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## Clinton Addresses Congressional Black Caucus

President Clinton paid tribute to the accomplishment of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and its role in furthering the goals of his administration in an address to CBC members in the concluding ceremonies of the Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Week in the nation's capitol.

The President praised the efforts of African-American congressional leaders who have been instrumental in forging a revitalized economy and strengthening the future for America's next generation. "Democracy is on the move in this country, in no small measure because of the contributions of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus," President Clinton said.

The President further recognized CBC members for their continued effort in building a better future. "I want to congratulate you, too, on your message, embracing our youth for a new tomorrow," he said.

The Clinton administration has created more than four million new jobs in 18 months and decreased unemployment in the African-American community by 20 percent. "It's remarkable how communities have come together across racial and economic lines to try to find a way to get



President Clinton at the Congressional Black Caucus's 24th Annual Awards Banquet

investment in jobs to those people who have totally been left behind in every economic recovery for the last 20 years," President Clinton said.

The President also referred to the groundbreaking AmeriCorps program, which, initiated this month, has become a cornerstone in the Administration's agenda. Combined with increased funding for head Start programs, apprenticeships for young

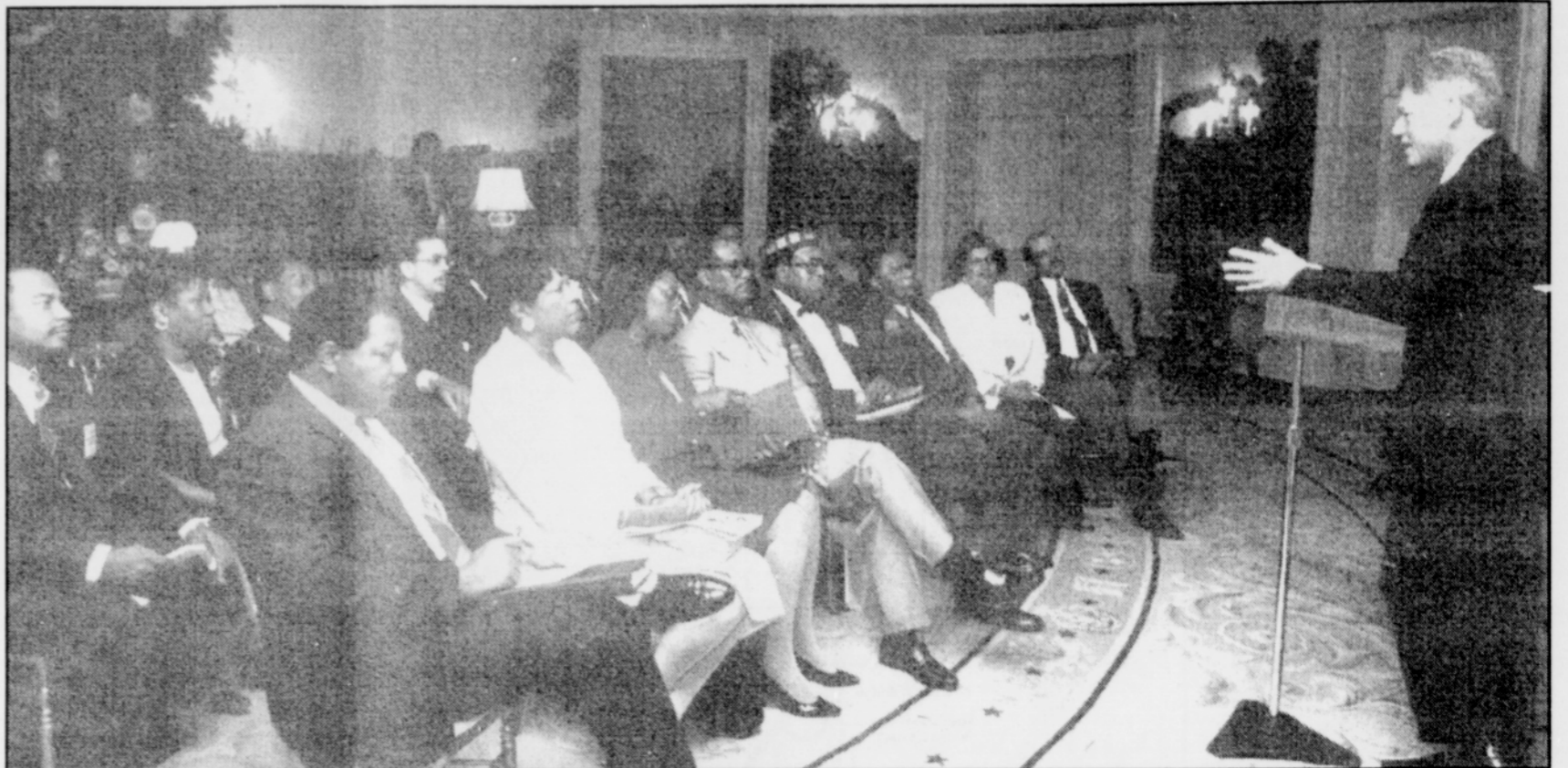
adults who don't go to college, and dramatic increases in low interest college loans for those who do, the Clinton administration has provided the foundation for building a more

prosperous tomorrow.

President Clinton has also taken steps to ensure that today's changes remain tomorrow's guidelines. "It has been my privilege as your Presi-

dent to appoint more than twice as many African American judges to the federal bench than the last three presidents combined. And the really important thing is that the American

Bar Association has given well-qualified ratings to a higher percentage of this administration's appointments than in any of the last five presidencies."



President Clinton meets with members of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and praises their efforts to create more jobs and lower unemployment within the African-American community.



President Clinton joined Congressman Charles Rangel at a reception for African-American World War II Veterans.

## President Honors African-American World War II Heroes

Paying tribute to the millions of African-American men and women who fought during World War II, President Bill Clinton joined the Congressional Black Caucus in honoring and recognizing the patriotic heroism of the United States' African-American World War II veterans.

"For decades, African-American veterans were missing in our nation's memories of World War II," the President said. "For too long

[African-Americans] were soldiers in the shadows, forgotten heroes. Today it should be clear to all of you, you are forgotten no more."

"In Europe, North Africa, the Pacific or stateside, in the Army, the Navy, the Airforce, the Marines, the Coast Guard, more than a million African-American men and women helped to win this century's greatest fight for freedom," President Clinton said. "In helping to show the world what America was against, you helped

to show America what America is for. You helped to liberate all of us from segregation."

At the ceremonies, Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-New York), chairman of the Black Caucus' Veteran's Task Force, joined President Clinton in presenting the honorees with distinctive plaques recognizing their service to America. In his address, the President paid special tribute to two divisions of America's fighting corps.

"Tuskegee Airman flew 1,578 combat missions, and they were the only fighter group in the Mediterranean, black or white, never to lose a single, solitary bomber under escort," President Clinton said. "And The Red Ball Express -- the U.S. Army's 761st Tank Battalion -- was the first black armored unit to see combat in World War II, and they fought bravely at the Battle of the Bulge while in combat for 183 days in a row."

## Simpson TV Ban Opposed

Simpson trial judge's wish to shut down the media circus by barring the media from courtrooms is a bad idea in general, but in this case easy to understand, says UO media law expert Tim Gleason.

"The press creates this tremendous feeding frenzy, blows the Simpson trial out of proportion, sensationalizes it at every turn, and then expresses surprise when the courtroom is closed," says Gleason. UO associate professor of journalism and communication.

After years of hard-fought battles to open courtrooms to the media, Gleason now sees a danger that the Simpson experience may convince more judges to close their doors to ensure a fair

trial. "It's regrettable. The more the public can see of the process,

### Psychological Work To Pick Simpson Jurors

An expert in criminal law, UO assistant law professor Margie Paris, says that since attorneys will find nearly every prospective juror has heard about the high-profile Simpson murder case, they'll look instead at what kind of people the individual jurors are. Paris says the defense will be looking for strong, independent thinkers who may doubt the testimony of police and who will identify with Simpson. "On the flip side, the prosecution will be looking for quiet

the better the process will eventually be." Source: Timothy Gleason, (503) 346-3741.

followers, most likely women, who might feel more horror about the killing," she says. Paris says attorneys in criminal cases develop a sixth sense about prospective jurors. "But there are always surprises," she says, and since California requires a unanimous jury decision for a murder conviction, all it will take is one doubting person to create a hung jury." Source: Margie Paris, UO assistant professor of law, (503) 346-3880.

## UGH!

### Back To School For Many Means Preparing For College A Primer On What To Do To Get In

As if going back to school isn't stressful enough, many high school students must start thinking about the long hard road to college. Students have to figure out everything from what courses to take in high school, to how to ace the dreaded college entrance exams--the SATs, or Scholastic Assessment Tests, and ACTs, American College Tests.

According to Kaplan Educational Centers, the college and test preparation expert, the key is planning.

"The earlier students start thinking about college, the better prepared they'll be," explained Kate Foster, Director of Undergraduate programs for Kaplan. "If they take it one step at a time, it's less overwhelming."

According to Ms. Foster, students should consider the following:

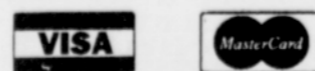
- Freshman and Sophomore Years--**
  - Students who want to attend top colleges should take a rigorous course load.
  - Some students take the PSAT sophomore year, just to see what it's like.
  - Some students begin preparing for the PSAT in their sophomore year.
- Junior Year -- Fall/Winter**
  - Take the PSAT now. You won't have another chance before taking the SAT!
  - Begin thinking about what kind of college you might like. Talk to friends, browse through books, check out the school library or college guidance office.
  - Begin preparing for the SAT or the ACT.
- Junior Year -- Winter/Spring**
  - Consider taking the SAT in the Fall. This way if you're not happy with your score, you can re-take it in time to meet application deadlines.
  - Consider visiting colleges over spring break or summer vacation. Plan on visiting a variety of colleges -- large, small, urban, rural, etc. -- to see what appeals to you. You might be surprised!
- Senior Year -- September**
  - Continue visiting colleges on weekends.
  - Find out about application deadlines, so you can get yours in early!
  - Consider whether or not to apply for an early admissions option.
  - Begin formulating application essays.
- Senior Year -- October**
  - Consider taking the SAT I: Rea-

soning Tests (usually just called the "SAT"), SAT II: Subject Tests and/or the ACT. While the SAT I is the most widely used admissions exam, many schools accept the ACT; the SAT II: Subject Tests can demonstrate proficiency in a particular subject.

- Try to schedule interviews with the schools you've identified.
  - Begin distributing recommendation forms to appropriate people - allow for lengthy turnaround time.
  - Senior Year -- November**
    - Consider taking SAT I and SAT II: Subject Tests if you haven't already, or if you want to improve your score. Last chance to meet most application deadlines!
    - Ask someone to critique your essays.
    - Arrange for testing services to send score reports to the proper colleges.
    - Submit applications for early acceptance.
  - Senior Year -- Winter**
    - Expect responses from colleges on early deadline decisions.
    - Submit Financial Aid Form for Federal Assistance by February.
    - Make sure that colleges received all parts of your application. Most schools will send written confirmation.
  - Senior Year -- Spring**
    - Receive college admissions decisions.
    - Reply to your chosen college by the deadline.
    - Send in your deposit.
    - Notify other schools of your decision.
    - Relax - have fun!
- Students who want more information on standardized tests can attend a free seminar or receive a free booklet on college admissions by calling 1-800-KAP-TEST.
- Kaplan is the nation's largest test preparation organization and one of the largest private education companies in the country. With 155 permanent centers and thousands of classroom locations in the U.S. and abroad, the company serves over 150,000 students annually for college and graduate admissions exams such as the SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT and MCAT; professional licensing exams for medicine, nursing, dentistry and accounting; and specialized exams for foreign students and professionals. Kaplan is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Washington Post Company, which also owns Newsweek magazine.

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