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Calvert Hall reaches out to the adult population

Calvert Hall College High School has been educating young men in the Baltimore Community for 142 years. Calvert Hall's name brings to mind such thoughts as the Christian Brothers. Baltimore's Oldest Catholic High School, Cathedral and Mulberry, college preparatory curriculum, an "Exemplary School", and nationally ranked sports teams.

But in addition to these traditional thoughts and to conducting programs for its students, Calvert Hall is reaching out more than ever to inform and educate the adults in the community.

The Guidance Department at Calvert Hall has traditionally tried to keep parents informed by sponsoring three programs: a college night, a career night, and a financial aid night.

On college night approximately 140 college representatives come to Calvert Hall to talk to parents and students about college programs. Many non-Calvert Hall students and parents also attend this event.

The career night usually features 25 speakers, many alumni, who discuss with parents and students the many options in various career fields. On financial aid night an area college financial aid director and an area bank official discuss with the parents the ins and outs of college aid packages.

This year, in addition to the above Guidance Department programs, Calver hall has made an effort to educate the parents on topics of concern when dealing with teenagers.

This approach has been twofold. First, last year a committee of students, parents, and faculty was formed to discuss the problem of teenagers and alcohol. After many meetings and much discussion, an alcohol awareness packet was sent to every Calvert Hall home.

The packet contained much information on the topic: a letter from the Baltimore County Police, an article entitled, "Dead at 17", a letter from Brother Rene Sterner, the school principal, a booklet on Teenage Drinking, Alcohol Facts, and finally, but most important, the committee's recommendations for dealing with the problem.

The committee made recommendations to the administration, the faculty, the students, and the parents. Some of the recommendations directed to the parents were: parents should call one another to inquire about the "party." Is an adult going to be home? Will alcohol be served or allowed?

One student informed the committee that the word "party" today almost always means alcohol. The committee also informed parents about making inquiries before allowing their teenagers to stay overnight at someone else's house.

The committee's report also stressed that parents and their teenagers talk about the dangers of drinking and driving. The booklet was well received by the parents and the business community. The business community, in fact, underwrote the cost of the project.

The second initiative at Calvert Hall this year to involve and help the parents is the Campus Ministry Speaker Series.

This is a series of four presentations given at Calvert Hall by staff members from Sheppard Pratt Hospital. The first two talks have already been held - "Drugs and Your Teens" and "Teens Under Pressure."

Both presentations were well received and helped parents understand such things as: teenage mood changes, peer pressures, early warning signs of drug use, and places to go to seek help.

The two remaining talks in the series are "Communicating with your Teen" on February 24th and "Teen Depression and Suicide" on March 31st. These will be open, to the public as well as Calvert Hall Parents.

These increased efforts to help our parents understand the problems of today's teenager should enable both students and parents to better cope with today's pressures.

Hopefully, the effort might result in the strengthening of family relationships and an increased readiness for learning on the part of the students.

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If you are looking for a way to break out of the winter doldrums, why not dry a little exercise, fun and fitness? Essex Community College is offering a number of physical education courses during its Spring 1987 semester which are geared to both beginning and advanced levels.

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Cosby benefit to aid Morgan Athletic Department Feb. 6

By Frederick I. Douglass

Bill Cosby, the undisputed king of contemporary comedians whose weekly program "The Cosby Show" has dominated the ratings for prime time television shows for more than a year, is headed for Morgan State to do a benefit performance for the University's athletic program.

Mr. Cosby will be sporting a Morgan sweatsuit and wielding his trademark cigar when he mounts the stage in Hill Field House on Friday, February 6, 1987 following brief performances by Morgan's Choir and Jazz Ensemble.

Joe Black, '50, a Senior Vice President with the Greyhound Corporation, and Joshua "Josh" Culbreath, '55, Senior Employee Relations Representative for Unisys, are the two individuals who engineered the coup of getting Bill Cosby to come to Baltimore to raise funds for their Alma Mater.

Both men have a lifelong interest and involvement with sports: Joe Black was named as the National League's Rookie of the Year as a pitcher with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1952; and Joe Culbreath won a bronze medal during the 1956 Olympics when he joined the ranks of George Rhoden and Samuel La Beach, two other Morgan graduates who became Olympic medal winners.

The once proud Golden Bears football team netted 14 Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships between 1930-1959 and won 54 straight games between 1932-39 under the leadership of famed Coach Eddie P. Hurt. Earl C. Banks succeeded Mr. Hurt as the head football coach and continued a proud Morgan tradition by leading the team on a 31 game winning streak, three unbeaten regular seasons, five Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, 1950-1974. During Banks' 14 years as coach, the Golden Bears had a 96-31-2 record.

But times have changed and those who have been following Morgan's basketball and football teams over the past few years are well aware of the fact that there are problems within the athletic program.

Between November 19, 1983 and November 1, 1986, the football team suffered a seemingly interminable losing streak of 29 games which was broken when the gridiron warriors defeated the Firebirds, of the University of D.C.

There have been a few bright sport moments at Morgan, like when the women's relay team set a national record of 44.96 seconds in the 4 x 100 meter race at the Penn Relays during 1986.

However, the basektball and football teams simply have not been successful during the 1980's and the time has come to begin completely rebuilding the University's athletic program.

The concern and positive action by men like Bill Cosby, Josh Culbreath and Joe Black represent a major step forward in the University's drive to achieve an academic and athletic program has generated considerable interests among alumni—for example Raymond Chester, Leroy Kelly and Willie Lanier, the recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee, have all agreed to return to their Alma Mater on the night of the concert and spend a few minutes on stage with Mr. Cosby.

Hopefully, other alumni will become interested in the effort to rebuild Morgan's athletic program and will make significant contributions to the Morgan Intercollegiate Athletic Fund.

Tickets for the Bill Cosby Benefit for Morgan State University are available through all Ticketron Outlets and through Teletron with VISA/Mastercard and American Express Credit cards by calling 1-800-233-4050. The cost of tickets is $15.00 for general student admission; $25.00 and $50.00 for reserved seating. Individuals or groups interested in VIP seating should contact the Office of Development at Morgan, (301) 444-3535 for additional information.

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Pride, progress describe MSU engineering program

By E. Lee Lassiter

Dean Eugene LeLoatch displays a touch of bluesmaster BB King when he describes the progress of Morgan's new engineering program.

Blues buffs paying their highest compliment to BB's guitar virtuosity say, "He just about makes Lucille talk." Lucille is BB's trusted guitar, of course.

DeLoatch's shoulders and chest get that treatment when he assesses the engineering school's "growth path." The shoulders go up and back; the chest swells. Together, the gestures tell it all — growth path satisfactory.

Like most grading systems, Dr. LeLoatch's "growth path" needs some decoding. It refers to what he calls the three crucial areas Morgan has had to tackle in getting the program off the ground — faculty selection, student recruitment, and equipment.

That leaves out an ingredient — a separate facility for the engineering program. In the past, that aspect has gotten less emphasis, officials say, because it was a vital but distant goal.

The picture changed in recent weeks, however, when the preliminary design for an engineering building was approved by the university and the State Department of General Services.

"The estimated cost is about $13 million," according to Dr. Earl S. Richardson, Morgan president. "The money is included in the budget request for 1988 and is expected to be considered in the next session of the state legislature," he said.

The challenge has been to bring all developmental aspects along satisfactorily at the same time, Dr. DeLoatch says. He has been in the driver's seat of the effort since July of 1984, six months after the State Board of Higher Education selected Morgan for the program in electrical, civil, and industrial engineering.

Fall registration saw enrollment reach 265. "That's about where it ought to be," DeLoatch says. "We plan to broaden the range of our recruitment and that should put enrollment where we want it.

"There is no question that we will graduate some engineers in 1988," he says. "The first graduate is in the pipeline." The school expects to enroll 500 students eventually. The first 90 enrolled in 1984.

A campus-wide effort to step up local recruitment of engineering students was initiated last year. It has borne fruit, according to Joyce Jackson, a special assistant in the engineering department.

Each of Morgan's four main divisions is organized to recruit from an eight-school cluster of city and county schools. The plan was initiated by Dr. Clara Adams, dean of the division of arts and sciences.

"The enrollment numbers are not up all that much yet," Jackson says. "But we're getting a different kind of student. This year's crop has more talent (and) is better equipped."

The push to recruit engineering students goes beyond Morgan's bid to develop a top-notch program. The need for more engineers, especially non-white ones, is critical locally and nationally apparently.

"As a nation, we are not producing the technicians we need to compete in the world," Dr. DeLoatch says. "And, as for Maryland, we are a major importer of engineers...

We need engineers in large numbers. Look at what's here: the Port, NASA (the National Health Institute), Bethlehem Steel, Westinghouse, and so on...

"If we (the United States) are going to keep our technological edge in the world," we're going to have to turn to (minority groups) for leadership."

Presently, the scarcity of minority engineers in Maryland — nationally less than 2 percent of all engineers are non-white — is acute:

In 1980-81, only 1.8 percent of all the engineering graduates in Maryland were black (19 of 1,056).

In the mainstream, 1 in every 40 working persons is an engineer; in the black community, one of every 800 is a trained engineer.

Each stop Morgan makes to build its program moves the school closer to the point of changing that dismal picture, Dr. DeLoatch says. "We have a real plum here. We have electrical engineering, the one that's going to be the real winner throughout the 21st Century."

The most president "buzz" on campus, however, is about equipment. Little wonder, as Dr. DeLoatch explains it. The big stuff is rolling in and it is "state of the art." He says the "environment" Morgan is putting together can only be described as "upbeat."

Morgan has the "advantage" of operating in a "1990's time frame." Dr. DeLoatch says. "We do not have to 'undo.' We can start with the latest. We have to be clever enough to stay in step with the future..."

He cites "...individual work stations, computer-controlled instruments, and a new computer mainframe" as major signs that the "expensive proposition" of equipment acquisition is "well along the way."

"Morgan is developing an engineering student that will not have a counterpart in this region," Dr. DeLoatch says.

Dean Eugene DeLoatch stands before a class of engineering students.

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