Kids Talk

Do you know who this is?

He was born in Richmond, Va. in 1944. A graduate of UCLA, he won the Wimbledon Championship in 1975. He was a starring member on both The Davis Cup and the World Cup Tennis Teams (WCT) for eight years. In 1972, he won the first WCT Championship.

In all, he has won more tournaments and money than any other U.S. citizen, making him the top American pro in World Champion Tennis Tournaments.

His world-wide travels have included matches in South Africa, Spain, Asia, and South America, and his talents have earned more than 25 National Titles.

Arthur Ashe

LIFT creates Summer Fun

By Misty Brown
Afro Staff Writer

The jubilant cries of "school is out" will most assuredly be a favorite phrase on the lips of all students during the first weeks of the long, hot summer vacation.

What do you do to keep your child from hanging out on the streets or alleviate boredom? Enroll them in a creative learning summer camp such as, "Learning is Fun Time" (LIFT).

Since 1980, the camp has developed a successful reading and mathematics program combined with a creative growth curriculum.

Paulette Bell, LIFT'S founder and director developed the program's concepts. Serving in the same roles for the Center for Ideal Education, she described LIFT's philosophy as two-fold.

"Our aim is in the name - to make learning fun", she said "and our way of achieving this is to create a stress-free learning environment where we don't give grades, we give happiness."

Bell, a former DC school teacher who graduated from Howard University, is a stress management consultant and a teacher of transcendental meditation (TM).Her serene nature relaxes the students and encourages them to develop an appreciation for silence in the meditation class.

For the students, a typical day begins with a group meditation class. "The former students are familiar with it and others learn as school progress" said Jada Seegers, an administrative assistant and instructor.

"We play New Age music which consists of flutes and harps," she said. During this time we teach positive affirmations, "I am the light of God. I succeed in all I inspire to do." This instills a positive attitude in the students."

While the mere mention of a test creates tension, at LIFT, the challenge motivates the students to excel to their fullest potential.

"At the beginning and the end of the camp we give an academic test to assess a student's academic skill. We relieve their stress by informing them they cannot fail. The test is only administered to let us know where they are," Bell said.

"Stress is eliminated to recreate the joy of learning through 'learning games' such as LIFT LIFE," Bell said.

She also believes that the majority of today's male youth have been labeled as not interested in academics, only sports activities. But LIFT contradicts this myth, she said because the majority of the students are boys.

"This is my first time attending LIFT and I'm glad my mother paid for me to attend this summer," said Macon Pointer, fourth grader.

When a student enters the camp they are given play money which is called script money. Every two weeks they can purchase donated toys, bake goods and movie tickets on Play Money Day.

One of the favorite creative growth classes is UNDER THE UNCLE TREE, listening to the legendary, mythical, black history character, "J'Shua Freeman" played by Lorenzo Calendar, co-founder and artist-in-residence.

"In the beginning Freeman was an original member of the Underground Railroad who evolved into a wise elder," said Calendar.

Calendar is a ball of words filled with animated zest as well as a well-known storyteller, who encourages the students to become a storyteller.

"I involved the students by signing them up for roles or flow with the moment and call on a student. I am always collecting stories from the students even when I am not acting as Freeman," added Calendar.

When the school year starts this fall, imagine the joyous shouts that can be heard as the confident students receive their first grade in the classrooms because they spent their summer in a creative learning program.

Photo by Joffre Clark

THE NAME of the creative summer camp, "Learning is Fun Time" is visible on the students faces (left to right) Malyssa Howard, Alexiis Dolly, D'Andre Lawson, John Henderson as student teacher Kenni Nazombe instructs them in a singing game on mathematics.

ON THE SOAP BOX
Hard work paying off

By Robert Bryant

Kids small in stature tend to get bullied, ridiculed and harassed by their larger peers in school. And being diminutive myself, I recall many days of feeling frustrated and angry, but the one place I was able to ease the pain and gain self esteem was the tennis court.

Tennis has given me the opportunity to further my education. In 1985, Howard University's athletic department granted me a tennis scholarship.

My tenure at Howard has allowed me to travel throughout the South and test my skills against stiff competition.

My travels have taken me to the Hilton Head Tennis Resort in South Carolina and the Daytona Beach in Florida. The rigid academic curriculum and team atmosphere has taught me the important value of time management and working with people.

Once a person gets involved with the sport, one has gained a "friend" for life. Tennis programs and tournaments are available for person as young as six years of age to persons in their 80's.

Through hard work, dedication, talent and a little luck, you may be able to join other black tennis champions such as Althea Gibson, Arthur Ashe, Yannick Noah, Zina Garrison and Lori McNeil in the professional ranks.

Puzzling???

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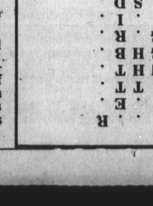

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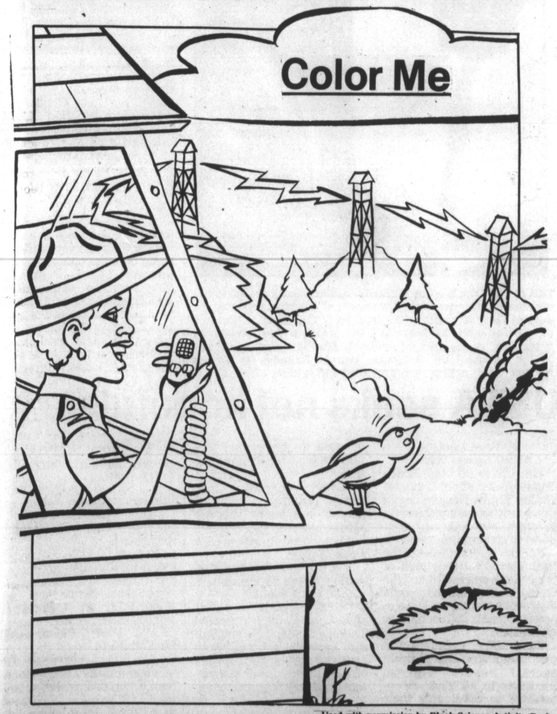
Thank you very much for your article focusing on my work. I enjoy reading the KIDS TALK page.

Eloise Greenfield

Editor's Note: Eloise Greenfield, a well-known author of children's books living in Washington, D.C. was featured in Do You Know This Person?

Color Me



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On June 7, 1887 Granville T. Woods, a black scientist from Cincinnati, Ohio received a United States patent for his invention of the "relay instrument." Similar to the modern day telephone, the device uses a combination of electricity and magnets that respond to a small current of power. This power activates the switches or other electrical devices in the circuit. The relay instrument paved the way for the development of telephone and communications systems as we know them today.

MORE COMMUNITY LIVING

Single parent strives for success

By Denise Smith
AFRO Correspondent

Forty-eight-year-old Alice M. Williams, a 1988 graduate of Howard University was the honoree opf a graduation party held at 2109 Lyndhurst Avenue on June 12.

"My children are really excited about my getting the degree," Williams said.

Williams, who received her master's degree in social work managed to achieve a 3.8 grade point average, as well as single-handedly assuming the responsibilities of parenthood.

Williams, sought her master's at Howard University in August of 1985 where she was enrolled in the evening program. She attended classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"Most of my studying was done on weekends and at night," she added.

Williams reared 24-year old daughter, Bernita (also an honoree of this affair and a 1988 graduate of Howard University) and son, Bernard, a senior at Frostburg State College.

While seeking her master's degree, Williams was also employed at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Health Plan, North Arundel Hospital, and at Horizon Health.

Williams said she worked at North Arundel every other weekend from 12 a.m. until 8 a.m. Her schedule at the Hopkins Health Plan was on every Wednesday and every other Saturday.

She was on duty at Horizon Health on Saturdays and sometimes she worked the evening shift.

Williams is also the founder and director of Eve House which is a residential program for female alcohol an drug abusers. "I was on call 24 hours at the residential program," she said.

She has worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital since August of 1987 in the intervention's department and her duties include counseling patients and their family members on alcohol and drug dependency problems.

She is also employed as a mental health therapist for adult children of alcohol dependent parents at the Johns Hopkins Health Plan. "Some of my friends think I am a work-alholic," she added.

The hard-working and persistent Williams also juggles a career as an alcoholism counselor in the drug dependency unit of North Arundel Hospital.

Williams has also tackled the position of a therapist for a private practice health organization, Horizon Health.

She has been div orced for 20 years and seems determined to make the necessary sacrifices to land on her two feet.

Alice M. Williams

Williams intends to open a private practice this September with the agenda focusing on mental health issues. "Everything is ready to go, I'm just waiting for the letterhead," she said.

Williams said her daughter will join her at this establishment, to be located at 2304 Madison Avenue. Marriage and family counseling services will also be provided at the center.

"I will provide individual therapy to patients and focus on alcoholism and drug-dependency as a disease so patients won't feel it is a social problem," Williams said.

She is also a 1980 graduate of the Community College of Baltimore where she received an associate of arts degree in Mental Health and a 1984 Graduate of the College of Notre Dame.

Williams added that although she felt embarrassed going back to college at her age, she "wanted her master's degree."

"One should reach for his/her ultimate goal and one is never too old to learn," Williams said.

Now that Williams has made gains in her educational pursuit of her master's degree, she said she will take a trip to Myrtle Beach this August and relax by the waters with a good Jackie Collins novel.

Minnie Harrison, Williams' godmother, is credited for the 1988 graduation affair. More than 20 friends and relatives were present on this joyous occasion.

CITY SCENES

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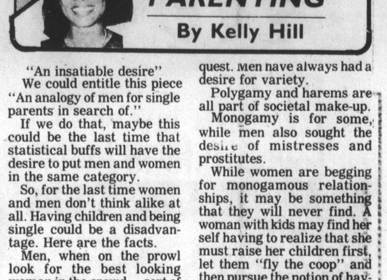
Holly Harriel and Esperanto Bean share a quiet moment during the recent NAACP Youth Council Red and White Ball.

PAS DE DEUX — Kristina Jackson and Brian Cockrell glide along at the NAACP Youth Council Red and White Ball.

HONOREE — Bernard Wynn, Angela Gibson, Lynn Brooks and George Action celebrate it up at the Anheuser-Busch reception in City Hall.

SPUT LIGHT!— Frank O'Brien, beer spokesman Spuds McKenzie and Josie Zomeck laugh it up during a recent Anheuser-Busch promotional reception.



SINGLE PARENTING
By Kelly Hill

"An insatiable desire"

We could entitle this piece "An analogy of men for single parents in search of."

If we do that, maybe this could be the last time that statistical buffs will have the desire to put men and women in the same category.

So, for the last time women and men don't think alike at all. Having children and being single could be a disadvantage. Here are the facts.

Men, when on the prowl look for the best looking woman in the crowd ... sort of like going to the supermarket looking for the best apples in the barrel.

Men are more likely to have more affairs than women. They have an insatiable desire to plant seeds ... and then they move on to the next person.

According to a story about a very famous person. Both he and his wife were at a chicken farm. His wife noticed immediately a rooster jumping amorously on a bunch of hens. She said to her husband "can you guess why this rooster is so active?"

Her husband replied ... "is he jumping on the same hen?"

His wife replied "no he just seems to be jumping from one hen to another."

The theory is that men must have the ability to have a variety more so than women.

Homosexual men according to a recent study, revealed that they had a tendency to have hundreds of partners.

A well known psychologist once wrote men seem to be occupied with freedom and security. (So this automatically leaves most of our single parents out in the cold.)

Men are more likely to view women as something scrumptious while in pursuit of a conquest. Men have always had a desire for variety.

Polygamy and harems are all part of societal make-up.

Monogamy is for some, while men also sought the desire of mistresses and prostitutes.

While women are begging for monogamous relationships, it may be something that they will never find. A woman with kids may find her self having to realize that she must raise her children first, let them "fly the coop" and then pursue the notion of having a fulfilling relationship.

The thought of merchandising a relationship has brought about the macho image and breeding of men in a way that women are unable to cope with.

Then the evolution of lowering expectations comes into place.

Women are being told to lower their expectations and fall into the pit and pursuit of unhappiness. One can only guess what goes through a man's mind when you introduce him to your family. (smile).

Yet, the unforgiving untold story still stands to be told. It is OK to be alone. Not to have true companionship. To make the decision that you will not allow anyone to dominate or manipulate you or your family. And to make the statement "that I am still a women even without the presence of a man, and my life is still complete ... left alone to raise my kids.

By and large, women have not been told to take this stance, but to succumb to lower expectations and the agony and defeat of bitterness; resulting from unresolved and uninteresting relationships.

Next week, we will talk about avoiding the Don Juan's and how to sniff them out before you are seduced.

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