

PRESENTATION OF
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD
TO
ROBERT A. MAYS, JR.

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EACH YEAR THE EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SELECTS ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS. THE RECIPIENT OF THIS HONOR IS CHOSEN FROM A LONG LIST OF NOMINEES, AND THE COMPETITION IS ALWAYS KEEN. FOR THIS REASON THE SELECTION COMMITTEE STUDIES IN DETAIL THE RECORD OF EACH NOMINEE BEFORE SELECTING THE ONE PERSON WHO, BECAUSE OF THE CREDIT HE HAS BROUGHT TO HIMSELF, HIS FAMILY, HIS COMMUNITY, AND HIS ALMA MATER, SHOULD BE HONORED AS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS.

THE PERSON WE HONOR TODAY HAS AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND I BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT HE DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF 1973.

ROBERT A. MAYS, JR., CAME TO GREENVILLE IN 1947 WHEN ECTC WAS UNDERGOING MANY CHANGES, ESPECIALLY WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF MEN STUDENTS WHO WERE ENROLLING. HOWEVER, IT DIDN'T TAKE THE HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA, NATIVE LONG TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS A CAMPUS LEADER. HIS COMBINATION OF GOOD LOOKS, TALENT, AND PLEASING PERSONALITY SOON MADE HIM A FAVORITE OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY ALIKE.

BOB MAYS WAS EVEN AT THAT TIME AN EXCELLENT SINGER AND DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS HE ENDEARED HIMSELF TO CAMPUS AUDIENCES. HE STARRED IN SEVERAL PRODUCTIONS OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT AND MADE A VERY CONVINCING LEADING MAN.

NOT ALL FORMER COLLEGE STARS GO ON TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN BUT BOB MAYS APPLIED HIS COLLEGIATE ENERGIES AND SKILLS TO THE INSURANCE FIELD AND IS TODAY THE OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE MAYS INSURANCE AGENCY IN GREENSBORO. AMONG HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AND CIVIC LIFE OF GREENSBORO ARE THE FOLLOWING:

FORMER DIRECTOR OF TB ASSOCIATION

FORMER DIRECTOR OF STATE ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE
AGENTS

MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMITTEES OF THE GREENSBORO CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

MEMBER OF THE GREENSBORO MUTUAL INSURANCE AGENTS ASSOCIATION

IN ADDITION, HE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, THE SERTOMA CLUB, THE ELKS LODGE, AND THE SEDGEFIELD COUNTRY CLUB.

WITH ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES, BOB HAS STILL FOUND TIME FOR HIS SINGING. HE IS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GREENSBORO ORATORIA SOCIETY AND IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LYRIC THEATER. HE HAS SUNG IN SEVERAL THEATER PRODUCTIONS,

BOB MAYS IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MAYS OF HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA. LINA WORTHINGTON MAYS IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. SAM O. WORTHINGTON OF GREENVILLE. THEIR SON, ROBERT W. MAYS, IS A STUDENT AT WOFFORD COLLEGE. THEIR DAUGHTER BESS ATTENDS HIGH SCHOOL IN GREENSBORO. WE ARE PLEASED THAT BOTH LINA AND BESS ARE WITH US TODAY.

IT IS WITH SINCERE PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD OF 1973 TO ROBERT A. MAYS.

BOB, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.