Commencement 2010

Over 400 graduate at J. S. Dorton Arena ceremony.

On May 8th, under beautiful blue skies and a warm, brisk breeze in the air, Shaw University welcomed its newest members to the alumni ranks—the Class of 2010! Keynote speaker Dr. William “Bill” Cosby entertained and shared words of wisdom with those gathered reminding the graduates that their degree was NOT to be used as a Mother’s Day gift, stating that “you don’t give her something she’s already paid for!” In his opening remarks, Cosby shared his personal connection to Shaw University in that of his friendship with Charles Sparks ’65, former NAA President. The two were members of their high school track teams (high jumpers) in Philadelphia, PA.

To see photos from Commencement 2010, go to http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/05/08/473912/shaw-universitys-graduation-first.html

To view a portion of Cosby’s speech, visit WRAL-TV’s website at http://www.wral.com/news/local/video/7568715/

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A publication from the Office of Alumni Relations
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**Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

**Q: How can I give to Shaw?**

**A:** On-line giving is available at [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu), click on the “Give to Shaw” tab, and have your credit card information ready to complete the transaction. Prefer regular mail? No problem! Make checks and money orders payable to “Shaw University” Office of Alumni Relations 118 E. South Street Raleigh, NC 27601-2399.

**Q: Where can I find out about athletic events?**

**A:** Follow the Shaw Bears at [www.shawbears.com](http://www.shawbears.com)! There you can get the latest schedules and sign up to keep up with them on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Shaw University Upcoming Events**

**Fayetteville/Cumberland County Alumni Chapter’s 9th Annual Scholarship Banquet**

**Metropolitan Banquet Room, 109 Green St., Fayetteville**  
June 4, 6:30 PM, Tickets $25, Table for 8--$200  
**Speaker:** DR. GREGORY K. MOSS, SR., PRESIDENT, GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA  
FMI, WILSON A. LACY ’71, (910) 488-1765 OR WILSONL@CCS.K12.NC.US

**National Alumni Association “Confab”**

**Campus, Institute for Health, Social, and Community Research Building**  
June 11-13, 2010  
**Registration $20**  
FMI, BARBARA “BJ” MCSWEENEY ’58, (202) 723-3227 OR BEEJAYE58@AOL.COM  
Annual meeting open to all alumni to participate in planning for NAA.

**Sowell Retirement Celebration/Scholarship Fundraiser**

**C. C. Spaulding Gymnasium**  
June 12, 2010, 7 PM  
**Cost $75 for Event/Donations Accepted Towards Scholarship Fund.** Pay at the Door: CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARDS.  
FMI, OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, (919) 546-8262 JAJOHNSON@SHAWU.EDU  
Honoring Dr. Mack Sowell ’64 after 39 years of service.

**Memorial Garden Brick Project**

**Ongoing**  
**August 31st deadline for Homecoming Placement.**

Bricks for the ongoing Memorial Garden Brick Project are available for $100 each. Recognize your class, a special family member, or a favorite saying or scripture forever on a brick! Purchase online with your credit card at [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu) Click on “Give to Shaw” and follow instructions from there. Purchase now for your brick to be placed for Homecoming 2010. FMI, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (919) 546-8262 or email rgrimes@shawu.edu or jajohnson@shawu.edu

**Alumni Spotlight**

**MonaLisa Covington ’06** has authored her first book, *Tears on My Pillow*. The book describes her healing process after the emotional devastation caused by five failed relationships, and her discovery of an astonishing relationship with God...**Lenard D. Moore ’95**, was a featured speaker at the 31st Annual Haiku Holiday conference in Chapel Hill. Moore, past president of the Haiku Society of America, recently represented the organization at a conference in Japan...**Melvin F. Broadnax ’55**, was recently honored as an Outstanding Alumnus of Shaw University by the United Negro College Fund/National Alumni Council (UNCF/NAC) in New Orleans, LA. With the honor came an induction into the Inaugural UNCF/NAC Hall of Honor. Nominated by the Shaw Univ. National Alumni Association, Broadnax recently retired after 38 years of service to the Town of Seaboard, NC as a Town Commissioner, and since 1985, as Mayor. He also served 52 years as president of the Weldon-Seaboard Alumni Chapter.

**Something to share?** Send a short message to rgrimes@shawu.edu before the 15th of the month for the next issue.

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**Broadnax ’55**
**HOMECOMING WEEK 2010**

**October 18-24**

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**Game Day—October 23 vs. Chowan University**

It’s time to come home and CELEBRATE Shaw University’s 145th Homecoming and Founder’s Day!

- Athletic Hall of Fame
- Alumni Banquet
- Reunion Year for Classes ending in “0” and “5”...Celebrate!

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**Marriott City Center**

500 Fayetteville Street

$109/tax & parking

Reserve by 9/21 or until filled.

(919) 833-1120

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**Sheraton Raleigh Hotel**

421 S. Salisbury Street

$104/tax & parking

Reserve by 9/21 or until filled.

(919) 834-9900

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**Residence Inn Midtown**

1000 Navaho Drive

$74-$134/tax (includes breakfast)

Reserve by 10/8 or until filled.

(919) 878-6100

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**Holiday Inn Raleigh North**

2805 Highwoods Blvd.

$69/tax (includes breakfast)

Reserve by 9/30 or until filled

(919) 833-1120

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Keep checking [www.shawu.edu](http://www.shawu.edu) for updates and additional information, or call the Office of Alumni Relations (919) 546-8262.

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**“A Mind Is...” Giving Society Fundraiser a Success**

Supporters gather to support UNCF and honor Thompson.

After a brief hiatus, on April 24, the Raleigh UNCF Steering Committee and the “A Mind Is...” Giving Society revived this popular fundraiser! The evening celebrated and honored Dr. Cleon F. Thompson, Jr. Recognizing his love for collecting cars, Thompson was hailed as a “driving force” for Shaw University and a “classic” in higher education worldwide.” The fundraiser was hosted by Shaw supporters and J.C. Smith University alumni Tim & Sonya Catlett. Guests enjoyed live music and delicious food. Members of the Society pledge to give at least $1,000 to UNCF through the Shaw campaign. Over $20,000 was raised at this event. Thanks to all who participated and support UNCF! (Photos by Anthony Farrell)

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Dr. Yancy with honoree Dr. Cleon F. Thompson, Jr., Co-chairman Randy Bazemore ’68 and UNCF Regional Director Marilyn Baldwin Richards ’03, M. Div.

Co-chairman and event host Tim Catlett welcomes Dr. Thompson to his home.

Co-chairman Joseph Sansom, Director of Development Gwynth Nelson, Richards, and honoree Dr. Thompson.
Members of the Shaw University Boosters Club recently presented a check for $4,000 to Interim President Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy in support of the “School of the Month” campaign by the Tom Joyner Foundation. Funds raised through the Foundation go directly into student accounts to assist them in staying in school. Making the presentation are (front row l-r): Horace Graham ’67, Gertrude G. Cromwell ’58, Dr. Yancy, Joyce M. Robinson ’75, Julius Cromwell ’58, (back row) Randolph Bazemore ’68 and Charles Graves ’80. 

Thanks Boosters Club for your continued support of alma mater! (Photo by Sheri Fillingham)

GBSC Meets (and Beats) Shaw Challenge Early

--From the GBSC “Baptist Informer”, May 12, 2010.

Dr. Dorothy Cowser Yancy, Interim President of Shaw University, visited the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention last October in Greenville, NC. At that time, Dr. Yancy challenged the GBSC to contribute a quarter of a million dollars to Shaw before the end of Shaw’s 2009-10 fiscal year on June 30th. Responding to Dr. Yancy’s challenge and former GBSC President Dr. C. R. Edwards’s appeal, the Convention attendees raised an offering of more than $8,000 to kick-start the effort at the Annual Session.

The Baptist Headquarters is now reporting that the Convention met and exceeded the Shaw challenge. As of April 30, the GBSC has raised $252,462.81. With two months remaining in the Shaw fiscal year, the Convention expects to be comfortably past the $250,000.00 mark. Thanks GBSC for supporting YOUR Baptist-affiliated institution!

In Memoriam

Condolences to the families of the following Alumni as reported to the Office of Alumni Relations April 27-May 25, 2010.

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