

# Editorials & Comments

## Private Black Colleges, Can They Continue To Exist?

..With the spreading of integration to every facet and sector of our lives, one institution of this country that is suffering from it all is the black private institutions. The problems plaguing these institutions are of great magnitude and seemingly never ending.

..Consider, first, the bleak financial scenario facing such institutions. Private endowments, sectarian sponsors, federal funds, alumni, and students make up the bulk of revenue for institutions. However, with black institutions we can eliminate the majority of student funds. Those black parents able to afford to send their children to the better facilitated, better administered, and better staffed white institution are doing so. Thus, the black institution is left with the unenviable task of funding the majority of its students with scholarships and the like. Consequently, the student becomes an expense rather than a revenue, thereby causing more funds that have to be raised.

..The alumni of most black institutions fail to put a dent in off setting expenses. For the most part they are not organized well enough to raise major sums of money to be effective. Also, the individuals making up the alumni are not, in general, in high enough salary brackets to make major donations.

..Federal funding is, of course, like anything that is governmental wishy-washy. In inflationary times like we are currently experiencing, federal cutbacks can play havoc on federal funds. Furthermore, after all the red tape is gone through to procure these funds, by the time you get them you've forgotten why you requested them.

..So, we are left with private endowments and sectarian sponsors, two pretty reliable sources. Though reliable they too have sh...

tend the university of their choice. Obviously, the black university was not chosen. The best athletes, the best musicians, the best scientists all went to the schools that could offer them more, the white universities. Hence, the predominantly black universities are left with what is left. This picture is made a little bleaker when one considers that all universities nationwide had to lower their standards of admittance during the post-war period. We are currently witnessing. What happened was during the sixties when the draft evades were cramming the doors of universities trying to be accepted, the universities went into an expansions program to accommodate the influx of the multitudes. With the war over, and more importantly the draft, the college rush has been its better days. Hence, universities nationwide have more room than they can fill, therefore lower standards of admittance. This means that the black students with average abilities can go to any university that he so chooses. Consequently, the black university is left with the below average student, who is not motivated to learn. This is evidenced by achievement test scores of black students entering black universities. Hence the black university is left trying to teach basic skills instead of developing higher learning capabilities.

..The staff at predominantly black institutions is sub par. The reason for this is probably two-fold; financial and in-house politics. Most institutions' are well below the industry norm for like responsibility. It is for this reason that talented black individuals go off to industry never to return to the private educational scene of black institutions. The few that do return immediately find that their aggressiveness, new ideas, and

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## Black Community Should Show No Sympathy When The Two Legged Animals Are Caught

# ROY WILKIN'S COLUMN

..London, England -- The Times of London (although it has few, if any, readers in Boston and thus cannot be accused of the cheapest form of journalism,) responding to what it considers the best interests of its constituency, has placed itself and its prestige squarely behind the rioting Boston citizens.

..In the editorial October 11 and in a column of editorial comment October 18, the Times opinion that "Busing



be bused half way across town to another, alien school, where the standards are in all probability much lower; or .... if their local school is invaded by a crowd of children whose capacity for learning (through no fault of their own) is much less .....

..It is true that the standards in many cases are "much lower." That is what the black parents and plaintiffs in the Brown case de...

# TO BE EQUAL



VERNON E. JORDAN, JR.

## Ford Asked To Lead On Rights

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

..Keeping his promise to maintain an open Presidency, Gerald Ford recently hosted a White House meeting of several representatives of national black organizations.

..Like similar meetings he's had with us in the past, the President seemed interested in our views and inclined to encourage frank discussion. The acid test will come as he puts his stamp on the new Administration -- we will then see if our concerns will be met by action.

..The President took criticism over his intrusion into the Boston busing controversy, and met with strong criticism of domestic anti-inflation policies. Invited by the White House to prepare a position paper for the meeting, I brought along a twenty-one page set of recommendations by the National Urban League for federal action, and the response to that paper may well indicate future Administration policies toward black citizens.

..The paper dealt with many of the issues familiar to readers of this column, suggesting a range of federal actions from immediate creation of a million public service jobs to important new initiatives in housing, crime, welfare, education, and other important areas.

..But at the head of the list was an appeal to the President to personally give the moral leadership that will assure black Americans of their full partnership in this nation, and will help to guide white citizens along a path of cooperation in our multi-racial society.

..Alienation and bitterness are growing these days, bitter weeds that can be traced to past neglect and present economic and social conditions. Where people had great hopes only a few years ago, they now are pessimists, and the very political institutions of the country are in danger of losing their legitimacy.

..When Lyndon Johnson was elected President, he called Congress and proclaimed that the time had come to give the black people and their