

At J.C. Smith University

Budget Cuts Have Not Taken

Any Effect On Enrollment

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An education is a possession of which no man can be robbed, but with the cost of college tuition skyrocketing and cuts being made in educational funds, it is also a difficult task to achieve.

President Ronald Reagan, making ample budget cuts in major areas of federal funds, has also managed to include federal money to assist in educational benefits.

Reagan's one major grant effected by cuts is the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant. BEOG made deductions in the amount of awards provided for students with financial instabilities. BEOG is an entitlement grant for an academic year. Entitlement simply means any student who meets eligibility criteria for the program will receive a BEOG award. BEOG is called "the foundation for all aids." This a student must apply for BEOG before any other source of aid is administered.

Who determines whether a student qualifies for such a grant? According to Rance Jackson, director of financial aid at Johnson C. Smith University, the decision is not resolved by the school officials. "Smith has no preference as to deciding who will receive BEOG and who will not," he began. "This is totally left up to the Basic Grant Office in California," he continued. Eligibility and the amount of the award are determined by the U.S. Department of Education, based on a congressionally approved formula. The index derived from this formula and the student's enrollment status are used to determine the dollar amount of the award.

The yearly tuition at Johnson C. Smith is \$2,482, that's excluding fees, room and board. The university enrolls men and women which make up a population of about 1,400 students. Jackson proudly declares, "The cuts have not taken any effect on the enrollment at Smith," he confirmed. "The enrollment has not changed from the previous year." Students migrate from about 25 states and several foreign countries. However, most out-of-state and foreign students are not affected by the budget cut. "The BEOG cuts have no adverse effect on out-of-state and foreign students," Jackson replied. "But foreign students do not qualify unless they are a permanent citizen of the

United States," he added. Subsequently, if students are not eligible for a BEOG award there are other alternatives. The Federal Government supplements the universities with additional financial aid. These aids consist of:

(1) College Work Study (CWS) - A need based work program in which students earn a portion of their educational cost through a student employment program.
(2) National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) - A low interest loan. Cancellation is available for students from families with extremely low financial resources.
(3) Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) - A grant to assist the exceptionally needy student. All of which is considered a total financial aid package.

In order for a student to continue to receive aid from the University or BEOG he must sustain a satisfactory grade point average (GPA). "I have strong hopes that students will strive harder for substantial GPA," implied Jackson. "Students understand now that they have a bigger responsibility as far as academics are concerned."

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81 Black Children Are Waiting For Big Brothers

If you have a little spare time, and you'd like to do something to brighten the life of a lonely kid, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Charlotte needs to hear from you.

They have 135 such kids waiting for Big Brothers or Sisters. Some have been waiting two years. All are from single parent-homes. Eighty-one are black. The list continues to grow each month, because referrals on children are so much more numerous than adult volunteer applicants. 190 children have Big Brothers or Sisters, but only 40 percent of them are black. "This ratio should be at least 60 percent," says a spokesman for the agency. "Our greatest single need is for more men and women in the black community who are willing to donate just a few hours a week. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, settled in employment and must be residents of Mecklenburg County.

Volunteers who serve in this important capacity seem to have as much fun and benefit almost as much from the relationship as the kids they are matched with. It's difficult to measure the benefit these matched children receive; how can we measure the effects of friendship?

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Jocelyn Marie Pyles (center) receives Bridge Association while Walter G. Byers, chairman of the Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club looks on approvingly.

Jocelyn Marie Pyles Wins \$1,500 ABA Scholarship

Jocelyn Marie Pyles, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Julian W. Pyles of Charlotte, has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship by the American Bridge Association.

The scholarship is one of several awarded annually by ABA on a sectional basis across the nation. Miss Pyles was recommended for the scholarship to the Mid-Atlantic section of ABA by Charlotte's Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club, the local affiliate of ABA.

A 1979 graduate of Fisk University (Phi Beta Kappa), Miss Pyles is currently a third year medical student in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She is one of two black students (out of 28) and one of five females (out of 80) in her class to complete the second year of basic medical sciences at UNC with honors. While accepting the offer of admission to Medical School at UNC in 1979, Miss Pyles declined offers from the Medical Schools at Harvard, Me-

harry and Bowman-Gray (Wake Forest).

Miss Pyles completed her first 12-week clerkship in medicine (with honors) at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, N.C., on August 31, 1981. She is currently involved in a six-week clerk-

ship in obstetrics at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. She has not firmly decided on an area of specialization.

She is, however, inclined toward radiology.

Miss Harding Pageant Will Be Held October 13

The Executive Council of Harding Senior High School presents the Miss Harding Pageant Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

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Making Conflict Work For Marriage

Preventing all conflict in marriage may sound ideal, but it is an unrealistic goal.

"The idea that conflict is normal in a quality marriage is very hard for newlywed couples to accept," says Dr. Leo Hawkins, extension specialist in human development at North Carolina State University.

Hawkins, who has written several publications on marriage for the extension service, says a normal conflict is an important difference that cannot be resolved immediately.

"The idea is to expect small conflicts as normal, learn to deal with them and thus prevent serious conflicts," says Hawkins. There are several ways to do this.

To avoid dealing with a conflict may give the appearance of a peaceful relationship, but it only moves people farther apart. Conflicts should be resolved.

Don't put yourselves in disagreement unless the matter is important. Hawkins says to allow your differences to enhance the marriage. Let the "morning person" get breakfast, whether man or woman. And the night person can do evening chores.

Work out a pattern for decision-making. Most counselors recommend joint decisions.

If disagreement still exists after joint discussion, creative compromise may be needed. This means considering all possible solutions and finding one both can live with.

Finally, Hawkins reminds, there are conflicts that change with time. Deciding where to live is one area that was formerly often decided by men.

"Now the equal marriage concept means that women want to be equally involved in this important matter," he says.

The important thing is to know where each partner stands on important issues. And put each conflict to constructive use.

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