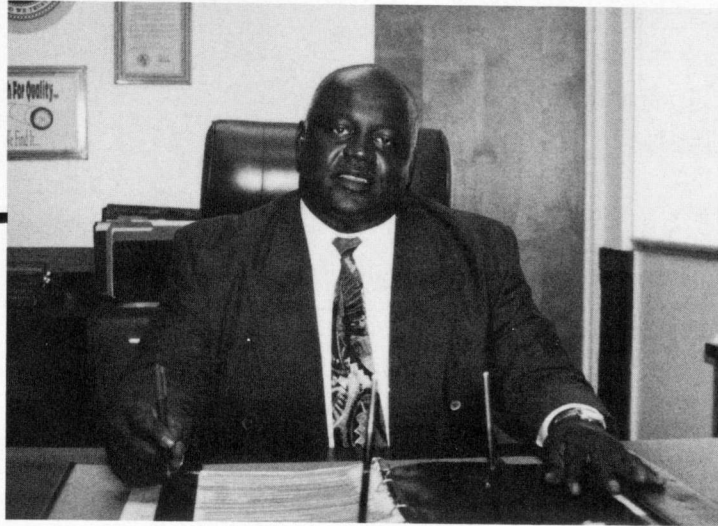
Willie Floyd started his career with Florida's correctional system in 1972, the same year he graduated from FAMU. His youthful ambition to become a politician guided him through his political science curriculum until he was introduced to corrections.

That introductory course in corrections at FAMU made such an impact on Floyd that he changed directions and chose corrections as a career.

"It fascinated me," Floyd said. The instructor told us about the number of African-Americans committed to the penal system and how very few African-Americans were corrections professionals at that time. "It opened my eyes to career opportunities. Being young and in the civil rights movement, I wanted to be involved. I wanted to help young brothers with my talents and ability."

Currently, Floyd is the superintendent of the Dade Correctional Institution in Florida City, where he coordinates and directs the total operations of the prison facility. He manages a \$15 million budget and a staff of 333 employees.

Harry Singletary, Secretary of the Department of Corrections, said Floyd's people skills are his greatest asset. "He is probably the best person I know in communicating with the inmates and staff," said Singletary.



When hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1992, Floyd became the first person in the history of Florida corrections to evacuate more than 900 inmates to safer facilities away from the storm's path.

"It literally destroyed Dade Correctional Institution," Singletary said. "The fact that he helped to revamp the facility is a direct reflection of his attitude. He brought the inmates and staff back and kept them positive. He is an excellent example of how effective you can be in this business by being firm and having compassion."

Floyd attributes his attitude to the communal environment he experienced while a student at FAMU.

"It was the size of the class and the caring professors that helped me," he said. In turn, his sense of community allows him to help and provide guidance to local youths. He started a little league football team in Belle Glade. He is called upon often as a lecturer at schools and churches, and he is a member of two service organizations, Alpha Phi Omega and the Gents, Incorporated, whose members provide positive role models

for boys in the community.

Among the many awards Floyd has received is the 1993 Meritorious Award for Leadership and the 1983 Outstanding Employee in Florida Corrections Award, which included an invitation to dine at the Governor's Mansion. Floyd grew up in Tallahassee's "French Town," a stones throw away from the Governor's mansion. He recalled walking by the mansion on his way to school as a student thinking what it must be like inside. "We were just little ghetto boys and to us it was like a shrine, Tallahassee's big house, like the White House in Washington, D.C." He never thought that one day he would be returning to dine and be recognized for his achievements by the Governor of Florida.

"I am trying to make a difference in my community by giving back and assisting humanity," Floyd said. "One of these days I might go back to FAMU and teach. That's what I always wanted to do. I want to share my 22 years of experience and knowledge and continue to give back to the school that is a major contributor to my success."

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ISAAC CHAPPELL, II

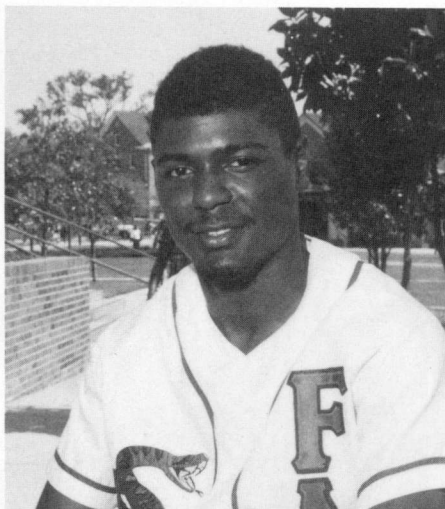
COMAS HAYNES

Winning national honors among FAMU's 1300 graduates were Isaac Chappell, II, of Dallas, and Comas Haynes, of Miami, who are the first students in thirty years at Florida A&M University to become National Science Foundation Fellows (NSF). The NSF fellowship is a prestigious graduate award given to approximately ten percent of the 6,000 students who applied.

The fellowship, which has been a competitive tool for luring the best and brightest students into the fields of science, mathematics and engineering, covers tuition costs and provides recipients with \$14,000 stipends each year.

"We are proud of these young men," said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. "They came to the University with outstanding academic records. They maintained their standard of excellence and are moving forward to earn terminal degrees in areas where minorities are severely under-represented."

The fellowship includes a \$1,000 International Research Travel Allowance and is awarded for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees in the mathematical, physical, biological, engineering, behavioral and social sciences and in the history of science

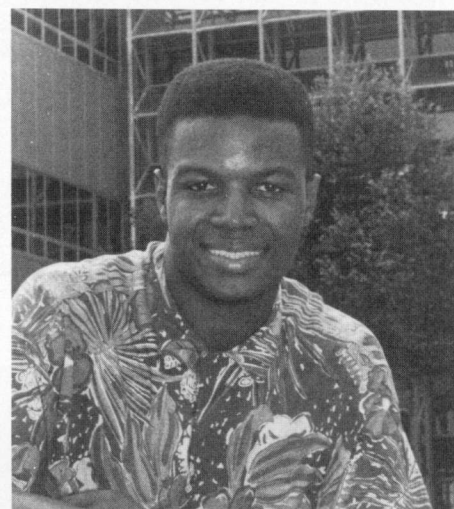


Chappell

and philosophy of science.

Chappell, who has earned all A's at FAMU, is a National Merit Scholar and a Life-Gets-Better scholar, a designation which guaranteed him an internship every summer until he graduated. Chappell says he wants to get a Ph.D. in physics and another degree in computer science. He said he would eventually like to work for a large corporation or the U.S. government.

Haynes also has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and is a National Aeronautics and Space Administration Scholar. After the completion of his second year in college, he was part of the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program at the University of Minnesota, which was designed to introduce students to graduate school. Haynes has Ph.D.

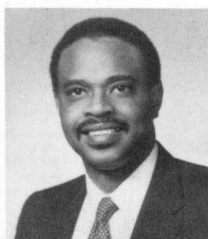


Haynes

fellowship offers from Purdue University, Georgia Tech, and the Universities of Miami and Illinois.

Federal Judge Joseph W. Hatchett, U. S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, delivered the keynote address to the 1,306 candidates for graduation during the FAMU Commencement Exercises April 30 in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

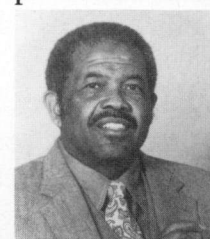
Three distinguished Floridians - State Representative Al Lawson of Tallahassee, State Senator Betty Holzendorf of Jacksonville, and Rev. Herbert C. Alexander of Tallahassee (posthumously) - received the Meritorious Achievement Awards during Commencement Exercises. Alexander, former professor of education and business ethics at FAMU, was the first vice president at FAMU, was FAMU's first vice president for Student Affairs and a prominent Tallahassee minister.



Lawson



Holzendorf



Alexander

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PROFILE

DR. FRED MILTON

a 1964 graduate is known around the campus of Bethune-Cookman College as the man who spends the majority of his time lobbying in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. on behalf of the college.

Recently, B-CC President Oswald P. Bronson, Sr. recognized Dr. Milton's efforts and promoted him to Vice President for Governmental Affairs.

"Dr. Milton's new title gives his position more stability and bargaining power as he works on behalf of the college," he said. "Many power brokers expect to see the president or a vice president from the college when they negotiate deals."

Dr. Milton went to B-CC in 1986 from the Florida State Department of Education. He brought with him many years of experience in the education and political arenas, which have assisted him in expanding his responsibilities far beyond those of lobbying.

According to Dr. Milton, who earned his doctorate degree from Florida State University, lobbying and procurement of funds for special programs and facilities are the most challenging parts of his job.

"I've been successful at getting the college involved in several important consortiums which create opportunities for revenues, community service, internships and cooperative education experiences for our students. Several B-CC students have earned lucrative stipends for their work on these special projects," he



Milton

said.

The projects involve major enterprises such as McDonnell-Douglas and Martin-Marietta and include other colleges and universities, including Florida A&M University.

"Many people don't realize that Bethune-Cookman College has several relationships with FAMU which bring recognition to both institutions and allow us to market our strengths. The perception that B-CC and FAMU compete with each other does not factor into this work. We embrace other. As a matter of fact, we offer joint programs for our faculty, staff and alumni in the form of outstanding professional development seminars and technical assistance."

A glance at a listing of Dr. Milton's accomplishments while at B-CC shows that he has a high rate of success. As a direct result of his efforts, the college has received over \$3 million in state grants annually. In addition, he has assisted President Bronson in lobbying for a \$6.2 million grant for the first phase of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Fine Arts Center and a \$15.7 million allocation from the United States Congress for the center's completion, which will include a 2,500 seat auditorium and business and hospitality management training

centers.

He is also responsible for successfully negotiating a \$3 million allocation for the Living Learning Center and supporting lobbyists in raising the Florida Voucher to \$1,000 and for the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Last summer, Dr. Milton secured a federal five-year contract to conduct the Florida-Georgia Alliance for Minority Participation, which provided educational and developmental experiences for minority high school students interested in majoring in the sciences, engineering or mathematics.

In 1988, he negotiated a pre-college readiness program with the FAMU consortium funded by the National Science Foundation. He also negotiated a contract for the College Reach-Out Program to provide motivational experiences for community college students who want to go on to higher education. Together with other scholarly programs on campus, such as the Health Career Opportunity Program and the college's honor program, Dr. Milton is able to conduct developmental marketing activities to promote the college, another of his major responsibilities.

"I can't do the job alone, however," he says. "I need assistance from friends, alumni, students and other institutional constituents."

Networking with key persons who can influence their congressional representatives takes up a lot of Dr. Milton's day. He went to Bethune-Cookman College with a solid network constituency and over 13 years experience with the Florida A&M University National Alumni Association as Southeast Regional Vice President and the Florida State Voters League which has paid off for him.

RATTLER PROFILE

CLIFFORNIA ROLLE



Dean Margaret Lewis and Cliffornia Rolle

a 1979 graduate, has the kind of job that takes her to Memphis, Charleston, Kansas City and Phoenix during her work day and brings her back home by 6 P.M. to spend time with her family.

One of only four Bureau of Prisons (BOP) flight nurses in the country, Rolle, the only African-American and female, is responsible for providing medical screening for inmates who are aboard "Con Air," the only government-run, regularly scheduled passenger air service in the nation.

"As a FAMU student I wanted an exciting career—something that I would enjoy doing," said Rolle. "People generally think of my job as frightening. I think of it as challenging, very exciting, very enjoyable."

"I see myself as a pioneer and an asset," said Rolle, a native of Miami. "I don't perceive my job as one that is strange. Females are getting into more male dominated professions. I don't fear my job and the inmates respect me because we are viewed as humanitarians. We're there to help them."

When Rolle travels, she functions as the sole medical expert on each flight and is charged with responding to any medical flight emergency that may occur. A member of the U.S. Public Health Corps, Rolle works four-day-work weeks and rotates flying assignments with the other three BOP nurses, spending two months flying

and one month working in the prison infirmary.

"The overall goal of the flight nurse is to transport inmates safely using sound nursing judgement," said Rolle, who was asked recently to make a presentation on the role of the BOP flight nurse at the Commissioned Officers Association of U.S. Public Health Corps Annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. "No other institution can provide nurses with the variety of challenges the Bureau of Prisons/U.S. Marshal Service Airlift can."

Established in 1983 as a cost-effective way of transporting federal prisoners, "Con Air," is part of the National Prisoner Transportation System, operated by the BOP under the United States Marshals Service. "Con Air," which serves more than 40 cities in the continental U.S., operates out of Oklahoma City and transports prisoners on their way to serve sentences or undergo medical study and observation.

Jokingly called "Federal Express," the "Con Air" fleet of 17 planes, several of which have been forfeited to the government by convicted drug traffickers, includes two surplus Boeing 727s acquired from the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) at no charge.

Nationally "Con Air" has played host to such criminals as gangsters Nicki Scarfo, the head of the Philadelphia mob, Antonio "Fat Tony" Salerno, a member of the Genovese crime family and sometimes people like El Rukn leader Jeff Fort, mob boss Albert Tocco, well publicized murderess Debra Hartmann, and teenage drug millionaire John Capps.

Prior to securing the job in 1991 with the BOP, Rolle worked as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Rolle resides in El Reno, Oklahoma and is married to Robert Rolle, also native of Miami, and has two daughters, Valarie, 5, and April, 8.

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PROFILE

JOEDRECKA BROWN

a 1994 graduate, is a medical student at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. For Miss FAMU for 1993, helping others is something she has always wanted to do ever since she was a little girl.

"I was always interested in seeing how life worked," said Brown.

Her love for helping others, and her curiosity for learning about life created in her a passion for medicine she believes will never die. That passion led her to Florida A&M University where she majored in biology/pre-medicine, and now that same love will take her to Emory University in the fall.

"I am very excited about attending Emory, and I'm anticipating a very successful career," said Brown, who is affectionately referred to as "Jo."

By attending Emory, Brown hopes to establish herself in the medical profession, and one day open up her own non-profit medical clinic in the U.S. and in a third world country.

"There are many people who are in need of health care who don't seek services," said Brown. "Some don't because they feel intimidated by some of the health care



Brown

professionals, others because they cannot afford services. I want to establish a clinic where people, black or white, would feel comfortable and receive proper medical care."

Brown also talked about making sure missionaries were present at the clinic to help them with spiritual and other needs.

Her desire to give back could be seen in activities she was involved while at FAMU. She was a participant in programs such as Community Outreach, the Church Youth Group and the Voter Registration Drive. She gave inspirational talks to a number of youth conferences including a "Drug Destroy Dreams" rally for high school students in Tallahassee.

"Since being Miss FAMU, I've been able to speak to a lot of young people," said Brown, who added that after her talk during a "Drug Destroy Dreams" conference some of the high school students came up to her and asked for her autograph. Young people remember the impressionable things that you say to them."

Every Florida A&M University student has something that distinguishes each one from the other. What was unique about Miss FAMU for 1993 was the intensity of her religious convictions.

The daughter of Rev. Joseph Lee and Edna Scott Brown of Tallahassee, Joedrecka contributes her attitude to the training from her parents and her faith in God, who she says strengthens her.

Brown's positive personality, time management skills and motivational level is the outcome of what her mother Edna Brown calls "her special relationship with God." Brown has always reveled in making people happy.

What she had in mind in terms of her reign as Miss FAMU was also tied to her love of people.

"I did not think that this title was symbolic of a beauty contest where I was there to be seen and walk around the football field at halftime waving my hand and smiling," she said. "I wanted to share the beauty of love."



(L-R) Denise Barrett, Joedrecka Brown, and the reigning Miss FAMU, Apreal Mitchell.

JAMES LOCKLEY

a 1985 graduate of Florida A&M University, has recently been sworn in as a U.S. Marshal for the northern district of Florida. Lockley, 41, is the first African-American and the youngest person in Florida to be named to a position in the oldest law enforcement agency in the country.

He doesn't pack a long-nosed .44 on his hip as Wyatt Earp did, and Tombstone isn't his territory, but he has just gunned down one of law enforcement's oldest racial barriers. The new marshal was nominated by U.S. Senator Bob Graham, D-Florida, and appointed by President Bill Clinton.

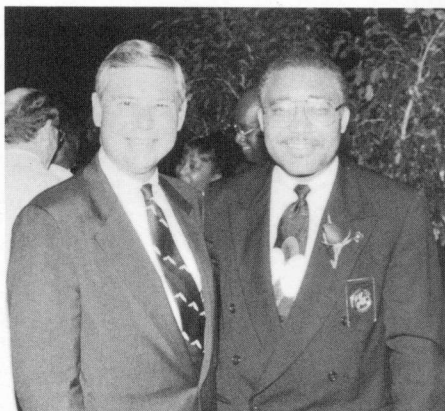
"It's a milestone for blacks that opens the door to diversity in an agency traditionally thought of as white," said Lockley.

A public swearing-in ceremony was held in Lee Hall Auditorium with Federal Judge Maurice Paul officiating. Paul is chief federal judge of Florida's northern district.

Graham says Lockley brings "the important qualities of integrity, dedication and professionalism to the position of U.S. Marshal." "I have known Mr. Lockley for many years, and I am confident he will serve with distinction," the senator said.

The new marshal doesn't expect any shoot-outs like the famous and historic 30-second gunfight at the O.K. Corral between Earp and his "deputies" and the Clanton gang on October 26, 1881, but he does foresee plenty hard work keeping the marshals office busy.

His office is responsible for a gamut of duties including federal judiciary tasks, courthouse security, transportation of prisoners, witness



Sen. Graham and Lockley

protection and fugitive apprehension. But Lockley said he's confident he can do the job because he has a history of experience in law enforcement.

"I've worked in law enforcement for some 20 years in every capacity from detective, to the governor's (Graham) security officer, to investigator," he said. Lockley's two decades of law enforcement service also include combating white-collar crime, agent hiring and sitting on review, policy, and procedures boards.

"I view the appointment as an honor and I respect my colleagues," he said, adding that being the first black marshal has special significance for him. "African-Americans have never held a position of this magnitude in law enforcement. It's a very serious position."

Lockley is responsible for the northern territory of Florida, including every county from Alachua (Gainesville), Levy, and Gilchrist, west to Escambia (Pensacola).

With the new position comes a move to Tallahassee where his office will be headquartered in the federal building. He has offices also in Gainesville, Pensacola and Panama City.

Lockley's appointment brings with it a long list of well-wishers and supporters, including Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Jack Wise, who praised the new marshal on his professionalism.

RATTLER PROFILE

"I worked with Jim for several years and when I talk about him I can describe him in three words: professional, respectful and friend," Wise said.

"You know there are always certain people who impact others and Jim is that kind of person," Wise continued. "He is just simply a pleasure to work with and someone I'll remember the rest of my life. The marshal's office is lucky to have him."

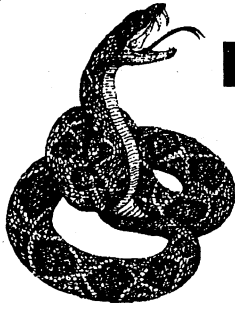
Educating minorities about the agency is a goal Lockley said intends to achieve. Many people still view the marshal's office as being like it was in the Wild West, but it isn't according to Lockley.

"It involves a lot more. During the time of Earp and Dillon, a U.S. Marshal was appointed to enforce the law of the land and set up courts for the judicial system," he said.

"The responsibilities at that time are still in place, but there's just a lot more federal agencies now."

Lockley's roots in law enforcement began in Tallahassee after completing his early education in the schools of Duval County. He graduated from Tallahassee Community College, and received his bachelors degree in criminal justice from FAMU.

His FAMU roots also run deep. His wife, Gloria, is an alumna and his daughter, Angelethia, is in her fourth year at the university. Lockley's younger brother, Eric Lockley, is currently in his fifth year in the FAMU/FSU College of Engineering.



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MILES RETIRES AS FAMU FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

The Rev. Moses G. Miles, Class of 1941, recently retired as the President of the FAMU Foundation after a nine year stint. A banquet honoring him was held in Miami at the summer Foundation Board of Directors meeting. In addition, ascholarship was established in his name.

"Rev. Miles has provided the leadership that has helped FAMU to develop one of the largest endowments of any minority institution in the country," said Leo P. Sam, Jr., Vice President for University Relations/Public Affairs. "He has been the catalyst for change that affected the quality of student life, organizations and activities."

During his tenure, the foundation, which stands at nearly \$30 million, has seen its greatest growth.

Miles was president of the FAMU National Alumni Association during a critical period in the school's history, from 1980 to 1984, when the Association and the University were at odds with each other, he helped to keep them working for the same goal, the betterment of FAMU. When he assumed the presidency, he announced that all dis-unity and disharmony must cease and urged alumni to use their efforts toward making FAMU move forward. He described himself as "zesty, unfettered and unafraid."

"His election as president of the National Alumni Association was pivotal in the history of FAMU," said Brodes Hartley, president-elect of the Foundation. "He was elected during a time when there were critical discussions and the University and the Association needed a healer. Miles played a key role in the healing process, was outspoken, and worked to mobilize alumni support for the university. He has continued that support



Miles

as president of the FAMU Foundation."

Miles has served in various capacities at the university including; director of Men's Personnel, Commandant, Dean of Men, mathematics instructor, Director of Public Relations, Director of Student Activities and Dean of Students. He was very instrumental in the design and building of the Student Union Center, according to university officials.

"He is an outstanding national personality who has been a staunch advocate for students and FAMU for more than 50 years," said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. "In times of crises, FAMU graduates from generation to generation have gained strength from his leadership and his unshakable determination."

Within the religious arena, Rev. Miles has been the pastor of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church in Tallahassee since 1948. He served as president of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention (1963-1993), secretary of the board of directors of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, U.S.A., since 1956 and executive director of the National Primitive Baptist Publishing Board since 1963.

He is founder and was the first administrator of Miracle Hill Nursing Home, Inc. in Tallahassee and also founded the Primitive Baptist Church Camp in Worthington Springs, Florida.

“Bullet”

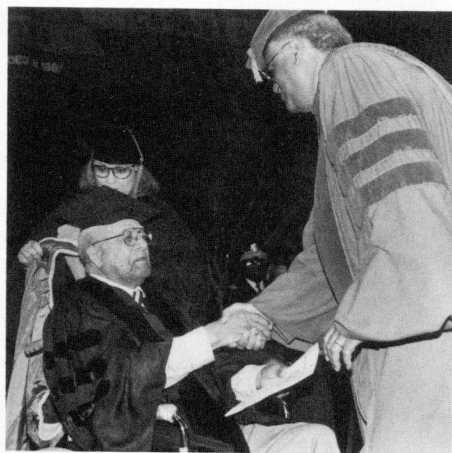
BOB HAYES GRADUATES FROM FAMU

Robert “Bullet” Hayes, who won two gold medals in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, received an even “greater honor” when he walked across the commencement stage and received his bachelor’s degree during FAMU’s Summer Commencement Exercises in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

Hayes, whose degree is in elementary education, was recruited as a football player out of Matthew Gilbert High School in Jacksonville by the late FAMU coach Alonzo “Jake” Gaither. His greatest accomplishments, however, were in track and field.

As a freshman he tied the World Record in the 100 meter dash with a time of 9.3 seconds. As a junior he set another record of 9.2 seconds. By the time Hayes left FAMU he had set a new world record of 9.1 at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He won two gold medals for victories in the 100 meter dash and the 400 meter relay. Hayes, also had an outstanding career as a professional football player with the Dallas Cowboys.

Hayes is now retired from sports but continues to serve as a role model for



Dr. Joe Lang Kershaw

youths, speaking to groups and especially youth about the importance of an education.

“It’s a thrill at 51 years of age to finally be graduating from college,” said Hayes. “I think so many people give up and take the

attitude that it’s not worth it; but they’re wrong. I take great pride in this accomplishment. I challenge all athletes to get their diploma. But my challenge is not just for athletes, it’s for everyone, no matter what age, from all walks of life. I am especially grateful that God gave me the opportunity, through good people like those at Florida A&M who encouraged me to achieve this goal.”

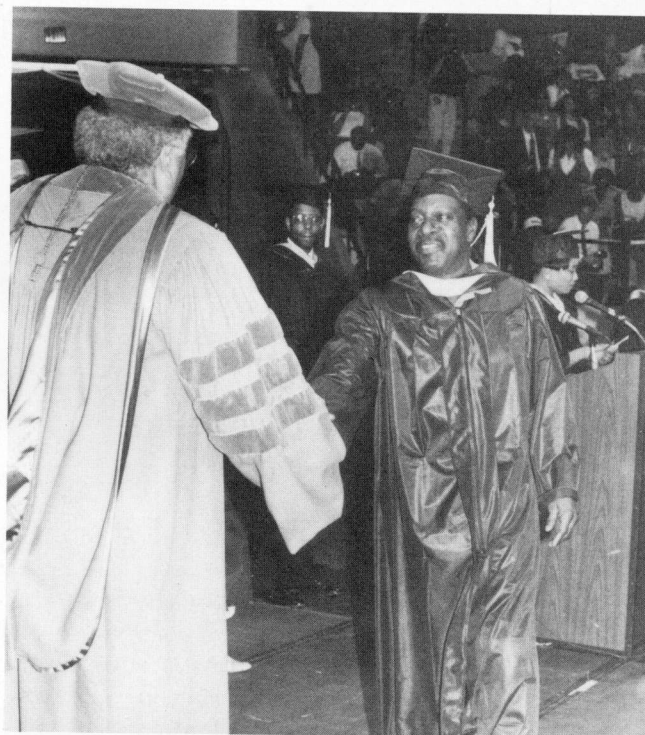
FAMU awarded honorary doctorates of Humane Letters to commencement speaker, Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica and alumnus Joe Lang Kershaw, who in 1968 became the first African-American elected to the state Legislature since Reconstruction.

Robinson, who fasted for 27 days on tomato juice and water to focus attention on the U. S. Government’s policy toward Haiti said the graduates must come to learn that things don’t happen because they are right.

“Success is guaranteed through hard work and commitment and good things happen because people tenaciously fight for what is right,” Robinson said.

“FAMU is my pride,” Kershaw said after receiving the honorary doctorate. “When I was in the Legislature I did all I could to help my alma mater,” he said.

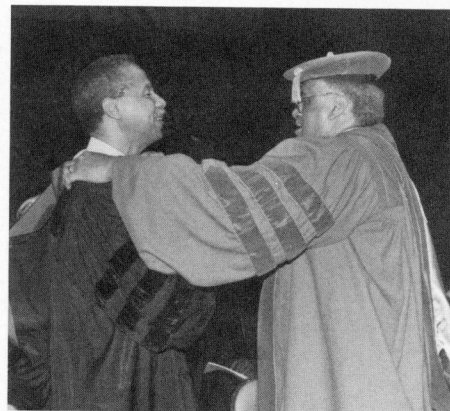
A graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Kershaw was a pathfinder who created new opportunities for African-Americans who aspired to



Bob Hayes at graduation

become elected officials,” said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. “He used his power and influence to help FAMU remain an autonomous and independent University,” Humphries said.

Kershaw was also recognized for his instrumental role in establishing the FAMU Black Archives.



Dr. Randall Robinson

FAMU

Offers Second Chance for African-American Males

Life after high school for at-risk African-American males in Florida doesn't have to lead to a job or jail.

FAMU has announced that it will offer a full scholarship covering tuition, room and board to an at-risk African-American male who has maintained a C average in high school, but shows "academic promise."

The Daryl F. Baker Scholarship of Promise is named after the father of alumna Dayatra Baker-White to help troubled young men make their lives better. Baker-White funded the scholarship as a tribute to her father. To apply for the scholarship - valued between \$20 - \$30,000 - students need to complete their senior year by June 30, and have

a GPA between 1.5 and 2.5. In addition, applicants must earn at least a minimum overall

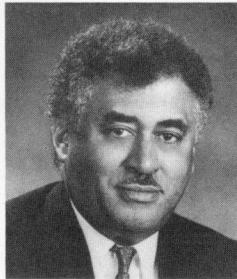


Saunders

GPA of 2.0 in the senior year of high school. A 500 word essay and letters of recommendation are also required.

"We want to send a message throughout the state of Florida that channeling your energies into education can be one of the best tickets to success a young man can ever secure in life," says FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. "This scholarship is not intended to reward at-risk behavior, but be a catalyst for change. We know that whatever a young man's experiences have been, there has to be a turning point, and we recognize the power of an education."

The majority of FAMU students, about 76 percent, enter the university with a 3.0 or better, and with SAT scores of at least 900, according to Sharon Saunders of the FAMU Public Affairs Office and coordinator of the scholarship program. The remaining 24 percent of the student population are admitted



Humphries

under an "alternative admissions programs" because they don't meet state admission requirements. This policy is only extended to in-state

and the state's department of corrections by the end of the year, according to a study by the Florida Supreme Court's Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission.

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS:

African-American Males

Ages 25 to 34

	Black Males	White Males
H.S. Diploma	82.2%	81.4%
Median Income w/H.S. Diploma	\$15,685	\$22,291
BA Degree	12.2%	24%
Median Income w/BA Degree	\$31,144	\$40,516
Never Married	56.4%	35.8%
Married	37.4%	57.8%
Divorced	5.9%	6.4%

"Most universities are set up only to deal with students who are considered well prepared and well educated, but they have yet to come up with ways to help turn the lives of Black men around," says Eric Abercrombie, director of ethnic programs and

services at the University of Cincinnati and organizer of the national Black male think tank.

The search for troubled and academically unqualified African-American males doesn't mean that FAMU isn't still interested in seeking out the best and brightest, says Humphries. A year ago, FAMU recruited the second highest number of African-American national merit scholars in the country, second only to Harvard University.

But to reverse worsening national trends that portray African-Americans as 12 percent of the population and nearly 50 percent of the prison population, there is a need to reach out to male students who have given up on college, says Humphries.

In Florida, where African-Americans make up about 14 percent of the population, an estimated 30 percent of all African-American males ages 18 to 34 will either be in jail or under the supervision of the courts

services at the University of Cincinnati and organizer of the national Black male think tank.

"I've never heard of a scholarship like the one at FAMU," says Abercrombie, "but we had better start investing in these types of programs. Many of the brothers who are counted out will be able to make it in program's like theirs."

For more information about the Scholarship of Promise, call the FAMU Office of Public Affairs at (904) 599-3861.

New Housing Complex Opens



FAMU's newest apartment style housing unit, Palmetto South.

FAMU has opened its new \$5 million student housing complex located three blocks south of the main campus. President Frederick S. Humphries said the opening of the facility is symbolic of a dream he had when he became president of FAMU in 1985.

"When I came on board, the dormitories were only 85 percent full," he said. "My goal was to fill the dormitories and increase student enrollment to at least 10,000 students. Today, the existing dormitories are filled to capacity and I'm looking to build more complexes like this one."

According to Tyler Combs, interim director of Housing, the Palmetto South Complex is the first dormitory built at the University in the last 25 years. "We are proud of this moment," said Combs. "This complex will help us to meet the needs of our students."

Located on eight acres, the Palmetto Street South Housing Complex was completed in November, 1993. It includes four apartment buildings with furnished three and four bedroom suites, computer cable hook-ups and air conditioning. The 360 bed complex has laundry facilities, a

lounge, game room, private parking and nightly security patrol.

Combs said students living in the complex find the environment comfortable and safe.

"The accommodations at the apartment are very nice," said Raymond Devon Crump, a sophomore business economics major from Minneapolis. "The apartments are larger than I expected them to be and the location to campus is very manageable."



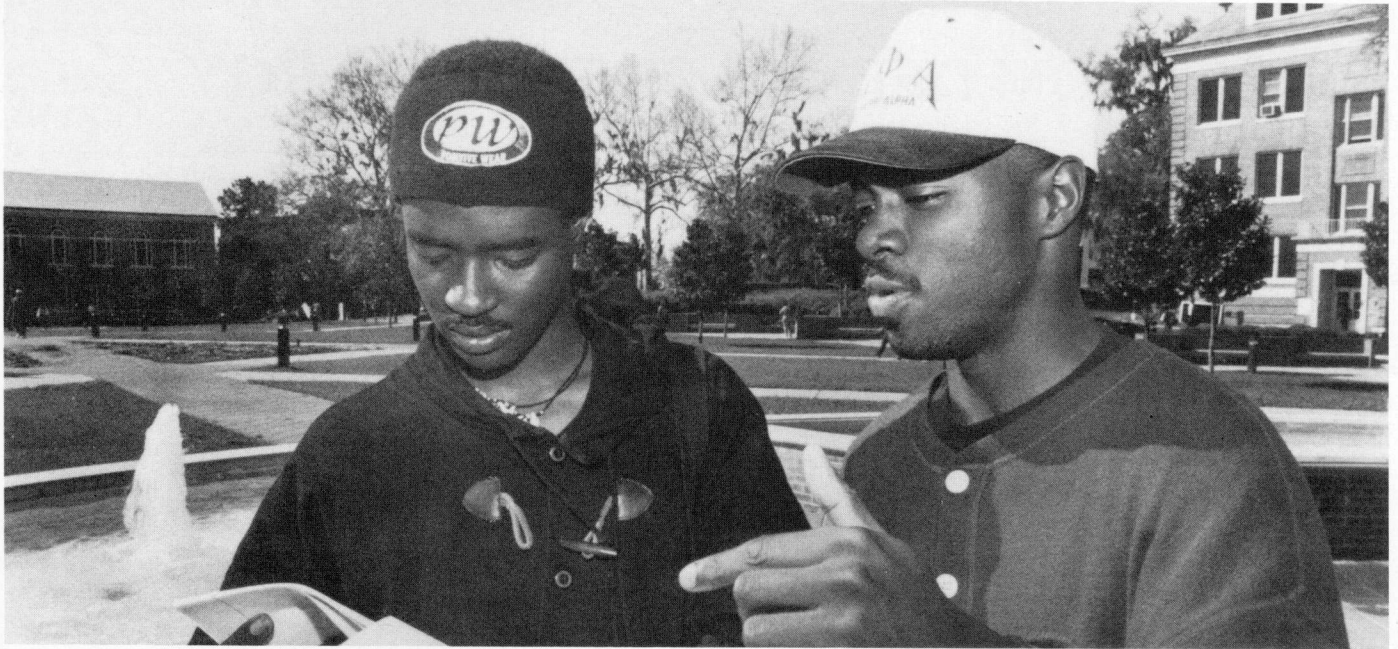
Combs

a \$10.6 million science facility and a \$6.8 million Plant Operations Building. The SBI east wing is the first phase of SBI's Dean Sybil Mobley's vision of a "world culture center." The fourth floor wing will consist mainly of management labs and faculty offices. The Plant Operations Building will house the FAMU Police

Department, Plant Operations and Maintenance, Facilities Planning, the Division of Environmental Health and Safety, Parking, Property, the Central Store and Receiving. The science facility, which includes 65,000 gross square feet, will house 50 research offices, 26 graduate student spaces, a 150 seat lecture hall, two 30 seat seminar rooms, a 10,000 square feet library, 48 research laboratories, and 1,890 square feet of animal research space.

FAMU has broken ground on three other facilities—an east wing for the School of Business and Industry (SBI),

Lights, Camera, Action!



Hardy goes over the fine points with a "Chocolate City" crew member.

Rob Hardy, a junior mechanical engineering student, has recently finished shooting a major motion picture. The film, *Chocolate City*, was shot this spring at FAMU. Using 16 MM color film, borrowed equipment, FAMU students, and a shoe string budget, Hardy transformed portions of the institution into a movie set.

The film itself was written, produced and directed by Hardy. It stars FAMU's finest, and includes an original (student made) 14 song soundtrack, a line of clothing, and a book entitled, "The Making of *Chocolate City*." The movie stresses the importance of making sound decisions while attending college, and is set at a generic Historically Black College. The film has an estimated running time of two hours and is currently being edited.

Unfortunately, FAMU does not have a film school. However, there are an abundance of talented students who are interested in pursuing their interests in media. As a result, Hardy and several other students formed the FAMU Cinema Club with the purpose of portraying the images of African-Americans in a positive light, through the media. The organization will be embarking on other film projects.

Towards the latter part of the film production, Hardy co-founded Rainforest Productions, Incorporated, a company he hopes will serve as a vehicle for African-Americans in film. Since the

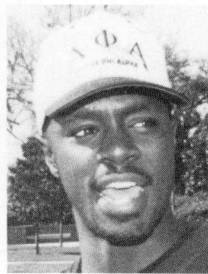
formation of the company, Rainforest has shot a campaign commercial for a Student Government Association candidate, a community service video for his fraternity, and is scheduling a music video shoot in the near future. With *Chocolate City* as the first of many films, the young company hopes to secure a distribution and production deal with a major distributor. Hardy hopes to screen his film in theaters across the nation, with a Black College Tour which began in October, 1994.

The film premiered at FAMU on September 8th with a "Black Tie" premier in Lee Hall. Rainforest worked with SGA, WAMF (campus radio station), and the Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity to sponsor "Chocolate City Week." Activities during the week included a basketball tournament, live soundtrack performances and an after-party.

Hardy hopes to attract alumni, entertainers, investors, and other supporters. If you are interested in helping the film be a success, send your contributions to:

The FAMU Cinema Club
c/o Rainforest Productions
P. O. Box 7173

Tallahassee, Florida 32314-7173 or call (904) 552-3924 for information on having the film shown in your area.



Hardy

FAMU RECEIVES \$3.8 MILLION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FAMU has received one of its largest single grants - a \$3.8 million award from the U. S. Department of Energy to increase the number of minorities earning degrees in the environmental sciences.

The money will be used to fund an Environmental Biotechnology Program that will provide scholarships and funding for post doctoral minority environmental

research scientists and help to establish bachelor's and master's degree programs in environmental science at the University.

FAMU was able to secure the



Meek

grant through the help of alumna and Congresswoman Carrie Meek, of Miami, who provided FAMU with a forum to testify before the Energy and Water Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee regarding the need for a proposed

Environmental Sciences Institute at FAMU.

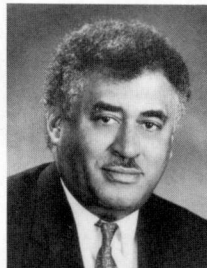
"Billions of dollars will be spent in the next decade in environment related areas," said Charles



Kidd

Kidd, associate vice president for environmental programs at FAMU. "Cities are having trouble finding individuals who can tackle some of the environmental problems they face from day to day. The work force, with the expertise to deal with environmental issues, is not large enough and comprises less than four percent of minorities. We need to increase the pool of professionals in this area."

Kidd, who is principal investigator for the project, said the grant will help the University develop a cadre of professionals who will use science and engineering knowledge to eliminate health and



Humphries

environmental hazards.

"We are in need of a broad spectrum of environmental scientists and engineers who are especially trained to

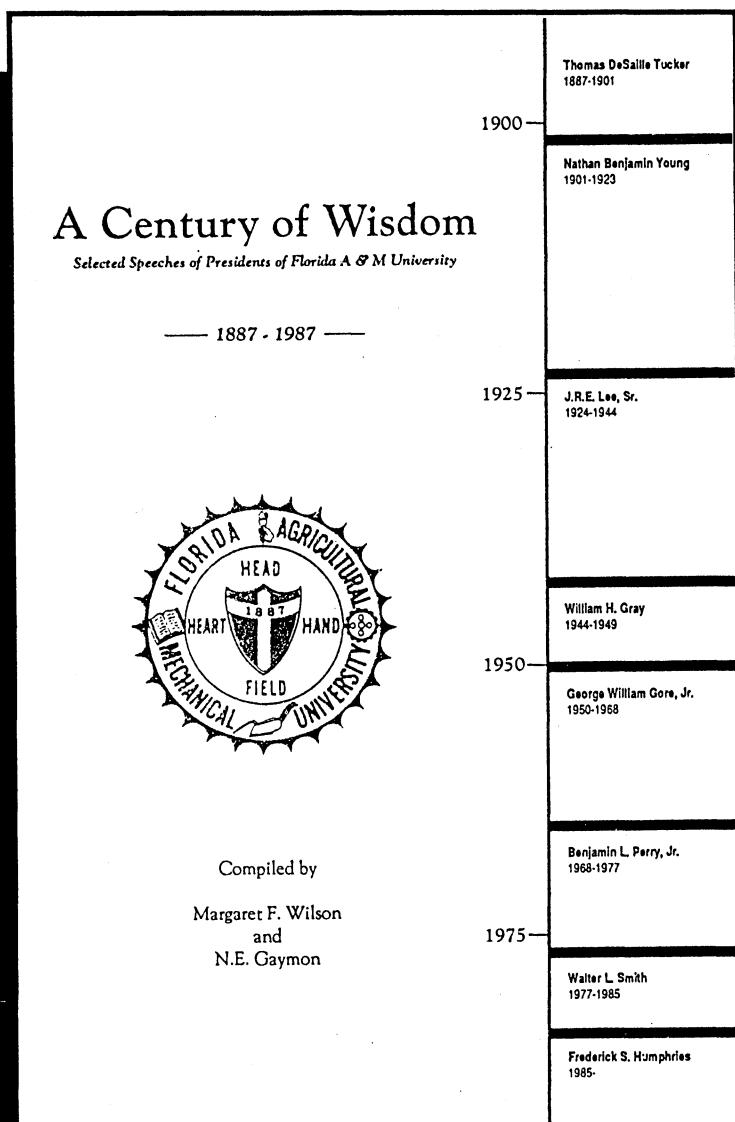
recognize, evaluate or predict the severity of existing or potential environmental hazards," said FAMU President Frederick S. Humphries. "FAMU's research expertise is well established and we have an exceptional pool of students whose energies can be channeled in this area."

FAMU plans to hire environmental scientists with research and teaching experiences who will design new courses and provide leadership and in the areas of environmental biotechnology, radiation protection, environmental risk assessment, environmental restoration and waste management.

Through a cooperative agreement with the University of Florida, FAMU has agreed to produce 24 faculty and graduate researchers in two years who will have expertise in advance biotechnology with an emphasis on DNA separation and protein chemistry. Kidd is also hoping that most will return to the University to be key participants in the development of bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental science.

"It is a great field for students to consider," said Kidd. "Our students who have minors in the environmental sciences increase their earning power by \$12,000 annually." Kidd plans to develop the program through the proposed Environmental Sciences Institute, which is pending approval from the Florida Board of Regents. FAMU currently offers a minor in environmental science and a Ph.D. in pharmacy with specialization in environmental toxicology.

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MAKING THE SYSTEM WORK

Jake Gaither and Black College Football Prior To Desegregation

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and Author of "Jake Gaither, America's Most Famous Black Coach"

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Alonzo "Jake" Gaither, the legendary former football coach at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, died in February. He was 90 years old.

Jake Gaither was in an elite class of Black football coaches, along with John Merritt at Tennessee State, and Eddie

Robinson at Grambling, who did not complain about school segregation, but used it to their advantage. Ninety-five percent of all Black high school football teams in Florida, at one point, were coached by one of Gaither's former pupils. When it came time for them to graduate from high school, the best players in the state were steered to the "Papa Rattler."

As one writer notes, "If you took all the current Black players from Florida State,

Florida and Miami and put them on one team, you would get an idea of how good Jake Gaither's clubs were at Florida A&M."

In 25 years of coaching at the university, Gaither won almost 85 percent of his games. He retired in 1973 with a record of 203-36-4, which was better than any active coach at the time. His teams won six national Black collegiate championships and every conference title except three. FAMU

produced 36 All-American players in 25 years.

At a time when African-Americans were not allowed to play sports at major Deep South universities, Gaither sent more than 40 players to the National Football League, including Bob Hayes, who won two gold medals in the 1964 Olympics and later became an outstanding wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys; Willie Galimore, the star running back on the Chicago Bears' 1963 championship team; (then Oakland) Raiders running back Hewritt Dixon; Raiders defensive tackle Carleton Oates; Al Denson of the Denver Broncos; Roger Finnie, and Ken Riley, who later became head football coach at his alma mater.

Gaither was named to the Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 1975, the first coach of a predominantly Black college to win that honor. He was also selected Small College Coach of the Year three times by the Associated Press in 1961, the American Football Coaches Association in 1962, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in 1969 - the year his team defeated the University of Tampa in the first interracial college football game in the South.

In 1977, I wrote a biography of Gaither titled, *Jake Gaither: America's Most Famous Black Coach*. The book, now out of print, was published by Dodd, Mead & Company. The following was adapted from two chapters in that biography:

"I remember the time we were playing North Carolina A&T and we were behind by seven points," says Al Frazier, a former Rattler who now lives in New York. "I think we had twenty-five seconds left in the game. We were back in our own territory, and I think there was time for two more plays. At that particular time, my tooth had come through my lip, my mouth swollen, and I had played the whole game without sitting on the sideline, I was just pooped. As soon as I came out of the game for one play, Jake came over and just looked at me, knowing that I didn't

want to go back into the game. I kind of looked off a bit and he said, 'Hell, baby, how are you feeling?'

"All this blood was running down my



William "Bill" Bell (far left), hired Gaither to be his key assistant.

"I want my boys to be agile, mo-bile, and hos-tile," Gaither says, accenting the first syllable of each word.

face, my mouth was puffed out and he says, 'How are you feeling?' I looked at him and said, 'I'm okay.' He said, 'Go back in there and flank out and tell (Dennis) Jefferson to throw you the pass.' I went into the ball game, gave Jefferson the play, flanked out on the end and ran a pretty good pattern. I looked up and the ball was there, it hit me right in the hands. From there on, I took it in for about sixty yards and we won the ball game. Jake came over later, and I told him I really hadn't felt like going in but that I'd do anything for him. Since Jake asked, I had to go back in and try again."

Frazier's experience amply demonstrates what is perhaps Gaither's greatest attribute - his ability to motivate people. In addition to his actual football knowledge, which is considerable, Jake knows how to excite a player. When he asks players to jump, they don't ask, "How come?" They ask, "How high?" When he tells them to run through a brick wall, they don't ask why, only which one. If Gaither asked them to walk to hell, they'd start packing.

Gaither says, "Kindness is the universal language that all people understand. I made it a habit to never leave the field with a boy feeling that I was mad at him. Before I left the field, I'd pat him on the shoulder and say,

'Don't think I got anything against you. I'm chewing you out for your own good. You're still my boy.' That means a lot to a kid. If you don't do something like that to the boy, when he comes to practice the next day, he's got a chip on his shoulder - he figures Coach is mad at him and he's still in the doghouse. He'll sulk and you won't get the best workout of him. But if you let him know that you'll forgive him just don't make

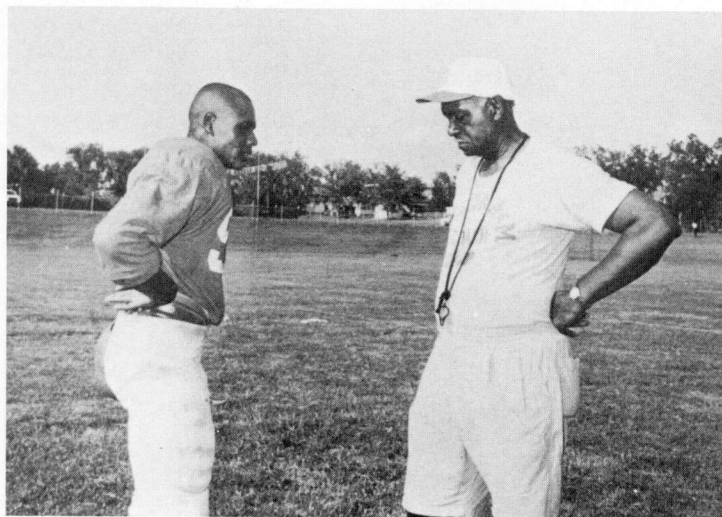
that mistake again, the guy will come back with plenty enthusiasm, believing, 'I'm still the Coach's boy.' They want to be in the good graces of the coach; they don't want to be in the doghouse," especially not at Florida A&M.

"I want my boys to be agile, mo-bile, and hos-tile," Gaither says, accenting the first syllable of each word. "I tell our boys we can't use clumsy guys who fall over their feet. I've sent them to dance classes to help their coordination. That's what I mean by agile. I use the word mobile for quickness. I once had a backfield with a 9.1, a 9.3, and a 9.4 runner. We'd like to hit the hole on a quick handoff in eight-tenths of a second. A daredevil who doesn't worry about getting hurt is my idea of hostility. I don't like any good-natured football players. We don't want anybody running over others and then apologizing. Mow him down, then stand over him and yell, 'I'll eat you up.' Make him wish he had never been born."

Through the use of pep talks and psychology and with dedication, Jake Gaither worked toward one goal: perfection. He calls it "The Spirit of Excellence," a phrase used to describe his obsession with doing his best.

"There is no place in the life of my people for mediocre performances," he lectures. "We must excel. Some of the Chicago people were amazed at (Willie

Galimore's desire when he got there to the Chicago Bears). They asked me, 'Coach, why does your boy run so hard?' and I told them this: 'For a Black boy, this is not just a game of football. He is carrying a cross of fifteen million Blacks on his shoulders. Willie Mays was a great baseball player because fifteen million people said, 'Willie, you



Gaither counsels one of his "boys."

represent us.' Joe Louis was great for the same reason. This has to be the dominating factor in the life of any Black. There is no place in our life for mediocrity. If your job is to sweep this room, I want you to sweep it to the best you can. If you're a dentist, I want you to be able to pull teeth better than any other dentist in your community."

Gaither's deep baritone voice grows deeper and slower as he says, "We try to evaluate our boys, not by the number of games they win, not by how good a football player they are, but on how each will do ten or fifteen years later. The greatest joy that comes to me is seeing that a boy does well in life."

On the football field, as in life, Gaither wants his players to win. He recalls, "One person said, 'All you worry about is winning.' I said, 'What else do you want me to think about? I'm a coach. Yeah, I want to win.' I don't see how anyone can coach conscientiously in competitive sports without setting as his goal the winning of the ball game. But I think along the way to winning you can establish certain basic fundamentals that are necessary for winning: It's hard work, it's dedication to the cause, it's giving attention to instructions, it's following the orders of your coach, it's obeying the play calling of the quarterback, it's working in harmony with your teammates, it's unselfish devotion to duty, all of these have to be put

together. Those are the character traits that we want to develop in a boy while we're moving toward the accomplishment of our final goal of winning.

"They talk about building character. If building character means losing, then I don't want anything to do with it. I can build more character winning than any man can losing.

It's fourth down and goal to go at the two. We are going to run off tackle. I want that defensive tackle double-teamed. I want that halfback to kick out that cornerback. And I want my fullback to take the football and charge with his knees under his chin. I want him to run up that

linebacker's stomach and leave him flat. Now, you tell me that you're going to talk about character to that poor linebacker?"

The Jake Gaither farm system, the well-oiled machine that had consistently produced fresh talent for Florida A&M since 1945, ground to a gradual halt in the late 1960s. The machine stopped not because of crop failure, but because it became clogged by desegregation, which was supposed to be the panacea for a myriad of social problems afflicting Blacks.

It is ironic as it is sad that Blacks were forced to attend predominantly Black schools because America, for the most part, did not move with any speed, let alone all deliberate speed, to remove all vestiges of discrimination and segregation. Yet when it appears, superficially at least, that many of these barriers are falling as a result of increased desegregation, it is the Black schools and educators who seem to be suffering most because of this belated acceptance of Blacks as human beings.

Of paramount concern to Gaither, and others similarly situated, is the fact that under desegregation plans ordered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and its successor, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Black secondary schools are being closed or converted to junior high schools. More often than not, the Black role model, teachers,

coaches, and principals, are also being displaced. Black colleges, already seeing what had been a rich Black talent to choose from dissipate (the black high schools), are also faced with competition on the college level. The White institutions of higher learning that once turned their backs on African-Americans are now getting the best Black athletes for their own teams with the aid of wealthy alumni, bloated budgets that approach the national debt in size and, in some instances, illegal financing enticements. Meanwhile, Gaither and other Black college coaches have been left on the sidelines, forgotten or largely ignored. While there is no denying that these Black coaches would rather get these same athletes themselves, as they did in the past, the problem runs deeper than mere selfishness.

"Here they find a better social life and more satisfying comradeship," Gaither says. "The entire faculty is interested in the welfare of the boy. He gets a lot of personal attention, and we follow him all through life. I feel obligated to make sure that when a boy graduates, he gets a job. My boys have gone on to coach at all but four or five of the Black high schools in Florida. They can't get this kind of attention at White schools."

The point was expressed more succinctly several years ago when a Black, about to



Coach Gaither at his best.

graduate from a large Northern university approached Gaither about a coaching job at a meeting of the American Football Coaches Association.

Asked the student, "You mean to tell me no Whites go to your school?"

Gaither replied, "Yes."

"Are most of the teachers Black?"

"Yes, they are."

"Are all the students Black?"

"Yes."

"Then why should I go to your school?"



"Jake" - The Legend (Agile, Mobile, Hostile) reunites with his "boys."

born Black and you're going to die Black. Nine times out of 10, you're going to marry a Black woman. You're going to live in a Black neighborhood. Your friends from this day until the day you die are going to be Black. You got to work with them and you're going to live with them and you're going to die with them. Don't kid yourself, those White classmates that you see are not going to be your life-long friends. That's probably the last time you're going to see them. You need to go to a Black school to learn something about the people you got to live and die with." The student applied for the job.

Competition from larger White institutions was only half of Gaither's problem; the other half was that the last two decades brought a dismantling of the dual school system in the South, a system in which 99.999 percent of the Black students attended all-Black institutions. The swift acceleration of school desegregation had produced a corresponding increase of school desegregation complaints by Black students and teachers, many of them apparently justified. B. Drummond Ayres, Jr., writing in *The New York Times*, observed: No matter how successful the desegregation has been, however, Whites and Blacks still tend to go their separate ways once out of the classroom and off the playing field. There is minimal mingling in the lunchroom, at the senior prom (if it has not been canceled).

"Fundamentally, I think the biggest weakness of integration for my people is that the White teacher doesn't give a damn."

Most integrated schools have begun 'tracking' or 'ability grouping' their better students into accelerated courses, a procedure that sometimes resegregated Whites and Blacks. Where Black and White systems have been merged, Black principals and teachers have been sometimes demoted or dismissed. Where discipline is a major problem, Black students often are punished more severely and more frequently than Whites."

Jake Gaither needs no one to tell him that Black schools, principals, and coaches are about to become as extinct as the dinosaur.

"Integration had just about eliminated that Black coach," he says. "I used to have a lot of my boys in high school jobs. After integration, most of them became assistant coaches or rubdown boys. They've been phased out."

"Fundamentally, I think the biggest weakness of integration for my people is that

the White teacher doesn't give a damn. The one thing that we didn't anticipate when we were fighting for integration, we took for granted the idea that if a child happened to get under a White teacher, that teacher was going to give him every chance to get an education and would be just as concerned about his getting an education as he would be for White kids. That's where we were wrong.

When we have Whites teaching Black kids, the tendency is to put Blacks in the back of the room. let them play cards all day, or let them stay out of school all day, as long as they don't disturb the other kids. Our kids are not getting as good an education as they got before integration. Blacks had black teachers and coaches telling them, 'You got to go to college. You got to be somebody.' The White teacher doesn't care whether he goes or not."

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ALONZO SMITH "JAKE" GAITHER, GREAT AMERICAN



HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 24, 1994

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House, I rise today to pay tribute to Alonzo Smith "Jake" Gaither. Jake was the legendary head football coach of Florida A&M University from 1945 to 1969. He passed away last Friday. He was 90 years old.

Gaither coached the Rattler football team for 25 seasons compiling 203 wins, 36 losses, and 4 ties. His winning percentage of .844 has been exceeded by only five college coaches in history, although none have won as many games. Three times he was chosen as college football's national coach of the year by the Associated Press, the American Football Coaches Association, and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

He is the only college football coach ever to receive college football's "triple crown." He was elected to the College Hall of Fame of the National Football Foundation, and in the same year received the Amos Alonzo Stagg and the Walter Camp Awards. No other college coach since has received all three awards, let alone received them in all

the same year.

But that is only part of Jake Gaither's legacy. Coach Gaither was much more than an innovative football coach who taught the likes of Paul "Bear" Bryant, Ara Parsegen, Woody Hayes, Eddie Robinson, Bobby Bowden, and others at his annual coaching clinics.

Much of what Jake Gaither leaves behind has nothing to do with football and everything to do with teaching his boys lessons to see them through life. Jake and his wife, Sadie, never had children, so each of his players in essence became a part of their family. He taught his "boys" character. He taught them values.

Gaither once said, "I can teach a lot more character winning than I can losing." Gaither taught a lot of character. He was determined to work on the "whole" youngster, not just the athlete. He told his boys, "You will be gentlemen off the field and on."

Gaither also said, "A coach shouldn't be as concerned about what kind of player he's developing in college, as what kind of man he's made in fifteen years."

Perhaps former Congressman Don Fuqua said it best: "Few men have achieved the success that Jake Gaither has known in his profession. Few men have achieved such universal respect and love from his fellow man. Few men have known the thrill that has come to this compassionate giant in taking young men and instilling confidence and pride in them to the extent that those lessons are never forgotten."

Mr. Speaker, we have lost not only a great teacher, motivator and innovator, but a great Floridian and, indeed, a great American.

The Honorable Carrie P. Meek represents District 17 covering Dade County, Florida in the United States Congress. She is an outstanding alumna who always fights on behalf of her alma mater.



Keith W. Berry, Class of '87, and Sadahri K. White, Class of '93 announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a native of Tampa, Florida and a magna cum laude graduate with a B.S. degree in business administration. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is currently employed with Nations Bank in Tampa.

The groom-to-be is a 1983 graduate of Monroe High School. He received his undergraduate degree in history from FAMU in 1987 and his master's in history from Florida State University in 1991. He is currently a doctoral candidate in history at FSU and currently employed with Hillsborough Community College in Tampa.

Navy Lt. Commander Major D. Bursey, Class of '77, recently received the Navy Achievement Medal.

Bursey was cited for superior performance of duty while serving with Commander, Fleet Air, Western Pacific, Atsugi, Japan where he is currently assigned.

There, Bursey played a key role in U.S. Naval Air Station, Cubi Point closure. As the director of the administrative functions of the unit's logistics department, Bursey's exceptional capacity to organize and manage resources led to outstanding results during a recent visit by the Navy Inspector General and during a high level efficiency review.

The award, presented during formal ceremonies, is official recognition for his outstanding achievements and devotion to duty. The 1971 graduate of Arkansas Senior High School joined the Navy in January, 1972.

Kenneth B. Darby, Class of '77, is the new assistant vice president and media relations manager for First Union National Bank of Florida.

A 15 year veteran of Florida public relations, Darby will be based at First Union's Jacksonville headquarters.

Darby will manage First Union's

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statewide media relations program, assisting reporters with stories on First Union's broad array of financial services, including traditional bank products, trust and investment services, small business loans, and capital markets products for commercial customers. Other areas of news media focus will include First Union's community development commitments, its education partnerships, and work and family life initiatives.

Darby comes to First Union from the Florida Sports Foundation where he managed media relations and corporate communications since 1991. In that role, he worked extensively with the Florida news media, and with business, political and community leaders throughout the state.

Jacksonville based First Union National Bank of Florida is the nation's 12th largest bank, based on assets of approximately \$27 billion and 458 statewide offices. The bank is a principle subsidiary of First Union Corporation, the nation's ninth largest bank holding company with assets of approximately \$71 billion.

Dr. William P. Foster, the illustrious director of bands and chairman of the music department at FAMU, has been elected the 57th president of the American Bandmasters Association (ABA) during its 1994 National Convention in Honolulu.

"It is the highest honor to be bestowed on a band director in the country," said Foster. "I am proud to assume this role and anticipate my tenure as president-elect and president."

Foster will preside at the 1995 convention to be held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, his alma mater.

"I accept this position with pride, humility and honor," said Foster, who is the first black member and first black to be elected president of the organization. "The action taken by the American Bandmasters Association is most significant and



historical."

Foster has a distinguished career as a band director. A past president of the Florida Music Educators Association and national president of College Band Directors National Association, Foster has earned a number of awards and honors from the Florida Legislature, Florida Cabinet and Board of Regents, the U. S. Congress, National Band Association, Kappa Kappa Psi, University of Kansas, Wayne State University, Columbia University and Florida A&M University.

Foster has reshaped the world's concept of collegiate marching bands, as evidenced by the nation's most innovative college band, the FAMU "Marching 100." The 329 piece band has been seen by millions of television viewers worldwide, served as the official representative of the United States in the French Bastille Day Parade in Paris in 1989. The band received the Sudler Intercollegiate Marching Band Trophy in 1985.

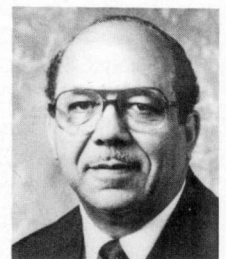
Foster also is former director of the McDonald's All-American High School Band (1980 - 1991) and a conductor, composer, author and adjudicator.

Navy Lt. Tarrance A. Howard, Class of '89, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Arkansas, homeported in Alameda, California.

The 1984 graduate of Wakulla High School of Medart, Florida joined the Navy in December, 1989.

The White House announced the Public Members of the United States Delegation to the Asia and Pacific regional preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women. The regional preparatory meeting will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Tampa attorney Arthenia Joyner, Class of '64, '68 JD, is one of those appointed to



the delegation by President Bill Clinton. Joyner is Chairperson of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Past President of the National Bar Association, Immediate Past National Legal Adviser of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Immediate Past Legal Counsel of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.

Others joining Joyner are: Lynn Cutler of Washington, D.C.; Lilly Chen of Glendale, California; and Lucille Echohawk of Aurora, Colorado.

The Jakarta regional preparatory meeting is one of five regional meetings sponsored by the United Nations in preparation for the World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in September, 1995. Other regional meetings will be held in Argentina, Jordan, Austria, and Africa.

Marine First Lt. Victor O. McKen, Class of '90, recently received a Letter of Appreciation.

McKen was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned with Marine Air Control Squadron Seven, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona.

He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

He joined the Marine Corps in December, 1990.



Felycia Pemberton-Jerald, Class of '88, has joined the staff of the City of Birmingham's Office of Public Information. Pemberton-Jerald has assumed the position of Assistant Public Information

Officer.

Pemberton-Jerald will be responsible for the dissemination of information to the media and to the public and she will assist the Public Information Officer in planning and conducting a public relations program designed to create and maintain a favorable image for the City of Birmingham.

Pemberton-Jerald previously served as a Communication Specialist and Production Editor for Alabama Power company's weekly magazine. She has received The Crystal Quill Award of Excellence, the National Association of Black Journalists Award of Excellence and the Associated Press Newswriting Award.

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Ron J. Fry, Class of '86, won the 1993 President's Award for Excellence from the Armstrong Company.

Fry was one of only twenty-one Armstrong employees selected to receive the honor from among thousands of employees around the world.

Fry, a marketing representative in the Residential Building Products Division, was cited for helping the company exceed its corporate goals and improving shareholder value.

Fry has also been instrumental in helping to re-start the Cincinnati alumni chapter of the Association.



Mr. and Mrs. David Lucas are happy after their wedding at Mt. Zion AME Church in Vero Beach, Florida. The bride, the former Yolanda Wilson, is a FAMU alumna, Class of '91.

Her soul mate is a student in the School of Engineering at FAMU, a former Rattler football star, and a professional football player with the newly formed Canadian Football League team, the Shreveport, Louisiana Pirates.

The couple's wedding announcement appeared in *Jet* magazine.

Ernestine Mosley, Class of '49, has won the Jefferson Award for Community Service from the American Institute for Public Service.

The American Institute for Public Service and the Jefferson Awards were founded in 1972 to create a Nobel Prize for public service in the United States.

Mosley was recognized for the Hi-Tech Tutoring Center, Inc. in Orlando which helps students improve their skills in academics and with the utilization of computers, which have become commonplace in American schools.

Annie Neasman, Class of '69, has won the prestigious Woman of the Year in Public Health Award from the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Neasman, the Health and Rehabilitative Services District Administrator for Health, has always been interested in public health and the promotion of wellness and prevention of diseases. She is responsible for the health, safety, and well-being of all citizens and visitors to Dade and Monroe counties.

This award honors women in Florida who have made significant contributions to the field of public health.

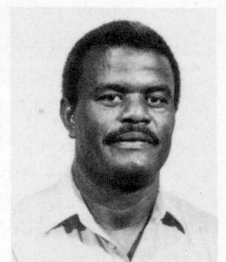
Kevin Neal, Class of '87, has been appointed Assistant Vice President of Associated Industries of Florida.

Neal will serve as a member of AIF team of lobbyists who represent the business community in Florida.

He was very instrumental in Florida's reapportionment that drew district lines for representation in state government.

Johnnie Williams, Class of '61, has been inducted into the 1994 Florida High School Activities Association Hall of Fame.

Williams is the head football coach, athletic director and girls' basketball coach at Quincy Shanks High School in Quincy, Florida. During his playing days at FAMU he was an All-American center for the Rattlers. He has a distinguished career in coaching where he guided the FAMU High Baby Rattlers to three consecutive state championships in football in 1977, 78 and 79. He also coached the Baby Rattlers to state championships in basketball three times.



He coached at the collegiate level at Prairie View A&M, Alabama A&M and at FAMU before taking over the athletic program at Shanks.

He has guided his girls' basketball team to the state playoffs and has turned the football program into a winner.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Wanda Whiting, a 1971 alumna and member of the Philadelphia Chapter, was elected Regional Vice President at the 31st Northeast Regional Conference in Washington, D.C.

The conference was hosted by the Washington Chapter at the Howard Inn on the Howard University campus.

Connecticut Chapter President Claude Perry convened the meeting, fulfilling the last year of Dr. Bennie Samuels' term who returned to FAMU last fall.

In addition to Whiting, Charles Buggs (DC Chapter) was elected First Vice President; Floyd



(L-R) Holley, Farmer, Whiting, Patterson, Bivens, Carrington, Buggs, Story, and Pilate

Patterson (New Jersey Chapter), Second Vice President; Lela Story (Philadelphia Chapter), Recording Secretary; Julian Moreland (DC Chapter), Business Manager; Shirley Carrington (Boston Chapter), Sergeant-at-Arms; Cassie Farmer (Boston Chapter), Parliamentarian; Woodrow Bivens (New York Chapter), Chaplain; Anne P. Holley, (New York Chapter), Member-at-Large.

The highlight of the conference was an update on the university by Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, the keynote address by new head football coach Billy Joe, and a dinner cruise on the "Spirit of Washington." In addition, \$31,000 was raised in support of the University from chapters in the region and from individual gifts.

John Haugabrook, a 1958 graduate and president of the Leon County Chapter, was elected Regional Vice President at the 18th Southeast Regional Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

The conference was hosted by the Metro Atlanta Chapter at the Wyndham Midtown Hotel. Southeast Regional Vice President, and J.R.E. Lee Chapter (Jacksonville) President, Robert "Bob" Porter convened the meeting, the last year of his term as Regional Vice President. Porter was recognized for his outstanding "term at the wheel" by the Association.

In addition to Haugabrook, Elaine Armster (Metro Atlanta Chapter) was elected Recording Secretary; Don Jordan (Metro Charlotte Chapter), Financial Secretary; Leila Walker (Leon County Chapter), Treasurer; Velma Larkins (Metro Atlanta Chapter), Business Manager; Errol Jones (Willie Galimore Chapter), Parliamentarian; and James Jefferson (Palm Beach Chapter), Member-at-Large.

Conference highlights were: Dr. Humphries university update, new head football coach Billy Joe, updates on the new tax laws by Kent Taylor, FAMU



(L-R) SER Vice President Bob Porter Salutes Elaine Armster

Foundation Business Manager, information on the "Second Century Campaign" by Ken Rozier, Director of Development, and an update on the office of alumni affairs by Keith Miles. Miles told the group that chapters should follow the lead of the Palm Beach Chapter who raised over \$42,000, gave \$10,000 through the Association, and helped to send eleven students from the

Palm Beach area to school at FAMU.

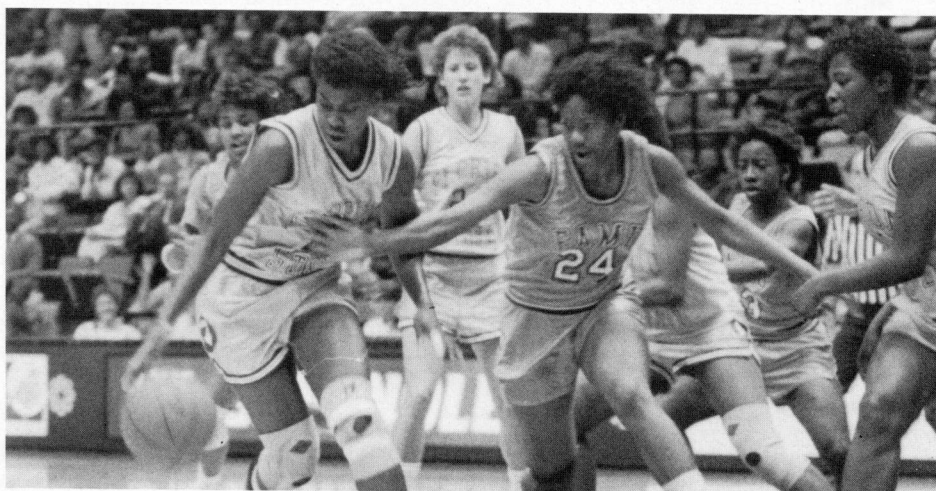
He also proposed that a chapter of the year award be given annually to the chapter who stands out in membership, student recruitment, fund-raising, chapter activities, communications, and support of national, regional, state and local activities. Miles recommended that the award be named for the late George W. Connally, the former alumni director who helped build the Association.

In addition, \$42,000 was raised in support of the University from chapters in the region and from individual gifts. Mrs. Rosa Johnson, of the Tampa Chapter, gave \$20,000 toward the Rosa Johnson Endowment which now has in excess of \$50,000. Mrs. Johnson's gift was received by a standing ovation from the conferees.

SPORTS

Good Year for FAMU Sports Overall

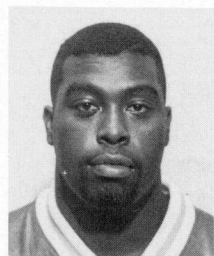
By
Alvin Hollins,
FAMU Sports
Information
Director



The 1993-94

sports year was a good one at FAMU, especially for women's sports.

In 1993-94, Rattlerette Sports Teams won three conference titles in softball, indoor track and outdoor track, with second-place finishes in volleyball, basketball and tennis.



Collier

Individually, five FAMUans earned All-America honors this school year-defensive tackle Ervin Collier, triple jump specialist Dana Kaigler and women's basketball players Natalie White, Cathy Robinson and Delicia Walker.

Overall, 27 athletes from FAMU earned either All-Conference or Conference All-Tournament honors in 1993-94.

In 1993-94, several FAMU athletes led the conference and nation statistically speaking:

- Linebacker Earl Holmes led the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in tackles with 132.

- Guard Natalie White led the nation in steals for the second time in three years, with

172. She became the schools' all-time career leader and single-season leader in steals and is within reach of the NCAA all-time career steals record.

- Center Cathy Robinson set two school records this season - for most field goals in a season and most rebounds in a season. She led the MEAC in rebounding and finished nationally in the NCAA Top 20.

- Outfielder Randall Pannell ranked as high as third in the nation in stolen bases averaging nearly one per game.

- Outfielder Marigrace Mells hit .489 during the season in softball, ranking in the NCAA Top 10 in batting.

- Junior Dana Kaigler reached the finals of the triple jump in the NCAA Indoor Championships, placing in the top seven.

- In volleyball, Kaysoniee Watson and Tracy Parker finished first and second in the nation in Service Ace Average. In fact, the Rattlerette Volleyball team not only led the nation in team service ace average, but had four players ranked in the top 20 in that category, more than any other school.

In the MEAC Championships, there were several outstanding individual performances which helped FAMU win four of the six championships:

- Designated hitter Mike "Tomaho" Sullivan hit .437, with two home runs, three doubles and 12 RBIs to earn Most Valuable Player honors, while pitcher Anthony Moreland won two games in the tournament,

including the championship game in relief against Bethune-Cookman.

- Pitcher Psauntia "Bopper" Andrews won three games in the MEAC Softball Tournament, including a no-hitter and a one-hitter to earn MVP honors.

- Senior Suru Balogun won his third straight singles'

title and teamed with Chris Burls for their third straight doubles title, leading FAMU's men to their fourth straight championship. In all, FAMU demonstrated its' dominance, by winning five of the six singles' finals and one of the three doubles' finals.

- Nicole Peterson and Asia Muhammad won singles' titles for the women's tennis team, while in track, Jerri Sutton, Dana Kaigler, Chris Kelly and Curtis Sheard combined for six of the seven first places won in the outdoor championships.

For the first time ever, the Rattler Baseball team had a chance to compete for the NCAA National Championship.

Florida A&M coaches came in for some honors themselves this year as well.

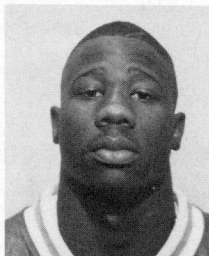
Track coach Bobby Lang was the outstanding coach at the MEAC Indoor and Outdoor championships in leading the women's teams to championships, giving the ladies back-to-back titles in 1993 and 1994. Since 1980, FAMU track teams overall have won a combined 11 outdoor championships.

Robert Mungen won his fourth straight outstanding coach award, for guiding the Rattlers to their fourth championship. His team joins Howard and North Carolina Central as the only MEAC teams to win four straight crowns. No one has ever won five straight.

Softball coach Veronica Wiggins won her second straight outstanding tournament coach award, as the Rattlerettes won their second championship tournament, while baseball coach Joe Durant won his third such award in the last four years.



White



Holmes

Rattler Basketball Signings



FAMU basketball's recruitment efforts continue to bear fruit with signing of Claxton Owens, Jerome James, Gibson Pierre, Scientific Mapp, Olatunda Martin, and Tyrone Lovett.

Claxton Owens, a 6-8, 215 pounder from Booker, Florida, just outside of Gainesville, averaged 10 points, 5.5 rebounds and three blocked shots per game for Tallahassee Community College.



Brown

FAMU coach Ron Brown said of Owens, "Claxton will be a key addition to our program, especially on the front line. He is a strong rebounder and a superb defender inside and will give us a quality performer up front."

Jerome James, a 7-1, 245 pound center from Tampa's Pentecostal Church of God Christian Academy is the biggest ever recruit to sign with the Rattlers.

James, a raw talent who has limited basketball experience, is seen by coach Brown as a shot blocker, who can dunk and has all the tools to develop into a fine collegiate player with time and hard work. Brown said, "He runs the floor exceptionally well for a man his size and also

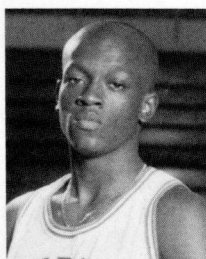
has solid defensive skills."

Gibson Pierre, is a 6-5, 195 pound swing man from Miami Edison High School. At Edison, Pierre averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds per game and was an All-Dade County performer and an FCAA All-Star. The versatile youngster shot 53 percent from the floor and 82 percent from the foul line.

Coach Brown said, "Gibson is a tough, physical player, who should give us improved perimeter play. He is an excellent defensive player who also is an outstanding student."

Scientific Mapp, is a 5-10 point guard from Manhattan (NY) Rice High School where he averaged 7.3 assists per game and fewer than two turnovers per outing.

Mapp's unusual first name earned him



Mapp

some name recognition from late-night talk show host David Letterman as one of his top 10 unusual names, helped lead his team to a number four national ranking by USA Today, as well as the New York City and New York State championships with a 25-4 record.

"He gives us much needed depth at the point guard position and his presence should immediately enhance our level of backcourt

play beginning this year," said coach Brown.

Mapp joins 6-8, 210 pound Olatunda Martin from Piney Woods (Mississippi) High School and Tyrone Lovett, a 6-7, 195 pound forward from Chipola Junior College.

Martin, an honor student at Piney Woods, averaged 23 points, 14 rebounds and 3.4 blocked shots per game and helping his team win the Class AA state title.

Lovett averaged 10.1 points, 5.7 rebounds and 3.5 blocked shots per game while helping Chipola post a 28-5 record and number nine national ranking among junior colleges.

Whatever Happened to...

CURTIS W. MIRANDA

By Robert L. Rollins

How can the FAMU family ever forget the stellar performances of Curtis W. Miranda. A 1961 graduate of Florida A&M University, Miranda was a stand-out athlete at the University, earning All-Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors three times. He was also named to the Associated Press All-America team three times during the same period from 1959-60-61. He was one of three FAMU players to be so honored. The other two Rattlers to earn such distinction were the late great Willie Galimore and Tyrone McGriff.

Miranda's contribution to the success of FAMU's football program is legendary. He was a hard worker and was considered one of the strongest linemen on the team. He was tabbed by the 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta, Georgia as the Football Player of the Year in 1961. In 1992, he was named in an unprecedented reader response to an Atlanta Journal and Constitution Sports Department survey to the Black Colleges Centennial Team. He joined Bob Hayes as a member of the first team on offense. Both offensive and defensive teams read like Who's Who of College Football. He certainly was in excellent company when considering the names of Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Doug Williams, Larry Little, John Stallworth, and Rayfield Wright.

Miranda's skills as a center were enhanced through the teaching of Coach Robert "Pete" Griffin, another All-America center at FAMU. Miranda joined a long line of outstanding centers at FAMU, including C. J. DeValt, Jack Gant, Wilbur "Bulldog" Gary, William Kenchon, Kiser Lewis, Jimmy McCaskill, Abraham Brown, and Wally Williams. Miranda was at the center of the Rattlers' winning success during the late fifties and the early sixties.

While employing the "split-line T" offense, the Rattlers' offense averaged 40 points per game. During this same period, the football team won 35 games while losing only 3 games. The teams of Miranda's period continued the winning tradition that had been established in the thirties, forties, and the early fifties. The 1957 and 1959 teams, in which Miranda anchored, were un-defeated, scoring more than 754 points, with the opponents scoring only 112 points. Miranda was a very skillful player, who took great pride himself in getting the job done. His ferocious blocking served as

a reminder of what the Rattlers' standards were at the time.

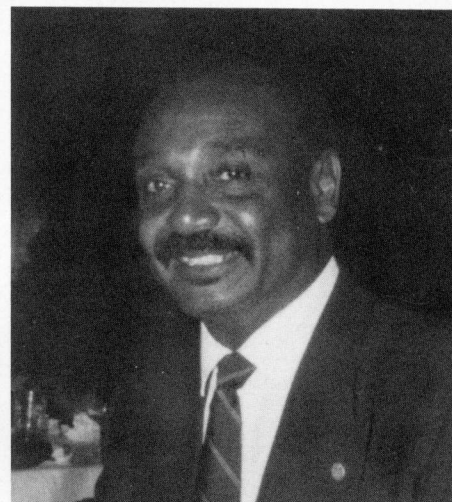
A graduate of Matthew W. Gilbert Senior High School, Miranda was picked three times in foot-

ball to the high school All-Conference teams in 1954-55-56. He entered the professional football ranks, going north to the Canadian Football League for a year with the Hamilton Tiger Cats (1961), before hooking up with the New York Giants in 1962.

Miranda was a unanimous selection for his induction into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1979. In 1963, he became supervisor of Duval County Recreation Department in Jacksonville, Florida, and later housing inspector for the Housing and Urban Development Department of Jacksonville before joining Sealand Services in Jacksonville where he worked as a foreman and member of the International Longshoreman's Association for over 30 years.

Miranda lives in Jacksonville with his wife and they are the parents of three daughters. He is a member of the J. R. E. Lee Chapter of the FAMU National Alumni Association and the Jacksonville FAMU Boosters organization.

Curtis W. Miranda truly loves the orange and green and always supports the Rattlers.

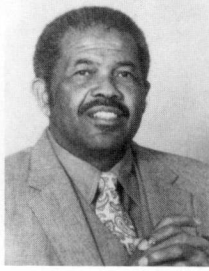


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MEMORIALS

Herbert C. Alexander was a minister, teacher, counselor, statesman, lecturer, and loyal FAMUan. He completed his Bachelor of Science and Masters in Education at FAMU. He served his alma mater with pride and enthusiasm as an instructor in the Graduate School, Coordinator of Community College Affairs, and as the first Vice President for Student Affairs. At the time of his passing he had recently retired as an Associate Professor for Professional Development in the School of Business and Industry.



Alexander was noted for his service to the community through a number of organizations including: Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, Capital City Kiwanis, Tallahassee Urban League, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the FAMU National Alumni Association, and a life member of the NAACP. Additionally, he served as pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee, and First Institutional Missionary Baptist Church of Tallahassee, from which he retired from active pastorship.

A native of Edgar, Florida, Alexander was the devoted husband of Lucille Casanas. They were the devoted parents to Carucha, Aquilina, Aurelia and Alesia.

Alexander received numerous awards and honors, including the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1993.

James L. Bruton, Sr., came to FAMU in 1938 after graduation from Stanton High School in Jacksonville. He earned the baccalaureate degree in vocational education/printing management and later earned the Master's degree from New York University. He did further study at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern, and McDonald College in Montreal, Canada.

After graduating from 1942, Bruton was drafted by the U. S. Army, where he served in the Corp of Engineers as an administrative



non-commissioned officer. His superior military performance resulted in his being awarded the Rome Arno Battle Medal, ATO Medal, EANETO Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Known affectionately as "Mr. B," Bruton served diligently, tenaciously and tirelessly as a faculty member at FAMU since 1946. A master craftsman and consummate professional, Bruton gave unselfish time, energy, expertise and commitment to the Division of Graphic Arts, Florida A&M University National Alumni Association and the Tallahassee community. He was also a devoted member of Bethel A. M. E. Church and a loyal member of the Board of Directors for the FAMU Federal Credit Union. He was also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Bruton received the Centennial Medallion in 1987 and was inducted into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame in 1987. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rosebud. They were the parents of two children, James L., Jr., and Rosemary.

Jeremiah "Jerry" Bailey, always pushed for others to have a better life. A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bailey graduated from FAMU in 1953 and received his Masters degree from Kean College in Union, New Jersey.

Bailey was the founder of the Plant City Martin Luther King Festival, served as President of the Plant City Improvement League for ten years, was an executive committee chairman of the Plant City branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and was board chairman of the Plant City Boys and Girls Club for two years.

Bailey wanted every student from Plant City to attend FAMU and worked hard to get them to "the hill." Another FAMU alumnus, Sam Cooper, President of the NAACP in Plant City, said Bailey plunged himself into community affairs almost immediately after relocating here from Philadelphia in 1975. He was an alternative education coordinator for the Hillsborough County Regional Detention Center for 17 years before retiring in 1992.

Bailey served the National Alumni Association as Vice President of the Northeast and Southeast Regions, and President of the Plant City Chapter.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, seven children and 15 grandchildren.

Leroy "Spike" Gibson dunked a basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters, then settled in Dade County to become a leading citizen in that community. Gibson became the first black elected commissioner in South Miami's 43 year history.

For more than two decades, he was a force in South Miami politics. He was elected commissioner for four terms, from 1970 to 1986.

He was a member of the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame and starred in basketball before going on to play for the Chicago Majors and then played five years touring with the Harlem Globetrotters.

During the early 1960's, Gibson went on a Globetrotters' Goodwill Tour of 92 nations. He played before crowds as large as 150,000 in Berlin, and as small as one, Pope Paul VI, in Rome.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, a daughter and a son.

OTHER RATTLER MEMORIALS

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- Rev. Darryl E. Hamm, Alumnus, New York, New York
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- Alkin R. Hepburn, Alumnus, former FAMU All-America quarterback, and Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, Miami
- Leona Williams, Alumna, Tallahassee, Florida
- Rev. James Cash, Sr., Alumnus, Miami
- Jocelyn Bush Taylor, Alumna, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Weep not that theirs toils are over, Weep not that their race is run; God grant that we may rest as calmly when our work, like theirs is done.

Till then we would yield with gladness our treasures to Him to keep; And rejoice in the sweet assurance He giveth his loved ones sleep

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