# UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND LAUNCHES GOLDEN ANNIVERS



LOU RAWLS

NEW YORK — The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is starting off a new year with a bang by launching it's 50th anniversary celebration with the "Lou Rawls Parade of Starts" telethon on Jan. 8. Throughout 1994, UNCF will proudly celebrate 50 years of "making a difference" in the lives of thousands of young men and women who have received a valuable education at UNCF colleges and universities.

UNCF's mission, to raise funds to support it's colleges and it's students, is as important today as it was in 1944 when Dr. Frederick D. Patterson, then president of 33333333 Institute in Alabama, founded the organization to help 27 small, private Black colleges in the South make a collective appeal to foundations, corporations and individuals for financial support.

### HAPPY KWANZAA

(Continued from Page 15) disc is capped off with Kurtis Blow's "Christmas Rappin" classic. The CD packaging is highlighted by a picture of Emage which is helping to build further anticipation for their forthcoming debut disc.

Emage is the second artist to join Mercury Records through it's recently signed distribution deal with One Love Records. The first, Bronx based rappers The Legion, released their debut single and video last month. One Love Records is the brainchild of Dres, a member of Mercury's platinum rap duo Black



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many remixes for other recording acts including Arrested Development's top ten single "TENNESSEE", and is now getting into the producing end of the business. He is co-producing the new rap act "SNOMAN" on the Conquest Records label owned by singer Curtis Mayfield, and is featured on the new Sony Music album by singer Dion Ferris. NABS also plans to produce an original album based exclusively on the concept of the "TURNTABLE INSTRU-MENTALIST", sort of what like Herbie Hancock did with the turntable featured top ten hit Rock-It back in the 1980's. NABS gives props to those who blazed the way like D.J. Jazzy Jeff and Gran Master Flash. NABS is now on tour overseas and says that "even if wax gets obsolete, I will still have my turntables and my mixer right beside my CD player and other digital instruments, mixing and scratching is like rap. . . it's here to stay." And from the looks of his current success, so is D.J. NABS!! For more info on D.J. NABS call (213) 857-7095.

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chantress. She radiated more charm, intelligence, energy and humanity than Auntie Mame, Dolly Levi and Scarlett O'Hara combined and offers twice as much graciousness and warmth. Snapt Cracklet Popt comes to mind when speaking with this upbeat singer/actress/comedienne who starts with Whoopi Goldberg in Touchstone Pictures' new comedy with music "Sister Act 2: Bank in the Habit" (opening nationwide December 10). With a beaming personality - as lively and glittering as any of the fun-loving characters in her repertoire - one presumes this talented diva wakes up with the lark each morning. Her disposition seems that sunny and bright! And with the demands of feature films and television series commitments, plus raising a family, and her philanthropic endeavors, Ms. Ralph's good humor keeps her focused and poised to enjoy every moment of



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