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**DR. SUNDAY FADULU'S
TIMELY SICKLE CELL
DISEASE RESEARCH**



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It is time that we put Sickle Cell disease back in the spotlight, and equally important, discover a cure.

According to Dr. Sunday Fadulu, sickle cell disease is a disorder stemming from inadequate oxygen transported by an abnormal type of hemoglobin molecule in the red blood cells.

The pain of the disease is "like a thousand nails being hammered into one's bones or like a hammer and chisel chipping away one's bones.

Considered by many to be a "Black" disease, Dr. Fadulu, via his newly established, World Sickle Cell Disease Foundation, is correcting this perception by informing audiences that "although the disease is primarily found in Africa and among people of African descent, it is also found throughout the Americas, the Middle East (Asia Minor), Greece and Italy."

Each year, more people die from Sickle Cell disease worldwide than heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer combined.

Dr. Sunday Fadulu, Professor of Microbiology, Texas Southern University, has developed the only drug to date with positive results that control the Sickle Cell disease and reverse its symptoms. The drug was derived from the chewing stick in his native Nigeria. In Nigeria, the chewing stick's juice serves as a toothpaste and the actual branch as brush.

Sunday Fadulu is more than qualified to lead the research on Sickle Cell disease and also bridge the two worlds of African traditional medicine and European technology. Sunday a seasoned professor, has a Ph.D. in Microbiology/Biochemistry from the University of Oklahoma, and post doctoral studies at the University College Hospital, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Atlanta University and Harvard.

In 1967, interest in Sickle Cell disease peaked. Today, many have not heard of the disease or

its consequences. Since 1967, less than \$100,000 has been raised for Sickle Cell research. One problem is its classification as an orphan disease. According to the Orphan Drug Law, these are diseases with less than 200,000 national cases.

In this column, we have often talked about "misery research" and the African community, that is, research done on Pan African communities decrying the depressing state of our communities, but offering few solutions.

However, what Sunday Fadulu and the World Sickle Cell Foundation are about to embark upon is like a breath of fresh air. This is pure and positive research. Hopefully, many lives will be saved and many people should see tremendous improvements in their life styles.

Yes, Dr. Fadulu and his foundation have quite a task, but with your support and assistance, his "drug called hope" will break new ground. Dr. Fadulu can be contacted at Texas Southern University in Houston. Yes, TSU is one of this nation's premiere (and African American) universities.

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Anyone doubting the academic abilities of our local African-American youth obviously missed this year's NAACP ACT-SO Awards, April 24th, at the Excalibur Hotel. ACT-SO, an acronym for Afro Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics, is a highly successful instrument through which black youths are encouraged to achieve excellence in academic and cultural pursuits. ACT-SO firmly believes that our children can succeed in the classroom at the same superior levels of achievement we've come to expect from our athletes, and this program affords the same respect for black scholastic and cultural success that is awarded to sports heroes. Community involvement plays a big part in the success of ACT-SO. The program mobilized the adults in the community, and professionals in various areas of expertise to serve as role models, instructors, coaches, and mentors for young African-American volunteers who compete in twenty-four categories ranging from music and dance to architecture and computer science. The culmination of all the hard work by both participants and adult volunteers is the local awards where the winners from each category are chosen. First-place winners compete nationally against 1,500 Afro-American high school students from approximately 600 U.S. cities and are honored before audiences numbering in the thousands, complete with media coverage. In addition to monetary gifts, the

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Pictured above are all the Las Vegas finalists for the 1990-1991 ACT-SO program. (photo by Savoy, Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice)

West Coast Black Publishers Association

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The West Coast Black Publishers Scholarship Fund has introduced its scholarship/internship program to commence in The Fall Semester 1989. The program is funded by Philip Morris, U.S.A., and is available to minority students interested in pursuing careers in journalism, related to print media.



BUSINESS



COMMUNICATIONS



JOURNALISM



PRODUCTION

Eligibility Requirements

- Students must reside in a WCBPA location, however, they can attend any accredited institution for higher education throughout the U.S.
- Students must be a major or minor in the subject areas, and demonstrate strong interest in journalism.
- A commitment to a three year scholarship and internship program will be required.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 G.P.A.
- Students must demonstrate a financial need.
- Students whose application is accepted will be identified as West Coast Black Publishers/Philip Morris, USA, Scholars.

Selection Process

- Selection committee will review students submission of an essay on the impact of Black media in the U.S.
- Three letters of recommendations from College Professors, Community Leaders or Employers must be submitted.
- Funds will be transferred directly to the College/University.
- Applications available at local College/University or West Coast Black Publishers Association Newspapers.

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