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Dean Bullard weighs in on the water crisis in Flint, Michigan



TSU Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs and resident environmental justice scholar **Dr. Robert Bullard** recently sat down with THE CONVERSATION, an independent source of news and views from the academic and research community, to discuss the water crisis in Flint, Michigan. Dean Bullard called what happened in Flint a blatant example of environmental injustice.

"The more information comes out, the clearer it is that this community was not treated according to the usual protocols," Bullard was quoted as saying. "It was almost as if regulators didn't believe them and thought their health wasn't important."

To view the entire article click here.

RJT Library to highlight African American art during Heritage Month presentation



In honor of African American Heritage Month, the Robert J. Terry Library will feature visual and performing art work by three African American women. **Tina Mullone**, an associate professor of dance at the University of Louisiana Monroe; **Anna Mullone**, a commissioned freelance painter; and **Le'Vette**, a freelance abstract and spoken word artist will bring their works to TSU in "An Epic Evening with the Artists: Creative Expressions in Dance, Artwork and Spoken Word"

Scheduled for Tuesday, February, 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor foyer across from the Hartman Collection in the RJT Library, the program is meant to celebrate, discuss and promote the ongoing transformation of African American art. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.





Houston Civil Rights Movement pioneer and TSU alumna Holly Hogrobrooks passes

By Serbino Sandifer-Walker



Holly Adrienne Hogrobrooks, civil rights pioneer who helped to organize Houston's first sit-in on March 4, 1960, died January 22 after a lengthy illness. Her efforts helped pave the path to end segregation in Houston. She was 75.

Hogrobrooks, was an alumna of Texas Southern University and a journalism professor until her retirement in 2000. More than a half a century earlier, Hogrobrooks, along with several other TSU students led a sit-in movement that changed Houston forever.

A founding member of the Progressive Youth Association, which

was started by students on TSU's campus in the 60s, Hogrobrooks strategized with **Eldrewey Stearns**, **John Bland**, **Pete Hogrobrooks**, **Otis King**, **Deanna Lot Burrell**, **Halcyon Sadberry Watkins** and many more on how that first act to end segregation in Houston would *See Holly on page 2*

University Black History Calendar 2016

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

"An Epic Evening with the Artists: Creative Expressions in Dance, Artwork and Spoken Word

RJT Library first floor, 6:00 p.m. Free Admission. Refreshments will be served

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Houston Public Library Presents Houston Public
Library Quarterly

Wil Haygood - Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America Sawyer Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 27 - Sunday, February 28, 2016 Johnnie B. Goode, A Blues Inspired National Stage Play

Written and Directed by TSU's Thomas Meloncon A Special Black History Month Presentation by TSU's Office of Advancement and TSU Theater Department

To view additional African American Heritage Month events, visit www.tsu.edu and click on the calendar under the News section. To submit your event, email Kendrick Callis at calliskd@tsu.edu.

University Calendar 2016

TSU Events for January 2016 at a Glance

TSU Office of Admissions to Hosts Live Webinars
Information sessions about admission, financial
assistance and housing
Webinars will be held January - May 16, 2015

Saturday, January 30, 2016

JHJ Alumni Chapter 2016 Scholarship Soiree:
A Black & White Masquerade Affair

Rice Mansion, 1505 Hadley St., Houston 77002 Purchase tickets online at www.jhac.org

> Wednesday, February 3, 2016 Campus Organization Workshop Tiger Room, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 4, 2016
Arts and Humanities Funding Workshop

Student Center Tiger Room, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. For questions or to reserve space, contact Kimbler Lofton at 713-313-4245 or lofton_ka@tsu.edu

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TSU addresses dating violence in upcoming seminar

The Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Earl Carl Institute for Legal & Social Policy, Inc., Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and the Texas Southern University Women's Resource Center will tackle the topic of dating violence with their seminar, Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing, Understanding and Combating Dating Violence.

Scheduled for Thursday, February 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in rooms 105-106 in the

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Love Shouldn't Hurt: Recognizing, Understanding and Combating Dating Violence will discuss the overview and Legislative update on domestic violence; domestic violence in the age of technology; domestic violence and immigration issues; protective orders and criminal charges for family violence; the Clery Act and campus reporting of sexual assault; and same sex couple violence.

Admission is free for TSU faculty, staff, students and the general public. MCLE, CEU and TCLEOSE credit available (6.0 hrs.; 0.5 ethics).

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be organized.

Hogrobrooks and several others met at a flagpole located centrally on campus. They lined up in pairs, said a prayer, and began to march to the Weingarten Supermarket lunch counter at 4110 Almeda Road. Once they arrived the students streamed one by one and sat down, determined to be served; however, they were never served. This unlawful assembly became an exercise in civil disobedience for the young architects of change, and setoff a firestorm of student protests that cut at the core of Houston's moral, political and economic fiber.

"Holly was fearless, opinionated and strong because our parents taught us to standup to injustice," said Enid Hogrobrooks.

Hogrobrooks' parents, Theodore and Euneida Hogrobrooks, played a vital role in the movement. They owned a popular diner located on Dowling Street across from the Eldorado Ballroom and would often allow the students to organize their sit-ins at their home. They also financed the movement and would bail the students out of jail when they were arrested for their non-violent protests.

The Weingarten sit-in was one of many sit-ins in Houston. By 1963, Houston businesses started to desegregate and in 1964 the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed by the U.S. Congress.



Hogrobrooks' 5 foot 11 frame and sharp intellect would often intimidate most people she met. She loved teaching at TSU and would always have a great story to share with students. Many of her students would reference her as a modern day Ida B. Wells because she would often lecture about the importance of standing up for justice and equality. She has even been called the mother of Houston's 1960 sit-in movement.

Final arrangements are being made for Hogobrooks' homegoing. A memorial is being planned for Hogrobrooks in March. The location will be confirmed at a later date.





All alumni are invited to attend. Wear any TSU paraphernalia to

the game and receive your alumni discounted ticket price.

For more information call 713-313-1361.