

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO TWO

By James S. Tate, Jr., M.D.
Every State must clearly safeguard its resources and sometimes that means not availing those resources to people who want them, since it can't be done by mere demand. However, there are some things that become so blatant as to become necessary to evaluate the purpose, both stated and actual, of a State entity.
In this case I refer to the University of Nevada School of Medicine. In its somewhat lack-luster history, the School of Medicine has produced five

hundred and seventy physicians. Of that five hundred and seventy, two have been African Americans. One student just recently graduated, the other graduated a year before. By any stretch of the imagination, this is an absolutely unacceptable graduation rate for African Americans. To add to the obvious defect in only producing two African American physicians out of five hundred and seventy, the University had the political audacity and practical stupidity to reject the application of State Senator Joe Neal's daughter. I

don't know what Joe Neal's daughter is like academically. However, I do know what some of the people the University has turned out are like academically. And believe me, I would be hard pressed to find anyone who was worse than several of their most recent graduates.

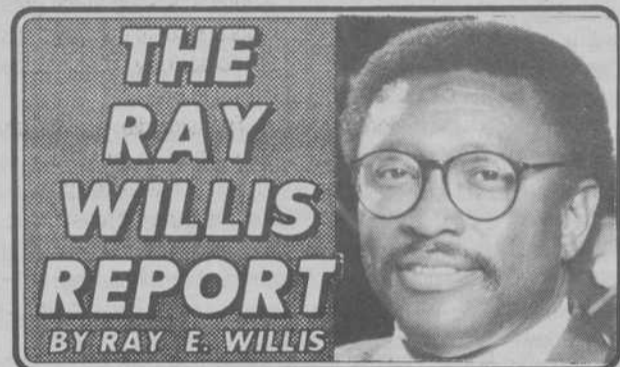
The problem here seems to be that the University and its dean do not feel obliged to deal with the aspirations and desires of the African American community here in Nevada. At a recent meeting with Dean Daugherty, I expressed the opinion that if the State Legislature, for some strange reason, were to tell him that he had to have ten African

American students in each of his entering classes or he would get zero dollars from the State, I am sure the dean would find more than enough "qualified" African American students. The problem is that the school does not feel any obligation or under any pressure to make sure that their student body and their graduates match the population characteristics of the State of Nevada.

To some extent, African American physicians must also share in the blame for this, for we have not been nearly vocal enough in demanding that the school live up to its obligations. That is all beginning to change.

As I mentioned there was a recent meeting with the dean in which that was made very clear; that his performance was terrible and that he had to do better. And the incoming President of the Charles I. West Medical Society, a local branch of the National Medical Association, has also made it clear that that will be one of his priorities. There will be many programs that will be developed as a result of a cooperative effort between the

school and the Charles I. West Medical Society; but more important, the Dean of the Medical School of the University of Nevada needs to hear from the African American community. You can reach him by writing: Robert Daugherty, M.D., Dean, University of Nevada, School of Medicine, Savitt Medical Science Building, Reno, NV 89557-0046.
La lucha continua!
The Struggle Continues!



The Job Myth

Thumbs up to Channel 13 for airing a two-hour special report September 2 on the plight of the Black male in America. The station asked me to write and deliver a guest editorial on the subject which is scheduled to be broadcast in conjunction with this special report.

There's no question the program is very timely given the dire circumstances of Black men throughout this country. I was provided an advanced tape copy of the program and found it to be very informative. It's an excellent presentation. I highly recommend everyone to watch it.

Despite giving high marks to the show, I have an ax to grind. It has to do with the representation of Black males hosting various segments of the program. When the station called to give me some background on the show, it didn't take me long to figure out that Black men were again being stereotyped in a subtle way. I call the phenomenon of typecasting Black men in employment, "The Job Myth."

Let me make it clear that I have absolutely nothing against certain professions that employ high-profile Black men. But it somehow seems to play into the hands of those who seek to limit, rather than to expand, our horizons by upholding actors, comedians or sports figures as model occupations of the successful Black man.

Come on now. Be for real. Black men excel at more than athletic contests, telling jokes and acting. So why isn't there a broader representation beyond entertainment-based Black men in the media in general? Because consciously or not, no one is interested in promoting Black men, such as noted brain surgeon Dr. Ben Carson, on a national scale. Because to do so, would deviate from the stereotype, or the "mould," that tells America what Black men are capable of achieving.

Considering the statement it would make if, instead of almost exclusively promoting Black role models from "optional" career fields such as entertainment, we begin to see Black men regularly in such diverse occupations as insurance agents, school principals, F.B.I. agents, doctors, telephone company linemen, small business entrepreneurs and the like.

Pretty soon we would begin to accept these different images as not only possible, but expected. Pretty soon, we would start to see ourselves truly multi-dimensional. Pretty soon the message would ring clear. We are free to choose any occupation imaginable. Think about it.

To know is to grow. Until next week.

N.L.V. ... THE WESTSIDE STORY
FAMILY VALUES

By R.K. Brown
When we become too intoxicated by the rambling of the conservative agenda, we may be inclined to believe the false picture they have painted about the American population. If I understand the position of their platform correctly, the American public, including: liberals, congress, lawyers, and the media, has lost any concept of "family values."

This is truly a party reaching for any reason, to save its dismal public image from the gutter. To take the position that only the conservative regime displays family values is truly laughable! But, as I have touched upon in the past, these factions are willing to use any means possible to maintain power, including war if necessary. We must remember, they have no concrete plan to address the highest unemployment rate in the last 30 years. There is an all new racial division in America, and an over 4 trillion dollar deficit. They have

to focus attention away from these glaring issues! How else could they close the double digit gap in the voting pools?

As we examine this urgent dilemma, we can quickly see through, and begin to laugh at their ludicrous accusation. First of all, it is crazy to suggest that anyone would be against "family values." What person in the American population white, black, conservative or liberal, is against the concept of raising their family in a wholesome environment? No one that I know of. There are certain factors which may play a negative role in the achieving of that goal, namely poverty, and access to opportunity, but people do the best job they can. Secondly how would we go about defining what these values are supposed to be?

The GOP has stated that this means a family in which there are two parents, and the wife stays home to take care of the (See Family Values, Page 17)

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National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression
Saturday, September 5th, 1992 • 7:00 p.m.
Moulin Rouge Hotel
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