

Istook Reappointed to Appropriations Chairmanship

Washington, DC -- Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) was today reappointed as chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal, and General Government.

As chairman of the subcommittee, Istook oversees almost \$20-billion in annual spending, with jurisdiction over the White House, the Treasury Department (including the Internal Revenue Service), and

many other key government agencies. This will be Istook's third term as an appropriations subcommittee chairman, and his second term heading this subcommittee. His reappointment was confirmed today by the Speaker of the House and the Republican Steering Committee.

"Since we now have a small delegation, we need the extra influence of chairmanships more than ever. It gives me

leverage to apply Oklahoma's common-sense approach to things," said Istook.

A partial list of the agencies under his subcommittee's jurisdiction includes: Treasury Department, United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, the Council of Economic Advisers, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, U.S. Secret Service, U.S.

Customs Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Office of Homeland Security, the National Security Council, the Office of Management and Budget, Federal Election Commission, General Services Administration, Office of Special Counsel, National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Ethics, and the Office of Personnel Management.

The same subcommittee was previously chaired by another Oklahoman, the late Oklahoma Congressman Tom Steed from 1957 to 1976.

BROTHERHOOD BOYS HOLD AWARDS CEREMONY

On Monday evening, January 6, 2002, the Brotherhood Boys Club held an awards ceremony for the members and presented awards to their top achievers. On hand were the parents who are always there to support their sons on their journey to manhood where they will have

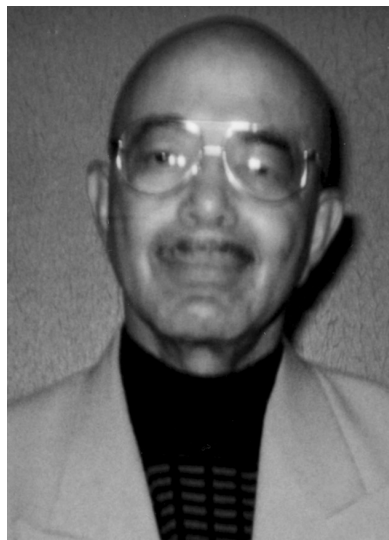
become leaders. Matthew Blount, who rose to the topmost level in the organization and became a junior mentor to the boys remaining in the program, spoke to the boys about his new experiences as a student at the University of Oklahoma. Matthew is the son of Ms.

Alethea Futrell.

For their hardwork toward the Brotherhood Boys Club's annual Thanksgiving Food Basket event three young men Lamar Madison, Nathan Moraldo, and Roy Lendrich were each awarded the Community Service Award. For their efforts in the area of business and sales three other young men were awarded the top three sales awards. The first place award went to Kenneth Mallory, second place to Dermont Adams, and the third place award went to Roy Lendrich.

The end of the year is the time for promotions from one knowledge achievement level in the organization to another. There are seven levels of achievement which correspond to the seven principles of African/African-American life, cultural, and heritage to which the boys can aspire. From the lowest level to the highest they are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-determination), Ujima

(Collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (faith). The boys are encouraged to live these principles daily and contribute to their families, communities, nation, and race. The boys are also taught various elements of the social, mental, physical, spiritual, and financial areas of life to develop into a well-rounded young man prepared for leadership. Although they acquire the qualities of leadership throughout their tenure as members of the



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Brotherhood Boys Club, at the apex of their training their leadership qualities can be no more evident than when they Dontaye Abrams and Roy Lendrich were promoted from Umoja to Kujichagulia. Lamar Madison and Wade Linzy were promoted from Kujichagulia to Ujima.

The Brotherhood Boys Club is accepting memberships of boys ages 6 to 12.

For information on membership applications please contact Mr. Dwayne Williams at 641-2273.



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Black Owned Company Selected as Tulsa Top 25

Tulsa, OK - Colleen Payne is the owner and CEO of Mobile Cardiac Imaging in Tulsa, Ok. Colleen attended Star Spencer High School, located in Spencer, Oklahoma and went on to get her degree and eventually moved to Tulsa where she

worked under various tutelage of medical physicians and then later created and established her very own company.

She has recently been selected by the Office of the Mayor in Tulsa, OK, as one of the top 25 fastest growing companies in the

Tulsa and surrounding area. She was invited to a formal congratulatory dinner along with her staff and presented with a plaque from the Mayor, stating her company was part to the chosen top 25 companies in the Tulsa area. This is indeed an honor for her outstanding achievement and representation of the Tulsa community and of course one of our very own, Black Owned and Operated Community and Civic Individuals.

Dance School Opens Doors – To All

Oklahoma City, Okla. - As part of the Grand Opening celebration, Clear... as Dance Institute, a not-for-profit dance company, offers free classes Jan. 11, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds in the City Arts Center, Oklahoma City.

Founders of Clear... as Dance invite members of the public from age 3 to 90 to partake in this day-long dance extravaganza. No previous dance experience is necessary. Adults and children, accompanied by parents, aunts, uncles, or any combination of responsible adults, will be able to watch, learn, and participate in performances, classes and seminars, covering a wide range of dance genres and styles.

Clear...As Dance, founded in Oklahoma City, Nov. 22, 2002,

was established based on the beliefs that dance education and performance should be available to everyone.

Principle dancer, Holle' Hooks says, "Dance, in addition to being a beautiful tool for self expression, is also a tool for self discipline and self esteem, and that economic status, race, nor body size should exclude anyone from the experiences that dance brings."

Founded by four young African American women, this dance company brings dance education and performance to

those in and around the Oklahoma City community who might not otherwise have such an experience.

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Affectionately referred to as the "Big Bad Four," the founders of this dance company, are lifelong friends who share an unparalleled love for dance. Even while seeking a d v a n c e d degrees, holding down full-time jobs, and experiencing life, these young women have never drifted too far from their first love...DANCE.

In the past 12 years these

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Black Indians to Meet in Oklahoma City

The Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association and their supporters will hold their next meeting on Saturday January 18th, 2003 between 2 and 4:30 PM at the Ralph Ellison library in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The association is a non-profit organization formed to educate the public on the culture, history and political rights of black Indians whose ancestors were enrolled as tribal citizens of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes by the US government approximately 100 years ago.

The meeting is open to the general public. Special speakers will be State Representative Opio Toure of Oklahoma City, and Oklahoma City Attorney John Green. For more information call (405)818-5360 or email: freedmen5nations@yahoo.com.

Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Committee will host the 34th

MLK Birthday Celebration on Sunday, January 19, 2003 at 3:00 P.M. at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 5700 N. Kelly Avenue in Oklahoma City, OK.

"Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not A Day Off" is the theme for this year's celebration.

In addition to other local participants, Dr. Zan W. Holmes, Jr., retired Pastor of the St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX, will highlight the program as the featured speaker. Dr. Holmes is also a retired Adjunct Professor of the Perkins School of Theology and former Associate Director of the Intern Program, both, at Southern Methodist University. He is the first African-American to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Texas Higher Education System, is a life member of the NAACP, and a member of the Chase Bank Ministerial Advisory Board & Society for the Study of Black Religion. Rev. Holmes has authored several books, including "Reaching For Renewal", "Encountering Jesus" and "When Trouble Comes." He is the recipient of various honors such as the Living Legend, the Humanitarian, the Linz and the Peacemaker awards. Rev. Holmes has served as State Representative in the Texas Legislature and was formerly the District Superintendent for the Dallas Central District in the North Texas Conference. The list of accomplishments for Dr. Holmes is a very long list, indeed, but above them all, he is a man of God and is a dynamic and spirit-filled speaker.

Music for this grand occasion will be provided by the fabulous and gifted voices of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church Mass Choir.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and support this annual community event celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This event is sponsored by the Progressive Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, Inc. and the Concerned Clergy for Spiritual Renewal, and co-sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Rev. Epron J. Monson, Pastor of Voice of Praise Baptist Church is President of the Progressive Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, Inc. and Rev. Lee E. Cooper, Jr., Pastor of Prospect Missionary Baptist Church, is Chairman of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Committee.

Oklahoma, including yearly performances for the Girl Scouts of America in Brownsville, Texas. And their experiences don't stop there. They have also had teaching experiences with the school where they were trained, the Oklahoma Parks & Rec., Oklahoma Public Schools, and numerous others. These young ladies have made many sacrifices to do what they love...DANCE, and now they want to share that love with the public.

Shealita Alford, another principle dancer, says, "Clear...As Dance Institute wants to give members of this community the tools to develop the dancer within, and the opportunity to share that dancer with the world!"

For more information, visit www.clearasdance.com.