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**MY DAUGHTER WILL BE
STUDYING ABROAD IN
AFRICA: TIME FOR A
REALITY CHECK**



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Talking about the continent and then allowing one's daughter to go there are two entirely different things. My wife will second this statement. Theory is theory, and reality is reality. However, next semester, my daughter will be studying abroad in Zimbabwe, in Southern Africa.

Keep in mind that this is the same girl child whom I mentioned in one of my columns over four years ago when I said, "Now this young lady is certainly unlike many other teenagers (and some non teenagers for that matter) at times, too much phone, TV and mouth. But she is bright."

She is still very bright. Also at that time, I mentioned that she was very active in her high school's Black Student Union. Today, she is very active in her college's Pan African Students Association. Time flies.

Africa is the center of the world according to an old Roy Ayers album I was listening to the other day. Even the great Marcus Garvey, who helped position the continent back to the center of our minds, never set foot on the continent.

"Jamaica. I sort of expect some parts of Zimbabwe to remind me of Jamaica," she told me. Because her roots are also in Jamaica and because it is tropical and predominantly African populated, she "semi-confidently" has a pre-conceived picture in her head.

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At the same time, she has told us that she is very nervous, but hopes to come back a stronger and even more culturally connected woman. With a double major of Creative Writing and African and Caribbean Literature, her foundation is solid.

She has studied the writings of Morrison, McMillan, Achebe, Cress Welsing and Garvey. She loves Malcolm and thinks that Prescott is a sister who understands the people at the grass roots level. Yes, she is a very bright young woman.

For as long as I have been a college administrator, I have been an advocate of study abroad programs. It is an excellent way to extend the academic curriculum. It is also a solid way for students of African descent to strengthen their skills levels and resumes.

As more students of African, Afro-latino and Asian descent

COUNTY SAFEKEY PROGRAM PRE-REGISTRATION PLANNED

Clark County Parks and Recreation will conduct pre-registration for Safekey, a before and after-school recreation and enrichment program from August 1-16 at the Sunset Park Community Center, 2601 East Sunset Road, from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Safekey provides a safe, supervised environment for participants with recreational activities, self-esteem and fitness courses, arts, arts and crafts projects, homework assistance, guest speakers and more.

The Safekey Program will be based at 40 Clark County elementary schools during the 1993-94 school year beginning on August 23. Thirty-four school locations currently offer both the morning and afternoon program schedule. Morning program hours vary depending on the school location; afternoon Safekey runs from 3:11-6:00 p.m. at all locations.

Pre-registration for the Safe-

key program is not required but is offered as a convenience to parents getting ready for the busy school year. On-site registration will begin the first day of school during scheduled Safekey program hours at the pro-

gram site (generally the school multi-purpose room), not in the school office.

Clark County Parks and Recreation provides supplies, snacks, staff and all Safekey program services for Safekey

participants beginning the first day of the school year. Call the Clark County Parks and Recreation Department Safekey Office at 455-8237 or 455-8251 for additional information.

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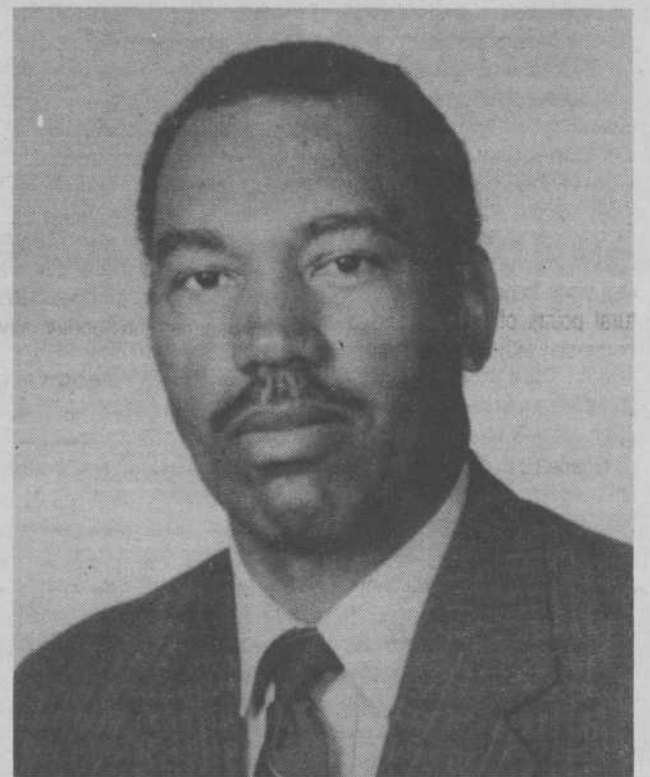
NEA NAMES NEW CIVIL RIGHTS STAFF LEADER

SAN FRANCISCO—As part of its 131st annual Representative Assembly, the National Education Association announced today the appointment of Earl Jones as its Director of Human and Civil Rights.

An NEA member since 1963 and an NEA staff member since 1970, Jones takes over the Association's activities centered on pay equity, minority issues, equal access to educational opportunities, school desegregation, women's issues, and leadership development training for minority members of the Association.

Earl Jones is a native of Carrollton, Mississippi, received his undergraduate degree from Lincoln University in St. Louis and his graduate degree from St. Louis University.

"I can't think of a better person to take the reigns of NEA's human and civil rights efforts," says NEA Executive Director Don Cameron. "Earl has a history of social activism and hu-



**EARL JONES — Director of Human & Civil Rights NEA
(National Education Association)**

man relations leadership that provides him with unique talents

to further NEA's social goals."

Most recently an NEA staff member in NEA's Southeast Regional Office, Jones has served as President of Atlanta Parents for Action, a board member of Big Brothers of America, and coordinator of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute on Nonviolence.

As chief staff person for NEA's Human and Civil Rights Division, Jones takes over a program with a rich history of support of such issues as the federal Voting Rights Act, the Martin Luther King federal holiday, the Poor People's march on Washington, the Equal Rights Amendment, and the Civil Rights Acts of both 1965 and 1992.

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