Ron McNair To Address Award Convocation

Dr. Ronald McNair, one of the nation’s first three Black astronaut candidates and a graduate of A&T, will address the university’s annual Honors Day convocation Wednesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Charles Moore gymnasium. More than 300 students will be cited for academic and other honors achieved during the school year.

CFA Sends Minority Recruiters

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, currently in the midst of an effort to increase minority presence in the accounting field, will send its minority recruitment and equal opportunity committee to A&T State University next Wednesday, March 26. The group, headed by Ms. Sharon L. Donahue, manager of minority recruitment, will hold meetings with students and faculty on the campus.

McNair is a native of Lake City, South Carolina. A black belt karate champion, he has written professionally on the subject of the physics of karate.

African Educators Take Nine-Day A&T Visit

Twelve top African educators and university administrators came to Greensboro Wednesday for a nine-day visit with A&T State University. The visiting officials are participating in the Wider University Project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Dr. William Reed, director of international programs at A&T, said the project is designed to show the African educators how American universities serve communities beyond their campuses.

Dr. Reed said the Africans are interested in studying A&T’s extension programs, adult education programs, research programs and communications programs. He said the visitors have also been asked to visit a neighboring community college.

Reed said the visitors arrived in Greensboro on Wednesday, March 19. They were honored at a reception in the F.A. Williams dining center at A&T at 7 p.m. and they received and extensive briefing from A&T Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy and his staff.

AFRICAN EDUCATORS TAKE NINE-DAY A&T VISIT

By Michael Fairley

"As far as I know, there has been no halt on the construction of the Natural Science Building," said Gerard E. Gray, director of the A&T physical plant. Recent articles in two Greensboro newspapers suggested that construction stopped because A&T was unable to meet its financial obligation to the contractor, Marvin Wright and Company, and subcontractor, Eddie Land Masonry.

Irwin Hodge, university engineer, said that was not the case.

"If you contract with me to build a house, and I subcontract with someone else for additional services, then I'm responsible for paying the subcontractor-not you," said Hodge.

"Marvin Wright & Company (contractor) must pay Eddie Land Masonry Inc. (subcontractor). I do not have a contract with Eddie Land Masonry," said Gray.

"I do not know where the local papers got their information," Gray added.

According to Hodge, construction is progressing favorably, and the building should be complete within one and a half months.

"Completion is dependent upon the date the contractors return to work."
Third Floor Survey Shows
13-Page List of Problems

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"It involves many technical persons and procedures. But provisions are made to handle any problems that might occur." 

Dr. S.T. Ahrens, associate professor of Physics, conducted a survey of the third floor of the Natural Science Building and compiled a thirteen-page list of problems.

"Time would not permit me to check the entire building."

"The third floor is associated with physics and is different from the other floors because of its many laboratories."

"These labs require the use of water, gas, and a large number of electrical connections."

"As of two weeks ago there were still many problems that needed attention before we could say the job is done."

Ahrens said that many wall outlets were improperly installed. "Unprofessional workmanship directed toward correcting the problem has resulted in a worsened condition."

"Holes were cut too big for the metal boxes that were placed inside them. When the plate was inserted over the boxes, the holes were still visible."

Group To Visit Landmarks

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on Thursday morning.

Reed said the group will also be interested in visiting some area homes and will take field trips to landmarks and historic sites.

The visitors are from Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Nigeria, Tanzania, Togo and Zaire.

"This visit is designed also to have American educators learn to appreciate realities and problems of education in African countries," said Reed.

He said the Wider University Project will also involve some Americans going to Africa.

A&T currently has two major assistance projects in Tanzania.

Spring Has Sprung!

"After we complained about this, the contractor removed the plates and filled the holes with mortar." 

Ahrens said that this action could create future maintenance safety problems. "We now have outlets that can only be replaced by using a hammer and chisel. These outlets are designed to be easily removed and installed, but this is no longer true."

"A more serious consequence of filling the holes with mortar is that now bare pieces of wire are sitting in the mortar."

"It is also a building code violation to fill holes with wall outlets with mortar."

Another problem discovered by Ahrens involved the plumbing.

"The plumbing was an example of class "F" workmanship. Approximately 150 laboratory sinks were not properly connected to the main drainage system in the building."

"As a result, there exists the potential for sewer gas to be released into rooms." 

Ahrens said that leakage of large quantities of sink water could happen in some cases. "These problems exist throughout the entire building, but especially on the third floor."

Ahrens said the continued delay of the building's opening caused several problems for the Physics Department and the School of Engineering.

"The School of Engineering is growing and needs the space occupied by the Physics Department. Likewise, the School of Business is also growing, and it needs the space occupied by the Mathematics Department."

"Everyone thought that we (the Physics Department) would be moving out of Cherry Hall by this semester."

"So the School of Engineering scheduled classes for this semester in rooms normally used by the Physics Department."

"This delay has placed the schools of Engineering and Business in a bind, and also the Math, Physics, and Chemistry departments."

W. Edward Jenkins, project architect, telephoned two weeks ago concerning the matter, but could not be reached.

Plummer Alston, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs, was contacted to see if any financial matters were delaying the building's completion.

Alston declined comment.

The report, issued after a two-year, $2 million study, recommended the single agency be created within the new Department of Education and that it assume the work of investigating and auditors from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Justice, Labor and five other agencies enforcing 17 laws and rules.

Friday said he believed such an agency would have affected the current desegregation dispute between the 16-campus system and HEW. HEW has moved to end UNC's $89 million in annual federal aid. The case was not mentioned in the Sloan Commission report, but Friday acknowledged that it was one case studied by the commission. An act of Congress would be needed to establish the proposed council, the Council for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. As recommended, the council would stress mediation of disputes, but could award back pay and cut off funds to offending colleges or programs.

There were two dissenters on the 22 member Sloan panel, publisher Peter B. Clark of the Detroit News and A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., a federal appeals judge.
Carowinds - "the entertainment capital for North Carolina and South Carolina" opens Saturday, March 22nd.

Carowinds, whose headquarters are in Charlotte, has a $2 million roller coaster treat called the "Carolina Cyclone." It's a main attraction for the 73-acre recreational park.

Carowinds' general manager Lew Hooper said that Carowinds will be open for spring weekends from March 22 to June 8 when the park begins its six-day-a-week schedule being closed on Fridays.

In addition to the following dates, the park will be open on Easter Monday, April 7.

The "Carolina Cyclone" was designed especially for Carowinds by Arrow Development Company of Mountain View, California.

According to Hooper, the Carowinds' 'Cyclone' is the only one in recreational business.

What's outstanding about it? The 'Cyclone' roller coaster carries 28 passengers and climbs as high as 95 feet above the ground before it enters a sharp curve with two consecutive vertical loops, one 71 feet, the latter 63 feet tall.

The train later rolls another curve and spins through two barrel rolls. It rolls over a plaza area from which guests can sit and watch an overhead ride.

More about the 'Cyclone'. It has 2,100 feet of steel track and will be able to ride approximately 1,835 people per hour.

Carowinds in its eighth operational year is located on the North Carolina/South Carolina border, two miles south of Charlotte on I-77.

If Carowinds doesn't attract you, the Greensboro Coliseum has country-western singer Kenny Rogers singing "Lucille" and other hits, Saturday, March 22, at 8 p.m.

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Science Majors May Apply For MARC Applications

By Deborah M. Sanders

Applications are now being accepted from animal science, biology, and chemistry majors, who desire to be considered for admission to the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC), stated Dr. William B. DeLauder.

Selected students will receive full tuition and fees and a stipend of $3,900 per year, payable at the rate of $325 per month. In addition, MARC Honor students will receive travel funds in the amount of approximately $300 per year to attend at least one major scientific meeting per year.

Students will be selected by a steering committee on a strict competitive basis. The committee includes the following faculty members: Dr. William B. DeLauder, Dr. Richard Bennett Jr., Dr. Edward Segerson Jr., Dr. James Williams Jr., Dr. Arthur J. Hicks, Dr. George A. Johnson.

The criteria for the selection of students are as follows:

- overall and major grade point averages must be a minimum of 3.0 and 3.25, respectively;
- candidate's statement of career goals must express an interest in pursuing the Ph.D. degree in biomedical science;
- candidate must furnish letters of recommendation from science faculty; candidates must have a personal interview.

The deadline for receiving all applications will be April 7, 1980.

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Lyceum Presents NEC, Drama

By Tony Moore


March 14, at 8:00 p.m., the Harrison Auditorium stage was miraculously transformed into the home of the West Indian Philibert family, of Queens Village, New York. The family members are desperately in need of love.

Jared Philibert (Graham Brown) is a 50-year-old Jamaican suffering from infantile paralysis. He is paralyzed from the neck down, and has to live his life flat on his back inside a respirator.

Jared's two sisters, Everelda and Zepora, who share in the family's real estate business (they own seven homes), live at home with Jared and his wife, Billie.

Everelda Philibert Griffin (Frances Foster) spends practically every moment of her day caring for, tending to and loving her brother "to death."

Everelda, frustrated by and deprived of her long and departed Bushford Griffin, contends daily with her family's insinuations that she drove her precious "Bushy" away through neglect.

Not so, according to Everelda: "He name Bushford! And he ain't leave; I trob he no good cok-uss out!" (The role of Everelda, normally portrayed by Frances Foster, was portrayed by Deloris Gaskin.

Jared Philibert (Lea Scott) is in love with Ayton Morris (Sullivan Walker), her Friday night lover and her brother Jared's closest, oldest and dearest friend. Zepora wants to marry Ayton (and vice versa). But, he is otherwise attached and also step-father to two adult "mainliners."

He would marry her at a moment's notice if she would only leave her home. But true to West Indian tradition, Zepora will not leave her sick brother and break up the family — unhappy though she may be.

Billie Philibert (Barbara Montgomery), American and apparently native to New York, unhappily remains in her marriage. She dares not leave because she feels responsible for Jared's paralysis. (The paralysis (See Loud, Page 6)

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'Life No Crystal Stair'
By Sheila A. Williams

Many times critics remark about why there have not been any encouraging words written, or that, on various occasion, the comments made are not necessarily on the bright side.

But one must realize that life 'ain't no crystal stair'. There is just as much sadness, maybe even more so, than happiness. This is in reference to those dedicated seniors of A&T State University, who will leave this university to pursue their hard-earned careers.

It will seem strange to some of us when these people leave 'the family' and we know that now they are a part of an historic past. They have 'partied,' fought among themselves, and couldn't stand the other because he looked at someone the wrong way, but these were just petty things.

It is realized that there are many conflicting factors among us that cause confusion, stress and sadness.

This editorial is dedicated to those members of the 'family' who must remain behind and continue to keep the spirit alive. At our ages they say that life is just beginning, as we strive to find out what is our 'purpose' in society.

We are struggling to understand our place in this world and how we can make a mark in our own little American histories. But it can become rough, when the little problems, which may seem gigantic at that moment, come our way, and somehow one tries to make the pieces fit.

So remember, when things start looking as though there may be no tomorrow, and you want to throw in the chips, "when the going gets tough, the tough gets going."

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Support Black Enterprises
By Florina G. Byrd

"If Blacks in business serve Black people well, Black people in turn will help those enterprises to grow," according to Lu Palmer, a radio commentator and news analyst in Chicago.

In an article in The Black Collegian magazine (Feb/March, 1980), Palmer asserts that, if the Black consumer does not receive superior service, quality merchandise, competitive pricing and courteous behavior from Black business, then Blacks would turn to non-Black businesses for these services.

When Black consumers are subjected to poor service from some Black businesses, they should not become totally discouraged and stray away from other Black companies. Instead, they should continue their search for a Black business that will cater to them respectively.

Palmer added, however, that Black people should not be 'penalized' when they purchase merchandise from Black businesses. Blacks should strive to improve these businesses so they will not vanish.

Blacks buy a great percentage of jewelry, food, clothing, transportation, etcetera from white businesses, but Blacks are "barely involved" in selling these products. Instead of remaining consumers, Blacks should advance into production.

It is very important that Blacks understand totally what business is "all about" and employ this understanding to construct concrete businesses. When this is done, Black consumers, distributors, producers, etcetera "can join hands to utilize a massive disposable income in their business."

Another World War?
By Thomas E. Harris

Tension in Afghanistan, Iran and Russia has prompted the U.S. to defend her democratic, free-society beliefs. The Carter administration took a firm stand saying that the United States would not stand for blackmail or the invasion of troops into the Persian Gulf. This was a bold, honorable and righteous response.

Now, the U.S. is faced with the dilemma of defense. There are inferred inadequate American military forces to compete with the Soviets. However, there are some sources that still contend that the all-volunteer armed forces will suffice and do an adequate job in defending our country.

Let's face it. American supremacy is being indirectly challenged by the Russians. Do you think it is by coincidence that this came about in the middle of the 1980 campaign for President of the United States? Other events that coincide with Russian aggressive intervention in Afghanistan include the 1980 Olympics, the seige of American hostages in Iran, peace talk attempts between Sadat and Begin, and the Soviet-American nuclear arms talks (which the Soviets refuse to discuss).

The Soviet government announced earlier this week that it is not "prepared to discuss plans for carrying out the provisions of the new nuclear arms accord."

It seems more than coincidental that Soviet aggression should become so prominent during a time when there is general confusion throughout most of the world.

It is important that we, as students, be well informed on developments during these chaotic times.
Census Takes Statistical Picture Of America

Smile, America, your picture is being taken.

Today is Census Day, the one day each decade when the United States pauses momentarily to allow its statistical picture to be taken. In 80 million homes, from the easternmost tip of Maine to Hawaii's most westerly island, from Alaska to Puerto Rico, families are filling parts of the national picture by completing the blue and white census forms that recently arrived in the mail.

The U.S. Census Bureau has asked most Americans to fill out the questionnaires and mail them back today in the postage-free envelopes they received. Those who do not return them within a few weeks will be visited by a census enumerator who will obtain the information. However, taxpayers will save about $2 million, and the Nation will conserve tens of thousands of gallons of gasoline, for every one percent of the population that mails back the form as requested and does not have to be visited.

(In some rural areas of the country, however, families are being urged to hold onto the forms until census takers pick them up. Instructions on the census form indicate whether it should be returned by mail or held for pickup.)

To assist those who have questions about completing the form, the Census Bureau has set up offices around the country, where census workers are standing by to answer questions. Those needing help should call the telephone number listed on the address label of the form they received.

The Bureau estimates that there are some 222 million U.S. residents at this time and has devised a comprehensive plan to count them all, a plan that is, realistically, impossible.

Stringent laws and procedures protect the confidentiality of the personal information given to the census. All census employees are sworn to keep the information confidential and are subject to a $5,000 fine and/or five years in prison for violating an individual's confidentiality; no employee has ever been charged with violating the modern confidentiality law, which dates back to the 1930 census. In addition, no names, addresses or phone numbers given in the census go into a computer, and Social Security numbers are not requested on the form.

The census is required by the U.S. Constitution, and the population figures are used to determine how many representatives each State gets in the House of Representatives.

Census statistics are also used by other public and private decisionmakers who need to understand a community's population and its needs. Local leaders look at the figures when deciding where to run bus routes, construct schools, and build highways. Business and industry leaders study the data before deciding where to open new stores and factories.

Federal government leaders use the figures to help guide the distribution of about $50 billion annually in Federal money. Among the Federal programs that depend upon census data are law enforcement assistance, aid for the elderly, Head Start, public housing programs, rural water and sewer programs, special educational programs, civil defense programs and Federal highway programs.

Here are answers to some Census Day questions:

Q: Who is counted on Census Day? Who is not counted?
A: Anyone who lives within the 50 States, the U.S. Virgin Island, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territories of the Pacific, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, or on a ship inside U.S. territorial waters will be counted. Babies born on April 1 will be counted; those born on April 2 will have to wait for the next census.

Q: How can a household replace a census form that is

(See Law, Page 8)
Learning Lab Beneficial, 'Should Be Recorded'

By Carl Valentine

Margaret Hemingway thinks that the learning resource lab is doing a great job and it should be recorded in the annals.

The learning resource laboratory (LRL), within the School of Business and Economics, has been operating in Room 305 Merrick Hall since April 1973. Dr. G.K. Jeong, associate professor of economics, is serving as supervisor. Ms. Margaret Hemingway, secretary in the department, is serving as assistant supervisor. The laboratory's purpose is to enhance the relationship between students and teachers.

Bryan McCollum, a sophomore economics major, says, "Mainly I come to the lab to use the equipment for statistics. I am not using the lab as much as I should. It really helps me to solve many problems that I have." McCollum said that, if you can't understand the problem from the instructor, you can get help in the lab. It's a good place, and maybe an easier way to solve it in the lab.

"One thing I try to do is encourage my friends to attend lab. I feel that it will help them a great deal," said McCollum.

John Singletary, a sophomore business administration major, says coming to the lab frequently helped him a great deal. "Teachers have set office hours. At the time the instructor is in the office, I have to come to the lab; and, if there is a tutor on hand, he or she will help me to solve the problem that I have. The lab is really helpful. Last semester it made the difference in my grade," said John.

The lab has free tutorial assistance in economics, accounting, statistics, business administration, management sciences, electronic data processing, and business law.

Figures show that more than 1,000 students used the lab last semester: accounting-299 students; economics and statistics-477 students; mathematics-250 students; and the preparatory sessions for the students (GRE, GMAT, PACE Tests)-34 students.

Ms. Hemingway said the figures may be underestimated because a number of students fail to sign up at the lab. Presently there are seven tutors working in the learning resource lab with two work aid students. The tutors are paid $5 per hour.

Ms. Hemingway said to become a tutor the student must be a junior or senior and must be available to work. The student must also have a 3.0 grade-point average and must submit an application.

Ms. Hemingway says, "More students come in during exam time than any other time because this is when the students need the most help. The lab enables the student that needs extra help to get it. They are paying for an education and that's what they should get. The lab has something to offer the entire school and people should really look at it," said Ms. Hemingway.

The number of Black Americans age 65 and older has increased substantially since the early 1990s, according to a recent report from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The report says that, from 1900 to 1978, the Black population 65 and over increased more than sevenfold, with a 28 percent rise just from 1970 to 1978. This exceeds a 19 percent increase for the White population in the same age category from 1970 to 1978. In 1978, Blacks 65 and over numbered approximately 2 million, about 8 percent of all U.S. residents 65 and over.

Black females 65 and over outnumbered their male counterparts by a significant margin. In 1978, there were 1,161,000 Black females, compared to 827,000 Black males.

In the age category 75 and over, the female margin was even greater—405,000 Black females, compared to only 255,000 Black males.

According to the report, about half of all Americans 65 (See Blacks, Page 8)
A&T Defeats Coppin; 6-4, 7-1

By Raymond Moody
N.C. A&T raised its record to 3-1 with two impressive wins over Coppin State 6-4 and 7-1 in a double-header played in Greensboro’s Jaycee Park.

Coach Mel Gromes has been pleased with A&T’s early season play. “Coach Gromes stresses the perfect game,” second baseman Mike Drumwright stated later. “He’d like us to perfect our play so everyone can play. We’re working hard in practice because we’d like to get the most out of our talent. The potential is there.”

The Aggies certainly displayed a portion of their potential Wednesday against Coppin State. A&T’s superiority was seen throughout the day.

The Aggies chalked up three quick scores in the first stanza when Jeff Thomas doubled home Herbert Jackson. After Drumwright’s single which sent Thomas to third, Thomas scored on a pass ball with Drumwright advancing to second. Collins Wilson brought Drumwright home with a single giving the Aggies their 3-0 lead.

A&T in the third scored two more runs and it appeared the Aggies were going to easily whip Coppin State.

But in the top of the fourth, Coppin State sliced A&T’s lead to 3-3 as Aggie pitcher James Cruthers began to struggle. Coppin State was awarded two consecutive walks and after a couple of Aggie errors combined with one for Coppin State, A&T’s lead was two.

The next game was really no contest. Louis Wright pitched in the Aggies 7-1 victory. While Wright had no problem finding the strike zone, Coppin State’s pitcher was just the opposite.

“Coppin State threw a freshman pitcher at us in the second game,” Drumwright stated. “I don’t know if it was nerves or not, but he just didn’t pitch well.”

The game began almost like the first game as Jeff Thomas doubled in Jackson. After Mike Drumwright walked, Collins Wilson scored Thomas and sent Drumwright to third with a single. Stanley Jenkins single home Drumwright to give A&T another 3-0 first inning lead.

Coppin State wasn’t to come back this game. Aggie pitching, combined with Collins Wilson and Frank Braithwaite’s homers, A&T coasted to a 7-1 win.

Second Annual Road Race Takes Place In Greenville

The Second Annual Greenville Road Race, sponsored by the Easter Seal Society, Bond’s Sporting Goods and the Coastal Carolina Track Club, has been slated for April 5, it was announced today.

Last year’s race attracted 500 runners from all over North Carolina and thousands of spectators who came out to cheer runners in their 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) race through Greenville.

Registration for the run is $5.00, all of which goes to the Easter Seal Society. The first 500 runners registered will receive complimentary ‘Greenville Road Race’ T-shirts, and other prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in seven age categories for male and female participants. Certificates will be presented to all who finish.

Interested runners can obtain applications for the race from the Northeast Regional Office of the Easter Seal Society, 114 East Third Street, Greenville, N.C. 27834. Assistance in arranging lodging for out-of-town participants can also be obtained by writing to this address or calling (919) 758-3230.

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Law Requires Answers To Census Questionnaires

(Continued From Page 5) damaged or misplaced?
A: Call the phone number on the address label enclosed with the form. If the label is not available, watch for radio and television announcements of the census district office telephone numbers and neighborhood assistance centers, or call information and ask for the number of the nearest U.S. Census District Office.
Q: Must every question be answered?
A: Yes, by law. The value of census data depends on the comparisons that can be made with data from all other U.S. households.
Q: Why do some households get a longer form than others?
A: An average of one in six U.S. households has received a "long" or sample census form. The long form includes the same 19 questions that appear on the short form plus 46 additional questions that provide valuable detail on U.S. population and housing characteristics.
Q: How will people who are away from home on April 1 be counted?
A: Census workers visit hotels and motels, campgrounds, bus and train stations, airports, and other "special places" on the night of March 31 to distribute individual census report forms. College students in dormitories, prison inmates, and other people who are not in "households" on Census day will also be asked to complete individual census forms, which will be collected by census takers.
Q: How can a person who doesn't speak English be counted?
A: Instructions for completing the census forms are available in 32 languages besides English and Spanish, and complete Spanish-language questionnaires are available. A friend or relative should dial the phone number on the census form address label for assistance.
Q: What happens to census forms after they are returned?
A: Each form arrives at one of 409 district offices, where workers are sworn to secrecy and review it for completeness. Households that submit incomplete questionnaires will be notified and asked to complete them. Complete questionnaires will be packed in boxes that are then sealed and shipped to a census data processing center to begin the tabulation.

Court Battle Changes WLBT Ownership

(Continued From Page 1) The change in ownership followed a lengthy court battle that began in 1964, when the then-owners of WLBT were accused of having racially discriminatory policies and practices.

Dilday will address the conference luncheon on March 29 at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union.

Other media executives on the program will be Albert Fitzpatrick, executive editor of the Akron Beacon Journal and the top ranking Black in his profession, and Ms. Mutter Evans, owner of radio station WAAA in Winston-Salem.

"If minorities don't own or manage, then their stories will always be distorted," said Dilday recently in a telephone conversation. "I don't think the audiences are really cognizant of who is running the station. All they want is what is on the screen."

The A&T conference is being sponsored by a grant from W.K. Kellogg Foundation and will feature 40 professional journalists and federal communications specialists.

Workshops will be held on public relations, women in media, advertising, ownership, and management, the Black press and employment.

Blacks Over 65 Living Longer

(Continued From Page 6) and over never attended high school. Fifty-eight percent of Blacks in this age category failed to complete elementary school, compared to 21 percent of Whites in the same age category.

The proportion of Whites 65 and over who attended or completed 4 years of college was 9 percent, compared to 3 percent for Blacks.

The median annual income of Blacks age 65 and over was $6,221 in 1977 compared to $9,635 for their White counterparts. However, the median income among White families in that age category headed by a woman was double ($10,370) that of elderly Black families, with a female head ($5,120).

By Carl Valentine "A&T didn't even send me; I was sent by the people from Howard University," said Cassandra Mitchell. Cassandra Mitchell, a sophomore accounting major, recently attended a conference held in Washington, D.C.

When asked her purpose at the conference, she said, "I was there to represent students in the secondary education level and give their views points about Financial Aid."

At the conference there were several task forces: a minority task force, non-traditional, high school, and developing student leaders task force. Mitchell says that her major concern was in the minority task force. At times she did attend some of the other forces to find out more about them.

"In the minority task force, we gave recommendations that we wanted the government to deal with," said Mitchell. These recommendations were mostly dealing with minorities' receiving financial aid. "We want lower interest rates for Blacks because Blacks are the majority of the ones who have to pay back their financial aid," said Mitchell. The re-establishment of the G.I. bill was also among the recommendations sent to the government.

"The government is getting a bit of the G.I. bill. The people who are veterans won't receive the money they need to attend school. This again affects the minorities," said Mitchell.

"I learned many things that will help the students here," said Mitchell. "One thing is that we need a peer counseling group to help the students file for this aid," Mitchell said, unlike other universities, A&T doesn't have this program and we very much need it. She also said that having this program would bring in more money for the students.

"The paper (Register) needs to become more involved in helping to print the information about financial aid," said Mitchell. "This will help to better inform students about the packages for aid, when to pick them up, and when to send them off."

The conference was well represented. There were approximately 178 students there. More than 60 percent of the students there were minority. The reason for such a great number of minority students is the majority of the people who receive aid are of the minority races," said Mitchell.

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