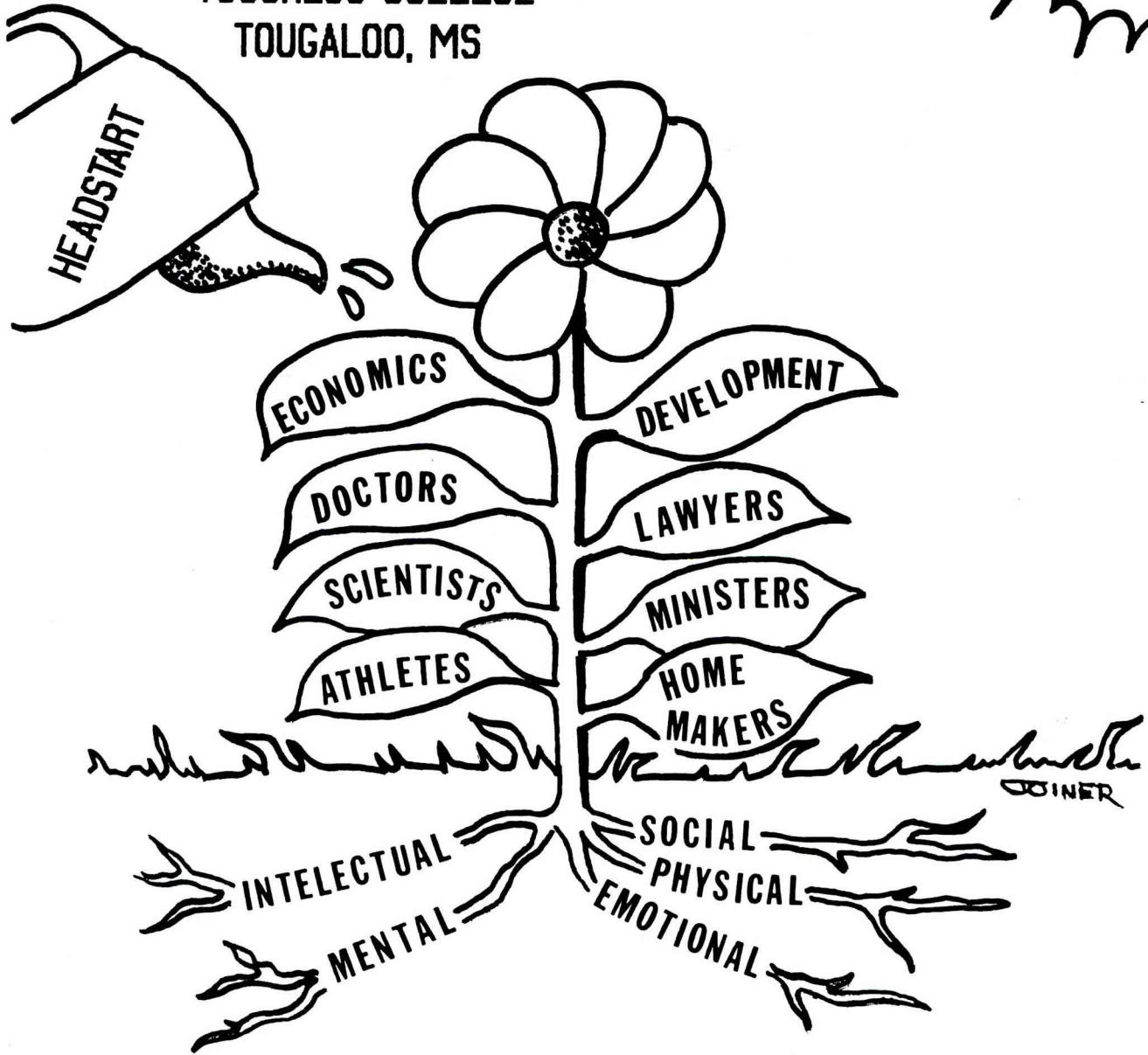


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June 21, 1989



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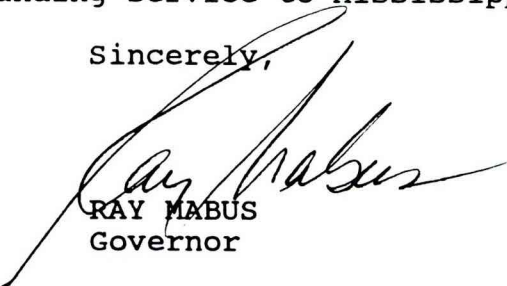
It is impossible in a letter, or even a symposium, to adequately measure the impact that Head Start has had on Mississippi in providing care and basic learning skills to our children. I can only tell you I know the profound influence this program has had on youth who needed a helping hand.

As public officials, community leaders, parents, teachers and others strive to make a better life for future generations, it is hard to ascertain just how good a job we are doing. Only when our children are the governors, the legislators, the businessmen and businesswomen, the parents and the teachers, only then will we know just how good a job we have done.

Head Start has passed that test. Many of Mississippi's outstanding leaders were influenced early and positively by Head Start. Head Start is testimony to the importance of early childhood education, child care and other vital services that we continue to fight for today.

Everyone associated with Head Start can look back with pride on 25 years of outstanding service to Mississippi.

Sincerely,


RAY MABUS
Governor

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WELCOME TO JACKSON!

As Mayor, it is my privilege to welcome all of the participants of the Symposium, "A 25-Year Perspective: The Impact of Head Start on the Mississippi Community".

A culturally dynamic city of some 216,000, Jackson is the western hemisphere home to the world-class International Ballet Competition, as well as Ballet Mississippi, the Jackson Symphony Orchestra - now in its 42nd season, the Mississippi Opera, Opera South and the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Other attractions include the internationally recognized Davis Planetarium offering the finest in space adventure, the Jackson Zoological Park and the botanical wonderland of Mynelle Gardens. For shoppers, three major shopping malls and intimate boutiques feature goods from every corner of the globe.

If history is your interest, step back to 1839 and marvel at the beautiful Gothic architecture of our state's first capitol building, the Old Capitol State Historical Museum. Venture to City Hall, the Governor's Mansion, the New Capitol and the Manship House before returning to the 1920's and life on the farm at the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry/National Agriculture Aviation Museum.

For sports enthusiasts, Jackson offers both recreational and spectator activities. From the year-round favorites of golf, tennis, cycling and jogging to the fall football season at Veteran's Memorial Stadium to summertime baseball with the Jackson Mets and water activities at the Ross Barnett Reservoir, Jackson offers great fun every season of the year!

Whatever your pleasure, Jackson greets you warmly and wishes you an enjoyable visit to our City.

Sincerely,

Dale Danks, Jr.
Mayor

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DR. ALFREDTEEN HARRISON

Dr. Alfredteen Harrison, Jackson State University Professor of History and Director of the Institute for the Study of History, Life and Culture of Black People, has travelled throughout the nation attending conferences and teaching methodology and its use in the African-American community. She is a dedicated and well deserved person who created a space in her crowded schedule to reach out and help the grassroots achieve a beginning for documenting information on a very worthwhile topic... "The Impact HeadStart has made on the Mississippi Community, A 25 Year Perspective".

She has just returned from New Zealand attending the third annual conference of the National Oral History Association. Dr. Harrison is a native Mississippian who has initiated and chaired the first through the third annual Smith-Robinson Museum Festival and is presently working on a series of symposiums examining "Migration to the North and Who Stayed South".

Among the many publications by Dr. Harrison are A History of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge: Our Heritage is Our Challenge, M.W. Stringer Grand Lodge, Jackson, MS, 1977 and A Historical Perspective of Black Protest, (A Video Tape and Book), the University of Kansas Extension Division, Lawrence, Kansas (1970-71).

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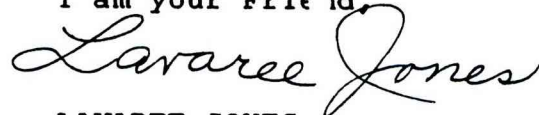
We are here this weekend in observance of progress on political, economic and educational levels in Mississippi as a result of the Headstart program. Headstart, was one of the biggest employers in the State for black people, providing opportunity for people trapped in poverty to improve the manner in which they lived.

After three years of pondering the need to have a CDGM/CEE reunion celebration, I decided on January 1, 1989 to get the ball rolling. The task has been long and tedious. The most difficult task has been recruiting volunteers to find former employees, students and parents. We were able to reach about 400 of 3700 former employees, volunteers and board members. We reached approximately 100 students out of 12,145 who were part of the 1965-1969 Headstart program. Responses have been very limited. I have done the best I could to make your visit pleasant and enjoyable.

I congratulate everyone who is putting something back into the development of the most versatile and worthwhile project ever. As we reminisce about CDGM and the struggle of the 60's, it brings us to another turning point in our history where we must focus on the question, "Where have we arrived and Where do we go from here?"

Thanks to everyone who shared in bringing this program to fruition.

With kind personal regards,
I am your Friend,



LAVAREE JONES
PRESIDENT



Mailing Address: Lavaree Jones, Sr., 337 Beaverbrook Drive, Jackson, MS 39206 • (601) 981-8118

An articulate speaker, Dr. Alexander has traveled throughout the state and nation to address numerous literary, social and civic organizations.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Alexander graduated at the age of 14, received the bachelor of arts degree at Northwestern and earned with distinction the master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Iowa.

She began her teaching career at Jackson State University in 1949 and established and taught the first Creative Writing Course at Jackson State, coordinated the first Humanities Program and organized and directed the Institute for Study of Life, History and Culture of Black People until her retirement in 1979.

Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander is the author of nine books, five books of poetry: For My People, Prophets for a New Day, October Journey, This is My Century and Poems for Farish Street; a novel, Jubilee; a book of conversations with Nikkie Giovanni, A Poetic Equation; a book of Methodology, How I Wrote Jubilee; and a biography, The Daemonic Genius of Richard Wright. Her career as a published writer spans more than fifty years since she first appeared in Crisis Magazine, May 1934.

Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander

DR. MYRTLE GLASCOE-GREEN

Dr. Green now serves as the director of the Avery Research Center for Afro American History and Culture. She came to Mississippi in 1965 and participated with the Student Non-violent Coordinating committee. Her role in the planning and coordination of the Social Services program was a key to stimulating Black Mississippians to appreciate being black. She taught community organization, voter education, voter registration and freedom school.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Glascoe's contribution in the area of Afro-American Culture has greatly been appreciated here in Mississippi and throughout the entire educational world.

DR. TOM LEVIN

Dr. Levin, a psychiatrist now working with the Department of Psychiatry, Family and Group Studies at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in New York, was the underlying force behind the move to create a program for the poor and underprivileged families in Mississippi. He was the first official Director for the program during the turbulent years.



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This space is dedicated to the late Mr. Jake B. Ayers, Sr. and family. A Charter Member of the CDGM Board of Directors, we are also proud to recognize him as the Founder and First Executive Director of DRC. His widow, Mrs. Lillie B. Ayers, is now a DRC Board Member.

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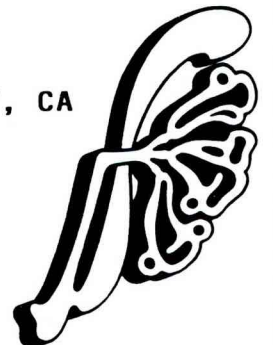
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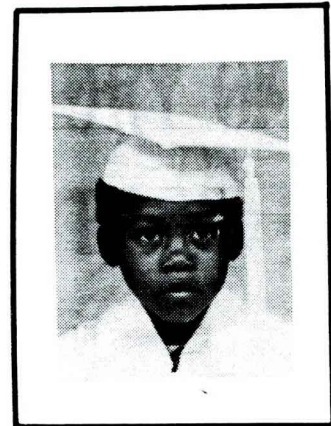
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CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

I am indeed grateful to CDGM-CEE for providing the training necessary to meet the needs of a quality program for children. By attending the various workshops and the TOUGALOO INSTITUTE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, I have been gainfully employed in an area of child development and counselling at the Mississippi School For the Blind, a most dedicated and worthwhile institution. CDGM brought hope to all of us. We must keep the philosophy alive and continue to uplift our race.



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After the experiences of this weekend, we will be motivated not to forget whence we have come and not forget those less fortunate than we. There is a legacy in our history that should be handed down to our children's children.

WE HAVE NOT OVERCOME YET!!!

--REVEREND J. F. MCREE

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Mr. Lee believes that HeadStart is the best program ever for balancing community relations and giving young children a sense of self worth and responsibility. He has served well in all facets of the HeadStart Program from Board of Directors to Loan Committee for the Credit Union. He presently resides as the caretaker on 99 acres of land in Rankin County's Sand Hill community which his parents bought in 1899 for ten cents per acre. He was granted an honorary Ph.D. from Hampton Institute where he earned his masters degree. For the past 25 years, he has given voluntarily to HeadStart and loved every minute of it. WE LOVE YOU, MR. LEE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING OF YOURSELF.

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FROM**



**ELEANOR ROBBINS
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THE HEADSTART PROGRAM HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO THE DESERVING BOYS AND GIRLS. I HAVE WATCHED IT FROM ITS INCEPTION TO THE PRESENT.

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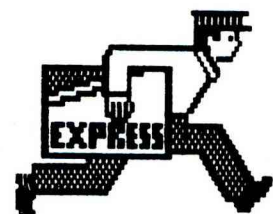
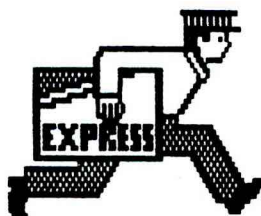


BEST WISHES COGM

You served as much more than child development. You served many of us adults, parents and non-parents, giving us the opportunity to plan, manage and operate our own businesses in the local community and county. You gave me the joy that I never knew. I appreciate what you have done for the grass roots community from whence I came.

BEATRICE WASHINGTON

BEST WISHES HEADSTART IRL DEAN RHODES & WHITE HEAVY EXPRESS



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I am a Headstart student from Pickens, MS in Holmes County. My mother was afraid to send my youngest brother (of eight children) and me to Headstart in Union, MS. With encouragement from Pinkie Milton, a Headstart teacher, we were allowed to go when I was six years old. I will always remember "Miss Pinkie" who is now my great, great aunt after marrying my great, great uncle, Addison Brown.

Although I remember only snippets of my one year at Union Headstart, my interaction with the teachers, students and volunteers left me with a yearning to get as much education as I could. Among those things I do recall are the beautiful toys and the variety of foods I ate for the first time. My teacher told me that I was quick to learn and that I would be smart when I attended "big school". In essence, I enjoyed my Headstart experience.

I never would have known that there was struggle to establish and maintain Headstart in Mississippi, had I not been assigned by my present employer, THE CLARION LEDGER, to cover the CDGM planning picnic. Thanks to MRS. LAVAREE JONES, I have learned to appreciate Headstart for its worth in the lives of so many poor children such as myself. Hers and the Reverend McRee's perseverance to preserve CDGM's history has been an inspiration. I have never seen anyone so driven despite a lack of financial and physical help.

I SALUTE HER AND ALL THE HEADSTART PIONEERS!!

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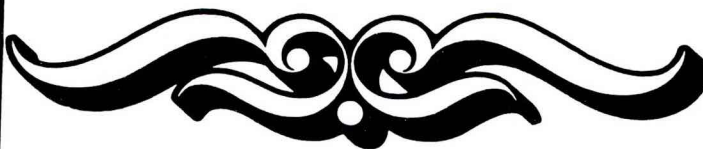
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My belated parents,

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were the greatest source of strength in my life. I admired them for having struggled for four decades of poverty, depression and social injustice and for the strength of their determination when conditions seemed particularly bad.

My parents believed in my judgement, and, when the Civil Rights Movement was in full motion, they never discouraged me and continued morally, physically and emotionally to support me when involvement became life threatening. My first air flight was to Washington, D.C. in 1966 when I helped to secure an \$8.5 million grant to continue HeadStart in Mississippi. They held my home together for me while I travelled.

Oh, how the memories tug at my heart with joy in the contributions which they gave in service to their community.

Lavaree Jones

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DR. BARBARA L. WHITAKER

Dr. Whitaker has travelled throughout the state and nation speaking on social, civic and educational organizations for child development. She began her career in child development as a consultant with the public and private social welfare organizations, public education, colleges and universities. In 1970, she became Regional Administrator for the Office of Child Development, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Region IV, Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1970, she has continued in support of the HeadStart Program.

A few of Dr. Whitaker's affiliations are the National Association for the Education of Young People, Southern Association of Children Under Six, Child Treatment Center, Parent Teacher Association, NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the the Fulton County Board of Health.

Dr. Whitaker has published a program guide for Voter Registration and Political Education, A Manual for Citizenship Education and "Negro Family Breakdown: Myth or Reality?", Fall, 1967 issue, New South magazine.

Program
June 30, 1989

Warren Hall
6:00 p.m.

Dr. Alferdeen Harrison, Director
Institute for the Study of Black People

Presiding

Prelude Quinous L. Johnson Trio
Pinky, Garland and Greg Robinson

Greeting Dr. Abid Shakir, President
Tougaloo College

Invocation Rev. C. E. Appleberry
Former CDGM employee

The Litany . . . "In Celebration" Dr. Rejohnna Brown
Professor of Early Childhood
and Elementary Education

Dinner

Entertainment Quinous Johnson Trio
Vocalist, Mrs. Margaret Rundles
Former CEE employee

Presentation Head Start Children
Rankin County
Mrs. Josephine Griffin

Poem "The Delta" Ms. Virgie Brock Shedd
Tougaloo College

Presentation of Speaker

Speaker Dr. Barbara Whitaker
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Announcement

Saturday
July 1, 1989

Holmes Hall

7:00-8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast

General Session

"Historical Perspective on the Creation
of Mississippi's Head Start Program"

Dr. Bettye Ward Fletcher, Director
Interdisciplinary Alcohol/Drug Studies Center

8:30 a.m. Opening Session

Meditation Mrs. Sarah Perry
Friends of Children, Inc.

Music Mr. Hollis Watkins
Community Organizer

Introduction of Speaker Mr. Ed Cole, Director
Mississippi
Democratic Party

Speaker Dr. Myrtle G. Green, Director
Avery Institute

9:30 a.m.

Discussion Session I

"A 25-year Perspective on the Impact of
Headstart on Poverty in Mississippi"

Mrs. Emma Sanders, Moderator

Panelists

Dr. Robert Smith, M.D.
Former Medical Consultant
to Headstart

Rev. J.T. McKee, Former Chairman
CDGM Board

Mr. Marvin Hogan, Executive Director
Friends of Children of Miss., Inc.

Mr. Bobby Brown, Director
Mississippi Action For Progress

Break
10:20-10:30 a.m.

Audience Discussion
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Humanities Scholars

Luncheon
Warren Hall

"Strategies for Social Change: The Educational,
Sociological and Political
Roots of the Child Development Group of Mississippi"

Introduction of Speaker

Mrs. Thelma Barnes
Secretary, United Church
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Washington County Board
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Speaker

Dr. Tom Levin
Founding Director
CDGM Headstart Program

1:00 p.m.

General Session
Mr. Ed King, Moderator

"The Reaction of the Political System
to the Mississippi Headstart Program"

Panelists

Rep. Aaron Henry
Mississippi Legislature

Ms. Polly Greenberg
Devil with Slippery Shoes

2:30-3:30 p.m.
Audience Discussion Session
Humanities Scholars

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Optional Activities

1. Tours
2. Sneak Preview of Headstart Documentary
3. Film - Chance for Change
The Mississippi Headstart

Banquet
Saturday Night
6:00 p.m.
Warren Hall

Ms. Lavaree Jones II, Presiding

"The Headstart Program and The Great Society"

Greetings	Dr. James Hefner, President Jackson State University
Music	Quinous Johnson Trio Vocalist, Ms. Audrey Foster
Dinner	
Toast	Atty. Constance S. Harvey Assistant Secretary of State
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Alferdteen Harrison, Director Institute for the Study of Black People
Speaker	Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander Poet and Author
Poem	"We Wear the Mask"
Recognition of Awards	Ms. Lavaree Jones I Co-coordinator of the Headstart Project
Closing Remarks	

Sunday
July 2, 1989
Wadsworth Chapel

Lavaree Jones II
Volunteer Coordinator for CDGM 25th Year Symposium
Presiding

"A Salute to 25 Years of Headstart"

Music Mt. Calvary Choir
Tougaloo, MS

Invocation

Song Mr. Hollis Watkins

Introduction Ms. Grace Simmons
Headstart Graduate

Salute Ms. Lavaree Jones I

Musical Salute Ms. Vergie Dishmon
Ordinary People

Resolutions Mrs. Geraldine Watts
Mrs. Emma Mason

Challenge: Reflecting the Past, Living the Present,
Preparing for the Future

Introduction of Speaker Mr. Clarence Coney
Former CDGM employee

Speaker Dr. Abid Shakir, President
Tougaloo College

Memories in Song Mr. Hollis Watkins

Closing Remarks

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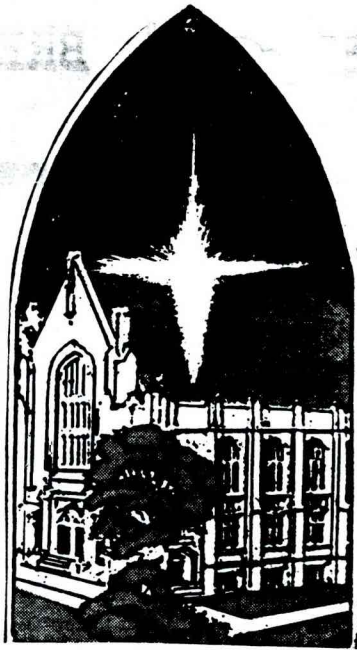


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-Freedom Came to Mississippi
by L. C. Dorsey (1977): The
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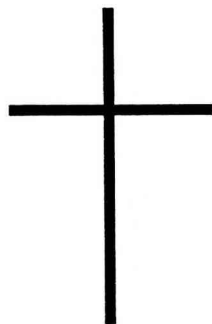
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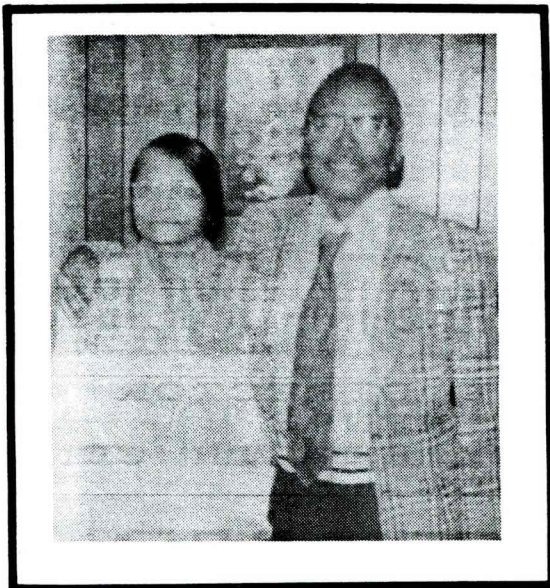
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Schedule

June 30, 1989
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration
Holmes Hall

6:00 p.m. Banquet
Warren Hall
"Origins and Significance of the Child Development Group of Mississippi: A National Perspective"

~~Planning and Expanded Services
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Discussion Session I
Humanities Scholars
~~Mississippi College~~
Dr. Charles Sallis, Historian
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Dr. William Woods, Historian
Tougaloo College

Mr. James Jordan, Historian
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District, Utica Campus

Dr. Jean Forsythe, Historian
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July 1, 1989
7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Registration
Holmes Hall

8:30 a.m. "Historical Perspective on the Creation of Mississippi's Head Start Program"
Dr. Myrtle Glascoe-Green, Director
Avery Institute
Charleston, S.C. *paid*

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. "A Twenty-five Year Perspective on the Impact of Head Start on Poverty in Mississippi"
Mrs. Emma Sanders, Moderator

Panelists:
Dr. Robert Smith, M.D., Former Medical Consultant for Head Start

Rev. J. F. McRee, Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Head Start Program

Mr. Marvin Hogan, Executive Director
Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Lunch
11:30 a.m. Discussion Session II

Dr. Tom Levin, The Founding Director of CDGM Head Start Program

Dr. Walter Hurra, Historian
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Dr. James Harvey, Historian
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Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Historian
Jackson Public Schools

Dr. Leslie McLeamore, Political Scientist
Jackson State University

~~Dr. Leanne Hester, Historian
University of Mississippi~~

2:30 p.m. Report on Group Summaries

3:30 p.m. Tour and Free Time
"Sneak Preview of the Video Documentary"

1:00 p.m. "The Reaction of the Political System to the Mississippi Head Start Program"
Mr. Ed King, Moderator

Panelists:
Representative Aaron Henry
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Ms. Polly Greenberg, Author *Presented*

Discussion Session III

4:30 p.m. Banquet
Warren Hall
"The Mississippi Head Start Program and the Great Society"

July 2, 1989
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Observation Program
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Speaker: Dr. Margaret Walker
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