A&T Alumni Raise Record Amount For Scholarships

GREENSBORO The A&T State University National Alumni Association has raised a record \$133,397 this year in its Annual Giving Campaign for scholarships for the university. According to Howard C. Barnhill of Charlotte, chairman of the association's national fundraising committee, the 1982 total is \$26,000 more than the 1981 total of \$107,000. The goal for the year was \$125,000. Dr. Velma Speight, national president of the association, said the new funds will be used primarily to support the new Alumni Scholars program instituted at A&T last May. Dr. Edward B. Fort,

Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor, called the alumni effort "an o v e r w h e l m i n g manifestation of confidence and support for a historically outstanding black university. This additional financial aid comes at a crucial time and it will certainly enable us to keep our commitment of searching for and educating some of the most talented young people in this nation."

Under the program, the National Alumni Association will provide funds for four outstanding high school students the first year, providing them with awards worth \$2,000 per year for an instate student and \$3,000 per year for an out-ofstate student. The scholarships are renewable for four years. Barnhill said the alum-

ni association will add four National Alumni Scholars to the program until a total of 16 is reached. These will also be sustained through four years of study at

A&T. Barnhill, a health



educator at the University of North Carolina, attributed the success of this year's Annual Giving campaign to the launching of the scholarship program, and to the efforts of the National Fundraising Committee. He also praised the support of alumni in the various regions of the United States. "The National Fundraising Committee strengthens the network between the regions," said Barnhill.

"The success of this year's campaign was made possible by several key factors, including an increase in the number of new contributors, the largest number in history; an increase in the level of giving by contributors, the largest number in history; an increase in the level of giving by contributors and a percentage increase in new givers. These factors, coupled with an increase in chapter contributions, provided the \$26,000 increase in contributions."

The A&T National Alumni Association has a long history of raising funds for scholarships for the university. According to the association's records, the initial effort in 1955 realized \$1,805. A milestone was reached in the 1960-61 academic year when the association realized more than \$10,000 for its scholarship fund.

Winners of the 1982 A&T alumni scholarships are Riley A. Hamilton III, Springfield, Va.; Tonya Annette Crawford, Reidsville, N.C.; Ronald Kenith Lawrence Jr., Gainesville, Fla.; and Gaill Spaulding Frasier, Columbus, Ohio.

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