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OPINION

LETTERS

A thank you to Diane Blair

To the editor:

I was approved to walk for my bachelor of arts in civil engineering from the University of Arkansas in May of this year. I did not send our formal invitations; However, I sat down the week before graduation and wrote thank you notes to some of the people in my life who have motivated me in the pursuit of my degree. There are three women other than my mother that I have admired in life: my seventh-grade English teacher, my friend's Aunt Barbara, and a professor at the university who I knew through a scholarship I was receiving. It was mid finals week around 3 a.m. I had projects overdue and tests to study for. I quickly wrote out a few notes and sealed them. I was afraid that they were full of grammar errors or that I just wasn't saying all I wanted to say. As a result, I did not mail them. I ended up missing my graduation ceremony due to the death of a friend of mine. I later read the notes I had written and was relieved that I hadn't sent them out ... until today.

I don't own a television nor do I receive the newspaper at home. I had no idea until tonight that one of my mentors had passed away. I knew Diane Blair and had no idea that she had been suffering from cancer. That may be a surprise to you, but I only saw her four or five times in my life. She sat on the Board of Directors for the Single Parent Scholarship of Washington County. Every semester for the past two years, I interviewed for the single parent scholarship. Quite often she was among those who interviewed me. I also spoke with her at the last two annual Christmas parties for the donors and recipients of the Single Parent Scholarship.

She had such a presence. She convinced me that I could do anything with my degree and anything with my life. Talking to me at the end of the night for 20 minutes over a table of demolished party trays and empty glasses, she set me straight on a lot of things I would face in business as a female and as a mother. She was an unseen, unheard voice that moved me through the last two semesters of

classes that I thought were going to crush me. Her words were always encouraging, warm and real. Being in the field of engineering, it has been hard to find strength in successful women. It is only by chance that our paths crossed when they did. It has been more than a half of a year since I have seen her. And looking back now, I still can't believe that she was dying of cancer. I wish I had told her how much she inspired me and how much her successes meant to me on that night I wrote thank you notes.

Well here it is — my thank you note to her in its original form:

I am walking for my B.A.C.E. on May 13. Thanks for convincing me that I could do anything. Look out world! Hope all is well, missed you at the last single parent interview. Thanks for giving me that number — haven't had time to call. I have three more classes left to take this summer. Nothing compared to this semester. Ashtyn is fat and sassy. I thinking about graduate school. Law school maybe. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely, Tausha Barbaree

P.S. You were right about the suit.

So I will take the time now to write my English teacher and maybe finally call "Aunt Barbara" and tell them how much it meant to me for them to care, to listen, to take time, and to be such beautiful people. I am very sad that I can't do the same for Mrs. Blair.

After hearing and reading all of these things about her life, I am taken aback. The times I spoke with her I knew only that she had been a professor at the university. She was that common, that real. I knew the day I met her that she was strong, sharp and witty. I knew that she was everything I wanted to be in a professional. I knew the day I met her that she meant the world to me; I just didn't know until today that she meant the world to everyone else. Thanks for printing my thank you note, even though it is a few months late.

Tausha Barbaree
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The Administrator

July 7, 2000

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The White House
Washington, DC

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Dear Mr. President:

Last year, the Department of State initiated a review of the U.S. Government's capacity to respond to international humanitarian crises. The review was to evaluate how crises have changed, the effectiveness of the USG response and reorganization options. While the final report has not been officially submitted to the Secretary of State or to me, it has been reported in the media and is currently available on various websites.

The report considers several organizational options, e.g., consolidation of all USG international civilian humanitarian relief programs into the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), or a new agency. Informal discussion of the consolidation question continues within the Administration, Congress and the private voluntary community. Accordingly, as your designated Special Coordinator for International Disasters, I wanted to share with you my views. I have sent a similar letter to Secretary Albright.

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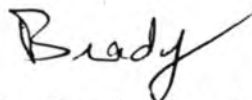
have prevented widespread famine, despite formidable logistical and political challenges.

I would like to make three points about any proposed consolidation:

- USAID has done an outstanding job under extremely difficult circumstances. It has undertaken operations that no other agency in our government could or would do, e.g., the humanitarian air drops into the mountains of Kosovo during the closing days of the war.
- Retention of USAID's humanitarian portfolio is essential to the success and survival of the Agency. USAID's humanitarian operations are the most popular aspect of the Agency's work, both with Congress and the public. Removing this portfolio from USAID could very well serve as the first step in eliminating the Agency altogether. As you well know, USAID is the target of those who do not believe in the value of foreign aid. You will remember that these issues were raised prior to your decision in 1997 that USAID would be a statutorily independent agency leaving its essential authorities intact.
- If a decision were made, now or in the future, to consolidate the international humanitarian activities into one agency, I strongly recommend that all relevant functions be consolidated into USAID. This would enhance the USG's humanitarian operations and recognize the complementary roles played by the development and humanitarian bureaus as we assist damaged societies in moving from relief to long-term development as we are doing in Bosnia, Rwanda, Kosovo and East Timor. I believe that USAID is the one agency capable of successfully undertaking this role. To separate these two functions would be like removing the emergency room from the hospital!

I look forward to visiting with you on this.

Sincerely,



J. Brady Anderson

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them the only way I knew how I especially
like Beth she is nice to talk to. I had
friends of mine help me to show them
a little about our culture and gave them
gifts of bead work they have given me
so much a better life. I ~~can~~ have
room for all my machines even a
hospital bed. I never got before because
I had no room for. now its been a big
help. I keep trying to have congested
heart failure. so with the bed it keeps
me relaxed so I sleep a lot better. you
will always be remembered here for ever.
I especially liked your state of the union
address and I want to thank you for
trying to help my people. I had high
hopes for every thing. I would have
like to see got training programs &
jobs for our children I look at Kenny
his 11 and thought 10 yrs from now
he could be working here at a factory
not sitting around or getting in trouble
but now after you have offered us so
much and a chance at a better future
by letting the world know how life is
here and I had hoped we would
start to take what was offered and be-

gan a better future for our ~~people~~^{people} and
give them hope. but right on the heels
of your visit we started having trouble
and now it seems like we're going to
lose what you tried to help us with
I'm very disappointed in our tribe I
know the embezzlement had to be taken
care of but now it seems to have be-
come personal we lose the focus and
now it's not good. to began with we
had very little and now we have even
less at least we could get \$50.00 for
emergencies but not ^{now} we can't even get
that. when my grandson got hit by a
car 3 wks ago we couldn't even get
\$50.00 to help my son because he
stayed with his boy and needed to
eat till he got help from up there
at the hospital. You will always have
a special place in my heart because
you are a very caring person and
when I shook your hand and you
gave me a hug it made me cry I
knew you really understood the pain &
dispair that we live with here.
I also want to let you know that

Philip Bring him back passed
away in may and he had your
picture with him by his bed side
he was so proud to have met you.
its things like this that's what you
have given us. I just wanted to say
Thank you. And also ~~I~~ I'd like to
say I'm very ^{sorry} we never got to met
your wife that will always be our
loss and also to thank you for the
book's I gave I to the Pine Ridge
High ^{school} library and put the album away
for my granddaughter. Also ~~me~~ I was
wondering if you knew of any grant
programs or some body that would
like to support someone like me
in getting a business started I have
been to the economic Development
program & also the empowerment zone
and can't seem to get help from
any where. I even went to the banks
but they wanted me to put up my
house and I won't even ^{consider} ~~consider~~
that at all every thing is going up
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by with just the basics and no
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about a smoke shop I know it would
work if I could get it going I would
do any thing to get back on my own
I feel I'm so tired of just living
day to day month to month I have
been setting up stands at Pow-wows I
tried one June 9-11 but I just broke
even so now I'm going to another one
July 1-4 I have to start on my kids
school clothes now so I will have them
by the time school starts. Well ~~I~~ ~~there~~
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the help you can give me once again
thank you for every thing may God
Bless and watch over you & your
family may only goodness come to
you always

Thank you
your friend from the
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Geraldine Blue Bird
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Chairman of the Board

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Thurs Staff Secretary

June 22, 2000

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for what I understand was your very forceful presentation to President Zedillo regarding the issues facing telecommunications competitors in Mexico. The situation is quite severe, as you noted. We are hopeful that your strong message, coupled with USTR's pursuit of the issues, will finally produce positive results.

Again, Mr. President, you have our thanks.

Very truly yours,

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Hon. Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 202

Dear Mr. President;

Ever since I served on Susan McDougal's California jury, I have wanted to tell you of that experience: the incredible lack of evidence, the lies and prosecutorial incompetence. Last Saturday, I was delighted to be able to attend Senator Feinstein's birthday party and to talk with you in person albeit briefly.

I was struck by your statement about living in Stalin's Russia. I do NOT consider it an exaggeration. My father was a civil libertarian and I still remember his anger at the McCarthy hearings. I lived from many years in Franco's Spain and I have just returned from an in-depth trip to Cuba. And, of course, I have read extensively about Whitewater and followed the IOC's activity closely. In March 1999, five of Susan's California jurors journeyed to Little Rock to support Susan in her obstruction of justice trial. Two of us criticized the OIC and its prosecution of Susan on CNBC and CNN. By then, I was furious with the self-righteous and obviously conflicted Starr.

How ironic it is that a President who has done so much for the right of others should have his own civil rights trampled! This letter is to express my regret for the failure of this Nation to protect your civil liberties, but it is also to thank you for all you have done in the last eight years for women, minorities and gays. I have been an activist in the women's movement and am currently on the boards of the National Women's Political Caucus and the NWPC of California. I teach Spanish at Santa Monica College (where I shook your hand seven and a half years ago) and the majority of my students are women and minorities; many are gay. As a white, protestant heterosexual, I defend my students fiercely.

Eight years ago our country was in moral trouble. Clearly, the rights of women, gays

and minorities had deteriorated in the previous twelve years. Your administration ended that. You named women and minorities to the highest posts in the Land and lead the fight to respect the rights of all Americans. Today young women and minority students are used to seeing people like themselves in positions of power, and they too feel empowered.

Saturday, I watched you as Senator Feinstein spoke and I saw a man at a critical point in his life. When you leave office, you will still have many speeches to give, memoirs to write and a library to build (to say nothing of bills to pay off!!!.) You will have great opportunities for wealth and prestige, and you will still be able to greatly influence the direction of our Country. You have charisma and a wealth of knowledge to share. My friend Jorge Díaz, Chile's poet-laureate, has written: "Teachers should not teach what they have been taught but rather what they have discovered." For these reasons and because of the incredible rewards I have reaped in my career, I sincerely urge you to consider teaching the young. I believe it will give you enormous personal satisfaction. Who knows? You might even teach a future President.

Whatever happens, I wish you joy.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Dale Nieman

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June 27, 2000

Mr. President:

It was truly an honor serving under your administration as a member of The White House Television Unit, part of The White House Communications Agency. I served our wonderful nation as an active duty sailor and continue to serve as a naval reservist.

I have recently been given the privilege of being appointed an ensign in our superlative navy. I humbly request the tremendous honor of having you render me the oath of office for this appointment, either in Washington, DC or perhaps during one of your visits to Los Angeles.

Thank you for your time, Mr. President.

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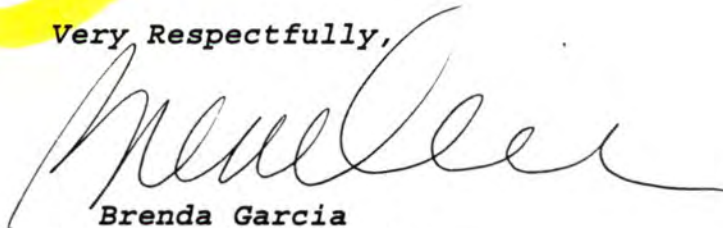
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