

This week's editorial begins to dispel the myth that Africans were docile and did not have an intrest in learning during this nation's official era of slavery.

We also continue to go on record as saving that we were never "slaves," but rather "prisoners of war."

The following Two Part column highlights some of the history of people of African descent in American higher education.

The bulk of the information comes from the book, Timelines of African American History, by Tom Cowan and Jack Maguire. Roundtable Press, Inc., a division of the Putnam/Berkeley Group, is the publisher.

These highlights quickly dispel any misinformation that some may have about Africans not valuing education.

1763: John Chavis, the first African American to study at Princeton University, is born. He will become a Presbyterian preacher and educator, teaching the sons of prominent white families.

1811: Daniel Alexander Payne is born to free parents in Charleston, South Carolina. Payne will become a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and serve as president of Wilberforce University.

1824: Darmouth College administrators are persuaded by a student protest to admit African Americans.

1826: Two of the first African Americans to graduate from college are Edward A. Jones of Amherst College and John Russwurm of Bowdoin College. Russwurm would soon become co-publisher of the nation's first African American newspaper.

1833: Oberlin College is founded in Ohio. From its earliest days the college, a center for clandestine abolitionist activity, welcomes African American

1834: Patrick Francis Healy is born February 7 in Georgia. He will become president of Georgetown University.

1839: A school for African American boys is founded that evolves over the years into Cheyney University in Pennsylvania.

1844: Educator and lawyer Richard T. Greener is born in Philadelphia. He will be the first African American to receive a degree from Harvard University.

1849: Author, essayist and revolutionary Martin R. Delaney is admitted to Harvard Medical School.

1849: James Monroe Gregory, the first graduate of Howard University, was born January 23 in Lexington, Virginia.

1854: Ashmun Institute is founded in Oxford, Pennsylvania. It will later be renamed Lincoln University.

1856: Wilberforce University is established for African Americans in Ohio.

1856: In Kentucky, Berea College was founded. Its policy of integration will survive until 1907, when the U.S. Supreme Court rules that it must follow a state law requiring segregated schools.

1856: Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, is born April 5 in Hale's Ford, Franklin County, Virginia.

1858: Teacher and administrator Anna Julia Cooperis born August 10 in Raleigh, North Carolina. She will be founder and president of Frelinghuysen University, a school for African Americans

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THE EDUCATION MINUTE

Ten Tips For Choosing Good Books For Preschoolers

By Mary Peterson, Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the State **Board of Education**

Parents often ask how they can help their children become avid readers. The answer is very simple. Studies show that children who are read to from their earliest years are best prepared to be good readers in school.

One of the nation's largest reading motivation programs has the following tips for choosing good books:

* Have your children browse in a library or bookstore or choose books for themselves as early as possible.

' Get to know the children's section of your local library and seek help from the librarian.

* Determine your children's interests, and then help steer them toward books on their favorite subjects.

* Ask friends or relatives about books their children have taken to heart.

* If your son or daughter doesn't like a book, put it away. Forcing books on a child will turn reading into a battle of wills.

* Understand that children may want to hear favorite books again and again.

* Consult lists recommended books

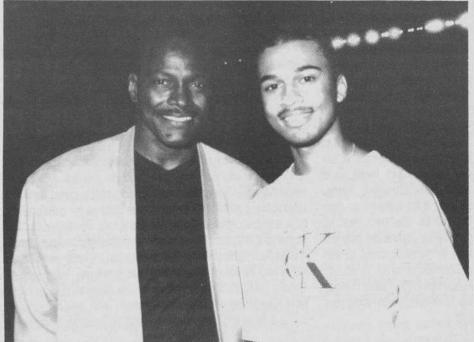
* Offer variety, but above all trust your youngster's reactions

* Look for books you'll enjoy reading aloud and let your enthusiasm come through.

* Remember that your role is to introduce your children to the pleasures of reading - so have

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FOOTBALL GREAT WALTER PAYTON AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY FRESHMAN LARONNE FAULKNER RECEIVE HONORS ON BEHALF OF THE THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



CHICAGO—On the field at Miller Genuine Draft's Fourth Annual Chicago Football Classic, retired Chicago Bears running back Waltor Payton congratulates Howard University freshman Lavonne Faulkner (right), who recently received a scholarship from the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund. Howard University is one of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship's newest member schools with Faulkner named as Howard's first scholarship awardee. Payton received a special mayoral proclamation during the game for supporting the Fund and its first-ever national Radiothon.

Festival To Benefit CCSN Student Diversity

The Community College of Southern Nevada will host its International Food, Wine and Spirits Festival on Saturday, November 18th, to benefit its student diversity programs.

The event will feature foods prepared by CCSN's nationallyrecognized culinary arts student chefs plus noted businesses Ethel M Chocolates and The Bread Factory. There will be numerous wines, beers and liqueurs to sample from around the world and prize raffles from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cheyenne Campus, 3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue. Attendees must be 21years-old.

Event chairman is Ray Vega, president of Ray Vega Enterprises. "The Student Center for Diversity works to enrich academic excellence and foster success for students of diverse ethnic cultures who have suffered educational and economic hardships," said Vega, "so we encourage everyone to come out for a good cause and a good time."

Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 per couple and \$10 for students. A \$50 VIP package includes admission for two, valet parking and raffle prize tickets. They are available at all Lee's Discount Liquors, Spirits Plus and Town Pump Liquors, from all CCSN campus bursar's offices and the CCSN Box Office at the Cheyenne

For more information, call the Student Center for Diversity at 651-4013.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATI 1995 NISSAN FOUNDATION GRANT

CARSON, CA- The Nissan Foundation awarded grants to six community organizations during the 1995 Nissan Foundation Luncheon, Pictured from right to left is; Rene Etienne, vice president of development, Los Angeles Urban League; Helen S. Ramey, executive director, Remedial Reading Center; Jeffrey Rudolph, exective director, California Museum Foundation; Bob Thomas, president, NISSAN Motor Corp.; Arlene Williams, interim director, Regional Job Training Center at Compton; and



John E, Bradshaw, Jr., director of giving, Puente Learning Center. (Not pictured) James

Mangia, executive director, St. 1992 to improve the social and John's Well Child Center. The economic quality of life in South Foundation was established in

Central Los Angeles. .