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Scholarships Available

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) has awarded \$408,500 in scholarships to minority students in accounting for the 1990-1991 academic year.

Since the program's inception in 1970, the AICPA Minority Recruitment and Equal Opportunity Committee has awarded over \$4.4 million in scholarship aid to more than 4,800 students. The awards for this academic year represent the highest amount ever given to minority students by the AICPA.

Scholarship aid this year was granted to 513 undergraduate and graduate accounting students, selected from throughout the United States, including Blacks, Hispanics, American Indians and Asians.

"The AICPA is proud to recognize these leaders of the accounting profession," said AICPA President Philip B. Chenok. "We are dedicated to making an accounting education accessible to as many qualified minority students as possible by giving them needed financial support."

This year's scholarship winners represent 197 schools, with the largest number of awards going to students attending the historically Black colleges

and universities. Included in the total are 15 Arthur Andersen-AICPA awards totaling \$15,000, 12 Ernst & Young-AICPA awards totaling \$10,000 and 7 Price Waterhouse-AICPA awards which total \$5,000.

Individuals interested in applying for scholarships should write to Sharon Donahue, Manager, Minority Recruitment and Equal Opportunity Department, AICPA, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-8775. The deadlines for receipt of applications are July 1 and December 1.

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Plea To Stop Animal Testing

Selling cosmetics and personal care products that are not tested on animals is "good business," says The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

In a national poll commissioned by The HSUS, two in five Americans (41 percent) said they would shop in a store solely because it offered cosmetics or personal grooming products not tested on animals.

The poll also showed that most people (60 percent) believe that it's not necessary to test on animals to ensure a product's safety. And, of those

people, more than half (55 percent) would shop at a store just because it offered products not tested on animals.

"It's just good business to offer consumers what they want," said Patricia Forkan, HSUS senior vice president. "Considering the fact that people might have to go out of their way to shop in a store that offered non-animal tested products, the fact that two in five said they'd be willing to do that is very

significant."

The HSUS had launched the Beautiful Choice (tm) campaign, in which manufacturers who agree not to test on animals may use a logo declaring that the product is pledged to The HSUS to be non-animal tested. Starting in October, consumers will be able to look for the logo as an easy way to determine which products do not test on animals. The spokesperson for the campaign is actress Ana-Alicia, formerly of television's "Falcon Crest."

"Once retailers realize that people want to make the effort to find products that weren't tested on animals, we hope they'll do the smart thing and provide people with products that have earned The Beautiful Choice logo," Forkan said.

The poll, which has an accuracy rate of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, quizzed 1,000 Americans throughout the country on their attitudes about a variety of issues.

Nordic Track's Muscle Builder

Nordic Track, manufacturer of the nation's top cross-country ski exerciser, is introducing a new type of exercise machine that allows dorm and apartment dwellers to strengthen and build all of the body's major muscle groups. Called the NordicPower, it's easy to use and compact, and can fold up to slide under a bed or into a closet.

"There are a number of strength training machines on the market, but they're bulky and expensive, and may not fit into the apartment, home or budget of many people who really want to build

muscles," said John Bostic, Nordic Track president and CEO. "The Nordic Power is especially designed to meet the needs of the students living at home or in the dorm, as well as young professionals living in their own apartment," he explained.

"More and more young people are realizing that strength training not only makes them look better, but also manage their weight, and feel and perform better," said Jeff Zwiefel, M.S., exercise physiologist with The National Exercise For Life Institute.

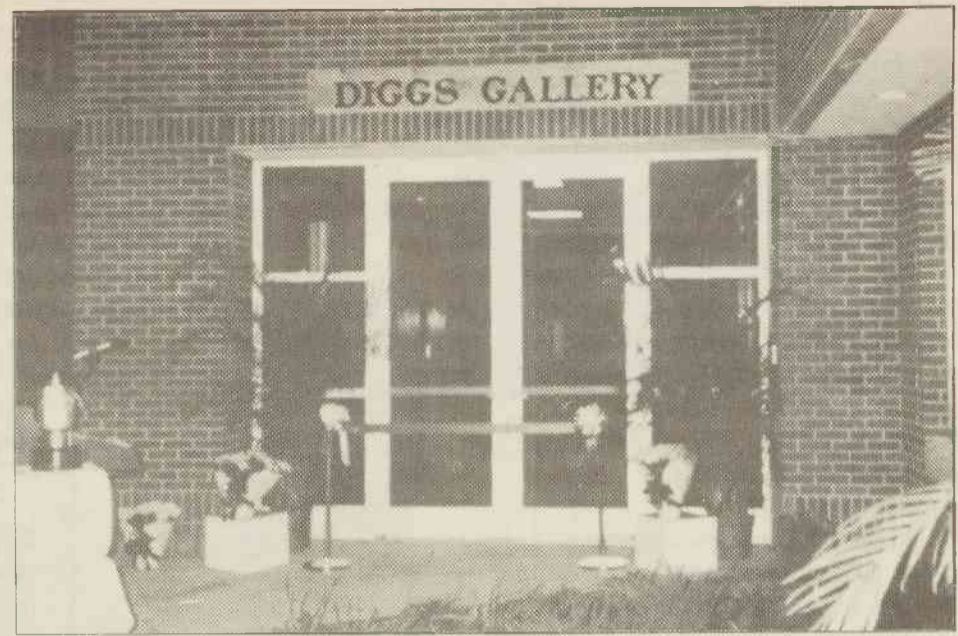


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The exhibit at the Diggs Gallery includes numerous African art pieces.

Diggs Art Gallery Opens

By CANDACE MARSHALL
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Recently a ribbon cutting was conducted to dedicate the newly established art gallery to its benefactor, James T. Diggs.

The exhibit contains art pieces created by Diggs and Glenda Wharton-Little. Pieces of art have been loaned to the gallery by Gordon Hanes, African Heritage Center of A&T State University, and the North Carolina Museum of Art. The gallery presents paintings, drawings,

and various artifacts of the African heritage.

James T. Diggs was a past head of the art department and professor of art. He was deeply rooted with the university, as is his family.

Mitzie Shewmake, director of the gallery commented, "Diggs was an excellent artist as well as a wonderful character." She was extremely enthused with the addition of the exhibit.

Students are encouraged to visit the gallery and become acquainted with the pieces of African heritage.

Gardner Wins Mr. Ram Pageant

By CANDACE MARSHALL
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In early October, Joseph "Jo Jo" Gardner won the 16th annual Mr. Ram pageant. The talented freshman used his charming wit and gifted voice to gain the judge's favor. "It is exciting to be only a freshman and king of the college," Gardner said with a smile, "Although, I realize it was just a pageant." Mr. Ram commented that he only entered for the experience of performing in a pageant.



Photo by Derrick Whitmore

Joseph Gardner's wit and soothing singing voice helped him win the title of Mr. Ram.

Gardner, a Greensboro native, is involved in many meritable organizations. The North Carolina Association of Educators is his major concern. He is also the director of the WSSU gospel choir and a member of the Pep club. He is pursuing a career in secondary education.

The newly crowned ram would like to use the title in order to encourage the youth. He hopes to give them a favorable rolemodel. Gardner stated, "I want to initiate awareness programs....I especially want to make the youth alert because if you educate them about our major problems we began the first step to solving them. Gardner went on to acknowledge the positive roles his mother and father were for him and how he hoped to be as beneficial for other younger students as they had been for him.

Coming in the next issue of the News Argus -- photo highlights of Homecoming '90 at WSSU!