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Urban League Banquet

Pictured at left are Cleveland Hammond, center, receives an award from Vernon Barkstall, Urban League president, and Alvin Griggs, NAACP executive.

Pictured below are scholarship recipients recognized at the Urban League banquet.

Photos by
Eugene Suggs



Campus/Community Marriage Exists

by Bruce Nesbitt

Most certainly! I would argue that there is an on-going nuptial tie in place in spite of the unwelcomed interference to suppress its growth and development. And I do believe it will survive like most good marriages in spite of the usual negative and built-in prejudices often alined with its existence. Like any good marriage you will have people dipping and judging what the relationship should be in lieu of supporting its potential and reaching out to help it along. For these reasons often there is a dismal portrayal of such a relationship blossoming or forging ahead.

The media does not effectively point out that such a marriage has survived for years with both ups and downs, yet still bonded. If for no reason than it's a natural phenomenon borne out of the necessity for both parties to consume and share the resources adequately afforded by Urbana-Champaign, at large. It is a marriage that at times of convenience or as an avenue for extended gossip (for lack of

something else to do) typically suffers and loses its credibility.

Remember that the positive things synonymous to this relationship are not highlighted like the Prince Charles/Lady Diane affair in italized hype nor approached with the same enthusiasm. (Very much a part of the problem). This marriage will continue to draw heat and withstand barrages of negativism until somebody reaches out and orientates the general public and incoming student and faculty (upon arrival) about the history, evolution, and progress of this kinship. It must be an effort afforded not as a "stop-gap measure" but a continuous devoid of malious, passed-on, stereo-typed misinformation. This marriage needs to be nurtured and fed like any good marriage. It does exist! Why try to break it up, why not build it up... it's not going anywhere. That's time well spent.

Is there a relationship? Oh yes! One that has endured the years. One that reached out to in-coming students for years

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State Trooper Claims Innocence

In an exclusive interview with Alan J. Douglas, former Illinois State Trooper, an attempt to accurately report the facts and issues surrounding his arrest for delivery of a controlled substance and armed violence on September 9, 1988. Though the armed violence charges were dropped he still faces sentencing for the class X felony of delivering cocaine. This sentencing will take place on Thursday, April 27. A follow-up is forthcoming.

Herald Reporter: How did you plea and why?

Douglas: I plead not guilty because I believe that I am not guilty.

Herald Reporter: After all this, would you opt to help a friend (or anyone for that matter) out of a disastrous predicament? If so why?

Douglas: I would help a friend out of predicament after this I'd chose other means or other ways to aid someone.

Herald Reporter: How does it feel to have Greg Sample (a 4-time convicted criminal) serve as the prosecutor's lead witness?

Douglas: Difficult to put into words. I've known Greg for a long time (since 85) and I've helped him in many ways. I've helped him financially, I've talked to him, I've sat with him when he's cried. So... it hurts.

Herald Reporter: Why do you think there was no documentation whatsoever sup-

porting the accusations of drug trafficking prior to Greg Sample's arrest on Sept. 1?

Douglas: There just wasn't any. The first thing we learned from the State Police is "Write it down." If there was an investigation, it should have been written down. If there were informants, their names should have been known. And for the Chief of Detectives to say he forgot and can't remember names and things like that it's beyond me.

Herald Reporter: Do you think the jury made their judgments strictly based on the statements made by Sample?

Douglas: No. The jury based their decisions on other evidence presented by the state. I think it's a victory that it took close to 6 hours in deliberation by the jury.

Herald Reporter: How as this a victory?

Douglas: The reason being that I did admit to delivering the amount of cocaine right before the jury went in to deliberations. They were instructed to deliberate on whether I delivered the amount of cocaine and 10 minutes before they went in deliberations I said that I did it. So they should have had more-or-less an open and shut case.

Herald Reporter: Do you feel this investigation, with regards to State Troopers in general, was handled according to routine procedures? i.e. were

other investigations of troopers facing these types of accusations (drug trafficking) handled in the same manner in which this one was.

Douglas: No. It was stated by, Lieutenant Murphy of the Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) that this case was handed differently.

Herald Reporter: In your opinion, why didn't the state present all of its evidence? i.e. videotapes — Do you think this may have revealed the truth?

Douglas: Yes, they would have revealed the truth. They

would have been destructive to their case. The videotapes would have contradicted everything they tried to prove.

Herald Reporter: Since your residence was videotaped, why do you think the search of your residence was not also taped and entered as evidence?

Douglas: I'm really not sure. I, in fact was supposed to be there when they searched my residence. There was an agreement that was reached between Detective Hood and myself in front of others, when he ok'd the conditions of my apartment

being searched. Once we got here, they took me to jail and since I was not there, so I have no idea why they would just videotape the house and not the search. Furthermore, it is convenient that there are no recordings of any of the phone calls between us, in which Greg pleads with me to buy drugs.

Herald Reporter: Were you ever tested for drugs? Did they ever request you be tested for drugs?

Douglas: I was tested for drugs in the process before

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For the past several weeks you have seen the "Voice" make a number of changes which were done to provide our readers and this community the best in journalistic coverage. In line with this objective we have made several staff and management changes. In addition we have extended our news coverage to include Vermilion County as well as give this newspaper a new name. On behalf of the management and our staff we would like to extend our sincerest appreciation for your continued support and encouragement. We look forward to working with each of you to make Champaign and Vermilion County better places to live for all its residents.

Trooper Claims Innocence

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becoming a State Trooper, while at the Academy, after arrested I volunteered to be tested for drugs. Each and every time (at least 3) I have been tested for drugs the results have been negative.

Herald Reporter: Why do you think Leslie Lakus (Sample's girlfriend) was never subpoenaed to testify?

Douglas: I'm not sure. We attempted to get Leslie to testify and she told me that the State's Attorney or someone in that office told her that she could not

testify.

Herald Reporter: Were you ever told why you were suspended without pay?

Douglas: NO.

Herald Reporter: Did you have any drugs or money on your person at the time of the arrest?

Douglas: No, I had no drugs. I had around \$19, which if you're involved in drugs actively I find it is very unusual for someone not to either make money or keep drugs. It just isn't done.

Herald Reporter: Were you

ever asked why you made the purchase?

Douglas: I tried to explain my mind-set around what I did. But, it also fell upon deaf ears. They just weren't concerned.

Herald Reporter: Were you ever confronted about the accusations of trafficking drugs prior to your arrest?

Douglas: No. When I graduated from the Academy, I used to live on Edgebrook (in North Champaign). I was told by a few of my training officers and the lieutenant that they really didn't like the area and they thought it was not an ideal place to have your squad car parked. And that drugs were probably being dealt in the area.

Herald Reporter: According to Sample's testimony he hadn't seen you in 3 to 5 months. He also says he purchased cocaine from you 4 to 5 times daily, totalling 200 to 300 times. Sample further stated that you were the only one he purchased drugs from. Do you think he stopped during the time he hadn't see you?

Douglas: When I went away to the Academy I was gone 16 weeks — who was he buying it from then (I guess he stopped). After I left the Academy and at the request of my Supervisor I moved and combined with the time I spent at the Academy I hadn't seen Greg in almost a year or more. Who was he buying drugs from then? It just doesn't make sense.

Herald Reporter: How do you account for the huge discrepancy of how many times

(200-300 vs. less than 9 times over a 5-year period) Samples ever got drugs from you?

Douglas: The only way I can even come close, the only idea I have is the fact that Greg's been arrested for selling drugs before. This would have been his second felony arrest for drugs. He's been arrested on warrant before, he's been arrested 2 or 3 times driving on suspended license. So, he was in a real tough position and he had to do something to get out of it. And he had to make it good and that was just part of it.

Herald Reporter: Why wasn't entrapment even considered an issue or alternative?

Douglas: I don't know. There is a term called predisposition. I guess what that means is that the state says it's something I would have done regardless they just gave me the opportunity.

Herald Reporter: How do you feel about your personal diary being made issue during the trial?

Douglas: I think it is difficult to have a person such as Cynthia Hirsch, who female, she's white, comes from a different background — lifestyle, knows very little about police work, less about drugs, and nothing about me. So for her to stand up and attempt to interpret my diary is ludicrous.

Herald Reporter: You say she knows little about police work. In her profession one would dare to venture that she must have some knowledge about police work.

Douglas: Oh, without a

doubt, she knows about presenting cases. The actual on-goings of the police I don't think she is very knowledgeable in.

Herald Reporter: Why?

Douglas: First of all, because she hasn't had the training. It's just now what she does.

Herald Reporter: In your view, why are there still so many unanswered questions?

Douglas: They're unanswered because the state's left them that way. If the state presented all the evidence they had, I wouldn't need a lawyer. There are a lot of things that no one's going to hear anything about. You're not going to hear anything about the field operatives that they had. Frequenting places that I would normally go on a weekend or something, asking people about Alan Douglas' selling drugs. They got no information that's why you're not going to hear anything about that.

Herald Reporter: How would you sum up this entire experience? What advice or guidance or insight can you share?

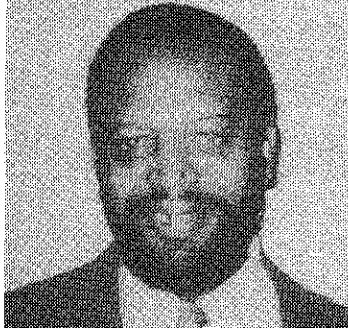
Douglas: Gosh. It's been a long ordeal. They say you're only as strong as your last test. I feel pretty strong. I don't have anything profound to say as far as advice is concerned. Seems to me that one day we're going to wake up and find out that there's a lot more people involved in drugs or having problems with drugs then we have jails to house them.

Citizen of the Week

Joseph Page, President of Illini Lincoln-Mercury is not only an astute businessman but also a loving father to his two daughters Kimberly and Courtney and a dedicated husband to his wife Linda. His impact in the Afro-American community is evident by his recent recognition as an outstanding contributor to the Don Moyers Boys Club. Joseph believes in the work that goes on at the Boys Club is twofold. Number one, it allows area children a safe environment. Number two, it allows them to constructively direct their time. By contributing time and money to the Don Moyers Boys Club, Joe Page is making an investment in the future leaders of Champaign County. If you will, join the Herald in applauding the Citizen of the Week, Joe Page.



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Human Services Coordinating Council of Champaign County, and the Youth Committee of the Human Services Council.

All Unit 4 parents and interested community members are invited to hear Kim and the other "Four Our" speakers. Other workshops scheduled include Activities for Children to Do this Summer at the Champaign Boys Club, Girls Club, Champaign Public Library, McKinley YMCA and the Champaign Park District; How to Buy a Home Computer at Discount Prices; Easy No-Heat Recipes to Make when the Temperature Soars; How to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader; and Early Childhood Development Activities.

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Nader to speak at CCHCC dinner

The Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC) is a grassroots, community-based organization which has been the consumers' voice on health care issues for 12 years. More than 4,000 area members, many whom are minority people, have joined CCHCC to make the health care system responsive to the needs of consumers, regardless of race, income or class. Many of the members of the Afrikan-American community know CCHCC as a progressive organization which has focused uniquely on the health concerns of the poor. CCHCC is also

known as an immensely culturally diverse group. CCHCC has fought to secure 'free' or charity care programs at all of the local hospitals; uncovered and stopped illegal billing of Medicaid patients at Mercy Hospital in 1979; established the Medicare 100/Plus program with Burnham Hospital that has saved thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses for Medicare patients greatly assisting our local senior populations; in 1986 worked to pass the "Health Care For All" referendum in Urbana calling on medical institutions to adopt a non-discrimination policy;

won a class action complaint with the U.S. Office for Civil Rights forcing Carle Foundation Hospital to sign an agreement expanding their Medicaid service area; negotiated a sliding-scale prenatal program with the Trupin practice when the C.I.P.P. program lost funding and Frances Nelson Health Center had only one prenatal program; and for the last several months has worked extensively with issues related to the Burnham/Mercy merger which will disproportionately have a negative effect on health services provided to Black people who are low-income, women

and Medicaid recipients.

CCHCC, however, is not all business. Once a year, this unique organization likes to 'party.' An annual Conference and Awards Dinner is sponsored by the group. This year's conference entitled "Picking Up the Pieces: Health Care in the 90s" will be a half-day event from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Illini Union (A,B,C Rooms) in Urbana, Illinois. This event is free to the public and child care is provided. Evening events include a special reception for nationally acclaimed Consumer Activist, Ralph Nader. Ralph Nader has been a consumer activist for over 20 years and singularly spearheaded the American consumer movement that acts as a watchdog for the public's interest and safety. His name is synonymous with auto safety, public and consumer health issues, and safety concerns in general. Nader will be the Keynote Speaker for the Awards Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the Awards Dinner are \$20.00 but some low-income and/or free tickets are available.

According to the State of the County Report 1987, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (January), 38% of Black families were maintained by women alone, compared with 6.1% of Caucasian families. According to the Regional Planning Commission report, there is a difference of about \$10,000 between the average Black and Caucasian family income, and one primary reason for this disparity is the high proportion of Black families headed by women with no husband present and the low incomes of these families. With severely low incomes, obtaining health insurance and paying the ever-rising cost for health care services is practically impossible. Health insurance for the average Black family can be costly. Health care accessibility and affordability is crucial to all people but its impact is felt greater among minorities and the poor. Since the impact is disproportionately greater on Black people in this community (as well on a state and national level), it has become imperative for the Black community to become educated on the crisis in the health care delivery system here in our community. This is an issue which will impact upon the very quality of the lives of Black people.

CCHCC will offer an opportunity to obtain information about the crisis in health care today in our community at the upcoming Annual Conference and Awards Dinner.

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and housed them when they had no place to go and were denied by the same people that accepted them here. Yes, there is a history of this marriage that speaks to the comfort of the Black churches North of University Avenue that lifted the yoke that burdened them. Yes, there is a history of community intervention and its motivating forces to cause a program like S.E.O.P. (Special Education Opportunities Program) to even exist. It was community activists who initially called upon the University to make the adjustment for some 500 students of that program to attend here, while we personally opened our doors, and fed many of them.

Yes, there is a relationship when for lack of community resources or facilities we are privileged (as taxpayers) to share the University's facilities and establish within the workplace and social quarters — views, news, and opinions as to how we as a people can help all of us and not just a selected few. It is not necessary for us to always go to each other's house

or each other's affairs for us to have a relationship so don't become dependent on that or establish it as a criteria for existence, because its not. Better remember, we as community are fortunate to have benefitted by the experience of the student's presence and involvement. They have learned to share the wealth and wisdom of churches, ventured into the community and carry out service projects of a varied nature, and fellowshipped as hosts on campus. They enjoy working with our youth and seniors in the community and have made a practice of it. Tutoring is a key contribution in the giving and sharing of this marriage which is also often afforded by the students. So, yes its working... it's just not highlighted! Its personal yet warrants publicity because of the doubting, the socially unenhanced, and the procrastinators who thrive on idle gossip and unfounded evidence to break it down.

No, its not the perfect marriage, but it is a relationship that requires collective nourishment and care for it to be an acceptable marriage in the eyes of the beholders. How do we fit?

I speak from a viewpoint of being from this community since birth and as an eighteen year service worker at the University exposed to the student, faculty and staff and find both instances are rewarding and an opportunity for me to continue growing. Both forces this marriage have contributed to its well being and both sides have a lot more to give. No it's not near perfect... but pertinent to the question it does exist and we should grow to accept that. And above all respect it!

Often a foolish conclusion determines this marriage, centered around who is better than who, because of what — for what? Don't get caught up in that or we'll continue to self-destruct and suffer as a people.

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Rappin'

by Steve Burdine

"If the press holds up a mirror to society, as is often said, it is a cracked mirror reflecting distorted images"...This quote came from an April 14th USA Today story written by Barbara Reynolds....

She quoted the following statistics:

* Women, who represent 52% of the population, are quoted on the front page of newspapers only 11% of the time....

* Only 6% of the top media bosses are female

* The average female employee earns 64% of what her male counterpart earns....

* And 54% of the

newspapers hire no minorities...those that do don't promote them...95.5% of newsroom managers are white...

According to Barbara Reynolds and I quote: "These numbers show that white males are having a great time quoting each other, controlling content, cutting women out of fair salaries and promotions, and excluding minorities from the "free press" altogether." (End of Quote)....

Think about that the next time you seek media coverage for an event or wonder why minority related stories are usually negative...Those people who influence society's agenda

still don't think enough about us to include us....

Information like this should make you appreciate all minority related programming and appreciate "The Champaign-Vermillion County Herald" even more....

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Congratulations go out to Vivian Harris. Vivian has been chosen as a student member of the Illini Media Company's Board of Directors...Maybe now...with some black representation, I might get "Rappin'" reinstated on WPGU...Keep an ear open...

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You're all invited to mark your calendars and tell your

friends that the Omnimov Dancers will be hosting their spring performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 5th in room 112, Gregory Hall....

This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to come out....Omnimov is coordinated by Sadira Muhammad and Lisa Thomas....For more information, call 333-2092...333-2092....

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All May, August and December black graduates at the University of Illinois are encouraged to sign up for the 1989 Black Congratulatory Program...This program is sponsored by the Afro-American Cultural Program...It will be held at 8 p.m. on May 20th in the Foellinger Auditorium....

Sign ups are being held at the Afro-American Cultural Center, 708 South Mathews in Urbana. The registration deadline is May 12th...There is a \$5 registration fee...For more info, call 333-2092...333-2092.

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Finally, there has been a lot of talk about the Arsenio Hall program. Many people in these parts would love to see it. You have a few options...First, start a petition drive. This would show the proper people that there is an audience for the program...Secondly, you can call the general manager at channel 3...The Arsenio Hall show is a CBS program....

In the recent ratings, Arsenio moved past Pat Sajak into the number two slot behind Johnny Carson....

Now, if we can just convince the people in charge that we deserve to see a program featuring a black host. That my friends, is still tough in the neck of the woods....

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Some questions for you to ponder:

1) Do you care enough about the Arsenio Hall program to start a petition drive?

2) If you don't care enough to do something about it, why should anybody else?

3) Have you ever taken a serious look at what the media presents to us on a daily basis?

4) What do you do when it's "their way or the highway"?

5) Have you started looking for a summer job?

6) Can the Lakers make it three in a row?

7) Did it bother you about the rumors that were spread about Louis Oliver during the NFL draft?

8) Take a moment and discuss current events with your children. Do they know what's happening in the world around them?

You ponder those while I encourage all of you who are interested in making the local Martin Luther King Junior Celebration a city holiday to call Mr. Barnes at 344-9213...344-9213....

Until next we rap, for "Rappin'", I'm Steve Birdine....

Rappin' airs weekly on K-104, WLRW and daily on WBML Radio.

We're God's children

by Alicia B. Gilmore

One day we'll all wake up and realize that we're just all black folks. Just plain ole black children of GOD. No one any bigger, no one any better, no one any richer and no one any poorer.

My mother attended the U of I in the Sixties when it was not acceptable for blacks to live in the residence halls. She lived with a family on what is now called the "north end." If she wanted to attend the University there just wasn't any other choice. At that time the community of Champaign-Urbana and the Black students (few and far between) at the U of I exemplified solidarity. Boy, I bet those were the days.

Next, in the middle Seventies my sister attended the U of I. At that time, it seemed that there was unity at least among the blacks on campus. I do know of some community involvement, but, I'm not sure to what extent. Yes the "Greeks" did some service projects in the community and things like that. But, I'm not real certain about the relationships (if any) that were built.

Then I came to the great U of I. That was in 1980. The blacks lacked solidarity, but at least they spoke to each other. There were "cliques" all over the place; the cuties, the darkies, the Alpha's, the Ques, the this and the that. You were made to feel that you were no one if you didn't belong to some group. They even coined a name for folks who were not affiliated with a Greek organization (GDI, i.e. Got Da — Independent). This is the main problem. The students of the eighties lack self-concept and self-esteem; they aren't sure who they are, so it's easier to identify with a particular group. Why? Because Greeks act a certain way, cuties act a certain way, etc.

So quite naturally, the message that is sent to the Champaign/Urbana community is one of mixed emotions. Some are enraged at the attitudes of the Black U of I students; some are "jealous" of the opportunities which are not afforded to them; while yet still others, try to imitate something which not only they are not sure of, but the models are not cer-

tain of themselves. In the words of Robert Townsend, "It's a Black Thing." That's right, a thing for all Blacks to personally commit ourselves to changing; a thing for all blacks to actively participate in. In other words...we ourselves as Blacks have to change our own attitudes and shape our own future. We owe it to our children to bestow upon them a legacy. I do not understand what this legacy will be. Do you have any idea what legacy the people of the Eighties will leave behind? Is it a positive legacy upon which one can build?

So...where are we now. Well, the general attitudes I see being portrayed are: I've got mine, so you better get yours; It's my world, you're all squirrels chasing nuts; Do unto others, like they do unto you. WAKE UP!!! Change your attitudes!!! We all need to do that. We need to love one another not stifle one another. Men—love your sisters. Women—love your brothers. My Brothers and Sisters I urge you to learn, live, and above all love all of GOD's children.

"Townie" disturbs me!

by Monica Copeland
Courtesy of Daily Illini

As a student at a predominantly white Big Ten University, I constantly find myself surrounded by the attitudes of black and white classmates who feel that they are better than the "townies," the people in the community.

Usually, "townie" has negative connotations. It seems to be associated with people who may not be professionals or educated.

I am disturbed by this attitude because it seems to be in-

creasing among college students. This attitude is especially disturbing among black college students and upwardly mobile professionals, popularly known as Ruppies.

Some college students think of themselves as an elite class above the townies. Their only concerns are "I," "me" and "mine."

The main concerns for many college students are not fighting racism and discrimination, helping the poor and disadvantaged or improving poverty-

stricken and deteriorating communities.

In the '80s, the main concern of many college students is not what can I do for my country, but what can I do for myself. It's a race to see who can make the biggest salary, who can buy the biggest condo and who can buy the most expensive car.

Some people will enter a career that they do not enjoy simply because they'll make a big salary.

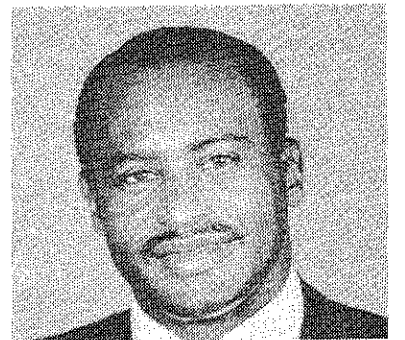
Some may say this attitude comes from living in the Reagan era. I don't know, but it wouldn't be surprising to me. This attitude is consistent with an administration that says there are no hungry people in this country and that some black leaders describe as turning back the clock on civil rights.

Don't get me wrong. I'd like to have a BMW. I like Gucci. I like Giorgio. I like gold and diamonds. However, more than designer names and expensive cars, I want to do something that I enjoy. I want to give something back to the townies and working class people that

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Senior Service Program started

The Seniors in Community Service Program (SCSP) started in Champaign County in October 1978. The program which is sponsored through the National Urban League and funded by the Department of Labor has grown from 58 enrollee slots of 61 enrollee slots in 1989.

The key word in explaining the purpose and goal of the program is employment. SCSP provides part-time employment or internships in community service jobs for mature adults 55 years of age and older in the Champaign County area. These internships are a training step to

prepare senior citizens to obtain permanent employment outside of the program.

During the internship, the enrollees are provided with job training to upgrade their existing skills or to acquire new skills. These internships are set up in not-for-profit agencies throughout Champaign County. Job training opportunities include but are not limited to education, transportation, recreation & parks, senior centers, nutrition sites, radio & communication, nursing home outreach, and many social services.

To be eligible for the program one must be 55 or older, live in Champaign County and meet the income guidelines set by the Department of Labor. SCSP also provides additional financial support to the enrollees of the program. Each enrollee is paid \$3.37 per hour for each hour spent at the worksite in training. Training can include specialized classes at the Urbana Adult Education Center or Parkland College, and in-service training at the worksite. Any tuition, fees, or book charges are absorbed by the program.

Other services to seniors include yearly physical examinations and referrals to other agencies to assist enrollees if needed in the areas of housing, health, food, etc... Seniors also receive assistance with job related and personal problems through counseling provided by ACSP counseling staff; and assistance with jobseeking, job development, and placement into permanent unsubsidized employment at the end of their training in SCSP.

One intangible but very important benefit received by the senior citizens in the program is the renewed sense of personal worth they receive by contributing directly to the betterment of their community through their community service job. This gives them back that structured work day which provides so much relevance to their daily lives. At present, we have established worksites at forty-five not-for-profit agen-

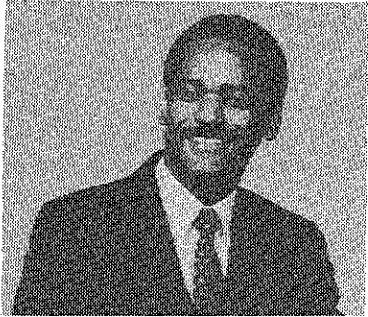
cies throughout Champaign County. This includes Rantoul, Homer, Sidney, Mahomet, Penfield as well as Champaign and Urbana.

Over the ten years the program has operated in Champaign County it has provided needed services to many not-for-profit agencies in the community which they could not otherwise have afforded.

The SCSP program was recognized by the National Urban League SCSP and have received numerous accommodations for the work it has done in transitioning job ready enrollees into unsubsidized permanent employment. Each year the program has met its placement goal of 30% of those it has served.

Additionally, the staff has formed linkages with other aging providers locally — JTPA, University of Illinois, Parkland, Urbana Adult Education and the Regional Office of Education, and statewide.

Rice spearheads Scout drive



Ted Rice

The influences of TV on Afro-Americans youths has affected Ted Rice so deeply, until Ted has taken a stand. Ted Rice has spearheaded a drive and has chartered a Boy Scout Troop at one of the local churches. He aims to mold and shape those young minds with a different set of values. Values that instill acceptance of responsibilities, completion of tasks, and achievement of goals. The method most highly recommended by Ted is by example,

which is illustrated by the practices of doing what's right, doing the best you can do, and treating others the way you wanted to be treated.

Being territorial manager for Scott Paper Co. in Central Illinois and sharing duties as a husband and father is demanding duties with his wife Clementine, and daughters Candace and Kearston has inabled Ted to deal honestly, spiritually and emotional with life in general.

Still, he's compelled to make a difference in the community via the Boy Scouts. The Scouts high visibility and proven track record of utilization of discipline, of leadership, and of character are credible. The young boys that are joining are in need of the kind of direction that scouting offers. Their needs are equally as great as areas of funding. Ted says "Most of our kids come from

black households and are under financial burdens. It takes about \$50 to outfit each kid." Ted also continues to say that "A concerned citizen could underwrite the effort, gain a tax advantage, and in the Boy Scout tradition to a good deed. Community involvement is essential in all areas.

If you tell a child that he can, then that child will think that he can. If you tell a child that he can't, then that child will think that he can't. Ted, tells them that they can. They can dream and work towards that dream. They can HOPE and work towards that hope. They can pray and their prayers will be answered. Because He believes that God is able.

Anyone wishing to help may call 367-2158 or come by Canaan Baptist Church, 402 Main, Urbana at 6:30 each Thursday. The boys and Ted Rice are waiting, so don't pass them by.



Mrs. Ruth Baker (l) smiles as she receives an award from Mrs. Pat Henry, Project Director for Senior Services Program.

'Townie' disturbs me!

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allowed me to be where I am today.

So many of us forget that it was our uneducated and unpolished grandfathers, grandmothers, parents, aunts and uncles that opened the doors for us to attend the University and live in the suburbs.

They scrubbed floors and raised our white friend's parents. They were bitten by

dogs, hosed down by hostile police, beaten, bombed and sometimes killed so that their children could have better lives.

They may not have had a Ph.D. or MBA, but they had common sense which many of us lack today.

They didn't need Dr. Spock to tell them how to raise their children. Some had large families, but they had no problems controlling their children. Now, we have one 2-year-old

and we say, "Honey, he's a mess. I just can't do a thing with him." They didn't have a degree in child psychology or big salaries to buy their children designer jeans, but they gave them love and taught them respect for their elders.

My grandmother raised 13 children. In the backwoods of Louisiana, the illuminating light of career and educational achievement were dim for a black woman with 13 children and not even a high school diploma.

My grandfather didn't think that education was important + he thought his daughters would


be wives and his sons would be farmers. But my grandmother realized the importance of education. She made sure that each of her children received an education. Some went to college or received advanced degrees. Because of her sacrifices, her granddaughter can go to the University.


And now we have the nerve to look down on people who don't have college educations or who work with their hands. What nerve. Instead of looking down, we should be lifting up. Lifting up our hands in thanks and lifting up our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate.

underprivileged child to a movie and then forget about them."

I commend college students who take time out of their busy schedules to help others. But helping others should be more than just a floor activity, fraternity function or something to put on your resume.

You should be your best. Society always needs more qualified doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. But while you're climbing the ladder of success, don't burn down the bridges that brought you across. You may have to return that way again, sooner than you think.

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Health Tips from Tymme

by
Tymme
M. Mitchell



Walking has caught on and walking past running. There are walker's clubs, walk-a-thons,

striders clubs, etc... I know that all of you runners out there are saying, "I just can't walk, I feel as though I am not getting enough exercise. I need to sweat."

I must admit, I am a walking enthusiast. I walk 4 to 5 miles a day during the week and 9 to 10 miles on the weekends. On occasions, Georgia Womble (my walking buddy) and I have managed to walk as many as 21

miles some weekends.. Therefore, you can consider my view point somewhat biased. In order to be fair, I have researched the situation and will present the facts to you.

However, let me further state that I have been walking off an on for over 14 years. In the last two years, I have become more dedicated and have promised myself that I will remain dedicated for life. My own experiences have taught me a "never to be forgotten," lesson. After the birth of 5 children, I, "we never know how), managed to get my then 116 pound body up to 320 obese pounds. Frustrated with years of efforts to lose weight, I decided to learn why people got fat. I dieted for years, probably losing a thousand pounds over a few years period of time. Finally, while taking courses at the university, I added health and nutrition, biology, physiology, chemistry and fitness to my curriculum. In addition, I read everything on the subject of obesity that I could get my hands on. I took Parkland's physical ed classes and started a running program. Well, I ran into problems, shin splints, muscle cramps, etc.... So I stopped running and began to take brisk walks. Much to my surprise, I lost even more weight. Even though I needed this exercise program because I was overweight, I also has irregular heart rythms. The improvement of my heart rate was remarkable.

Well known physicians have done extensive research in physiology and cardiac

rehabilitation and have come up with the following facts:

Walking became popular because it has been discovered that you can develop cardiovascular fitness and firm muscles without risk of injury. One institution, in a survey, discovered that 1,233, high impact aerobic dance students and 58 instructors, 43 percent of the students and 75 percent of the instructors had been injured. Walkers, by comparison never get injuries. The average person walks about 125,000 miles in a life time - a distance equal to walking around the world five times.

Make your goal to do some weekly walking to improve the efficiency of your heart. To benefit from your exercise, do it at a low impact aerobic level. You must walk at a brisk rate 3 to 5 times a week. If you weigh 150 pounds, you will burn 400 to 500 calories during one hour of walking. If you walk an hour a day, you'll burn 3,600 calories in 9 days. There are 3,500 calories ina pound of fat, which means you'll burn lose at least a pound every 9 days. Of course, coupled with proper eating habits and a variety of stretching exercises, you will increase your weight loss.

Running actually burns less calories. This has to do with the body movement as you run. It is extremely important that you walk for an hour because studies have shown that for the first half hour of exercise you burn carbohydrates only. Fat do not even start to burn for

half an hour.

A walking program is good for your health because it relieves stress, and there is no risk of sudden death while walking. When you run, your foot strikes the ground with a force 3 to 5 times greater than your body weight - this can cause shin splints, pulled muscles, back pain and knee injury. When you walk, your foot touches the ground with a force equal to your body weight.

One of the theories on the incidence of running injuries involve chemicals called endorphins. These chemicals are produced in the brain during intense physical exercise and they have a mood-elevating and tranquilizing effect on the body. Runners experience it at increased level, a phenomenon termed "runners high." Unfortunately, the runner will not feel pain. If he were to experience a heart attack, he may not know it until it is too late, (this was found to possibly be the case with Jim Fixx, the avid world famous runner).

Walking also produces endorphins which is why it relieves stress - but it is produced at a more moderate level.

More Americans are realizing that they don't have to be gladiators. We should exercise, but enjoy it. Walk, Don't Run.

Research for this article was taken from Fred A. Stutman, M.D., author of several books on exercise.

No marriage seen

by
Gladys
Pelmore



The marriage between the University of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana community...

No relations, no strings attached and no marriages.

Our young adults both males and females are pushed away from the entertainment life and

of course education will always be put back on the burner...

Jobs are at the University of Illinois, but who would come out and recruit??? We in the community do have to work too...

Employees are locked into a position — for employees with hours earned it gets harder and harder to advance — it's a fight when ever you wish to advance...

So, no relations, no strings attached and no marriages for the University of Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana community.

2 communities exist

by
Ophelia
Phillips



I have worked on this campus many years and have yet to see a relationship between campus and the community. They seem to be two separate communities, especially when it comes to hiring and advancement practices that are based on quotas, rather than qualification. It is easy to feel

that the only relationship you have with the campus is your job.

Many not working on campus could not feel any connection between the two.

I realize that there are positive and negative aspects of any issue. The positive is having a job on campus and the negative is being the constant struggle for advancement and recognition. THIS MEANS THE COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS REMAIN SEPARATED.



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Pastor's Corner

Leaders distort church duties!

by Rev. W.B. Keaton
Pastor of
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"The least of these by brethren"

It never ceases to amaze me how leaders of the oldest institution of our society — have overtly and covertly — sought to distort, abuse and to literally manipulate the purpose and functioning of the institutional church. It goes without saying that the churches ultimate and paramount objective is to "save souls" not necessarily in the

traditional, (not excluding it) conventional sense, but to convey the idea that the church is limited to saving souls is down right diabolical — Jesus proposed to make men whole and to make a man whole means you will have to "minister to the whole man." There is not the remotest conveyance of such subjective thought in the teaching of Jesus Christ. Yes the church is a spiritual and not a physical organism but man's social well being is also an integral part of its spiritual goals.

These facts are profoundly manifested in the parable to by Jesus in one of His discourses on echotology. He indicates

that our present and future relationship with Him will be tempered by how we treat our fellow man — "the least of these my brethren." The hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and even those who were prison bound: Jesus stated emphatically and unequivocally that "when we minister to the least of these my brethren—we do it unto Him." Now that is crystal clear. The church leader who does not subscribe to that doctrine is in for a rude awakening. More over Jesus never attempted to provide spiritual needs of mankind without first taking care of our physical need. A

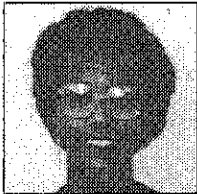
classic example of this is when He fed five thousand on the lonely plains of Gallilee — lack of food declared and His disciples declared—"Send them away." Jesus rebuked them and proceeded to work a miracle with the two fishes and five barley loaves of bread. The essence of this event can be found in the fact that they were physically suffering from malnutrition and Jesus ministered to their immediate need — first. Now this isn't to convey the idea that our physical are foremost — Jesus declared man shall not live by bread (and meat) alone. But what I'm trying to say is both

are essential and in fact — inseparable. Finally it might be imperative that we remember that it is not an either or situation but rather both, man's body and soul must be ministered to — the success of one depends on the other — Jesus put it in no uncertain terms when he declared "This ye should have done and not left the other undone" (Matt.23:23B) The human body and soul are caught-up in an inescapable network of mutuality and we must apply it to the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God—and thats the way it is seen from this vantage point.

Lifeline

Blacks have come a long way

by Lisa M. Jackson



finest homes in our neighborhood. In most places today, we are able to walk down the street with companions of other races, even to sit down in restaurants together to dine without anyone hastling us.

In those areas we have come a long way, but our progress in our own race is lacking. We see each other walking down the street and we cannot even speak a kind word. Turning our heads

as if we were the only ones existing in this world, just because we were not acquainted with that individual.

Some of those who are well educated or well off look down on others who are less fortunate. And when they are asked how they made it in their profession they close their mouths; not wanting to help others make it in the same field. We even have some people who have reached or are reaching for success who despise the idea of socializing or even marrying members of our own race. Thinking they can somehow escape or lose their natural heritage. Figuring if they can lose their identity they will become more successful.

We have to remember, if we have any type of position of prosperity in this life, we did not make it by ourselves. First of all, our faith in God as a people brought us out of slavery, and God allowed people to cross our pats to guide us along the straight and narrow path. Then, we had Black mothers and mothers who prayed, struggled, and sacrificed for us to have things better.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. : 1 Corinthians 15:10 (King James Ver-

sion) Those of us who have accepted Jesus as our personal Saviour should realize more than anyone that it was only God's grace through His Son Jesus that made us what we are today.

Salem Baptists plan spring revival

by Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr., D.D.



turer throughout the country. Dr. Curry received his B.A. from Denver University, Denver, Colo., and his M. Div. from Berkely Baptist Divinity School. He received is D.D. from Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock. He has also done advanced studies at Virginia Union Seminary, Richmond and presently studying at Northern Baptist Seminary, Oakbrook, Illinois.

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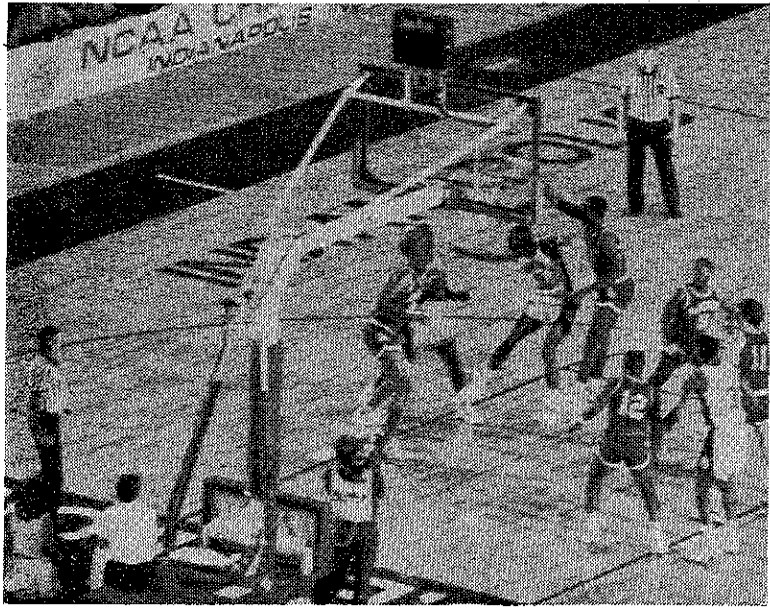


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Illini capture money for Big 10

by Jerry Riles

The Fighting Illini Roundball Squad advanced to the Final Four in the 1989 N.C.A.A. Division One Basketball Tournament, but none of the players will be any richer when the 89-90 season gets underway.

After falling to conference foe Michigan in the semi finals of the tourney out in Seattle, who eventually won the title, the Illinois Basketball Team returned to Champaign a proud bunch despite the loss.

In all, five big ten teams made it to the 64 team tourney which kicked off in the middle of March and ended on the first Monday of April.

Now each team in the conference was awarded cash for their appearance in the tournament, and all the clubs, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota, received extra dollars as Big 10 teams advanced.

The total amount of money accumulated by the division ranged to somewhere around \$11.2 million, with the Wolverines winning it all.

Now, it's pretty funny because most of the players in the tourney were black but I'm certain none of the players received any compensation.

One reason why is because they would have placed their schools under violation of the N.C.A.A. rules.

Yet, I guarantee, the Chancellor, the President, and

maybe even the Athletic Department reaped much benefit from the efforts of these young, talented, black men.

The University of Illinois, advancing to the Final Four, picked up about \$1.5 million for their effort.

All the money earned was divided equally among the ten conference teams.

One of the Illini hoopsters who won't cash in on the University's profit is junior guard Kendall Gill.

Following their first and second round wins in the mid west regionals, Gill reacted to a comment made about the Illini squad.

Gill had to correct a number of people who classified the Illinois players as being great basketball players.

Gill said they were indeed great athletes who could also pick up a book. He made it clear they were intelligent as well.

Former CBS sports announcer, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, was ousted from his position a few years ago after making the same assessment.

Snyder said that black athletes were bred to be more physical. His remarks had racial overtones which caused him to lose his job.

It's pretty sad that these young players are subjected to so much abuse, and can't even make a little extra cash for their sacrifices.

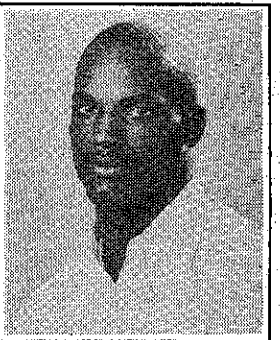
Falcons select Jones

Keith Jones will indeed provide some impact in the Falcons offense, especially since the running back slot is now open with the departure of Gerald Riggs to the Washington Redskins.

Keith led the Illini to a bowl birth after rushing for more

than a thousand yards during his senior season.

The quiet spoken Jones said he was surprised to receive the big call, but he will be ready to go head up in the mini camps during this month. Keith was the 62nd pick overall.



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