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Superb African American Press Coverage Throughout 1992



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If anyone ever suggests that the African American Press as an institution is a minor press or not timely, please give that person a copy of this column. In fact, suggest to that person that he or she subscribe to one of our newspapers. We offer the following examples of news coverage from various newspapers as evidence that the Pan African Press is indeed special. Be-

cause we ran a similar column during the past summer, we have chosen to give more examples for the months of Aug - Dec.

JANUARY - Dr. King Holiday Celebrations, the Nation of Islam and Kemron Drug for AIDS virus.

FEBRUARY - Katherine Dunham ends her fast in protest of Haitians mistreatment, Jamaican Prime Minister Michael

Manley announces retirement. APRIL - P.J. Patterson chosen new Jamaican Prime Minister, Virginia Union University men's basketball team crowned Division II champions.

MAY - Los Angeles erupts after Rodney King/Police officers verdict, Ramona Africa of MOVE freed in Philadelphia.

JUNE - Birmingham businessman A.G. Gaston chosen Entrepreneur of the Century, Bill Clinton/ Sister Souljah Controversy.

JULY - Five African Americans receive MacArthur Fellowships, African American gangs in LA maintain truce.

AUGUST - Strikes take place

in South Africa/Azania, Dr. Mae Jemison goes into Space, Chief Moshood Kashi mawo Abiola of Nigeria demands, "Slave traders must pay reparations."

SEPTEMBER - Howard University rated one of the top universities in county, Mayor Tom Bradley decides not to seek reelection, former Judge Alcee Hastings - impeachment overturned in Florida.

MAJOR GRANT TO UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF BLACK PH.D.'S

\$3.2 Million Mellon Foundation Grant Will Have Significant Impact On Overall Numbers of Black Doctorates & Develop Faculty at UNCF Colleges

OCTOBER - Dr. Lenora Fulani on ballot in forty states as presidential candidate, Robert Maynard sells Oakland Tribune, Atlanta to host the Nation of Islam's Annual Savior's day Af-fair, Cito Gaston manages the Toronto Blue Jays to Baseball World Series.

NOVEMBER - Bill Clinton elected President of the United States, Vernon Jordan chairs

Clinton Transitional Team, the Malcolm X Movie.

DECEMBER - Kwanzaa Celebrations, increase in the number of African American congresspersons.

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percent of all full-time UNCF faculty currently hold a doctoral degree.

The Mellon Foundation approved two appropriations: the first provides \$2.01 million to support its undergraduate fellowship program to increase the number of minority students who choose to enroll in Ph.D. programs in the arts and sciences. The grant is targeted for students at UNCF institutions and Hampton University.

The second grant of \$1.2 million will support the Mellon Foundation's Faculty Doctoral Program at four-year colleges that are part of the United Negro College Fund, the American Indian College Fund and Hampton University. The program is intended to increase the number of minority scholars who obtain Ph.D.'s in the arts and sciences. The Mellon Foundation is a long-time supporter of UNCF.

"We believe that it is essential to increase the numbers of Black Ph.D.'s in our nation's college classrooms, laboratories, and research centers," said William G. Bowen, President of the New York-based philanthropy. "Through these two programs, we felt that we will be able to have a significant impact (See Major Grant, Page 18)

NEW YORK — To address the critical national need for more Black American Ph.D.'s and further strengthen faculty at the United Negro College Fund's 41 private, historically Black colleges and universities, the Andrew Mellon Foundation has approved two major grants totaling \$3.2 million to CAMPAIGN 2000: An investment in America's Future.

"The shortage of Black doctorates is one of the most critical problems in Black higher education today," said UNCF President and CEO William H. Gray, III. "Through this timely and forward-looking gift, the Mellon Foundation will make it possible to improve our nation's educational outlook and to significantly strengthen the already high level of academic quality at our member colleges."

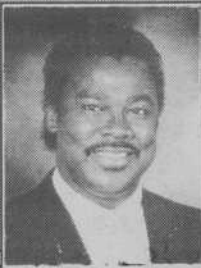
Nationally, only four percent of all doctorates awarded to U.S. citizens are earned by African-Americans. Although historically Black colleges make up just three percent of all U.S. colleges, they graduate 43 percent of all the Black Americans who go on to earn doctoral degrees. Fully 53

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

With the new year upon us I'm sure many of us have resorted to making resolutions: I'm going on a diet, I promise to be a better person, I will make it a point to save money this year. But how many of us have actually resolved to care about ourselves? Care about myself? What do you mean? I take care of myself! I care about myself! I dare say that most of us do not for the care that I refer to is not the physical, superficial, pretty hair, nice clothes thing, but a deeper, more meaningful care of self. As we approach the 21st century our resolution should be that we learn about ourselves, gain knowledge of our former greatness and act accordingly to reclaim that greatness.

Africans, I implore you in this new year to read, read and read some more. Knowledge is power and we cannot look to the downpresser to give us this power. As our elder expressed to a group of us recently, "Happy New You."

Until next week, this has been the Minister of Information.



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