

# EDUCATION

## LILLY ENDOWMENT INC. AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH A \$125,000 GRANT TO THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

The United Negro College Fund announced recently that Lilly Endowment Inc. has extended its commitment to the UNCF/Lilly Dissertation Completion Program with a \$125,000 grant. This contribution supports dissertation completion for faculty at UNCF colleges and universities and is a part of "UNCF-CAMPAIGN 2000: An Investment in America's Future."

In order to ensure that UNCF's member institutions remain competitive and continue to provide students with high quality education it is critical to provide faculty development programs that emphasize faculty effectiveness and training. CAMPAIGN 2000 is committed to helping produce the intellectual capital America will need in the 21st century.

"We are pleased to continue to support the UNCF/ Lilly Dissertation Completion Program which has done so much to promote educational excellence among faculty and students. The Dissertation Completion Program is one way of ensuring that talented students have access to the best quality instruction," said Program Director, Dr. Samuel D. Cargile.

Since its inception in 1937, Lilly Endowment has been a

leader in the field of education. The foundation takes a particular interest in higher education and created this program with a grant of \$350,000 donated in 1989. The Lilly Endowment is ranked in the top ten foundations in the nation with assets totalling over \$2.8 billion in 1993.

Thanks to numerous high-level pledges, CAMPAIGN 2000 has cleared the \$200 million mark. Having reached this historical milestone in its Golden anniversary year, UNCF is well on its way to successfully completing the campaign goal of \$250 million.

"Lilly Endowment's gift recognizes the importance of faculty development at our member institutions and the key role African Americans and other minorities must play to ensure our country's economic success. Our colleges and universities represent an integral part of America's pluralistic society, and we appreciate the Endowment's support," said UNCF President and CEO, William H. Gray, III.

UNCF, is one of the leading higher education support organizations in the country, having raised nearly \$1 billion. It has been ranked among the leading U.S. charities by Money, Forbes, and The Non-Profit Times.

### College Students With Special Needs Receive Legislative Support

When Governor Miller recently signed Assembly Bill 107 into law, Nevada's colleges and universities became better able to serve students with disabilities.

The bill was sponsored by 39 legislators, led by Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley (Clark County, District 8). The legislative drive was spearheaded by Community

College of Southern Nevada to help students needing special assistance.

Colleges and universities are required by law to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. According to N.J. Pettit who works with CCSN's special student populations, the college had difficulty meeting the demand for part-time support employees

to accommodate this focus group because of a 160-hour-per-year wage restriction.

Under new law, service providers can now work up to 1,000 hours a year.

"The Nevada Revised Statutes previously stated that all non-student workers could not exceed 160 hours during one calendar year," Pettit said. "Prior to the passing of this

legislation, our college could not hire enough non-student employees to serve as sign interpreters, test proctors, notetakers, and readers for the visually impaired, to meet demand."

Kim Brown, CCSN's special student advisor, explained that sign language interpreters, for example, are required for all deaf (See *College Students*, Pg 21)



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African College Students  
and Minister Farrakhan's  
Planned March On  
Washington



BY KEITH O. HILTON

I think it can now be officially stated that Minister Louis Farrakhan has entered into that special category and select circle of Elders of the African community (or village or world). Not that age is the only factor. Even as a spokesman for the Nation of Islam while in his thirties, he was wise beyond his years and very graceful.

But today in his sixties, he

continues to spread the teachings of the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. At the same time, he has grown to understand the wisdom of other African leaders who have taken somewhat different routes to African empowerment. Some are moderates, some are nationalists, some are womanists.

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