

For Research Funding

NCCU—Tuskegee Project Encourages Applications

Although traditionally black colleges and universities receive substantial amounts of Federal funding for student financial aid, most have not received significant Federal support for research.

At North Carolina Central University, one of the more active predominantly black schools in the field of research, just over one per cent of the annual operating budget in 1980-81 was actually spent on organized research, although 20 per cent of the \$30 million budget was from Federal sources.

The administrations of both President Jimmy Carter and President Ronald Reagan have seen Federal research funding as a need for the traditionally black schools, and both presidents signed orders instructing Federal agencies to seek to increase the involvement of the traditionally black colleges and universities in Federal research.

A \$130,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, part of that Federal initiative, has enabled North Carolina Central and Alabama's Tuskegee Institute to help their sister institutions seek government research grants and contracts.

North Carolina Central University's portion of the joint project is conducted under the auspices of its Public Administration Program and administered by Mrs. Eula M. B. Turner.

Mrs. Turner has led workshops and conferences to encourage faculty at predominantly black universities and colleges to seek Federal funding for research.

Especially targeted in her project are selected universities and colleges which can be shown to have a high potential for

research in areas of interest to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The institutions in the target group include some which have been active in seeking research and others which have been inactive. One institution has submitted more than 200 proposals for federal funding in the past five years; another has submitted no proposals for Federal research funds.

The school which has submitted no research proposals, Mrs. Turner said, has facilities which would make it attractive to the Department of Health and Human Services: a superior health and physical education complex, a health center which serves the campus and the local community, and an Early Childhood program serving local children.

In addition to several workshops on preparation of proposals, conducted at various institutions, North Carolina Central University and Tuskegee Institute co-sponsored a workshop in Washington, D.C., in March, entitled "Toward the Year 2000: The New Federalism — Public and Private Sector Perspective." Attending were 84 representatives of traditionally black institutions.

A periodical "Tip Sheet" listing funding sources and deadlines for proposals has been published this year by Mrs. Turner. The newsletter goes to a mailing list of 415 persons.

Mrs. Turner has also worked with representatives of North Carolina A&T State University, which is conducting a similar project with funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

NCCU and North Carolina A&T are tentatively planning a grantmanship conference in

North Carolina in the early fall.

The first year of the project has brought results. In terms of proposals for research funding, Mrs. Turner has received reports of a significant increase in activity among the institutions in her target group. Several of the schools expect to receive Federal research funds next fall.

Interest in proposal writing has increased

dramatically at several of the schools. Mrs. Shirley B. Lee, assistant to the president and coordinator of Federal and State Grants and Contracts at Florida's Bethune-Cookman, wrote recently to thank the editor of the "Tip Sheet."

"I reproduced and circulated copies throughout our college," Mrs. Lee wrote. "I was surprised at the large

number of thank-you's received from our faculty and staff upon receipt of your Tip Sheet — more than 50 members. This is especially significant because less than 15 per cent of our 115 faculty and professional staff have previously even tried to write proposals."

The research results of the NCCU project itself have been significant, Mrs. Turner reports.

They included the identification of research potential at many of the predominantly black schools, and the identification of 80 faculty members at those institutions who have offered to read research proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We followed up on those offers," Mrs. Turner said, "to find out how many of the 80

faculty members were active in research. We found that their activity covered the spectrum from inactive to very active; we're working now to see what made some inactive while others were very active."

One initial discovery was that many college administrators need to be educated about Federally-funded research, and the administrators are now ma-

ior targets for Mrs. Turner's project.

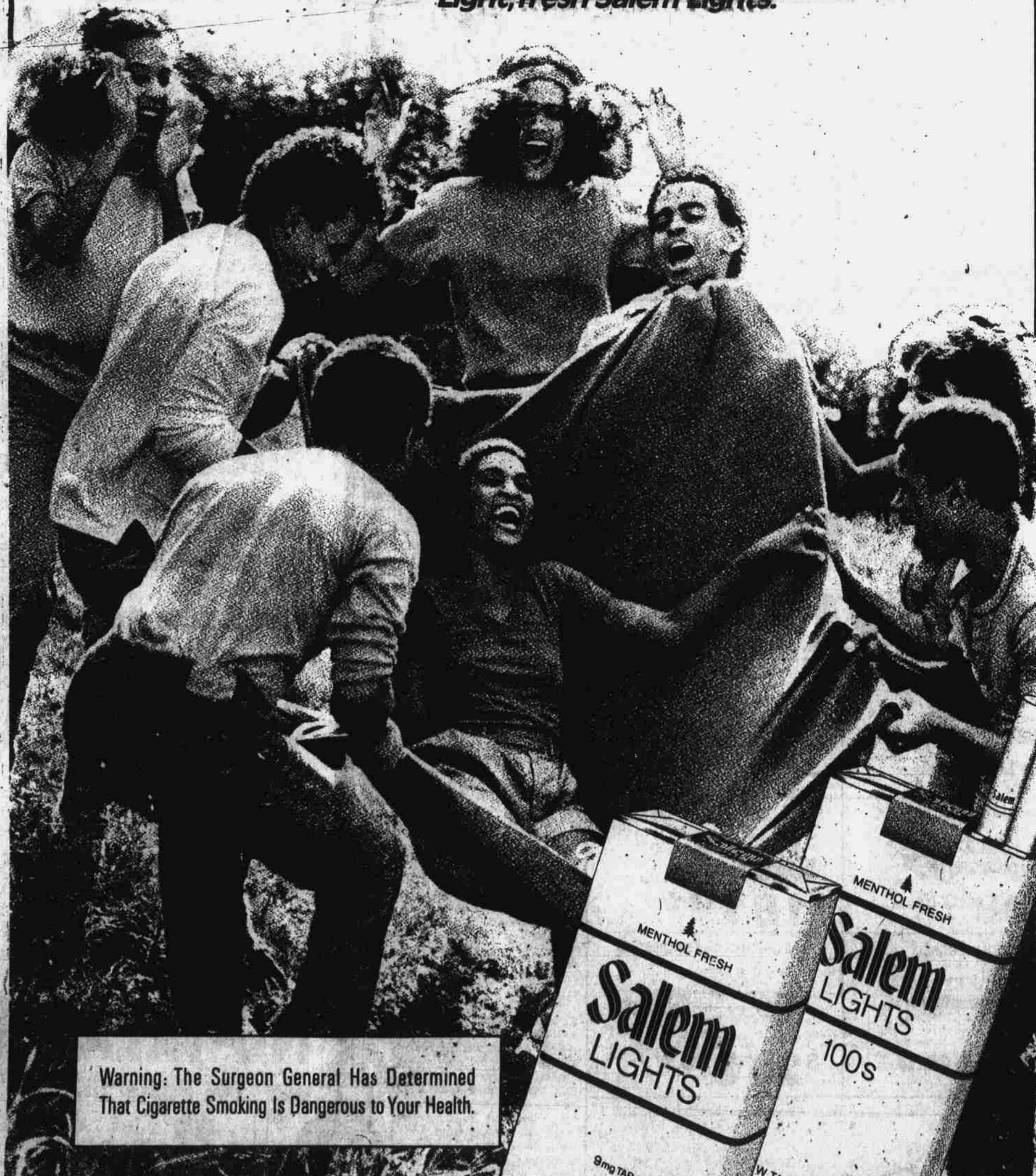
"We found that at many schools there is little incentive to write proposals; faculty members teach 15 class hours a week, and have other institutional assignments — committees and so on. The faculty members who have been active in research have had to carve the time needed out of their days; it wasn't given to them."

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Beta Theta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Durham, sponsored Marshall B. Revels, Jr., to a leadership conference held at Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina, June 20-23. The workshop conference provided leadership training to promising junior and senior high school students.

At this conference the participants were provided the chance for the full development of leadership ability and the chance to experience leadership in the practical application of fundamental principles and procedures of city, county, state and national government.

Marshall is a member of Orange Grove Baptist



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Church, Durham. He is an Eagle Scout of Troop 55, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by White Rock Baptist Church.

Marshall lives with his parents at 1511 Rosewood Street.



NASHVILLE, TENN. — Deford Bailey, who died recently at the age of 82, visits with Roy Acuff at the Grand Ole Opry on April 3, 1982. Bailey was the Opry's first performer on its initial broadcast in 1927. (UPI Photo)