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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 1970

An oral interpreter of "Black Literature" will present a program of dramatic readings and spirituals Thursday (Dec. 10) evening at Salve Regina College.

Abraham Davis, Jr., associate professor of speech and English at Houghton (N. Y.) College, will climax a day of small group sessions and classroom appearances at the women's college with a public program at 8 p. m. in Ochre Court on campus. Tickets at fifty cents will be available at the door.

The program, entitled "A Contrast in Black: The Tone and Tension of the Old and New Black" will include interpretations of major works by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, James Weldon Johnson, Langston Hughes, and John Jasper, as well as selections by Phillis Wheatly, Countee Cullen, and some "new" Black writers.

Born in Beaufort, S. C., Mr. Davis received his early education at the Robert Smalls Elementary and High School for Negroes.

Later, after earning diplomas in building construction and Bible and theology, and serving three years with the U. S. Army during World War II, he won his baccalaureate degree in Classical Greek at Houghton College, and his master of arts degree in speech correction at Temple University. Additional graduate study in speech pathology followed at State University of Iowa, and Pennsylvania State and Western Reserve Universities. He is now a doctoral candidate with a major in rhetoric and public address at Indiana University, where he is also a teaching associate.

Mr. Davis's appearance at Salve Regina, is being co-sponsored by the department of English and the lecture committee of the student congress.