

Exxon Awards \$1.8 Million To Black Colleges

The Exxon Education Foundation announced that it will award \$1.8 million in grants to the engineering schools of six traditionally black colleges. Each school will receive \$100,000 per year for three years to support faculty development in engineering. The awards will begin in 1982.

Recipient institutions for the grants are Howard University, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View University, Southern University (Baton Rouge), Tennessee State University and Tuskegee Institute.

The \$1.8 million program is a complement to the \$15 million Exxon centennial progra, which was announced recently for support of engineering education in 66 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

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The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is disturbed at President Ronald Reagan's decision to support the ten year extension of the Voting Rights Act. He has proposed crippling amendments that would weaken the act.

The President's statement that, "We cannot allow any American's vote to be denied, diluted or defiled," may accomplish the opposite of what he says he wants according to Benjamin Hooks, executive director.

While Hooks' applauds the President's support of the right to vote as "the crown jewel of American liberties," he says the NAACP will resist Reagan's efforts to cripple the right with the "intent amendment."

The "intent amendment" would force a claimant to prove that the state intended to inflict injury by acting deliberately in a biased manner.

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The National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States proclaimed its support for the Greensboro Civil Rights suit in a resolution adopted by the governing board at a recent convention. The resolution cited the national religious organization's previous support for victims of Klan violence, reports of possible collusion

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among the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Greensboro Police Department, the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party in the killings of the anti-Klan demonstrators.

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County social services departments will be taking applications through December for this winter's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. For more information, call George Flemming at 919-733-3276.

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Effective July 1, 1982, motorists will be required to have all children, ages two and under, in a child restraint seat. This law was passed in the 1981 session of the General Assembly.

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Throughout November, majority members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and other concerned majority senators will begin a crackdown on crime. Specific anti-crime measures to be considered include a senate bill to amend the United States Code to modify the use of habeas corpus procedures, thereby plugging one of the loopholes which many feel convicted felons use to gain early release from prison. Also, encouraging states to use habitual offender statutes to impose life sentences on career criminals and promoting a hearing on violent street crime, the causes and effects, focusing on the role of the federal government in combating and punishing career criminals.

This information comes from the office of Senator James A.

McClure.

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Starting January 1st, recreation residences on National Forest Lands will be reappraised every 10 years instead of every five. The policy change will reduce management costs for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, said Max Peterson, chief of the agency.

Use fees now will be adjusted annually, based on changes in the Consumer Price Index, instead of after the five-year appraisals.

The Forest Service now charges about \$50 to \$4,000 a year, based on the fair market value of the land as established by five-year reappraisals, for the 16,000 recreation residence special use permits issued in past years. The payments total about \$3.5 million annually.

Peterson said the changed rules will cut the amount spent on appraisals an even out the increases in use fees.

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"Year-end tax planning and effects of the 1982 Tax Act" is the title of a seminar which will be held by the Small Business Action Council of the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce tonight from 5-7 p.m. (Thursday) at the Chamber office, 129 West Trade Street.

Planning ahead for tax time is simply using good business sense said Alvin Tans, seminars task force chairman, who added that with th new tax legislation that was recently put into effect, year-end tax planning is especially import-

ant.
The seminar will focus primarily on the 1981 Tax Act and discuss provisions to permit savings or deferrals, inventory methods for small businesses, appreciation and investment tax credit rules.

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The Department of Health and

Human Services today announced interim final regulations that will permit states to use the Federal Parent Locator Service in a parental kidnapping and child custody cases.

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