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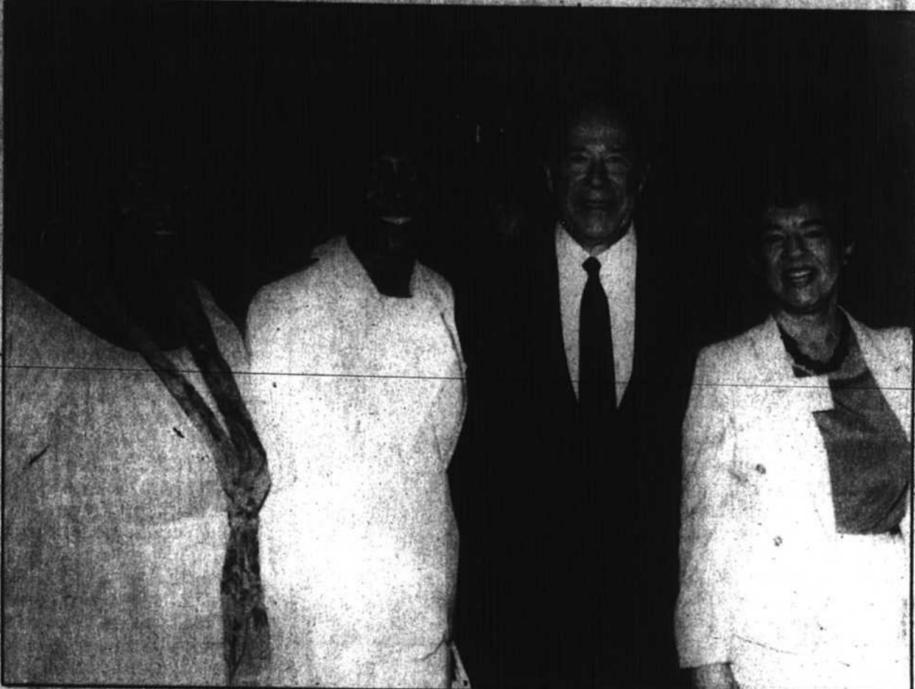
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DELTA SIGMA THETA AT STATE BRIEFING - Secretary of State George Schultz greets members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at a recent State Department briefing. Left to right: Deltas Jean Leche, a government aide, Willa Hall, a congressional staffer, and Dr. Marcella Peterson, Delta executive director at the sorority's national headquarters in Washington, DC, chat with Schultz.

Deltas Salute America's Black Colleges

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. conceived on a historically black college campus, will kickoff 1987 with a series of weekend convocations at 22 colleges across the U.S. 19 of which are traditionally black institutions of higher education.

The "America's Black Colleges: Roots, Rewards, Renewal" celebration is the initial activity leading up to Delta's Jubilee Year - 1988. According to Delta National President Hortense G. Canady, of Lansing, MI, the college convocation series will offer "the opportunity to return to our nurturing ground, reflect on the rewards of our heritage, and renew allegiance to the traditionally black colleges."

Dr. Ruth S. Taylor, coordinator of Delta's Leadership Academy, will direct the convocation series. Mrs. Canady said, assisted by Delta regional directors throughout the na-

tion. Conference participants hope to reaffirm a sense of commitment to black colleges while collectively seeking solutions to problems that negatively impinge on the survival of blacks.

The agenda calls for internal and external workshops and a public luncheon. The public workshops will address such issues as substance abuse leadership skills and networking, grantsmanship for research and social action, and the survival of blacks through education, economics, and the political process.

A highlight of each convocation luncheon will be the granting of two awards to campus students: (1) Outstanding Campus Academic Achiever Award, and (2) Outstanding Campus Leader award. Delta will also present a gift to each host col-

lege and university.

Registration fees are \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students. The fee does not include the luncheon.

"Delta Sigma Theta is committed to the survival of our traditionally black colleges, and will continue efforts to enhance the status and the endurance of these bulwarks of black culture," Mrs. Canady explained.

"The series continues Delta's commitment to the nation's historically black colleges. For the past six years, Delta has made a gift through the United Negro College Fund, of \$50,000 every other year for our Distinguished Black Professor Endowed Chair at one of the black colleges. This program has bolstered research and the quality of teaching at the recipient college," Mrs. Canady added.

for presentations to the educators.

Following the inauguration early last year of this technical assistance program, the HBCU had several months to develop their individual marketing plans based on guidelines established in the special seminars.

"We are gratified that the participating HBCUs were stimulated to make such major efforts in following through and in putting together their plans," John Moorhead, vice president-public affairs, Pepsi-Cola company, said.

First prize, and \$50,000, went to Bowie State College of Bowie, Maryland. Second prize, and \$15,000, went to North Carolina A&T State University of Greensboro, N.C., while third place, and \$10,000, went to Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

"Today, historically black colleges and universities must market themselves in an increasingly changing academic atmosphere," stated Moorhead. "This program has helped participating HBCUs to analyze their strengths and weaknesses and position themselves more effectively in today's competitive market place. We look forward to working with these institutions and NAPEO in the further development of this and other technical assistance programs."

America's Poor To Feel Effects Of Budget Cuts

Of the \$18.7 billion in proposed spending reductions for fiscal year 1988 contained in the Administration's new budget, one-third would come out of programs targeted to low income Americans, despite the fact that these programs constitute one-ninth of the federal budget, according to an analysis issued recently by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Actual spending (or outlays) for low income programs would be sliced \$6.7 billion below the levels needed to maintain current levels of service in these programs in FY 1988, the Center analysis reported. Even larger cut would be made in appropriations (or budget authority) for these programs. The appropriations would drop \$12.4 billion below current service levels in FY 1988, a reduction of 11%.

"These proposals show that the Administration is again seeking to make highly disproportionate cuts in programs for the poor," Center Director Robert Greenstein said.

Greenstein also noted that the proposals appear to fly in the face of a White House task force report issued last month that called for no changes or reforms in federal low income programs until such changes could be tested at the state level.

"Apparently, the White House believes that any changes to mend holes in the safety net should be off limits, but changes to cut low income programs further are fine," he said.

The Center's analysis found that the low income cuts in the new budget "grow significantly larger with each passing year."

In fiscal year 1992, the analysis finds, actual spending for low income programs would be reduced \$22.7 billion below the levels needed to maintain current service levels, representing a 16% reduction in the low income portion of the federal budget.

The cuts are steepest in non-entitlement (or discretionary) programs for the poor, the same group of programs that bore some of the most severe reductions in the early 1980s, the analysis notes. Appropriations for low income programs that are not entitlements would be slashed 23%, or \$9.5 billion, in FY 1988. This would result in an actual spending reduction of \$14.2 million a year, or 25%, by FY 1992.

Including both entitlement and non-entitlement programs, low income programs would have appropriations reduced a cumulative total of \$122 billion below current service levels over the next five years, while outlays would be cut \$73 billion, according to the analysis.

Areas With Largest Cuts
Among the low income programs that would sustain the largest cuts are Medicaid and financial aid to help low and moderate income students attend college, the report states. Medicaid would be reduced \$1.4 billion next year and \$20.2 billion over the next five years.

Appropriations for financial assistance programs for needy students would be cut 39 percent.

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or more than \$2 billion, below current service levels next year, while outlays for these programs would fall \$1.45 billion or 28 percent. Over the next five years, appropriations for these student aid programs would be reduced \$16.4 billion, or 54 percent, below current service levels, while outlays would be cut \$13.9 billion, or 48 percent. In addition, some \$1.1 billion in appropriations for these programs in FY 1987 would be rescinded (or cancelled).

Among other major low income programs that would be cut deeply are the low income energy assistance program (which helps poor people pay heating bills), which would have its appropriation cut 35 percent below current service levels and outlays cut 32 percent. Appropriations for low income housing would be cut by more than half and set \$4.2 billion below current services levels.

In addition, the analysis finds, more than 50,000 low income pregnant women, infants, and children found by medical professionals to be at nutritional risk would be removed from a women, infants, and children nutrition program, because the budget would not include enough funds to maintain current participation

levels.

Some 14 low income programs would be terminated outright, including the legal services program, the work incentive program, funding to defray storage and distribution costs incurred by public and charitable organizations in distributing government surplus foods to the poor and the homeless, a series of low income housing programs, and the community services block grant program (which would be phased out over four years).

Cuts To Start in FY 1987

The reductions in many low income programs would start in FY 1987. The budget proposes rescissions of \$4.7 billion in funds appropriated for 18 low income programs. These rescissions are designed, in part, to help offset the large supplemental funding request for the Defense Department included in the budget. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law requires supplemental spending to be balanced by other spending cuts.

Rescissions would be made in such low income programs as financial aid for needy students, low income housing, job training, and funding for expenses in distributing surplus food to the poor.



Margaret Cleaves
...West Charlotte student

Margaret Cleaves Aspires To Become An Actress

By Russell Clark
Post Staff Writer

"The Bill Cosby Show," "Different Strokes," and "Webster." Can you guess what these network television shows have in common? Yes, they are sitcoms that are watched every week by thousands, but they also feature talented black teenage stars.

Margaret Cleaves is a 15-year-old sophomore at West Charlotte Senior High School who is determined to become an actress. "When I go to college I want to major in communications and minor in drama," says Cleaves, a B student at W.C. "Right now my favorite class is English because I have a tough

teacher who makes me work. It's rewarding because you get out of her class what you put into it," explained this weeks beauty who also studying drama, fashion merchandising, and Math. As a member of the drama club, Spanish of DECA and the volleyball team, she is adjusting well to high school.

"It wasn't hard for me because I attended West Mecklenburg last year and I got along like West Charlotte because be what you want to be and please take you for who you are. Charlotte has been tagged the most racially balanced schools in the country because of desegregation. Last

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To Black Colleges

Pepsi-Cola Awards \$150,000

Purchase, New York - Pepsi-Cola has awarded \$150,000 to historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) through a unique incentive program that encourages black colleges to develop effective marketing plans.

Called the "Excellence in Education Marketing Program," the project is the latest in a series of efforts that underscores Pepsi's long-term commitment to HBCUs.

WCAGD Sets Meeting

The Westside Coalition Against Garbage Dump is meeting every Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church to develop new ideas to combat the proposed garbage dump site on the westside. The coalition has filed an injunction to prohibit the garbage dump from being placed in the community.

TURTLE-TALK



Everyone's a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.