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LANE COLLEGE. ITS HERITAGE AND OUTREACHES 1882-1982

This documentary history of Lane College tells the story of the oldest college in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

The College, founded in Jackson, Tennessee through the untiring efforts of Bishop Isaac Lane, opened its doors in 1882, in a frame building then known as the C.M.E. High School.

The first teacher was Miss Jennie E. Lane, the daughter of the founder, Bishop Isaac Lane. Like most other Black schools, the C.M.E. High School in its formative years had elementary school grades, preparatory and the normal course which prepared teachers. The school became Lane Institute in 1885, in honor of Bishop Isaac Lane. The name was changed to Lane College in 1896 after college courses were added.

Lane College: Its Heritage and Outreaches 1882-1982 tells of the struggle and perseverance against the sword of prejudice to educate Negroes who would otherwise have remained illiterate. It proves that a determined people, given a little, can accomplish much by being dedicated to excellence.

About the Author

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HISTORICAL PICTURES
1982
PROCLAIMED LANE'S CENTENNIAL YEAR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 12, 1862 marked the first session of C.M.E. High School, which later in 1896 became Lane College, the first C.M.E. College to be established; and
WHEREAS, knowing that education is the light which guides all progress, Lane College has been a profound source of enrichment to our community over the past century and has enriched the lives of thousands of Black Americans; and
WHEREAS, today, with a reputation of academic excellence, Lane continues to serve some 800 students this year and offers 14 majors to its graduates; and
WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the coming year be marked with many commemorative social and recreational ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Conger, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Tennessee do hereby proclaim the year of 1982 as

LANE COLLEGE CENTENNIAL YEAR

and hereby urge all citizens, community organizations, and educational institutions to give particularly attention to Lane College giving recognition to the faculty, administrative personnel, and student body and joining with them in this meaningful year of celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HEREBY SET MY HAND AND CAUSE THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, TENNESSEE TO BE AFFIXED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 1982.

Bob Conger, Mayor
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**I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I'm Mr. Jerry Fuller, editor of the 1982 edition of the Lanite. I'm a Junior majoring in Sociology and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.**

The Centennial edition of the Lanite is a reflection of many events that happened over the past year. The Lanite would not have been possible without the help of the yearbook staff working diligently to compile a review of faculty, staff, and students during the centennial year.

The advisor for the 1982 edition of the Lanite Ms. Martha Robinson has worked with us through the good times as well as the bad.

We should all remember that Lane is honoring the past and building for a better future for students.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in making the Lanite successful.

Striving for the future

Jerry Fuller, editor
DEDICATION

The Centennial Edition of the Lanite is dedicated to Bishop Isaac Lane, Founder of Lane College.
Bishop Isaac Lane was born a slave March 3, 1834, in Madison County — Tennessee. Since education was a commodity denied Blacks during this period, Lane taught himself to read and write.

With the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, came new obstacles for the newly freed slaves. Namely trying to provide for themselves, without any means of education.

Like many of the church leaders of the day Isaac Lane envisioned a means of educating his people. Upon becoming the presiding Bishop of the Tennessee Conference of Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1879, Bishop Isaac Lane took up the fundraising reigns of the proposed C.M.E. school. Lane was said to have traveled on horseback, trying to raise funds with which to build the school.

After much hard work and sacrifice on the part of Bishop Isaac Lane and the C.M.E. Church Lane College was established.

Since its founding in 1882, Lane College has had a one hundred history of positive influence on the lives of thousands of Blacks, and the nation.
Each year Lane College sets aside a special time Founders Day, to pay tribute to Bishop Isaac as we — Honor our past while building for the future.
FORWARD

Bishop Lane, born on March 3, 1834 a slave made the founding of Lane College possible for this great reason we are paying tribute. Bishop Lane, in striving for the future, produced Lane College which has grown to be one of the most prestigious black colleges of today. Lane College is celebrating its Centennial year, a privilege for a college with a meager beginning over one hundred years ago. This year has been very exciting as well as historical for Lane College.

There have been many events which paid tribute to the alumni of Lane College. Without alumni support Lane College would not be what it is today. The Centennial celebrations were one of the highlights of the year. Lane College which was built on tradition is still honoring the past with Bishop Isaac Lane and building for the future with President Herman Stone Jr. in providing quality Christian Education.
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE

DR. AUSTIN DAVID
DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

MR. O.W. HEWITT

Mr. Morris P. Fair
Director of Development

Mr. Russell Merriweather
Business Manager
LANE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHAIRMAN

Bishop Isaac Lane — 1882-1914
Bishop Joseph C. Martin — 1928-1930
Bishop M.F. Jamison — 1914-1918
Bishop J. Arthur Hamlett — 1930-1958
Bishop Nelson C. Cleaves — 1918-1922
Bishop B. Julian Smith — 1958-1974
Bishop Elias Cottrell — 1922-1926
Bishop John Madison Exum — 1974-1982
Bishop William H. Graves — 1922-1926

LANE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS
1882-1982

T.F. Saunders — Reverend Saunders became the first President of Lane in 1887 and remained until May of 1903. The college needed a person of broad experience. So an appeal was made to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the church sent a young Christian worker. During his long and prosperous administration two buildings were added. Girls dormitory, the C.M.E. High School later became known as Lane College.

J.A. Bray — Dr. Bray’s term began on November 17, 1903. He came at a time when the future of the college was becoming assured. Dr. Bray was the first Negro president and was the second president of Lane College.

J.F. Lane — In May 1907, Dr. Lane who had been connected with the college as a professor. He was an alumnus of the college and knew the objectives and philosophy of the founders. Under his direction the college took on new life. Also, under his direction a men’s dormitory was erected which was known as Hamlett Hall. He served as few men are privileged to serve. He had watched his beloved college become an effective force in the educational processes of America. History will record that Dr. J.F. Lane was a person of rare administrative ability and foresight.

D.S. Yarbrough — In May 1945, Dr. D.S. Yarbrough became the fourth president of Lane College.

Dr. Yarbrough bought to Lane some very definite ideas that pushed the college onward in its expanding program. He invited the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to make recommendations for Lane.

J.H. White — Dr. White was a man of broad educational experience. He came to the college with much enthusiasm and many plans for expanding the college program. The curriculum was revised. The offerings of the college were combined into four major divisions. They were: Division of Education, Humanities, Social Science, and Natural Science. Each division was headed by a chairman. After that he invited the committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to visit the campus. The committee was impressed and Lane College received its “A” rating.

C.A. Kirkendoll — Dr. Kirkendoll began work July, 1950. He was thoroughly acquainted with Lane College and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. President Kirkendoll recommended an expansion in service offered by the college. It has extension service for in-service teacher since 1935. But there had been no follow-up program for in-service teacher. So President Kirkendoll appointed a faculty member from the Division of Education to serve as field worker for in-service teacher . . . the purpose being to coordinate the work being done in the field. The project was a success. Under the direction of President Kirkendoll, numerous additions to and improvement upon the physical plant of the college have been effected.

There was an acquisition of the Tigrett Science Hall and two new faculty housing units. There was complete renovation of the J.K. Daniels Library. The Isaac Berry Music Hall, Hamlett Hall the Administrative Building and Saunders Hall. This destiny is imbedded in its philosophy, a philosophy evolved by those great men called the founding fathers.

Herman Stone Jr. — Dr. Stone, became the seventh President of Lane College on September 1, 1970. Dr. Stone came into the office on the heels of nationwide student unrest. While acknowledging the negative affects of the turmoil that rocked college campuses across the nation. President Stone was able to perceive and to appreciate the positive outcome of the student’s quest.

In 1975, Lane’s Word Processing Center was established. The center was made possible through a Title III grant. President Stone was quoted as saying, “the center should greatly reduce the printing costs of the college.” In 1976, two majors were added to Lane’s curriculum and brought the total number of majors offered to 14. They were communications and General Science. Also under President Stone direction Major Computer Science was added.

Engineering and a new building The J.F. Lane Health and Physical Education. The majors were added to allow Lane’s students the opportunity to obtain marketable skills necessary to meet the new job trends.
Dr. J.S. Lane
3rd President
1907-1944

Dr. D.S. Yarbrough
4th President
1945-1948
FLASH BACK LANE COLLEGE

James H. White
7th President
1948-1950

Dr. Chester Arthur Kirkendall
6th President
1950-1970
Ms. Adams, Assistant Accountant
Dr. Battacharrya, Prof. Physics
Mrs. Beasley, Prof. of Education

Ms. Berry, Director of Word Processing
Mrs. Bills, Assistant Cashier
Mrs. Bladene, Dorm Director of Smith Hall

Mr. Braster, Director Chairman of Natural Science

Mr. McCall, Health and Physical Education

Mr. Carter, Sociology Instructor
Ms. Charles, Assist. Financial Aid Director
Mrs. Coleman, Sec. of Natural Science

Mrs. Cooke, Head Librarian
Mrs. Crothers, Dorm Director Hamlett Hall
Mrs. Cunningham, Business Instructor

Mr. Dunn, Dir. of Maintenance

Mrs. Fait, Head of Technical Services/Library
Mr. Fair, Director of Development
Ms. Foulks, Secretary of Title II
Ms. Fowler, Secretary of Admissions

Ms. Gatewood, Director of Communications Service
Mr. Hamlett, Chief Chief Accountant
Ms. Hegmon, Dir. of Learning Resource Center

Mrs. Hewitt, Dir. of Upward Bound/Special Services

Ms. Hill, Secretary of Special Services

Ms. Hines, Library Secretary
Mr. Hoot, Dir. of Writing Laboratory
Mr. Jarmon, Psychology Instructor

Mr. Jetties, Women's Basketball Coach
Mrs. Johnson, Dir. of Computer Services
Ms. Jones, Secretary of Adult Ed.

Mr. Jones, French Instructor

Mrs. Kimmins, Library Assistant
Mr. Khan, Asst. Prof of English
Mr. Kirkendoll, Dist. of Placement
Mrs. Kirkendoll, Physical Ed. Instructor

Mrs. Kizer, Secretary of Public Relations
Ms. Lutton, PBX operator/Mail Clerk
Mrs. Lovelady, Library Assistant

Mrs. Maclin, Assistant to the Registrar

Mr. Mattai, Assoc. Prof. of Sociology

Mrs. Mattison, Secretary of Dean of Student
Mr. Merriweather, Business Manager
Ms. Miller, Secretary of Purchasing

Mr. Mahajan, Biology Instructor
Mrs. Moore, Instructor of Computer Science
Ms. Morrison, Coord. of Special Service

Dr. Owens, Assoc. Prof of Music

Mrs. Parks, Counselor
Mr. Perry, Asst. Prof. of English
Mrs. Phillips, Accoc. Librarian
Ms. Pruitt, Library Assistant

Ms. Pullum, Sec. of English Dept.
Mr. Purhan, Dean of Chapel
Dr. Ramakrishna, Professor of Biology

Mrs. Ramey, Library Assist.

Ms. Robinson, Dir. of Public Relations

Ms. Scott, Sec. Dean of College
Mrs. Scott, Title III Coordinator
Ms. Smart, Federal Program Assist.

Mrs. Smith, Counselor Adult Ed. Prog.
Mr. Springfield, Director of Residential Life
Mrs. Stubbs, Counselor of Special Services

Mr. Stubbs, Assoc-Dir. Institutional Research

Mr. Taylor, Assoc Prof. Of Education
Tommy Taylor, Dir. Cheaves Hall
Mr. Thacker, Registrar
Ms. Thomas, Secretary of Vice-President

Ms. Tucker, Cashier/Treasurer
Ms. Vaultz, Chair of Social Sciences
Mrs. Wade, Counselor

Ms. Willie Joe Walker, Federal Program Officer
Mr. Wesson, Reading Instructor
Mr. Williams, Dir. of Student Union Building
Mr. Willis, Residence Counselor

DO YOU KNOW THEM
Guess

Who
Rev. Nathaniel Carter, Associate Professor of Sociology was elected teacher of the year. He
received this honor by popular vote.
Rev. Carter received his B.A. Degree from Lane College.
He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. His hobbies are reading and basketball.
Introduction
Centennial
Events

LANE COLLEGE BELL
DRAGONS IN ACTION
FOUNDER'S WEEK

FOUNDER'S WEEK 1982
LANE COLLEGE
A RICH TRADITION IN
BUILDING FOR THE
FUTURE
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND
COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVE OF THE FOUNDER, BISHOP ISAAC LANE