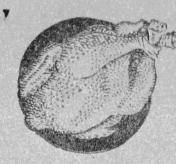
A & T Grad Who Led His Class Did It The Hard Way

tho graduated with highest honms at the A&T College commencement on June 2 entered college the 'hard way' - he never finished ligh school

Alexander Gardner, New Eern who recently received the degree in Engineering Phy-

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ents at the college the most difficult of the programs offered here, was cited Summa Cum Laude. He was the only class member in the degree program to be so honored.

Gardner, a student leader, serv- neering with no high school matheed as president of the Student matics or physics. But Gardner reis college career.

the West Street High School in his record. native New Bern midway the first year because he was tired of school put his age up and joined the U.S. Merchant Marine Service. He later entered the Air Force.

After the military stint, he returned to his hometown and operated a small business there for a couple of years, but was never hapy over the progress. he was making. A college education was the choice he made to accomplish those dreams of a successful life.

Council in the renior year and par- fused to accept the advice. He icipated in a wide variety of ex- passed the difficult college enacurricular activities all through trance examination with flying colors, entered A&T in the winter of Young Gardner dropped out of 1954, and posted the outstanding His ambition is to return to his Alma Mater as an instructor in engineering. Immediately employed as a physicist by the U. S. Navy Yard in Philadelphia he plans to begin study, on a

the beginning college officials tri-

ed to dissaude him from attempt-

ing a college program in view of

his limited high school training

and certainly from pursuing engi-

vanced degree in Engineering Gardner, again has chosen to each his objective by the "Hard Way", but many of his friends believe that his dogged determina-Gardner has said many times | tion and demonstrated ability will hat his most difficult problem was pay off.

part - time basis, this fall at

Temple University for an ad-

Meharry Launches Big Parents' Organization

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Pioneer-Imencement season ing along with a number of major | Parents of Meharry students from coileges, Meharry Medical College all over America converged on the instituted a parents organization campus, and participated enthusiduring its recent unexcelled com- astically in the creation of what gives every indication of becoming

> Officially named the Meharry Parents Organization, the new group will program its activities to enhance the development and welfare of the 83 year old institution, now in the process of planning a tre-

mendous expansion. Pending the adoption of a permanent Constitution, the group set into action an interim organization which will begin immediate cooperation with the school's administration through the Office of Development. One of the important facets of the program involves the utilization of parents as disseminators of information of Meharry activities in their respective residence areas.

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he founding meeting were Mrs Thomas E. Welch. Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Annie E. Butts, Tampa, Fla. Dr. Samuel J Baskerville, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Bernice G. Hall, Washington, D. C.: Mrs. Mary E. Wilam, Jefferson, Texas; Mrs. Al thea Warrick, Washington, D. C. Mrs. F. J. Montegut, New Orleans, La.; Dr. R. O. Weathers, Goldsboro N. C.; Dr. William S. Douglas, Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. Noah E. Will. r., Birmingham, Ala.: Mrs. Mary Moore, New York City, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. John de Grasse Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. and Mrs. P Price Cobbs, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Beverly, Washington, D. C.

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