—Race not the issue

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More than 17 months ago, the university made the decision to transfer the radio station to the division of academic affairs, under the leadership of Dr. Kennedy.

Why wait until now to register a complaint?

We agree with university officials that, while efforts should be made to hire as many African American department heads as possible, race is not and must not be the overriding factor.

According to Dean Burney Hollis, Kennedy was hired because of his qualifications. Several students have told the AFRO that "Dr. Kennedy is strict and holds us to high standards, but we don't feel that he's a racist."

The mere replacement of radio station employees of one color with new employees of the same color does not constitute racism. A renewed emphasis on academics and training is not racist.

There are very few institutions like Morgan where college-level students can get the kind of broadcasting training needed to survive in today's highly competitive communications arena.

Yes, some of the equipment needs to be updated. But, this cannot be accomplished without substantial funding and a commitment from the university to have a first-class facility.

It is refreshing to see a renewed sensitivity among African Americans.

The recent events at Howard University, protesting the appointment of Lee Atwater and at the University of Maryland, supporting the appearance of Louis Farrakhan, are healthy signs that the sleeping giant is waking up.

However, "race", as a basis for the WEAA controversy, is not the issue.

As Morgan struggles to garner its fair share of the State's resources, survival as an "independent" well-funded entity is the key issue.

Alumni and others must increase their level of support to the university, if it is to continue its ability to produce academically well-prepared African Americans.

Let's not be guilty of chasing the rabbits, while the elephants get away.— DRAPER

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—NAACP

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role Hankins played in planning the legal strategies used to file a suit on behalf of the NAACP.

The Washington, D.C. office is located 40 miles away from the NAACP national headquarters in Baltimore.

Jimmy Williams, NAACP national public relations director,told the AFRO that the assignment of Hankins to the D.C. office places the lawyer in closer proximity to the courts and legal libraries necessary for his three month assignment, and is not connected to the filing of the suit.

Hankins was given the task of mapping out a strategy for handling the January Supreme Court decision in the City of Richmond v.s. J.A. Croson Co. suit. The court ruling which restricts the use of minority set-asides in government contracts.

The AFRO called the Washington office of the NAACP (202) 638-2269, several times, leaving messages which were not answered by Hankins.

The NAACP,The Open Housing Center, of New York City along with four private individuals participated in the suit.

Betty Hoeber, Director of the Open Housing Center said "We began this suit along with three other plaintiffs. If the NAACP wished to back out they would have to go through some type of legal procedure just like they did in order to originally file the suit."

Hoeber continued saying "I don't think there is any such thing as being halfway in the legal process of filing a suit, either you are in or you are out. In order to get out, you must go to court and take yourself out. This issue has lots of significance for the entire U.S.A."

Kerry Scanlon, an attorney with the Washington Lawyer's Committee says "anything is possible to accomplish legally. As far as I know the NAACP has not dropped out of the case, the suit is proceeding as planned, I don't want to make any further comment on the situation, at this time."

News sources quote Hooks as saying that the suit was suspended because the customary way in which the NAACP handles disputes of this kind is to sit down and negotiate with the concerned parties. In this instance Hooks said no representative of the New York Times met with the NAACP to discuss the allegations of discriminatory real estate advertising practices before filing the suit.

NAACP spokesman, Williams says "no one but the NAACP can negotiate for the NAACP.We have to follow procedures that have been standard practice in the organization for years."

The plaintiffs allege that the *New York Times* real estate advertising does not use the amount of blacks that is representative of the population and geographical area served by the paper.

Hoebner says "Whenever the *New York Times* sells upscale luxury housing there are few if any blacks in the advertisement. Our suit alleges that they purposely leave blacks out of these kinds of ads. It's a glaring example of subliminal imagery, used as a psychological tool."

"Dr. Hooks has an expression that is very apt for this situation," said Hoebner; "he would often say 'Used to be that whites only signs were hung out to advertise houses, now they do it with pictures.' " This is in direct violation of the Fair Housing Law and part of the Title 8 Civil Rights Act.

"We have to make the public aware of this situation and let the papers know that we will not tolerate this condition any longer," said Hoebner.

"We will continue with filing our case regardless of the position taken by the NAACP. This issue will not go away, in fact it is getting worse."

Coppin State College

The public is invited to attend "Afrocentric," a week of African and African American Art at Coppin, March 29-April 2.

The Coppin Dancers will offer a comprehensive repertoire of African and African American dances. Coppin Players will present "Sizwe Bansi Is Dead."

Added attraction will be an art exhibit, featuring photographs and other West African artifacts from the college of Coppin's professor Beth Cryor.

For further information, contact Mrs. Edna Simmons, director of Coppin Dancers, 333-7327 or Mrs. Amini Courts, director of Coppin Players 333-7738.

Walk For Aids

Aidswalk '89 will be held on June 18 at 9 a.m. starting at the steps of the Baltimore Museum of Art. Proceeds will go to the seven different non-profit AIDS service providers in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

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—Eddie Hurt

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championships; four conference basketball titles and 18 track and field crowns.

Friday services will include, 11-12, family hour; 12-12:30 fraternal ritual and interment at Arbutus Cemetery.

Family requests contributions to the Morgan Foundation or the Edward P. Hurt-Beatrice Hurt Foundation in lieu of floral tributes.

Born in Brookneal, Va., in 1900, Hurt was educated in the public schools of Brookneal and Lynchburg, Va.

He was graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Howard University and later received his master's degree in health and physical education from Columbia University.

Hurt's teaching experience began as mathematics teacher and basketball coach at Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg.

He joined the Morgan faculty in 1929 as an instructor of mathematics.

He remained at the Hillen Road institution as coach in football, basketball and track until 1959, when he moved into the position of acting head of the Physical Education Department and athletic director.

Hurt retired in 1970, at which time the Morgan athletic facility was dedicated as Hurt Gymnasium.

Among the many honors bestowed upon him during his career are:

U.S. coach for the 1959 Pan-American Games; first black referee for Penn Relays in 1961; member of coaching staff of USA track and field team for the Tokyo Olympic Games, 1964; men's track coach for 1965 USA-USSR dual meet in Kiev, Russia.

Elected to Helms Foundation Hall of Fame, 1972; elected to National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 1975; elected to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame, and elected president of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association (IC-4A).

A host of his former student-athletes have indicated their intention of attending the memorial.

These include Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, himself a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame; hurdler and track star Josh Culbreath, and former 4-letter athlete Otis Troupe.

In addition to Mrs. Beatrice Hurt, his widow, Eddie is survived by a brother, John J. Hurt of Baltimore; three sisters, Mesdames Appey Bell and Mabel Hancock of Baltimore, and Ellie Williams of Appomattox, Va.; also a niece, Mrs. Billie Cragway.

—Smokers rights

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mission process, which includes a fact-finding investigation ... proving probable cause and ... attending a hearing," said Cummings, D-39.

"There are a lot of steps and hurdles to overcome," he added.

But the smoker who suffered discrimination in the workplace would circumvent these bureaucratic procedures, making his search for justice simple Cummings said.

"That's just not right," said Cummings.

Del. George W. Owings, the bill's sponsor, said the bill does not minimize the civil rights of blacks and others who have been discriminated against. The bill instead "just allows someone to sue quicker ... like in automobile accidents."

"So you see, it is the reverse of trivializing the Human Relations Commission," Owings said.

The delegate from Southern Maryland said the bill was originally placed under Human Relations, but was removed when legislators realized the bill belonged in another category — labor, work and employment.

Under the law, smokers would also be able to file a lawsuit against an employer who employs only one employee.

Currently, minorities and women can only file discrimination complaints with Human Relations against an employer who employs 15 or more employees.

Cummings said if the bill becomes law, next year he would seek to change Human Relation's definition of employer to mean anyone who has one employee on the payroll.

The bill is now in the Senate Judicial Proceedings and Review Committee.

Del. Tony Fulton, a member of the Environmental Matters Committee, said he originally supported the bill when it was heard in his committee, because he agreed with Owings that the bill blocked government from dictating people's actions at home. The bill shielded citizens from employment disciplinary actions based on their private behaviors.

For example, Fulton said Montgomery County had gone "beyond reasonable cause" when it said a firefighter could lose his job if he smoked or drank at home. The county prohibits firefighters from smoking.

The repercussions: "If I do it (smoke) in my home and someone finds out I can lose my job," said Fulton.

Fulton said he voted against the bill when he re-read it on the House floor and realized the bill's design equated the rights of smokers with the rights of minorities and women.

"Smoking is a personal problem and a health issue. It's not comparable to the rights of minorities and women," said Fulton.

The Maryland Legislative Black Caucus Chairman Curtis S. Anderson also opposed the bill.

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African-American leadership summit to open April 21

Over 4000 delegates from all over the US have been invited to the nation's first non-partisan African American Summit (AAS), to be held in New Orleans, La. April 21-23.

"The Summit will be open to all African Americans of every political persuasion, religious organization, all economic levels, ages, philosophies and walks of life. Delegates from California to Maine and from Minnesota to Florida are expected to attend," said General Chairman Richard Hatcher.

Delegates are being selected in three categories: local activities, elected officials and at large.

"This non - partisan event, therefore each delegation should also include the diversity of the state's African American political party registration. A balanced delegation should reflect the diversity...in relation to the disabled women, seniors, youth and gays," the organization said.

The meeting was called to "discuss an African American agenda for the next four years and on to the year 2000, which transcends party and partisan considerations," Hatcher said in his message to potential delegates.

The three-day gathering will focus on the "worsening social and economic conditions" of the black community. Panel discussions and recommendations will be made on several topics:

The preservation and advancement of the African American Family; Education, Health and economic empowerment; cultural integrity; U.S. foreign policy and the African American; crime, drugs and the justice system; civil rights; housing; the media; and a four-year African American legislative agenda.

"We believe that the greater our diversity at this Summit, the more representative it is of the entire African American Community, the stronger the mandate which emerges," Hatcher added.

The organization said the Summit committee is made up of representatives from the whole political perspective.

C. Delores Tucker, chair of the arrangements committee and General Chairman Richard Hatcher, are key Democratic party leaders.

The AAS Steering Committee also includes top Republicans such as Gloria E. A. Toote, Robert J. Brown and Fred Brown. Other members of the AAS include, Dr. Ramona Edelin, program chair; The Rev. Willie Barrow, steering committee chair and Glo Ivory, manager of the Summit's headquarters in the District.

Honorary chairs include Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women; Benjamin F. Hooks, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; The Rev. Jesse Jackson; John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League; Coretta Scott King and Joseph L. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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AFRO receives $50,000 grant

The Goldseker Foundation Trustees and selection Committee recently announced nine new grants totaling $454,000, including $50,000 to the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS Archives and Research Center.

Timothy Armbruster, the foundation's president, remarked: "A few themes emerge from the recent grants - strengthening neighborhoods, planning ahead to meet the needs of an increasing elderly population, and strengthening and coordinating services for children and youth. Reflected here too, is our interest in issues of regional cooperation."

The AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS was awarded a three year matching grant of $50,000 to help develop the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS Archives and Research Center.

The Center will house the institutional records and private papers of the AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, which was founded in 1892 by John H. Murphy, Sr., and is the oldest continuously published national black newspaper in the United States.

The collection, currently under the care of Arthur W. Murphy, the archives coordinator and grandson of the founder, includes thousands of unpublished manuscripts and photographs of those whose lives have changed the world and is one of the most complete chronicles of African-American life in existence.

The collection is currently housed on the campus of Bowie State College, where it is awaiting restoration and return to a new state of the art storage and retrieval facility at the site of the historic AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers building at 628 N. Eutaw St. in Baltimore City. City.

Of the $50,000 grant awarded to the Center, $25,000 requires a two to one match from Baltimore's African-American community.

Other organizations selected to receive grants from the Goldseker Foundation are: Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (BUILD), $100,000; the Chesapeake Center, $53,000; Advocates for Children and Youth, $100,000; the Development Training Institute, $65,000; the Francis Scott Key Medical Center, $12,500; the Maritime Institute, $45,000; the Regional Planning Council, $25,000; and, the Northwest Baltimore Corporation, $3,500.

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