

Point of View

Editorial

Reviewer reports that Eddie Murphy runs at the mouth; some run for cover

Local veteran show reviewer Bill Willard has made it abundantly clear that he was not sold on the Eddie Murphy show which completed two concert dates at the Las Vegas Hilton. Willard is very descriptive on Murphy's actions and routine on the Hilton stage which drew 16,000 on Saturday and Sunday. Succinctly put, Eddie Murphy is not funny, says Willard. "He has diarrhea of the mind. His spew is lower than vomit."

The only clean clear thing Willard had to say about Murphy was about the opening sentence where he praised the Hilton.

Murphy appeared tardily 45 minutes after the opening act, The Weather Girls, with the excuse that he had been watching a porn movie.

"Murphy made two truthfull admissions," said Willard. "One, that critics charged that he was too filthy and, two, 'My trademark is to take a joke too far, people get upset.' Then came the Bill Cosby slam. Although Murphy has never met the man, it seems that Cos called him, saying his material was too dirty. Murphy then moved into mimicry of Cos and the Cosby family in Massachusetts based on the Cosby son wanting to see the Murphy traveling show. Willard continued, 'this was the closest to funny that Murphy attained.'"

Willard said, "After a choking surfeit on his base, crude sex jargon, rutting in Muck & Mire ('Hello Muck! Hello Mire!'), we left (Willard and his wife) and found dozens of other dazed folk wandering to their cars parked blocks away from the pavilion. Before we took to the clean outside air, Murphy imitated Richard Pryor (at an early age)."

Willard saw it as "Murphy runs at the mouth; some run for cover."

"The greatest
weapon against the
Negro
is
disorganization."

— Marcus Garvey

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To Be Equal

REAL SCHOOL REFORM

By John E. Jacob

A new report, *A Nation Prepared*, has been released by the Carnegie Corporation and it proposes sweeping reforms in the way schools are organized. The report would revamp teaching, turning it — as the report says — from an occupation to a profession.

High standards for teachers would be set by a national certification board. A new Masters degree, including teaching internships, would be a requirement for teaching, but the classrooms would also include non-certified teachers and others who would contribute to learning experiences.

Schools would be run by teams of Lead Teachers, and teaching itself would change as new technologies enter the classroom. To attract top people, certified teachers would be paid far more than

at present — on par with professionals such as accountants.

What keeps this from being a blue-sky proposal is the broad support the Carnegie Corporation has received from educators,



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teachers, administrators, and government officials, who would have to implement it. And the Corporation's historic role in other revolutionary developments, such as medical

education, suggest it has the respect and the clout to make its Report a reality.

Fortunately, this is one of the few reports that demonstrates concern for minorities. It specifically calls for mobilizing the nation's resources to prepare minorities for teaching careers, and it draws attention to the needs faced

happen again.

So some big questions need to be answered if this reform plan is to work.

Questions such as: will blacks and minorities be adequately represented on the powerful national board that sets standards for teachers and certifies them?

Will accreditation of teachers depend on proven ability

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by the historically black colleges that produce half of all black teachers.

But translating that concern into action will be difficult. Blacks have a history of noble plans that backfired. School desegregation, for example, led to purges of black teachers and principals. That can't be allowed to

to teach students of different races and cultures?

What consumer protections will be built into the system to assure responsiveness to community needs — and will resources be distributed to assure that the schools that need the most get the most?

What specific aid will be
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Youth Registration Low — Rate Stumps Experts

In light of recent statistics, don't be surprised if local politicians began cancelling registration drives and campaign speeches scheduled for college campuses and begin relocating them to senior citizen centers.

Since only one-in-seven Clark County residents under age 25 is registered to vote, politicians stand to gain more support by addressing older audiences.

As of Jan. 1, 1986, 14.1 percent of Clark County residents age 18-24 had registered to vote, Clark County Registrar George Ullom said. Of the estimated 78,000 in that age group, 11,000 are registered.

"That's terrible," Nevada Democratic Party Chairman Beecher Avants said of the 14.1 percent registration. "It's something we really have to address."

In contrast, 68.1 percent of the county's senior citizens (age 65 and older) are registered. Although they number only an estimated 44,000, Ullom said, 29,959 seniors are registered.

Generally, voter registration rates increase with age, according to Ullom's figures. Of the estimated 181,000 Clark County residents age 25-44, 35.4 percent (63,983) are registered to vote. In the 45-64 age group, 49.3 percent (56,176 out of 114,000) are registered.

Local political officials offer varying explanations for the low number of young registered voters, ranging from apathy, mistrust in the government and lack of motivation, to inconvenience and transiency.

"I personally think it's motivation," Ullom said. "The older you get, the more motivated you get. Young people just don't have the interest."

Craig Casey, a representative of Consolidated Students of UNLV, disagreed with Ullom's theory that young people lack motivation to vote.

"It's not a lack of motivation in my opinion," Casey said. "It's more of a matter of restrictions."

Casey said more students would get involved in politics

if it was easier for them to register and vote.

"We could encourage more involvement by making it (registration and voting) more flexible," Casey said. "I think measures could be taken to make it more accommodating."

Ullom countered Casey by saying, "They say it's too tough to get registered, but it's not too tough for old people."

Avants said no one is certain why young people don't register to vote. He said it could be that people 18-24 are "too caught up in everyday life" or just apathetic.

However, he said there is no reason for apathy because major political issues affect the young as much as the old.

"Most of the issues on the platform are vital to youth," Avants said. "If you can't identify with education, jobs and the wilderness, then I don't know."

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