

# Aminoil USA, INC Gives \$50,000 Education Grant To A&T

GREENSBORO—A \$50,000 education grant to help black students develop engineering careers in the petroleum industry was presented recently to North Carolina A&T State University by Aminoil, USA, Inc.

The grant by Aminoil, which is a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., established engineering scholarships at North Carolina A&T State and provides funds to assist the university's engineering school.

A&T State University is the first predominantly black university to receive funds under Aminoil's intern program.

Presenting the check to Chancellor Edward B. Fort, George E. Trimble,

Aminoil's chairman and chief executive officer, said the funds would provide \$1,000 scholarships to five students over the next four years, and \$30,000 in unrestricted funds to bolster engineering studies.

The grant by the nation's third largest independent petroleum exploration and production company followed a meeting with university officials earlier this year during which Trimble proposed a "partnership" in an innovative program to enhance opportunities for black students to fill engineering positions critical to the industry.

The program developed by Aminoil enables engineering students to participate in

an internship at one of the company's petroleum operations, following the individual's freshman, sophomore and junior years. After graduation, the individuals would be better prepared to apply their mechanical, electrical chemical or civil engineering education to oil and gas exploration or production operations.

Several North Carolina A&T State students participated in the intern program last summer, working aboard an offshore drilling platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

Trimble said today's meeting with university officials represents a "milestone" for Aminoil.

"With the presentation of this grant,"

Trimble explained, "North Carolina A&T University is the first predominantly black university to receive funding under our recently established internship program for black students. The grant is an extension of what I hope will be a long-lived partnership."

Trimble said the grant would provide wide-ranging benefits, offering educational opportunities for the university and its engineering students and yielding a return to Aminoil as the university's graduates later contribute their

engineering expertise to the company's operations.

As a petroleum exploration and production company, Aminoil conducts operations in the major oil basins, including those in California, Texas, Montana, Louisiana, the Gulf of

Mexico, the Rocky Mountains and Oklahoma. Aminoil also processes natural gas; markets crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products; and develops and produces geothermal steam for use in electric generating plants.

The Aminoil engineer intern program is part of an ongoing effort by R.J. Reynolds Industries and subsidiaries to support minority employment and advancement, educational opportunities, business enterprise development and community betterment.

## Davis and Harris Receive Fellowships For Research

CHAPEL HILL—Two English department faculty members at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have won \$25,000 National Research Council fellowships from the Ford Foundation.

Drs. Thadious Davis and Trudier Harris, associate professors of English, are specialists on Afro-American literature.

Davis will undertake a project on "Race and

Reputation: A Comparative Study of William Faulkner and Richard Wright," working with the Faulkner collection at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

A native of New Orleans, La., Davis came to Chapel Hill from Boston University in 1979. She recently completed a study of black characters in the fiction of Faulkner, which will be published in the fall by the Louisiana State University Press.

Harris will work on a project titled "Eden Without Eve: Black Women in the Fiction of James Baldwin." She

will work at the Bunting Institute and will be affiliated with the Afro-American studies department at Harvard University.

A Tuscaloosa, Ala., native, Harris also joined the English department in 1979, coming from the College of William and Mary. Her book, "From Mammies to Militants: Domesticity in Black American Literature," will be published in October by the Temple University Press.

## SWAPO

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reported. The insurgents were equipped with anti-aircraft weapons, as well, according to some accounts.

SWAPO (the South-West African People's Organization) initiated low-level guerrilla actions against South African occupation of the territory in 1966. The latest series of raids is by most accounts the largest single military action by the movement in the war to date.

Earlier this month, representatives from the Western Contact Group, including U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker met with SWAPO representatives in Luanda, Angola, to seek agreement on an election plan that is part of the independence negotiations currently under way.

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## How to get the most from your bank

### DRIVE-UP BANKING By Liz Richardson

You can perform almost as many of your banking transactions by using a bank's drive-up window as you can by going inside the bank. You may even find the service faster and more convenient.

Technological advances have made drive-up banking a popular way for customers to do business with their banks. Some banks in suburban and rural areas report that as much as two-thirds of a day's deposit volume may be handled through such a facility.

Some banks are now expanding the drive-up banking concept to include automated teller machines. The customer can drive up to the machine, carry out a transaction, and never leave the car. Most automated teller machines allow customers to get cash, make deposits, transfer money, get account balance information and make payments—all in a few easy steps.

The traditional drive-up windows have been in operation for more than 30 years. When "conventional" drive-ups were first introduced, they merely had a drawer which extended outward within arm's reach of the driver sitting in his car, and therefore could only support one lane of drive-up business. Today pneumatic tubes, which carry a transaction from the car to the teller and back again, enable bank offices to have multiple drive-up lanes.

The drive-up facilities that customers are most familiar with usually have the conventional type drawer and one of two types of pneumatic systems: the captive carrier and the loose carrier. The latest version is the captive carrier, which is simply a small box in which the customer places the transaction. The customer pushes a button and within seconds the transaction is in the hands of the teller sitting at the window yards from the car.

The loose carrier system uses a small cylindrical-shaped cartridge. The customer places the transaction inside the plastic carrier, places the carrier inside the drive-up unit, presses a button and off it goes to the teller.

Tellers can serve you faster and more efficiently if you keep the following tips in mind when using the drive-up window:

- Endorse the checks you intend to deposit before getting into the drive-up lane.
- Try to have your deposit slip already filled out.
- For withdrawals of any kind, try to have your savings and/or checking account numbers at hand.
- If you have to borrow an ink pen, the teller will be glad to send you one. Remember to place it in the envelope when you return it; a loose pen can jam the system. Loose coins also jam the system, and should be enclosed in the envelope.
- If you're going to make a loan payment by check, don't forget to write your loan account number on the check and also present your payment slip if one is provided.

Drive-up window tellers don't issue official checks, and because most of the pneumatic systems aren't equipped to handle large commercial deposits, banks prefer that commercial customers transact their business with a teller inside the bank.

If you have questions about a transaction, or one that will take an unusual amount of time, a banker inside the office will be glad to help.

Liz Richardson, a teller for eight years, is a teller work leader at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's Cameron Village Express Member F.D.I.C. Office in Raleigh.



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