—The abortion issue

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be free from government intrusion."

According to Sen.Young, government imposed limitations on the right to choose disproportionately plays havoc with the poor.

"Low income families don't have the means available as others who can travel to another state for an abortion, on the other hand many women invariably will find other ways to carry out their choice."

Presently there are 12 separate bills before the judiciary committee which are on both sides of the abortion issue, according to Sen.Young a vote on the bill could come as early as next week.

Sen.Young said, "The vote is too close to call because we have two new members on the committee and right now the vote is 6-5 in favor of pro choice but anything could happen."

Sen. Young, as one of the eleven committee members has had some disadvantages, he said. His office is receiving on average from 75 to 100 calls a day on the issue.

He added that his staff has devised a system to handle pro - lifers in their attempts to monopolize the phone lines.

As for the 39th District, Sen. Young said he has received about 200 telephone calls which are 70 percent in favor of a woman's right to choose.

—March

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get, and the 15 million dollars in aid available for the poorest jurisdictions.

All support for efforts to get the needed funding depends on the public support of Senate Bill #792 on March 6 which will put the matter before the legislature.

Education Now stresses that personal contacts with legislators make a difference, and holding them accountable for their priorities is something that needs doing.

—Farrakhan talks

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by African-Americans, but could not identify those countries, because, "it was premature to do that."

He also clarified recent reports that he is advocating a mass exodus to Africa.

"We are raising a concept based upon a reality that our people are suffering in the United States, our condition in every way is getting worse. And there does not seem to be the will on the part of the U.S. government to really 'do the right thing,' if you will by our people."

He said that recent reports which estimate that 25 percent of young Blacks were either in prison or in the penal system, reflected the fact that economic, political and social progress by the Black middle class "is not a solution to the problem of our people."

Among those who attended the nearly two hour meeting were LaVerne Gill, *The Metro Chronicle*; William Reed, *The Capital Spotlight*; Martha Sheppard, *The Washington New Observer*; Frances L. Murphy, II, *Washington AFRO-AMERICAN* Newspaper; Askia Muhammad, National Scene News Bureau; Challioux Hardy, Revelation News Service; Tom Porter, WPFW, FM; Ernest White, WDCU-FM; and Denise Rolark-Barnes, *The Washington Informer*.

—Reeves rites

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when she suffered a severe asthma attack.

At the time of her death Traci had been in the hospital's intensive care unit for a week.

Traci Reeves graduated from City College in June 1986. She entered the Roberts Institute of Hair Design and became a licensed beautician. Health problems forced Traci to discontinue her career as a hair stylist.

Seeking other career options ,Traci entered Morgan State University in January 1990. She was undecided concerning what major she would pursue, but felt confident that her interests would lead to studies in the field of early childhood education or social work.

Traci loved to spend her leisure time skating and bowling, and she had also become an accomplished cook. She was fond of composing and reciting poetry.

Traci Reeves was born March 23, 1969. She is survived by her mother Iris Gant Reeves and brother Norman V. A. Reeves, III, a sister-in-law; Carolyn Reeves, maternal grandparents; Lucien and Mabel Gant, and a paternal grandmother, Dr. Lucy Jones.

Traci is also survived by five great aunts, four great uncles, two godparents and a host of cousins and friends.

—Hospital charged

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cy room," as well as the "off-hand way in which my employers handled my dismissal."

"My personal feeling is that I was fired because I let the hospital authorities know about the negative behavior of several staff members and the professionalism they exhibited but I also was able to document many of these incidents by taking the hospital charts home", said Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter said,"It was these files that formed the basis of my firing.I definitely received permission from Ms. Cimino to take them home to complete my work. Later I was told by Mr. Nagle that I did not have the required permission and then later I was called in the personnel office and terminated."

The AFRO contacted Theresa Cimino, the hospital's supervisor of admitting who refused to discuss her actions regarding Ms. Carter and referred any questions to the personnel office.The personnel director did not return phone calls to her office. Mr. Nagle refused to discuss the issue and hung up the telephone after saying," You were told who you should call."

According to Brenda Carter these are two examples of patient mistreatment which she documented: The case of a elderly male who was brought to the hospital because he was experiencing a seizure. When he arrived the nurses told the woman that accompanied him that he did not need to receive treatment at that moment but if he had three seizures in a row he would be admitted to the hospital.

Ms. Carter said , "I saw the nurse give this patient food while he was waiting. I am not a doctor but if you were observing a seizure patient you would not want to increase the risk of the patient choking on food. This patient was returned home only to be rushed right back to the hospital by ambulance. He was having another seizure."

Another incident involved an elderly lady who was wheeled into the emergency room and interviewed by a man who Ms. Carter referred to as "insensitive and callous".

Ms.Carter said, "The interviewer's report overlooked the obvious blue and black bruises on the patient and the yellow jaundiced condition of her eyes and skin.

"I think that I have been unfairly treated throughout this ordeal said, Ms. Carter ,"I was discriminated against by my employers which moved me to file a discrimination suit with the Human Relations Commission. I am waiting for the agency to make a determination any moment."

—Police-students

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aware of staffing needs for these events", she continued "and they are well aware of the rivalry of a Morgan vs. Howard game."

According to reports, the tension began around 5 p.m. after a 30-minute delay at the Crampton Auditorium box office. "Approximately 50 students gained free entrance as a result of unavailable ticket staff members," said Ms. Tyler. Despite the hold-up, students stood in lines waiting to purchase tickets for the evening's game at Burr Gymnasium. Witnesses said security guards appeared and ordered them to form one line before the doors were opened. Students suddenly became upset with that action, observers noted, and swarmed the box office with demands to get inside.

"Colonel Ware of Howard security was unable to secure the building", Ms. Tyler continued. All of a sudden we were barraged with people and security wanted to erect a metal detector and things got out of control."

Further problems escalated around 7 p.m. at the gym, when Howard security guards closed the doors allowing no more students to gain entrance. Security officers said the gym was filled to capacity and called Metropolitan Police to restrain the crowd at 7:45 p.m.

"About 20 of my officers were called to the scene", Lieutenant Harriston said. "We were informed that the gym was filled to capacity and students were still trying to get in.

"We were called in to provide law and order and that's what we did."

Additional manpower and police helicopters were called in as the chaotic dispute grew more unruly, said on-lookers, and many students said they felt that police could have restrained the use of excessive force. "They were yanking my arm as if it were spaghetti", said Howard sophomore Tracy Tramel, who was also arrested. "I told him that if he continued to pull my arm I was going to hit back. They treated us very rough."

"I knew the game was going to be crowded, but I didn't know we would have to fight cops for beating us with night sticks and shoving us around", junior sociology major Raul Josiah said. "It was wrong for them to arrest me because I honestly didn't do anything", he continued. "Most of them (the police) took off their name badges and tags so that students could not identify them."

Violence erupted again after the game, when the university's marching drum section was ordered by police for playing their instruments indoors, observers said. The band reportedly began playing again outside, because "We thought they meant for us not to play inside," said Paul Woodruff, a third-year drummer.

"One officer grabbed me behind my waist," he continued "and the other officer grabbed my arm. I was hit in the face."

According to Victor Taylor another drummer "The cop said, 'if you hit the drum again, I'm taking you to jail.' Our captain explained to the officer that as tradition, we play after the game to the band room," he said.

Howard administrators, the Metropolitan Police, Howard Security and student government officials have met to discuss the incident.

And students were sent to the General Counsel office where they were given "legal advice and assistance as to the filing of cases," Mr. Goodwin, HUSA President said.

"It is a shame that our students are being beaten, pushed around and slammed to the ground by Metropolitan police," he said.

He added that "The university has launched an official investigation into the procedures of what happened Saturday night. If they are not found in accordance with reasonable enforcement, then the university is sure to take action."

Howard University spokesman Alan Hermesch said in a press statement that the university will be developing procedures to ensure that further incidents of that nature would not happen in the future.

Police clashed with students in March 1989, when they were called to remove students occupying the school's administration building, in protest against the appointment of Republican chairman Lee Atwater to the institution's board of Trustees.

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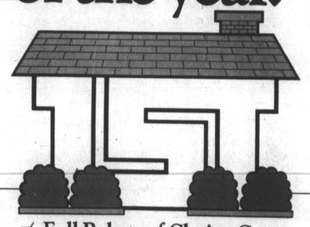

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Arlington Carter named Black engineer of the year

By Joy M.Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

The nation's top Black Engineers were honored at Morgan State University last week at the fourth annual awards celebration.

Created by the Career Communications group, publishers of U.S. Black Engineer Magazine, the conference recognizes the contributions and achievements of Blacks and Hispanics in education, science, engineering and technology.

Sixteen recipient's were awarded a variety of technical and engineering disciplines in the public and private sectors.

The weekend started with an introduction of the award winning panel in which recipients conducted a discussion with Morgan engineering students and the problems and rewards of pursuing a career in the field of engineering.

Winners: **Arlington W. Carter, Jr.** the Black Engineer of the Year who is vice president and general manager of the Missile Systems Division, Boeing Aerospace and Electronics;

Linda Durham Blanchard for community service. At 32, she is Operations Project manager of New Business of the Westinghouse Electronic Corporation;

Stanley Y. Coleman, also for community service, for the Hydromatic Division of General Motors.

Also included: **Commander Isue V. Combs, Jr.**, and **Dr. Joseph G. Gordon, II** for outstanding technical contribution. Combs is SEAWOLF Assistant Program Manager, Naval Sea Systems Command U.S. Navy;

Gordon,II is manager of Interfacial Chemistry and Structure, IBM Almaden Research Center; **Colonel Frederick D. Gregory** for the President's Award. He serves in the U.S. Airforce and is a NASA astronaut;

Brigadier General Ernest J. Harrell for affirmative action- Harrell is commanding General, Army Engineering Europe Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

Napolean Hornbuckle for Professional Achievement. He is Vice President and Director of Tactical Communications Operations, Motorola, Inc;

Midshipman Duane C. Jubert for Student Leadership. He is a senior in the electrical engineering program, Prairie View A&M University Praire View Texas;

Dr. Alan Letton for promotion of higher education. Dr. Letton is assistant professor, Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M University;

Dr.Victor R. McCray for most promising engineer - technical staff member at AT&T Bell Labs; **Brigadier General (Ret.) Raymond McMillan** for professional achievement. General McMillan is Corporate Vice President and Director, Electronic Systems Division, CTA, Inc., Bedford Massachusetts;

Dr.Carolyn Meyers for promotion of higher education. Dr. Meyers is assistant professor of Metalurgy, School of Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Vanessa Ong for student leadership. Ms. Ong is a senior at the University of Oklahoma's College of Engineering and was the first Black woman selected for U.S. Navy's nuclear power program;

Clemon H. Wesley for Entrepreneur. Wesley is President & CEO of Texcom, Inc., Lanham Maryland, and **Craig Wormack** for most promising engineer. Wormack, systems performance engineer of TRW of TRW systems Division.

The ceremonies ended with an awards banquet at the Baltimore Convention Center with nationally-known entertainers Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis who co-hosted the banquet.

Dr. Deloach, Arlington W. Carter, Jr. and Tyrone Tabor at one of the ceremonies.

IN SERVICE

PVT Kim E. Hall, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland recently enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard. He joined Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 121st Engineer Battalion located in Ellicott City, Maryland and is now attending the Maryland Army National Guard's Recruit Training School.

Pvt Khannel K. Briddell of Baltimore, Maryland recently enlisted in the Maryland Army National Guard. She joined Company C, 229th Supply and Transportation Company located in Baltimore, Maryland and is now attending the Maryland Army National Guard's Recruit Training School.

McNair Achievement Awards

Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

On Friday, February 23, Coppin State College held an awards ceremony honoring the recipients of its prestigious Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

The program's guest of honor was Mrs. Cheryl McNair, wife of Ronald McNair the astronaut who died tragically aboard the Challenger space shuttle in 1986. The grant program is named in his honor.

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke presented the college and Mrs. McNair with a proclamation designating February 23,1990 as Ronald McNair Day in Baltimore City.

City Councilman Lawrence Bell, Jr. gave the keynote address and presented Mrs. McNair with a proclamation from Governor Schaefer.

Coppin State College Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Carlton Molette, introduced the philosophy of the program saying, "Coppin has some of the best students in the country. This program will enable us to send them to the best post-graduate programs in their field."

Mrs. McNair said, "When Ronald realized his goal to fly, it instilled in him a desire to motivate others to achieve their goals in life.This program continues the legacy he believed in and spent his entire life pursuing.

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