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SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Secretary of Energy in President Bill Clinton's administration announced July 8, 1993 as a guest speaker at the NAACP 84th National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana that she was going to earmark 1 billion dollars for a scholarship program. Applicants for the program must be individuals who are underrepresented in scientific and technical fields and may include, but are not limited to, Asian Americans, women and African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic men and women.

Applicants must major in the field of engineering, science, computer science, mathematics and environmental studies. All applicants must be members of the NAACP. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors in the class of 1994. They must also rank in the top one third of their class with a commulative grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 or a B average. Finally, all applicants must be citizens of the United States and be eligible to be enrolled or accepted at a accredited college or university within the United States.

Scholars will receive tuition fees and stripends not to exceed \$10,000 dollars which will be renewable for a maximum of four years, if full time status and a 3.0 (B) average are maintained. Scholars must agree to work summers prior to graduation for the United States Department of Energy or one of it's contractors

and for two years after graduation. Scholars will participate in 10 hours of commuity service each month including activities such as mentoring, tutoring, working with the elderly, involvement with community projects,

Scholars must be full-time students. All scholars must agree to remain in their chosen field of study for the 4 year period of their award. Student application deadline is April 30, 1994.

For further information write to the NAACP, P.O. Box 4887, Las Vegas, Nevada 89127.

The Las Vegas Branch NAACP has been given the single honor of being the first branch in the United States to serve as scholarship propgram

Memberships in the NAACP is spotlighted beginning Saturday, February 12, 1984 which is the 85th annversary of the NAACP nationlly. The center piece attraction of membership extravaganze will be a radiothon emination from KCEP-FM 88.1 Radio at 330 West Washington Blvd. and D Street. The NAACP memberships goal for 1994 is 5,000 members. When we reach that goal we will be the largest branch of the NAACP west of the Mississippi River. You should want to be a part of this upcoming history making

In addition to KCEP building, serving as NAACP membership station you can also get your The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE

membership at the NAACP office wich is located at 1048 W. Owens Avenue. Call 646-1662.

When you help the NAACP reach it's goal you will make it possible to hire paid office staff to provide the first class service you deserve and need

This is your chance to do something to help yourself.

NAACP membership is only \$10.00 per year which is less than the cost of a carton of ciga-

If you are going to get serious about fighting racism in Nevada than you will make sure that there is no one in your family, in your job, in your neighborhood, in your organization, or in

your church who does not have NAACP membership.

Don't wait until you or a member of your family get's into trouble with racism before you remember to come to the office and join. Your NAACP membership is like an insurance policy, it's not good until you need it.

Your membership inthe

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NAACP will help you get the legal assistance when you need it; also a NAACP office building of it's own where the commuity can meet.

Listen to KCEP for further information relative to our scholarship as well as our membership programs. Join the NAACP

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life of our country. Charles Drew invented a technique which separated blood plasma and saved thousands of lives in World War II. James Derham, the first African American physician, was born a slave in 1862 and, after purchasing his own freedom, became one of the outstanding doctors in New Orleans. Susan McKinney became the first African American woman physician in the late 1800's and served the Brooklyn, New York community for 20 years before moving to

Despite the myth that African Americans have never owned busineses, there are African Americans who built significant businesses. Maggie Walkerbuilt the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company in Virginia and West Virginia. Barney Ford became a propserous hotel owner in Denver and Cheyenne during the 1860's, while at the same time George T. Downing was a Rhode Island caterer and hotel owner who ultimately managed the House of Representatives restaurant in Washington, D.C. Paul Cuffee was a wealthy ship builder in the late 1700's. There is a rich legacy left by these business owners and thousands of others like them.

Indeed, African Americans have made enormous contributions to the fields of science, the arts, sports, religion, education ever since we first arrived on these shores. But, in the words of Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., executive director of the NAACP,

"the best way to celebrate black hsitory is to make some history yourself." And today there are thousands of African Americans across this coutnry doing just

There is Rachel Robinson, chairperson of the Jackie Robinson Foundation and widow of the famous history-making baseball player. She is working to provide college scholarships and mentoring programs for young people all over the country, and thereby furthering her own and her husband's vision for a better tomorrow for our youth.

There is Rahim Jenkins, executive director of the Righteous Men's Commission, a people's organization in Washinton, D.C. which is working with gang members and planning a gang summit as their way of celebrating Black History Month.

There is Rev. Margaret Hairston of Black Community Solutions in Columbus, Ohio, a program she founded and designed to rescue African American youth and families from the court system and assist them through counseling, tutoring, mentoring and a generous dose

There is Raymond Reid in Cleveland, Ohio who on his own initiative, during his own time, using his own money, began a community basketball team which works with young African Ameican men and teachers them not only the rules of the game, but the rules of life.

Theses are my heroes and as we celebrate African American history month I not only give thanks for those who have given so much in the past, but to those who make their own African history today.

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those nations, then I would concede tht they are Americans. If indeed they do not make that claim then they are Europeans. If the designation bothers you, then I would suggest that you have the same job that we as Africans have, that is, of uniting and changing that image to an image that is more palatable, such as an image of humanity, humility and understanding of a people who are not like yourselves, for that in reality is, I believe, what bothers Europeans about the designation. (It often brings to mind Hitler and Musolini, more so

than Beethoven and Brahms). That is a job then that my European friends must do, for I cannot help them with that as they cannot help me to organize Africans. So, in the end, let us recognize our geopolitical designations, either as Africans, Europeans, some level and/or form of Latino or Asian, and get on with the business of one, destruction of racism in any of it's forms, and two, the destruction of sexism, and three, the building of a better world in which homelessness, hatred and intolerance is relegated to the scrap heap of history. La Lucha Continua! The Struggle Continues!

(Continued from Page 3) the world into sections in the last 500 years, killing and pillaging any race of color that got in their

Today in Germany Neo Nazi promise to eliminate all races of color from the German state. In Amerca we have always had that conservative faction who calles for slave like standards for Amercan blacks. If they can't put us all behind bars at least

they can stop us from having babies, and make sure we are the scapegoats for crime and

If that wasn't bad enough, their more CONSERVATIVE cousins, the Klan and US Nazi groups, swear to send blacks back to Africa alive or dead.

Blacks will continue to be big game in America and across the world, because we are the race of color who stands up to white insanity, and ain't havin' it! So here's to the fight in Africa, and across the world, because you just can't win against black power! peace...

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through the sea of admirers and media representatives. I squirreled my way around several overweight men in tight suits, crawling low along the brink wall on all fours. Eventually, I twisted my way through the maze of people, reaching the rear of the building near a cluster of tall

Beneath the trees was parked a very impressive, freshly-polished, black automobile, with four black men sitting inside. In the back seat on the left side sat Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., talking quietly with the other men. Slowly, gathering every ounce of courage I had, I walked slowly toward King. Reverend King turned his head slightly, and noticing me, began to smile warmly. "Hello, young man," he said softly.

There was silence. "Hello," I replied, and ventured to the car. King leaned toward the door, grasped my outstretched hand, and embraced it.

Stammering slightly, I inquired if I could have Dr. King's autograph. A man in the driver's seat responded that I couldn't be given the autograph because hundreds of other people would want King's signature as well. I was disappointed, but I was pleased that I had the rare opportunity to meet my hero, one-

Several years later, only weeks before I was scheduled to graduate from high school, I heard over the radio that Dr. King had been assassinated in Memphis. The local black newspaper, the Dayton Express, agreed to send me as a reporter to write a commentary on Martin's funeral in Atlanta. My mother drove me to the airport in Dayton, and I flew for the first time in my life, arriving in Atlanta on the night before the funeral. (See Along Color Line, Pg 26)





