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Executive Secretary

## AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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February 4, 1952

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Mr. A. S. Gaither  
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Tallahassee, Florida

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May 15, 1950

Mr. A S Gaither  
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Gaither:

I am referring the matter of the trip of Miss Gibson to Mr. Lee to see if it can be worked out satisfactorily.

Allow me to congratulate you and her upon the fine publicity which she is giving the school.

Yours very truly,

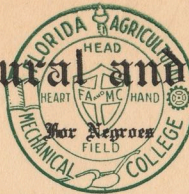
George W. Gore, Jr.  
President

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Enclosures



# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



Tallahassee, Florida

May 13, 1950

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A. and M. College  
Campus

Dear Dr. Gore:

I am enclosing two letters which Miss Althea Gibson has recently received. One of these letters is an invitation from Charles E. Hare, husband of Mary Harwick, British professional tennis champion, to play in the National Clay Court Championships in Chicago, July 17 - 23. This tournament is only one step below the National Tennis Championships at Forest Hills. I think it would be well if we could send Miss Gibson to this meet.

I have checked on possible expenses of this tournament and I find they are as follows:

|                                      |            |
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| Round trip Railroad Fare (Day Coach) | - \$ 75.00 |
| Entry Fee                            | - 3.00     |
| Maintenance in Chicago               | - 50.00    |
| Total Expenses                       | - \$128.00 |

The second letter is from Howard Cohn, Managing Editor of The American Lawn Tennis Magazine in which he proposes to publish an article featuring Miss Gibson. This should bring creditable publicity to the College.

Please advise me concerning the above mentioned invitation at your convenience.

I might add that Althea plans to go to Wilmington, N. C. to work out with Dr. Hubert A. Eaton during the summer.

Very truly yours,

*A. S. Gaither*  
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Athletic Director

ASG:mw

Enclosures - 4.

P. S. Please return the letters for our athletic files.



1406 Orange Street  
Wilmington, N. C.  
June 9, 1950

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I hope you have a joyous summer  
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yours truly  
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GWGjr:acbb



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August 24, 1950

Miss Althea Gibson  
Wilberforce State College  
Wilberforce, Ohio  
c/o Mr A D Gaither

CONGRATULATIONS UPON UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.

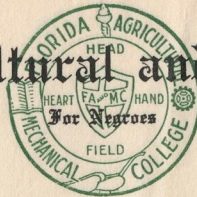
BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION.

George W Gore, Jr



GIBSON, ALTHEA

# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



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Tallahassee, Florida

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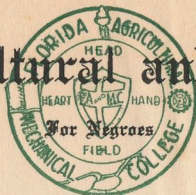
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SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — To be presented to Miss Althea Gibson  
by Jackie Robinson, November 29, Harlem YMCA, New York City

Occasion: Sports Achievement Annual Night Program



# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



GEORGE W. GORE JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

September 12, 1950

DIVISION OF EDUCATION

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A and M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

I am submitting to you the material you requested concerning Althea Gibson.

Althea Gibson, Eastern Indoor Champion and National Negro Women's Singles Champion and a sophomore at Florida A and M College College played in eight major tennis tournaments this year.

In February, she won the women's singles title of the Eastern Indoor meet at New York, defeating M. Hirsh Lang of Forest Hills, New York.

In March, she reached the finals of the National Indoor Singles Championship, losing to Nancy Chaffee of Ventura, California.

She participated in the Clay Court Championship at River Forest, Illinois. She defeated the Champion of Mexico, Mela Ramirez and Betty Gray of Houston, Texas. She was defeated by Doris Hart, the number one seeded player, who won the title.

In preparation for the grass courts in Forest Hills, she played in two meets in New York and New Jersey.

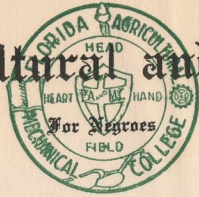
She won the championship in the Midwestern Tennis Meet, at Columbus, Ohio, August 19 - 20.

Althea won the National Negro Women's Singles championship held at Wilberforce for the third consecutive year. She and Dr. W. R. Johnson also won mixed doubles crown.

She was the first Negro to play in the National Grass Court Tennis Championship at Forest Hills, New York, defeating Barbara Knapp of England 6-2, 6-2 and was leading Louise Brough, the Wimbledon Champion, in the



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Tallahassee, Florida

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Dr. George W. Gore, President  
September 12, 1950  
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third and deciding set of the second round match, but the play was stopped because of rain. She was defeated by Louise Brough a day later.

She paired with Torsten Johanson of Sweden at Forest Hills, and reached the quarter finals in mixed doubles.

She has been invited to play in the Pan-American Tournament in Mexico City, September 30, and October 7. Most of the Stars of The Forest Hills' meet will be in this tournament. She turned down an invitation to play in a Canadian Tournament.

Yours very truly, .

A. S. Gaither,  
Athletic Director

ASG: cmc







November 28, 1950

Mr. J R E Lee  
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am hereby approving transportation and per diem for Miss Althea Gibson to attend the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami. She may travel by air from Jacksonville to Miami and back to Tallahassee (she is coming from New York) or she may travel round trip from Tallahassee.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

CWGjr:acbb





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NEW YORK, N. Y.

## UNITED STATES LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

CABLE ADDRESS  
"USLAWTENIS" NEW YORK

120 BROADWAY • NEW YORK 5, N. Y. • CORTLANDT 7-3330

December 5th, 1950

Dr. George W. Gore Jr., President  
Florida A. and M. College  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

While Althea Gibson was in New York last week I extended to her an invitation from the Fairfield Country Club of Montego Bay to join a group of American players I am organizing to go to the Caribbean Islands Championships. I had previously talked with Mr. Bertram Baker and obtained his approval.

Her expenses will be paid from Tallahassee to Miami, where she will be picked up by our chartered plane on February 1st. When the tournament is finished in Jamaica we will fly her direct to New York on Monday, February 12th, giving her time to practice for the USLTA Indoor which starts the following Saturday. This will save her plane fare from Florida to New York, and of course her living expenses will be taken care of in Jamaica.

Mr. Alrick Man, the new Chairman of the USLTA Indoor Championships Committee, has asked me to extend to Althea a cordial invitation to play in that tournament which this year is held from February 17th to 25th. There will be no Eastern Indoor this year as we cannot obtain the use of Kingsbridge Armory.

Please let me know if this plan meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hollis Dann".

Hollis Dann

HD:pc

cc: F.M. Kerr-Jarrett  
Bertram Baker





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## UNITED STATES LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

CABLE ADDRESS  
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December 16th, 1950.

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A. and M. College  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Dr. Gore:

We plan to leave for Jamaica in less than six weeks. The Jamaica group puts out a very elaborate program for the tournament there and it takes a long time for them to set it up and print it. Since I have to send down pictures and "write ups" on each player, and I want to do a very good job on Althea, I would appreciate knowing as soon as possible whether or not she can play.

I received a letter yesterday from Jean Borotra, the famous French player, and think that he will be able to play in Jamaica as he will be returning from a business trip in South America.

Very truly yours,

*Hollis Dann*  
Hollis Dann.



December 18, 1950

Mr. A S Gaither  
Florida A and M College  
Campus

Dear Mr. Gaither:

I am hereby approving Miss Gibson in keeping with  
your recommendation as stated in your letter of  
December 16.

Kindly notify her.

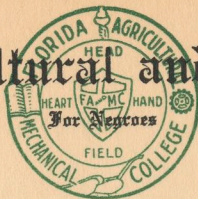
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# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

December 16, 1950

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A. and M. College  
Campus

Dear Dr. Gore:

I received your letter of December 12 also the enclosure of the letter from Mr. Hollis Dann of the United States Lawn Tennis Association with reference to Miss Gibson participating in the Caribbean Islands Tennis Championships.

I am in favor of Miss Gibson making this trip as I feel that it will prepare her for competition in the higher area of tennis and is an honor that has come to a member of our race.

Her studies can be arranged so that she will not suffer a great deal as she is a pretty good student and is willing to do outside work to keep up in her classes.

Yours very truly,

*A. S. Gaither*  
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Athletic Director

ASG:mw

Enclosure - 1



December 22, 1950

Mr. Hollis Dann  
United States Lawn Tennis Association  
120 Broadway  
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Dann:

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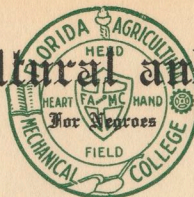
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DANN, HOLLIS

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January 29, 1951

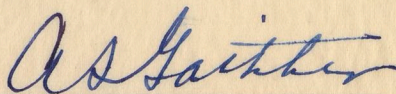
Expenses of Althea Gibson to participate in the National Indoor Tennis matches at New York, February 12 - 28, 1951.

Miss Gibson will leave here February 1 for Miami where she will join a group of United States Lawn Tennis Association players enroute to Jamaica B.W. I. They will leave Jamaica for New York, February 12 where she will stay until February 28.

|                                                                        |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Transportation from New York to Tallahassee - (by State Request) ----- | \$ 52.94 |
| Entry Fee -----                                                        | 3.00     |
| Maintenance for 17 days @ \$5.50 -----                                 | 93.50    |
| Rental of balls and practice courts for 10 days @ \$3.25 -----         | 32.50    |
| Emergency Expenses -----                                               | 15.00    |
| Transportation to and from courts -----                                | 5.00     |
| Total -----                                                            | \$201.94 |



Signed



A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

ASG:mw



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*Thought you would  
be interested in this  
letter. Houghton*

April 16, 1951

Mr. Hollis Dann  
C/o Coe Jacquest & Co.  
39 Broadway  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Hollis:

Miss Gibson

Our head office in London is very interested to hear of the possibility of Miss Gibson visiting Europe this summer and would like to be of all possible assistance to Miss Gibson. As soon as I can inform London of definite confirmation that Miss Gibson is going to England, Slazengers Limited will set everything in motion to insure that her visit is a tremendous success.

I am enclosing with this letter a list of English tournaments. London very strongly advises Miss Gibson to concentrate upon English grass court tournaments so that she can tune herself up for Wimbledon. The best one to aim at as a start is Surbiton which begins on May 28th, and she would be wise to follow this by Northern Manchester, Beckenham, Queens and then Wimbledon.

Once Miss Gibson reaches England all sorts of people will be after her in an endeavor to attract her to their tournament and especially some of the Continental Associations, but our considered opinion very definitely is that her main target should be Wimbledon. It is at Wimbledon that she will get most publicity and it is there that she will want to do best. In order to achieve this, Miss Gibson should in our opinion go to the tournaments named above, get experience on English grass courts and incidentally there will be a strong entry of both English and Continental players at these tournaments which will give her plenty of good match practice.

After the Wimbledon Championships, Miss Gibson could play in two more tournaments and these should be Felixstowe from July 9th to 14th and Frinton, both of which are delightful tournaments in every way.

Incidentally on the enclosed list of tournaments, the red marks indicate those tournaments which have officially adopted the Slazenger tennis ball. You will note that this is by far the majority.

Finally, would you very kindly ask Miss Gibson to let us have the exact specification of her tennis racquet, so that Slazengers can arrange to make up identical supplies for her use in England. It will probably be best for



Mr. Hollis Dann

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us to ship over an old racquet if there is anything special about the specification.

I hope that you will be letting me have confirmation as quickly as possible about the date of Miss Gibson's arrival in England in order that the wheels can start turning.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

SLAZENGERS, INC.

W. A. Howkins.

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GIBSON, ALTHEA

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ALTHEA GIBSON

CC: DR. GEORGE W. GORE, JR., - REQUEST OF COACH GAITHER



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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 4, 1951

Mr Flavio G Martinez, Chairman  
Tenth Pan-American Organizing Committee  
Centro Deportivo Chapultepec  
Calzada Mariano Escobedo No. 665  
Mexico, D F

Dear Mr Martinez:

I keenly regret the fact that the dates of the Tenth Pan-American Tennis Tournament will interfere with Miss Althea Gibson's matriculation at the college for the academic school year 1951-52. For this reason I cannot grant official permission for her to participate in the tournament.

I trust Miss Gibson will be able to participate in other tournaments in your country that will not interfere with her school work.

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CC: Mr A S Gaither  
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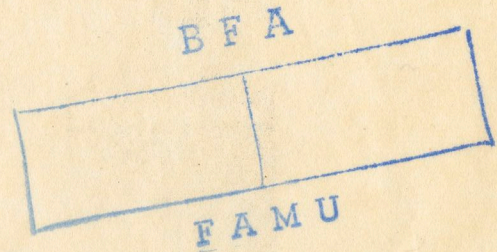
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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George W Gore, Jr

GWGjr:vby

CC: Mr A S Gaither  
Miss Althea Gibson

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September 5, 1951

Mr. F. C. Lona  
Ave. Juarez 56, Office 215  
Mexico, D. F.

RE: Althea Gibson

Dear Mr. Lona:

This will acknowledge the receipt from you of the copy of a letter which you forwarded to Mr. George W. Gore, President, Florida A & M College, Tallahassee, Florida.

The American Tennis Association has no objection to Miss Gibson participating in the Pan-American Tennis Tournament referred to in your letter provided that:

1. The Tournament conforms to all of the Rules, Regulations and Requirements of the United States Lawn Tennis Association and the International Lawn Tennis Federation.
2. That Miss Gibson is able to get permission from Florida A & M College to be away from her classes.

Thanking you for your invitation and with very best wishes for a successful Tournament.

Very truly yours,

Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

CC: Althea Gibson  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

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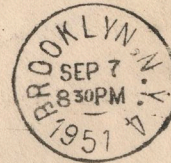
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Tallahassee, Florida



**AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**BERTRAM L. BAKER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**  
399 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, 21, N. Y.



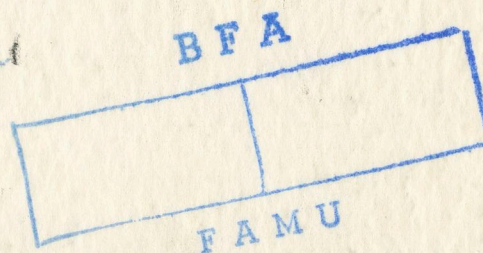
Miss Althea Gibson  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

c/o Mr. A. S. Gaither



September 11, 1951

Mr. J. R. E. Lee, Jr.  
Business Manager  
Campus



Dear Mr. Lee:

I have a letter from Althea Gibson in Wilmington, North Carolina asking for transportation back to the college.

Since we did not send her to the nationals at Wilberforce nor to Forest Hills, and she participated in both tournaments this summer at her own expense, I am suggesting that we send a first-class ticket to her in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

ASG:fmh

cc: Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.



September 12, 1951

Mr. J R E Lee  
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Lee:

I do not know from what fund I could approve paying the  
railroad fare for Miss Althea Gibson to return to college from  
Wilmington, North Carolina.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWGjr:acbb

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# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

September 12, 1951

Dr. G W Gore, Jr.  
Florida A and M College

Dear Dr. Gore:

Please advise with reference to the  
attached, a copy of which was sent to you.

Yours very truly,

*J. R. E. Lee, Jr.*  
J. R. E. Lee, Jr.  
Business Manager

JRELjr/gs

Enclosure



BAKER BERTRAM

September 12, 1951

Mr. Bertram L. Baker  
American Tennis Association  
399 Jefferson Avenue  
Brooklyn 21, New York

Dear Mr. Baker:

The attached letter is enclosed for your information.

Yours truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

CWGjr:b

Enclosure



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BERTRAM L. BAKER  
Executive Secretary

## AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

399 Jefferson Avenue

Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

Glenmore 2-6321

February 4, 1952

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Dr. Gore:

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter which  
I have, today, forwarded to Mr. A. S. Gaither.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bertram L. Baker".

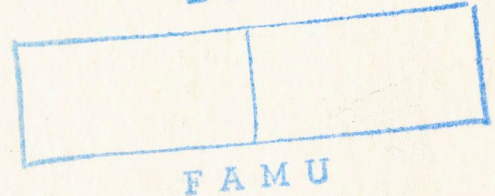
Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

BLB:ms  
Enclosure



February 7, 1952

Mr. W. Austin  
Fla. A and M College  
Campus



Dear Mr. Austin:

I would appreciate it very much if you would arrange practice schedules for Miss Gibson in view of her coming matches. I suggest that you supervise her practice.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

ASG/h



February 9, 1952

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.  
President  
Florida A and M College  
Campus

B F A

F A M U

Dear Dr. Gore:

I received a letter from Mr. Bertram L. Baker, Executive Secretary of the American Tennis Association, relative to Miss Gibson's participating in the National Indoor Championships in New York City, February 16 to 24, and also the Caribbean Championships at Montego Bay, Jamaica, February 28 to March 10. I understand that you have a copy of this letter.

Mr. Baker, likewise, called me by telephone in regard to this. He stated that Althea had the following ratings: Eastern rating, No. 2; National rating, No. 11. This is significant in that no other Negro has ever received a rating from the National Tennis Association. He also stated that in order to maintain these ratings, it would be necessary for Althea to participate in the U. S. L. T. A. sponsored tournaments.

I have talked this matter over with Althea and she is reluctant to miss this time out of school, but feels that she can catch up in her work by extra effort. I feel that her academic schedule for this semester can be satisfactorily carried out if she puts forth her best in studying and preparation for her work.

I am recommending that we permit Althea to make these trips and pay her expenses to New York, and provide her with sufficient funds to take care of her expenses in addition to the \$50.00 allotted by the U. S. L. T. A. Her expenses will be as follows:

First class transportation from Tallahassee  
to New York

\$57.82

Maintenance in New York

Total

\$12.00  
\$69.82

Yours very truly,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

ASG/h



Date

Feb. 15, 1952

I hereby certify that the services listed below were furnished to the  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

*BFA*  
*FAMU*  
*Althea Gibson (Lennis)*  
(Name of Group)

ITEM

UNIT COST

TOTAL

\$2.00 \$2.00

Lapin from  
Apn. Station  
to resident

GRAND TOTAL

\$2.00

Signed:

*Main Pass*  
*Yellow Cab*

(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

*New York City*

(Florida A &amp; M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Althea Gibson (Lennis)  
(Name of Group)

| ITEM                | UNIT COST     | TOTAL         |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Taxi from</u>    | <u>\$2.00</u> | <u>\$2.00</u> |
| <u>Penn Station</u> |               |               |
| <u>to resident</u>  |               |               |
|                     |               |               |
|                     |               |               |
| GRAND TOTAL         | <u>\$2.00</u> |               |

Signed: Dain Papp  
Yellow Cab  
(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location: New York City

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

Feb. 14, 1952

I hereby certify that the services listed below were furnished to the  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

Althea Gibson (Tennis)

(Name of Group)

| ITEM          | UNIT COST | TOTAL  |
|---------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 Supper on   | \$2.65    | \$2.65 |
| Silver Meteor |           |        |
| train to N.Y. |           |        |

GRAND TOTAL

\$2.65

Signed:

Robert Johns  
Silver Meteor & Dining Car

(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY:

Head of Department of:

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Date

Feb. 15, 1952

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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

Althea Gibson (Tennis)

(Name of Group)

ITEM

UNIT COST

TOTAL

Room & Board \$28.00 \$28.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$28.00

Signed:

Buddy Walker

(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

515 W. 142 St. N.Y.C.

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY:

Head of Department of:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

(Name of Group)

ITEM

UNIT Cost

TOTAL

Signed:

(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Feb. 17, 1952

I hereby certify that the services listed below were furnished to the  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

Althea Gibson (Tennis)  
(Name of Group)

| ITEM             | UNIT COST      | TOTAL          |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Handcuffs</u> | <u>\$ 2.50</u> | <u>\$ 2.50</u> |
|                  |                |                |
|                  |                |                |
|                  |                |                |
|                  |                |                |
|                  |                |                |
| GRAND TOTAL      | <u>\$ 2.50</u> |                |

Signed: Veronica Hampton  
Hampton Beauty Salon  
(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location: 125th & St. Nicholas Ave.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date February 18, 1952

I hereby certify that the services listed below were furnished to the  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

Altha Gibson (Tennis)  
(Name of Group)

ITEM

UNIT COST

TOTAL

Racket restring \$ 11.00 \$ 11.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$11.00

Signed:

Signed: Ralph William  
Mike's Indoor Courts  
(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

Location: 1438 5th Ave

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Department of:

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Date Feb. 27, 1952

I hereby certify that the services listed below were furnished to the  
FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE:

*Althea Gibson (Lennis)*

(Name of Group)

ITEM

UNIT Cost

TOTAL

Handrenes \$2.50 \$2.50

GRAND TOTAL

82.50

Signed:

Signed: Veronica Hampton  
Hampton's Beauty Salon  
(Name of Establishment or Business)

(Name of Establishment or Business)

Location:

Location: 125 1/2 St. Nicholas Ave

(Florida A & M College Faculty Member in Charge)

APPROVED BY:

Head of Department of:

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DRAW FOR THE USLTA  
WOMEN'S INDOOR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
7th Regiment Armory - New York, N.Y.  
Saturday, February 16 to Sunday, February 24, 1952

UPPER HALF

First Round

Second Round

(1st Round Byes)

Mrs. Nancy Chaffee Kiner, Ventura, Cal.)  
Diana McIlvaine, New York, N.Y.)

Christina Morley, New York, N.Y.)

Mrs. Edna Salichs, Forest Hills, N.Y.)  
Mrs. Minerva C. Fullen, Bronx, N.Y.) 11 a.m. Sunday ----- )

Althea Gibson, New York, N.Y.)  
Stella Lustig, Flushing, N.Y.) 3 p.m. Sunday

Carolyn Liguori, Brooklyn, N.Y.)  
Helen W. Reynolds, Flushing, N.Y.) 11 a.m. Sunday

Barbara Lee Friedberg, Baltimore, Md.)  
Patricia Cavanagh, Brooklyn, N.Y.) 11 a.m. Sunday

Irene Rodoff, Brooklyn, N. Y.)  
Helen Fletcher, England ) 11 a.m. Sunday

LOWER HALF

Mrs. Patricia C. Todd, La Jolla, Calif.)  
Isabele Troccole, Bronx, N.Y.) Monday

Rosemary Darben, Montclair, N.J.)  
Helen E. Germaine, New York, N.Y.) 12 Noon Sunday

Margaret Edmundson, New York, N.Y.)  
Susan Bralower, Hartsdale, N.Y.) 12 Noon Sunday

Mrs. Jean French Fallot, Amityville, N.Y.)  
Mrs. Andreina Drew-Bear, Venezuela ) 2 p.m. Sunday

Mary W. Wheeler, New York, N.Y.)  
Harriet Stokes, Maplewood, N.J.)

Joan Piken, South Orange, N.J.)  
Pat Ward, England )

Players Seeded

1. Mrs. Nancy Chaffee Kiner
2. Mrs. Patricia C. Todd
3. Althea Gibson

Foreign Players Seeded

1. Pat Ward
2. Helen Fletcher
3. Mrs. Andreina Drew-Bear



Feb. 18, 1952

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

BFA

Dear Coach,

Enclosed please find the  
women's draw sheet.

I am sorry that it is  
a little late. But that won't  
matter, because I do not play  
until Wednesday.

Best regards to all.

~~Wadsworth~~

P.S.

In case you might want to  
call me to scold me or something (smile)  
Here is the phone number.

Wadsworth 6-3428



February 18, 1952

Mr. J R E Lee  
Florida A and M College

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am approving the request from Coach Gaither for transportation for Miss Gibson provided these funds are taken from the Athletic Fund.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWGjr:acbb



# The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College



GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT

Tallahassee, Florida

OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

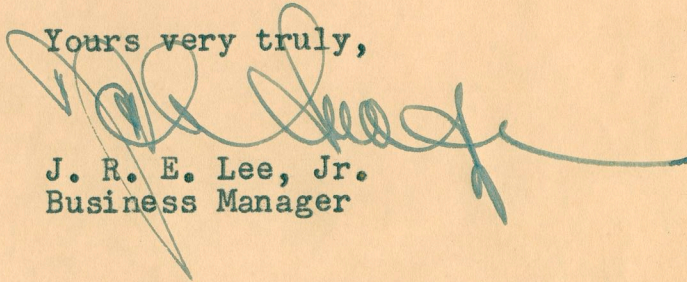
February 14, 1952

Dr. G W Gore, Jr.  
Florida A and M College

Dear Dr. Gore:

I was informed by Mr. Gaither on February 12  
that your office had approved the attached.  
This was prior to receiving the enclosed.

Yours very truly,

  
J. R. E. Lee, Jr.  
Business Manager

JRELjr/gs

Enclosure



MIAMI BEACH 4th ANNUAL "GOOD NEIGHBOR" CHAMPIONSHIPS - APRIL 7-13, 1952

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
Member of F.L.T.A. and U. S. L. T. A.

P. O. Box 704

Miami Beach 39, Florida

March 17, 1952

Miss Althea Gibson  
c/o Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Althea:

I will send your round trip plane ticket for the Good Neighbor Championships which is scheduled for April 7-13, 1952. You will arrive in Miami on April 6th and check into the Lord Calvert Hotel. I will take care of the hotel bill, and in addition to this, I will give you \$5.00 a day to cover your meal expense for seven (7) days. You will receive a check from me within the next ten (10) days to cover your plane fare.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

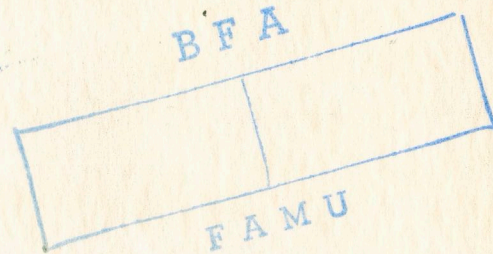
Eddie Herr, Chairman  
Good Neighbor Championships

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March 20, 1952



Mr. Eddie Herr, Chairman  
Good Neighbor Championships  
Miami Beach 39, Florida

Dear Eddie:

Letter received -- Everything O.K. provided I can get  
approval of school authority.

Yours very truly,

Althea Gibson

AG/h



CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE  
~~COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS~~  
THE STATE COLLEGE AT WILBERFORCE  
CHARLES H. WESLEY, PRESIDENT

WILBERFORCE, OHIO

BUREAU OF PUBLICITY

A. D. GAITHER, Director

June 19, 1952

Coach A. S. (Jake) Gaither  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Gaither:

Please send your tennis club roster as soon as possible so that the Central State College can begin sending literature about your annual American Tennis Association Championships Tournament to be held August 18-23 at Central State College Wilberforce, Ohio.

The time will soon be here, may I count on your cooperation? Thank you and plan to make the Tournament a "must" in your summer plans.

Sincerely yours,

*Alice Archer*

(Mrs.) Alice D. Archer  
Supervisor College News Service

bjd

G.S. I know you were surprised (although he told you of the plan) your brother moved out of the field. I was shocked! He is having a bad time trying to not miss him so much around the campus.



July 3, 1952

Mrs. Alice B. Archer  
Supervisor of College News  
Central State College  
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Archer:

At present, I am not sure whether or not our school will be represented in the National tournament. I have not heard from Althea Gibson, although I saw in the paper that she is playing abroad. If she is in the states, I am sure she will participate. There is a possibility that Edward Whitsy may attend but I am not certain at this time.

Yes, I was a bit surprised when Jake told me he was going to Baltimore, however, I guess he knows what is best and I hope everything works out all right. I haven't heard from him since he left. If you have his address, please send it to me.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

ASG:lg

COPY



BAKER, BERTRAM

March 26, 1952

Mr Bertram L Baker  
Executive Secretary  
American Tennis Association  
399 Jefferson Avenue  
Brooklyn 21, New York

Dear Mr Baker:

I am hereby approving the request to have Miss Althea Gibson participate in the Benefit Exhibition Matches to be held in Chicago on Saturday, May 17, 1952 with the understanding that she will be flown from Tallahassee to Chicago and back with all expenses incident to her trip to be paid by the Chicago Tennis Patrons Association.

Yours very truly,

George W. Core, Jr

GWCjr:vby

cc: Miss Althea Gibson





BERTRAM L. BAKER  
Executive Secretary

## AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

399 Jefferson Avenue

Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

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March 22, 1952

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Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

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I have given official consent to permit Miss Gibson to participate contingent, however, on your permission to have her leave the campus on Friday, May 16th returning in time for her classes Monday, May 19th.

Won't you be kind enough to write to me giving your official consent.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

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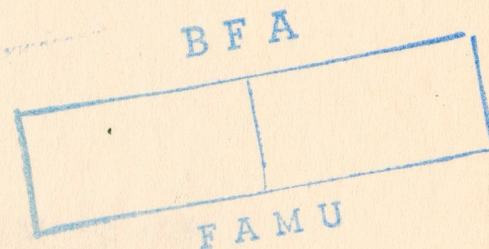
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Executive Secretary

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399 Jefferson Avenue

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Glenmore 2-6321



March 22, 1952

Mr. A. S. Gaither  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Mr. Gaither:

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter which I  
have today forwarded to Dr. George W. Gore, President of  
Florida A & M College, which is self explanatory.

Very sincerely yours,

*Bertram L. Baker*  
Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure



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Executive Secretary

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# TENNIS TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH ALTHEA GIBSON PARTICIPATED

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|      |                                                  |               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1948 | Eastern Indoor Championships                     | Semi-Final    |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Quarter-Final |
| 1949 | Eastern Indoor Championships                     | Won           |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Finals        |
|      | National Clay Court Championships                | Third Round   |
| 1950 | Forrest Hills Championship                       | Second Round  |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Quarter-Final |
|      | Eastern Grass Court Championships                | Second Round  |
|      | Carribean Grass Court Championships              | Won           |
| 1951 | Good Neighbor Championships                      | Won           |
|      | Wimbledon Grass Court Championships<br>(England) | Third Round   |
|      | Eastern Grass Court Championships                | Third Round   |
|      | Forrest Hills Championships                      | Third Round   |
|      | Manchester Championships<br>(England)            | Third Round   |
|      | Beckenham Championship<br>(England)              | Semi-Finals   |
|      | Queens Championship<br>(England)                 | Second Round  |
|      | Nottinham Championship<br>(England)              | Finals (3)    |
|      | Frinton-On-Sea Championship<br>(England)         | Won           |



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## TRI-STATE TOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

by

William Morris, III

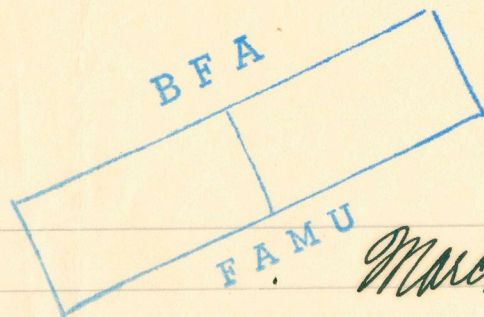
The first Annual Tri-State Tennis Tournament was held at the Florida A and M College from July 5 through July 9. Hampered by rain, the tennis matches were delayed until provisions in the gymnasium were available. This was a handicap in that only one match could be played at a time. Because of these handicaps, the tournament was extended to July 12.

### FEMALE SINGLES

Miss Althea Gibson of Florida added the women singles championship trophy to her collection by defeating Miss M. Peters of Tuskegee, Alabama by a score of 6-0, 6-2. Miss Gibson's stiff forehand shots and general court tactics were too much for Miss Peters, who was never able to find the range. The victory was Miss Gibson's first triumph for the Orange and Green.

Although Miss Gibson's play was tops, she did not over shadow all of the other contestants. Other standouts in this bracket were Misses Helen Mundy, Florida; R. Peters, Tuskegee; and T. Abbott, Tuskegee. The match between Miss Helen Mundy and Miss R. Peters produced some of the best tennis during the tournament.





March 7, 1952

Dear Coach

Sorry about the delay in the results of the first tournament. However since the mail takes long to arrive, I thought it best to send a group of results. It is as follows.

My first round match was with Mrs Andreino Drew-Bear from Venezuela. I won 6-0, 6-2. Second round was with Miss Helen Fletcher from Great Britain. I won 6-4, 5-7, 7-5. I am now in the semi finals against Pat Todd from California. I will play her this Sunday at 3 o'clock.

In the mixed doubles I am teamed with Niels Bohlsion from Sweden. We won our first round match against Mr. G. B. Ince & Mrs. P. Crampton 6-4, 6-1-L.B. We meet B. Macken & Mrs. Drew-Bear this Sunday at 5 o'clock.



BFA

FAMU

This report is up to Sunday March 3, 1952.

My first day here at Kingston was terrible. I mean that it was so hot that I almost fainted during my first practice here. But the beauty that surrounds this wonderful Island makes up for all the heat. We will leave for Montego Bay next Wednesday for the Caribbean Championships.

This tournament in Kingston is called The St Andrew Club Invitational. It is a beautiful club.

Actually, I have been playing two matches a day, which is rushing one very much. It would not be so bad if it were not too darn hot.

I am staying with some wonderful people. Dr. & Mrs. A.A. Phillips were living in Wash. about 6 years ago.

Well I must close now. I am getting ready to take a nap, because I am to play Pat Todd at 3 o'clock. My fondest regards to all.

Love  
Althea

(over)



B L A  
[ ]

If you want to write me, I will  
be at the Fairfield Country Club  
Montego Bay  
Jamaica, B.W.I.

(over)



COBY

April 4, 1952

BFA

FAMU

Mr. Bertram L. Baker  
399 Jefferson Avenue  
Brooklyn 21, New York

Dear Mr. Baker:

I I was unable to answer your telegram immediately because I did not have the necessary information at that time.

I have not had the opportunity to discuss this with the president but feel reasonably sure that Althea can be released from here on May 23, for the European trip.

She will leave here tomorrow for Miami to attend the Good Neighbor Championship there.

All is well here at the school and she is doing well in her work.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director



April 10, 1952

B F A

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F A M U

Expenses of Althea Gibson for ~~the~~ participation in  
the National Indoor Championship at New York, February  
16 to 24, 1952.

Received from Business Office.....\$42.00

Expenses..... 48.65  
(See enclosed receipts)

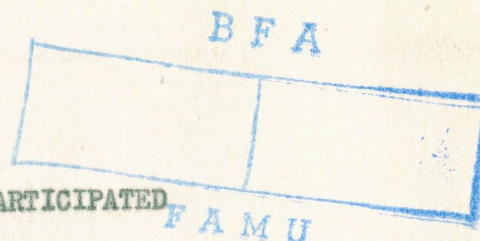
Balance due Miss Gibson 6.65

Signed

A. S. Gaither, Athletic  
Director



TENNIS TOURNAMENTS IN WHICH ALTHEA GIBSON PARTICIPATED



|      |                                                  |               |
|------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1948 | Eastern Indoor Championships                     | Semi-Final    |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Quarter-Final |
| 1949 | Eastern Indoor Championships                     | Won           |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Finals        |
|      | National Clay Court Championships                | Third Round   |
| 1950 | Forrest Hills Championship                       | Second Round  |
|      | National Indoor Championships                    | Quarter-Final |
|      | Eastern Grass Court Championships                | Second Round  |
|      | Carribean Grass Court Championships              | Won           |
| 1951 | Good Neighbor Championships                      | Won           |
|      | Wimbledon Grass Court Championships<br>(England) | Third Round   |
|      | Eastern Grass Court Championships                | Third Round   |
|      | Forrest Hills Championships                      | Third Round   |
|      | Manchester Championships<br>(England)            | Third Round   |
|      | Beckenham Championship<br>(England)              | Semi-Finals   |
|      | Queens Championship<br>(England)                 | Second Round  |
|      | Nottinham Championship<br>(England)              | Finals (3)    |
|      | Frintor-On-Sea Championship<br>(England)         | Won           |



Expenses of Althea Gibson for the participation in  
The National Indoor Championship at New York, February 16 to  
24, 1952.

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| First class transportation from Tallahassee<br>to New York ..... | \$57.82 (State Request) |
| Maintenance in New York .....                                    | <u>42.00</u>            |
| Total .....                                                      | \$99.82                 |

Signed

A. S. Gaither, Athletic  
Director



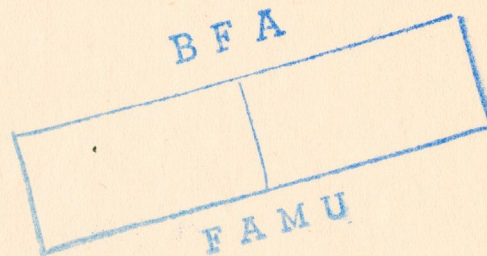


BERTRAM L. BAKER  
Executive Secretary

## AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

399 JEFFERSON AVENUE  
BROOKLYN 21, N. Y.

Glenmore 2-6321



April 22, 1952

Mr. A. S. Gaither  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Mr. Gaither:

On March 29th, I sent you a copy of a letter which I had written to Althea that same day. I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter which I am, today, forwarding to her. Won't you kindly see that this matter is attended to immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

*Bertram L. Baker*  
Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure



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April 22, 1952

Miss Althea Gibson  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Althea:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Charles Hare in which he states that you have not yet written to him regarding your plans for your trip to Chicago for the Exhibition Matches on May 17th.

I wrote to you on March 29th requesting that you communicate with Mr. Hare immediately, so that arrangements could be made for your ticket and hotel accommodations.

Won't you kindly take care of the matter immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

BLB:ms  
cc: Mr. Gaither



April 26, 1952

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F A M U

Mr. Bertram L. Baker, Executive Secretary  
American Tennis Association  
399 Jefferson Avenue  
Brooklyn 21, New York

Dear Mr. Baker:

I dictated and mailed a letter some time ago to Mr. Hare for Althea stating that she could make the trip and that reservations had been made on this end giving flight number, time of arrival, and fare. I do not know why he has not received it. Althea had a letter from him the other day saying that he had not heard from her. She immediately wired him stating that she could be released, also giving information relative to the plane flight. She is now waiting transportation money.

I am sorry this occurred as she was very prompt in replying to his first request.

Yours truly,

A. S. Gaither  
Athletic Director

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FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Tallahassee, Florida

Employment Office

Dear Supervisor: Please fill out and return immediately.

M. G. Miles, Director  
Student Employment Committee

1952-53

| <u>PERSON RECOMMENDED</u>           | <u>POSITION</u>          | <u>NO. HRS.</u> | <u>AMOUNT PER MO.</u> |
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| <u>Althea Gibson</u>                | <u>Student Assistant</u> | <u>41</u>       | <u>\$40.00</u>        |
| <u>(Name to be submitted later)</u> | <u>Clerk</u>             | <u>41</u>       | <u>\$20.00</u>        |

Sent: July 23, 1952  
Received:

Supervisor's Signature  
Physical Education Dept. or Div.  
Mr. A. S. Gaither



GIBSON, ALTHEA

December 23, 1952

Miss Althea Gibson  
Florida A and M College  
Campus

Dear Miss Gibson:

Allow me to congratulate you upon the fact that  
you have set a new first by being ranked ninth  
among the tennis players of America.

I read with interest an article in the papers  
concerning your fine showing.

Yours very truly,

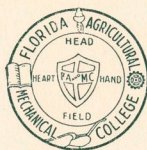
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# FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT

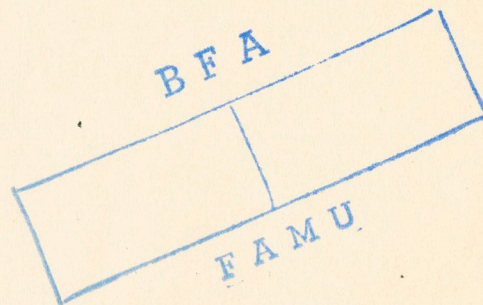


TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

January 16, 1953



Coach A. S. Gaither, Athletic Director  
Florida A. & M. College  
Campus

Dear Coach Gaither:

Herein is enclosed my proposed tennis program for the Men's Varsity Tennis Team for the 1953 season.

## I. BUDGETARY

### A. Equipment

#### 1. Racquets:

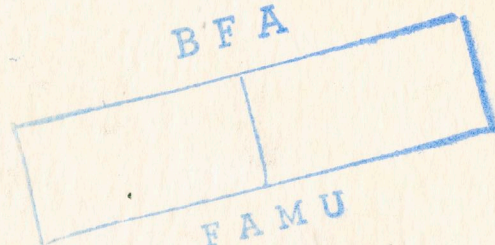
- Atleast <sup>4</sup>six new racquets - cost 8<sup>00</sup> = .32<sup>00</sup>  
 2. Atleast ~~two~~ <sup>one</sup> sets of strings at 92<sup>5</sup> 92<sup>50</sup>  
 3. Atleast eighteen dozen balls at \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Atleast six pairs of shoes at 6<sup>10</sup> .36<sup>60</sup>

### TOURNAMENTS AND DUAL MATCHES

| NAME OF TOURNAMENT                                | PLACE TO BE HELD       | TIME OF TOURNAMENT       | NUMBER REPRESENTING |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Florida A. & M. Invational (Collegiate)        | Tallahassee, Fla.      | March 26-27-28           | 6                   |
| 2. Annual South Western Open (Collegiate)         | Prairie View Texas     | Second week in April     | 4                   |
| 3. Annual Tuskegee Tennis Tournament (Collegiate) | Tuskegee, Ala.         | Second week in May       | 4                   |
| 4. Dual Match With Bethune Cookman                | Daytona Beach, Florida | To be arranged           | 5                   |
| 5. Dual Match With A. & T. or Xavier              | Tallahassee, Fla.      | Baseball season          | 5                   |
| 6. Dual Match With Southern University            | Baton Rouge, La.       | In route to Prairie View | 4                   |
| 7. Annual Florida State Open Championships        | Daytona Beach, Fla.    | Second week in August    | 5                   |



Coach A. S. Gaither, Athletic Director  
Page 2  
January 16, 1953



A detail explanation of this itinerary and a progress report will be made monthly or as frequently as is necessary.

Respectfully submitted for your approval,

*Walter M. Austin*  
Walter M. Austin  
Tennis Coach

WMA/mln

P. S. Congratulations on making it possible for Althea to participate in enough tournaments to be ranked number one in the Eastern District of the United States. I am happy to report that her preparation for the National Indoor is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. I firmly believe that if the budget will permit my accompanying her to the National that we can delivery to you and to the school the National Indoor Championship.





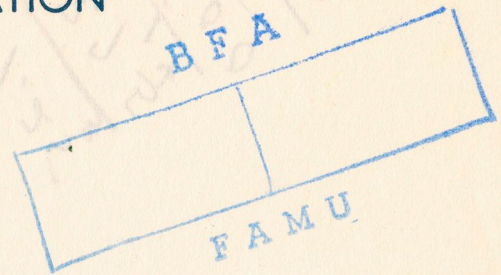
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## AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

399 Jefferson Avenue

Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

Glenmore 2-6321



January 18, 1953

Mr. Walter M. Austin, Tennis Coach  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Mr. Austin:

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a letter which I have, today, written to Althea regarding participation in some of the tournaments. I presume that the school will take care of her expenses, insofar, as the National Indoor Tournament is concerned.

Very sincerely yours:

Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

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AMERICAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION



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January 18, 1959  
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Congratulations on your Number 1 Eastern Ranking, also, on making the first 10 in the National U.S.L.T.A.

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Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

BLB:ms  
cc: Mr. Walter M. Austin





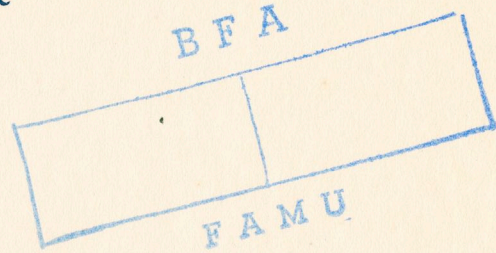
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January 22, 1953

Mr. A. S. Gaither  
Florida A & M College  
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Mr. Gaither:

With reference to your recent telegram, I am enclosing, herewith  
2 copies of the following correspondence:

1. My letter to Althea dated January 18th.
2. My letter to Mr. Walter M. Austin dated January 18th.

The U.S.L.T.A. does not pay any portion of the expenses of players participating in the National Indoor Championships. I, therefore, hope that the school will be able to take care of Althea's expenses.

Very sincerely yours,

Bertram L. Baker  
Executive Secretary

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January 18, 1953

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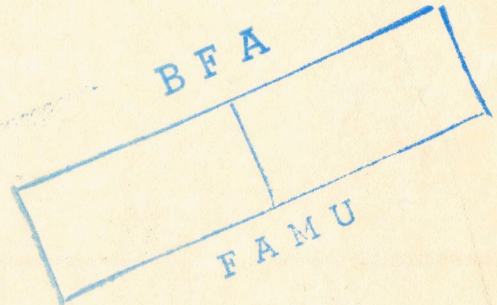
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cc: Mr. Walter M. Austin



May 28, 1953

Mr. Ray Kemp  
Director of Health and Physical Education  
Lincoln University  
Jefferson City, Missouri



Dear Mr. Kemp:

I am writing you in reference to Miss Althea Gibson, whom I understand you are considering employing in the Department of Health and Physical Education.

Miss Gibson will graduate from our school June 1 with a major in Health and Physical Education. Her academic work has been good, and I think that she will fit into your program very well. She has a very desirable personality and the ability to make people like her. Her character and general carriage here on our campus have been good.

You probably know something about her record in tennis, and it is needless to say that she excels in this field, having played at Forest Hill, England, France, Germany, and the Caribbeans. At present she has # 9 national ranking and has been the national Negro tennis champion for quite a number of years. Miss Gibson should be able to handle your activity courses well as she is an excellent athlete, who excels in basketball, volleyball, softball, ping pong, and badminton as well as tennis. I think you will find her loyal, cooperative, and willing to work in harness.

I trust this is the information you desire.

Yours very truly,

A.S. Gaither

A. S. Gaither, Head  
Health and Physical Education Department

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Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Tallahassee, Florida



GEORGE W. GORE, JR., PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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6 July 1956

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.  
Campus

Dear Dr. Gore:

Allow me to suggest that Miss Althea Gibson be invited to the campus in the fall as a special guest of the University. I am also suggesting her name as a possible Convocation speaker or that she be a special guest at homecoming, the Florida Classic, or the Orange Blossom Classic.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. J. Smith, III".  
C. J. Smith, III

/r



July 11, 1957

Miss Althea Gibson  
135 West 143 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Miss Gibson:

Florida A and M University joins your thousands of friends throughout the world in congratulating you on your precedent setting victory at Wimbledon. You shall ever live in the hearts of the alumni because of the great achievements and recognition you have brought Alma Mater.

In keeping therewith, I have been requested to ask you to be our guest of honor on the occasion of the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami on December 14. Specifically, we would like to have you come to Miami in time for a banquet on Friday night, December 13, and remain through the game on December 14. All expenses involved in the trip will be assumed by the Orange Blossom Classic Committee.

We sincerely trust that you can be with us.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWGjr/gle



Miss Althea Gibson

135 W. 143<sup>rd</sup> Street

New York, New York



September 9, 1957

Mr. Ted Poston  
New York Post  
75 West Street  
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Poston:

Allow me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me copies of the series of articles which you wrote concerning Miss Althea Gibson. I had special interest in the series. First, because of you and A and I; and second, because of Miss Gibson and A and M.

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GIBSON, Althea

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ADDRESS



Greetings from England.

Hope this card finds  
you and your Family  
Well. My sincere best  
wishes to the Faculty  
and Student body.

Sincerely

Althea Gibson Althea

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Dr. L. Love, President  
Florida A + M University  
Tallahassee, Florida

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CALL  
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TO

MISS ALTHEA GIBSON  
69 PLEASANT WAY  
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

YOUR FAILURE TO REPLY PROMPTLY FORCED THE COMMITTEE TO REVISE  
ITS PLANS; HENCE, WE ARE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO PAY YOUR  
EXPENSES TO ATTEND THE ORANGE BLOSSOM COASSIC. BEST WISHES.  
HOPE YOU CAN VISIT ALMA MATER SOMETIME IN NEAR FUTURE.

/s/ George W. Core, Jr., President

Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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69 Pleasnat Way  
Montclair, New Jersey  
November 7, 1957

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr., President  
Florida A. and M. University  
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dr. Gore:

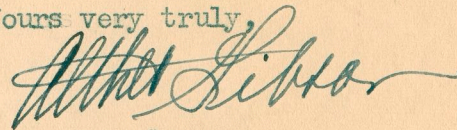
It is with great honor that I acknowledge your letter and your request to be a guest on the occasion of the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami on December 13 and 14.

After my graduation, my pet desire was to visit with my Alma Mater. However, the opportunity did not present itself. For this, I thank you and the Orange Blossom Classic Committee.

Please be so kind to have arranged hotel accommodation plus train/pullman reservation leaving New York for Miami Thursday night December 12, 1957

I appreciate the telegrams that you and coach Gaither sent me after my Wimbledon victory.

Yours very truly,



Althea Gibson

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Coach Gaither



*Gibson, Althea*

March 15, 1958

Miss Althea Gibson  
69 Pleasant Way  
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Miss Gibson:

You have been selected as one of our graduates to receive our 1958 Meritorious Certificate at our June Commencement. We desire to present the award to you in person at our commencement exercise at 9 o'clock Monday morning, June 2. We hope you will accept it and can arrange to be here to receive it. A schedule of our commencement activities will be sent to you at a later date.

If you can accept, I shall appreciate your sending me at your earliest convenience, further information about yourself including other institutions attended, organizational memberships, special recognition or honors received, etc.

We look forward with pleasant anticipation to seeing you on our campus.

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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*Gibson, Althea*

June 25, 1958

Miss Althea Gibson  
69 Pleasant Way  
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Miss Gibson:

We regret that you were unable to attend our Commencement Exercises which were held June 2, 1958. We congratulate you for being the recipient of one of our meritorious awards, which we are enclosing herewith, and wish for you continued success in your endeavors.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

GWGjr/mlp

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 6, 1958

Dr. George W. Gore, Jr.  
President  
Florida A. & M. University

Sir:

As the proud recipient of your award of merit, it gives me pleasure to thank you and the Faculty for your inspiring considerations.

Permit me to include my apologies for delaying this letter. The fact is I am just returning from a trip to California. As usual my mail is a major problem.

With every wish for your continued success.

Respectfully yours,

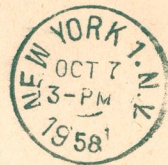
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Althea Gibson

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461 Central Park West  
New York, 25, New York



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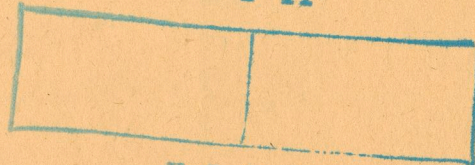
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President, Florida A. & M. University  
Tallahassee, Florida



GIBSON, ALTHEA

October 24, 1958

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Miss Althea Gibson ✓  
461 Central Park, West  
New York 25, New York

Dear Miss Gibson:

We were very pleased to know that you have received the award  
and trust that we may have the pleasure of a visit from you  
some time this year.

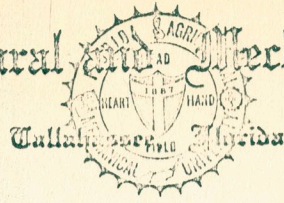
Yours very truly,

George W. Gore, Jr.

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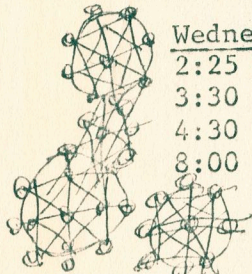
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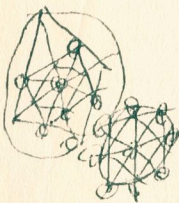
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Ms. Althea Gibson  
Visiting Florida A. & M. University  
Tallahassee, Fla.



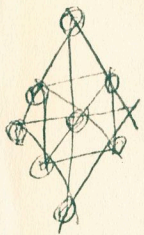
## Wednesday, May 12, 1976

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| 2:25 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m. | Airport arrival, Welcome Motorcade                                                                |
| 3:30 p.m. -- 4:00 p.m. | Free Time (Hotel)                                                                                 |
| 4:30 p.m. -- 5:30 p.m. | Dinner With SGA Cabinet Members                                                                   |
| 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Reception at Forest Meadows Racquet Club<br>Tallahassee Tennis Association<br>North Meridian Road |



## Thursday, May 13, 1976

|                         |                                                                                    |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6:45 a.m. -- 7:30 a.m.  | Good Morning Show. WCTV Studios, Monroe Street                                     |
| 8:00 a.m. -- 9:00 a.m.  | Breakfast                                                                          |
| 9:30 a.m. -- 10:00 a.m. | Press Conference, Capitol Building; Monroe Street                                  |
| 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Convocation, Lee Hall Auditorium                                                   |
| 1:00 p.m. -- 1:15 p.m.  | Florida Legislature, Capitol                                                       |
| 1:30 p.m. -- 2:30 p.m.  | Luncheon, Executive Dining Room                                                    |
| 2:30 p.m. -- 3:30 p.m.  | Free Time                                                                          |
| 3:30 p.m. -- 4:30 p.m.  | Tennis Clinic, FAMU Tennis Courts                                                  |
| 4:30 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m.  | Free Time                                                                          |
| 6:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m.  | Dinner: Delta Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha<br>(Brown Derby Restaurant) |
| 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.  | Reception at "Jake" Gaither's Resident<br>112 Young Street                         |

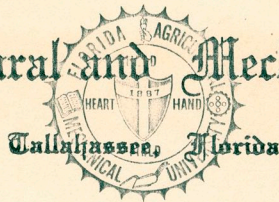


## Friday, May 14, 1976

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| 6:15 a.m. -- 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast         |
| 7:15 a.m.              | Airport Departure |
| 7:50 a.m.              | Flight Departure  |



# Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University



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June 15, 1976

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Ms. Althea Gibson  
Commissioner of Athletics  
State of New Jersey  
41 Central Avenue  
Newark, N.J. 07102

Dear Ms. Gibson:

Tallahassee and Florida A&M University are still buzzing from your May 12 and 13 visit. Ms. Gibson, your return to FAMU had to be one of the highlight events for this 1975-76 school year.

You endeared yourself to many people in Tallahassee. And, your gift of \$500 to establish an Althea Gibson Scholarship Fund insures that posterity shall know of you and benefit from your return to your alma mater in May. The University will be ever grateful for your generosity.

We thought that from time to time you'd recall your visit to Tallahassee. So, we captured a few moments for you through news stories, feature articles and pictures to jog the memory a bit. They're included in this package.

Scenes of thousands of students jammed into Lee Hall Auditorium to hear you speak, and yes, see you cry; hundreds lining the streets of Tallahassee to see your motorcade pass by--some with wonderment in their eyes; hundreds peering through a wire fence to see you grip the racket and smack the tennis ball; legislators standing in respect and long ovation as you are presented to the Florida House of Representatives; awed youngsters (and oldsters, too) asking for autographs at the reception at the Forest Meadows Racquet Club; and long-time friends gathering at "Jake's" house to reminisce.

Ms. Gibson, FAMUans and community citizens thoroughly enjoyed your return to Tallahassee. I'm sure they all want you back before another 23 years expire.

Best wishes, good health and much happiness and success.

Yours truly,

*Bob*

Robert L. Allen  
Director

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MEMBERS OF THE JAKE GAITHER PARK WOMEN 'S TENNIS CLUB WITH  
WIMBLEDON CHAMPION ALTHEA GIBSON.

Left to right: Beulah Hemmingway, Annette Thorpe, Pauline Ellis, Althea Gibson,  
and  
Carol Morgan, Connie Reshard, Liz Lawson,

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 25, 1981

Mr. Robert L. Allen  
Director of University Relations  
Florida A & M University  
Tallahassee, Florida 32307

Dear Mr. Allen,

Many, many thanks for your reply to our request.

I received the photos and slide for our mini-documentary video segment on Ms. Althea Gibson. They are just what we needed to complete our visuals.

I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Regina O'Neal  
Executive Producer  
Inner-City Freeway Television series

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