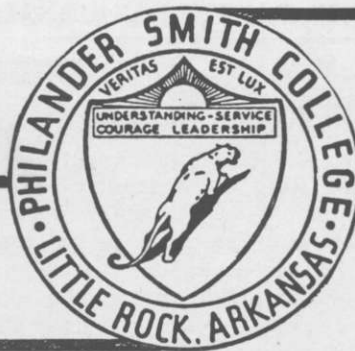


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DR. ERNEST T. DIXON, JR., ELECTED SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

Dr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., Nashville, staff member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church, has been elected president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., effective Jan. 1, 1965.

The announcement was made jointly by Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Huston, Texas, and Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville. Bishop Moore is chairman of the Philander Smith Board of Trustees. Dr. Gross is chairman of the executive committee of that board and general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education.

Dr. Gross said Philander Smith, formally opened in 1877, is the only fully accredited church-related college in Arkansas that has been historically operated for Negroes.

The four-year, coeducational, liberal arts college has a fall enrollment of 532, and is under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Education.

Dr. Dixon has been on the staff of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church since 1952. Before that he was executive secretary of the Board of Education of the West Texas Methodist Conference.

He also has served as a visiting instructor at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta; traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement for Christian Missions, and director of the Religious Extension Service of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

The 42-year-old Methodist minister is a native of San Antonio, Texas.

His higher education was received at Huston College, and at Drew University. He received the doctor of divinity degree from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Dixon succeeds Dr. Roosevelt D. Crockett as president of the college.

He is president of the board of directors of Bethlehem Center in Nashville and on the executive committee of the Civic Committee on Public Education in Nashville and Davidson County.

Dr. and Mrs. Dixon live at 1301 Caldwell Avenue in Nashville. They have four children.



THE ERNEST T. DIXON, JR., FAMILY—Left to right seated: Mrs. Lois F. Dixon, Leona Louise and Dr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. Left to right standing: Ernest Reese, Muriel Jean and Freddie B. Dixon.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK PROGRAM THEME: "EDUCATION PAYS DIVIDENDS"

On Tuesday, November 10, Mr. Crawford J. Mims, acting Dean of Instruction at Philander Smith College, introduced the annual celebration of American Education Week at a special assembly.

The main speaker for this occasion was Mr. Nexton P. Marshall, president of the Arkansas Teachers Association and principal of Lincoln Elementary School, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. Marshall, a veteran educator, brought to his audience many useful examples of the dividends education will pay. This information was pertinent and timely. He presented information that was factual and intermingled with his personal experiences in the field of education.

Principals from elementary and high schools throughout Pulaski County were present.

SPECIAL BREAKFAST MEETING BY PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE HELD AT CONRAD HILTON, CHICAGO

On November 13, 1964 a special Philander Smith College breakfast was held in the Astoria Room of Conrad Hilton for all bishops and cabinet members of Philander's supporting annual conference.

Bishop Noah Moore, resident bishop of the Southwestern Area of the Methodist Church, presided.

Acting President J. D. Scott gave a progress report on the Philander Smith program.

Dr. John O. Gross, executive committee chairman of the Board and general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Board of Education, discussed the present problems at Philander Smith.

Dr. William E. Clark, Director of Public Relations of the Methodist Church, discussed the present plans to meet Philander Smith's problems and where and how the bishops and district superintendents can help.

The breakfast was well attended and the reports were enthusiastically received.

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ALUMNI NEWS

While President Scott was in Chicago, attending the special breakfast, he had the pleasure and the honor of having dinner at the home of Mrs. Naomi Best, an ardent supporter and loyal alumna of the college.

Mr. Scott reports staunch support from all members of the alumni he had an opportunity to meet.

CLASS 1963

Mr. Jonathan Ole Lolchoki writes, . . . "I completed my M. A. degree in Political Science from Atlanta University. I am a Dag Hammarskjold Fellow studying for a Ph. D. degree in Public Administration and International Affairs in the school of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania."

Mr. Ole Lolchoki graduated from Philander Smith College, Cum Laude, with distinction in his field.

(Quotation from letter, Nov. 25, 1964)

Mr. Alfred Pruitt writes, "I am beginning my second year in the Chicago School System. This past summer I enrolled in an eight weeks course of study which proved to be very beneficial."

CLASS 1964

Miss Marian Lucas, 1964 graduate, is teaching classes in grammar, composition, and American Literature, on the eleventh grade level at Horace Mann Senior High School, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Miss Lucas states, "I am enjoying my work. The students are cooperative and interesting. I can contribute my educational experiences at Philander for my success."

The former Edna Motely and Savoy Wiley of Little Rock, Arkansas were joined together in holy matrimony November 22, 1964 at Union A. M. E. Church. Mrs. Wiley is a 1964 graduate of Philander Smith College. She is presently teaching in the Pulaski County School District. Mr. Wiley is a 1963 graduate of Philander and is presently in the Armed Services.

— REMINDER —
 REMEMBER YOUR
 ALMA MATER
 FINANCIALLY AT
 CHRISTMAS TIME

**DR. M. A. JACKSON ELECTED
TO SERVE
ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Dr. M. A. Jackson, prominent physician in Little Rock, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees and will serve on the Executive Committee of the Board.

He is a native of this city and was graduated from Philander Smith College in the class of 1949, magna cum laude and with distinction in his field. As a student he was a member of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honorary Society and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. In 1954 he received his M.D. degree from the University of Arkansas Medical School. Upon the completion of all the requirements for a medical doctor, he began practicing in his hometown.

As a citizen in the community, Dr. Jackson's name may be found among the most ardent and conscientious. He holds membership and offices in many civic organizations. Some are: Member of the Board of Trustees of Arch Street Baptist Church, board member of the Urban League, member of the board of Arkansas Council on Human Relations, board member of Eagle Life Insurance Company, and First Security Life Insurance Company, vice president of Professional Services Incorporated, COCA, Pulaski County Medical Society, Arkansas State Medical Association, American Medical Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is married to the former Genevieve Young of this city, who is also an alumna of Philander Smith College. They have three sons.

**FORMER PRESIDENT
VISITS COLLEGE**

Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, former president of Philander Smith College, spoke to the student body in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Dr. Harris became president of Philander at the age of 27 and served as president for 25 years. During these 25 years he rescued Philander Smith College from facing the doom of all dissolution. In fact, the current physical plant is the result of his unselfish and untiring efforts. Under his leadership, plans for the women's and men's dormitories; the student union building; and the fine arts building, that bears his name, were constructed and completed.

Bishop Harris is now serving as bishop of the Atlantic Coast Area and as a member of the Board of Trustees of five colleges.

In his speech to the students, Bishop Harris advised them to work diligently not just for personal gain, but for the improvement of and the contribution to the welfare of the entire human race.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT AND WIFE
ATTEND BARBECUE AT
LBJ RANCH**

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest T. Dixon attended the Barbecue at LBJ Ranch on Thursday, November 12 in the honor of President-Elect of Mexico and Mrs. Diaz Ordaz. Upon the election of Dr. Dixon as the sixth President of Philander Smith College occasioned the invitation to LBJ Ranch. It was a rewarding experience.



JOHN SCHNEIDER, PIANIST on the first Lyceum Program. Mr. Schneider is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Music; Juillard School of Music in New York; Fulbright Scholar in piano at the Conservatoire de Paris. He is also a busy Airline Executive.



ACTING PRESIDENT SCOTT MEETS WITH GARY ALUMNI—Gary alumni of Philander Smith College hold an informal talk about school affairs with Mr. J. D. Scott, second from right, acting president of the college, at the home of Clifford Minton, right, a 30-year alumnus. From the left are: John Hayes, vice president of the Gary Alumni; Mrs. Adah Hull, president; Mrs. Bernice Davis, secretary; Scott and Minton.

RECOLLECTION OF LUTHER COLLEGE

During the spring semester of 1964, it was my honored privilege to be one of the students selected to participate in the initial Philander Smith-Luther College Student Exchange Program. The other students were Miss Mary F. Carter, a senior majoring in home economics, from Magnolia, Arkansas and Miss Etta Williams, a junior majoring in psychology, from Magnolia, Arkansas. In conversing with these students we agreed that this was one of the most enriching and stimulating experiences of our formal undergraduate educational program.

I shall share with you some of the interesting highlights of our experiences as exchange students at Luther.

Luther College and the adjoining city of Decorah, Iowa combine to form an ideal college community along the winding Upper Iowa River. This community is located in one of the most scenic and historical regions of the Midwest.

Like Philander Smith College, Luther, since its founding, has lived up to its rich history and has added to its physical plant, modern buildings and facilities.

With an enrollment of 1,200 students and a highly capable faculty and staff, academically, Luther ranks high among our nation's small colleges. Similar to Philander Smith, it is currently engaged in an active building program to meet the needs of an ever-increasing student enrollment.

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SENATOR-ELECT BRANDON SPEAKS TO STUDENTS ON POVERTY PROBLEM IN LITTLE ROCK

Mr. Jim Brandon, State Senator-Elect of Arkansas, spoke to the student body on Poverty: Special Emphasis on Little Rock, during a chapel program.

Mr. Brandon is a native of Missouri and moved to Little Rock at the age of five. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, and he has served as state representative in the House of Representatives. He was elected as state senator in the last election.

Mr. Brandon related many statistical facts to the students. Eight per cent of the middle-classed residents in Little Rock earns \$6,000 annually; sixty-two per cent of the Negroes earns less than \$3,000 annually.

Three of the largest counties in Arkansas do not distribute surplus commodities and Pulaski County is one of these counties.

The majority of the people are concerned about the fact that government jobs often pay no more than any other job. "This exists," Mr. Brandon explains, "be-

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Season's Greetings
We Wish You A
Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New Year

THE DAY I BECAME PROUD OF BEING A NEGRO

I was born black, my parents were black, I remember my grandparents were black. I was reared in the Negro section of Gary, Indiana, in a very poor, black, filthy ghetto located between the Wabash and Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

When I was a child I went to a church that was painted white, but all the people in it were black. When I became ill I went to a kind, old, black doctor. I played with other little black children in the dirty alleys and vacant lots littered with broken bottles.

I was aware of white people. I saw them on the streetcars, in the stores downtown, and in the movies. The police were white, so were the firemen and the street car conductors. It appeared that all the important people were white. I think I must have been quite young the first time I made the wish to be white.

At length I was old enough to go to school. It was like being in another world, so many white faces. Some were friendly, some hostile, but most of them blank, as if I didn't exist. All of my teachers were white and ninety per cent of my classmates. What a wonderful extracurricular activities program my school offered! I wanted to be a part of those things. Our school system of "Work, Study and Play" was world famous. Negroes, however, were not a recognized part of this great system.

I often thought of my role, the role of the Negro student, with our separate organizations within an integrated school. In sports it was different. You could win trophies for your school on the track team or run your tongue out representing your school on the basketball court. But when the coach takes the team out to dinner after winning title in your conference, you can't go because the restaurant won't serve you. The coach says, "You know how it is Doug, if it were only me you could come also." I'm a Negro I tell myself as I walk home crying. Why? Why in the hell was I born black?

After high school I went into military service. I had the opportunity to travel extensively in this country and abroad. On my first trip to the South, I must admit that I found myself once again making the wish that I had been born white. I hadn't seen or hadn't realized that I had seen anything that made me proud of being a Negro. There had been men of color who had risen to successful heights in their various fields, but I could not identify with them because these men were well trained in their respective fields. The vast majority of Negroes were not considered to be well trained. What were these people doing to lift themselves out of the gutters that blackness creates?

Then things began to happen, gradually at first, but it grew. It grew into an avalanche of protest. Grumblings of discon-

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PROUD TO BE A NEGRO—(Cont.)

tent were echoing from the Southland. Docile people who were supposed to be happy were demanding full civil rights.

To go to jail for something one believed in was no longer a crime to these brave souls. Imprisonment had become instead a badge of honor in the fight to rid this country of unequal justice based on skin pigmentation.

Who were the Freedom Riders, the Sit-Inners? What kind of people were they? I don't think that I met any of these courageous individuals during the three years I spent in the various parts of the South. Could I have been ashamed of being a Negro and refused to seek out those types of people when I had the opportunity?

Then came that great day in August 1963, when over two hundred thousand brave people, mostly Negroes, marched on Washington, D. C. They came by bus, by car, by plane, and one even rollerskated from Chicago. They came in business suits, in sports clothes, in ecclesiastical garments, and they came in overalls.

Onward they marched down the wide, beautiful boulevards of our nation's capital, demanding to be recognized. The majestic Lincoln Memorial had never been as imposing and awe inspiring as it was that great day. It was surrounded by a sea of black determined faces demanding justice, not pleading or begging, but demanding justice before the altar that this nation had erected to the memory of the man who had done so much for liberty and freedom of this country.

The eyes of the world were on them through the media of television. Reporters of the major newspapers of the world were present to see if this nation, the world's leading advocate of freedom and democracy, would accept the mandate of one-tenth of its total population.

As I sat in front of my television set, along with millions of other Americans, something began to happen to me. I felt something I had never felt before—pride in being a Negro! It was not the kind of pride one feels when he is complimented or the feeling one gets when he is aware that all eyes are on him. It was a feeling from deep within, forcing a lump up to the throat, tears to the eyes, and a tingling sensation all over. I had never experienced emotions like this before. "Those are my people," I whispered. "I'm one of them, I am a Negro. Thank God I'm a Negro."

Douglas G. Lewis

SENATE-ELECT BRANDON—(Cont.)

cause the federal government surveys the working conditions and wages of other places of employment. People employed by the federal government must be paid wages comparable to those paid employees in non-federal business who are doing the same type of work."

Mr. Brandon read excerpts from letters

COLLEGIATE CHOIR PRESENTS THE MESSIAH

The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir and Instrumental Ensemble will present Handel's "Messiah" in the Harris Fine Arts Auditorium on Sunday, December 13, 1964 at 7:00 p.m. Soloists for the performance will be Lutitia Fesler and Julia Young, Sopranos; Nola Gill and Valeria Wright, Altos; Edgar Thompson, Tenor; and Harry Budd, Bass. Mr. Carl Harris, Jr., choirmaster and Mrs. Grace Eubanks, vocal coach, will be the accompanists. Mr. A. R. Whaley, Chairman of the Music Department, will direct the performance.

LUTHER—(Cont.)

In light of this, much emphasis is placed upon scholastic achievement, and competition is very keen.

The general gap existing between the educational curriculum and the intensity of learning spurred the study habits of most of the students from southern institutions. Luther College's Honor System increased self-reliance and self-discipline.

No great institution excels in only one particular aspect, Luther being no exception. Its athletic, dramatic, and social events left very little to be desired in offering a well-rounded liberal education. Along with Luther's achievements and short comings, the air of friendliness and cooperation that exists there is one of the factors that made our stay a success.

The experience provided me with many new ideas and cultural traits that I would like to contribute toward enriching the campus spirit at Philander Smith.

I sincerely hope that many other students in the near future will be able to participate in this kind of enriching exchange program or similar programs.

by Benjamin Diggins, Jr.

he received from citizens in Little Rock concerning the conditions resulting from low wages and reported on surveys conducted by organizations such as the Urban League on steps taken to stamp out poverty.

In conclusion, Mr. Brandon stated, "the existing economic burden lies on the community, the tax payers, and the conscience of all Arkansans."

In order to grasp high opportunities we must decide what can be done to stamp out poverty.

"THE CONTEMPORARY SCHOLAR AND HIS PURSUITS OF EXCELLENCE" IS THEME FOR HONORS DAY ASSEMBLY

Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society and Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honorary Society chose "The Contemporary Scholar and His Pursuits of Excellence" as their theme for this year's Honors Day assembly.

Mr. Claude Clay, a senior, majoring in mathematics, delivered the main address where he emphasized desire, effort, and efficiency as the building stones for excellency.

"Excellency," Mr. Clay stated, "represents a challenge to you; seek excellence in the present and find perfection in the future."

Two prospective members, Carmelita Smith and Benjamin Diggins, were presented for initiation into Alpha Kappa Mu.

Mr. James Yeh and Mr. James Howard, instructors in the chemistry department, were selected for initiation into Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honorary Society.

Students of the sophomore and junior levels with an accumulative 2.3 average or above were given special recognition.

STUDENT TELLS OF HIS SUMMER IN THE TETONS

by Minor Daniels

The Park Ranger at Grand Teton is primarily responsible for the direction of a variety of interpretative programs which include exhibits at the visitor's center, guided walks, campfire programs, informal talks, and literature, and which will help visitors acquire a greater knowledge and understanding of both natural and human history of the parks.

This past summer I had the opportunity of working as a seasonal ranger. My enjoyment and understanding of the park was greatly enhanced by visits to the interpretative exhibits at Moose, Calter, Bay and Jenny Lakes.

The Grand Teton Range is beautifully situated and is bound on the north by the high plateaus of Yellowstone National Park and on the east by Mount Leidy Highlands and Gros Ventre Mountains.

My summer in the Tetons will always remain as one of the most divine experiences during my college days at Philander. I was deeply moved by being so close to nature and God.

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