

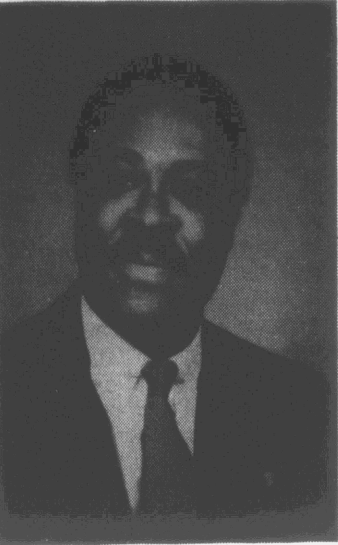
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Dr. Wiley E. Hines

Hines is Honored as Distinguished Alumni

Greenville dentist and community leader, Dr. Wiley E. Hines is one of the 100 outstanding graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) being honored as a distinguished alumni at the 14th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, April 19-23, at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The conference is sponsored by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

"All honorees are nominated by their alumni institutions for making significant contributions to the American society. Presentations of the NAFEO citation shows that the historically black colleges and universities continue to produce many high-quality individuals who enter into the American mainstream and contribute to outstanding progress," said Dr. Samuel Myers, NAFEO president.

Knoxville (TN) College nominated Dr. Hines for this honor. He is currently a dentist in Greenville, and as a native of Greenville, he also attended Meharry Medical College in (Continued on page 10)

April is Black Mental Health Month

April is Black Mental Health Month. The Association of Black Psychologists values education and advocacy for African American people because it will lead to a healthier Black America. In order to promote a healthier Black America, members of the Association and their supporters throughout the U.S.A. and abroad observe Black Mental Health Month during April. The theme for this April, 1989 is "People Reaching People: Pathways to Black Mental Health." Black Mental Health Month serves as a rally point for the Association and other concerned parties and its membership who wish to promote the well being of Black Americans. Attention is drawn to various areas of mental health as deemed important by the Association through various activities i.e., workshops and symposiums in a number of cities. The observance of Black Mental Health Month brings attention to the diverse mental health issues challenging Black America to achieve a healthier tomorrow.

Chapters can expect to hear very soon from the 1989 Co-Chairs of the Black mental Health Month Committee; Dr. Linda James Myers and Dr. Moriba Kelsey of the Central Ohio Chapter. The Association invites every one to share the Ujima (Unity), and Ujamaa (Collective Economics) observed in Black Mental Health Month. Interested individuals may participate in the various activities sponsored by local chapters of the Association or through informal discussions with concerned others. Your participation may be just the relationship needed for a healthier tomorrow. For local information contact Dr. Dennis Chestnut, Dept. of Psychology, East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., 27834. (919) 757-6800.

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"We've Come A Long Way"

BY: DEACON JAMES VINES

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a continuing series of true accounts given by the writer.

We sat therewith her leaning on my chest for about 10 minutes, and then she said, I know you are waiting for me to tell you why I asked you to come here and now I think it's about time for me to tell you. I hope that you won't be angry with me for what I did, I just couldn't help it.

I was just sitting thinking whether I should tell you or not, because it may give you the idea that I'm a person who likes to attend to other people's affairs.

But I have just got to tell you this because you are a nice boy and I like you. I don't think you will be angry. On my day off from work, I looked for some important papers that I was suppose to fill out to get a government job and when I looked for the bag that I put them in, I couldn't find it, and then it came to me that it was on the back porch where I left it when I got off work. It was raining very hard that day and I went back to the job on my day off to get the bag, and as I got on the back porch I could hear you talking to my boss ladies daughter.

I know how she is because she got fresh with the grocery boy. So, I am warning you to leave her alone if you are doing anything. Then I told her that I didn't know how she got that idea, because I had never said a thing to her, I am just doing my job and that's all, then she told me how she tipped on the porch and thru the kitchen and in the dining room where she could hear us good. After I had denied it again I saw the expression change on her face when she turned and pointed her finger at me and said, colored boy, don't you lie to me. I know there's something going on between you and that devil white

woman and I'm telling you to stop if you have to quit your job. I told her that just as soon as I finished paying for some things I had put on layaway, I would quit. Then I asked her if that was all she wanted, because it was getting late and I didn't want to stay away from home until it gets too late, but she still insisted that I stay, that nothing could happen to me there, but my mind led me to go, so I told her good night and left.

The next day I got up and after my mother had fixed my breakfast, I ate and took off for the drug store, still thinking about what the cook had told me.

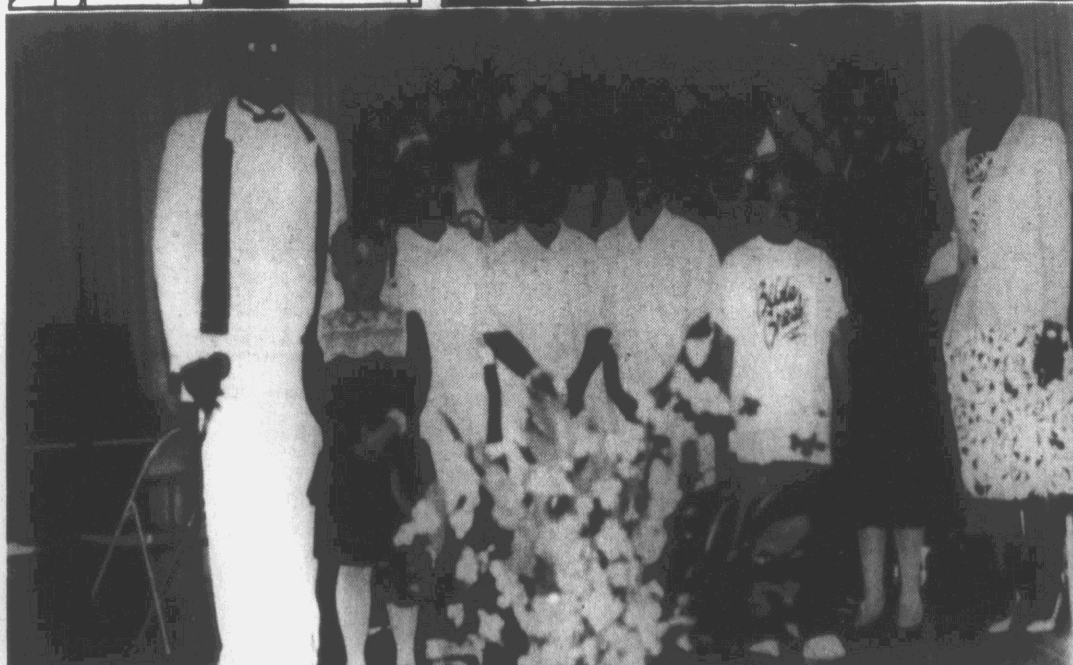
I got to the store about a quarter till seven and one of the white boys who worked on the soda fountain told me the drug store was closed until after the funeral, so, I said who's dead, and he said the owner of the drug store lost his father and they had gone out of town and would be gone for a few days and the drug store would be closed. So I decided to go back home and rest for the next few days. So I left the drug store and started home with what I thought was a short cut, but I should have gone the other way and I never would have seen Ms. G, who was on her way to the drug store. I had just crossed the street when I heard someone call for me to wait a minute, as I turned to look to see who it was. I looked straight in the face of someone I didn't want to see. It was her, the same person that the cook had warned me to stay away from. Before I could say anything, she had already stopped the cart and opened the door and asked me to get in the car so she could take me to her house so that I could help her and the cook cleaned up the yard and around the house. I was soon to find out

that she knew that the store would be closed and that she was on her way to look for me. I kept wondering why she picked that day to find me but she knew more than I thought she knew.

She had gotten all the information that she needed on how to find me by asking the clerk in the store about me. I got in the car and she drove away towards her house. When we got there, the cook was sweeping off the front steps and didn't see me in the back of the car. So, she drove in the yard and stopped and got out on the passengers side of the car which was a four door 1939 Plymouth and told me to come on in with her. So, we got out of the car and went to the back of the house and came in through the back door. I noticed she was walking very fast so that she could get in the house before the cook could see me. After we were on the back porch I asked her what she wanted me to do and she said come on in, I don't think we should let the cook see you going in the house with me. As we got past the dining room I knew she had planned something that I did not want any part of. So, I followed her until she came to the front bedroom, but she kept going until she came to the stairway and said, we are going upstairs to more somethings from the attic. When I got to the front of the stairs, she put her finger to her lips telling me to walk quietly, so we tip toed up the stairs and down the hall and past the door that led to the attic, but we didn't stop there. We kept going until we came to one of the bedrooms, where she stopped and opened the door and walked in and waved for me to come on in and as I past her, she closed the door and locked it.

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Tiny



THEY DID IT . . . The African American Child Development Talent Search was a big success. The event was sponsored by the Southern Regional Conference of the Association of Black Psychologists and Joy 1340 AM. Among the finalists were, left to right, Barkeiya Ormond, Dika Harris, Misty and April Joyner, P. Maurice Cohen, Nicole Dicken, and Ms. Ruby Cannon, mistress of ceremonies. Back row is Dr. Dennis Chestnut, National President of The Association of Black Psychologists and Program Organizer; Treble and Base and Michael Williams, Jr.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)

NCAPsi Child Talent Search a Big Success

The North Carolina Chapter of Black Psychologists, in conjunction with the Wooten's School of Music and radio station Joy 1340, has "labeled" its first annual Pitt/Greenville African-American Child Development Program a great success. The event, which began March 18th, was geared toward African-American children who were Pitt County residents up to age eighteen and not yet beyond high school.

community leaders in recognizing and developing the wealth of "untapped" talents of Pitt County's black youths. He further stated, according to sources, that the Month of April has been designated as "Black Mental Health Month" nationally by the prestigious national organization. Dr. Chestnut is a professor of psychology for East Carolina University.

ABPsi National President Dennis E. Chestnut, Ph.D., said the event was designed to involve

Thirty acts were said to have been chosen for the preliminary round with only nine acts actual-

ly advancing into the final round of competition. Three acts from each age category were selected:

13-18 yrs., 8-12 yrs. and ages below 8.

Ms. Cherry Nicole Fields netted the grand prize in the senior division as Barkeiya Deshawn Ormond did in the junior division. Each contestant received a cash prize and a certificate of participation. Other finalists include: P. Maurice Cohens, Dika Harris, Misty and April Joyner, Treble and Base, Nicole Dickens, and Michael D. Williams, Jr.



A JOYFUL MOMENT . . . Was shared after final competitions were held at the first annual African American Child Development Talent Search. Shown here are Talent Program Mistress of Ceremonies, Ms. Ruby Cannon, Judge; TV Newscaster Mrs. Virginia Foy; Overall Grand Prize Winner, Cherry Nicole Fields and Dr. Dennis Chestnut, National ABPsi President and Talent Program Organizer. Back row is Dr. Theresa Hayes, N.C. Chapter President and Conference Committee. All participants received a cash prize and a certificate of participation.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)



CONGRATULATIONS CHERRY . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fields with their daughter, Grand Prize Winner, Cherry Nicole Fields. Also pictured are Ms. Ruby Cannon and Dr. Chestnut, National ABPsi President and Program Organizer.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)

Hooker named president

Carla Michelle Hooker, a sophomore at East Carolina University, has been elected president of the Minority Student Organization on campus. Ms. Hooker is also active as chairperson of the East Carolina University Special Concerts

Committee— Student Union, the Pirate Crew and the ECU Gospel Choir. She is a communication major.

Her parents are Wayne Hooker of Forestville, Md., and Mary Hooker of Fort Washington, Md.

Abrams, others ask abortion rights stayed

Attorney General Robert Abrams has announced that seven state attorney generals have filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court, urging the Court not to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion.

Mr. Abrams said the amicus brief in the case of Webster v. Reproductive Health Services which originated in Missouri, was co-authored by his office and the office of Massachusetts Attorney General Jim Shannon. They were joined by the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia.

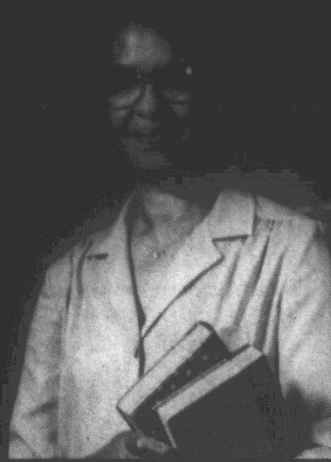
Mr. Abrams said: "The legalization of abortion has brought out of the shadows what was once a furtive and dangerous procedure, making it possible for women to exercise procreative choice openly and safely. To make abortion illegal will not end it, but will simply bring back the bad old days when women defied the laws and risked their lives in order to

be able to control their childbearing. Recriminalization of abortion would force state and local governments to divert scarce resources in an effort to enforce what would be, in the end, unenforceable laws. To turn back the clock now would be wrong as a matter of law and as a matter of public policy.

"By submitting a brief urging the reversal of Roe v. Wade, the Bush Administration has signaled the nation that it plans to continue the attack on women's right to abortion mounted during the Reagan Administration. Last year, we challenged that policy when it sought out only to deny poor women access to constitutional medical procedures, but also attempted to deny health care providers the right to inform their patients about the full range of birth control options.

"I am gratified that the attorneys general of six other states have joined New York in this battle."

The Mrs. Beatrice Maye Column



the other person knows what you mean.

5. Recognize that there is more than one way to view any situation.
6. Express feelings openly and honestly.
7. Accept other family members feelings and try to understand them.
8. Be courteous, tactful and considerate and show respect for family members.
9. Avoid preaching and lecturing.
10. Don't fall for excuses and do avoid using them yourself.
11. Don't whine, yell or nag.
12. Develop a good sense of humor, but learn when to use humor and when to be serious.

Avoid destructive teasing.
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SOME SERIOUS BUT CHALLENGING TRUTHS EXCERPTS OF THE N&O MARCH 26, 1989

1. Many students qualify for the lunch program, a good indicator of family poverty.
2. Many children receive federally funded remedial help in

math and reading.

3. Many graduates who enroll in college as freshmen will need remedial help.
4. Many drop out and become pregnant.
5. Parental involvement is needed.
6. Individualized instruction should be stressed.
7. Not enough students excel academically.
8. Parents need to push their children to study and they fail to make education a priority at home, thus, student motivation is killed.
9. Travel is an inexperience.
10. Low student motivation and self-esteem.
11. Reading among many students difficult though fine libraries.
12. Television occupies a great deal of them.
13. Fourth grade children can't read at first grade level.
14. Few students seek challenging academic courses in rural high schools.
15. Continuing inequities between the poorest counties and the urban centers exist.
16. Many children come from broken homes, illiterate parents.
17. Weapons and drugs seldom show up in rural schools.
18. Both parents are working, they are tired and don't have time for kids; thus, leadership is lacking at home for parents.
19. Many students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches and lag behind their grade level

academically.

20. Babies having babies.
21. Parents can't discipline themselves. How do you expect them to discipline their children?
22. Homes in rural area are barren of books, magazines, newspapers, sometimes even telephones. They see the world through television.
23. Many students mimic their parents by dwelling on materialistic goals — cars, stereos, clothes, even it means sacrificing school work for long hours in a Fast Food Restaurant or grocery store.
24. In the more affluent districts where most students come from working class, two-parent homes, more than half of these students drive to school in cars that often are the envy of their teachers — new Honda Accords, Buick Regals, and Pontiac Firebirds fill the student parking lot.
25. It's hard to tell a kid he needs to get a good education to have what he wants when he is driving a \$20,000 car.
26. Television, teachers say, is one of their biggest enemies. Television robs students of reading time.
27. Many kids are passed basically on attendance.
28. Teachers must believe in themselves and believe in their kids, making exciting things happen.
29. Some cannot read the textbook at all.

30. Experienced teachers say they cannot hold the interest of their students.

31. Most sit quietly but disinterested.
32. Rural students are better behaved than their urban papers.
33. Visitation of homes by teachers for purpose of parental involvement, teaching them basic skills two nights a week, some of whom are working for a high school diploma, happens in one country.
34. Access to computers.
35. Parents who never finished high school are going to school with their three and four year olds, becoming role models.
36. Children who attend preschool are less likely to fail in school, become involved in crime, become pregnant as teens, or end up on welfare.
37. Every child that can learn, can make progress.
38. Rural schools appear to have strong parental involvement.
39. Regardless of money spent, illiterate students are still turned out which is frustrating.
40. There's a high correlation between good teachers and good student performance.
41. It's a worry that parents are being encouraged to rely too heavily on schools.
42. It is the parents responsibility to work with your child and have your child ready for an education.

THE END

LOVE AND ARGUMENTS

Arguments are unavoidable, but fight fair. For example, don't pretend the other person has made an unreasonable statement or demand. Mindreading, jumping to conclusions, changing the subject, bringing up many accusations at a time and using logic to hide emotions are also unfair practices.

You're not fighting fair if you brag, interrupt, intimidate, insult, ridicule, pout or simply refuse to talk.

GUIDELINES FOR FIGHTING FAIR INCLUDE:

1. Decide what is important and stress it. If you're careful with criticism, when something important comes up, you'll have a better chance of being heard and understood.
2. Be clear and specific. Explain the reason for your decision. Be specific about your part in creating a problem.
3. Be realistic and reasonable.
4. Make your wishes and preferences clear. Don't assume

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Black doctors treat black patients study says

A Howard University College of Medicine (HUCM) survey reveals that its predominantly black alumni provide patient care to a substantial number of poor blacks in urban areas.

The survey's findings also show that though most Howard medical students depend heavily on loans to finance their education, personal satisfaction and service to others combined to outrank financial considerations as the motivation for working as a physician.

The comprehensive survey of 49 classes, in which 83 percent of respondents were black, was reported in the February issue of "Academic Medicine." It adds to the limited information available

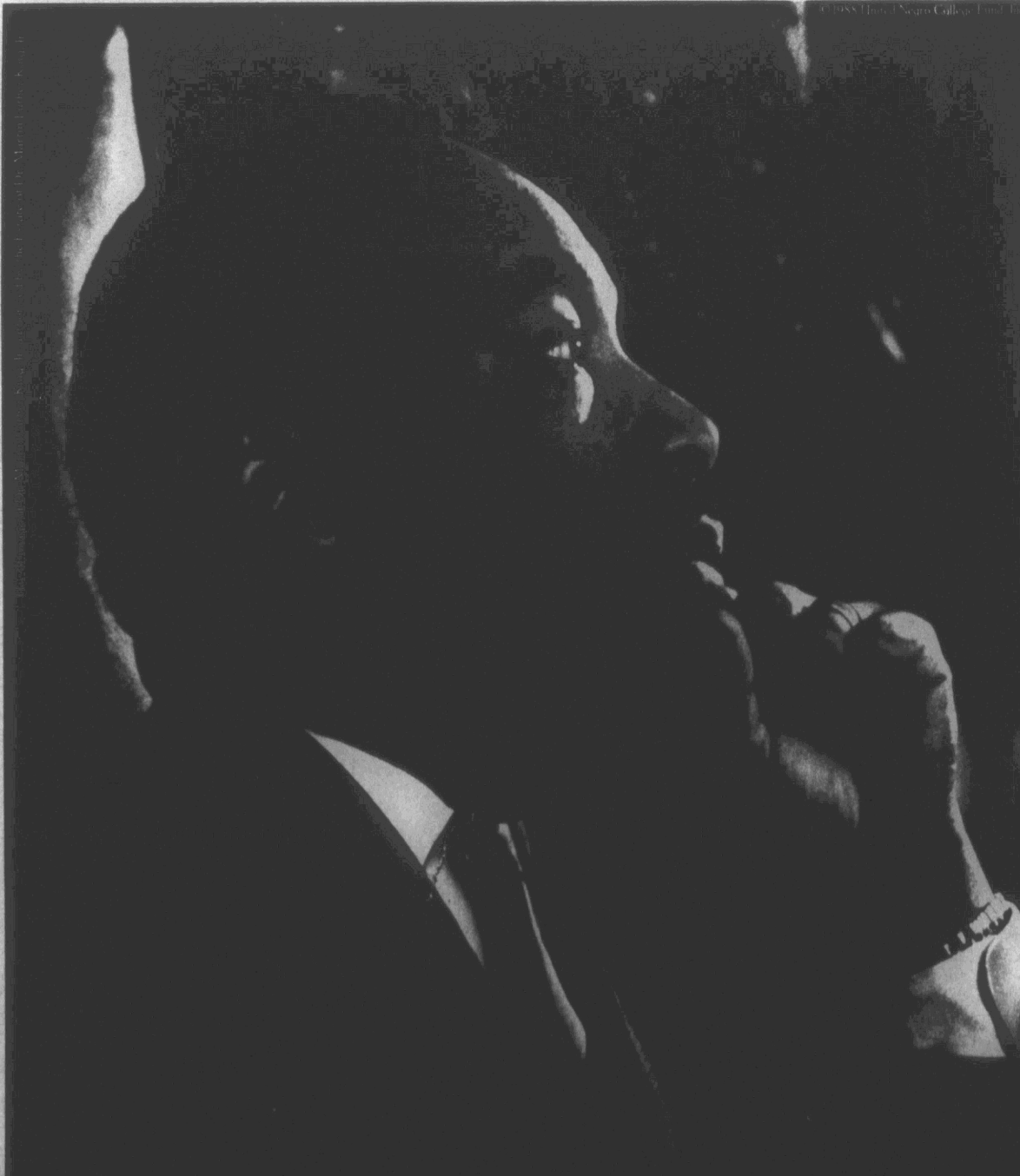
about the practice patterns of black physicians.

Analysis of the findings revealed that:

- Although 53 percent believe that there are too many physicians, 63 percent said there are too few black physicians.
- 57 percent of respondents' patients were black, and respondents estimated fully one-third were poor or very poor.
- Educational debts significantly affected physicians' choices of practice locations, specialty, and type of practice.
- Physicians were becoming more concerned about malpractice suits and about medical student and physician impairment by

alcohol and drugs.

The survey report, "A Second Survey of Graduates of a Traditionally Black College of Medicine," was prepared by David G. Johnson, Ph.D., consultant; Sterling M. Lloyd, Jr., M.R.P., assistant dean for student affairs, HUCM, and Russell Miller, M.D., vice president for health affairs, Howard University. The medical school conducted the study to learn more about the practice characteristics of its alumni, particularly those of black physicians, and about ways to improve the university's medical program. A similar but more limited survey was conducted in 1978.



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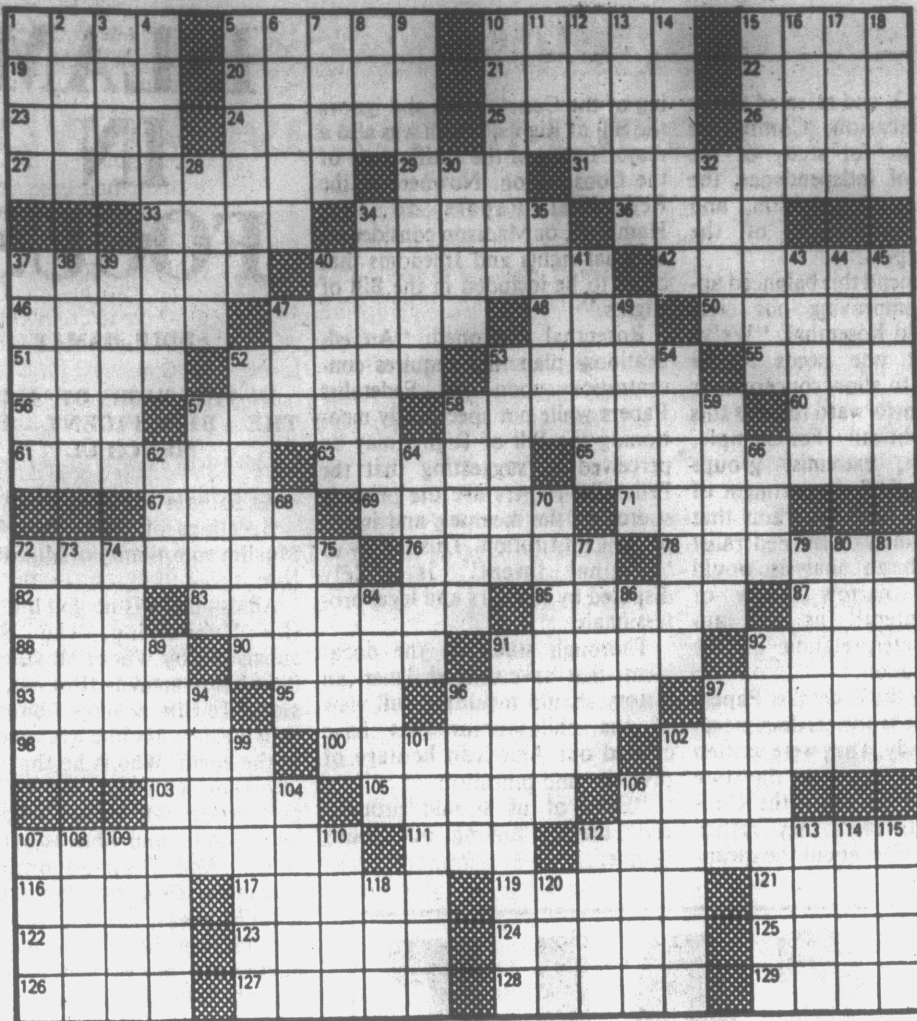
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IS IT BEDTIME? . . . According to Heilig Meyers store manager, Ned Godley, if it is bedding time (or furniture time) he can help make it right on time! Ned, his staff and family were on hand during the Pitt/Greenville Chamber of Commerce sponsored by Expo '89 held April 6, 7, and 8 at the new Greenville Warehouse. Ned invites you to stop in at their Greenville Blvd. location to browse through their huge showroom and open a charge account to furnish your home or apartment today.

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CIAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Shaw proves that predictions were inaccurate

All season long, Shaw's women's coach lobby Sanders kept telling people that his team would be a force in the CIAA basketball race. In the pre-season balloting, the Lady Bears were picked to finish no higher than fourth in the Southern Division behind Johnson C. Smith, St. Augustine's, and Winston-Salem State.

Sanders and his crew are having the last laugh now, after dismantling Johnson C. Smith 83-69 to take the CIAA women's tournament title.

"From the beginning I kept telling everybody that we were going to serve notice," Sanders says. "Now people will realize that when you play us, you'd better be ready. Let's just say that notice has been served."

The Lady Bears (18-7) survived an early 11-9 run by Smith, then regrouped and con-

guard, took over at critical stages of the game with adroit passes to open teammates and slick moves to the hoop. Howell ended the game with 19 points, eight assists, and six steals.

"Hey, I'm very happy with the way we stuck together and won it all," Jefferson says. "I had a little fear at the beginning of the game when they jumped out to a big lead. But we all felt that we could come back and still win. And we have to thank coach Sanders for giving us that kind of confidence in ourselves to be able to do what we did."

Aretha Campbell brought her full arsenal to the court to assist Jefferson and Howell. The sleek gunner fired in 21 points and had seven rebounds. Her point output included four of seven shooting from three-point range.

In the second half, Shaw threatened to turn the title match-up into a rout as they held a commanding 58-41 lead with just over 13 minutes left to play in the contest. And by the three minute mark, Smith knotted the score at 67-all on Angela Hamilton's layup.

From that point on, Howell took center stage for the Lady Bears. During a 16-2 run, the flashy ball handler scored 10 points, including eight free throws. Howell added the finishing touches with 57 seconds remaining on a move that made coach Sanders show the crowd his own version of the victory shuffle.

Howell brought the ball to the top of the key, dribbled behind her back, then pulled up for a fade-away shot that dropped neatly through the nets. That bucket put Shaw up 79-69 with 44 seconds remaining.

"I didn't do that to be a hot dog," Howell explains. "The time clock was running down and I took what they gave me."

Howell credits Sanders with instilling a fierce competitive spirit within her. "I've been able to play well because I get a lot

encouragement from my coach," she points out. "I feel that since he has the faith in me that I can do well, I owe it to him to show that I deserve his faith in me."

The Shaw-Smith final brought a long standing drought in conference tournament play to a halt. The '89 championship was the first time that two Southern Division teams duelled for the title since '76 when the Lady Bears downed Winston-Salem State.

The Lady Golden Bulls (20-9) refused to succumb to Shaw's dominance. They started to reassert themselves with eight minutes left, cutting Shaw's lead to 10 points, 62-52. One of the problems that Smith had up to that point, was the cold shooting of Antonica Sanford, their dead-eye shooting forward. For the greater portion of the game, Sanford had been consistently short on her jumper. When she missed, Shaw grabbed the rebound and often raced down court for transition baskets.

Smith coach Hythia Evans-Liebent then ordered her team to attack with a three-fourths of the court press. The move was successful as JCS stole several passes and forced Shaw to shoot numerous air balls. In the meantime, Adrian Williams scored some key baskets inside and Sanford began to regain her outside shooting touch.

Kim Brewington led the way for JCS with 21 points. Sanford ended the game with 20 and Hamilton added 15 points and nine rebounds.

After Hamilton tied the game, Shaw steered matters back in their favor. The long run had taken a lot out of the Lady Golden Bulls and they didn't have enough steam left to finish what they had started.

"They were able to get back in the game because we didn't stay with our type of offense," explains Sanders. "As the coach, it's my job to keep our people on course. That's why I'm there on the sidelines."

The run that Smith made at Shaw gave coach Sanders some anxious moments. But he felt that his team would weather the storm and prevail in the end.

"When you have to come back like they did, it takes a lot of energy," Sanders adds. "To come back all the way, you have to have enough people to shuffle in and out of the game to keep that momentum going. If you don't, you'll make a strong run, but you'll also fizzle because you can't maintain that pace. That's when we were able to come back."

The key to Shaw's title victory, the coach says, was being able to play the kind of defense that denied Hamilton the ball. "We had to put a lot of defensive pressure on them up front so they couldn't get into their running game. The ladies did the job because it was rare for Smith to get any uncontested shots and that was very important. We got the good, solid, defensive effort and that's what wins championships."

-Lawrence Curry



DEBORAH HOWELL

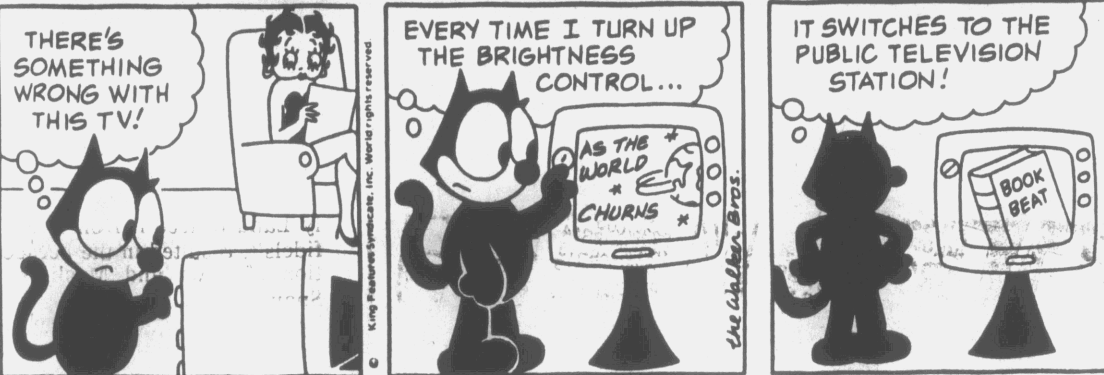
CIAA Women's All-Tournament Team

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rolled the tempo of the game until the final eight minutes. Edith Jefferson and Deborah Howell blazed the path for Shaw as the key performers. Jefferson (25 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists) was voted the tournament MVP. She was invaluable in the low post, battling for loose balls and making life miserable for the Lady Golden Bulls with her scoring inside the paint.

Howell, a razzle-dazzle type of point

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Then I asked her if we were going to clean the yard and she said yes, but we had something else to do before we cleaned the yard and attic. After she had locked the door she came up to me and pushed me across the bed and began to undress me, but I didn't give in to her advances. I struggled with her until I had almost lost my breath. When she said, you may as well give up because nobody knows you're here and I have been trying to get you in this position for a long time. Then I told her that I was afraid someone would catch us there and I would be in trouble. Nobody will catch us, because nobody is coming here but you and me, and the cook will be gone in a little while. Then I told her that I believed the cook saw us but she said she didn't. After a few minutes she got up and took the key out of the door and laid it on the dresser and came over to the bed and began pulling off her clothes, laying them carefully on a chair. After she had finished she stood in the middle of the floor with both hands over her head turning round and round as if she was on a stage in a show. She finally said, don't I look pretty & I couldn't say a word as I sat on the side of the bed watching a white woman in her home parade around the room just like she came into the world. She stopped turning and came

over to the bed and pushed me over on my back and said, I believe we are going to have some fun, while she tried to undress me. I was no match for her since, she weighed so much more than my 147 pounds. Plus, she was about two inches taller than I and I just didn't have no other way out but to give in fearing she would scream and bring the neighbors. After she pulled the shades down, I notices it was getting dark. I soon discovered that I had been there for almost a whole day and I was beginning to worry about her parents coming home. I noticed she had dozed off to sleep and that was my chance to leave, but when I got up, I must have awoken her because as I reached for the key so that I could get out, she raised her head from the pillow and whispered good night. I will see you again soon. So, I went down the stairs and out the back door and ran all the way to the colored section of town. I was almost home when I met one of my friends on his way to the Busy Bee Calf where he had started to get some hot dogs. He asked me if I would go with him, and I told him that I would. When we got almost there, we could hear the sound of a juke box playing one of the popular songs of the day. The closer we got to the cafe, the louder the music got. We could hear Billy Eckstein

singing a song that went like this. Hello baby, I had to call you on the phone. Hello baby, I had to call you on the phone because I feel so lonesome and daddy wants his baby home. It's a down right rotten low down dirty shame, It's a down right rotten how down dirty shame. The way you treated poor me, I know I'm not to blame. Jelly, jelly, jelly, jelly stays on my mind. Jelly, jelly, jelly, jelly stays on my mind. Jelly roll killed my papa are ran my mama stone blind. After the record was over, we picked up some hot dogs and started back home when we noticed a white policeman following us. We were walking along the street sining the song that we had just heard on the juke box. On the other side of the street were two young white girls walking in the opposite direction. We came to the corner where we were to turn around and go to the westend of town when the police called to us and told us to wait; we stopped and waited for him to catch up to see, when we heard him say, didn't I hear you two niggers medling at those white girls, and we told him we were just singing a song. Well, you better not sing it any more because it sounded like you were medling with those girls.



OPERA DIRECTOR . . . Talmadge Fauntleroy, a graduate of East Carolina University who is now director of the Studio Lirico opera workshop in Stia, Italy, returned to his alma mater this week to work with advanced student singers in the ECU School of Music. Here, Fauntleroy, right, coaches Timothy Legeros, left, and Grace Oh, in developing characters they will portray in a public performance Friday, April 7. Legeros is a sophomore from Morehead City, Oh, a junior, is a resident of Durham. Photo Tony Rumpel.

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Cromwell fights for custody of niece

By HAROLD L. JAMISON
Prior to her death in August 1987, former New Yorker Shirley Simpson called on her sister Linda Cromwell, who resides in Florida, to be legal guardian for her three-month old daughter.

Shirley had a drug problem and the state had already taken one of her children. She didn't want the same fate to befall her new little girl, so in June, right after the child (who will remain anonymous) was born in St. Vincent's Hospital, Staten Island, (June 1, 1987) she started proceedings that would place her daughter with her family.

Adhering to the natural inclination in the African-American community towards the extended family, Cromwell happily agreed to her sister's request. However, nearly two years later, Cromwell finds herself still without her niece, and she is locked in a custody battle with an affluent white couple who want the child for themselves and as a result the child has become the focal point of a legal battle, that according to those concerned, threatens to go against state adoption regulations that give priority to blood relatives.

"At the end of June the hospital's children services worker, Kathy Girgen told me she would go before the judge and try to give me custody before the baby left the hospital. However, the judge told her that it would be necessary that an interstate compact study between New York and Florida be conducted before the child was released. She also told me that there was a possibility they could arrange a verbal agreement. In July they told me it was approved and I shouldn't have any problems getting the baby," Cromwell explained from Florida.

"Everything seemed to be going okay," explained Leora Neal, executive director of the Association of Black Social Workers Adoption Services on W. 125th Street, Harlem. "The baby stayed at St. Vincent's for two months because of her addiction and on August 11, 1987 was placed in the Angel Guardian Home, a volunteer childcare agency in Brooklyn. They placed the child in one of their foster care homes with a white couple. Usually when a child is placed in foster care, they leave the city or volunteer agency and the field office is no longer involved. But in this case the field office never got out of the picture. Which is precedents

setting in itself."

Meanwhile, the foster care parents, Jack Hammil, a yacht salesman and his wife Laurie Hammil fell in love with the child and are now using their considerable influence and wealth to attempt to circumvent the law and keep the child, according to Cromwell.

"In August I met the Hammil's and I saw the child for the first time," Cromwell said. "They told me that they wanted to keep the baby, and I told them I couldn't discuss anything with them at that time because my sister had just passed."

During the following year, Cromwell kept in touch with all parties and was constantly reassured the child would be released to her "soon."

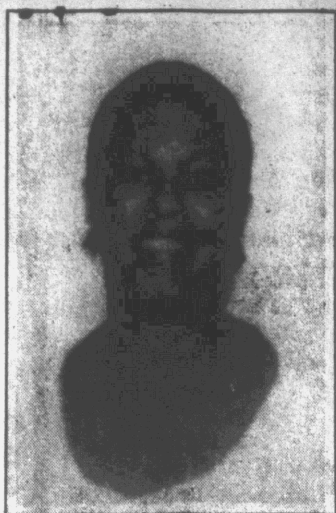
"In December they told me I would have the baby, but they've been telling me that for two years," said Cromwell. "Because of them being white with a lot of money they are pulling strings."

At the beginning of January, the Hammil's dispatched an African-American woman named Marci Williams from Newark, NJ, to Florida to try to convince Cromwell to give up her fight.

"She came down to Florida in behalf of the Hammil's. In fact, when I came home she was sitting in my house and asked if could we talk in private. She told me she was a friend of Jack and Laurie, who sent her to talk," Cromwell said. "She said 'Linda I really need to talk with you.' She said she dreaded having to go back to tell them that she couldn't find any dirt on me, and then she told me Jack had told her to start at \$5,000 and go as high as \$10,000, and that if I was on drugs, like my sister was, I would take it. They even tried to take me shopping, but I told her no."

The Hammils have attempted to persuade Cromwell to come to New York and meet with them. And at one point, according to Cromwell and Neal, the Child Protective Services were called to question Cromwell concerning and whereabouts of Simpson's other child who was taken by a great aunt and secreted away.

"The police and child protective services were called in and even though they were told who took the child, they never went to their home," said Neal. "They tried to blame Cromwell for the missing boy and said since that incident occurred, they



LINDA CROMWELL

couldn't give her the girl."

In 1988 Cromwell contacted William Crinker, commissioner of the Human Resources Administration, to seek some redress.

"The law says natural relatives have first priority, if they are fit," Neal explained. "It is a violation of the Child Welfare Reform Act of 1979, which gives priority to natural family. The foster family is alleging that because of the bonding that has gone on between them and the child over the past 17 months that they should have custody. But it's against the law and fosters parents have no right to do that. If so, that could happen to anybody's child."

Yet despite the law, the judge decided the foster parents should retain custody until the matter is adjudicated.

"Initially in January, the agency contacted the Hammil's and said they would remove the child. They (Hammils) requested a hearing at the City level and in several days the hearing examiner, who heard the testimony and prepared a decision said the child should remain in the foster family," stated Barry Abbott, attorney for Cromwell. "Consequently, the next day the judge initiated an extension of the placement petition in Staten Island Family Court. His reasoning is assumed to be

that since the child has yet to be transferred out of placement, he didn't want the child's status up in the air, so he decided to leave the child with the Hammils."

The day before the next scheduled hearing (January 27), the commissioner decided to keep the child with the foster parents, and set yet another

hearing for May 1, 1989.

"Unfortunately for Linda, the longer the child stays in the foster home the worse her position is since their argument is that the child is bonded to them," Abbott said.

Spokesperson Susann Trazoff of the Commissioner's office declined comment, citing the sensitive nature of the case.

The Hammils could not be reached for comment.

"The foster parents knew the aunt was supposed to get the child," said Neal. "This issue is so significant because if parents are allowed to use bonding as a way to holding on to a child, then children may never be reunited with their families."

Affirmative action could be in really big trouble

Confusion still reigns after the Supreme Court's decision knocking down Richmond, Virginia's minority setaside program. Opinions differ about whether that ruling kills affirmative action or whether it leaves room for the continued existence of such programs.

And everyone is waiting for the Court to drop the other shoe — upcoming cases will affect affirmative action in local government hiring and in private employers' promotions.

To take the bright side first, the Richmond decision need not choke off minority setaside programs of local governments. Most local programs are based on goals, not the kind of quotas Richmond wrote into its law.

The judges also struck down the Richmond law because the city did not prove setasides necessary to remedy past discrimination. In most places, such documentation is available and state and local governments should be compiling statistics and other evidence of past discrimination to defend their present setaside programs.

A lot will turn on what the Court ultimately decides is adequate evidence of discrimination and what appropriate remedies will be acceptable.

Some judges have the peculiar notion that only specific individuals had been discriminated against — and who can prove it — should be given preference in a setaside or an affirmative action program.

That tells us more about judicial theories than about reality in our America. Discrimination against African Americans is easily proven and richly documented. We were discriminated against, however, as a group and on the basis of group affiliation, not as individuals. Group discrimination leading to group disadvantage requires group remedies.

Whether that logic can penetrate the ideologues on today's federal courts is doubtful, and that means the future of affirmative action could be in peril.

Some upcoming cases before the Supreme Court will determine whether its narrower interpretation of the constitutionality of racial preference programs is tightened into a noose that murders affirmative action, or whether guidelines will be refined to the point where such programs will continue.

One case involves a challenge to a court-ordered hiring quota for firemen. Another will decide whether statistical evidence of low minority hiring and promotion is sufficient to show employer discrimination in apparently neutral hiring and promotion practices.

Another big pending case will find the Justices reviewing the 1976 Runyon decision that allowed damages in private discrimination cases. And the lower courts have numerous other cases challenging affirmative action and minority setaside programs.

So the next several months will be crucial for the future of African Americans' efforts to close the economic gap and achieve opportunities long denied them.

Affirmative action is an essential mechanism to overcome discrimination and its effects. The Supreme Court's new majority seems to be acting as if we are a color-blind society with no need to make special efforts to overcome past denial of constitutional rights.

As Justice Thurgood Marshall wrote in his dissent in the Richmond case, the majority is "constitutionalizing its wishful thinking." It is applying the same standards and tests to efforts to overcome discrimination's effects as it did to state-imposed segregation.

It may be up to the Congress and the Administration to frame a national response to this runaway Court, with legislation that frames a constitutionally acceptable affirmative action standard and shelter local government and private affirmative action programs from the courts that are trying to roll the clock back.



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Sullivan to get severance pay

By JESSE H. WALKER

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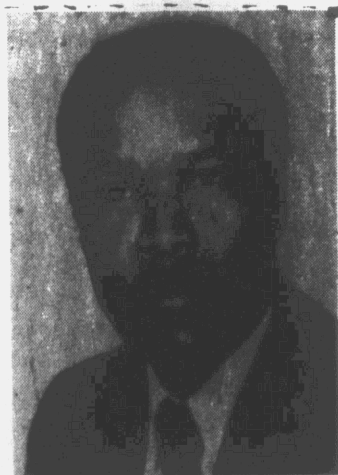
Last week he reversed his decision to forfeit severance pay earned during his previous post as president of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

In a statement issued last Tuesday evening by his office in Washington, Dr. Sullivan said he will get \$215,000 in severance benefits that had been included in his Morehouse contract. He said that the Office of Government Ethics had approved the agreement and that should end a dispute over how much, if any, severance pay he can accept.

After questions were raised about his nomination, Dr. Sullivan said he would forfeit about \$300,000 in accumulated sabbatical pay. Federal workers are prohibited from accepting compensation from any source other than the federal government for their official duties.

At his confirmation hearing, however, several members of the Senate Finance Committee expressed concern that Dr. Sullivan would have to surrender any benefits he had earned at the Atlanta school. Campbell Gardett, an HHS spokesman, said that those concerns led Dr. Sullivan to reopen negotiations about severance pay with the school's board of trustees after his confirmation.

Dr. Sullivan previously had decided to forgo the money because of concerns raised in news reports about potential conflicts of interest with his connection



DR. LEWIS W. SULLIVAN

to the medical school, which receives about \$5.8 million a year in federal grants. He made that decision despite the Office of Government Ethics' informal approval of the severance pay as money earned before he came to the federal government.

In his statement, Dr. Sullivan said: I have made this agreement in the full faith that it in no way present ethical difficulty, or appearance of difficulty, with regard to my services as HHS secretary."

The secretary said the agreement was "forged by the Morehouse board (of trustees) and myself and that it has been approved by the Office of Government Ethics."

Members of the Senate Finance Committee said at Dr. Sullivan's confirmation hearing in February that while his forfeiture of the money admirable, they were concerned that his action could set a precedent and discourage others from taking top government jobs.

Howard University founder's library

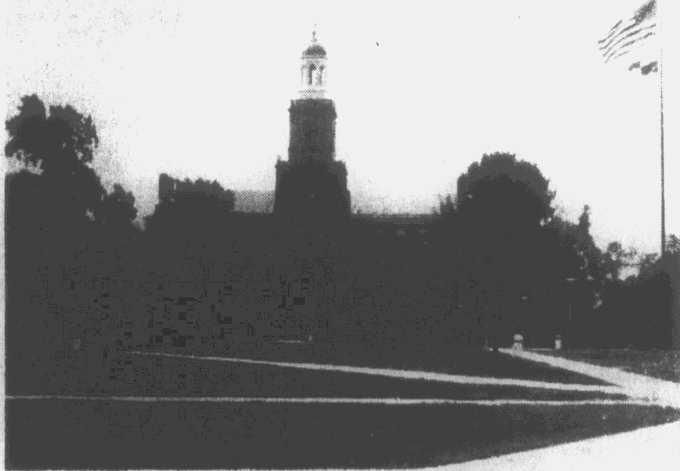
By GREG HARRIS

"I would feel that I hadn't been listening to them. I would feel that I was out of touch with them. And I would feel that I needed a mental enema," said Professor Amiri I. Baraka (AKA LeRoi Jones) during a March 17 interview on the CBS News "Nightwatch" program. The answer was to Steven Roberts' question about how Baraka would feel if students took over his office on the SUNY Stony Brook campus. Professor Baraka appeared with his son, Ras, who was the leader of the March 6 takeover of Howard University's Administration Building.

Both father and son asserted that the main issue in the event was "improvement" in Howard's Afro-American studies program. They downplay the importance of Republican National Committee chairman Lee Atwater's election to the Howard Board of Trustees. If that is true, then the building takeover was nothing more than a pre-Easter prank.

Ras Baraka's attempt at sarcasm bordered on the adolescent. He said that all Howard University does is "train you so you have the ability to have a \$30,000 a year salary." But young Baraka's most bizarre accusation was about Howard's Afro-American studies department. He told viewers that the department is "in like a little hut type of building." In fact, the Afro-American studies department is located in the elegant Founders Library Building. Obviously, Ras Baraka is not majoring in architecture (as did 247 of Howard's 1988 graduates).

Of course Baraka might be excused for a bizarre statement, considering his apparent lack of interest in what Howard offers. Evidence of that arose last week when I discovered that the young man had not been an enrolled student when he was leading the demonstration. For some reason, Professor Baraka "negotiated" for his son. Ras Baraka enrolled on Thursday,



HOWARD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

March 30, according to Alan L. Hermes, Howard's director of university relations. The second semester began Jan. 12.

Howard's history

The establishment of Howard University was a congressional action in the wake of the Civil War. On March 2, 1867, Congress issued a charter specifying the following departments of the university: Education, Collegiate, Theological, Medical, Law and Agriculture. The university is named for Union Army Major General Oliver O. Howard, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient. Gen. Howard was commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau, and was one of ten of the school's founders. The school's mission was linked to the work of the bureau. It was to help uplift the estimated 4 million freed Black American slaves, as well as the estimated 25,000 Black Americans not born into slavery.

Among Howard's many distinguished graduates are Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, former Senator Edward Brooke, psychologist Dr. Kenneth Clark, Atlanta Mayor Rev. Andrew Young, and Army Lt. Gen. Andrew Chambers. General Chambers retired April 1, and is now the Director of Industry Affairs, Association of the U.S. Army, Arlington, Va. The Howard University ROTC has produced 17 Black American general officers. Howard's political

science department was organized and established by Dr. Ralph Bunche, the first Black American Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

Utility of courses

As a requirement for a bachelor's degree, each Howard University undergraduate student must complete at least one course in Afro-American Studies. After completing that one course, Afro-American studies is an elective. Students are hard-pressed to amass the required credit hours in their major subjects; electives become luxuries. Making decisions about luxuries is an indication of maturity.

At the undergraduate level, Howard University offers 25 courses in Afro-American Studies. There are 65 graduate level courses in African Studies & Research.

College students are preparing themselves to compete in an ever evolving world, and their choices are largely based upon their assessment of what will be useful to them in that world. During the 1987-88 academic year, 2,399 Howard University liberal arts students enrolled in 28 departments. The top three choices (and the number of students) were: Zoology (351), Psychology (350), and Political Science (333). Twelve students enrolled as majors in Afro-American Studies. In the 35 departments of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences the breakdown was as follows for

the 1987-88 academic year: Communications Arts (121), Psychology (95), and Political Science (79). Forty-eight students enrolled in African Studies.

The Afro-American Studies and African Studies & Research departments compete for students. At Howard University, seventy percent of the bachelor degrees were earned in business (finance, management and marketing) or engineering (electrical, civil and computer systems). The demonstrated quality of Howard University students attracts Fortune 500 corporate employment recruiters from The Bell System, Du Pont, Hughes Aircraft, IBM, Time Inc., and Xerox — among others.

Another indicator of post-1960s student choices are in the revitalization of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

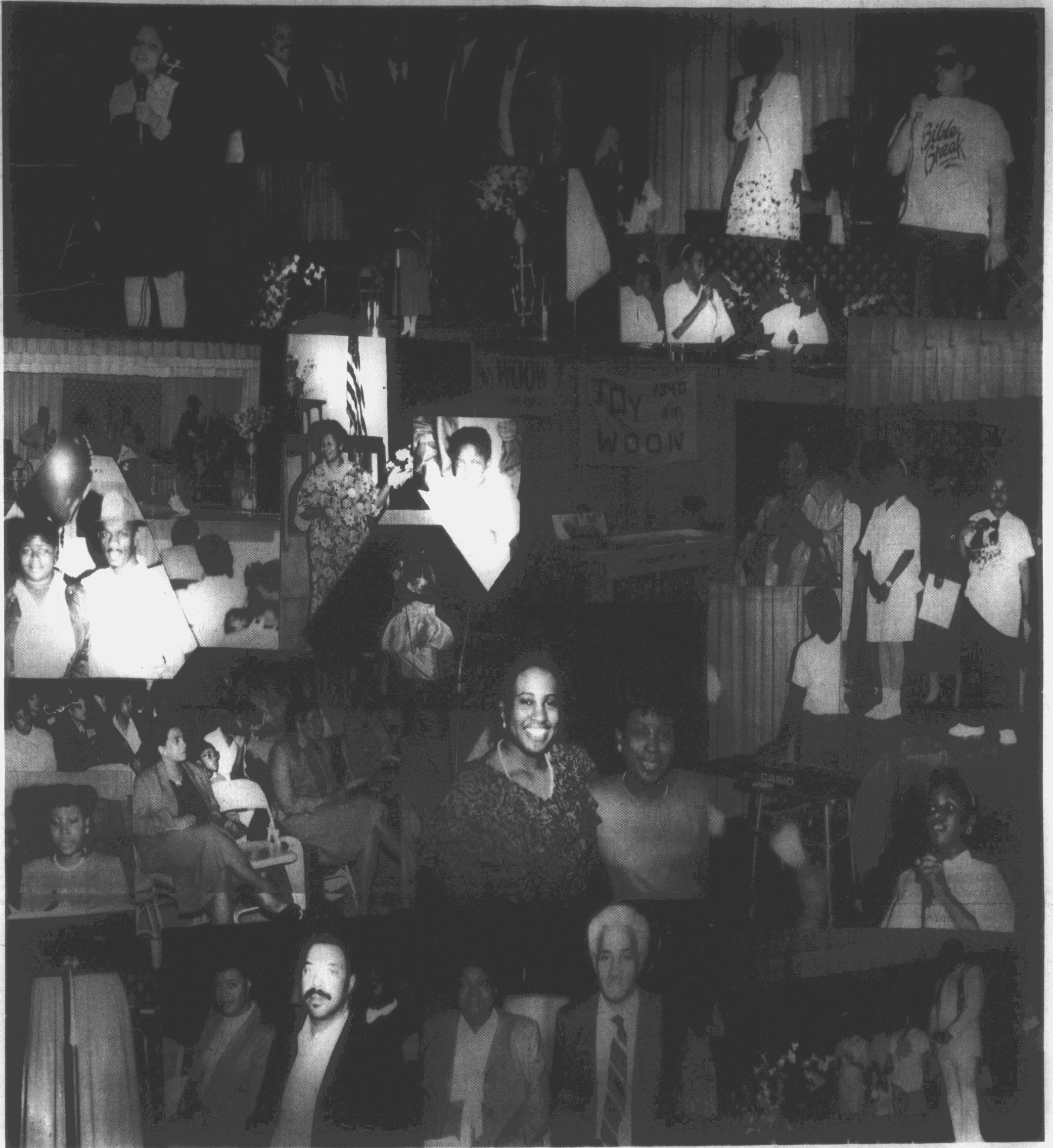
Although Howard University's ROTC survived the Vietnam War era, there was an impact. In 1978, only nine individuals were commissioned as officers (5 Air Force and 4 Army). Six years later, the number had risen to sixty (40 Army and 20 Air Force). During the past 21 years, Howard University has graduated an average of thirty men and women each year through the ROTC programs.

Whether Professor Baraka and his son like it or not, the students at Howard University are concentrating on utility in making their course selection decisions. They seek to be prepared, by their credentials, for the 21st century. They are fulfilling the mission of Howard and every great university.

Professor Baraka and his son seem to be "out of touch" with today's American college student. Whether the professor opts for a cerebral purgative is his elective decision.

Greg Harris is a national security writer. He is Vice President of the General James Chapter of the Air Force Association, and a member of the Tuskegee Airmen.

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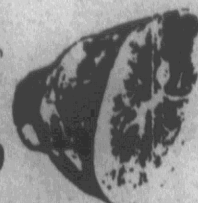
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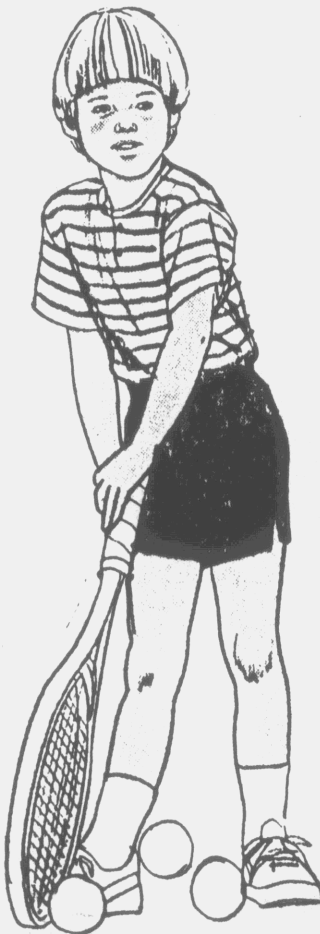


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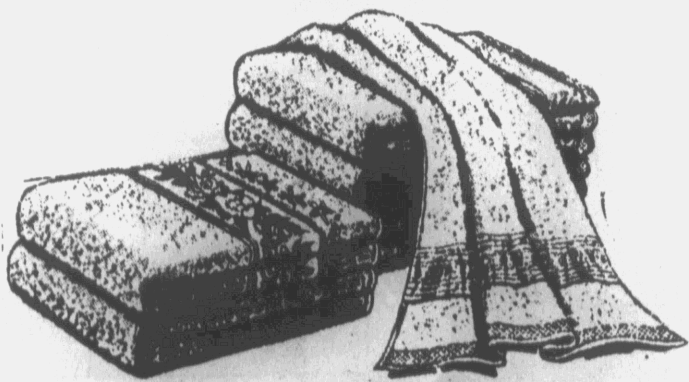


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Dr. Hines has received numerous honors, among which include the Distinguished Service Award of the Association of North Carolina Alphas in 1984.

"The historically black colleges enroll less than 20% of black undergraduates, but confer almost 40 percent of all baccalaureate degrees earned by Blacks," Myers said. Based on recent statistics, two black colleges account for 82 percent of all Blacks earning degrees in dentistry; two account for 82 percent in veterinary medicine. The historically black colleges continue even now to press for expanded access at a time when many states are restricting admissions to all colleges," he added.

The HBCU Alumni will be introduced and feted at a special

at NAFEO's closing Leadership Awards Banquet, Saturday night, April 22. NAFEO is an association of most of the nation's historically and predominantly black institutions of higher learning, including public and private, two-year and four-year, undergraduate and graduate schools.

It was founded in 1969 as a non-profit, voluntary independent association representing the HBCUs which enroll some 250,000 students each year and graduate more than 40,000 alumni annually.

Wiley and his wife, Gloria, have three children and reside in Greenville.

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