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Nuclear Engineer, Scholar and Naval Graduate Honored

Because of the numerous outstanding accomplishments of Brother Walter Alvin Meeks, Jr., the Omnicron [[Omicron]] Upsilon Chapter of Waco, TX, selected him as its Omega Man of the Year and Omega Scholar of the Year for 1980.

He graduated from Jefferson-Moore High School of Waco, Texas in May of 1975 where he was ranked number 3 in a class of 200 students. He was also a member of the Band, National Honor Society, and Student Council.

Brother Meeks received a Bachelor of Science Degree with honors in Nuclear Engineering in 1979 and a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering in 1980 respectively from Txs [[Texas]] A. & M. University.

Among collegiate activities and achievements while at Texas A. & M., he was a member of the Corps of Cadets, American Nuclear Society, Society of Black Engineers, Distinguished Student of the Year (an honor given by the Society of American Military Engineers), Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Distinguished Naval Graduate, being a Commissioned Ensign in the Navy in 1980.

Brother Meeks graduated from the U.S. Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida in April of 1981. He will graduate from the Nuclear Power Training Unit at Idaho Falls [[Falls]], Idaho in October of 1981. Subsequently, he will attend the Submarine Officers Basic Course for 12 weeks in New London, Connecticut after which he will be stationed on a Nuclear Submarine.

He is the son of Brother and Mrs. Walter A. Meeks, Sr. of 501 Preston in Waco, Texas. He has two sisters, Donna, a teacher in Temple, Texas, and Frederica, a sophomore at Southwest Texas State University.

Fitzhugh Award
Corrin Honored For Services to Black Business

Malcolm L. Corrin, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity (ICBO), was the recipient of the H. Naylor Fitzhugh Award for Business Excellence at the recent meeting of the National Black Masters of Business Administration (NBMBA).

Corrin, in his acceptance speech, said "You have an obligation to make the free enterprise system—already the greatest in the world—work even better by improving productivity and contributing to bottom line profits within your companies."

Corrin stated further, "Line management is where the opportunities and bonuses are; don't get side-tracked into peripheral areas that carry big titles but little clout."

Corrin has lead ICBO to great heights in business achievement since he assumed the position of president in 1974. Under his aegis ICBO clients, minority business owners, have obtained over \$136 million in financial assistance and close to \$135 million in new markets for their

goods and services.

Corrin, a graduate of Morehouse College and possessor of an MBA degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, paid tribute to H. Naylor Fitzhugh, who, before his recent retirement, was a Pepsi-Cola vice president, and for many years a pioneer Black in big business marketing. He is often referred to as the "Dean of Black business".

Rev. Jesse Jackson
National Director
Operation PUSH

The black middle class is not built on land, business development or monied interests. The black middle class is largely a product of the public sector—government workers, post office employees, educators, nurses, etc. When they freeze people out of jobs in the public sector, who is it that needs jobs—blacks. When they stop promotions, who is it that because of discrimination will be stuck in the lower-classified and lower-paying jobs—blacks. When they cut back on jobs in the public sector, who is it that will be last hired and first fired—blacks. When funds for education are cut back and class sizes and teacher-student ratios increase, whose classrooms will become the largest and most overcrowded—blacks. When they cut back on health services, who is it that has the worst health and needs the most care—blacks. When they cut back on police and fire services, who suffers the most crime and lives in the most fire plagued buildings—blacks. Make no mistake about it, this is an anti-black move with dangerous ramifications for the entire society.

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[[caption]] Alvin Strong, Robert McDaniels (Trustee), Minnie Meares, Dr. Walter Ridley (Trustee), Sam Joyner, Robert Pulley. [[/caption]]

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