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Haley To Get UT Merit Certificate

UT is going to give "Roots" author Alex Haley a Certificate of Merit citing his literary contribution tonight at the Civic Auditorium.

A reception and lecture have been scheduled for Mr. Haley at 6:30 p.m. Phil Scheurer, director of student activities at UT-Knoxville, said UT will also present Mr. Haley an original pen and ink drawing of Tennesseana by Knoxvillean Bruce Corban, a UT graduate.

The UT Commission of Blacks requested that Mr. Haley be given an honorary doctorate degree from UT, but Mr. Scheurer said UT does not bestow honorary doctorates.