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## Paul Quinn Trustees Refuse To Renew Watley's Contract

It was learned last week that Paul Quinn College President William D. Watley's contract will not be renewed when it expires June 30.

According to the Rev. David Harris, a Paul Quinn trustee and pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Dallas, "This (decision) was not arrived at hurriedly. There was lengthy discussion, questions and deliberation from almost all of the members of the board."

Watley, who has been serving as president of that college in Waco, Texas, said: "At this point, I'm still a little numb. I presume there will be a reason forthcoming."

Harris said board members did not cite reasons for terminating Watley's tenure, but added, "The board made it clear that the decision to review his contract was not based on the recent Barry White Tennis Tournament."

Paul Quinn officials had hoped to raise \$300,000 for the school's capital improvement fund through the tournament May 8-10 and Barry White's concert May 9, but no statement has been made on the financial result of the event.

Another trustee -- Gordon Rountree, Sr. -- who refused to say anything did say: "We were told not say anything about it and I don't think I should."

According to sources, there were about 15 people representing two groups who did appear before trustees during the 3 1/2 hour meeting. Copies of petitions asking that Watley's contract be renewed had been sent to board members before the meeting. Harris said he could not estimate how many were on the petitions.

"One group had more names to supplement the petition than had previously been submit-

ted, so I don't know," Harris said.

The vote not to renew Watley's contract was by a majority vote, but Harris declined to say how big the split was.

Several members of the 18-member board were absent. Harris said notices of the special meeting were sent by mail, but added some trustees did not receive their notice until late.

Bishop Henry W. Murph, presiding bishop of the Tenth Episcopal District, is chairman of the board and lives in Dallas, as do three other trustees. Paul Quinn is under the auspices of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Watley was named president in October, 1978, coming to Paul Quinn from Flushing, N. Y., where he pastored an A.M.E. church and finished his doctorate at Columbia University. He said he has no immediate plans, and indicated he may change careers.



William D. Watley  
"Ousted President"

"The Lord will provide," Watley said, "and that's not being coy -- that's where I am in terms of my faith." He added he expects "other doors" to open.

Watley had heard rumors for the past

several weeks that this contract would not be renewed by the board. "I'd heard talk, but I do not know how much consensus of opinion there was," he said. "One thing, I feel very

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Mrs. Minnie Drew, widow of Dr. Charles R. Drew, poses with Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, director of the National Institutes of Health, at the recent NIH unveiling of a bust and exhibit honoring Dr. Drew who is known as the "Father of the American Blood Bank."

## Dr. Charles R. Drew Honored

An exhibit and bust honoring Dr. Charles R. Drew, known as the "Father of the American Blood Bank," was recently unveiled at the National Institutes of Health, making it the first permanent exhibit honoring a black physician on the NIH campus.

With the outbreak of World War II, blood plasma became crucially important in saving the lives of the wounded. Soon it was in short supply in England.

Because of Dr. Drew's pioneering work in blood research, blood collection and plasma processing, he was the person selected to respond to a British emergency cable request for 5,000 ampules dried plasma for transfusion work immediately and follow this by an equal quantity in three to four weeks--stop-

contents each ampule should represent about one pint whole plasma."

It was a big job to be accomplished in a short time, but Dr. Drew did it. Shortly thereafter, he was named medical supervisor of "Blood for Britain."

The project was a great success and saved many lives. In 1941, when the American Red Cross assumed control of the blood bank program, Dr. Drew was made director of the blood bank in New York and assistant director of blood procurement for the National Research Council.

In this capacity he was in charge of the collection of blood for use by the United States Army and Navy, a tremendous wartime responsibility.

Unhappy with the existing policy that blood taken from blacks and whites be collected, stored, and administered separately, with great additional expenditures of

time, money, and effort, Dr. Drew resigned and returned to Howard University.

The bust, commissioned by the Charles R. Drew Award Committee of Philadelphia, was presented to the "American people" last year in a White House ceremony and forwarded to NIH for display.

The exhibit was specially designed as a "showcase" for the bust. According to committee chairman, Dr. Donald Parks, this small bust will eventually be replaced by a full size bronze one sculptured by Alex Genralis and Thomas Miles.

Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, NIH Director, said it is appropriate that the exhibit and bust be housed at NIH, "a place that symbolizes the kind of work that Dr. Drew dedicated his life to and into which he made phenomenal contributions."

Although Dr. Drew never worked at NIH, his presence in a spiritual sense is extraordinarily important," Dr. Fredrickson told the audience which included Dr. Drew's widow, Mrs. Minnie Drew, daughters Mrs. Bebe Drew Price and Mrs. Charlene Drew Jarvis.

Mrs. Jarvis was affiliated for eight years with the National Institute of Mental

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## Former Lubbock Resident Killed In Dallas

A former Lubbock resident, Ms. Mary Ann Williams, suffered a gunshot wound at her home in Dallas Sunday, June 14th. A Dallas Police Department spokeswoman said the death has been ruled a homicide.

Services for Ms. Williams, 35, were held at St. John Baptist Church last Thursday with Rev. Joe Moore, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow under direction of South Plains Funeral Home.

Services were held also

in Dallas last week at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church with the Rev. G. B. Prince, pastor, officiating.

Dallas arrangements were made by Cedar Crest Funeral Home.

Ms. Williams lived in Lubbock until 1966, when she moved to Dallas. She was employed by the Dallas Fire Department and worked part-time at Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tomamy Williams, Sr. of Lubbock; two brothers, Tommy, Jr. of Lubbock and H. W. of Albuquerque, N. M.; and three sisters, Betty Fay Williams and Margie Dean Sandifer, both of Lubbock, and Luveda Williams of Midland.



Mary A. Williams



T. J. Patterson



Mrs. Dorothy McKeever

## McKeever & Patterson Named "Man & Woman of the Year"

In their seventh annual Community Service Awards program last Friday evening at Parkway Neighborhood Center, the Lubbock Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. named their "Man and Woman of the Year."

Named "Woman of the Year" was Mrs. Dorothy McKeever, a local public school teacher who is credited for the founding of the Joy Bible Class.

T. J. Patterson, Sr., co-publisher of the Lubbock Digest, was named "Man of the Year."

Both expressed their appreciation for receiving such an award from this local sorority.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Ms. Brenda Joyce Redd, a teacher in the Dallas Public Schools.

Approximately 150 people were present at this event.

Mrs. McKeever is a teacher at Roscoe Wilson

Elementary School, president of the Minister Wives of the Abilene District of the CME Church, 1980 graduate of Church, and 1980 graduate of Floral Design School in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. McKeever was very excited when she received the "Woman of the Year" award.

She is known for her extensive involvement with the Joy Bible Study Club, which she conducts in her home weekly. This club is now six years old. It consists of 43 boys and girls, ranging from ages 5-17.

It may be noted that Mrs. McKeever was one of the first blacks to see the need for such a religious club and worked to make it very successful.

Transporting the children on way consists of about three trips, even with the high cost of gas. "I have been able to manage. Although I have no heli, the load is light."

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## Public Shows Overwhelming Support For Poverty Law Program

A New York Times CBS News Poll shows that the American public overwhelmingly supports the continuation of this nation's program to provide civil legal services to poor people.

Approximately 80 percent of all those surveyed said that the legal services program should be maintained at present funding levels or expanded. These responses include those who describe themselves as generally approving of the Reagan administration's budget proposals and those who describe themselves as "conserva-

tives."

The public support for the legal services program sharply contrasts with the administration's proposal to eliminate all funding for the Legal Services Corporation in 1982.

Congress established the Legal Services Corporation in 1974 "to provide equal access to the system of justice in our Nation for individuals who seek redress of grievances." The Corporation provides funds to community-based programs that provide assistance to poor people

in noncriminal matters such as landlord-housing disputes, Social Security claims, and family matters. Current funding for the Corporation is \$321 million.

Results of the New York Times CBS News Poll on a variety of issues were released on April 30. However, the published results did not indicate the full range of questions and answers. The Times provided the complete survey results dealing with legal services at the request of a consumer group founded by Ralph Nader.

## Low Income Families May Receive Assistance

Low income families containing members age 65 or older may receive needed assistance in July to help in cooling their homes. Under the cooling phase of the federally-funded Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), the Texas Department of Human Resources (TDHR) proposes to make a one-time-only payment to qualifying Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children households.

The program established by Congress in 1980 provided assistance this

past winter to approximately 475,000 needy families by distributing \$25 million in benefits. Because of the harsh effect of Texas summer heat on elderly persons, participation will be limited to low income households containing elderly persons.

Under TDHR's plan, those households with elderly persons not receiving an automatic payment, may apply between August 3 and August 31, 1981. Each county in Texas will have a designated location where members of such households can apply.

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# Anniversary Party On Tap For Rev. Brown

After thirty years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, the Rev. M. A. Brown, pastor of the Triumph Baptist Church of Slaton, will be honored Friday, June 19th.

The anniversary party, for Rev. Brown, will be held on the second floor of the Southwestern Bell's Lubbock office, from 2 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

"I really appreciate this lovely effort on the part of many people," said Rev. Brown.



Rev. M. A. Brown

## Faith First Baptist Church

Faith First Baptist Church started the day last Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday School. The lesson was "Claiming God's Promise."

The scripture was found in Deuteronomy 1:19-26; 29-31. The background scripture was found in Deuteronomy 1.

It was Youth Sunday and Rosevelt Portee, Jr. and Regina Bell led the congregation in the devotion. Rev. Greg Jones preached the sermon of the morning. His subject was: "Beware God Forbids A Foolish Man's Choice." His scripture was taken from Isaiah 66:1-4. Rev. Jones is from Plainview, Texas and his pastor is Rev. W. Griffin.

We also had Rev. Roy P. Davis and family with us. We'd like to thank Rev. Jones for such a wonderful sermon. The youth are having their car was on June 27th instead of the 20th because of Financement (Juneteenth) Celebration.

## Exxon Produces SWAC Football Highlights Film

A new 30 minute film highlighting the past football season of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is now available on a free-loan basis from Exxon USA.

SWAC is comprised of seven predominately black colleges and universities located in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. They include Southern University, Texas Southern University, Prairie View A&M University, Grambling State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University and Alcorn State University.

The release of the film marks the third time that Exxon has produced a

SWAC highlights film. Together, the 1970 and 1976 films have been seen by almost two million people.

The new 16mm film, produced for Exxon by Tel Ra Productions, is being distributed by Modern Talking Picture Service, 5000 Park Street North, in St. Petersburg, Florida 33709.

## OBSEQUIES

### Donald Lee Tennell



Final rites were held Saturday, June 12, 1981, at the Manhattan Heights Church of Christ for Mr. Donald Lee Tennell with Larry Hambrick, minister, officiating.

Mr. Tennell was born in Vernon, Texas, Wheelborne County, to Mr. James Sterling and Ms. Mary Alice Tennell.

He passed away Monday, June 8, 1981.

He leaves to mourn his death: a mother, Ms. Mary Alice Mackey of Lubbock; his father, Mr. James Sterling of Wichita Falls, Texas; his step-father, Mr. Charles Mackey of Lubbock; his grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Tennell of Seattle,

Washington; two uncles, Mr. Bill Joe Tennell of Seattle, Washington and Mr. Melton Tennell of Houston, Texas; three aunts, Ms. Jerlene Rolinson, Ms. Linda Hunter and Ms. Jernice Tennell, all of Seattle, Washington; other uncles, aunts, relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Spencer, Chris Mitchell, Lawrence Spencer, Raymond Spencer, Ernest Ross and Willie Felder.

## Dr. Drew Honored

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Health as a staff fellow and research psychologist.

Dr. Fredrickson reaffirmed NIH's commitment to equal opportunity in the scientific arena. "Scientists bring to their work reflections of themselves," he said. "It would be tragic—and it will be tragic—if we don't continue to persist in our efforts to make sure that blacks and other ethnics gain their full share of opportunity to enjoy early the disciplines, the perspectives, that are necessary to maintain a professional career in biomedical science."

He emphasized that it could be a tragic thing for science if we were deprived of "our pool of creative, original, innovative people."

Dr. Jack White director of the Howard University Cancer Research Center, reminisced about being a student and colleague of Dr. Drew. He said that Dr. Drew was patient, understanding, unselfish, and the "finest, most moral man I've ever known."

Dr. Drew's role as an educator is of ten overlooked, Dr. White said. As professor of surgery at Howard University Medical School and medical director of Freedmen's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital), Dr. Drew took the initiative in training black surgeons and instilled in them a sense of mission.

"If you travel across this country and visit those who trained under Dr. Drew, you'll find them active participants, constructive in their endeavors, sincere surgeons; all with some evidence of Dr. Drew's personality in their work," Dr. White said. "I was tremendously influenced by Dr. Drew and hardly a day goes by that I don't think about him."

Referring to a favorite

picture of Dr. Drew, which he has had for 33 years, and which now hangs in the Howard Cancer Research Center's conference room, Dr. White described Dr. Drew as "an imposing figure" over six feet tall and weighing about 220 pounds. "He had very tiny eyes which seemed to change depending on what his reaction would

be to something we had done."

The Drew exhibit will be placed in the Clinical Center, the NIH research hospital, when construction is completed on the new Ambulatory Care Research Facility addition.

A portrait of Dr. Drew, unveiled at NIH five years ago, hangs in the Clinical Center's Blood Bank.

## Low Income Families

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Number of Persons	Income Limit
1	\$296
2	\$446
3	\$613
4	\$756
5	\$893
6	\$1,044

A household's resources cannot exceed \$1800 for one person or \$3000 for more than one person. The value of a home, the value of a homestead, cars, personal and household belongings will not be considered as resources. All household income must be verified and gross monthly income cannot exceed the

following limits: Those individuals or groups wishing to comment on this proposed plan should do so by June 9, 1981. Comments should be addressed to Ms. Susan Johnson, Handbook and Procedures Division 444-B, Texas Department of Human Resources, P. O. Box 2960, Austin, Texas 78769.

## Quinn Trustees Refuse Contract

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strongly about is that Paul Quinn is a good school," Watley said. No successor has been named, but Harris said a search committee has been set up to "formulate criteria" for the new president. He said trustees will meet again this week to hear the search committee's findings.

Major expenses in the tennis tournament were in air travel and lodging for some of the celebrities who could not pay for their own. The school

spent \$20,000 for travel, Watley said.

"It's going to be close, but we're hoping to break even," Watley said, noting that officials are waiting for a bill on travel expense.

The main problems in this year's tournament were in initial planning and tickets priced too high, Watley said. "It took a while for people to believe it would happen in Waco because there was no precedent," he added.

## Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

LUBBOCK—Nine distinguished authorities from the business world will be featured speakers at the all-day small business workshop to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, June 25, at the Levelland State Bank in Levelland, Texas 800 8th Street.

Under the title of "Operating and Managing A Profitable Business in the 1980's", the workshop is aimed for a clear and sharply-defined examination of requirements and assistance for pre-business and small business operations in today's market.

It is presented by the Lubbock Chapter of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, in association with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Levelland State Bank and the Levelland Chamber of Commerce.

Registration fee for the all-day session is \$5, payable to SCORE at the door on the day of the seminar, Thursday, June 25.

Topics given in-depth illustrations and discussion deal with Personal Qualities Needed to Operate a Business Successfully, A.B. Reid; Advertising and Marketing, Richard J. Cook; Records, a Management Tool, Morris G. Sacks; Inventory Management, W.W. "Coach" Brown; Information and Help Available to You, Formulating You, Business Plan; Tony Barnett, SBA SCORE Coordinator, Lubbock; Borrowing Capital, Nell Luck, Loan Servicing Officer, SBA; and Salesmanship, Phillip Rosen. With the exception of Mrs. Luck and Mr. Barnett, all speakers are SCORE members of the Lubbock Chapter.

An outstanding feature will be the views of Thad McDonnell, President of the Levelland State Bank, giving the views of the current and future business outlook.

O.G. Bates, Lubbock SCORE member, will act as welcoming speaker and serve as the introducing agent during the day-long session.

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BUSSING OR NOT TO BUS!!! This is the \$64,000 question... being pondered by local SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS... these days... PERHAPS... GEORGE SCOTT, JR... had the SOLUTION... when he said... "I'M A PRODUCT OF THE LUBBOCK PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM WHEN I WAS COACHING AND PRINCIPAL OF DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL... WE DIDN'T HAVE EQUAL FACILITIES..." And now... SCOTT... continues: "EVERYONE IS UP IN THE AIR ABOUT BUSSING. IT WILL JUST HAVE TO DO UNTIL A BETTER ALTERNATIVE IS OFFERED!!"

WHAT'S THE MATTER... DEATON RIGSBY??? Residents of the BLACK COMMUNITY... are whispering softly about the stand of DEATON RIGSBY... on the BUSSING ISSUE. Several weeks ago... it was Congressman... KENT HANCE... Who'll show their COLORS NEXT?? GET WELL SOON, FROY!! State Rep. Froy Salinas... was admitted to METHODIST HOSPITAL... last week for diagnostic

tests. He's doing well now... because he attended the NAACP FREEDOM FUND BANQUET... last Saturday night... SPEAKING OF THE NAACP BANQUET!! We don't know who done it... that is... the SOUVENIR BOOK... for the LUBBOCK BRANCH... IT WAS A MESS!! The Lubbock Digest has received word that it was responsible for doing it... Let it be known... The LUBBOCK DIGEST... DIDN'T PUBLISH THE BOOK!!

Regrets Birth Control Pill!! The man who helped invent the BIRTH CONTROL PILL... Dr. Min-Chueh Chang... says: "YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL THE PILL HAS RATHER SPOILED YOUNG PEOPLE... IT'S MADE THEM MORE PERMISSIVE... BUT PEOPLE... will abuse anything." He also said: "YOUNG PEOPLE... today indulge in too MUCH SEX... AND I REGRET THE FREEDOM THE PILL HAS PROVIDED!!"

KIDS CAN'T READ! THE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOLS... have become so bad that the U. S. ARMY... finds many graduates have trouble... READING... and WRITING... that is... the armed forces newspaper... STARS and STRIPES! A spokesman said... "Many secondary school graduates at army posts in... GERMANY... cannot... READ or WRITE... beyond FIFTH... or SIXTH GRADE LEVELS..." "Just because an individual has a high school diploma doesn't mean... HE CAN READ!! TRUE! TRUE!!

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# Editorials

A View from Capitol Hill:

## AN INDEPENDENT REPORTS ON WASHINGTON

By Gus Savage  
Member of Congress



As the first black journalist ever elected to the United States Congress, I am delighted to have the opportunity to write a weekly column for member newspapers of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. I was an editor-publisher for 26 years, including 16 years in that role with the Citizen Newspapers and The Chicago Weekend, and I have been a member of NNPA for 15 years.

In as much as this is my first column since my election to Congress in November, I am taking this opportunity to briefly inform readers about my view of the role of a Member of Congress. In addition, I will share with you some of the Highlights of my first four months as a congressman with particular emphasis on those issues with national significance. There are many vital issues facing black Americans today, and I will touch on some of these in this initial offering.

My perception of a member's role transcends that of the legislator. Specifically, I contend that a Member of Congress—in addition to his or her legislative duties—also must be an agitator and at times an educator.

There also is this matter of bearing the label of "freshman" when a member serves his first term. Although I am called a freshman in the 97th Congress, I have been involved in public affairs and civil rights issues for most of my 55 years on this planet. Throughout the campaign, it was stressed that upon reaching Congress, I didn't intend to act anymore like a freshman than Jackie Robinson acted like a rookie when he broke the color line in baseball. You see, a person with rookie experience and freshman credentials could never win as an independent from the machine stronghold of Chicago. Don't you agree?

Let's get down to specifics. I supported the Congressional Black Caucus' alternative budget because it was "the only act in town" that, in any significant fashion, responded to President Regan's chopping block budget cuts.

Earlier this year, while addressing an Operation PUSH rally, I said Regan is asking the people to suffer while profits soar. I described him as a "reverse Robin Hood, robbing the poor and giving to the rich." I further stated that this President gives little consideration to the special plight of black Americans but the little he does give is worse than that of any President in the past 50 years.

For instance, Reagan shockingly argues that "The taxing power of government... must not be used to... bring about social progress;" however, he proposes to use it to increase private profits. In addition, his Administration plans to shift from categorical to block grants, representing a return to the discredited "states' rights" concept under which Blacks suffered so much during the first years of this century.

I have said that sometimes a Member of Congress must be an agitator. My entry into the deplorable situation involving 3,500 laid-off workers of Wisconsin Steel—located in my district in Chicago—is a case in point. These suffering workers and their families have endured great hardships since the mill was shut down more than a year ago. Since January of this year, the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) took over the mill and currently is involved in negotiations with potential buyers, principally American Spring Wire, a Cleveland-based firm. The Reagan Administration's plan to eliminate EDA could drastically affect negotiations to reopen the defunct mill. Some 150 of the workers and their families came to Washington on April 9, at my invitation to lobby before Congress and to confer with representatives of EDA, other Commerce officials, and representatives of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

These workers saw their paychecks bounce when the former owner, International Harvester, called in the note with Envirodyne Industries, Inc., and foreclosed on the collateral, followed by Chase Manhattan's refusal to honor their paychecks. Subsequently, their unemployment benefits ran out, and they have been left without medical insurance. Many of these workers so far also have been denied pension benefits.

We have received verbal assurance that those workers who are eligible should be receiving benefits in the near future.

I have spoken in behalf of these unemployed workers in my first address on the House floor, in the presence of the 150 workers, and at hearings of the House Subcommittee on Economic Development when I challenged David Stockman, the President's spokesman for wrong-side economics. Stockman declared that it proposed limitations on and elimination of EDA discouraged potential buyers who would reopen Wisconsin Steel—then, the Administration would "scrap it!" At the next day's hearing fortunately Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige differed with "Dangerous Dave" and recognized the unique circumstances of the Wisconsin



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## BLACK EMPOWERMENT

By Dr. Nathaniel Wright, Jr.  
Human Rights Activist

### TUSKEGEE'S ONE HUNDRED YEARS

When Tuskegee Institute was founded 100 years ago, several dozen other black institutions could look upon Tuskegee as a kind of "bold, new experiment." One hundred years later, after having established an

international reputation in the field of education, Tuskegee still hopes to either maintain or regain its image as a kind of "bold, new experiment."

Tuskegee's retiring president, Dr. Luther Foster, after having served this institution for more than one-fourth of its period of existence, claims that Tuskegee's greatness rests in its future even more than its venerable but not uncontroversial past.

All black Americans and all others of good will shall want to join spirit with the nearly one hundred and twenty black newspaper publishers of *The BMI Cooperative* in saluting Tuskegee Institute for its unexcelled service to black Americans and to the nation as a whole.

Tuskegee Institute has

been a model of black initiative in collegiate or continuing education. Practically all of the black colleges founded before Tuskegee were based upon the New England model of collegiate education. While these black colleges had the immediate and urgent practical purpose of supplying teachers for the uneducated masses who were only recently released from bondage, their theoretical focus was upon the liberal arts or the classics.

Tuskegee broke with this mold and, in so doing, was looked upon with considerable suspicion by those black institutions which adhered to the classical or liberal arts mold for higher or post-secondary education.

Included it may be said that practically all of the nation's

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## Your Social Security

### Social Security Appeals Process



by  
Manuela Barton  
Claims Representative

The eligibility requirements for social security benefits are clearly spelled out in the law and regulations. Anyone who disagrees with a decision made in regard to his or her claim for retirement, survivors, or disability insurance benefits has the right to question that decision. Moreover, social security personnel are prepared to assist anyone who wishes to make such an appeal.

There are four appeal steps available to a person who wishes to question a decision on a social security claim or who feels that any of his or her rights has been abridged. These steps include reconsideration, a hearing before an administrative law judge, an Appeals Council review, and court action. At any of these stages, the individual has the right to be represented by a qualified person of his or her choice.

A reconsideration involves a complete review of the individual's claim to determine whether the initial decision was correct. It includes a thorough examination of the evidence originally submitted in addition to any other evidence that may have become available. To assure an independent and unbiased decision, the review is conducted by persons other than those who took part in arriving at the initial determination. A request for reconsideration must be filed within 60 days of receipt of the notice of the original decision.

If the reconsideration decision does not provide satisfaction and the person wishes to pursue the appeal, a hearing before an administrative law judge may be requested. The administrative judge, who had no part in the initial or reconsidered decision, is an official of

the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals. At the hearing, the administrative law judge review the case, indicates the issues to be decided, and questions the claimant and witnesses. The claimant, in turn, or a representative, may also question witnesses and present new evidence. All testimony is given under oath. A copy of the administrative law judge's written decision is sent to the claimant. A request for a hearing must be filed within 60 days of receipt of the notice of the reconsideration decision.

The next step in the appeals process is a review of the administrative law judge's decision by the Appeals Council. However, it is up to the Council to determine if it will grant such a review. If the Council decides to do so, the claimant may appear before the Council and present new evidence. A copy of the Council's written decision is sent to the claimant. A request for an Appeals Council review must also be made within 60 days of the date that notice of the hearing decision is received.

Should the appeals council refuse to review the administrative law judge's decision, or if it does review the case and a person disagrees with the decision, he or she may continue the appeals process by filing suit in a Federal district court. This action must be taken within 60 days of the mailing of the notice of the Appeals Council's decision or denial of review.

The request for reconsideration, hearing or an Appeals Council review must be made in writing and filed with a social security office. Any local social security office can provide a special form to be used for making such a request and help in its completion.

Q. I am planning to request a hearing before an administrative law judge, but I simply don't have the time to appear in person. Is my claim automatically denied if I don't show up?

A. You may request a review of your claim by an administrative law judge without your personal appearance at a hearing. In that case, the decision will be based on the evidence already on record plus any additional statements you may submit.

## Ringling The Bell



by  
Bob Tieuel

**The Black Experience and a Better Day:** "Dear Bob — If you create some kind of illusion for yourself, and say that's a reality... This is a world that is increasingly competitive. It has nothing to do whether it is competitive of black, white or whomever, it is competitive for everybody that is out there. And he or she who is not equipped to... be more competitive in a more competitive society has got fall by the wayside. It's just the way it is."

"As a people, one thing I really think is true of us more than we realize is that we still bear a lot of legacies of slavery... we are still too prone to be taken care of, which is a slavery legacy. I am not saying that help is not needed. I am only saying that much of our problem is self-correctable and it is up to us to do it because you can't expect somebody to do everything for you forever."

"And if that's the case, then there is a challenge to all of us, whether in school or out of school, to try to do for the utmost of our potential... and I guess what that potential is probably is beyond any ordinary adjective. **Roots** has a message for all mankind, having nothing to do with race but to us as human beings, the creation of one God, a message about what our potentials are if we learn to get it together and to work together... **Roots** was really a saga of a person. The story is the same for us all. The question is, Who is your Kunta? I remain, Yours fraternally, Alex Haley."

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Pass the word: "Strategies for the 80's" will be the theme for the Youth Conference to be held at St. Paul in Midland, Texas, June 5 & 6, according to Mrs. C. M. Davis, District director of Christian Education of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. See you there bellringers and bring a youth when you come.

**Chimes:** According to bellringer H. Parmley of Dallas, billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt is about a quarter of the way toward raising \$1 billion for a worldwide evangelistic campaign called "Here's Life World". About four years ago, Hunt was joined by Holiday Inns founder Wallace Johnson and Campus Crusade founder-president Bill Bright, in a campaign to raise \$1 billion to finance a drive to represent the Christian gospel to every person on Earth by the end of 1980. Four years later, the crusade appears to have become an ongoing campaign with no deadlines.

Bright said 40 million Soviets weekly here Here's Life messages thru Voice of America radio, and there is a great spiritual awakening in China. He added: "Only Christ can bring together people who hate each other". Campus Crusade has 13,000 fulltime missionaries in 135 countries of the world." Bright stated, Hunt added: "The strategies of Here's Life World, have a potential that, given significant support, could revolutionize our approach and solutions to world problems."

Family planning experts say a breakthrough in curbing world population growth during the past 10 to 20 years, particularly in developing countries, could be jeopardized by cuts in aid planned by Western an international conference on family planning in Jakarta, Indonesia. Projection see a need to provide adequate food, clothing and shelter for the world four and a half billion inhabitants, while prospects for continued high level of assistance from Reagan administration it was reported.

**Dear Jean—** We did enjoy much our recent flight to OK City to attend the annual session of the General Board of the C.M.E. Church. Indeed the black church is alive and moving and we pray in the right direction. Many of our friends and comrades who started with us some forty years ago, had passed on and some came with bent bodies and canes and walkers. We were reminded of that old spiritual as we thought of the church of our youth: "I can't think of this world as my home anymore". Yet we are grateful God has left us here for a few more days and we will do all we can for the on going of His kingsom, while it is yet day for the night will come soon and none can work then. Please write again.

## Letter to Editor

"Congratulations !! T. J."

Estimado Sr. Patterson:  
Saludos y Felicitaciones a usted y el Lubbock Digest en su decision de dedicarse totalmente al periodico. Es una indicacion al progreso que se ha hecho con los esfuerzos ambos de usted y el Sr. Richardson. El personal de aqui en community services de la Ciudad de Lubbock les desean mucho exito en el reportaje que se le da a nuestra comunidad. (thought I might test your bilinguism).

At any rate, the news about your decision to dedicate yourself full-time to the Lubbock Digest can only indicate the progress made through the efforts made by you and Eddie. Our only hope is that you continue to provide a voice so urgently needed for our community.

The Lubbock Digest and El Editor fulfill a significant gap in coverage relevant to impartial coverage of chicanos and blacks.

Once again, congratulations y Hasta la victoria.

Saludos,  
Eliseo Solis  
Director  
Community Services  
City of Lubbock

Q. I would like my brother to represent me at a hearing on my social security claim before an administrative law judge, however, he is not a lawyer. Does this mean I cannot use him?  
A. You have a right to be represented by any qualified person of your choice whether or not that person is a lawyer.

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7:14. "If my people which are called by my name would humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Thought for the day: "The soul is a living being. God breathed into his nostrils and he became a living soul."

Genesis 2:7. Think about it!!! Our sick list this week includes: Mr. Alexander "Sonny" Johns, a patient at Methodist Hospital; Rev. A. L. Dunn, who is at home; Mrs. A. W. Washington, patient at Community Hospital; Mrs. Verlina Carroll, at home; and Mrs. C. E. Fair, who is at home. By His stripes, you are healed. Believe and receive." Don't forget the 19th of June. Make this a day to remember!! Get involved! Let's fast and pray once a week. It will help you lose weight. Some

food strengthens your spiritual life, and solve your worst problems. Can any good come out of Nazareth?? Our next meeting will be at Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, 1704 East 24th Street. Dr. Floyd Perry, Jr. is host pastor. Come and see!! Ms. Mary Ward is president; Ms. C. E. Fair, vice president; Ms. C. E. Brown, secretary; and Ms. Dorothy Hood, reporter.

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## Shelia Lincoln Speaker In Chicago

Ms. Shelia Lincoln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lincoln, has received another honor as the first student to be appointed to the advisory council of FIDER, the Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research. Ms. Lincoln will speak on behalf of FIDER at Necon 13 in Chicago,

Illinois June 16th. In addition to this honor, Ms. Lincoln currently serves as student regional vice president of the American Society of Interior Designers, serving five states. She was elected to this position last August in New York City. Shelia is a senior Interior Architecture major at the University of Texas at Austin.



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Sunday was Youth Day at the New Hope Baptist Church. Services began as usual with Sunday School. Deacon Earnest Swain, Sr. and Lee Savage were responsible for devotions. Rev. J. V. Harris of Plainview,

Texas brought a wonderful message. His scripture was taken from Proverbs 6:1 Kings 3:9. His subject was: "The Spirit of Wisdom, It Only Comes From God." There were two additions to the church -- one by

Christian experience and one candidate for baptism.

Members of New Hope were happy to have their pastor, Rev. A. L. Dunn, with them on Sunday. They appreciated the presence of Rev. J. Montgomery of Lyons Chapel Baptist Church with them.

The nephew and family of Rev. A. L. Dunn, Lewis Dunn of Dallas, Texas, spent last weekend with Rev. Dunn. Rev. Dunn still needs more strength. Let us keep praying for him.

Mr. Ulysses Kelly and

Mr. Harrison "Bull" Davis returned home last Friday from California. Mr. Kelly visited his aunt while Mr. Davis visited his daughter and family, Shirley.

Let us keep whispering a prayer for our sick and shut in residents of our community.

Mrs. Louise Sedberry is shut in this week. Mr. N. P. "Beauty" Holmes came home from the hospital last Sunday. He's much better at this report. Let us continue our prayers for him. Mr. Alexander "Sonny" Johns remains in

Methodist Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Ann Jones and grand daughter of Dallas, Texas will spend Father's Day with her daddy, Mr. Harrison "Bull" Davis, last Sunday.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers on Sunday, June 21st.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is host to the Sunday School Convention this week. The activities will conclude on Friday, June 19th, with Rev. A. J. Davis, presiding elder, conducting the church

school. Rev. Stephen Pierson is host pastor.

Don't forget the Juneteenth Celebration at Mae Simmons Park June 19, 20 and 21st. Go by and get involved.

Mr. Almo Sedberry

received the sad news Saturday morning that one of his grand sons was shot and killed in Los Angeles, California.

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# Juneteenth Celebration Underway Friday!

Hundreds of black, brown and white citizens are expected to participate in the Lubbock Emancipation (Juneteenth) Celebration, beginning Friday, June 19th, and continuing through Sunday, June 21st.

"We've been working hard to make this a great occasion for the citizens of Lubbock," says Eddie P. Richardson, Jr., local co-chairman and a member of State Rep. Al Edwards State Legislative Coordinating Committee.

Lubbock will be one of 47 cities - including Temple, Galveston, Wichita Falls, San Angelo, Bay City, Austin, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Marshall, Tyler, Longview, Midland, Bryan, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso and Texarkana - who will celebrate this



Major General John Q. Taylor King

event. Rep. Edwards, D-Houston, says Emancipation Day, June 19th, as a state holiday is safe for at least another two years. "There was a great deal of concern from around the state that there would be an attempt made during the committee

hearings over the appropriations bill to cut Emancipation Day from the list of state holidays," Edwards said last Friday. "Fortunately we were successful in preventing that from occurring." Edwards was author of the measure in 1979 that made June 19th a state holiday to observe the

end of slavery in Texas in 1865.

"Walker Guest Speaker" Activities will begin Friday morning, June 19th, at 10 a. m. with a parade - which will begin at Lubbock Civic Center and end up at Mac Simmons Park where all the activities will take place. "We hope to march through the original part of the black community - 16th & Avenue C," says Richardson. The parade route will be more than 3 miles.

After reaching the park, Michael Walker - a 24 year-old doctorate degree holder and minister - will bring the main address. A native of Dallas, Walker is well-known for his ability to deliver a strong message to his audience.

Dr. John Q. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College at

Austin, will serve as grand marshal for the parade. He will also address the group in the park. Mayor Bill McAlister will give a welcome.

King, a World War II veteran holding the rank of major general, joined the faculty of Huston-Tillotson College in 1947. He served as professor of mathematics for several years, as dean of the college for the past five years and as president since 1965.

He actively participates in several civic, professional and fraternal organizations. Huston-Tillotson College is connected with the United Church of Christ and The United Methodist Church.

The 1 p. m. address, by Walker, will also include a reading of the original Emancipation Proclamation.

At 3 p. m., the park will be the site of various

display booths, including information on voter registration, cultural artifacts and a food fair.

One of the highlights of the three-day long event will be the "Miss Juneteenth" pageant, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Entries in the pageant are: Alberta Carson, Terri Gilmore, Demetra Jamison, Shelia Knighten, Cheryl Renee Price, and Vickie Roberson.

A drama and dance will close out the activities for Friday.

At 10 a. m. Saturday, a fishing contest will take place at Canyon Lake 6 on the park side, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The contest will be followed by a soul food cook-off from noon until 1 p. m.

A drama presentation on the celebration is scheduled from 3 p. m. to 4 p. m., with interpretive dancing from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. Awards for the day's events will be presented at 6:30 p. m.

The Miss Black Lubbock pageant coincides with the Juneteenth observance and is scheduled from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. at Dunbar-Struggs High School. A dance will be held until 2 a. m. at the Lakeside Club.

The Dunbar Class of 1971 will have a parking lot dance, too, on Friday evening, June 19th, beginning at 10 p. m.

Sunday afternoon, June 21st, will feature an interdenominational religious activities. This effort will be coordinated by the Lubbock Ministerial Alliance.

Harold M. Chatman, publicity chairman, said there have been many calls from persons outside the city inquiring about the event. "It should be a great thing for everyone," said Chatman.

## Empowerment

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black collegiate institutions are shaped more fully by the classical mold than they were a century and more ago. Such have been the accrediting pressures upon black colleges that they have had to be among the "purest of the pure" in terms of what have been called "standards" and "traditions." In this process, a primary focus upon the comprehensive adult educational needs of blacks in our society has been largely lost.

When Booker T. Washington went to Tuskegee, he brought a determination which proved to be dogged regarding the need for black people to excel in doing ready things which pertained to the greatest fulfillment or achievement in their own environment.

Dr. Washington provoked the ire of many black Americans when he stated this philosophy in terms of "casting down our buckets where we are." He had in mind one's preparing oneself to make the most of what one had and of moving on from there.

That is what education historically or essentially has been about. It means relating to one's "growing edge," of finding and meeting one at his or her own reality level, and from that point of reality leading a learner into the discovery of new truths and into the acquisition of new skills.

Specifically, Booker T. Washington saw that most blacks would not immediately be moving almost en masse from the rural South. Hence, their immediate education should fit them to make the most of the situation in which they found themselves. In this spirit, Tuskegee Institute combined then, even as it does today, an optimum degree of practical or job-related arts or skills learnings with the traditional classical or liberal arts and sciences.

Booker T. Washington

brought excellence to Tuskegee in other ways which still remain largely unheralded. He brought the most capable and dedicated faculty which could reasonably be found. In this sense, Tuskegee never was the "one man institution" which its mistakenly popular and persistent image would suggest.

Tuskegee, for example, has been prided for its students having "built their own buildings," ostensibly with little more than their own brawn and imagination. Not so, Dr. Washington brought to Tuskegee early on as his vice principal and chief engineer, Dr. Robert B. Taylor, an early black graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Taylor taught engineering and designed and supervised the construction of practically every building on Tuskegee's campus for a period of nearly fifty years.

Representative or symbolic also of the tradition of academic or faculty excellence at Tuskegee from Dr. Washington's day to the present was the presence of Dr. George Washington Carver. Dr. Carver inspired Tuskegee's students not only in his classroom lectures but also in the laboratory in which students literally served as his partners and co-workers.

Tuskegee Institute today, with its inherited and unmatched tradition of excellence and aptness of academic focus, may be even better prepared than in the past to lead our nation's uncertain adult education enterprise into the 1980's, 1990's and beyond. As its new president, Dr. Benjamin Payton, assumes Tuskegee's helm, his fresh mantle may represent America's most strategic opportunity to point the way in enabling America's collegiate enterprise to become what it should be.

# Julian Bond Warns About KKK!!!

by Julian Bond

This winter, a group of newsmen were led blindfolded into a secret well-guarded military camp deep in the kudzu vine-covered hills of north Alabama.

High powered rifles echoed above the hollows that hide the Ku Klux Klan's training camp from public view. They train with AR-14 semi-automatic weapons, civilian version of the Army's M-16. Klansmen, putting aside the usual white robes for camouflaged military fatigues, run obstacle courses, climb walls of cut logs, crawl beneath canopies of barbed wire and swing on ropes across creeks.

Klansmen have named their secret training camp My Lai, in honor of the Viet Nam village where Green Berets massacred women and children.

According to Terry Tucker, the Commander-in-Chief of the Klan Special Forces, his elite group is undergoing training to a "race war."

Klansman Tucker appeared on the streets of Decatur, Alabama last May with a band of his para-military Klan guard and attacked a group of blacks who were peacefully protesting the conviction of a mentally retarded black youth who had been wrongfully charged with the rape of a white woman. Robbed in white sheets, the battle-hardened group of Klan toughs attacked men, women and children with bloodthirsty zeal. Two blacks were shot in the head and others were brutally beaten with ax handles and clubs.

Curtis Robinson, a fifty-year-old black employee of the Decatur City Hall, is now paying a high price from this Klan attack.

Mr. Robinson was in his automobile on that Decatur street along with his wife and five young children when the Klan attacked. They shot out his tire and beat his car with clubs. Mr. Robinson shot one of the robed Klansmen as they rushed at him with raised clubs. He used a pistol he kept in his car for protection and for which he had a legal permit.

After 300 robed Klansmen marched on the Decatur City Hall, the white prosecutor succumbed and charged Mr. Robinson with assault with intent to murder the Klansman he wounded. No Klansman was arrested for the

shooting or beating of blacks.

In October, Southern Poverty Law Center attorneys defended Mr. Robinson before an all-white Decatur jury. The trial was a flashback of the famous Scottsboro Boys case of the 1930s, ironically held in the same city.

The jury saw color videotapes of Klansmen attacking Mr. Robinson's car. They heard a



Curtis and Eva Robinson and their children an hour after the jury found him guilty

in the South. During the past decade, its attorneys brought suit to integrate the all-white Alabama State Troopers, defended Joann Little, integrated the Montgomery YM-CA, kept dozens of blacks from southern electric chairs, plus many other cases.



Klan Special Forces guarding Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the KKK.

police officer who witnessed the shooting say that he would have shot the attacking Klansman in self-defense had he been Mr. Robinson.

The all-white jury convicted Mr. Robinson of assault with intent to murder.

This is the first time a black man has ever been convicted of a crime against a robed Klansman.

Curtis Robinson is a decent man. During the early fifties, he left his hometown of Decatur, Alabama and joined the "Coaster," and produced the hit record "Charlie Brown." Mr. Robinson snag the base line so well remembered: "Why is everybody always picking on me?" After the group disbanded, he came back to Decatur to raise his family.

The center is now appealing his case, even to the United States Supreme Court if necessary, to clear his good name and to get a retrial in another city far from the bias and fear of the Klan.

And, the Center is launching a new project called KLANWATCH. A militant group of Klansmen known as the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and led by Bill Wilkinson of DeBum Springs, Louisiana is threatening black and Jew throughout the South. Recently one

teachmen was convicted

and sentenced to federal prison for assaulting two black ministers at a public restaurant in Florence, Alabama, ma.

Flaming crosses light the southern sky from Tennessee to Texas as the Invisible Knights terrorize blacks and seek fresh recruits.

The Center's KLAN-WATCH project will document the activities of all known Klan groups in the nation. The same record system used by the Wiesenthal Center for the Study of the Holocaust to trace and locate Nazi war criminals will be employed by the Center's investigators and attorneys. Special reports will be published and made available to the news media.

Center attorneys will bring suits on behalf of citizens whose constitutional rights are violated by Klan members and groups.

Few in the nation outside the South really know the dangers we face from the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan. Conservative political leaders back by "Moral Majority" preachers have called for a return to darker days of our past. Imperial Wizard Wilkinson of the Invisible Knights brazenly announced that he supported the platform of Ronald Reagan because "it sounded like a Klansman wrote it."

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