New education program for city residents

Morgan State University and the Community College of Baltimore launched a new program this month that is designed to increase the number of city residents completing high school and going on to enroll in college.

The cooperative venture, called CONNECT, is scheduled to begin formally this summer. Some 75 to 100 students are expected to participate initially.

"CONNECT is designed to encourage persons who do not meet all the qualifications for admission to Morgan to begin college study at CCB," officials said in unveiling the project.

CONNECT enrollees would gain automatically eligibility for admission to Morgan after completing 24 credit hours of preparatory study at CCB.

The core credit participants are required to complete at CCB "....parallel exactly Morgan general education requirements," according to A. Recardo Perry, assistant vice president for student affairs at Morgan.

Instead of a "rejection letter," applicants are shown another way, CONNECT, Perry said. "These students may have relatively low SAT scores but otherwise demonstrate promise for successful study at the baccalaureate level."

CONNECT will be administered at Morgan by the office academic affairs, headed by Vice President Clara Adams. CCB's chief administrator is Dr. Ronald Wright, dean of instruction. As a first step, the team is forming a CCB faculty cadre for the CONNECT project.

The situation which prompted CONNECT is the number of city residents finishing high school and enrolling in higher education. The figure is "relatively low" and "worsening," especially for Blacks according to Morgan and CCB officials.

"(Baltimore's) ratio of entering freshmen to high school graduates is lower than the State's average," officials said. The ratio topped the state average as recently as 1982, they said, but has declined steadily since.

Perry said the CONNECT project furthers the missions of both sponsoring institutions.

"CONNECT...allow(s) Morgan to maintain admission standards while...fulfilling the commitment it shares with CCB to improve the accessibility to college study for urban populations," Perry said.

"As an urban college, CCB seeks to be flexible, adaptive, and responsive to the needs of a diverse population, including those who for various reasons might otherwise lack access to higher education," he said.

All instruction for CONNECT will take place at CCB and participating students will pay tuition and fees to CCB until they complete the required 24 credit hours.

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METRO PROFILE .....**Section B**

THE UNSINKING OF THE LINCOLN: Once referred to as "the finest" and "the place to be," Washington's now quiet Lincoln Theatre is rising once again. The one time home of silent films, big bands and large socialite balls, the current revival has been summed up in one sentence: "What we are doing here is remarkable." The Lincoln past and future on.....**Page B1.**

FRIDAY PLUS .....**Insertion**

THE PLEASURE OF PAYNE: Sultry singer Freda certainly went on to make a name for herself following her Viet Nam era hits "Band of Gold" and "Bring the Boys Home." She went on to star in the road company of "Sophisticated Ladies" and her nightclub act has been playing to SRO crowds. Now, Lady Freda is about to grace this year's Big Show Expo. Read all about it in.....**Friday Plus.**

INSIDE: Dawn Magazine

FROM DISTANT SHORES: This month's DAWN MAGAZINE takes you away from it all — to the Bahamas. Spread a little sand on the floor, slide on the dark shades, pour something tall and frosty and stretch out for some sun and fun with Body and Sol. The surf calls. Inside **DAWN MAGAZINE.**

Happy 97th birthday to us! *(See page C-3)*

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Deb wants $$ for sex tapes

Harvard beau involved

By Robyn-Denise Yourse
AFRO City Editor

WASHINGTON

When Kevin Watkins eyed the pretty, brown-skinned co-ed from Washington, D.C. in the early spring of 1988, the attraction was mutual, he said and almost natural.

He, a first year law student from the borough of Brooklyn, who through his brilliant academic background, was awarded a spot in one of the nation's most prestigious universities, Harvard.

She, the daughter of one of the country's premiere black surgeons — with all the right social and professional connections.

Now, some 16 months later the attraction has soured, to say the least, and Watkins faces expulsion from Harvard

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THE PROVOCATIVE side of this Washington, D.C. Radcliff College co-ed — as shown in this photo — is the one Harvard law student Kevin Watkins says he was used to. The woman, his former girlfriend, has now filed rape and assault charges against him.

AFRAM:

Will it survive?

By Helen Glover Cook, Bonnie Matthews Butler and Biddy Wood

Mayor Kurt L.Schmoke has reassured Baltimore's "doubting Thomases" that the African American festival known as-AFRAM-is alive, well and will continue throughout his administration.

Bringing greetings to those attending the annual AFRAM luncheon held last Thursday at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, his honor dispelled rumors that this year would be the last for the only city sponsored ethnic celebration by saying, "As long as I am Mayor there will be an AFRAM."

Critics who fueled rumors proclaiming that AFRAM had become too commercial and was no longer a celebration honoring African American culture, were met by AFRAM sponsors who explained the festival's structure and fiscal requirements,in an effort to provide a better understanding of them any tasks involved in producing a festival of AFRAM's magnitude.

A group of community activists led by Roxalana Redmond,Charlie Dugger and Rev. Daki Napata arranged to meet with AFRAM and city officials to voice their concerns about the lack of ethnicity, the selection of the same core group as festival decision makers and lack of community participation, among other concerns.

Rev. Napata said,"Our group represents the larger African-American community and we would like to see a wider cross-section of people involved in the festival rather than those few who belong to one clique.

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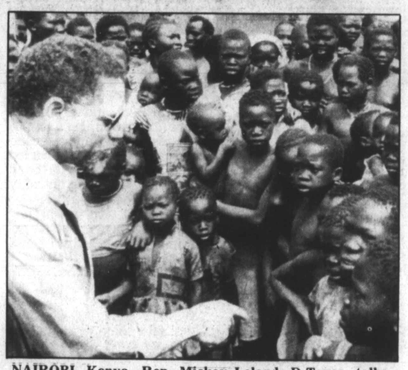
U.S. joins Leland search

NAIROBI, Kenya — U.S military aircraft, including a high-altitude spy plane, joined a massive air search Thursday for a plane that disappeared with Rep. Mickey Leland, D.-Texas, and 13 others aboard.

More U.S. planes were enroute to the area where Leland's chartered twin-engine plane disappeared Monday in storms over rugged highlands while on the way to the Fugnido refugee camp.

The crews of two Air Force C-130 cargo planes from Britain began looking for the missing aircraft as they flew into western Ethiopia, said Jim Haley, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa.

In Washington, an Air Force spokesman said a U-2 reconnaissance plane completed its flight over Ethiopia and returned to its air base in Europe. But he said the processing and the detailed examination of its photos could take up to 24 hours.



NAIROBI, Kenya—Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, talks with refugees of the fighting in the Sudan earlier this year during a hunger relief committee delegation trip to Ethiopia.

As concern over the fate of Leland mounted, Reps. Alan Wheat, D.-Mo., and Gary Ackerman, D.-N.Y., and a

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Drug dealers cash crop:

G-O-L-D

By Helen Glover Cook
AFRO Staff Writer

Part II

This week-What happens to the gold owned by drug dealers who are convicted or who are not able to prove that the gold entered their possession through legal means.

One more weapon has been added to the growing list of strategies devised by law enforcement agencies eager to implement new methods of lowering the rate of drug related crime—forfeiture.

When gold items owned by suspected drug dealers are seized as part of a drug raid those items can later be put on trial where the property's owner will have to document its ownership or face losing those items.

Drug warriors are seizing the ill-gotten material wealth of drug dealers, in a sense taking away much of the motivation for selling drugs.

When drug dealers buy gold in large amounts as an investment and that gold is seized by the Forfeiture Squad it will be added to the list of items that are stored in the Baltimore City Police vault.

The Baltimore City Police Narcotics division has organized a special forfeiture squad whose officers are charged with attacking the drug peddler by reaching into his pocket.

It is their job to make sure that drug sellers do not retain the luxury goods they have

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Last week syndicated columnist Ethel Payne began a series of articles examining the recent scandal at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MORE REVELATIONS IN

The HUD scandals

Part II

October 25, 1982 - Lance Wilson, Executive Assistant to Secretary Pierce and Chairman of the Secretary's Task Force on Minority Relations, issued a memorandum to All Employees inviting them to attend a one-day meeting Friday November 5 at 9:30 a.m." to bring to the attention of the Task Force any issue which he or she deems relevant."

However, the memo was artfully worded to absolve the Task Force of any responsibility or adjudicating or in anyway correcting the complaints.

Wilson, a close friend of Secretary Pierce, is one of only a few blacks who have benefited from the HUD largesse. He left the agency in 1984 and using the expertise he had gained in the ways of influence peddling he has prospered to the tune of millions.

A lawyer, Wilson spent two years heading the New York City Housing Development Corporation. It is a public benefit agency chartered under the laws of New York State.

As a Republican in high favor with the Reagan Administration, he was able to maneuver around rules prohibiting former employees from lobbying the department for a year after leaving office.

Records show that he kept up a steady stream of calls to key officials at HUD, among the Deborah Gore Dean, the acknowledged Queen Pin of operations at HUD.

Indeed it was Wilson who brought the attractive blonde to the attention of Sam Pierce, who in turn made her the gatekeeper to the lucrative contracts handouts.

As of the moment, Lance Wilson is in confrontation with the House subcommittee headed by Rep. Tom Lantos (D.Ca.) that is investigating the scandals at HUD. The committee requested Wilson to appear before it to answer questions about his partnership with three former housing officials, Philip Abrams, J. Michael Queenan and Philip Winn. Winn is now Ambassador to Switzerland.

The four partners formed an association called the Winn Group. It obtained seven HUD contracts for the renovation of 1,347 units of moderate - incoming housing.

Wilson held one third interest in the project and he used his legal skills to lay out a 10 year program of tax credits amounting to some $20 million. He stands to reap about $3 million, excluding expenses as profit.

The Wilson wizardry has

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Baltimore becomes the city of Elkdom

By Joy Tyler
AFRO Staff Reporter

This past week, over 30,000 Elks invaded Baltimore City to bring with them a new wave of summer spectacular!

During one of this summers busiest weeks, the fraternal organization managed to transform the city into a Elk haven.

It was clear from their initial reception that Baltimoreans were reminiscing about the last venture the Elks took into the city over 51 year's ago. There were few establishments that did not display some banner of recognition that the Elks were back.

Upon their arrival in the city, hotels downtown were jammed to capacity, restaurants were booked, and the sunny harbor provided the perfect background to what the week had in store.

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