Temple University exports teaching skills to Nigeria

PHILADELPHIA — Faculty members from Temple University are helping to strengthen teaching in Nigeria through a major agreement between Temple's College of Education and UNESCO, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organization.

The Temple faculty are bringing to Nigeria the courses and instruction needed to earn a master's degree from the Philadelphia university.

Between now and the end of 1987, about a dozen members of the Temple University graduate faculty will be teaching six to 16 weeks in Calabar, Nigeria.

The program is supported by a $436,000 contract from the United Nations Development Board and administered by UNESCO.

In two earlier programs in recent years, 24 Temple faculty members taught in the Nigerian state of Bendel.

"There is nothing like it in all of Africa," said Dr. Robert E. McCollum, associate professor of early childhood and elementary education and director of the staff development program in Nigeria.

"While we are preparing to offer the same high-quality program that we do in Philadelphia, we have learned how to successfully modify our effort to meet local needs."

Still, the Nigerian educators must meet all of the requirements for a master's degree from the College of Education. There are 10 courses taught by the Temple faculty.

During the first two programs, 173 Nigerians received master's of education degrees from Temple. More than 100 of these graduates are now studying for their doctorates. Eight recently were awarded their doctorates at Temple's main campus.

"A large number of the graduates have been promoted in their colleges to higher positions," Dr. McCollum said.

"Many graduates were promoted to principalships. One graduate has been appointed to a high position in the Federal Ministry of Education.

"Overall, the graduates of the Temple program have made considerable impact on Nigerian education and will continue to do so for a long time," he added.

Dr. McCollum said the primary purpose of the program is to do a better job of teaching educators how to teach reading.

"A student in Nigeria might go through four years of college without books," he said. "They use hand-outs."

The Temple faculty trains the educators to get these students hooked on books.

There are 65 graduate students in the new program, including staff from the Sokoto College of Education, administrators for the Sokoto State Ministry of Education and teachers and principals from throughout the state.

Dr. McCollum started in the program as a teacher in Nigeria in 1976. He became director of the program in 1981.

Temple faculty members who have taught in Nigeria and are serving on the graduate admissions committee for the program in Sokoto are Dr. Jesse A. Rudnick, professor of secondary education, and Dr. Anthony J. Amato, Dr. A. John Fiorino and Dr. Howard E. Blake, each a professor of early childhood and elementary education.

The courses are taught at the College of Education in Sokoto. Temple provides the instructional staff, organizations and teaching services, institutional materials and equipment.

Temple also buys and transports the necessary reference library books, journals and the teaching aids that are not available in Sokoto.

"You work seven days a week," Dr. McCollum said. "The Nigerians thirst for education. They are saying, 'Please help us.' The motivation is high. They will work and work."

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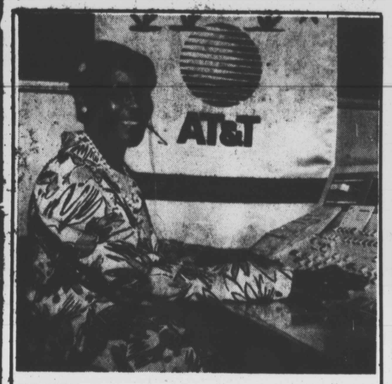

SME TOPS — Kathy Nelson, of Philadelphia, an operator with AT&T, at 1835 Arch St., was awarded AT&T's "Eagle" for extra-ordinary achievement with AT&T's operator services organization. Kathy, a 10-year employee, is married to Melvin and they have a son, Brandon; three daughters, Judith, Helga and Kendra. Kathy is a member of the Germantown Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an organization of veteran company employees.

Seminar stresses business excellence

The joint role of black colleges and business in promoting excellence will be explored at the 9th Annual Seminar of the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) set June 8-11 in Dallas.

The theme of this year's seminar is "Striving for Excellence in Business and Education." It will survey ways of enhancing quality and emphasize the achievement of excellence in academic programs for minority students pursuing careers in business and industry.

This will be accomplished through the presentation of several major plenary sessions, special forums and workshops designed to provide participants with pertinent information that will facilitate the realization of these efforts.

The seminar will feature leading figures in government, business and industry who will share their insights on the current economic and social trends that are shaping the functioning of the business world. Another highlight will be the preview of a special video of the chief executive officers of major corporations who will give their analysis of the impact of changes in their industries on employment opportunities in the future.

Among the topics to be examined are: "changing times and dwindling resources: are black colleges an endangered species?," "preparing for change in the corporate environment" and "old myths and new realities: small and medium size companies as viable employers."

In addition, there will be a "student speak out" session providing minority students with a forum for raising issues of concern and two workshops that are open to the public: one on career awareness for students and another on faculty and industry.

The purpose of BEEP is to provide minority students with a realistic picture of the work world and to ensure their access to education and a variety of business-related experiences that will allow them to compete successfully.

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Community Calendar

League of Women Voters' evening on 'The Bay'

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City will be celebrating Maryland's Primary Elections with a gala fundraiser, a bay cruise on the Lady Baltimore, on Saturday, Sept. 6, 1986. Boarding for the occasion starts at 6 p.m., departure will be at 7 p.m.

As they tour the Harbor and the Bay, participants will enjoy dinner, dancing, and live entertainment.

The cost for the event is $35. Contact the League of Women Voters' office, 889-5353, for more information, or call 235-5688, evenings.

Water your trees!

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks Forestry Division wants to make it known that, because the recent lack of rain, newly planted trees are beginning to die. We are reaching a crisis point and we need the citizens of Baltimore to help.

If you are anywhere near a newly planted tree (less than one year old) it must be watered once a week for one hour, with the water running in a trickle.

Trees older than one year old can be watered when you water your lawn, or hose down your property. Older trees have a more substantial root system.

If you need additional information, call 396-6108.

Preparing taxes for small business

SCORE, The Service Corps of Retired Executives, and IRS, the Internal Revenue Service will present a workshop on income tax preparation for both federal and state returns on May 29. This workshop is designed to assist the small business person in becoming better acquainted with tax rules, regulations and laws. Attendance will give you a better insight on these all important business requirements which should be profitable in the long run. Call SCORE at 962-2233 for details and registration form.

Senior citizens sponsor debate

The Waxter Center for Senior Citizens, 861 Park Ave., is hosting a candidates forum on three Thursdays in June (June 12, 19, 26) for those seeking the elected offices listed below. The forums are open to the public and will be held on the first floor of the center in the Mason Lord Room from 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

YWCA therapy group

The YWCA Counseling Service will sponsor a new group beginning in May. The group is entitled "Group Therapy for Personal Change: A Group for Women." This six-week group will begin Thursday, May 22 and will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the YWCA Woman's Center.

The therapist is June Allen, LCSW, Ph.D. The fee is $12 each 90-minute session. Insurance reimbursement is available for clients whose policies cover mental health services. A screening interview is required.

Each group member will focus on a personal problem and set personal growth goals, identify resources and options, assess potential solutions, and apply problem-solving skills. The group process will assist participants in enhancing their self-esteem, increasing their assertiveness, and improving their decision - making ability.

For a screening appointment or more information, call 268-4393, or 269-0378, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The YWCA Women's Center is located at 167 Duke of Gloucester St. in Annapolis.

Adopt-a-House Day

Adopt-A-House, Inc. a non-profit comprehensive housing service agency, will hold its annual "Adopt-A-House Day" at Pimlico Race Course, Saturday, May 31, 1986.

We will begin the day with a luncheon in the Triple Crown Room. Inclusive with the luncheon; guest will receive admission to the race track, a program, and a reserved terrace box seat, where all will be able to view the running of the "Adopt-A-House, Inc., Race." Following the race, the Director, Doris Johnson, will make a trophy presentation to the winning trainer.

Accountants award minority grants

The National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA) has awarded seven scholarships to "minority" students, ranging from $500 to $1,000 for the 1986-87 school year.

Each NABA seeks to assist students who are aspiring accountants. The recipients for the this year are:

— Marsden Coates, a Morgan State University Junior, Coates has earned numerous other awards including "Semper Merit Award," Distinguished Honor Student, and was on the Dean's list for four semesters.

— Rosetta Durant, a Morgan State University sophomore. She has received awards from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in the Central West Region for her scholastic achievements.

— Veronic Gatewood attends Morgan's Weekend College full time, while raising four children and working full time. She has maintained a 3.8 average and is considered a role model for other working parents.

— Celeste Jones, a Loyola College junior, is a member of the Honors Society and Lambda Alpha Chi.

— Eric Mills, a Bowie State College junior, is a member of the honors program, Delta Mu Delta and was on the Dean's List for 5 consectuive semesters.

— Sharon Miller, a Bowie State College junior and a member of the Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta.

— Pamela Wright, a Towson State University junior with a 4.0 average in accounting. Her other achievements include American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship and Distinguished Scholar of Maryland.

The students were picked by the Baltimore Chapter of NABA due to their outstanding commitment to the field of accounting.

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special guest will be Ethel Ennis, the singer.

There are a number of black veterans who share Mr. Hawkins' enthusiasm for Memorial Day. But the matter is controversial and often mentioned with adverse opinions and ambiguity.

Reginald Kirkland, assistant chief of medical administration services at the Veterans Medical Center, thinks the idea behind Memorial Day, particularly for black veterans, is a big hoax. "There are too many issues that are inadequately addressed," he says. Black unemployment, even among veterans, is one.

Still, he agrees that there should be time set aside to honor those that have "given their lives so others may live." Yet he questions, "What have we done for those who did not die?" All that is being done, he insists, "is a lot of lip service," Black veterans, he concludes, will never be rewarded or recognized for their contributions.

Yet honorably they serve and with hope they die. Since the time of Crispus Attucks, a black man and the first man to die in the American Revolution, they continue to fight, to defend the American credo — "One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This year Memorial Day will be commemorated on Monday, May 26 for the Federal Office and Friday, May 30 for city and state government facilities.

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How To Buy Home Appliances

If you're thinking about buying an appliance, here are some important points to keep in mind.

Before You Go to the Store

Research Products. Do as much research as you can, determining features and the price range by reading consumer magazines and talking to friends.

Comparison shop for prices by telephone or catalogs. Know the item you want *before* you walk into the store.

In the Store

Check Appliance Performance. If a display model does not perform well, check to see if it is adjusted properly *before* you make your selection. For example, ask if a TV is hooked up to an outside antenna. Some stores may not hook up antennas on sale models causing the TVs to have poor reception.

Avoid Impulse Buying. If you are not ready to purchase an appliance, don't. Don't let a salesperson entice you into buying immediately by offering special deals, prices or extras. Often, those "special" deals will be available tomorrow and may not be special at all. The salesperson may offer you a "free" store warranty if you buy today. Don't be fooled — you get what you pay for.

Predetermined Price Ranges. Some merchants have predetermined price ranges within which specific appliances can be sold. For example, an appliance that is tagged with a price of $299 may actually be sold for anywhere between $249 and $299 *at the discretion of the salesperson.*

Salesperson's Commission. If you are being urged to purchase a particular item, especially if you are told that it is much better than an advertised sale item, the salesperson may be motivated by the store's commission plan.

In some stores, a salesperson can earn as much as ten times more money by selling one item rather than another — even though the two items sell for the same price. Look at the price tags to see if the salesperson's commission is listed in a code intended for store personnel. For example, "FEQOOO20" may mean that the salesperson's commission is $20.

Exclusive Model Numbers. You may be told that if you find the same appliance elsewhere for less money, the difference will be refunded to you. This guarantee is meaningless when the model numbers and brand names are "exclusive" to the store you're in. Many stores sell merchandise with exclusive brand names or model numbers so that consumers can't comparison shop. Ask about this.

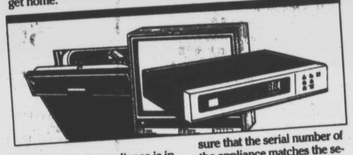
Avoiding Surprises Once You've Chosen Your Appliance

Used Appliances Sold as New. Ask the salesperson when the appliance was manufactured; if it is a current year model; whether the appliance has been previously repaired; and if it was a floor model. The model year is often printed on a label on the back of the appliance. Check it when you get home.

At Home

Read Warranties. Read and understand the manufacturer's warranty.

Check Serial Numbers. Make sure that the serial number of the appliance matches the serial number on the carton and on your sales receipt.



Make sure the appliance is in a sealed carton. If it has to be opened before you leave the store, or you wish to test it, be sure to be present when it is opened.

Check Model Numbers. Check the outside of the carton to make sure the model number of the appliance corresponds to the model number on the box.

Return Policies. Find out the store's return policy. They vary greatly among stores. Merchants must post their refund policies on a sign in their stores or print it on a tag attached to the product or on your receipt.

Previously Repaired? If you have any reason to believe that the appliance has been previously repaired, call the manufacturer or its local representative. Most manufacturers will know because a warranty claim form will have been submitted.

Thoroughly Check Out the Appliance. Use all features on your new appliance immediately so that you will discover any problems within the warranty period.

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5 Buying Tips

1. Know what you need *before* you go to the store. Rely on your research, not on a sales pitch.
2. Beware of high pressure sales techniques
3. Because many stores sell exclusive brand model numbers which make comparison shopping impossible.
4. Know the store's policy on salespeople's commissions (see article).
5. Avoid impulse buying.

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