SCHOOL OF THE WEEK

School News

UMCP Af-Am Studies Program Growing

The Ford Foundation recently awarded $50,000 to the Afro-American Studies Program and the School of Public Affairs at the University of Maryland at College Park to develop a joint Bachelor of Arts in Afro-American Studies and Masters in Public Management.

In addition to being the first program in the nation to combine an ethnic studies major with professional training in public policy, the joint bachelors'-masters' degree program reflects the department's larger objective of providing an education that incorporates cultural awareness of the Black community with quantitative and analytical skills.

"Most Black studies programs in the U.S. either focus on Black culture and history or on contemporary problems in minority communities," explains Samuel Myers, director of the Afro-American Studies Program. "We're trying to increase the number of researchers and policy analysts who can do both."

Examples of other programs and research that are helping meet this objective include:

— The Post-Doctoral Program in Public Policy and the Black Community.

— The Center for Policy Analysis, Research and Technical Assistance.

— The FULCRUM Minority Database Program.

— Research on the Marginalization of Black Males.

— Health and Human Services project on "Problems of the Underclass."

"Fund" Increases Grant Awards

On Wednesday, January 31, The Fund For Educational Excellence will hold a reception for recipients of Spring 1990 mini - grants at Coldstream Park Elementary School, 1400 Exeter Hall Avenue.

Teachers and administrators from 67 Baltimore City Public Schools will receive individual checks of up to $500.00 to fund creative projects for the classroom. The total amount to be awarded is an increase of 18 percent over last year's total, reaching a new high of $47,462.38. The event will run from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

On hand to present the checks and speak will be Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richard C. Hunter, James L. Zamoiski, "Fund" trustee and acting chairman of the project development committee and Edwina Green and Andrea Bowden, both fund officials. The fund chose three of the projects it supports from Spring and Fall of 1989 to present to the 1990 recipients. The three presenters are:

Park Heights Elementary School's "Buttercup Theatre," directed by Gladys Smith, will perform a segment from the fairy tale, "The Shoemaker, Elves and the Christmas List."

Jennifer Rucker of Harlem Park Middle School will feature eighth-grade students and ethnic dance by teachers affiliated with the nationwide program, "Artists in Education."

Hamstead Hill represented by Phyllis D'Adamo and the school chorus will perform songs from the programs they have taken to Frances Scott Key Hospital, Hatton Senior Citizens Home and the Canton Harbor Nursing Center.

Some of the new grants going into effect this spring are: Lake Clifton/Eastern Senior High School, "Advanced Physical Education" an advanced course in Physical Education will be available to students who will then be certified in first aid, CPR, lifeguarding or water safety aid. This will allow students to be employed during the summer.

Montebello Elementary School- "A Pre-Kindergarten Library." A lending library will be established for Pre-K children. Families will be encouraged to read and enjoy books together. Parents will assist in the library operation.

Supermarket Presents Academic Awards

The Academic Achievement Awards Program Series sponsored by Stop, Shop and Save Supermarket, will begin February 2 at George C. Kelson School #157 at 9:30 a.m. and John Eager Howard School #61 at 1:00 p.m. Twenty-nine schools are participating in the 1990 program series.

The purpose of the Academic Achievements Awards Program is to acknowledge, encourage and reward top students for achieving the top academic average for their grade level. Over 350 students will receive the award between February and March.

The emphasis of the Academic Achievement Awards Program is academic excellence, positive, productive performance and outstanding academic success. Since 1987 the number of participating schools has increased from four to 29.

For additional details and the program series schedule, contact Bill Curtis, program coordinator at, 523-1600.

Schools Begin Anti-Hunger Campaign

Recently, children in the Baltimore City Schools got a lesson from Mayor Kurt Schmoke about hunger in Maryland. "Kids for Kids," the Maryland Food Committee's outreach effort to schools, is in its third year in the Baltimore City Schools.

The Mayor was joined by Dr. Richard C. Hunter, Superintendent of Schools for Baltimore City; Dr. Matthew Raleigh, Director of Instruction for the Eastern District; Linda Eisenberg, MFC Executive Director; and this year's spokesperson for "Kids for Kids," Jennifer Brookland, the six-year-old actress who portrays, "Cosette" in the production of "Les Miserables," currently at the Morris Mechanic Theatre.

This year, Kids for Kids features a brand new curriculum and auxiliary materials, produced by the Public Education Committee of the Maryland Food Committee. "Parents, teachers and kids all worked on the curriculum," said Maggie O'Neill of the Maryland Student Service Alliance, chair of the Kids for Kids subcommittee.

"We hope the clear, informative lesson plans and attractive materials will help teachers and kids understand that most of the hundreds of thousands of people who regularly seek food assistance are children, just like themselves," concluded O'Neill. Costs for the materials were underwritten by Esther Pearlstone.

During the opening ceremonies, Mayor Schmoke acted in the role of "teacher for a day," giving a lesson taken from the elementary school curriculum. Jennifer Brookland, who plays in "Les Miserables" a child nearly lost to poverty, spoke about the children in Maryland who are hungry in reality.

"Kids are the voters, policy makers and business leaders of tomorrow," said Linda Eisenberg. This campaign is crucially important if we are to truly see an end to hunger."

O P E N H O U S E

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE on Friday, February 2, 9-11 a.m. for grades five through 12. Call 825-4400 for details.

Admissions testing: All grades on Feb. 3; grades five through 12 only on Feb. 10.

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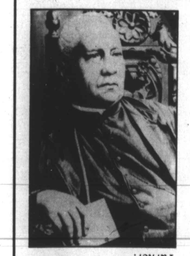
Kids Talk

Do you know this person?



He was an advocate of militant Black nationalism. Because of his disillusionment with Reconstruction, he urged that African-Americans emigrate to Africa.

He became a preacher and traveling evangelist for the Southern Methodist Church in the 1850's. When he learned of a Methodist organization run by Blacks, he joined it on the spot.

In 1880 he was elected a bishop in the A.M.E. church and for the next 35 years exercised considerable influence over it.

He is Henry McNeal Turner.

Puzzle

LEGENDARY SINGERS

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FIND THESE HIDDEN WORDS IN THE ABOVE PUZZLE:

ARETHA FRANKLIN
JACKIE WILSON
MIRACLES

CAB CALLOWAY
JAMES BROWN
SARAH VAUGHAN

DUKE ELLINGTON
MAHALIA JACKSON
SMOKEY ROBINSON

ELLA FITZGERALD
MARVIN GAYE
SUPREMES

HERE IS THE ANSWER KEY:

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The Return of the Mouseketeers

Hey kids! This television season you are in for a treat. That's right! A mouse-ke-teer of a treat as Walt Disney brings back the new Mickey Mouse Club. And this year you can expect to see a new gang of mouseketeers sure to get your hands-a-clapping and feet-a-tapping to the magic that only Walt Disney can create.

This season Disney has included in their mouseketeer cast the talents of two new faces: Mowava Pryor, cohost of the Mickey Mouse Club and Albert Fields, a mouseketeer.

In her role as facilitator on the show, Mowava reflects, "Older people forget what it's like to be a kid. Kids' perceptions about life are not the same as adults, but they are valid. That's why television is so powerful. We have an opportunity with this show to put our arms around the viewing audience, to take some of the everyday stress away, to help kids stay open to the positive life."

The Mickey Mouse Club is a hanf-hour show packed with music, dance, comedy sketches and special guests, which can be seen exclusively on The Disney Channel Mondays through Fridays at 5:30 p.m. (ET/PT). The popular series is taped at the Disney/MGM Studios Theme Park in Orlando, Florida and features two adult hosts and a cast of young Mouseketeers from across the country.

Mowava Pryor

In his role as a mouseketeer Albert said his favorite segment of the "Mickey Mouse Club" is the gathering, "bringing all the club members makes us feel like a family." He said as in the future he plans to pursue his desire to star in films and tour as a recording artist.

Officials for the Disney Channel said, "We are delighted and surprised by the huge response from viewers. Kids love the diversity and variety of the show, and the fact that it is truly made for them."

The show will also spotlight the talent of children who have had extraordinary accomplishments. From fashion designers to top amateur athletes, the series honors these young talents for their dedication and commitment —whether it be to a creative field or a youthful endeavor.

The new "Mickey Mouse Club" is scheduled to air April 20 at 5.30 PM (ET/PT).

Albert Fields

Color Me

No Light

It is said, that a mind is an awful thing to waste.
I believe the waste is an effect,
and the cause is the seed of negativeness
that has been planted in it to grow like a weed,
to consume all its will to succeed.
It is like the wood when it is wet,
Having no heart to be a flame,
It could never fulfill its true destiny in life.
You see a negative mind must be brought out of
the darkness and it must come slowly.
For a negative mind like the dark,
Can only exist where there is no light.
GIVE IT LIGHT,
And it will grow
GIVE IT LIGHT,
And it will learn
GIVE IT LIGHT,
And it will go further and conquer the world
IT ONCE FEARED.

By Norman Williams

The Young Cook

By Gregory A. King
AFRO Staff Writer

The young cook.

Listen kids—do you like cooking? Have you ever had a chance to make chocolate chip cookies or Banana Bread or Elephant Ears? Well, now here is your chance to experience the WORLD OF COOKING, thanks to Gold Medal Flour.

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