FIRST COLOR GIRL

Another Tradition Scuttled By Navy

This year—1976—has been a precedent-setting period at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. After years of old Navy tradition, which systematically discriminated against black midshipmen, the Academy moved into the forefront of democracy at work this year.

DAWN's June edition disclosed the selection of a black brigade commander, Midshipman Mason C. Reddix Jr. and a Regimental commander, Midshipman Derwood C. Curtis, both selections shattering old Navy tradition.

To top this, this edition of DAWN's cover girl is the Navy's Color Girl, Stephanie Belinda McManus, 20, of Annapolis, another first in the history of the Naval Academy.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McManus, of Arundel on the Bay, Maryland, the 1976 Fisk University graduate transferred the colors to the 17th Company during the Color Parade on Worden Field on June 1 at the Naval Academy.

Miss McManus was chosen by Midshipman First Class Jordan B. Smith of St. Louis, Mo., commander of the 17th Company which was chosen Color Company for overall excellence in competition among the 36 companies in the Brigade of Midshipmen. Midshipman Smith received a silver tray, known as the "Forrestal Award" at the ceremonies.

Raised in Annapolis, Miss McManus completed Annapolis High School in three years and received her diploma in 1973, at the same time she was finishing her freshman year at Fisk. She completed her work at Fisk in three and one-half years and earned a BA in history and political science. Miss McManus graduated magna cum laude and plans to enter law school in the fall.

Both parents are school teachers. Mr. McManus is a math instructor at Annapolis High and Mrs. McManus is a music teacher at Arundel Junior High. They have two other children: William McManus Jr., an insurance agent in Washington, D.C., and Mrs. (Marcheta) Judson Eneas, married to a medical doctor in San Francisco, Calif.

Miss McManus served two years on the General Assembly at Fisk University, and was one of the first students selected to serve. She was president of the Fisk Historical Society, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1976. She was also a member of the Political Science Club.

She met Midshipman Smith at Mt. Moriah AME Church in Annapolis, where he was one of a group of midshipmen who sang in a choir directed by her mother. The two have dated occasionally and attended church related social functions.

Midshipman Smith is a graduate of Christian Brothers College, a military high school, in Clayton, Mo., where he was captain of the track team and won the Damian Saber Award. He majored in math at the Naval Academy and participated in Plebe and intramural track.

Midshipman Smith was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps after graduation on June 2 and, after assignment to the Plebe Summer training detail, will report to Quantico for further training in the fall.

The 17th Company was selected Color Company following a year long competition, based upon the highest number of points accumulated in academics, professional subjects, sports and extracurricular activities during the school year.

In addition to picking the Color Girl, the 17th Company had the honor of carrying the national ensign, the Navy and Marine Corps flags and the Brigade flag at all official ceremonies and parades during the 1976-77 academic year.

Lieutenant Commander Richard Worthington, USN, has been the 17th Company Officer since January of this year.

PRETTY AND SMART—The Navy Academy's first black Color Girl, Miss Stephanie Belinda McManus, a 20-year-old Fisk University '76 honor graduate, was in the spotlight during June 1 Color Parade at Annapolis. Color Girl traditionally transfers flags from one Honor Company to new Color Company, this year the 17th, led by Midshipman Jordan B. Smith of St. Louis. Her June Week stay in the limelight included presenting Marine-bound Smith the silver Forrestal Award and a big, public kiss.

Convention Calendar

JULY 10 — NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, Inc., BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, Washington, D.C., Miss Dorothy I. Height, president.

JULY 11-13 — "THE BIG SHOW" BY BEAUTY TRADE, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Bernice Calvin, executive director.

JULY 12-14 — NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES LEAGUE OF AMERICA, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Gertrude J. Rogers, president.

JULY 12-17 — CHI ETA PHI SORORITY, INC., Hampton, Va., Mrs. Verdelle B. Bellamy, president.

JULY 12-18 — BIBLE WAY CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WORLD WIDE, INC., Baltimore, Md., Bishop Smallwood E. Williams, presiding bishop.

JULY 13-17 — THE LINKS, INC., Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Pauline A. Ellison, president.

JULY 18-21 — NATIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, New Orleans, La., Edward D. Davis, president.

JULY 18-22 — ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., New York, N.Y., Mrs. Bernice Sumlin, president.

JULY 18-25 — NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC., Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Robin Owens, president.

JULY 19-23 — NATIONAL BAPTIST DEACONS CONVENTION OF AMERICA, INC., AND ITS AUXILIARIES, East Orange, N.J., Grover O. Chiles, president.

JULY 21-24 — PEOPLE UNITED TO SAVE HUMANITY, Washington D.C., Rev. Jesse Jackson, president.

JULY 22-25 — NATIONAL SQUAWS, INC., Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Bettye M. McLaurin president.

JULY 23-31 — "MISS U.S. TALENTED TEEN INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT," Virgin Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Jackson, program coor-

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JULY 25-29—*FRONTIERS INTERNATIONA, INC.*, Washington, D.C. Dr. Malcolm Williams, president.

JULY 25-30—ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC., Atlanta, Ga., Ms. Janice Kissner, president.

JULY 25-31 — NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION, INC., James A. Davis, National President

JULY 30-AUG. 3 — ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC., New York, N.Y., Dr. Walter Washington, President

JULY 30-AUG. 7 — ETA PHI BETA SORORITY, Miami Beach, Fla., Mrs. Alma Alexander, National President

JULY 31-AUG 8 — NATIONAL BEAUTY CULTURISTS LEAGUE, INC., Nassau, The Bahamas, Dr. Katie E. Whickam, National President

AUGUST 1-4 — NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, INC., Boston, Mass., Vernon E. Jordan Jr., executive director.

AUGUST 1-5 — LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION, INC., Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Aldrich Davis, president.

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AUGUST 4-9 — ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC., Monrovia, Liberia, Dr. Walter Washington, national president.

AUGUST 5-8 — FEDERATION OF EASTERN STARS OF THE WORLD, Denver, Colo., Mrs. Amy Butler, president.

AUGUST 5-9 — FEDERATION OF MASONS OF THE WORLD, Denver, Colo., M. J. Anderson, president.

AUGUST 6-14 — NATIONAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF EASTERN STARS SCOTTISH RITE AFFILIATION, New York, N.Y., Dr. Julia C. Fitzpatrick, president.

AUGUST 6-14 NATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE MASONS, INC., New York, N.Y., John H. Burns, president.

AUGUST 6-11 — IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC., Denver, Colo., Miss A. Lucile Reynolds, president.

AUGUST 8-12—KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC., New Orleans, La , Dr. Elbert E. Allen, chairman.

AUGUST 8-12 — NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MORTICIANS ASSOCIATION, INC., Washington, D.C., Mr. Lawrence A. Jones Sr., president.

AUGUST 8-12 — NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC., Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Jasper L. Williams, president.

AUGUST 8-12 — WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Helene J. Cave, president.

AUGUST 8-13 — NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO MUSICIANS, INC., Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. Brazeal W. Dennard, president.

AUGUST 8-15 — TAU GAMMA DELTA SORORITY, INC., Philadelphia, Pa., Thelma Link, supreme basileus.

AUGUST 10-13 — SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, president.

AUGUST 10-13 — NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mrs. Margaret Una Poche, president.

AUGUST 10-14 — THE NATIONAL DRIFTERS, INC., Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Martha Bridgeforth, president.

AUGUST 11-14 — ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS, Chicago, Ill., William A. Hayes, president.

AUGUST 13-22 — AMERICAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC., Washington, D.C., Dr. Jacqueline Sheppard, national president.

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