Billingsley's Morgan of the future

DR. ANDREW BILLINGSLEY, president, Morgan State University since 1975

What is the Morgan State University of the future from inside out?

The answer to this question was given Thursday morning by President Andrew Billingsley in his annual "State of the University" message. The talk at the McKeldin Center on the campus marked the fifth anniversary of his presidency.

This talk was to a group he termed "friends who are not with us every day, a community of learners, teachers and facilitators."

In essence Dr. Billingsley spoke as follows:

We are clear, that among ourselves alone, we who are the inner workings of the Morgan family cannot determine our future, we need some heavy consultation and interaction and assistance with and from the outside external system—the system of government, of industry, the legal system, the larger community of higher education system.

VISION

But we are also convinced, that if we do not have for ourselves a vision of our future, we shall surely perish as an institution of higher learning.

If we do not know where we are aiming to go, surely, any old road will take us there.

So we have taken stock. This is how it comes out:

We the students, staff, faculty, alumni of Morgan and loyal friends of this institution envision that during the next 10 years, Morgan will develop into the finest university of its size, scope, and mission to be found anywhere on the globe, bar none.

NAIVE SOULS

I must say that we are not quite one hundred percent unanimous. There are still a few dissenters among us, who are lurking around the corner of every mistake which is made, trying to overthrow the orderly march of this institution toward greatness.

And there are still a few naive souls among us, who think that we are free and, therefore, they can fuss and fight and do whatever they please, with no untoward consequences.

Both these types of people have lost their sense of reality of things.

Perhaps they have lost their vision. Perhaps they have lost their sense of mission. Perhaps they have lost their way.

But since hope springs eternal, it is my fervent hope today that all those who truly love Morgan and wish it to succeed will put aside childish games and put their shoulders to the wheels along with the rest of us and help to move the mission of this great institution.

This is a call to repentance perhaps, as much as a call to resurgence of the idea of a great university.

But is is also a call to greatness. What, then, is the idea, that almost all of us are committed to and for which we have been organizing, planning, and communicating. It is this.

NEXT 10 YEARS

We envision Morgan State University of the Future, say the next 10 year period, as a small, high quality, predominantly Black urban oriented university, with a strong undergraduate liberal arts core, a distinctive series of graduate and professional schools, a limited range of doctoral programs, an expanding university research program, and an expanding program of continuing education and community outreach.

And we hasten to add that we envision this type of institution operating under the governance of its own Board of Regents, under the leadership of its own chief executive officer, and according to its own mission goals, and objectives, yet operating in synchronization with other institutions of higher education and other urban institutions in the larger community.

Now there you have it.

Morgan as a University

Seven elements are paramount in the above conception of the Morgan of the future, read over the next 10 years.

They are as follows:

1. Size - read small - ranging between 4500 and 5,000 for over the next 5 years.

2. Scope - read limited - with a handful of Professional schools. No effort to build a comprehensive university such as College Park.

3. Quality - read high - based on what our students know when they graduate, rather than on when they enter.

4. Racial Composition - read predominantly Black with a multi-cultural orientation - we will continue to encourage non-Black students. We will continue to focus primarily on the educational needs of the Black community. We will seek to explore our international student programs.

5. Degree Levels - read all the way from Bachelors to Ph.D. - we will not be circumscribed as a one doctoral degree university.

6. Auspices - read independent board - we will continue to insist that this State needs an independent Morgan State University.

7. Orientation - read urban - this concept will limit us only to the extent of our imagination, our energy, and our support in the community.

Urban Oriented

The graduate school has been the focus of our initial developmental efforts to meet our new urban university mandate. The graduate school has been under the leadership of Dr. Clara I. Adams, a Morgan alumnae, competent scientist, teacher, and administrator.

Three developments have characterized the past five years of her leadership in the graduate school. First, the standards for admission and matriculation in the graduate programs of the university have been substantially strengthened.

This caused some initial decline in the numbers of graduate students. But Dean Adams shares my view, that better to have no graduate school than to have a second rate one.

The second development has been to strengthen substantially the requirements for teaching in the graduate programs at Morgan.

The third development has been the selective expansion of graduate programs since 1975.

Altogether, 15 new graduate programs have been developed and are now functioning making a total of 22 graduate degree programs in the University.

Those which were designed included:

1. Masters degree in Economics.
2. Masters degree in Sociology.
3. Masters degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, City and Regional Planning and Urban Design.
4. Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership.
5. Institute for Urban Research.

The new graduate program in Art, the new graduate program in Music and the new undergraduate program in Religious Studies are also consistent with our conception of what is required to improve the quality of life in urban areas.

6 New Ones

As we look toward the future, there are six new program areas where we plan to expand the university's offering next year. These new programs will help the university to meet our enrollment projections, they will help us provide career opportunities to Blacks and other minorities especially in non-tradional fields.

New Programs

1. Bachelors Degree Program in Telecommunications.
2. Bachelors Degree Program in Urban Gerontology.
3. Bachelors Degree Program in Information Systems Management.
4. Masters Degree Program in Transportation Studies.
5. Masters Degree Program in International Management.
6. Masters Degree Program in Public Policy Studies.

The first wave of new urban programs launched in the Fall of 1978 with the first students enrolling in Fall 1979 are based largely in the Social Sciences and Education, all at the graduate level.

The second wave of new programs scheduled for implementation in 1980-81 are more interdisciplinary in nature and include a mixture of graduate and undergraduate programs.

The third wave of new urban programs now being subjected to intensive planning will be firmly grounded in the natural sciences and mathematics.

All the Departmental Chairpersons and faculties are engaged in intensive planning of new science improvement programs and plans for a

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GEORGE GRAFTON BROWN
C and P executive is honoree

George Brown gets silver bowl award

George Grafton Brown, the longtime Community Relations Manager for the C and P Telephone Co. has been selected along with three other prominent citizens, to receive the Central Maryland Volunteer Awards Silver Bowl.

The coveted award is sponsored by the Voluntary Action Center of Central Maryland and Carnation Corp. The event is scheduled for April 25 at the Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Rd.

The four Baltimore recipients are Brown, Audrey H. DeLuca of Kounty Kris Kringle; Ralph Johnson, in Patients Relations at Hopkins Hospital and the Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens Panel, a group which shares its experiences to foster understanding.

Also to receive silver bowls are 12 others who will be presented at the luncheon. Some 62 nominees from Baltimore City and Baltimore County plus some 136 others from Central Maryland will receive certificates of recognition. Mrs. Barbara Kingston is director.

DR. HERMAN BROWN, Morgan's 1979 Alumnus of the Year and member of the Doctoral Review Committee of Howard University

Dr. Brown speaks here at scholarship banquet

The Baltimore City Department of Education's award-winning program is the Social Studies Department's scholarship program which honors the late Social Studies member Malcolm W. Johnson.

This year's scholarship recipient is Kenneth Harvin, a senior at Edmondson High School who will be graduated in June and will go on to a college of his choice.

Other recipients of honors are AFRO City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver and Mrs. Guthrize Jackson, head of the Tea Room at Fairmount Hill Junior-Senior High School.

The gala at Blue Crest North from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. is the second annual event. Last year's banquet attracted a record-breaking crowd from the Education Department and the Baltimore community as well.

The subscription of $17.50 goes toward the scholarship which is under Dr. Samuel Banks, Social Studies Division head and Mrs. Dorothy Chambers of Fairmount Hill.

For tickets call Mrs. Shirley A. Bullock, 396-1529 or 396-1544.

Contributions will be accepted at the door. For persons unable to attend may make checks to Malcolm W. Johnson Scholarship Committee, Office of Social Studies, 1401 East Oliver Street, Baltimore, Md. 21213.

Dr. Brown, one of the nation's most widely acclaimed educators, is presently the professor of Psychology and Education and former dean of the District of Columbia Teachers College and the Georgia Avenue - Harvard Street Campus of the University of the District of Columbia.

BAPTIST LEADERS welcomed Dr. Mary O. Ross (with flowers) at the BWI Airport last week as she arrived in her capacity as head of the world's three million Baptist women, the largest group on earth, for the 24th Annual Youth Workshop, New England Missionary Baptist Convention, last week. With Dr. Ross are her assistant Dr. Myra Taylor, Atlanta; Mrs. Ruby Purnell and Mrs. Bettye Shell Graves.

KINGS AND QUEENS — Baptist young people elected to hold forth as royalty included Queen Pam Saunders; King Melvin Hardy of Pennsylvania, Second Queen Linda Bailey of Washington, D.C. and Second King Dwayne Paske of Washington who tied with Samuel Jackson of Pennsylvania.

800 attend Baptist youth convention

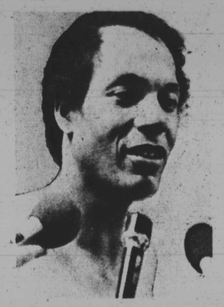
Next week the AFRO will show off in photos and story one of the most exciting of conventions ever held in Baltimore.

The affair held at the Holiday Inn from April 11 through April 13 attracted some 600 young people for the 24th Annual Workshop of the New England Baptist Convention of the National Baptist Convention USA. They arrived from eight Eastern Seaboard states.

Present among dignataries was Dr. Mary O. Ross, the highest ranking woman officer who leads over three million Baptist women, the largest such organization in the world.

CONGRATULATIONS — Father P. H. Franklin, senior bishop of St. Martin's Church of Christ, the AFRO's No. 1 Church of the Year, 1978, presents the highest award to Irvin Feld, president and producer of the Greatest Show on Earth, Ringling Bros. and Barnun and Bailey Circus, for generosity through the years in giving free admission to over 4,000 needy Baltimore youngsters selected by the church. The Ringmaster accepts on behalf of Mr. Feld who was in Europe on the occasion.

Stadium opener was cold but hometown team was hot!



Ken Singleton a homer, four RBI

Throng of 50,199 braved bitter cold and rain to see AL champion Orioles win 12-2 season opener

Jim Frey ex-O'led KC

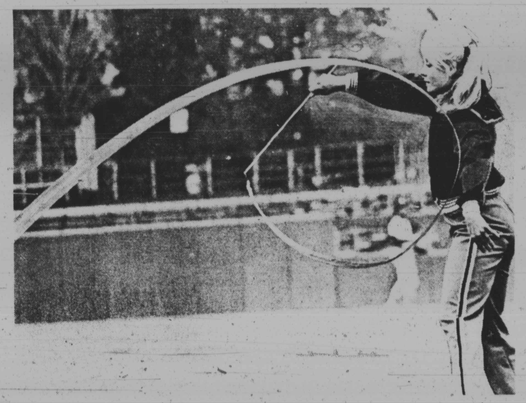
Annual AFRO Sports Bonus

Pictorial by Roman Hankewycz

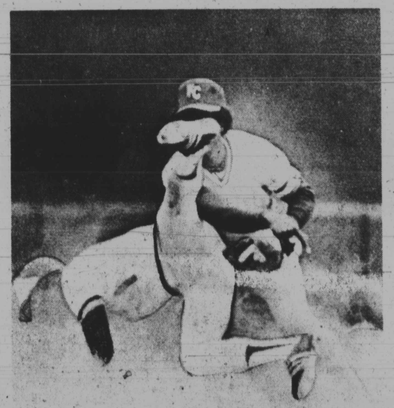
These fans seem to be wondering was it worth suffering

'The Bird' is steaming out despite the biting cold

Wooing wins in wintry weather can be worrisome



And the ball gal missed spring training but still was in shape



Al Bumbry slide breaks up KC double play

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