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## Dupree writes to Mayor Jenkins

Dear Honorable Mayor Jenkins:

As the incoming President of the Greenville Industrial/C M Eppes Alumni Association, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you a brief overview of our organization.

The Eppes high School Alumni was founded in the Spring of 1978 and received tax exempt status in the State of North Carolina in 1981.

In 1981 two (2) \$500 Scholarships were given to two students at Rose high School. Since 1985 we have awarded 13 deserving students over \$32,000 to support their education. Five alumni chapters are chartered by the association: New York, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Hampton, Virginia and Greenville, N.C. These members and hundreds of other alumnae return to Greenville annually on July 4th weekend to renew high school ties and participate in all the activities.

The executive board accomplished a 1986 goal that renamed the one remaining structure of the

school, the gymnasium—cafeteria, from West Greenville Recreation to C.M. Eppes Recreation Center. The Center also houses the C.M. Eppes Cultural History Center which contains papers and artifacts of Eppes. All of us are pleased that the former Rose High School was renamed C.M. Eppes Middle School.

During my tenure I have 4 major objectives:

\* Bring youth into the organization so they may participate fully in our Board and our weekend activities

\* Expand the mission and goals of the alumni by becoming more pro-active and begin to address the problems of drugs, hopefulness, and juvenile delinquency through mentoring and after-school programs, workshops, conferences and seminars

\* Create a Resource Directory and Center that would include the names of alumnae and their professions, including a list of skills that could be used for grant writing and position papers for our

organization. We expect that other organizations and community groups would take advantage of this expertise

\* Continue the effort of our Building Fund Committee to acquire a facility to be used by our members and community residents as multipurpose center

I am excited about these objectives and would like to be able to count on your support in accomplishing them.

I will be in Greenville on September 16-19 and would like to make arrangements to meet with you to discuss our organizational efforts and how they serve to benefit the City of Greenville.

I will be calling you in the next few days to arrange this meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I may be reached at (212) 788-4995(6) if necessary.

Sincerely,

E. Randy Dupree  
205 West 139th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10030



**GOD BLESS AMERICA.** The Greenville Industrial C.M. Eppes Alumni has proven that Black folks in Pitt County and Greenville contributes thousands of dollars to the economy each year. This year newly elected president Brother Randy Dupree was in Greenville to meet with Mayor Nancy Jenkins and to ask for her support. Brother Taft (left) was present for this occasion.  
Photo by Jim Rouse



**LITTLE WILLIE, LEAD SINGER OF THE "FANTASTIC SPIRITUALAIRES" (L),** Norman Pugh, Lead singer of the "GOLDEN JUBILEES", and Rev. Atkinson pause for our staff photographer at the recent observance of the 13th Annual Gospel Family Reunion.

## Driving on the Information Highway

Even though Black people the world over are barely making their way onto the so-called "Information Superhighway" even as pedestrians and hitch-hikers, there are already automobiles in production which are made for it. "Soul on Wheels" investigated and prepared this report.

With cellular telephones and portable computers, almost any old car today can be used as a "mobile office." Cars have gotten so smart that they have their own lobby group—the Intelligent Vehicle Society of America—headquartered in Washington, D.C. There is even a magazine for "smart car" owners, called "Mobile Office."

Ford Motor Co. is in the lead in developing intelligent interfaces between human beings in cars on the road, and the "cyber world" of the Info Superhighway. In 1991, according to Ford's Don Duncan, the auto maker developed a prototype car with all the conveniences of a real office—phone line, FAX line, computer modem—built in.

Since 1991, Ford has been putting its smart ideas for intelligent vehicles into its more expensive cars like Thunderbird, Mercury Cougar, Lincoln Continental and Lincoln Town Cars. On 1994 and 1995 models the mobile phone choices are so sophisticated that on some lease deals, the increases values of the factory installed cellular phone is so great at the end of the lease that it offsets the additional cost during the lease and ends up actually Not Costing Any Larger Monthly Payments!

On the low-price end, Thunderbird and Cougar have a handsfree phone that can dial four pre-programmed numbers or answer an incoming call with the

push of one button, without having to take your eyes off the road. On the high-priced luxury cars, the phone is voice-activated and will dial from your commands. Again, your hands are firmly on the steering wheel and your eyes are still watching the road.

The hands-free phone on Ford Thunderbird is so advanced and well designed that it won the "Design Award" for ergonomics from "Mobile Office" magazine in 1993. Today's top phone model—available only on Lincoln Mark VIII—has a hand-held portable phone built in, so when you reach your destination the handset comes out and works as a pocket-sized, portable phone. When you return, plug it back in, the handset, automatically re-charges.

All of these phones will accommodate a computer-modem adapter that will allow interface between your car-phone and laptop computer, or your Apple "Genie," or PCMCIA-slot-equipped "B.O.S.S." or "Wizard" organizers. Another important feature—especially important I would think to urban motorists—is that these phones are hidden from view in arm rests, even when they are in use in the hands-free mode. My philosophy regarding urban motoring is that if potential thieves "can't see" your belongings, they won't be tempted to break into your car to try to steal them.

On that point, Ford scores again with the fabled and widely advertised "JBL Sound System." In addition to high-quality, concert-like sounds from the FM-stereo radio with digital tuning, or from cassette tapes, there is a 10-disc CD changer available with the CDs discreetly located in the truck, and

with all the controls operated on the radio panel... No Extra Knobs Or Buttons! Furthermore, when the system is factory installed, the system automatically mutes the entertainment sounds when the phone is in use, and automatically returns the system to the exact spot on the CD or cassette where it paused when the phone was used. You literally don't miss a single beat.

Now, if only more Black people were knowledgeable and more active on the Information Superhighway, we would have more things to talk about in the "Soul on Cyber" area, just as there is plenty to talk about now in "Soul on Wheels."

## Black State Legislators Meet With President

A delegation of 25 African American state legislators met with President William Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore this morning for an hour to discuss U.S. domestic policies and political issues.

Tennessee Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry, President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, led the delegation. Issues discussed included: crime legislation, welfare reform proposals, health care reform initiatives, redistricting and improving the relationship between The White  
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## Gateway Student wins Minority grant

Carletta F. Fountain, a student at Gateway community-Technical College, is one of five students in the United States awarded a grant to attend the first leadership and mentoring program for ethnic minorities which will be held August 9-14 in Los Angeles in conjunction with the American Psychological Association convention.

The purpose of the program, known as Diversity Project 2000, is to increase the number of ethnic minority students receiving doctorates.

Fountain was nominated for the program by the Gateway chapter of Psi Beta, the national psychology honorary for community and junior colleges. Final selection of the five representatives was made by the national office of the Psi Beta and the American Psychological Association which are funding the grants.

While at the workshop, Fountain and the other representatives, who already have a local or regional mentor, will be assigned a permanent national mentor. The mentors are committed to working with the five minority students so that by the year 2000 they will have their doctorates.

Fountain is enrolled in the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor program at Gateway from which she expects to graduate in May 1995. She plans to continue her education at Southern Connecticut State University where she will work toward her bachelor's



**CARLETTA F. FOUNTAIN**

degree in human services.

An honor student and a member of the student government, Fountain also is the president-elect of Psi Beta for the next academic year. In addition, she holds down a full-time job at the New Haven YWCA as the head case manager and supervisor of the women's residential program and is the single parent of two boys, ages five and 18. Fountain also paints, writes short stories and poetry and is a member of the Inner City First Swing Golf Club. She lives in New

Haven.

Born in North Carolina, she came to New Haven in 1973 where her sister and other members of her family were already living.

Fountain, an African-American, will represent the New England region at the workshop. She will join another African-American woman from the South (Tennessee), a Hispanic man from the Southwest (Texas), a Hispanic woman from the Midwest (Illinois) and an American Indian woman from the West Coast (California).



**REV. CHARLES CALLOWAY, Holins, VA (c)** was the guest minister for the "Homecoming Celebration" of the Phillippi Church in Simpson. He is seen here with (L-R) Rev. Albert Rogers, Rev. A.C. Baatchelor (Pastor of Phillippi), Rev. Alonza Mills and Brother James Wilson.

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To be successful in achieving the goals and maintaining the objectives of this organization, we need your help.

A survey is being conducted by this organization with the intent of gaining valuable information about how you feel about being Black and Single. This survey will commence November 1, 1994 and end April 30, 1995.

Please respond to this invitation to let your opinion count by writing to the organization's staff at the address below. More information will be mailed the same day requests are received.

Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

Staff  
Brothers and Sisters, Reunited  
3588 highway 138, Suite 216  
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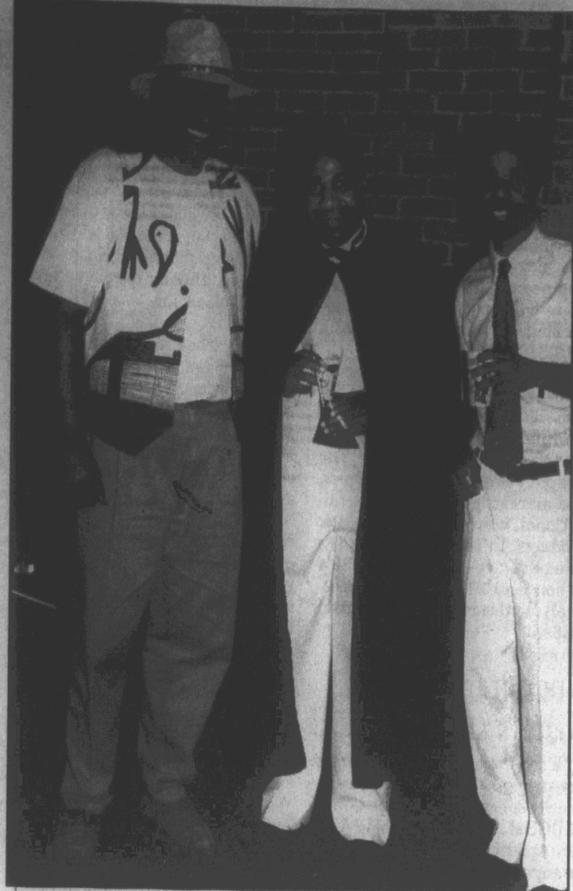
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# Captain Valentine promoted to Major



**BROTHER RICHARD WASHINGTON**, Brooklyn, NY, (L) and Minister Michael Adams (R) join our "Caped Crusader" Brother William Clark (C) at the 13th Annual Gospel Family Reunion.



CAPTAIN RICKY T. VALENTINE HAS BEEN RECENTLY PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MAJOR IN THE U.S.A.F. A NATIVE OF GREENVILLE, N. C., VALENTINE IS A 1978 GRADUATE OF J. H. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL, A 1982 MAGNA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE FROM NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY WHERE HE RECEIVED A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING AND WAS A DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE FROM THE AIR FORCE ROTC PROGRAM. HE ALSO HOLDS A MASTERS DEGREE FROM AUBORN UNIVERSITY. IN ADDITION TO BEING PROMOTED, VALENTINE WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE AIR

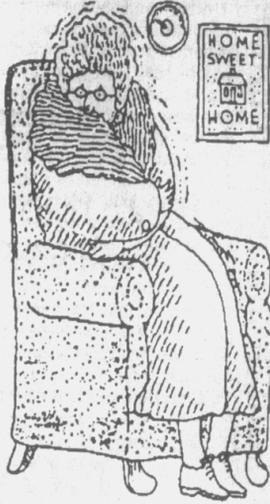
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# Fortune Corporations team up with black colleges to increase minorities in engineering

Major U.S. corporations have joined with nine predominantly black colleges to establish a new organization to increase the number of minorities in the engineering profession.

The outcome of an initiative sponsored by Abbott Laboratories, "Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering: A Coalition of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Fortune Companies" (AMIE) seeks to help eliminate the barriers facing minorities and increase their opportunities to pursue and succeed in engineering careers. Fortune companies are the 500 largest U.S. industrial corporations designated by Fortune magazine.

Minorities are underrepresented

in the engineering profession — a field traditionally dominated by white males. Currently, while 15 percent of the population is African-American, less than 4 percent of engineering professionals are African-Americans, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. In the future, the changing demographics in the American workforce are expected to require more women and minorities who have the education, technical background, and work experience to fill engineering positions.

"The barriers to higher education and professional careers often stem from overwhelming socioeconomic problems," said Cordell Reed, a senior vice president with

Commonwealth Edison in Chicago and one of AMIE's leaders. Reed is a prominent African-American engineering student graduate, compared to nearly 70 percent of white student. "We can help eliminate the barriers for minority students," Reed said.

AMIE establishes a unique partnership between Fortune corporations and the nine Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), which graduate about 26 percent of all African-American engineers in the country. "Through this alliance, efforts will be targeted where the minority students already are enrolled, supporting schools proven successful in producing minority engineers and expanding programs that work to reach more students," said Dan Struble, Abbott's vice president of corporate engineering and chairman of AMIE's Executive Advisory Committee.

In 1992 and 1993, Abbott-sponsored conferences brought together leaders of major U.S. corporations and the HBCU engineering deans to plan and initiate strategies and long-term solutions to increase the number of minorities in engineering. Participants agreed that efforts to reach future engineers must start long before students enter college and continue through the students' college years and critical first years on the job.

AMIE's corporate-academic initiatives include exchange programs between corporate engineers and faculty, field studies and internships for students, research collaboration, corporate advisers

to assist in matching college curricula to emerging technologies, and equipment donations and financial grants to update laboratory facilities.

Leading AMIE is an Executive Advisory Committee of 12 corporate representatives from Abbott Laboratories, AT&T, Black & Decker, Boeing, Commonwealth Edison, Cummins Engine, DuPont, EDS, Eli Lilly, General Electric, John Brown E&C, Kellogg, and three HBCU engineering deans representing Howard, Morgan State, and North Carolina A&T universities.

AMIE has appointed Marvin Bemby, formerly global diversity process manager at EDS Corporation in Detroit, as its full-time executive director. The position is funded by EDS Corporation and other corporate AMIE members. Bemby is based at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

The nine schools participating in AMIE include Florida A and M/Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.; Hampton University, Hampton, Va.; Howard University, Washington, D.C.; Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md.; North Carolina A and T State University, Greensboro, N.C.; Prairie View A and M University, Prairie View, Texas; Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.; and Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.

AMIE members will review accomplishments and develop additional action plans at a 1994 conference at North Carolina A and T

University later this year.

Companies are invited to join AMIE to help guide its direction and participate in the partnership programs. Highlights of the proceedings of the 1993 conference and additional information are available by writing or calling Advancing Minorities' Interest in Engineering (AMIE), c/o Morgan State University, School of Engineering, Baltimore, MD 21239, (410)819-3077.

Abbott Laboratories, with headquarters in north suburban Chicago, is a diversified worldwide manufacturer of health care products employing 50,000 people. The company develops, manufactures, and markets pharmaceutical, nutritional, hospital, and diagnostic products. In 1993, the company's sales and net earnings were \$8.4 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, with earnings per share of \$1.69.

other," he said.

A company engineer noticed Foster's enthusiasm and helped him obtain a scholarship to attend Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala. Foster went on to earn a master's and doctorate at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., where he graduated as class valedictorian. "Having people believe in me helped me succeed," said Foster.

Commonwealth Edison Senior Vice President Cordell Reed is a prominent engineering executive who grew up in Chicago housing projects. "When I left there after 17 years to attend the University of Illinois, I didn't have a positive self image.

"The college didn't have an office of minority affairs. However, my mother, father, and church were there for me. By paying my tuition, they were encouraging me to succeed. When I started at Commonwealth Edison in 1960, I could have failed. But the people around me helped me succeed. They helped me build my self image and self confidence," Reed said.

Dr. Eugene DeLoatch, dean of engineering at Morgan State University in Baltimore, attended Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Miss. "I was one of 11 children growing up in a small town on the Hudson River in New York state. We didn't have money for college, but I was able to attend thanks to a scholarship from Tougaloo and encouragement by teachers at the school.

"I started off like a lot of young people, floundering in high school and wondering what to do. In my second year, my French teacher told me engineering might have a good future for Negro youth. I really wasn't all that excited about driving a train, but once I found out more about engineering, it caught my interest. My career has been an exciting ride in this field," DeLoatch said, "and it all started with a teacher's encouragement."

## Encouragement fosters success

"Encouragement and nurturing are strengths that the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) can provide to help African-Americans enter and succeed in engineering careers," said Dr. John Foster, dean of the school of engineering at Prairie View A and M University in Prairie View, Texas. He is one of five of the nine HBCU engineering school deans who started their education at HBCU schools.

Foster overcame obstacles to succeed in engineering. He grew up in an inner city neighborhood in Cincinnati. "I was in high school that I wasn't college material, that I should go on to technician school."

After he completed the two-year technical program, he went to work for a major Cincinnati corporation as a "gofer." "I liked dressing up and wearing a tie. It didn't matter that I was just carrying drawings from one office to another," he said.

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House and African American state legislators across the nation.

Legislators attending include:

- Representative John Hillard (AL)
- Assemblywoman Gwen Moore (CA)
- Senator Diane Watson (CA)
- Representative Calvin Smyre (GA)
- Senator Donne Trotter (L)
- Representative William Crawford (IN)
- Senator Diana Bajoie (LA)
- Representative Sherman Copelin (LA)
- Delegate Nathaniel Exum (MD)
- Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard (MD)
- Representative Charles Quincy Troupe (MO)

## Black Legislators

- Assemblywoman Gloria Davis (NY)
- Assemblyman Clarence Norman (NY)
- Assemblyman Larry Seabrook (NY)
- Assemblyman Al Vann (NY)
- Senator Chaka Fattah (PA)
- Representative Vincent Hughes (PA)
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## From The Desk Of Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

### Congratulations!!

Carmen Justina Maye, the daughter of John and Jeanette Maye of Charlotte, North Carolina and the granddaughter of Mrs. Beatrice Maye, a student at the Aycock School, Kannapolis, North Carolina, was a winner in a literacy contest, sponsored by Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington, and Branch Banking and Trust Company.

The fifth-grade students were among 50 statewide winners in the competition. Students were asked to write letters to George Washington.

Winning students from each class received hand-colored certificates of achievement and personal replies to their letters from a member of Mount Vernon's education department.

James Ebron, Jr. and Anthony Miller for achievements and promotions.

Mrs. Mary Virginia Jones, Rose High School's stellar English teacher for her years of outstanding work. She retired as of this school year, also Mrs. Reba Laughinghouse Wilkes, science/biology teacher. Both are styled as teachers of excellence. I did not forget Mrs. Inez Dixon Ellison of D.H. Conley, French and English teacher. If I did not cite others it is because I'm not aware.

Education Secretary Richard Riley said as children return to school, he is launching a major campaign to get families more involved in their children's education. In an interview, Riley said that greater family involvement can raise student achievement, help teachers and principals do their jobs better and improve classroom discipline.

"KIDS do what parents do, and if parents drink a lot, kids do, too," said Don Alexander, a high school science teacher in San Anselma, Calif. "Children who are exposed to alcohol early are more likely to become alcoholics," said Dr. Robert Zucker, a psychologist and the director of the Alcohol Research Center at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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\*Set aside some time each day for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact. Bedtime is a natural read-aloud time. Other busy families read aloud at breakfast or just after dinner.

\*Don't stop reading to your children as they grow older. You'll both enjoy the chance to do something together.

\*Read books you enjoy. Your kids will know if you're faking it.

5. Here's a way to use your newspaper to encourage reading: a scavenger hunt. Give your child a list of things to find in today's newspaper. Here are some ideas:

\*A map of the United States.

\*A picture of your child's favorite athlete.

\*The temperature in the city where a family member lives.

\*Three words that begin with "w."

\*A movie that's playing at a nearby theater.

6. Give books as gifts. Then find a special place for your children to keep their own library.

7. Make reading a privilege. Say, "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you're reading in bed."

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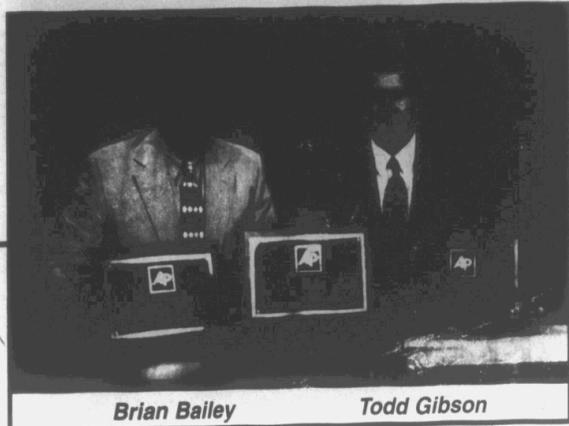
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## Organization that Provides Children With Free Health Insurance Names Three New Members to Pitt County Council

GREENVILLE—Three new members have been named to the Pitt County Caring Program Council, a local volunteer committee of the North Carolina Caring Program for Children.

The Caring Program is a non-profit organization that provides children of low-income, working parents with basic health insurance if they do not qualify for Medicaid. The insurance is provided through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina.

New council members are: Charles Hardee, J.D., an attorney with Hardee & Hardee; Sandra Smith, consumer banker with the East Banking Center of NationsBank; and Beth Wasson, youth minister, First Christian Church. With these new appointees, the council, which has been active since 1990, has a total of 19 members representing the areas of health care, business, social services, schools, and churches. "We're excited about these new members

and look to their talents to help us provide more children with basic health care," said Council Chairperson Pat Vore, BSN, East Carolina University School of Medicine. "Hardee will head our marketing subcommittee. Smith and Wasson will concentrate on fundraising."

Vore added that the mission of the Pitt County Caring Program Council is threefold: to identify children in the county who may be eligible for the Caring Program; to find local financial sponsors for those children; and to secure medical care providers who will participate in the program. "When we began, there were no families in Pitt County who were taking advantage of the program," Vore said. "Today, 125 children in the area now have coverage through the Caring Program, and more than 31 health care providers, including the local hospital, provide medical care for the children." Vore said the council is especially pleased that a majority of the donations to purchase health insurance have come directly from Pitt County. "We've essentially been able to cover our own children," Vore added. "But there are still close to 2,000 children in the county who do not have adequate health insurance. Right now, we have nine of those children waiting for coverage until we can find sponsors." To raise visibility of the Caring Program, the council takes part in host of activities, such as providing speakers to local civic groups and churches and participating in area health fairs and other children-related exhibits. Individuals and organizations who would like more information about the program can contact Pat Vore through the Pitt County Medical Society at 758-8833.

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## Term Limits and the Black Agenda

African American voters have to get on the term limits bandwagon if we want to see the Black Agenda for social and economic justice enacted into law.

The term limits movement—which seeks to limit the number of terms elected officials can stay in office, and thereby do away with the class of professional politicians—is spreading like wildfire across our nation. In 1992, despite strenuous and well-financed opposition from professional politicians and their pals in the media, voters in 14 states overwhelmingly supported initiatives to limit the terms of members of Congress and other elected officials. Term limits received more votes in those states than Ross Perot received nationally and a greater percentage of the vote in each of the states than Bill Clinton got.

U.S. Term Limits, the major organization coordinating the term limits fight, reports that term limits will be on the ballot this year in Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Oklahoma and Utah. Mississippians will get to vote on it in 1995. In the last four years 16 states have passed term limits at the state legislative level.

Some people say that term limits is "racist" because it would force Black politicians out of office or eliminate seniority for Black politicians. It is mainly Black elected officials who promote this argument, and it is obviously self-serving. It just as obviously makes no sense for the Black community.

Who do these Black politicians imagine will replace them? The districts represented by Black elected officials are majority or near-majority African American, and other Blacks would be elected in their place. The seniority argument will disappear with the enactment of term limits, since term limits will eliminate the seniority system for all elected officials, creating more parity between Black and white elected officials. Term limits isn't anti-Black—it's anti-hack!

The primary concern of profes-

sional politicians is to stay in office, so they listen to the monied interests who contribute to their campaigns and to the party leaders who make and break political careers. They are not free to be responsive to their constituents; they vote the way they are told to vote. This is why, despite the fact that there has been an enormous increase in the number of Black elected officials at every level of government over the last two decades, the Black Agenda has remained on the back burner of American politics. Alternative ideas, new solutions—from reparations to weighted voting—never even get a hearing because the political system is so controlled.

Instead of professional politicians, we need citizen-legislators—ordinary people who spend a few short years in public service, and then go back home to live and work under the laws that they themselves have made! Under those conditions, we might indeed have social and economic justice in America—and a humane policy toward our sisters and brothers in Haiti, Rwanda and Zaire.

A vote for term limits this fall is a vote for the realization of the Black Agenda.

## Black Umfolosi to hold workshop at NCCU

Black Umfolosi, a vocal and dance ensemble from Zimbabwe, will conduct a workshop demonstrating and teaching their traditional African music and dance at 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, in North Carolina Central University's B.N. Duke Auditorium. Admission is free. The ensemble's visit to Durham is collaboratively sponsored by the NCCU Lyceum Series, Duke University, and the Durham Arts Council. Black Umfolosi is named for one of two rivers—the White Umfolosi and the Black Umfolosi—in the Kwazulu region of South Africa. In the mid-nineteenth century, Mzilaki, the leader of a Zulu regiment which took its name from the Black Umfolosi, rebelled against the celebrated Zulu national leader, Tshaka Zulu. Mzilaki and his army moved north into what is now Zimbabwe, where they made their home in what became Matabeleland. The music performed by Black Umfolosi is the Ndebele singing style, *imbube*, also popular in South African townships.

Black Umfolosi was launched when a group of schoolboys at the George Silundika School near Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, planned a concert of traditional songs and dancing for their schoolmates and neighbors. The success of the school program led directly to other bookings.

## Lyceum series announced at NCCU

Dr. Paula Harrell, chair of North Carolina Central University's Lyceum Committee, has announced the university's 1994-95 Lyceum Series of performances and lectures. The schedule begins with the Zimbabwean dance and music troupe known as Black Umfolosi, which will present a workshop at 4 p.m. September 21 in B.N. Duke Auditorium. Dr. Na'im Akbar, an internationally recognized African American psychologist, will lecture at 7:30 p.m. October 13 in the auditorium of NCCU's Miller-Morgan Building. Pianist Leon Bates conducts a workshop at 8 p.m. November 16 and performs at 8 p.m. November 17 in B.N. Duke Auditorium. Togo West, Secretary of the Army, speaks at 7:30 p.m. January 17 at the auditorium of the Miller-Morgan Building. Sweet Honey in the Rock, an internationally-celebrated a cappella quintet of African-American women, will perform at 7 p.m., February 14, at the Carolina Theatre, in a concert co-sponsored by the Lyceum Committee and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Also scheduled to appear on a February date yet to be announced is the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. Soprano Camellia Johnson performs at 8 p.m. March 2 at B.N. Duke Auditorium. She will also conduct a March 1 master class. Organist Herndon Spillman presents a recital in B.N. Duke Auditorium at 8 p.m. March 30, and will conduct a March 29 masterclass and workshop. Admission to the on-campus programs is free.

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