

St. Aug. Gets Grant Award Of \$92,630 For Special Services

Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, President of Saint Augustine's College, announces that St. Aug.'s is the recipient of a grant award for special services, in the amount of \$92,630. This grant was given by the Department of Education of the department of Health and Human Services, and is the third consecutive year award.

This grant for special services is one of the Trio programs offered by HHS. The purpose of the program is to provide motivation for the economically disadvantaged student.

This special services program, entitled "Project Uplift," enrolls 150 students at St. Augustine's, most of whom are Director; Ms. Debra Matthews, Counselor; Mrs. Vernell Beasley, Coordinator of Communications; Mrs. Patricia Regis, Reading Instructor; and David Parker, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

The four major components of the program are counseling, tutorial assistance, cultural enrichment activities, and special enrichment courses.

The objectives of these components relative to the program are as follows: Counseling provides guidance and vocational training through utilization of a team counseling approach in assisting participants in making academic and social adjustments necessary to adequately deal with societal concerns. Tutorial assistance provides instruction in all academic disciplines. Cultural enrichment activities serve to augment the teaching and learning process. Special services provides a series of reinforcement to learning projects which provide enrichment experiences to parallel curricular offerings. And

lastly, special enrichment courses include skill development in the areas of communication skills and mathematical enrichment and science reinforcement. The specific aim of these courses, Reading, English Composition, Fundamentals of Mathematics, and Creative Writing, is to improve the academic performance of program participants.

The special services program is designed to lift aspirations of students who doubt opportunities for success in today's world, to provide experiences that will enable students to express, relate, and maintain inner confidence essential to oral and written communication, and to interpret meanings of visual symbols, charts, graphs, computer printouts, and travel

directions.

"Twenty students are selected to conduct tutorials in mathematics, and tutors also provide services for students who encounter learning difficulties," with hard sciences," stated Dr. Thelma Roundtree, vice president for Academic Affairs at St. Aug.'s. She explained that the cultural enrichment activities include museum tours, visits to theatrical performances, and Research laboratories. In addition, year three's activities will include travel to historic sites within the state of North Carolina.

"Special Services at Saint Augustine's is an academic program which allows students to earn credit hours in their freshman and sophomore years as part of the general education area," she said.

Dr. Nichols Named To Selection Board For Rural Leaders' Awards

Dr. Beverly A. Nichols, chairman of North Carolina Central University's department of home economics, is a member of the selection board for two prestigious rural service awards.

Dr. Nichols serves as one of seven selection trustees for the Winthrop Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Rural Service.

The awards, named for the late Arkansas governor, will be presented in May, 1981, by the National Rural Center of Washington, D.C. The two winners will receive \$10,000 awards under a grant to the center from the Winthrop Rockefeller Charitable Trust.

Raymond Philip Shafer, former governor of Pennsylvania, is chairman of the selection board. He said the awards

will recognize individual leadership and rural development contributions in local communities and the academic community.

The 1980 awards were presented to Ms. Minnie Miller Brown of Raleigh, in recognition of her work as a teacher, rural sociologist, and advocate for rural people; and to Roman Kettler of Eden, S.D., a farmer, financial innovator, community worker, and organizer.

In addition to former Gov. Shafer and Dr. Nichols, selection trustees are Leroy Davis of Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.; Myron Jones of Indian Training, Inc., Albuquerque, N.M.; Roderick N. Petrey, attorney of Miami, Fla.; Richard D. Remington of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; and Ms. Marta Sotomayor of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Jones Petrey, and Remington are members of the board of directors of the sponsoring National Rural Center.

R.T. Watkins Gets Kyle Award

Robert T. Watkins, senior vice president of Marketing for Public Service Company of North Carolina Inc., was honored at the Southeastern Gas Association's annual meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, September 19.

Watkins was given the Volney H. Kyle, Jr. Award for outstanding contribution to the association and the natural gas industry. It is the association's highest award and has been given to only seven individuals since it was established in 1967. Watkins was honored for his continuous involvement in speaking to national and regional gas associations, encouraging attention to basic training needs in the industry, and stressing the need for re-entry into aggressive marketing.

Watkins, the association's newly-elected second vice president, has been in natural gas sales and appliance merchandising since 1951. When he joined Public Service Company of North Carolina, the company had 23,000 customers. It now has 134,000.

A native of Charlotte, Watkins is past chairman of the American Gas Association's marketing section, a member of the board of directors of the Southern Gas Association and the Southeastern Gas Association, and is on an ad hoc committee assisting the state's Energy Policy Council. Among his many civic involvements, is working with children who have specific learning disabilities.

The Southeastern Gas Association is composed of approximately 500 representatives of natural gas pipeline companies,

NAARPR Leaders Reportedly Attacked By Klan

Ms. Charlene Mitchell, National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression executive secretary and three other leaders of the Alliance branch in Los Angeles were reportedly attacked by members of the Ku Klux Klan at a meeting of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of San Diego County (in San Diego, California) on the evening of September 16.

The incident is said to have occurred shortly after Ms. Mitchell testified before the Central Committee at the public meeting, urging its members to disavow the House candidacy on the Democratic Party ticket of KKK Grand Dragon Tom Metzger; and to initiate an investigation of the rally he led in Oceanside in March at which numerous people were beaten by alleged Klansmen, including members of the news media.

Deacon Alexander, Alliance West Coast Regional organizer, was reportedly the first to be attacked by KKK members attending the meeting. (Alexander has been active initiating the Alliance program to outlaw the Klan in the City of Oceanside for over a year.) Bob Duren,

Alliance chairman of the Police Crimes Task Force in L.A., reportedly attempted to intervene and protect Alexander from a vicious beating when he, in turn, was attacked and beaten.

Ms. Mitchell reportedly tried to block the attack on the others and was roughed up in the process allegedly by Klansmen.

During the beating, a plainclothes officer is said to have pulled out his badge and arrested Alexander and Duren.

Attorney Linda Ferguson, a member of the Alliance Legal Support Committee, and Ms. Mitchell are said to have left the meeting unprotected, while the Grand Dragon Metzger left with a police escort. On the way to the police precinct where Alexander and Duren had been taken, it is reported that the two women escaped what they perceived to be as another vicious attack by outrunning the Klansmen.

Both Duren and Alexander are being held on \$10,000 bail, charged with assault and possession of a concealed weapon.

NAARPR co-chairman Fr. David Garcia stated: "Our beloved Executive Secretary and the L.A.



Paul F. Vandergriff, Director of Development of Development/Coordinator of Media & Marketing, and General Manager of WSHA-FM at Shaw University is shown with Louis Martin, Special Assistant to President Carter (l), and Charles D. Ferris, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (c), after attending a communications symposium in the Blue Room of the White House recently.

Alliance members are the latest victims of an alarming series of attacks on our people by the KKK and Nazis. That such outrageous attacks occur can only heighten the urgent need for state legislatures to immediately pass legislation outlawing these racist hate groups. The U.S. Congress must move quickly to ratify the United Nations con-

venants outlawing genocide. The situation demands such a positive step to eliminate racism in this country.

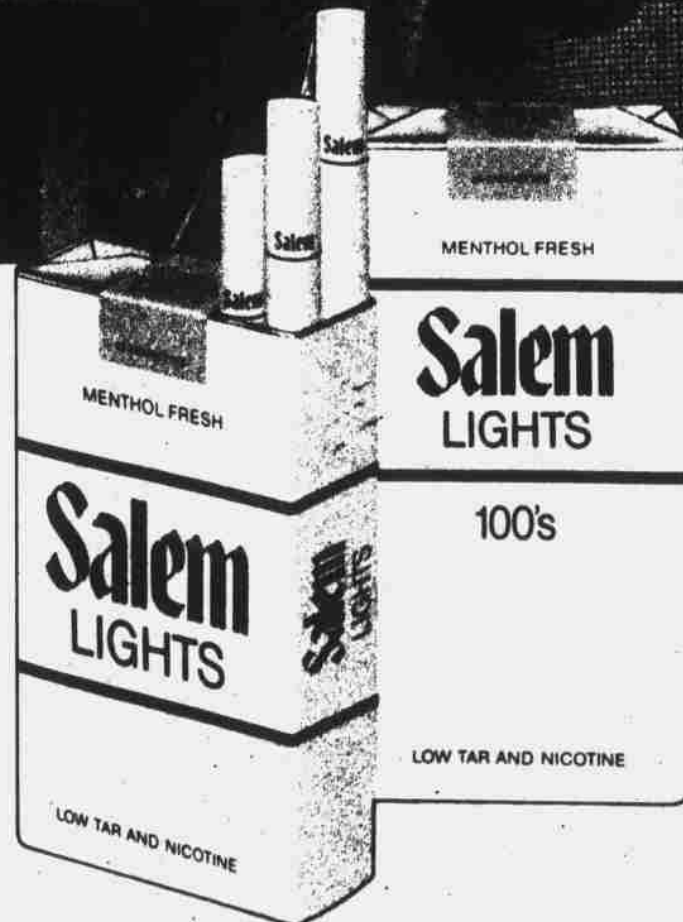
"The propensity for violence by KKK leader Tom Metzger exploded once again Tuesday night September 16, at the Central meeting of the San Diego County Democratic Party. This is not an issue of free speech. We de-

mand President Carter and the Carter-Mondale Presidential Campaign Committee immediately denounce Metzger and disavow his House candidacy on the Democratic Party ticket.

"Our Alliance urges telegrams be sent to Carter at the White House and the Campaign Committee, as well as the California Congressmen."

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By Joe Black



Are you one of those who is always asking, "Where is the political representation for our community?" Are you tiring of too little action and too much rhetoric? Would you like to see things turned around?

If you answered yes to those questions, then heed the advice of the National Coalition of Black Voter Participation when they urge us to become involved by locating the voter participation campaign in our town and offering our services. My friends, we have arrived at the time when we must become more sophisticated in our selection of political candidates. They all promise us a chicken in every pot, but the pages of history show that too many of them mean a chicken for those who have and unfulfilled dreams for those who have nothing except hope.

Thus, it requires our recognizing that the selection is more than Democrat or Republican, or Carter versus Reagan. We must listen to and evaluate those political leaders who project sincere plans that are designed to give us lasting dignity and self-respect via equality of justice and an opportunity to attain preparation for today's jobs so that we receive paychecks rather than handouts. To achieve this goal, we must not let political parties think that we are their robots.

So, register...think...and then vote.

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