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carry no guns as mandated by the Board of School Commissioners.

"We do issue chemical mace and handcuffs. We haven't had occasion to use the riot sticks, but our officers are trained in the use of them and we have them on hand should that type of situation develop," says Burgen.

Although officers do not carry guns, the lawbreakers with whom officers come into contact frequently do, according to the security chief.

"Firearms are showing up more frequently each year, but the largest number of weapons confiscated are knives," says Burgen.

Another problem that plagues schools is trespassers.

Some of the problems with weapons are created not necessarily by students, but by trespassers, dropouts and adults, according to the chief.

"A large number of problems are not necessarily occurring inside schools but on the grounds. An incident can be school related and occur one block away. That will also be included in our statistics," says the chief.

Burgen points out that last year two homicides occurred near schools and were included in school crime statistics.

The chief sees violence against teachers as a declining problem.

"In the 1982-83 school year there were 72 assaults on faculty and staff. During the 1975-76 school year there were 181 reported assaults on faculty.

"Out of 12,000 school employees 72 assaults is not a great number," says Burgen.

He attributes this decline to the fact that "We identify and arrest persons who commit crimes which tends to discourage other potential offenders.

"Out of 72 incidents, 67 resulted in one or more arrests," Burgen says.

The use of controlled substances (drugs) in city schools has also been declining, according to Burgen, "maybe because people are frequently arrested and referred to courts and juvenile services."

"As with alcohol, we don't have a big problem with drugs in the schools. Kids tend not to use them around school," Burgen says.

"When kids are under the influence they stand out from the crowd so they tend not to drink at the school site," says the chief.

The fact that there are fewer youngsters in school now than ten years ago also accounts for the decline in security problems according to the chief.

During the first 16 years of operation there have been no security officer fatalities, says Burgen.

In 1973 an officer was shot three times by a trespasser and in 1971 an officer trainee was stabbed by a school employee. Both officers survived.

"Most officer injuries are more safety related such as when an officer slips or trips while chasing someone. They are not usually injured as a result of force exerted against them," says Burgen.

Officers work 12 months a year and provide security services for summer school sessions. They are paid by the athletic division for their services at extracurricular activities and games, and are paid overtime for services at school dances.

The division also offers crime prevention workshops to school faculties.

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—Engineering school

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enhance their attractiveness" says Rodney Orange, FOM chairman.

Orange, a Morgan graduate and 1982 House of Delegates candidate, 39th district, declines to reveal the names of counsel for the FOM but did say that they were graduates of Morgan and that some were from the D.C. area. Counsel already has the bulk of the information needed for a legal confrontation, according to Orange.

"We're trying to give the governor and General Assembly the opportunity to show they are sensitive to the plight of black colleges and enhancement funds. We have to see a commitment to the desegregation plan," Orange says.

Orange points out that the state is already in the third year of its second extension on the five year desegregation plan. Past desegregation plans submitted by the state have been rejected by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights under the Department of Education.

"The state's plans were unacceptable because they recommended an influx of blacks to white institutions. There were no plans to make black institutions more competitive with white institutions," says Orange.

The FOM chairman also says that the U.S. Office of Civil Rights says that the state must strengthen TBIs and that the first priority for new degree programs such as engineering must be given to black colleges.

"The state had the opportunity to do that but did not," says Orange.

"By rejecting the June 2 decision and saying we'll have two schools, they are perpetuating separate and unequal higher education. The bulk of the funds will go to UMBC," Orange says.

At the Nov. 3 SBHE hearing the board also said that the highest priority should go to Morgan and its establishment of an engineering school.

That's just wrong. If they can find a way to funnel funds to UMBC they will, but we're not concerned about UMBC, We want the state to establish an engineering program at Morgan first," says Orange.

The Friends of Morgan Legal Defense Fund will hold its first fundraiser Sunday, Nov. 20, 4-7 p.m. in the McKeldin Center Ballroom at Morgan State University.

For ticket information call 433-4124.

—Broadwater

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water will serve time in a federal prison, but in the years after that he said he intends to return to power.

"I plan to run again," Broadwater said as he munched on a ham sandwich at Trotter's reception in the wood-paneled senate lounge. "I'll come back — and as a democrat."

Broadwater, the only black in the senate from outside Baltimore, had opposed the selection of Trotter, who is also black but was supported by several of the county's more conservative white senators. Trotter, a former delegate, unsuccessfully challenged Broadwater in 1978.

"The community is very upset about it," said Broadwater. "They're not against Trotter. They're upset by what the democratic party did and the way did it. They will not be controlled by the white conservatives."

Coinciding with Trotter's swearing - in, senate president Melvin Steinberg, D-Baltimore county, released a new list of committee assignments for 1984 that places Trotter in Broadwater's former seat on the influential Budget and Taxation Committee.

Frank Komenda, another Prince George's county senator, however, was named to Broadwater's more important position within the committee as chairman of one of its two subcommittees.

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—Tragic ending

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while celebrating his birthday with a lifelong friend.

Police report the victim and Mark Clark, who was also celebrating his birthday had just left a disco in Park Circle in Northwest Baltimore.

Around 2:20 a.m. police report Clark and Dawkins were in their car, when two unidentified men pulled up in a car and asked Dawkins what he was looking at.

Clark told the police he did not see Dawkins do anything and they were in their car waiting for someone. Police report Clark said one of the men opened the driver's side of the car and shot Dawkins in the back.

The gunman jumped in a yellow Ford with several other people and left the area. Clark told police he drove Dawkins to Provident Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

At AFRO presstime, police were still investigating the homicide and no arrest had been made.

Relatives told the AFRO, Dawkins loved sports and enjoyed roller skating and fishing.

Funeral services for Dawkins will be held Nov. 12 at Parkwood C.M.E. Church in Charlotte, N. C. In addition to his sister, he is survived by four sisters, his parents, John H. and Emma Dawkins, grandmother, Savannah Morrow.

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By the way...

By Joe Black

When you're looking for excuses to be angry, to commit acts of violence, to hate and rebel, they're easy to find. As a child, I remember my mother leaving our house early in the morning to work at washing clothes and scrubbing floors. I remember my father accepting any job he could get to help keep our family in clothes, food and shelter. I remember welfare checks when there were no jobs. But I also remember something else. Through all those years of physical nothingness, I never lost respect for my parents. I never referred to them as my "old lady" or my "old man."

I knew they were trying. And I felt that through it all, they retained a pride and dignity that no social structure could destroy. It was my parents who taught me how to be black and proud. It was my parents who constantly reminded me: "You are no better than anyone else — and no one else is better than you!"

Today, the world is full of cynics who sneer at this kind of feeling and sentiment. Being black, I have as much reason as anyone to join them. Being realistic, with standards of my own — I won't! Nobody has proved to me that violence, disrespect, and downgrading decency have done anything to help the social status and dignity of black people.

But don't read me wrong! I am an advocate of Black Power. Black Power through education and reform . . . not revolt. To me, Black Power must start with black pride and black dignity. Without these two ingredients . . . you've got black nothing. No bull. Just fact!

Joe Black
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This is Ruth Stephenson Norman. For over a half century she shaped the minds, developed the talents and nourished the spirits of high school students in Charleston, West Virginia. She is, indeed, a paragon of the Master Builder—one of a highly dedicated, caring breed of educators that utilize a new strategy of love and learning in Black Education. Next week, as part of Black Education Month on Tony Brown's Journal, Tony profiles this incredible mountain of love and knowledge in *Mrs. Norman, We Love You.*

In the first episode of this four-part mini-series, *A LEAD-ing Chance,* Tony examines LEAD, a brilliant new corporation-sponsored program which exposes gifted minority high school students to an entire business curriculum at major colleges during the summer.

And later in the month, Tony Brown presents *What Does Integration Mean?* a chronicle of the current national movement to save Black Colleges. And *Back to Black,* an examination of the assumption that minority people cannot teach their own children, with a look at some high-achieving Black schools that disprove that assumption.

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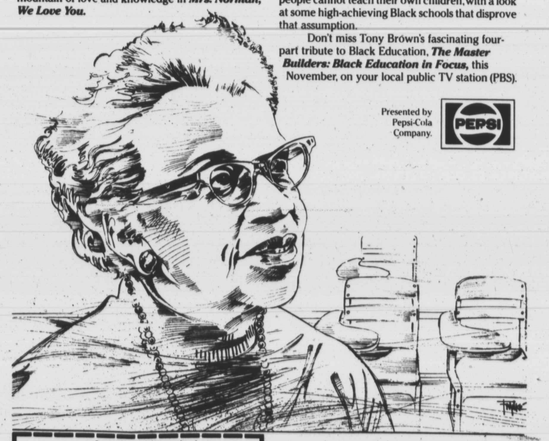

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IRIS REEVES

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

Her concentration seems genuine as she peers over the bowl of red vegetable soup. By now this reporter has spilled two helpings of hot tea on her turquoise-colored dress, as they sit in the tiny Charles Street deli. But Iris Reeves is tolerant.

She speaks in tones that range from quiet, articulate levels to a deeply resonant pitch. A closely-cropped Afro hairstyle accentuates the determination beneath the contours of her face.

The woman who sits now describing herself as an introvert has emerged standing smack in the middle of the spotlight on her own merits.

The death of her husband, Norman—who died abruptly in February, leaving behind a seat in the fifth councilmanic district which she stepped into and subsequently won election to on Tuesday—has precipitated a tumultuous upheaval in her life.

But today, Reeves's priorities are focused. "My daughter has experienced the loss of her father and the loss of her brother to the state of California (he's in the Marine Corps).

"The state of all these things requires that I create a situation of normalcy for her. Whatever I can do as a mother to make my daughter as emotionally secure as possible will have consequence on wherever Iris Reeves is going."

She spent all of her childhood in the deep South, born on Oct. 9, 1939 in Burlington, N.C.—the only child of Mabel and Lucian Gant. In the late 1950's she migrated north to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University.

There she met her future husband, the late city councilman, while both were enrolled in the graduate program at the university working towards a master's degree in psychology.

"He was just another student on campus, and, like the rest of us, was very active in the civil rights movement. The late Walter P. Carter was his mentor and comrade in arms." The couple married in 1963.

"Though I grew up in the South my life was somewhat sheltered. The many horrors of the South did not touch me with the same intensity as others.

"Being an only child gave me certain advantages. My mother was a schoolteacher . . . I suppose it provided me with certain advantages; however, a recognition of the need for people to have self-determination was there."

The painful memories of her marriage's tragic end bring a frown to her face as she recounts her role of almost 20 years as wife and mother.

"Norman had muscular distrophy. His death was quite shocking. Norman was very strong-willed, an individual who didn't give up. I thought he would go on forever.

"With his death, like in childhood, I found I had been protected . . . the kinds of things Norman left for me and his children . . . I would be kind of remiss if I let them fall by the wayside."

She does not falter in her affirmation that she, by her own choice, was a primary source of support and comfort for him. She believes that black women should continue their loyalty to their men.

"Many people have wondered about women's lib. Big deal. I've been content with who I am. It's important that we support our men."

There are two children, daughter Traci, age 14, and son Norman III, age 20, to raise, plus the demands of a busy political career and a personal life that desperately needs reorganization.

Iris Reeves has stepped out from behind her veil of mourning and is finally gaining recognition for her capabilities.

Eight full months later, she is much more than just the widow of Norman Reeves; her accomplishments have a weight all their own.

"I'm sure a certain portion of the vote I got in the primary election was a sympathy vote, but once the initial weeks of campaigning were under way, people began to look at Iris Reeves the woman.

"I find an acceptance of Iris Reeves the woman in her own right, someone who has been successful and productive in her professional life."

(AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)

'I think there was a real balance there. Norman was the real extrovert, and I was the introvert . . . Norman was the one out there doing stuff, and I was there as his helpmate, his wife, and his friend.'

'Her own personal involvement with the racially - motivated events of the 1960's came as a result of a private conviction that blacks, like all peoples, have a right to dictate their individual destiny.'

(AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)

Among the newly-elected fifth district councilwoman's hobbies are making jewelry and reviewing books. Commenting on her craft, which involves working with silver, she said, 'They're kind of crude, but they're things that I like.'

(AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)

'The acceptance of me has come through people's personal contact with me.'

(AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)

Mother and daughter, Traci, are all that is left of the close-knit family. Son Norman III is stationed in California with the Marine Corps, and the two are striving to achieve some emotional stability.

(AFRO Photo by Jay Baker)

Relaxing in the spacious comfort of her living room, Reeves continues to place a tremendous emphasis on her family environment despite the rigorous demands of her political career.

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