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East Palo Alto Students to Attend Aquatic School

Two Ravenswood swimmers, Fairbanks Jones III, and Dorian Jones, have been selected to attend National Red Cross Aquatic School. They are the first two Black students to represent the Sequoia Union High School District at this annual training. The ten day session, August 20-30, is to be held in Seaside, Oregon.

Dorian, 17, and Fairbanks, 19, are cousins and reside at 1900 Clark Street. They were selected because of their aquatic interest and their participation in the Ravenswood high School Summer Swim program.

Attendance at the swim conference was made possible due to financial aid provided by EOC. Funds were distributed to the Sequoia Union High School District for the boys' training.

Upon completion of training, Fairbanks and Dorian will be qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. They plan to use their skills in teaching and

motivating other Black swimmers in the East Palo Alto and East Menlo Park areas.

Currently Fairbanks and

Dorian are two of seven full time staff members at the Ravenswood pool. They serve as Senior Lifesavers.

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...Glen Toney

He also plans to work with the established district counseling staff in addressing some student problems, and to meet regularly with students and teachers in his post as all-round trouble shooter.

He is fully aware that there is still concern over the thrust of the program, and he says he'd like to meet with as many parents as possible to talk and receive suggestions.

In this respect, he believes the district's "Project Redesign," with its parent-staff committees at work on restructuring curriculums and priorities, will serve as a valuable input "tool."

Many of Toney's cornucopia of ideas for the human relations program stem from his unusual educational background.

The bespectacled, goateed educator majored in mathematics at Chico State University long before he became interested in school administration.

After working for several years as a computer programmer for the Lockheed corporation, he went back to school and picked up another degree, this time in philosophy.

He received a master's degree in curriculum development at San Jose State University.

Toney thinks his science background has proved of inestimable value of him in administration.

"Mathematics taught me a process of thinking," he says. "I think educators should be able to

get outside their problems -- I lean heavily on evaluation."

At the moment, he is at work on a Ph.D. in administration at the University of Southern California. This meant a lot of running back and forth to Los Angeles during his first month on the job, but with relief he says that the commuting hassle is "mostly over now."

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...Minor Accepts Educational Post in Atlanta, Georgia

become a management consultant with Roy Clay Associates in Palo Alto.

There are two associate positions in the Atlanta school district operations, and support services which is comprised of six divisions: instruction, evaluation, research, student services and special educational personnel.

In Atlanta, Mr. Minor will head a district of 9,000 students with 145 schools and a budget of \$103 million. Six assistant superintendents and five regional superintendents will form the decentralized administration under him.

Under a court order, the district is required to integrate its schools according to a 70%-Black, 30%-White ratio. This would require rezoning of district boundaries, busing and other

changes, in order to comply with the court guidelines.

Citizenry Favor Integration Two-to-One

"These plans have been worked out," said Minor. He feels that his job is to ensure that Atlanta schools reach their potential and that "resources of the district are delivered to the right people at the right time."

A recent survey conducted by Georgia University showed the Atlanta citizenry favoring integration two-to-one. "Atlanta is a progressive city," said Minor. "The citizens are determined to make it the center of the country. It has a reserve of \$5 million right now and a great support services."

Canada Mobile Unit in E.P.A.

Persons interested in general information on Canada College or those wishing to complete registration - admission procedures for the fall term, which opens September 11, are invited to visit the college's mobile unit.

The vehicle will be located at the Nairobi Shopping Center, East Palo Alto, from 1-4 p.m. on August 24.

A counselor will be available to provide information on registration procedures, class schedules, financial aids and to answer questions.

An orientation meeting for fall term students will be held August 27, 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Center at the college, 4200 Farmhill Blvd., Redwood City.

Lions Club Donates Money for Fence at Nairobi School

Mr. Bob Rose of the Stanford Area-East Palo Alto Lions Club presented Mrs. Gertrude Wilks of the Mothers for Equal Education with a check recently. The money was raised by the Lions at a pancake breakfast in East Palo Alto. The money was contributed in order to help pay for fencing at the Nairobi Schools and the M.E.E. Building, necessitated by numerous break-ins and rip-offs. About 100 feet of chain link fence, costing approximately \$2500, is needed.

Mr. Rose explained that this is the first of several fund-raisers the Lions will give for the Mothers. He added, "This is money raised in the community, being used in the community ... proof that East Palo Alto can do its own fund-raising." He called it "a people to people project." He also announced that the next



Gertrude Wilks

Pancake Breakfast will be held on October 14th at a local church. Tickets, \$1.50 each, will soon be available through the Mothers for Equal Education or the Lions Club.

"...An Exciting Opportunity"

Although the first stages of Atlanta's integration plan will have begun before Minor takes office in late August, he looks upon his job as an "exciting opportunity" to be a part of meaningful change.

As early as April of this year, Minor was looking for a position that would allow him to implement what he had learned throughout his career. When he heard that Atlanta and Washington D.C. were canvassing for candidates for the superintendency, he applied to both districts.

Barbara Sizemore was selected by the Washington board to head their school system and Alonso Crim, former superintendent of schools in Compton, California was named to the Atlanta post.

Minor said he weighed the possibility of joining the staffs of either administration as a deputy superintendent. But, "as an associate, the closeness of the voting in Washington led me to believe that Sizemore should choose her own deputy." Minor lost the Washington election by a narrow margin.

"Dr. Crim held back on filling the associate position in his administration," he said. This enabled Minor to consider the post of associate superintendent of support services.

Leaves Bay Area With "mixed emotions"

Minor leaves the bay area with "mixed emotions" and extended his thanks to the "entire citizenry of the Peninsula and the staff" who supported him in his bid for the Atlanta post. Minor termed his former employer Roy Clay to be "fantastic" and added that he will continue to consult for him in some capacity in the future.

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"Save the Children"

In his article "Save the Children" appearing in the last issue of **The Black Scholar**, Mr. Danny Wilks, coordinator of Nairobi High School, seriously questions a widely held view that day care and/or early childhood education programs are in the best interest of children from families with low-incomes, in general, and children from families of color, in particular. He feels the majority of these intervenient programs only start the institutionalized "crippling" process at a much earlier age than has been the case previously.

He points out that the Annette Latorre and the M.E.E. Educational Day Care Centers may well serve as positive models for day care programs.

The timely and provocative article is recommended reading for every parent, educator, and concerned citizen.