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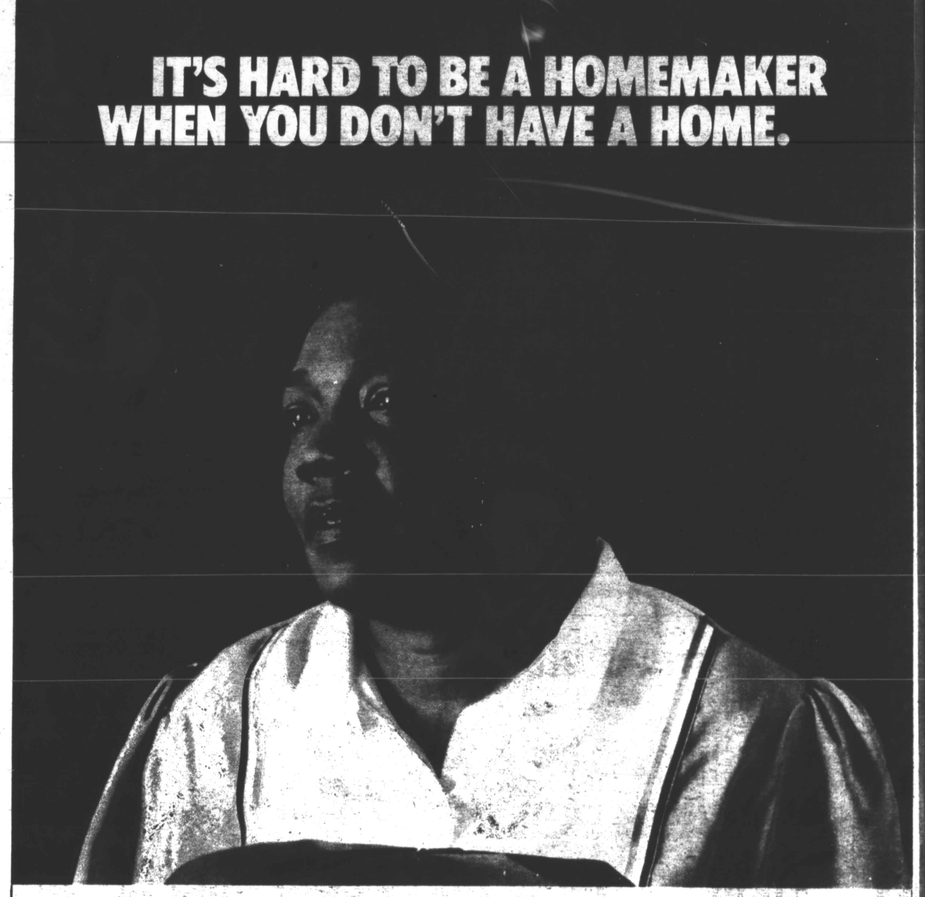

Joan is 38 years old. She's divorced. Homeless. Jobless. And her situation seems hopeless. But she has somewhere to turn to, The Maryland Displaced Homemakers Project. It is just one of the various programs funded by the General Fund under The Community Programs Administration, a part of the Human Resources Department. Other programs for women include: Battered Spouse or Domestic Violence Program and The Homeless Shelter for Women Program.

Some of these services for women in crisis offer employment training, support groups, job training and assistance in job placement, shelter, 24 hour hotline, and counseling and servicing for children.

In 1984, the State General Fund will provide more than 228 million dollars for Human Resources and approximately nine cents of every dollar will be spent on employment and social services under the administration of that department.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our history... ...No Mystery

By Charles Dugger

The history of black people should be no mystery to any black person. For too long and all too often, history has been the white man's biased, one-sided story—his story.

For too long, history has been the "record" of events and achievements of the Western man, also known as the caucasian or European man. What about the Asian man's history or the history of the African man?

Humanity did not begin in Mesopotamia, Greece, or Rome. For us, black people, what about my ancestors' story and what about our ancestors' stories? Our history must not be a mystery to any black person.

Did you know that Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have their roots in ancient African religion? Yusef Ben-Jochanin, the Ethiopian historian, has written The African Origins of Major Western Religions to provide us with valuable information. Have you heard of Queen Nzinga of Angola and her accomplishments?

Please become informed about this beautiful black queen by reading The Destruction of Black Civilization by Chancellor Williams. What do you actually know about Marcus Moziah Garvey? Read about this great Pan-African leader in Garvey and Garveyism by Amy Jacques-Garvey?

Did you know that just as there were maroons in Jamaica and Haiti, there were also maroons in the United States? Read about these freedom-loving warriors in John Hope Franklin's From Slavery to Freedom.

What do you know about the nine young black men who were gravely victimized by racism and injustice and became known as the Scotsboro Boys? Please read about these men's plight in We Charge Genocide by William L. Patterson.

Were you aware that the Western man's greed over Africa was one of the primary reasons for World Wars I and II? Become informed by reading The World and Africa by W.E.B. DuBois. Let us not be ignorant of our history. Our history must not be a mystery to any of us.

February is Black History Month in the United States. This month-long commemoration of black history and black accomplishments was originally one week in duration.

The serious and sustained recognition of black history was begun in the U.S.A. by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a black historian and teacher. Dr. Woodson started black history week because he observed that black people were not aware of their roots, their culture, and their heritage.

He recognized that the white man had intentionally kept the black man very ignorant of black history. The more ignorant the white man had kept the black man, the easier it was to take advantage of the black man. All during slavery and thereafter, the black man had been led to believe that the black race had never accomplished anything and was inferior to the white man.

Until his death, Dr. Woodson did research, taught students, wrote books, and edited a black history journal to prove the white man false and to inform black people truthfully of their past.

Dr. Woodson firmly criticized the education that many young blacks were receiving, saying it was planned, intentional, and systematic miseducation. If you do not ever read another book by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, please read his book entitled The Miseducation of the Negro written over fifty years ago but could have been published in February, 1984. More of us need to teach, write, or do research so that black history will not be a mystery to any of us. Ignorance is not bliss!

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (the N.A.A.C.P.) was originated three quarters of a century ago by men named W.E.B. DuBois, William Monroe Trotter and others. This oldest and strongest black civil and human rights organization has fought long and hard for freedom, justice, and equality. Happy Birthday, N.A.A.C.P.

In 1919 in the month February, W.E.B. DuBois organized and convened the First Pan-African Congress in Paris, France during the same time that the World War I Peace Conference was also being held in Paris.

This First Pan-African Congress demonstrated the potential for world-wide black unity and was attended by fifty-seven delegates from the U.S.A., Africa, and the Caribbean as well as from other places. There have been six Pan-African Congresses since the first one.

Dr. William E.B. DuBois, a human rights activist, social theorist, historian, novelist, teacher, scholar, and Pan-African leader, was born in February. Dr. DuBois constantly fought against the lynchings of black people while he was the editor of Crisis, the N.A.A.C.P.'s serious magazine which is still published today.

Although Dr. DuBois had serious disagreements with Booker T. Washington and Marcus Garvey, he never stopped working in behalf of black people. DuBois said, "The problem of the twentieth century will be the color line."

His books include The Souls of Black Folks; Black Folk; Then and Now; Suppression of the African Slave Trade in the U.S.; Dark Water; The Philadelphia Negro; The Dark Princess; The Quest of the Silver Fleece; The Gift of Black Folk; The World and Africa. Dr. DuBois died in Ghana in August of 1963.

The black American religious leader, Richard Allen, was born in the month of February. After he was not accepted by whites in their church, and pulled from his knees while at prayer, Allen immediately formed the Free African Society. In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1794, this spiritual black leader established Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest independent black church in the United States.

February was also the birth month of Langston Hughes, the prolific black American playwright, novelist, short story writer, and satirist. Hughes created the popular character, Jesse B. Simple, and wrote satires about Simple's experiences with daily U.S. race relations and black life in Harlem, New York City. His literary works include Soul Gone Home; Tambourines to Glory; Simply Heavenly; and Simple's Uncle Sam. Two of his famous poems are "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" and "A Dream Deferred."

The first black commissioner to Haiti from the United States was born in February. This was the slavery abolitionist; orator; editor of The North Star (a black freedom newspaper); and black leader named Frederick Douglass. This escaped slave spoke throughout the North and in England about the evils of slavery.

Douglass spoke of the many contradictions in the U.S. government and in the country's social relations in his famous speech criticizing the Fourth of July, America's Independence Day. Douglass emphasized, "Men are not valued for what they are, men are valued for what they can do...We must build as well as live in houses. We must make as well as wear shoes." He reminded black people, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." It is said that Frederick Douglass's dying message was "Protest!"

It was in February about fourteen years ago in the United States that at least two black college students were killed on their South Carolina State College campus in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Heavily armed policemen converged on the campus and fired hundreds of rounds of ammunition into a girls' dormitory. The students had been trying to integrate a bowling alley near their college campus.

These events, only amount in the vast reservoir of black history. The focus, the center, and the heart of this article was only one month

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MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY:

Engineering school in trouble

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Bureau

ANNAPOLIS — An unenthusiastic Senate response to its fiscal year 1985 budget request may dash Morgan State University's hopes for a new engineering program and enhancement funds if sentiments expressed by some senators are an indication of popular legislative opinion.

The university presented its budget requests before the 13-member Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Tuesday afternoon, less than 24 hours after its president, Dr. Andrew L. Billingsley offered his resignation which brings his stormy 8-year tenure to an end on Feb. 15.

Fresh from the furor of a "very poor" rating given the school by a legislative audit, and a sigh of relief from the Maryland legislative Black Caucus which spearheaded the renewed call for his resignation, Dr. Billingsley, Morgan Board of regents President Dr. David Johnson and other university officials defended Morgan's past financial management record and tried to ensure its future before the committee.

Legislators at the budget hearing appeared very concerned about the audit, according to the chairman who added that they seemed to feel there was a relationship between Morgan's desire for an engineering school and the difficulties the school has been experiencing.

"We tried to point out that there is no relationship and that there has been significant progress in some areas and that positive steps have been taken, says Johnson referring to the fact that 15 of the 20 audit recommendations have already been addressed or remedied.

Dr. Johnson says he believes that the members of the committee (which includes two black senators: Clarence W. Blount, vice chairman of the committee and ex-Sen. Tommie Broadwater's replacement, Decatur W. Trotter) had not yet had an opportunity to study the university's 17-page response to the "very poor" financial management rating the school received recently from legislative auditors.

Some committee members appeared extremely skeptical about increasing funding for the school and may assume a "wait and see" posture regarding Morgan's new budget requests which total $16.5 million.

"Some of them would like us to wait until June (when a follow-up audit will be made) but we're interested in the passage of the budget now," says Dr. Johnson.

But Baltimore County Sen. John C. Coolahan says that the university's customary "trust us" budget defense must end and told Dr. Johnson at the hearing that, "last year you said 'trust us' and we did. Now you're back again and we can't buy 'trust me' anymore. Show me," says the senator.

Coolahan recommended that Morgan come before the committee a year from now with a good audit report with most of the management problems corrected.

The senator professes no personal knowledge of Dr. Billingsley's abilities but speculates that the president may have been guilty of relying too heavily on other people to perform certain tasks and failing to monitor them and therefore "must take the heat."

"It's obvious that something in the system has broken down over there and the board (of regents) must take part of the blame," he says.

The senator suggests that perhaps the regents need to be "under some kind of gun" to get the situation straightened out, such as not getting funds until next year.

Committee member Sen. Stewart Bainum, Jr. echoed Coolahan's criticism of the board saying,

"If it were up to me and I was on the State Board for Higher Education SBHE) I would give the entire engineering school to Morgan, 'and only if, we had a change in the trustees (regents)."

Bainuh asserts that the governor is not successful in appointing first class appointees and blames the board for any mismanagement since the president answers to them.

"I foresee the development of approval of funding contingent upon a change in the composition of trustees regents,", Sen. Bainum said.

Bainum hypothesized that the engineering school might be approved if and only if the entire board resigned, with no more than seven of the present regents reappointed, or if a small board was formed.

While he describes Dr. Johnson as "impressive" and others currently on the board as "outstanding," Bainum believes they are in a minority and don't have control of the board.

"You can't blame them. Blame the governor," says Bainum.

Senator Raymond E. Beck also believe Morgan's funding may be conditional.

"I have a feeling there will be cuts and embargoes," he says, with funding delayed until the outcome of the follow - up June audit and a "satisfactory" report.

He too cites the board as responsible for directing the president.

"Billingsley was very respected in the committee as an educator and scholar. I always had a sympathetic feeling that he wasn't the administrator for a major university. You have to be tough, kick a—and take names. That doesn't seem to be in his character," says the senator who adds that the board should not ig-

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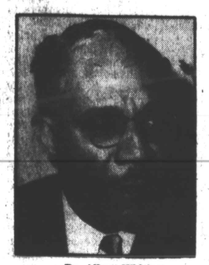
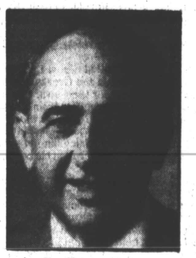


Dr. Albert Whiting



Dr. Thomas Fraser

Among interim president nominees

Two past administrators are among candidates for the interim presidency of Morgan State University.

Drs. Thomas Fraser, a twice-former Morgan interim president, and Albert Whiting, a former dean of the college, and retired president of North Carolina Central University are top contenders for the position.

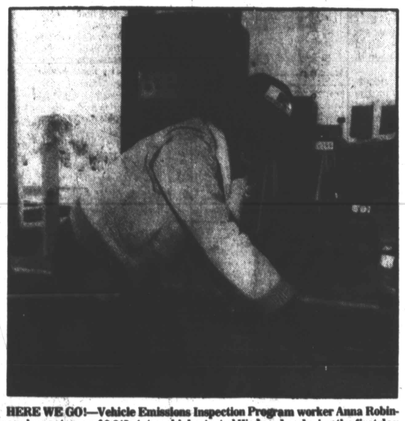
Current president, Andrew Billingsley, resigned Monday night under pressure after a controversial state audit said the university's fiscal rating was "very poor."

Dr. Billingsley's resignation, under pressure, is effective Feb. 15. Regents have approved Billingsley's receiving an additional year's salary and he retains a tenured position on the faculty as a professor of sociology.

Regents expect to have named a temporary president by the time the current president leaves. And, a national search, expected to be slow and careful, will commence in March.

VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION:

How to handle problems



HERE WE GO!—Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program worker Anna Robinson inspects one of 2,942 state vehicles tested Wednesday during the first day of the program.

By Arthur Johnson
AFRO Staff Writer

State officials called the first day of the new Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP), a success with almost 3,000 cars inspected after the one-month delay of the program's start. But the question that arises now is what happens to those "special" cases?

For those with special circumstances that may prohibit the mandated testing when scheduled, Dale Hilliard of the Office of Policy and Program Analysis, Maryland Department of Transportation says that exceptions will be made.

New cars are given one full year from the date of title receipt in which no testing is required.

If you have a new car and receive a notification form for testing, Hilliard advises that vehicle owners check the "OTHER" box on the postcard enclosed with the notification.

"Then write an explanation of the problem and send it in so that the problem can be adjusted," he recommends.

If you have a car that is in a mechanic's garage and is unable to be tested, also check the "OTHER" box on the postcard.

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New phone service in effect

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

Last week, customers could get phones and be charged for how many calls they made. This week, customers can get phones and be charged for how long they talk.

C&P Telephone Company began accepting orders for its new limited local measured service option last Monday.

This option will allow customers to be charged based on the length of time they talk on the phone.

One using the service would pay 3.4 cents for the first minute and 1.3 cents for each additional minute after.

The local measured service would stem off two of the already three existing options offered to C&P customers.

C&P presently offers the flat rate option which charges a user $16.40 for unlimited usage; a 65 call message rate option which charges a user a $9.20 base rate for 65 calls and an additional nine cents for each call after that; and an economy service option where a base rate of $5.40 is paid which allows users of this option to be charged nine cents for each call made.

Under the limited local measured

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Residency bill would hinder black candidates

By Martin Evans
AFRO Staff Writer

The next mayor of Baltimore could come from Baltimore County, or Annapolis, or Cumberland. The mayor could have come from anywhere if a bill which would reduce the minimum residency requirement for mayoral candidates to six months — from the current 10 years — is approved by City Council and Baltimore voters.

But the mayor and several councilpersons think six months is not enough, and that candidates should be long-time residents.

"I don't think six months is proper. I think it would be nice (for candidates) to know the city," Schaefer

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Lottery

The Lotto Jackpot prize for the drawing to be conducted on Feb. 4 will have a single annuity value of approximately $1,000,000.

In the drawing of Saturday, Jan. 28, 1984, there were 88 winners of $1,676 each. These winners correctly matched five of the six winning numbers in that drawing. Also, 4,163 Lotto players won $46.00 each for correctly matching four of the six winning numbers.

The lottery numbers for the week were:

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