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The Official Newsletter of the Bethune-Cookman College Thomas D. Demps Alumni Concert Chorale

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Thomas D. Demps Alumni Concert Chorale WOWs the Crowd



"That sounds like Demps," exclaimed one onlooker as the infamous **Bethune-Cookman College Thomas D. Demps Alumni Concert Chorale** rehearsed *"The Blessing of St. Francis"* prior to performing for the Dr. Larry R. Hanfield Athletic Training Center Gala and Blessing Ceremony. The sopranos were superb; the altos, admirable; the tenors were terrific; and the basses blended beautifully! I am sure Doc was smiling and saying, *"giusti, giusti!"*

The event was held to honor Dr. Hanfield, first alumnus elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Bethune-Cookman University, and the one for whom the new athletic training center is named.

We extend *"kudos"* to Ms. Laveta Barrett for all of her efforts to make this performance come to fruition, and Dr. Orville Lawton for serving as our Conductor. We also extend our sincere appreciation to those who contributed their time, talents, and finances to participate in this event. A list of participants is indicated below.

Thank you very much for your support in helping us to accomplish our mission of *"honoring the memory of Thomas D. Demps."*

~ PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2009 HOMECOMING CONCERT CHORALE ACTIVITIES ~

SOPRANOS: Cynthia Mitchell Clarke, Juliette Strippling Austin, Constance Poitier, Rozalynne Penix Wright
ALTOS: Laveta Irving Barrett, Donna Leggett Kidd, Cynthia Sherman Ross, Annie Lois Appling Scott, Sandra Burney-Small
TENORS: Orville Lawton (Conductor), Charles Simmons
BASSES: Harry Burney, Bill Clarke, Lee Rhyant

"Tone, Diction, and Dynamics"



~ Laveta, Orville, Elaine*, Roz, Larry* ~
(*Friends of Chorale Members)

Our Pictorial Review of Homecoming Weekend 2009

The Itinerary

Friday, October 23, 2009

3:00 p.m.

TDDACC Practice Session

5:30 p.m.

Unveiling of the Inaugural Issue of
Legacy Magazine

7:00 p.m.

Alumni Reception

Saturday, October 24, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Homecoming Parade

1:00 p.m.

TDDACC Practice Session

4:00 p.m.

Homecoming Game

8:00 p.m.

Dr. Larry R. Hanfield Athletic Training Center
Gala and Blessing Ceremony

It was really great to see chorale members from 40 years ago. Some faces were new to us. However, when we heard their melodious voices, we knew that they had the "Demps" influence. What a wonderful reunion of the Thomas D. Demps Alumni Concert Chorale!

~ More Photos to Follow ~



~ Donna, Sandra, and Laveta ~
Reminiscing before Practice



~ Harry ~
"Just Chillin'"



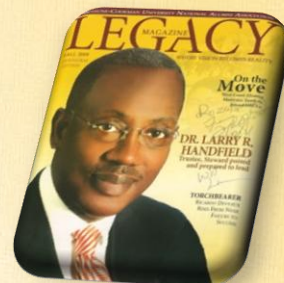
~ Orville (rear) and Charles ~
"Guys and Gadgets!"



~ Ms. B-CU Alumni and Court ~



The Board and Staff of Legacy Magazine



~ Legacy Magazine ~
Dr. Larry Hanfield, Cover Story

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~ IN MEMORIAM ~

**Bethune-Cookman Concert Chorale
Director Dies at 49**

“Administrators, faculty and students of Bethune-Cookman College as well as relatives and friends jammed the Stewart Memorial United Methodist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, to pay final respects to Thomas D. Demps, director of the famed Bethune Cookman College Concert Chorale, who died recently of a stroke at the age of 49.”

Article from Jet Magazine
March 21, 1974

