

Colleges Get \$9.6 Million While Budget Is Cut

"We all know the Federal Government has a troublesome history of issuing Federal orders with no teeth in them," President Ronald Reagan said at the White House luncheon where he announced the signing of an executive order directing the government to help Black colleges and universities obtain equal opportunities in federally sponsored programs.

"Well, this one will be heard from again," the president declared. "And they better pass."

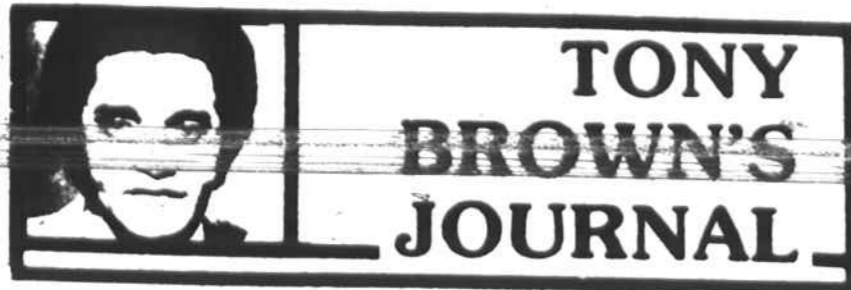
"In an era of budget cuts," he said, "Black colleges and universities will receive an increase of \$9.6 million in federal funds."

This historic landmark was announced just two weeks before Black College Day '81 and exactly one year from the day that I first met with him as Coordinator of the Coalition for Black Colleges aboard his plane, enroute from Baltimore to Knoxville, to explain why as a candidate for president he should support these schools.

"It was then, Tony, that the President began his education on this issue. We come, as you know, from a Western state where there are no black colleges. Thanks for helping to sensitize us on this vital issue," a high-placed White House source said during the ceremonies.

But it was really the 20,000 students, alumni and church people who hit the pavement in Washington, D.C. last year for Black College Day who made the difference. Since this dramatic support of the nation's Black colleges, a movement to stop the phony desegregation plans and budget cuts under Jimmy Carter from 5.2 percent to 4.0 percent share of the total higher education budget has galvanized itself into a formidable force.

A major factor in the success of this endeavor has been the invaluable assistance and behind the scenes maneuvering of White House Senior Policy Advisor Mel



Bradley and Thelma Duggin, Deputy Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, two Blacks, who, along with Dan Smith, who wrote the executive order, have not forgotten how to be Black and effective.

Spontaneous applause from the Black leaders at the announcement followed this Reagan statement: "It is through the education they offered that individuals can make themselves into the type of people they choose to be instead of what some central planner says they should be."

And so strong is the president's support that he told all federal agencies to submit "report cards" on assisting Black colleges. Secretary of Education Terrel Bell will supervise the annual development of the order with each agency submitting a mid-year progress report to the Secretary on its achievements. Also, each Black college president will be "given the opportunity to comment" on the proposed annual federal plan, the first of which is said to be ready by March 31, 1982, prior to presidential approval. Each agency must "submit annual reports on their progress to determine the extent to which Black colleges have been given an equal chance to participate in federally sponsored programs."

One factor indicates just how sold President Reagan is on this issue. His own words: "It should never be forgotten that when educational opportunities were denied elsewhere, these institutions offered hope to Black Americans...and they did their job well."

Another is the backdrop for his announcement. Just as he unveiled a harsh, second round of reducing federal spending by \$16 billion, including deeper cuts in defense and painful cuts in education (already slashed by \$12 billion or 30 percent) to keep the swollen budget deficit below \$50 billion, Ronald Reagan made a commitment to increase funds to the nation's 107 predominately Black colleges by \$9.6 million and to strengthen their participation in federal programs by assigning "measurable objectives."

This is indeed a giant first step in fulfilling his campaign promise: "The plight of our Black colleges reminds us all of the unfinished work of bringing all disadvantaged groups into the mainstream of America. These colleges exemplify the truly American concept of self-help for those who choose to work and study in them. This is the message of Black College Day. I support it, I applaud it, and if I am elected President, I won't forget it."

Of course, there are those Blacks in the hate Reagan

movement who will find fault with his support for higher education for Blacks, but those of us in the Coalition for Black colleges and the Black college presidents, alumni, students, church leaders who finance the schools and 80 percent of all Black professionals who finished one, the Reagan executive order was a welcomed relief and blessing for our people and this country. We get 50 percent of all Black college graduates each year from Black colleges while seven out of 10 Blacks at White colleges drop out. While seven out of 10 Black students finish a Black college, the White colleges are a gigantic failure in the education of Black people.

The cross section of Black college presidents, student government leaders, alumni, church leaders and heads of

Black national organizations at the White House ceremony -- on behalf of the nation's Blacks -- gave President Reagan the warmest and most enthusiastic standing ovation of any Black non-partisan group he has ever faced.

If you wish to add your applause to this effort to improve higher education opportunities for Black Americans, write the President, (The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500) and support Black College Day (Coalition for Black Colleges, 1501 Broadway, Suite 2014, New York, N.Y. 10036, 212/575-0876).

Tony Brown's Journal, the television series, is shown every Sunday, on WGHP-TV, Channel 8, at 11:30 p.m.

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discussion and resolution of employment and training program problems, and aids in communication between professionals in the field.

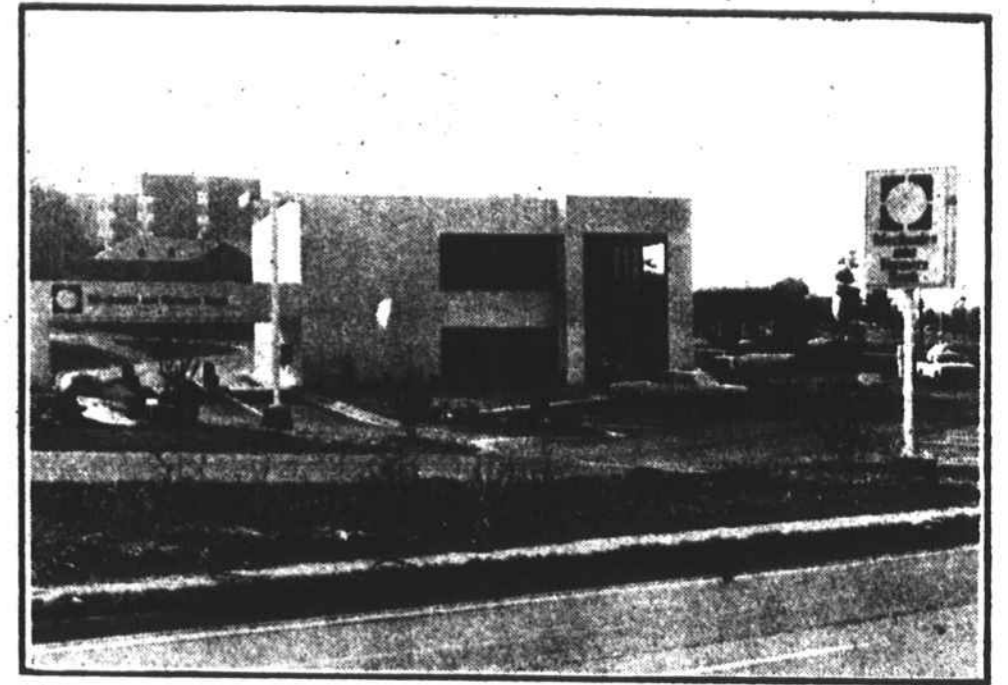
Farabee, as president of the NCPSA, will be responsible for the administration of CETA units, who have contracted with the U.S. Department of Labor as "prime sponsors" of the program.

As a member of the North Carolina Employment and Training Council, Farabee will advise state officials involved in employment and training programs on the administration of their duties.

The 6%-1% Committee is responsible for advising Governor-Hunt on the funding of state vocational and community college programs.

"These appointments will be advantageous to the Winston-Salem department because of enhanced contacts with other professionals involved in employment and training programs on a federal, state and regional level," said Farabee.

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NAOMI'S VIEW

No one can hope to reap if he has not sown the seed, and the person who sits back comfortably and is contented is important. That kind of thinking is what moves the research person in every field of endeavor. Discontent is the first step to progress. Dull facts can be invested with the list of insight and vision because, it is all in the attitude and point of view.



Naomi C. McLean

The key to real living is constant progress, and we have to look below the surface if we want to find the real meaning of life. In order to do straight thinking, we have to think well and put our well thinking to action. An old saying: "No man ever steps into the same river twice." The man changes, and the river flows ceaselessly on. It is so with our lives. We ourselves change as time goes on. We need constantly to adapt our thinking to the new developments that bring constant changes in our environment and in the world. Have you ever wondered why it is that so many people seem to be content to go on day after day with the least possible expenditure of real thought? The reason is, that thinking is hard work, and the thinkers are so constituted that they try to avoid hard work.

If a person wants to get somewhere during life as to reaching a goal, he must learn to work thoughtfully, accurately, and continuously; when these basic qualities are mastered, his mind can function well for new ideas.

Sowing the seed to reap benefits - it is not enough, however, merely to keep busy; but it is also vitally important that we work with all our mind and thoughts concentrated on what we are doing, and work accurately - of course, no person is born with the quality of accuracy. It is a habit that has to be developed by each.

Some people are rolling stones. They drift from this to that, never work continuously - always looking for something that doesn't exist. They never come to a realization of the importance of doing to the very best of their ability the task that lies at hand, and then go on from that point. They work by fits and starts; they begin something and then allow themselves to be distracted, therefore, the results are - they get nowhere, because they fritter away their time. Under such circumstances, will the seed be sown and will the goal be reached? No, indeed not. Arriving at a decision and making that decision effective in action will be the answer, positive or negative.

You & the Law

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Department of Labor in your phone directory. When you make your complaint, you should include the following:

(1) the name and address of the Company, Union, Agency, or other person who you think discriminated against you; (2) when this happened; (3) what others are getting paid for the job you are doing; and (4) information on any union Contract which covers you. If you have some proof, it is helpful, but it is not necessary.

The Wage and Hour people will investigate your Complaint. If they find that you are right they will try to get your employer to pay you what he or she should, including back pay. If your employer will not agree, the Wage and Hour Division can file suit, but will usually give you a letter letting you file suit and saying that they think your Claim is good. The process may take a minimum of one month.

However, the average time is much longer, although usually under one year. Since some actions by employers in not paying equal wages violate both Title VII and the Equal Pay Act, you should file charges with both EEOC and the Wage and Hour Division.

Angelou To Speak Here Oct. 4

Maya Angelou will be at Reynolds House Sunday, October 4, 4:00 p.m. for a reading from her newest autobiography, *The Heart of a Woman*, the fourth volume of Maya Angelou's autobiography. She will autograph her new book.

Maya Angelou, author of the best-selling, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* and *Gather Together in My Name*, has also written 3 collections of poetry, *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie*, *Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well* and *And Still I Rise*. In theater, she produced, directed and starred in *Cabaret for Freedom*, in collaboration with Godfrey Cambridge, at New York's Village Gate, starred in Genet's *The Blacks* at the St. Mark's Playhouse and adapted Sophocles' *Ajax*, which premiered at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles in 1974. In film and television, Maya Angelou wrote the original screenplay and musical score for the film *Georgia, Georgia*, wrote and produced a ten-part TV series on African traditions in American life and participated as a guest interviewer for the Public Broadcasting System program *Assignment America*. In the sixties, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In 1975, Maya Angelou received the Ladies' Home Journal, "Woman of the Year Award" in communications. She has received numerous honorary degrees.

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