Milton J. Little Jr. ’76 has been appointed interim president and chief executive officer of The National Urban League. Little, formerly executive vice president and chief operating officer since 1977, replaces Hugh B. Price, who resigned in April.

As interim president and CEO, Little is responsible for the leadership and advancement of the nation’s largest community-based organization devoted to assisting African Americans enter the social and economic mainstream and achieve parity and civil rights.

“I am delighted that the Executive Committee appointed Milton Little to serve as interim president and CEO,” said Price. “Milton has done a splendid job for the League over the course of the last six years. He’s been a terrific colleague and partner who is substantially responsible for the organization’s many accomplishments.

“Equally important, his appointment means that the leadership transition at The League will continue to be seamless. Under his wise and steady hand, the organization is assured of functioning smoothly and effectively until a permanent successor is selected by our Board of Trustees.”

As executive vice president and COO, Little administered the day-to-day management of the League’s internal affairs, with particular focus on the development and implementation of the National Urban League’s strategic and programmatic plans, including financial management and oversight of an annual budget in excess of $40 million, operations and administration, and staff management and development.

Michael J. Critelli, chairman and CEO of Pitney Bowes Inc. and current chairman of the National Urban League Board of Trustees, said, “Milton’s firsthand knowledge and experience assures that the critical work of the Urban League movement will continue to function effectively during this period.”

Little, who has served as vice president for Foundation Programs at Lucent Technologies and vice president for Health and Human Services Programs at the AT&T Foundation prior to joining The National Urban League, said, “I am deeply honored that the Board would give me the opportunity to lead the organization during this time. Having worked closely with Hugh, I feel we can continue his important work in moving the organization forward.”
Charlotte Chapter hosts “Black Film Showcase”

On January 17, 2003, the Morehouse Alumni Association - Charlotte Chapter hosted its First Annual “Black Film Showcase” at the McGlohon Theatre of the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. This inaugural event honored the life, legacy and contributions of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ‘48 by showcasing numerous “short films” written by independent black filmmakers. Two of the filmmakers were in attendance for the event and shared their experiences of making films, as well as the moral and ethical messages they convey through their films. Jacque Reed, lead anchor of BET Nightly News, was also in attendance for the event and shared her insight into the importance of supporting black filmmakers. There were approximately 130 individuals in attendance for the film showcase and the Charlotte Chapter expects even more attendance for the event next year. The Morehouse Alumni Association - Charlotte Chapter has established itself as an organization that provides community-based initiatives to enhance the prosperity of the Charlotte community and to promote the name and reputation of Morehouse College. The chapter’s next event will be the fourth annual Beacon of Light Scholarship and Awards Banquet that will be held in the summer of this year.

Brian Brown ’01 Ends Nigerian Tour, Begins Tour in Madrid

Brian Brown ’01 dropped by the Andrew Young Center during Spring Break. The International Studies major is currently a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State. A former Pickering Fellow, he just completed a two-year assignment in Lagos, Nigeria. Brian said that he enjoyed Lagos and the Nigerian culture. “My apartment had three bedrooms and a view—not bad for a bachelor,” he bragged. Brian learned to bargain with the best of them at Nigeria’s many colorful markets. His next tour begins this fall at the American Embassy in Madrid. In the meantime, he will study Spanish for the next six months in preparation for his tour.

Donald R. Hopkins, M.D. ’62
Attends Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony

Dr. Donald R. Hopkins, M.D. ’62 and wife Dr. Ernestine M. Hopkins in Oslo, Norway, where they were among Former President Jimmy Carter’s (right) guests at the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony on December 10, 2002. Before leaving Atlanta, President Carter was quoted as being proudest of the Guinea worm eradication work at The Carter Center. Carter named Hopkins as one who deserved a lot of the credit for the Guinea worm eradication campaign.

Willis Golfs For Education

1st term Atlanta City Councilman H. Lamar Willis ‘93 presenting a trophy to the winners from Team Enterprise Rent-a-Car (L. to R.: Reed Parker, J.T. Walker, Councilman Willis, Kirk Martin, and Zach Drewes) in his Inaugural Willis Scholarship Golf tournament at Alfred “Tup” Holmes Golf Course in Atlanta to raise money for Atlanta Public School kids.
Brothers,

Things in the Association continue to go well and will close this academic year in good standing. As a follow-up to my January letter, this is an update on completed and ongoing activities:

The commencement/reunion activities were carried out in an outstanding fashion. Approximately 490 graduates were welcomed into the “Morehouse Men” ranks and into the Association. The reunion classes played significant roles in scheduled activities and the class of 1953, THE GOLDEN TIGERS, celebrating their 50th reunion, were the guests of honor.

Three regional conferences were conducted: Region VIII conducted a conference in November in San Diego, California. Region I was in Savannah, Georgia, in March, and Region II’s conference was held in April in Jacksonville, Florida. All were productive and well planned logistically. Region IV will conduct its conference during June in Washington, D.C. The regional conference is an excellent venue to obtain information, enhance camaraderie and provide support to the College. I urge you to attend the next conference in your region.

For the convenience of the alumni, an amendment to the constitution was approved that will permit them to attend and actively participate with the chapter closest to their home without restriction, regardless of regional boundaries. Example: individuals residing in southern New Jersey will be permitted to participate with the Philadelphia Chapter, hold office, etc. This change will hopefully be an incentive for more alumni to become active.

Recruiting quality students is becoming increasingly more difficult because all schools are competing from the same pool. The recruiting procedures have been revised and alumni are being asked to play a bigger role in student identification, interviews, interaction with parents, communicating with the college admission office, etc. More information concerning this initiative can be obtained from your local chapters or by calling the College Admissions Office (404) 215-2632/2633.

Membership in the Association is still too low. There are 10,000-plus living alumni, but less than 1,500 are financial members of the Association. A “think tank” composed of alumni across the country is being organized to develop initiatives to solve this problem. It is imperative that we increase our membership and I urge all graduates to join their local chapters and the National Association plus recruit other graduates to do the same.

Providing support to the College continues to be our primary mission during this crucial period. Again, I urge all graduates to become members of the Association and assist in making Morehouse one of the best undergraduate colleges in the country.

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