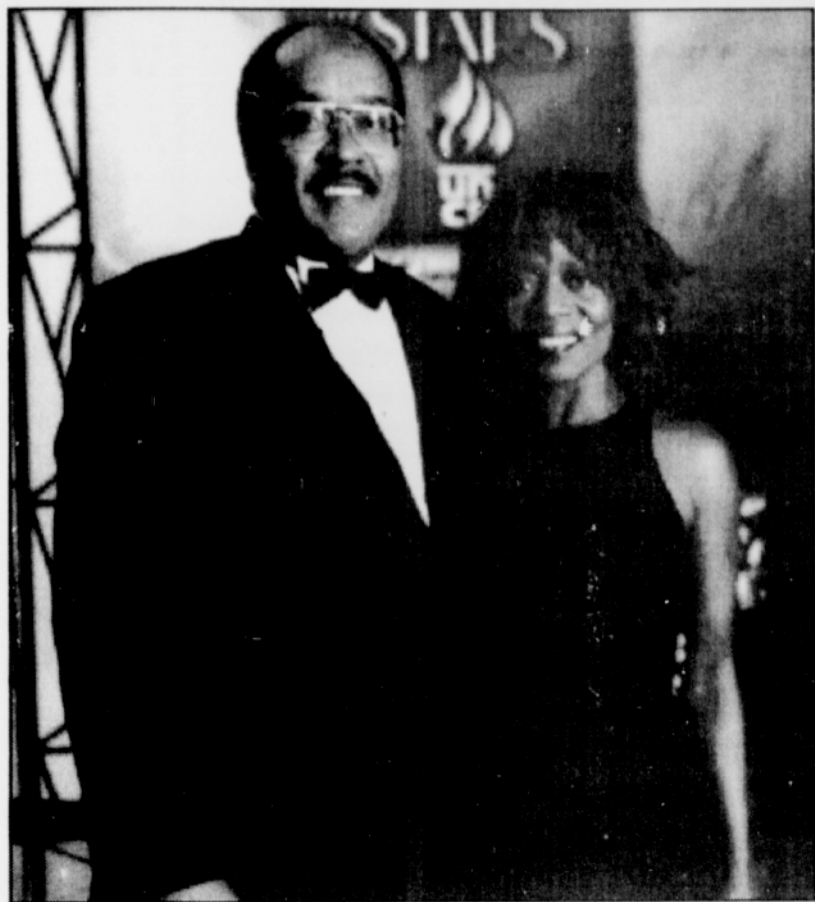


Education

UNCF Raises Record \$13.1 Million in cash and pledges



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The United Negro College (UNCF) raised a record \$13.1 million in cash and pledges during its special "An Evening of Stars: A Celebration of Educational Excellence" aired on January 10th and 17th. The amount raised is a four percent increase over the prior year's total and is

proof that people do believe that "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste".

"This achievement would not have been possible without our loyal supporters who called in and made their contributions," said William H. Gray, III, President and CEO of UNCF. "The

\$13.1 million raised during "A Evening of Stars" will provide a valuable and life changing education for thousands of students who without UNCF support would not be able to get a college education."

Contributing to the show's overall success were Lou Rawls,

Debbie Allen, Louis Gosset, Jr., and Alfre Woodard who served as hosts to a myriad of stars as they presented viewers with a new and exciting four hours of spirited entertainment and compelling vignettes about the success stories of UNCF students and alumni.

Calculator use opens door to High School Algebra

Another study on the use of calculators in mathematics education has concluded that some of the more powerful instruments - which actually are more like a hand-held computer but still only cost around \$150 - can be of significant help in learning high school algebra.

Progress in teaching this level of mathematics, which is often a major hurdle for average-ability high school students, could be a significant step forward in math education and a blessing for any freshman who's ever struggled with "y equals three x squared minus nine divided by six."

And use of such calculators in solving algebraic equations doesn't mean the students won't eventually learn how to do it themselves, educators say. It just means that at first they concentrate more on the concepts and less on the procedures.

"Based on this and other studies similar to it, there's no doubt in my mind that using calculators is a supe-

rior way to teach algebra," said Barbara Edwards, an assistant professor of mathematics at Oregon State University. "And that's important. Right now there's a widespread and valid concern that the traditional approach to math education isn't working.

"Math is often taught in a way that makes it seem boring and difficult," she said. "Our approach helps students understand how things work and how math can be applied to the real world."

The recent study was done by

Edwards and other collaborators in a high school freshman math class composed mostly of minority students in a Washington, D.C., classroom. It was part of an overall curriculum there that emphasized math concepts, not just skills.

Legacy Emanuel To Award Healthcare Scholarships

For the ninth year, Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center will award \$1000 college scholarships to high school students studying for a career in a health-related field. The scholarships are available to students who reside in North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods and who have a high school grade point average of at least 2.75. The scholarship is

renewable and may be used for tuition and other college fees for up to four years of college. The student should pursue a career in an accredited medical program on a full-time basis.

Application deadline is April 1, 1998.

For more information or to request an application, call Ginger Adamovics, Community Relations, 413-4630.



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Eighth Annual Cascade Festival of African Films Shines at PCC

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Le Grand Blanc De Lambarene

Cameroon and Gabon, 1995, directed by Bassek ba Kobhio.
Feb. 19, noon
Feb. 20-21, 7:30 p.m.



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Cameroon, 1996, directed by Jean-Marie Teno.
Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m.
Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Deluge

USA and Ethiopia, 1995, directed by Salem Mekuria.
March 5, noon
March 6, 7:30 p.m.



Flame

Zimbabwe, 1996, directed by Ingrid Sinclair.
March 5, 1 p.m.
March 7, 7:30 p.m.



Saturday Family Film Day

Adama
The Fulani Magician
The Greedy Child
Ramohamy's Son

Feb. 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

Great Great Great Grandparents' Music

Burkina Faso, 1997, directed by Taale Laafi Rosellini. Rosellini will be at the Friday screening to present and comment on his film.
Feb. 26, noon
Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.

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Bonds to help families save for college

State Treasurer Jim Hill announced recently that the state plans to sell \$40 million of the very popular Oregon Baccalaureate (ORBAC) bonds this month. The order period for the bonds will begin on February 19. ORBAC bonds are chiefly used as a savings vehicle to help Oregon families defray the rising cost of higher education.

The sale of ORBAC bonds is based on the capital needs of the State Board of Higher Education, which uses the bond proceeds to construct and renovate facilities on the campuses of Oregon's state universities.

"Higher education is extremely important to the State of Oregon, and with its rising cost, parents are in need of different and creative ways to save for their children's future educational needs," Hill said. "Families and students are borrowing substantial amounts of money to finance college expenses.

In fact, over the last five years, college students have borrowed as much money as they did in the past three decades combined."