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AACC Gets \$25,800 Grant

The Afro-American Cultural Center (AACC) has recently received a \$25,800 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in support of its program, "Toward a Universal City: The Arts In Understanding The Black Experience."

The purpose of the program is threefold: 1) To incorporate the performing arts into the school curriculum and community projects; 2) To use the arts to link information concerning Black History into school and community instruction; and 3) To provide models of successful blacks for children of all races.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In that year the brother and two sisters of Z. Smith Reynolds provided that their inheritance from his estate would go toward the establishment of a trust for the benefit of the people of North Carolina. One of the initial trustees of the foundation was Z. Smith Reynolds' uncle, William Neal Reynolds, who at his death in 1961 created a trust which now provides the major portion of the foundation's annual income.

The Foundation, drawing on the income from the Zachary Smith Reynolds Trust and the W. N. Reynolds Trust, has now made 1,430 grants totaling more than \$114 million to more than 824 recipients in all of North Carolina's 100 counties.

"Universal City" is an expanded version of the AACC's Arts-In-Education Program which has operated in cooperation with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for the past three years. AACC Arts-In-Education (A-I-E) artists incorporate black cultural and historical contributions in the elementary grades, as well as in Secondary English, History, Physical Education, Drama, Home Economics, Music and Art Classes. The A-I-E Program has enjoyed much success over three years and this past school year reached more than 17,000 students.

Pot Luck Supper
The Woman's Club, Inc. monthly Pot Luck Supper will be January 18, 6 p.m. at the new home of Woman's Club, Inc. 1418 E. Morehead St., Suite 504. Bring a dish or beverage to share. All women are welcome at Woman's Club, a United Way Agency, where all services are free.

Black Talk
The most effective leadership is by example, not by edict.



Michelle Kaye Dorsey
.....Fits characteristics of a Leo

Michelle Dorsey Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
"If something is going on I like to be in on it!" is only part of the sponk displayed by our beauty, Michelle Kaye Dorsey.

"I fit the characteristics of a Leo," Ms. Dorsey explained. "I like to be in on what's going on. I like being in activities and I like dealing with people."

Since that's the case it's befitting Ms. Dorsey has chosen a profession which suits her extroverted characteristics. Presently she is attending Central Piedmont Community College in the transfer program. "This is my first year at CPCC. I plan to obtain my B.A. in Communications from either Howard or the University of North Carolina, Charlotte."

To be accepted as a respected broadcast journalist Ms. Dorsey realizes that her English must be almost flawless. This, however, should be the least of her worries since she speaks with both poise and confidence.

Born in Charlotte but raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Ms. Dorsey has since made a move back to the Carolinas. "My mother, brother and I came back to Charlotte about a year and a half ago."

In this short time Ms. Dorsey has established herself as a great speaker by competing and winning the honor of delivering the graduation speech for the class of '83 at Olympic High School. She is also active on the Board of the Council on Adolescent Pregnancy.

At CPCC she is Editor of the college's newspaper "The Spark" and a member of the Afro-American Cultural Club.

"We are now planning events for Black History Month," Ms. Dorsey exclaimed. "Kelly Alexander Sr. will be one of our keynote speakers and a reggae band will perform between February 6 and 10th."

In addition to being completely involved in a fulfilling life Ms. Dorsey enjoys several hobbies: photography, writing, poetry and news writing.

She also enjoys the talents of Michael Jackson, an entertainer she refers to as "family oriented."

Marilyn Strickland Dorsey is our beauty's mother and she has one brother, 14 year-old George Edward Dorsey Jr.

Taking life with an independent stance is a reaction Ms. Dorsey has inherited from her mother. "She instills in me the importance of independence. She stresses education and I feel she has done a great job of being my mother."

There are other snatches of life Ms. Dorsey seems to have analyzed on her own. "There's no such thing as luck," she explains. "In everything there are efforts and from those efforts come results."

Even now at 19 years of age Ms. Dorsey has realized that judging others is impractical. "I would like to see people come together and look at people for what's on the inside of them - making sure that they look a little deeper - instead of simply looking at their race."

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Republicans To Address Child Care

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
The Republican National Committee reported women are facing more child care problems as they enter the working market in substantial numbers.

The Committee commented that working women are having problems finding appropriate, affordable care for their children. As a result, Sen. Paula Hawkins and Sen. Orrin Hatch both in the U.S. Senate will introduce legislation this month suggesting a one-time grant be allotted to the states specifically for the development of child care referral services. The bill will be called the Dependent Care Resources and Referral Act and will amend the Public Health Services Act which covers block grants.

The new law as enacted will allow any state to apply for a grant and then tailor a referral service to fit local community needs. Whether North Carolina will be among those states who choose to apply for the child care grant is unknown; however, State Sen. Louise Brennan of Charlotte pointed out that a pilot program such as the one introduced on the federal level is already active in Charlotte. With 1.3 million women in North Carolina exiting in the work force, Sen. Brennan urged child care referral

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TOM GILMORE
...Democratic Gubernatorial candidate

Gilmore To Work Towards Reducing Increasing Number Of High School Dropouts

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
When the Philip Morris Company expanded its operations into Cabarrus County, it meant more job opportunities.

According to Tom Gilmore, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, the majority of jobs unfortunately didn't go to North Carolinians but to people who were relocated by the

company. "North Carolina needs to continue to attract service industries but the companies need to hire more of the people already living in the state," the 47-year-old candidate insisted.

Gilmore feels that an improvement in the education system is the best place to start to assure more of the state's natives are employed. "In this day

of high technology, we need to prevent the increasing number of high school dropouts." Gilmore expressed his goals, if elected governor, is to improve the overall quality of life in the state. He feels that can best be achieved through education.

Two issues in education receiving extreme attention are merit pay for teachers and longer school terms. Gilmore doesn't support either. "I don't support merit pay because everyone has failed to show me how it can be administered fairly," Gilmore stated. He has his reasons for not supporting a longer school term. "Can you imagine students sitting in classrooms at temperatures of 96 degrees?" he asked. Gilmore pointed out he visited a classroom that reached that temperature in early September; therefore, in the summer months the conditions could be worse.

He also feels that the student-teacher ratio is too high. We need to make our classrooms smaller. The average classroom has 35 students.

Those issues which Gilmore does support in education include raising all teachers' salaries above national average. That means about an additional \$3,000 annually. Doing this and decreasing the size of classrooms would, in Gilmore's estimation, raise the morale of the teachers, as well as allow them more time to spend individually with their students.

While speaking about teachers' salaries, Gilmore indicated the income for

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Businesses Need Minorities

Making a special effort to do business with minority firms can pay off handsomely for large corporations.

That is the conclusion in a new report released by Philip Morris, Inc. on its experience to date with its "Minority Vendors Program."

The report also highlights opportunities for minority-owned enterprises to sell their products and services to the diversified multinational consumer products company.

Philip Morris spends more than \$150 million a year with minority businesses, the report says. The company's Minority Vendor Task Force works with Minority Business Purchasing Councils to identify qualified minority business operators and help prospective suppliers meet Philip Morris standards.

"Minority business and large corporations need each other," says George Weissman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Philip Morris, Inc. in the report's introduction.

"New entrepreneurs need the business. We need the best quality products, materials and services available and we can't get them if we don't open our doors to all who think they can provide them."

Providing a how-to-do-it guide, the report encourages more minority suppliers to do business with the corporation. The report lists Task Force members along with their addresses and direct-dial telephone numbers.

Profiles in Success. Entitled "They Sell To Philip Morris—So Can You," the 12-page, full color brochure profiles six minority business people who have been successful suppliers to Philip Morris.

"We're proud to call the people in this booklet Philip Morris suppliers," says Weissman. "They're gaining a foothold on the American economy by building successful businesses with their independence, persistence, energy and vigorous entrepreneurship."

60 Artists
Sixty artists from the Charlotte area will participate in Spirit Square Art Center's "1984 Invitational-Black and White," opening January 6 at the uptown arts center.

The public is invited to attend the opening of the exhibition on Friday, January 6, from 5-7 p.m. in Gallery One at Spirit Square, 110 E. Seventh St., Charlotte. For more information, call 704-332-2665.

Along The Campaign Trail

Richardson To Run For State Post?

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
You probably remember when Jim Richardson won a brief election to the State House of Representatives in 1982.

That was before the Board of Elections declared a miscount, and reported Gus Economus was actually the candidate in line for congratulations.

Richardson accepted the news as an "honest mistake" and never made an issue of the final decision. More important, he never stopped working in the Charlotte community. He continued to provide to the best of his ability those promises which he made in his campaign.

Realizing this, those who like to sit around the "Political Table" have been wondering for almost two years what are Richardson's intentions. I say look for him to run for the House seat again this year. Now I'm not another Jean Dixon making the 1984 predictions. Richardson himself, informally announced his eye is on the state



Jim Richardson
.....Eyes state legislature

Jesse Jackson's trip to Syria has resulted in what he hoped for, Navy Lt. Robert Goodman's release from the Syrian government. On a televised program before the trip to Syria, Jackson assured he would at least get the issue on the front burner of U.S. concerns.

Jackson had accused President Reagan of failing to consider Lt. Goodman's fate as one of the most important issues in current



Susan Green
U.S. Congressional hopeful

U.S. government. Without any aggressive moves from the President to assist Rev. Jackson, Goodman regained his opportunity to return to the States only through the efforts of presidential candidate Jackson. Perhaps more people need to realize not only the domestic power which Jackson possesses, but his foreign influences as well.

Raleigh attorney Geoffrey Simmons will join the Jim Hunt Exploratory



Rev. Jesse Jackson
.....Presidential candidate

Committee, January 16 as a deputy director for minority affairs. Simmons, 31, is a partner in the firm of Currie, Simmons, Pugh and Joyner. He will take a leave of absence from the firm to work with the 1984 Senate campaign. A member of the N.C. Black Lawyers Association, Simmons is a graduate of Duke University, where he received his law degree. He also received a degree in political science from Howard University. See Richardson Page 5A