

Budget Axe Hits Colleges

Colleges and universities are coping with a budget crisis that is forcing them to cut back on programs and services. The federal sources of money available for college students, along with its Computer Search Services that help in finding this money. These Computer Searches typically are guaranteed, cover data that most college aid offices do not have the manpower to process, and cost from \$40 to \$60. These searches locate money provided by corporations, trade groups, associations, clubs, unions and the like. The above help is available if you call toll-free 1-800-872-1221 and extension 6025.

As you'll probably recall, when President Reagan took office he was hoping that the private sector would take over much of what the government had been supplying. When it comes to college financial aid it may surprise you to learn that more than \$4 billion in assistance is available from private sources all over the nation. In some instances, portions of this money never get disbursed due to a lack of students applying.

"Many students and parents don't have any idea this money exists, or if they do, they just don't know where to find it or how to apply," explains Samsi. "Today we have the information technology and the means to access many different databases totaling billions of dollars worth of scholarship details. By using that technology, a student or parent can find out very quickly just where the money is that they qualify to receive."

As college costs continue to increase and federal aid gets tougher to qualify for, private grants and scholarships are going to play a larger role in helping parents and students find the means to cope with those tuition payments.

Perhaps Mr. Reagan will get his wish and begin seeing more private money take the place of federal assistance. For college students one thing is certain: they not only will want to see it, they'll need to see it.

City Invests In Major Water Service Project

The city of Raleigh is investing in a major water service project that will extend from its present limits at the city limits (Brenda Jones to Jones Sausage Road. It is being extended south to Jones Sausage Road to I-40. Wake County is participating in the cost of construction of these mains since the Jones Sausage Road water main will extend to the N. Sausage Road water service line to the Nabisco Bakery.

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS—The most outstanding students of the North Carolina Central University School of Business were recognized at a recent Honors Luncheon held by the school. The speaker for the occasion was Clayton Stancliff, left, business manager of the North Carolina District of Xerox Corporation, who spoke on what businesses expect from new employees. Cassandra Dunston of Louisburg, second from left, was one of the students honored. A sophomore accounting major, Miss Dunston completed her freshman year with a perfect A average. Examining the program for the luncheon with Miss Dunston is Dr. Sanford Fleming, dean of the School of Business, while John V. Turner, coordinator of the banquet, looks on at right.

NAACP Official Says Blacks Must Join GOP For Equity In Politics

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—National NAACP official Emmett Burns has reiterated his opinion that blacks must join the Republican Party to ensure equity in politics.

Burns, director of the Life Membership Department for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, spoke Friday at the annual Freedom Awards Banquet of the Jackson NAACP Branch.

"We must change the direction of the Republican Party so it will not be the party of white exclusivism," Burns said.

"The ultimate question is not if the Billy Moungers and Trent Lotts can be charged," he said, referring to Mougner, a Jackson GOP activist, and Lott, the state's Republican U.S. senator-elect.

"The question is when will we begin to change them. They don't know us, and we don't know them."

Burns angered some Mississippi

blacks last month in Canton when he suggested that blacks become Republicans.

Introducing Burns, Hinds County Circuit Court Judge Fred Banks referred to that speech in Canton and said no ideas should be rejected immediately.

"The NAACP is bigger than that," Banks said. "It's bigger than partisan politics."

Burns encouraged blacks to embrace their past and future—including politics—or said they would fall behind American society.

"Too many decisions have been made about us, for us, without us," Burns said, referring to eight years of Republican rule in Washington. "I never said at Canton to join the Republican Party for the fun of it."

Blacks must join the Republican Party to protect minority interests, he said.

"If I can't stop them from doing us in, I can come back and warn us of what they're trying to do. But I've got to be in the room, in the political party, to do this," he said.

In the remainder of his 45-minute address, Burns said blacks must embrace their legacy of slavery and suffering and, like the Jews who survived the Holocaust, turn "shields of shame into badges of honor."

"This is a legacy of distinction and dignity," he said. "This legacy did not begin with the civil rights movement. It began when the slaves jumped ship and became fodder for the sharks."

He said blacks should enhance their educational, social and political future.

"The results of the past 100 years have not been good for blacks," he said. "The only way to already upon us. Too many of our children are robbing themselves of the future."

"Unless we group and grab the educational future, we will be behind the American society," he said.

Prestige Club Holds Yuletide Activities Here

BY THELMA M. KECK

The Prestige Club of Raleigh ushered the yuletide season in with a party at the Hargett Street YWCA on Dec. 15.

President Margaret Capehart welcomed the guests and members of the club.

Mildred James delivered the meditation, including a very fervent prayer for peace, happiness, and goodwill for all.

Dorothy Goodson was the chairman of the Christmas activities. Nettie Thompson sang "O Holy Night" and Jimmy Keck directed the singing of other familiar songs of the season.

Highlights included an abundance of good food, plenty of fun and warm fellowship. Games were played and gifts and cards were exchanged. The guests who won prizes were Paul Thompson, Lucile Paige, Grace Hall, Catherine Quick, Beulah Jones, Faye Tucker, Mary Curtis and Cornelia Haywood.

Ruth Woodson gave a demonstration of exercises for senior citizens.

Members present were Mamie Bailey, Nellie Boykin, Rosia Butler, Margaret Capehart, Mary Carter, Minetta Eaton, Dorothy Goodson, Nellie Harris, Minnie Howard, Mildred James, L. Hope Jones, Thelma Keck, Nora Lockhart, Frances Massenburg, Ruby S. McKinney, Jessye R. Mebane, Katie Poole, Nettie Thompson, Inez Vinson, Ruth Woodson and Eredena Young.

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NAACP President Charged With Fraud, Released

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—The newly elected president of the city's NAACP chapter turned himself in to police last week on a construction fraud complaint from 1986, police said.

E. George Minns, 36, was served with the misdemeanor warrant from the Chesapeake Police Department, said Lewis B. Thurston, a Virginia Beach police spokesman. Minns was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Minns also faced a misdemeanor warrant from Norfolk charging him with failure to return U.S. currency.

He declined to comment on the charges.

Minns recently ousted his predecessor, Virginia L. Little, for the local presidency of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He will be installed in January.

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