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The Washington Whiteskins and The Cleveland Africans



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To my knowledge, there are not many Native Americans employed within the professional ranks of the three major professional leagues.

In fact, I would go as far as to say that there are probably not too many Native Americans receiving their due at the minor league or college levels as well.

When more than 2,000 demonstrators circled the Minneapolis Metrodome before this year's Super Bowl to protest the use of Native American nicknames and mascots in sports, more than a few people took notice.

It is also quite likely that just as the Washington Redskins took a lot of heat, so will baseball teams this spring - i.e. the Cleveland Indians and the Atlanta Braves.

So what is in a name, some will argue. This is just for fun, an outlet, others may chime in. Why do some people have to be so serious or political?

"Even the air that we breathe is political," the singer and activist, Miriam Makeba was once quoted as saying.

I often refer to her comment whenever I hear of young (and old) people seeking excuses for not taking positions on important issues.

That is not to imply that I don't believe in "just having fun and forgetting about my worries." On the contrary, there are many times when I just have to shut down to re-energize.

I believe that the late President Dwight Eisenhower was given credit for the following paraphrased comment:

"There are times when I sit in my rocking chair and rock and think. Sometimes, I just sit in my rocking chair and rock."

No, I am much in favor of R&R. But I am always cognizant of the fact that "the very air that I breath is political."

Taking a stand in support of human rights issues in not a seasonal thing. To be effective, it has to be daily.

It is not impressive to protest the Kansas City Chiefs in the fall and the Golden State Warriors in the winter because it is the seasonal or liberal thing to do.

Insensitivity is insensitivity, 365 days out of the year.

And those Africans on those teams should be ashamed of themselves for sheepishly not stepping to the front of this and other similar issues.

I have said on more than one occasion that the reason there are so few African coaches and managers in the professional ranks is

because most athletes and their so called players associations have not stood tall.

I have also said that many Native American (and you notice that I haven't said INDIAN) issues are intertwined with Latino issues.

Many Latinos are of African, native American and/or European descent. Until more Latino organizations publicly and forcefully make Native American issues a higher priority, one can confidently say that neither movement will fly as high as it should.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP RULING COULD HAVE ADDITIONAL PROHIBITION EFFECTS

Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander's December announcement proposing regulations restricting race-exclusive scholarships may also have the effect of prohibiting colleges and universities from soliciting funds for minority awards.

The Department policy would restrict "race-exclusive" scholarships as a violation of federal Title IV anti-discrimination law. The only exceptions would be when they are used to remedy past discrimination law.

The only exceptions would be when they are used to remedy past discrimination, are created by Congress (i.e., Patricia Robert Harris Scholarships), and are donated through a private foundation or individual, etc.

UNCF has opposed this policy and believes that limiting a ban on scholarships to race is clearly offensive to African-Americans.

The Department did not address gender, national origin, or religious-based scholarships. The College Fund plans to address these issues and the policy itself in our response to the Department's regulations.

Another area of concern is reviewed in a report from the

Chronicle of Higher Education in which the Education Department's General Counsel, Jeffrey Martin, said that the Department, "might prohibit schools from soliciting funds to finance minority scholarships." He stated that the Department's provisions al-

McGLADREY & PULLEN, CPA CLUB ANNOUNCE MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR UNLV STUDENTS

The CPA firm of McGladrey & Pullen and the CPA Club of Las Vegas are offering a \$1,500 minority scholarship to accounting majors to attend UNLV. The recipient will receive \$750 in each of his or her two remaining years. The student must meet the following criteria 1) Must be a minority, 2) An accounting major with a 3.2 GPA, 3) Must demonstrate financial need, and 4) A member of the junior class by Fall, 1992.

"We feel a contribution like this is importance to the community and in helping the accounting profession in recruiting more minorities," said Bill Wells, Managing Partner of McGladrey & Pullen's L.V. office.

"We want to support our local university," said Mike PeQueen, Chairman of the CPA Club of

Las Vegas. "We recognize the great strides the Business and Accounting programs are making and, we are pleased to participate in their progress."

ing public comment through the minority scholarship regulations. Yet the regulation issued for minority scholarships does not review solicitation of funds for scholarships. UNCF will closely review and analyze this section of the regulations.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY, DISTRICT C, TO BE FILLED

Applications are now being accepted from persons interested in the soon-to-be vacated District C seat on the Clark County Board of School Trustees. District C. School board member Yvonne Atkinson Gates recently announced her resignation effective April 27.

The selection process culminated on April 28 at 6 p.m. when the remaining six members of the seven-member school board officially appoint a successor to complete Atkinson Gates' unexpired term. Atkinson Gates is resigning from the school board to campaign for an elected position on the Clark County Commission.

Residents of District C may apply by submitting a letter of application and a resume to the office of the Superintendent of Schools, 2832 East Flamingo Road, on or before April 6.

The person selected by the school board will served the remainder of Atkinson Gates' term, which expires December 31, 1992.

BOARD MEETING SET TO CONSIDER FINAL ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS

A special school board meeting has been set for Monday, March 2, at 6 p.m. to consider approval of final recommendations for zoning for the 1992-93 school year.

The board meeting will held in the board room of the Edward Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road.

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