News and Notes from area colleges and universities

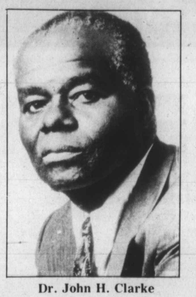
Sojourner-Douglass hosts John H. Clarke

Dr. John Henrik Clarke will speak about the self-determination of "African People Before Slavery: The Last Thousand Years" at Sojourner-Douglass College in Wednesday, May 24, 1989 at 7 p.m. in the administration building at 500 North Caroline St.

The program, which is free and open to the public, is part of the College's continuing celebration of Black History, designed to provide information on issues of importance to the entire community.

Professor Clarke has taught African history for twenty years and written or edited twenty-one books. He has published over fifty short stories in this country and abroad.

His articles and conference papers on African and African-American history and culture have been published in leading journals throughout the world.



Dr. John H. Clarke

Sen. Blount to address CCB grads

The Community College of Baltimore will hold its Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. at the Baltimore Arena. Over 500 graduates will be receiving their Associate in Arts degrees and certificates in forty academic and career programs.

CCB's Commencement speaker, Senator Clarence Blount, has been a member of the Maryland General Assembly for nineteen years. Senator Blount has a long-standing involvement with education, and with CCB in particular.

Senator Clarence Blount

He began his career as a social studies teacher and eventually rose to the position of principal of Dunbar High School. He also has been chairman of the Department of Social Science at CCB, and served as Executive Assistant to the President under Dr. Rafael Cortada.

Since 1983 Senator Blount has been the majority leader of the Senate where he is the current chairman of the Standing Committee on the Savings and Loan Industry. he also is a member of the Joint Committee on Budget and Audit, the Executive Nominations Committee, the Rules Committee and the Management of Public Funds Committee.

Throughout his career Senator Blount has received numerous awards and honors, including an honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Morgan State University and Western Maryland College, where he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Senator Blount is a graduate of Douglass High School, Morgan State University and the Johns Hopkins University. In noting the selection of Senator Blount as CCB commencement speaker, Dr. Durham, President of the College, said that it is a great honor for the College to have such a distinguished leader address the class of 1989.

This past session, his peers in the Senate voted him, along with the Senate President, the most powerful member of that august body, and as the most influential Senator with the Governor.

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UMES to graduate 189; Moss among honorees

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore will graduate 189 students, its second largest class in recent years, during commencement Sunday (May 21) at 2:30 p.m. in the Ella Fitzgerald Center for the Performing Arts here.

UMES graduated a record 202 students in 1987. The 1989 class is among UMES' most demographically diverse, representing 11 countries and eight states.

Fisk University President Henry Ponder will be the speaker and the recipient of the honorary doctorate of laws degree. Also receiving the doctorate of laws will be Richard Bernstein, president and chief executive officer of K & L Microwave, Inc. in Salisbury, and A. Paul Moss, treasurer of the former University of Maryland board of regents.

Ponder, president of Fisk since 1984, previously was president of Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. and vice president for Academic Affairs at Alabama A&M University.

In 1971 Bernstein founded K&L, a manufacturer of microwave components. By 1982 it was listed among Inc. magazine's top 500 privately held corporations. Bernstein sold his interest in 1983 to the Dover Corp. and remained as president.

Moss, who was first appointed to the UM board of regents in 1976 and reappointed in 1978 and 1983, held the offices of secretary and treasurer during his tenure. He is the assistant community services coordinator at the Community College of Baltimore, and husband of long-time (now retired) AFRO executive Elizabeth "Bettye" Moss.

This year, UMES will confer its first bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services to Patrice Renee Dixon of Charlotte, N.C. Rehabilitation services, along with airway science and criminal justice, is among the newest degree programs at UMES.

The class will include standout sprinter Howard Lindsay, who competed in the 200-meter dash in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, and Young Ho Kong of Seoul, an English major with a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average.

Area recipients of bachelor's degrees will include Sameer Ahmad of Salisbury (summa cum laude); Gloria Bland, Pocomoke City; Biannca Braxton, Cambridge; Ira Carte, Salisbury; Jacqueline Collins, Salisbury;

Sharon Daughtery, Pocomoke City; Jennifer Dixon, Salisbury; Sheree Douglas, Salisbury; Louise Fitz-Coy, Salisbury; Shauneen Giudice, Salisbury; Eric Goslee, Mardela Springs; Ella Hardy, Princess Anne; Michael Harmon, Princess Anne;

Scott Harmon, Princess Anne; Sidney Hubbell, III, Princess Anne; John Hunt, Princess Anne; Vijay Ivatury, Salisbury; Katrina Johnson, Cambridge; Evalyne Jones, Princess Anne; Dennis Laird, Princess Anne; Dorsey Marshall, III, Princess Anne;

Renee Matthews, Westover; James Mullen, Princess Anne; Isiah Oakley, Jr., Princess Anne; Penny O'Donnell, Pocomoke City (summa cum laude); Pamela Parker Eden, Kevin Price, Salisbury; Lynn Rentschler, Princess Anne;

Michele Richardson, Westover; Gwendolyn Scott, Salisbury; David Shockley, Snow Hill; Merritt Smith, Princess Anne (summa cum laude); Richard Smith, Berlin; Ronnie Swift, Crisfield (cum laude);

Winnie Swift, Marion (cum laude); Cheryl Taylor, Princess Anne; Costen Taylor, Pocomoke City; Daniel Taylor, Salisbury; Lenora Taylor, Salisbury; Brent Thompson, Cambridge; Michelle Thompson-Carr, Salisbury;

Valerie Tilghman, Princess Anne; Thiep Tran, Salisbury; Monna Van Ess, Salisbury (cum laude); Alvina White, Salisbury, and Ramonia White, Deal Island.

Eight master of education degrees will be awarded to the following: Olivia Sanchez-Billings de Parker, Salisbury; Maeve Hart, Salisbury; Robert Hollandsworth, Onancock, Va.; Wauchilue Jackson-Snyder, Cambridge;

Massie Neufville, Salisbury; Anthony Ruffin, Cape Charles, Va., Judith Stribling, Bivavle, Md., and Marguerite Wilder, Princess Anne.

Master of science degrees will be conferred to Alan Iskra, Salisbury; Zinnie Jones, Towson; Ravinder Kaur Sandhu, Union City, Ca., and Jean Scott, Fruitland.

Thelma Hedgepeth of Salisbury will be awarded the Ph.D. degree in marine, estuarine and environmental science.

Coppin graduation May 28

Coppin State College's 89th commencement ceremony will take place May 28, 3 p.m. at the Baltimore Arena. There will be 225 students graduating, which will include 45 students from the graduate division.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton, history professor and author of the book, Afro-American Women of the South and the Advancement of the Race, 1895-1925.

Dr. Neverdon-Morton is a native Baltimorean who received her Bachelor of Arts and her master's degrees in history from Morgan State University. While at Morgan, she studied under the noted historian, Dr. Benjamin Quarles.

After her graduation, she taught at Booker T. Washington Junior High School until 1968 when she left Baltimore to develop curriculum materials for an Afro-American Studies Program at the University of Minnesota.

She returned to Baltimore in 1971 to teach at Coppin. At Coppin she has held the positions of assistant dean of students, associate professor, department head and full professor. She earned her Doctorate from Howard University in 1974.

Known by her students as a teacher who demands excellence, Dr. Neverdon-Morton finds teaching at Coppin to be challenging and rewarding. She has written numerous articles, appeared on several local television programs and has lectured extensively across the country on African-American history.

Coppin will hold its annual baccalaureate services on Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium. Rev. Frank Reid, III, Pastor, Bethel AME Church will deliver the address.

UMAB graduation

The University of Maryland at Baltimore will graduate more than 1,100 students, including a record number of doctoral candidates, at its 19th commencement ceremonies, Friday, May 26. Ceremonies will begin at 3 p.m. at the Baltimopre Arena.

University officials say the 30 doctoral degrees awarded is double the number from 1988 and is the largest in campus history. Dr. John Dennis, dean of the UM School of Medicine, will deliver the commencement address.

The Afro-American Asks YOU To Grade The Mayor

As students all over the city prepare for the final weeks of school, the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper would like for you to grade Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke's performance for the first nine months of this fiscal year (July 1, 1988 - April 30, 1989).

The results of this community report card will be published in the June 17 edition of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN.

Blank report cards may be cut out of the AFRO each week or picked up at the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw Street, any day between 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Churches, neighborhood associations, civic and community organizations are encouraged to pick up report cards from the AFRO for distribution to and completion by their members.

Completed report cards must be returned to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper on or before June 1, 1989.

MAYOR'S REPORT CARD

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Baltimore, MD — City and State
Apr. 30, 1989 — Grading Period Ends

Subject	Grade
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HEALTH	
PUBLIC HOUSING	
EDUCATION	
SANITATION	
APPOINTMENTS	
LEADERSHIP	
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WORK HABITS	

About The Grader

Circle the highest level of education you have completed.
Dropout — College Grad
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Attended College — Postgrad Degree

Circle the age group into which you fall.
18 to 24 — 35 to 44
25 to 34 — 45 or older

Are You: (Circle one)
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Circle your total household income.
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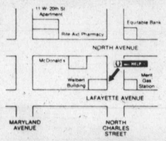

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International Page

Learning to farm in Mali

It sounds like a children's fairy tale: 'Once upon a time, a people called the Bozos lived in the desert on the banks of a great river.

The river gave them food, water and everything they needed to live. Then one day the river stopped flowing . . ."

But, it's not make believe. The Bozos are a proud tribe living along the treeless banks of the Niger River in the West African nation of Mali.

In 1984 disaster struck. Fifteen years of low rainfall was capped by a severe drought that reduced the Niger River to about half its normal size.

"It was nearly the end of our tribe," says Mariama Kouanta, a 60-year-old grandmother. "The river gave us no fish to eat or sell, and people were dying of hunger."

Kouanta was the first person to step forward. "CARE gave me seeds and showed me the best way to plant them," she says. "Now I grow so much I can sell potatoes and tomatoes; sometimes I even give away food if people are needy."

By 1987, 600 tribe members were gardening; by 1988 the number was 800. Rather than destroy the traditional fishing culture, the new ideas have strengthened it.

"The Bozos will always be fishermen, but the green gardens mean we will prosper rather than just survive," says Kouanta.

GARDENER—Mariama Kouanta works her tribe's first successful garden in the nation of Mali.

Worsening Panama status

PANAMA CITY, Panama (UPI) — The first U.S. troop reinforcements began arriving in Panama over the weekend.

A U.S. military spokesman said the rest of the 1,900-strong force dispatched by President Bush to back up the more than 10,000 U.S. soldiers in Panama would arrive throughout the weekend.

The first planeload of U.S. troops, carrying members of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Le-Jeune, N.C., arrived at Howard Airport Base in Panama at midday Friday.

Families of American military personnel, meanwhile, sought refuge from the country's political turmoil at U.S. bases and U.S. Ambassador Arthur Davis packed his bags to return to Washington, sources said.

Non-essential U.S. Embassy personnel also prepared to leave as part of Bush's new policy towards Panama.

Carlos Russel
Panama Rep. to OAS

Bush said Thursday he was sending the troops to Panama to better defend the Panama Canal, protect the lives of Americans in Panama and try to nudge Noriega toward accepting the results of Sunday's election.

Also as part of Bush's plan, some 6,000 spouses and children of U.S. personnel living in Panama were moved into U.S. military installations as a precaution. They will stay with so-called sponsor families on the base, sleeping in spare rooms, or on couches or cots.

In the capital, Panamanians reacted nervously to the arrival of U.S. troops, although some Noriega opponents welcomed the increased U.S. pressure on the military strongman.

In New York, U.N. representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela Thursday handed Secretary - General Javier Perez de Cuellar a statement representing their governments' positions on the voided elections to Panama.

"We declare our deep consternation at the situation that could move Panama even farther from the Latin American democratic community in this historic moment when free and popular expression is making great progress in Latin America," the statement said, but cautioned U.S. military intervention.

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S. Africa ends hunt for SWAPO forces

By Kevin Jacobs

WINDHOEK, Namibia — South Africa-led army and paramilitary police forces returned to bases Saturday, ending bushland searches for scattered guerrilla rebels in an effort to restart the stalled U.N. program for Namibia's independence, officials said.

Military commanders ended sweeps for armed rebels at dawn, in advance of a crucial three-nation meeting set for Monday at the northern frontier with Angola, host country for the South West Africa People's Organization.

"We have ended intensive operations against SWAPO," military spokesman Commandant Frans Van Der Merwe said by telephone from Oshakati, the garrisoned operational and administrative center of the militarized northern Ovambo region where SWAPO's 23-year war for independence has centered.

"But we are going ahead with the withdrawal, and administrative and logistical work where necessary, so you may still see some military vehicles on the road," he said.

South Africa, Angola and Cuba — which has a 50,000-man expeditionary army in Angola — have called a meeting at the Ruacana frontier post of a joint commission that is seeking to resolve a rebel invasion that almost crashed the U.N. independence plan.

SWAPO sent an estimated 1,800 armed guerrillas across the northern frontier into Namibia on April 1, disrupting the start-up of the ambitious $420 million program to shepherd the territory to independence within a year.

In accordance with provisions of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 435, Pretoria had on April 1 confined its estimated 30,000 troops to base and had commenced a phased withdrawal southward to South Africa when the SWAPO incursions began.

South Africa, with muted agreement by Angola, accused the guerrillas of violating a cease-fire.

Diplomatic sources say failure to end the conflict in Namibia's northern bushland is likely to stall the phased withdrawal of Cuba's army from Angola, linked in earlier agreements to South Africa ending its 74-year rule over Namibia and permitting the U.N. to supervise the territory's passage to independence. — (UPI)

Black farmers defy eviction court order

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — About 40 elderly black farmers are defying a court order to leave their ancestral land in an incident recalling years of bitter showdowns over the forcible relocation of millions of black South Africans.

The Supreme Court last week ordered the blacks within seven days to leave the Magopa farm, some 80 miles west of Johannesburg, from which they were unlawfully removed five years ago.

The senior members of the tribe began to reoccupy the land earlier this year in what the government contends was supposed to be a brief stay to maintain ancestral burial grounds.

The court ruling that empowers police to remove the Magopas by force if they refuse to leave was set to expire Wednesday. But lawyers said they have filed for leave to appeal, effectively delaying any eviction until the case is heard.

"It seems the government won't do anything until this is decided," attorney Jules Brady said. "We've got a long way to go still, but we're quite confident that ultimately something will be done."

The highly publicized violent removal of the Magopa families in 1984 marked the last major attempt by the white-minority government to eradicate so-called "black spots" in white areas and was followed by an announcement of a rethinking of its policy of forced relocations.

Between 1960 and 1982, some 3.5 million blacks were forcibly moved under the ruling National Party's ideology to rid the country of its politically powerless black majority by placing them in semi-autonomous homelands.

"It's the only community still in limbo," Transvaal Rural Action Committee spokeswoman Aninka Claassens said. "(The Magopas) think this is a straight apartheid decision and they're just going to stay put until something happens.