

Educational Gap Holds Back Blacks

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Marshall B. Bass, senior vice president of RJR Nabisco, Inc., addressed a conference on student financial aid organized by the Southern Education Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education. Bass praised the group for addressing student financial aid problems at traditionally Black colleges.

"Social consciousness has weakened prejudice, has outlawed discrimination in housing, employment and other arenas. But an educational gap continues to shackle the Black race," Bass said.

"Education is the primary tool that will enable minorities to keep moving ahead in our society," Bass continued. "Uplifting educational standards should be the highest priority in every Black household in America, because the desire to achieve begins at home. But achieving higher academic goals requires monetary resources as well as motivation. And I believe that the business sector is becoming increasingly important to enhanced educational opportunities for Blacks."

He noted that U.S. business funds a growing array of educational programs that benefit both Black youth and adults, including undergraduate scholarships, internship programs, graduate study assistance, and basic adult education programs.

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ple for other careers in which they can make a positive contribution to the economy. That, in turn, enhances the climate in which we do business," he explained.

Bass said that RJR Nabisco is particularly concerned that cutbacks in federal aid, weak recruiting efforts, rising tuition costs and lack of educational encouragement have contributed to a 3 percent drop in college enrollment among Blacks since 1980.

"It's estimated that one year at an average public college now costs about \$5,600," Bass said, "while a private school requires more than \$10,000 a year. Considering that one-third of all

Black American families have incomes under \$11,000 a year, the implications for our nation's future educational standards are alarming."

For those reasons, RJR Nabisco is the largest contributor to United Negro College Fund schools; makes substantial grants to the Consortium for Graduate Study in Management for minorities attending nine major universities; and has helped fund construction of new facilities at historically Black colleges. In addition, the company funds numerous scholarships earmarked for minority youth studying business, engineering and journalism.

"For us, support of minority

education is a matter of corporate conscience, and common sense," Bass said. "Educational issues cannot be shouldered by civic and government agencies alone."

RJR Nabisco, Inc., an international consumer products corporation with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., is the parent company of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Nabisco Brands, Inc. Well-known RJR Nabisco brands include Winston, Salem, Camel and Vantage cigarettes; Oreo cookies; Ritz and Premium crackers; Del Monte fruits and vegetables; Planters nuts and snacks; Life Savers candy; Nabisco Shredded Wheat cereals; and Fleischmann's margarines.

Education Forces Blacks Through Back Door

LITTLE ROCK (AP) -- America's Education system has created too many back doors for minority children, says Beverly White, associate superintendent of the Little Rock School District.

Ms. White made the remarks Friday during an address at a conference on the African-American family.

Ms. White noted that black historian Carter G. Woodson said people who are taught to accept the idea of going to the back door will not only go, but will also insist on going.

Ms. White said the new state accreditation standards took some important steps toward making the education system more equitable, including minimum performance tests for students in the third, sixth and eighth grades.

She said statistics showed minority and low-level income students consistently scored lower on the tests than did white or upper-income students. Ms. White

said that situation is continued by the system, specifically by teachers who become more involved with students they see as having more ability.

Ms. White says the problem is, "If you don't think he can, he won't."

"In the final analysis, the interaction between students and teachers is the key," Ms. White said. White said the involvement is crucial, and because only 8.5 percent of all teachers are minority, this perpetuates the poor testing performance by black students.

Ms. White also criticized the grouping of students according to ability. Minorities and lower-income students, she said, are consistently among those in the lower tracks where they are taught basic facts, and items to be memorized, where students in the higher tracks are given more analytical items, and more access to group work and projects. The system, she said, becomes a

self-fulfilling prophecy.

Ms. White outlined measures she said would help bring equality to the education system. Those steps include: eliminating inappropriate tests and rigid patterns of grouping students, revising curriculum to reflect and expose students to a multi-

cultural education, establishing hiring procedures to ensure minority students have role models, and establishing a system where all students would be expected to be competent in oral and written communications, as well as mathematics, thinking and problem solving.

Benedict Grads To Form Chapter

Benedict College graduates in Charlotte and the surrounding area met on Tuesday, November 17, to organize a chartered chapter.

The meeting was held at First Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Remount Rd.

The following persons were elected officers for the 1987-88 year: President, Thomasena Drummond; Vice President, Clyde Owens; Secretary, Margaret Moreland; Assistant Secretary, Nello Alford; Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl McFad-

den; Treasurer, Henry Suber; Reporter, Otis Roberson; Parliamentarian, Hoyle Martin; and Chaplain, Paul Drummond.

The next official meeting will be held on January 12, 1988, 7 p.m., at McDonald's Cafeteria on Beatties Ford Rd.



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - Dr. Albert E. Smith, president of South Carolina State College, visited Felton Laboratory School on the campus to discuss the activities of the school during American Education Week. They also discussed career goals and

plans to reach them. Shown (left to right) are Jacquelyn Thornton, Candace Glover, Alisha Holdges, President Smith, Jacquelyn Glover, Corissa Johnson, president of the Student Council, and Helen Gordon.

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