Commencement Season Witnesses Diplomas, And Honors

FINISH TO BEGIN—New holders of Bachelor of Arts degrees from Morgan State University are ready to embark on new careers. From left; Edmond Burt of Little Rock, Ark., Stanley Allen Butler from Baltimore, Miss Bernadine Ann Byrd of Pasedena, Md., and Miss Christine Campbell of Washington, D.C. (Matthews Photo)

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Miss Barbara Armstead receives The President's Awards for Exceptional Creative Achievement from Morgan Interim President Dr. Thomas Fraser at Sunday commencement exercises. (Matthews Photo)

APPLAUSE resounded as the Morgan alumni honored its distinguished members among whom was (right) Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Earl G. Graves, noted publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine and other publications. In AFRO staff photo by Robert M. Matthews IV Dr. Graves, is congratulated by Sen. Verda F. Welcome. From left clapping are new Morgan President and Mrs. Andrew Billingsley. Others (not shown) who were honored were Judge Robert M. Bell, youngest jurist of the Maryland District Court; State Sen. Robert L. Douglass; Mrs. Maude Harvey, head of the Baltimore Social Service Agency; Dr. Earl C. Jackson, superintendent of the Wilmington, Del., public schools; Mrs. Ida R. Washington, Alumni Leader; Marvin Webster, AP Player of the Year and Allstar Basketball center. Phillip H. Savage, president of the General Alumni Asso. was master of ceremonies.

Morgan has 134 honor graduates

Some 134 academic honors graduates were among the 805 persons receiving bachelor's degrees at the 108th commencement exercises of Morgan State College May 25.

Vernon Sylvester Lynch III topped the class with a 3.924 cumulative academic average for summa cum laude honors.

An accounting major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon S. Lynch II, 1317 Goodwood Ave. in Baltimore.

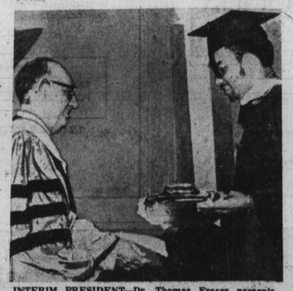
Ranking second in the cass with a 3.910 average was James Lee Burns. Mr. Burns, who majored in English, is the son of Mrs. Dolores E. Burns, 7723 Charlesmont Road in Baltimore.

Ms. Virginia Kay Foster was third in the 1975 Morgan class with a 3.878 average. She is a business major. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Foster, 1550 Northwick Road in Baltimore.

Students selected for listing in the 1974-75 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities were Spencer Archie, George Belt, John Crawley, Alfred Davis, Ms. Sharon Faggans, Ms. Valeria Foster, Ms. Virginia Foster, Ms. Lenora Fraser, Ms. Pamela Frederick, Ms. Deborah Gabriel, James Gaines.

Stephen A. Glaude, Kenneth B. Goodrich, Bruce Hawkins, Ms. Ramona Henderson, Vernon Lynch, Ms. Jeanne A. Murray, Ms. Gloria Morgan, Charles Nock, Ms. Sharon Oglesby, Ms. Marcia Phillips, Jerry O. Pittman, Ms. Rita M. Poe, Ms. Deborah Robinson, John Sheppard, Ms. Marilyn Short, Ms. Sandra C. Simpson, Ms. Lorraine V. Smith, Ms. Maureen Smothers

Also Ms. Charlotte C. Somerville, Charles Stanley, Gabriel Sunday Tenable, Duane Thigpen, Ms. Faith Thomas and Duvon Winborne.



INTERIM PRESIDENT—Dr. Thomas Fraser presents Jerry O. Pittman with the President's Second Mile Award at Morgan's graduation on Sunday. This award goes to the Morgan student who "Goes the Second Mile," and does more in any given task or activity than can reasonably be expected.

FLOWERS FOR THE GRADUATE—Ms. Diana Beryl Nichols received her BA in Theatre Arts from Morgan and a big bouquet of red roses from her family on graduation day last Sunday. Family members are mother, Mrs. Carrie Nichols, grandmother, Mrs. Marie Dunlap and Milton Mayo. (Matthews Photo)

1500 at U of Md.

The University of Maryland at Baltimore awarded 1,500 degrees at commencement exercises Thursday afternoon at the Baltimore Civic Center.

Some 93 black students were among those to graduate from the college's six professional schools including Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Community Planning and the Graduate School.

School of Medicine — Ms. Marsha J. Brown, Richard L. Dotson, Alvin W. Harris, Robert B. McDaniel, Julius D. Zant, Ms. Conchita Mercedes King, Ms. Deborah M. Mackey, Ms. Juanita Tucker, and Ms. Dorothea M. Williams.

School of Law — George E. Barrett, Leon O'Neal Bell, Kenneth B. Bevins, Ms. Jacqueline Blanton, Harry H. Braxton, Ms. Gladys Brown, Clarence L. Campbell, William A. Dorsey, George A. Favor, Bennie H. Frazier Jr., Ms. Mabel E. Hubbard, James A. Hurd Jr., Marcellus Jackson, Ms. Gloria J. Johnson.

Also Ms. M. Bernadine Myles, Thomas E. Noel, David M. Robinson, Edward Smith Jr., Ray E. Stokes, Ms. Janet D. Webb, Patricia A. Wilkins, and James P. Massie.

School of Dentistry — Wilbur H. Burnette, Gerald S. Charles Jr., Rudolph Hickman, Pete N. N. Nickolas, George Rakula Owina, Adrian L. Patterson Jr., William M. Swanson, Ogden M. Belt, and Ms. Eunice U. Smith.

School of Pharmacy — Clarence A. Jeffers III.

School of Nursing — Ms. Carolyn T. Adams, Ms. Julia A. Boddie, Ms. Annette E. Boom, Ms. Gail H. Burke, Ms. Linda A. Carmona, Ms. Lottie C. Clements, Ms. Mary Brown Corbin, Ms. Clydia D. Frazier, Ms. Lois A. Giles, Ms. Jenine R. Green, Ms. Bettye R. Hackett, Ms. Racheal L. Jones, Ms. Roseli Knight, Ms. Janice M. Matthews, Ms. Barbara E. Moore, Ms. Ruth T. Neal, Ms. Laura J. Robinson, Ms. Cheryl J. Rucker, Ms. Pamela B. Thaniel, Ms. Demetria J. Thomas, and Ms. Darlene Thompson.

School of Social Work and Community Planning — Ms. Eva P. Austin, Ms. Diane L. Bell, Ms. Vivian Benjamin, Ms. Rachel E. Boler, Ms. Muriel G. Boyd, Ms. Esta L. Carter, Cedric C. Easter, Ms. Lillie M. Epps, Ms. Melvina B. Ford, Ms. Jo Ann M. Hatch, Ms. Betty E. Hines, Ms. Olivia L. James.

Also Ms. Janis M. Leftridge, Ms. Pamela Y. Miller, Ms. Michal S. Neverdon, Ms. Andrea M. Qualls, Ms. Margaret C. Scott, Ms. Casandra R. Singleton, Ms. Mildred A. Streeter, Ms. Sandra C. Tarring, Ms. Lesly L. Threadgill, Ms. Thelma M. Wainwright, Ms. Patricia A. Whittaker, Ms. Ethel S. Williams, Ms. Shirley I. Wilson, and Ms. Clintina M. Cooper.

Graduate School — Ms. Katherine B. Carroll, Ms. Clarice E. Commissiong, Ms. Mae J. Graham, Ms. Geraldine G. Hunt, and Ms. Cassandra J. Morgan.

IT WASN'T SO LONG ago that Professor William Proctor of the Graduate School of Business was receiving a bachelor's degree at Morgan. Now after a Law degree and a MBA degree, Professor Proctor takes part in commencement exercises as a member of the faculty. (Photo by Robert Matthews)

NO WALK ACROSS the stage to receive diplomas at this Morgan graduation because it was held indoors. Graduates received recognition by hearing their name called and then standing up. Pictured from left are Miss Esther Maxine Nizer from Elkton Virginia, Miss Sharon Oglesby of Baltimore, Augustus Obemeng from Ghana, Africa, and Ignatius Omidiora of Nigeria, all receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree. (Matthews Photo)

GIFT TO MORGAN—Senior class officers Jerry Pittman and Miss Deborah Robinson hold the African sculpture that was presented to Morgan on behalf of the senior class. The gift was presented as a part of the alumni awards fete held last Saturday. (Photo by Robert Matthews)

COPPIN GRADS — Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III conferred bachelor's and master's degrees during the 75th commencement exercises of Coppin State College. Graduates beaming with pride are: Paul A. Holmes, Mrs. Eula Gibson, Mrs. Silva R. Jones, Calvin Dotson, SGA president, and Mrs. Vanessa Gibson, (AFRO STAFF PHOTO BY B. M. PHILLIPS IV).

Next week's graduations

The Baltimore city public schools will close Friday, June 20.

Commencement exercises for the coming week are:

Sunday, June 1—Goucher College, 10:30 a.m., college campus; Towson State College, 2 p.m., Civic Center; and Calvert Education Center, 6 p.m., 200 E. North Ave.

Monday, June 2—Jane Addams High, 8 p.m., Walbrook Senior High; Edmondson High, 8 p.m., Civic Center; and Eastern High, 8 p.m., 1101 E. 33rd St.

Tuesday, June 3—Samuel Gompers High, 7:30 p.m., 1701 E. North Ave.; and Walbrook High, 8 p.m., Civic Center.

NEW LIEUTENANTS AT MORGAN — Receiving the shiny gold bars of a Second Lieutenant at ROTC commissioning exercises held last Saturday at Morgan are: Lts. Bernard Barnes, Walter Banks, Michael Foster, Quinnsander Pinckey, Bernard Gibson, Robert W. Stanton, Bobby Whitaker, and Arnet Worley. (PHOTO BY ROBERT MATTHEWS).

Outgoing queen of the 1974-75 Hal Jackson — Miss U.S. Talented Teen Maryland, Ms. Terris Hill, of Columbia, Md. recently received congratulations and a honorary citizens certificate from Mayor Donald Schaefer. Looking on are from left: Maurice Hotrod Hulbert, prageant producer and at right, Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Ethel) Hill, parents of awardee. Miss Hill will relinquish her crown on Sunday, June 1 at the Poly-Western Senior High School auditorium.

TRAVEL NOTES

Selecting luggage

Did you ever add up the cost of items crowded into your suitcase when you went away for a weekend? Try it; you'll be amazed at the total! Then think of the vacation or business trip when you were traveling for a week or more. Be sure to include your address book and snapshots, and grandmother's brooch which can't be replaced.

I think you will agree that the contents of a packed suitcase are so valuable that purchase of luggage should be regarded as money paid to protect the clothing and other items it will hold. This expenditure is also an investment in durability; ease in use, and attractiveness.

Some people make their selection once in a lifetime. Others, who travel more frequently, choose new luggage every few years.

Both men's and women's bags are available in a wide range of prices, styles, and materials. So it is important for you the consumer to decide what you want, and search until you find it. The total investment may take place in one shopping trip, or it can be a long-term project of collecting specific items as needed and the pocketbook allows.

Many families find the latter practice neiptul in preparing for anticipated costs of launching children into marriage, careers, or college. In our mobile society, most people — regardless of age will need luggage sooner or later. Suitcases already owned are like money in the bank when the time comes to take a trip.

What are little girls made of?

By Douglas Stanglin
United Press International

If you search real hard in Abe Feldman's little girls shop you might find a dress. In fact he's got about a dozen total — and they're all on the clearance rack.

"The little girls don't wear them simply because their mothers don't wear them," said Feldman, owner of the Wizard of Oz Store in East Orange, N.J.

Last year the demand for little girls dresses was so poor he marked them down from $25 to $4.99.

"The mothers will drag them over to it (dress rack), they will try it on, but the girls don't want it."

His shop is filled with girls jeans, jump suits, pantsuits and slacks.

But not dresses.

"We sell them twice a year, for Christmas and Easter," he said. The few dresses hanging limply on the clearance rack were left over from Easter.

David Lewin, national sales director for Kate Greenaway Industries, Inc., one of the country's oldest manufacutrers's of girls dresses, said the trend away from dresses in the past few years has been almost staggering.

"The dress manufacturer doing nothing over the last four or five years but make dresses would definitely have suffered," he said.

Lewin said most of the companies have subsidiaries that turn out the sportswear that girls flock to.

"The day used to be when schools would not allow girls to wear slacks to school," he said. "They relaxed a little, let them wear slacks, then dressy jeans. Now schools let them wear pants — period."

And he said the little girls keep a close eye on fashion trends — and even the little ones can't be fooled.

"Today, the child, because of TV, is exposed to fashion at a much younger age. They're more aware of fashion and more independent. If they don't like it they are just not going to wear it."

Larry Davis, vice president in charge of sales for Seibel and Stern, another long-time dress manufacturer, agreed that times have changed.

"There's a casual attitude toward dress, a relaxing of barriers right along the line," Davis said.

He said his company has begun using such material as denim in children's dresses to try to pull in the casual trade.

Both manufacturers, however, said the trend seems to be moving back to the frills.

Lewin said 75 per cent of the Macy's floor in New York featured dresses for little girls — a trend he said would begin developing nationwide within six months.

Davis said since Christmas, through summer fashions, more and more girls are wearing dresses and getting away from pants.

But for Abe Feldman its jeans and pants as usual.

And the pantsuit-wearing women continue offering their little girls the frilly dresses because "they'd like girls feminine again."

And what about the mothers?

"They've been liberated," he said.

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