

Is there room for two in the White House?

Hillary Clinton has played a very influential role in the White House. It seems her influence, or her need to influence, is becoming a runaway train. Although she may be qualified to perform the tasks that she has created for herself, it seems the rest of the White House isn't.

"It's hard to run a White House with nobody in charge," said a friend of the Clintons. "It's especially hard to run the White House with nobody in charge and two presidents."

Hillary has moved into the White House and has taken on a role unlike any other first lady in history. To accomplish her tasks she has brought personal troops along with her, many of whom are people who have been deeply ingrained in Clinton history and some are even called close friends. Now it seems the fear of the others working in the White House is jeopardizing internal relationships.

"No one wants to tell Bill or especially Hillary that they can't do things the way they're used to doing them," said a top administrative official. "And so many of these people around are old friends that you can't just break into the circle."

Some of the old friends and recruits have questioned the integrity of their appointments. Of course there is Bernard Nussbaum who resigned Friday; Vincent W. Foster Jr., Nussbaum's deputy who committed suicide last summer; and the Associate Attorney General Webster L. Hubbel, who undoubtedly will have his hands full for quite some time as the Whitewater scandal continues to be unveiled. All three men had one thing in common — recruited by Hillary from the Rose Law Firm of Little Rock, the same law firm that Hillary herself worked for.

"The senior staff always fears crossing a first lady," said Marlin Fitzwater, former press secretary for President George Bush and spokesman for President Ronald Reagan. "Partly it's respect for the office of the first lady. Partly it's a man-woman thing. You're afraid that when she's home with the president, she'll repeat the charges against you every night for the rest of your life."

The working relationships within the White House must become cohesive or serious barriers already forming will become impossible to break down. If the first lady's role is going to encompass as much as Hillary's, then the necessary framework must support it. The problem has risen simply because it has not existed before and people are having trouble making room for it. She is taking a path and forging ahead alone. But her agenda and the president's aren't complementing each other; instead they're making them more difficult.

Hillary Clinton has proved to be a very powerful woman. There needs to be a plan of attack prior to the attack, and the plan has yet to be unveiled. She was not voted into a political office. She does not even have an official title. The name first lady has simply been handed down through history; try to find it in the Constitution. When Bill Clinton was elected by the people and for the people, so was his wife, and maybe her name should have been on the ballot as well.



COMMENTARY

Amerikkka's institutional racism

By David C. Greenbaum and Kevin KJ Chang

The *Emerald* experienced a groundbreaking event on Jan. 27. The staff does not recognize their accolades of this day, but it would be crazy to expect them to. Reading the words "Asian-American discrimination" on the front page was astonishing. Not because the article described the facts of how Asian-Americans are discriminated against, but because the article was put in a place where it would actually attract enough attention to be read.

The *Emerald* is comprised of a predominantly white staff. The *Emerald's* readers are predominantly white people. White writers and white readers would seem to be an unlikely combination with "Asian-American discrimination." (The word "white" represents a political term that unifies and classifies white people, just as "Asian-American," "black," "African-American" and so on does as well.)

Edward Klopfenstein is a white person who wrote an article about Asian-Americans for other fellow whites to read. Why should a white person write about yellow issues? The answer is simple. The United Whites of America movement is being confronted by some pesky obstacles. The history of these obstacles traces back much farther than the great Chris Colonialist. Much of this history is unknown, hidden and shamed upon for white benefit. Some might say that the members of the UWA have had a glorious history on the continent they discovered. They united to conduct the commodification of humans by means of a slave trade. They united to commit cultural and physical genocide, economic exploitation, as well as racial inferiorization through colonial education. Just what are these obstacles? They are, to be politically correct, Obstacles of Color. People who have been here for a long time and are now growing demographically faster than UWA doctrine intended them to.

The UWA system of unifica-

tion has built itself into an independently running entity of institutionalized white racism. It is a machine that runs without thought or consequence. It is supported by laws and amendments that aren't enforced. Upon formal establishment of this country through the Constitution, all white people learned that a black person was three-fifths of a human politically and should be whipped like a dog socially. They learned that Native Americans were savages who had no right to live on the only land they have ever known. Through immigration and naturalization laws they learned that Asians were heathen, dirty and unfit to be citizens. And to this day we learn that native Hawaiians by law are foreigners in their own land (designated "wards of the state," never allowed to represent themselves in court when it comes to land rights — land that to indigenous people is basically the right to life).

Popular American history is a fallacy. It should be retitled White Pride Studies. It seems the UWA, even when recognizing their oppressive acts, presents themselves in a positive white light.

A white man, Abraham Lincoln, propagated his racism dogma of white superiority on repeated instances, yet he was deemed the Great Emancipator. The same white people who shackled those of a blemished and wickedly black color one day, became the very saviors the next. A white man, Franklin Roosevelt, propagated his racist dogma of Japanese un-American inferiority by treating the "Japs" like caged animals, yet he is a highly accredited American. One day the great white European Michelangelo propagated his racist dogma of white

Christianity by drawing a picture of his white uncle in the form of a white Jesus Christ, a white God. This image of a man who at least lived his earthly existence as an Arab Jew appears to be a handsomely pale white person to whom millions of people have and continue to kneel and pay reverence. A white man, John F. Kennedy, stated that he did not want "pinks, radicals, and black voters to out-vote those who are trying to preserve our segregated laws and other traditions."

The example of white propagation of white racism through white institutions, white books, white laws, and white ways are endless. Ask us if you would like some more. As a white man, Benjamin Franklin, eloquently stated, "... this Nation should remain beautifully white." All guilty as charged.

Institutional racism is not hate; it is a deliberate mechanism of oppression passed down by our forefathers. Whites learn to oppress and non-whites learn to be oppressed. Institutional racism is a system in which whites talk to whites who give whites jobs, tell whites news, teach white history, and tell white lies. It is a system of communication and allocation of resources between people who identify with each other on the basis of skin tone. They shut others out of the process in any way possible and in many cases unconsciously. In Psychology 202 we learn that stereotypes are used to maintain cognitive consistency. In the UWA, they are used to maintain a power contingency.

Think AmeriKKKa.

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