

### HILTON HIGHER EDUCATION

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issues that range from the NAACP/Dr. Ben Chavis Split to How NAFTA may impact the Afro Caribbean and African American communities to Sharing Ideas about the Super Information Highway.

HILTON HIGHER EDUCATION has repeatedly referred to my colleagues, the regular columnists of the Pan African Press, as being the adjunct faculty of the community.

As a higher education professional and doctoral candidate at one of the top graduate schools on the West Coast, I can say without hesitation that some of my best lessons have been learned from these writers.

James Booker, Tony Brown, Marian Wright Edleman, Lenora

Fulani, M. Lee Stanley, James Strong, Bemice Powell Jackson, Eva Doyle, Abdul Allah Muhammad, Tony Best, Manning Marable, Bill Reed, and the list goes on.

Their opinions vary and at times conflict, however, they and others appear to be maintaining the tradition of David Walker, Ethel Payne, Ida Barnett, Martin Delaney, T. Thomas Fortune, W.E.B. DuBois, Marcus Garvey and many others.

These writers, along with the newspapers' staff of reporters, cover special issues impacting the African American community and the larger African world.

These writers are from the United States, the West Indies and Latin America. Many have advanced degrees. Many have the kind of knowledge that no

degree could adequately measure. They teach/discuss business, politics, sociology, literature and psychology, to name a few of their areas of expertise.

In many ways, however, the knowledge that they and the scores of other contemporary writers have of issues goes unnoticed by college and high school students unless they read the newspaper such as the one that you are now reading.

Today, HILTON HIGHER EDUCATION strongly encourages educators at all levels to contact 1) African American (See Hilton, Page 25)

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### MATH-SCIENCE

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promotion of entrepreneurial skills, and emphasis on the Black family.

Dr. Evans began her Black family initiative in September by issuing a resolution denouncing the attack on AKA member Rosa Parks, mother of the Civil Rights Movement. Calling the attack unfortunate, she said, "We must begin to instill the kinds of values in our young people with which will make them honor and protect our communities and people, especially leaders like Dr. Parks."

A major part of the Black family focus under Dr. Evans' administration will be working with young black males to convince them to lay down their arms.

### NATIONAL RESOURCE

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systems of higher education in the nation:

- Jackson State University is producing the largest number of African-American graduates in computer science in the nation.
- Alabama A&M University has established a \$1 million endowed chair in physics.
- Florida A&M University offers a Ph.D. in pharmacology and has six advanced degree programs in pharmacology and chemical and mechanical engineering.

Annually, six public black colleges produce nearly 20 percent of all African-American bachelor's degree recipients in engineering and graduate over 70 percent of all black recipients of bachelor's degrees in agricultural sciences. Tuskegee University alone has trained more than 80 percent of the nation's black veterinarians.

The growth of new course offerings, as well as expansion of areas of specialization, indicate continued support for the "tradition of excellence" at these colleges. Today, historically black public colleges offer over 1,100 different majors including nearly 230 programs leading to master's degrees. Information systems management, architectural engineering, airway science,

biotechnology and fisheries biology are just a few of the new majors.

Seven of the top ten black institutions in the nation contributing to the production of African-American doctorates are historically black public universities with Florida A&M University, Morgan State University, Tennessee State University, and Southern University and A&M College among the top five.

If current trends continue, historically black public universities of the future will offer a variety of opportunities at the Ph.D. level and beyond that will continue to strengthen the quality and quantity of teaching, research and public service — while serving as economic instruments of the state and the nation.

(Dr. N. Joyce Payne is director of the Office for the Advancement of Public Black Colleges, an information and advocacy office that the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, a merit scholarship program that provides full four-year scholarships to students attending 37 historically black public college and universities involved with the fund. This is the first column in a continuing series on higher education in the African-American community).

**SELF-REALIZATION**

"I REALLY DID IT LAST NIGHT," BARRY THOUGHT. "GOT DRUNK ACTED STUPID AND WENT HOME WITH..."

"WHO IS THAT?"

"WHAT AM I STUPID? HOW DID I DO THIS?" BARRY BEGAN TO WORRY, REALLY WORRY.

WHAT ABOUT AIDS?

THEN HE REMEMBERED, "HEY, I'M JUST A CARTOON CHARACTER. I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SHOWER."

**GET HIGH, GET STUPID, GET AIDS.**

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