Communication Lines Open:

Virginia State U president meets local alumni

HONORARY CITIZENSHIP CITATION from Governor Harry Hughes is presented to Dr. Law by Dr. Josephine G. Young, retired Baltimore County teacher and VSU alumnae, who also presented him an Honorary Citizenship Citation from Mayor Schaefer, for the city of Baltimore.

ALUMNI AND THE PRESIDENT — Alumni pictured with Virginia State University president Dr. Thomas Law (far R) and his wife, Katherine, during his recent luncheon meeting with them at the Chicanele Room, Park Circle Dr. are (L to R): Mrs. Dorothy Green, and Mrs. Merlene Adair, co-chair and chair of the Hospitality Committee, Irving L. Green and Mrs. Janice Cromwell.

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If every college or university head would do what Dr. Thomas Law, president of Virginia State University, Petersburg, Va., did, the lines of communication between institutions of higher learning, their students and alumni would remain perpetually open.

On Saturday, Sept. 27 Dr. Law and his charming wife, (Katherine) visited the Baltimore Metro VSU Alumni Chapter— — and what an informative and interesting visit it was.

More than 50 VSU alumni gathered at the Chicanele Room, 3302 Park Circle Drive to meet and greet the VSU prexy, to hear his message and to respond.

All attending enjoyed a delicious luncheon (prepared by Chicanele Caterers) of old-fashioned bean soup, cole slaw, tuna and tossed salad, assorted cheeses, punch and coffee.

After the welcome by Mrs. Elnora Burton, president, Baltimore Metro Chapter, Dr. Josephine Young and Mrs. Louise Berry pinned corsages on Dr. and Mrs. Law.

Dr. Roy Knight led the alumni in the singing of the VSU Alma Mater. The invocation was done by Howard Hardaway, chaplain of the chapter, and the VSU Oath of Allegiance and Creed were done by Mrs. Elnora Burton.

Words of welcome were also given by Mrs. Janice Cromwell, vice - president.

Dr. Law, introduced by Dr. John Brown, spoke on "Difficult Decisions in Difficult Times."

He stated "If you show me an institution, white or black, that doesn't have problems, there is something wrong. The important thing is how you solve them."

Law spoke of the multiplicity of problems existing concurrently at VSU when he became president in July, 1978 and told how they had either been solved or were well on the way to being resolved, making the university a viable, working institution which is now in the black.

He also appealed to the alumni to close ranks behind the school and to help stave off the attempt of white institutions to absorb black colleges.

He gave verbal accolades to the group for sending their children to VSU when he stated "Some blacks think black schools are not good enough for their children. The Baltimore Chapter exhibits pride in its institution and does not feel that way."

In comparing VSU alumni to those of other schools, he stated "I don't want us to turn our backs on the bridge that brought us across. VSU is a family institution."

He added by comparison of the overall picture: "75 per cent of black students today are in white schools, while 90 per cent of their parents finished black schools."

In updating the group on improvements at VSU since his tenure began, he told them about the new library facilities, auditorium, student village (a modern live-in study facility) which has enabled dormitories in need of repair to be closed; blacking parking lots, well - lighted and shrubbery-trimmed; and many necessary repairs that have been made.

In giving his goal for VSU he stated, "Some presidents want to leave a mark measured by the number of new buildings. I want to leave a mark of a combination of brick and mortar as well as an increased programatic thrust to make sure our students can compete in the world when they finish."

Under Dr. Law's administration there have been added to this end, in addition to the usual bachelor's degree program, 16 new bachelor's degree programs, two master's degree programs and a program for certificates of advanced study.

Additionally, many new courses have been added which will allow students to prepare for careers which are becoming increasingly popular. And a program which allows the university to link with the Third World countries.

Not only is the school now in the black — its assets outweigh its liabilities, with money left at the end of its fiscal year to be applied to subsequent expenditures.

Dr. Law reminded the body that VSU is not a state-supported school, but just a state - subsidized school.

Following his speech there was a dialogue period, during which alumni asked questions and Dr. Law addressed himself thoroughly to them.

He left no stone unturned in responding to queries about the University's physical plant, academic curriculum, enrollment, recruitment, minority scholarships, and the trust fund (a general purpose fund which provides things the school needs that the state will not provide).

He also gave the alumni the outline of a five-year program for renovation, expansion and improvement of the existing physical plant, a revision of the academic and physical program, upgrading of the faculty, determination of the five specialized areas within the university, new programs to be added and fiscal management.

Dr. Law was lauded and applauded for his candor as he thoroughly discussing any aspect of the school.

Following the dialogue period, Dr. Josephine Young, on behalf of the Baltimore Metro Chapter, presented him with Honorary Citizenship citations from both Governor Harry Hughes from the state and Mayor Schaefer from the city.

Irving L. Green gave remarks of gratitude to Dr. Law, the audience and to the executive board in charge of the luncheon. The alumni, in closing did the "Evening Song" of VSU.

It was a most stimulating afternoon and this writer was quite surprised, delighted and honored to be named an honorary alumnae of VSU.

Later that day, Dr. and Mrs. Law joined in fellowship with the alumni during a cocktail hour at the home of Carl and Merlene Adair and showing up at a dinner held at Menchow's Restaurant, Security Blvd., attended by 75 alumni and their guests.

Among those at the dinner in honor of the Laws were Travis Vaula, executive director, Baltimore Urban League, whose wife, Virginia, is a VSU alumnae.

Attending the dinner also were seven members of the family of the late John P. and Lillie Bynum Young of Virginia who were all VSU alumni.

Myron P. Barrett, a guest, was so moved by remarks of praise for the school given by the young family that he made a personal contribution to the student union in the amount of $500.

Two guests, alumni of St. Paul College, Lawrenceville, Va., were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Alston (Mr. Alston's alma mater) who attended the dinner were: William L. Burton (Mayor Burton's father), Mrs. Thelma D. Gould, Mrs. Eugene Owens, Charles Feaster and Frank Stokes.

Attending from the Central Maryland Alumni Chapter of VSU were: Carl Adair, chapter reporter; Merlene Adair, chair of the Hospitality Committee; Yorsell Afair, Adelle Burton, chapter secretary; Mrs. Elnora Burton, president; Janice Cromwell, vice - president; Eva Doub, historian.

Also Dorothy Green, co-chair, Hospitality Committee; Irving L. Green Jr., Howard Hardaway, chaplain; Sharon Lakmore, James Morton, financial secretary; Joseph Press parliamentarian; Celestine Reed, Mattie Daniels, Myrtice Bennett, Geraldine Barbour, George L. Jude, Kathryn Frisby, Frances R. Mitchell and Bernina Grady. Not pictured are: John Cothorn, Emma Dudley, Harlow Fullwood Jr., John H. Murphy III, Rosetta F. Sands, Anita Watson, Elizabeth Demby.

Other Hospitality Committee members were Louise Berry, George Martin, Pamela Rice and Lee Howard.

THIRD OCCASION EXTRAORDINAIRE — Members of the Third Annual Occasion Extraordinaire of the Provident Hospital Board of Trustees are shown making final plans for the affair. Shown from (L) seated are: Anethea Williams, Carolyn Willis, Vashti W. Christmas, Charles D. Turner Sr. Standing from (L) are: Bernice McDaniels, Myrtice Bennett, Geraldine Barbour, George L. Jude, Kathryn Frisby, Frances R. Mitchell and Bernina Grady. Not pictured are: John Cothorn, Emma Dudley, Harlow Fullwood Jr., John H. Murphy III, Rosetta F. Sands, Anita Watson, Elizabeth Demby.

Provident plans Occasion Extraordinaire

Members and friends of the Provident Hospital, Inc. Board of Trustees are busy making plans for the Third Annual Occasion Extraordinaire.

The affair which benefits the hospital's Development Fund will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the Blue Crest North, 401 Reisterstown Road.

Entertainment at the dinner dance will be provided by Lionel Jiggets and Band. In addition, money wheels, chances and surprises will be featured throughout the evening.

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Norman Desmarais, director of library services, stated, "We will be offering to the public a selection of literature by all the classic authors such as Shakespeare, Chaucer and Caesar."

Many of the books to be offered at the sale date from the nineteenth century. The sale will occur in the library office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.p. Proceeds from the book sale will enable St. Mary's to Purchase new materials for its current

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