

A&T in quest to offer doctorates

A&T State University has received two important endorsements in its quest to become the first historically black university in North Carolina to offer the Ph.D. degree in engineering.

The latest endorsement came from C. D. Spangler Jr., president of the University of North Carolina system. Spangler backed the recommendation of a distinguished consulting team of former and current original recommendation for A&T to be allowed to offer doctoral degrees in electrical and mechanical engineering.

In his recommendation, Spangler said, "North Carolina A&T State University can be the premier black engineering school in the nation. It is a place where it can be dominant . . . We ought to work with them."

"President Spangler's endorsement is extremely important in our quest for a historic mission change," said Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T Chancellor. "If the Board of college presidents who made the _Governors' planning committee accepts Mr. Spangler's recommendation we shall move as rapidly as possible to have final plans ready to begin these doctoral programs as

early as 1993."

Fort added, "I'm very heartened by the president's decision, and I'm not at all surprised. It's a great day for the university."

The offering of doctoral degrees at A&T was a major long range goal initiated by Fort and his administration. The University has increasingly become a national leader in the field of high-tech education and research. A&T currently leads the nation in the graduation of black engineers at the undergraduate level and also at the master's degree level.

The University offers undergraduate majors in electrical, mechanical, industrial, chemical, civil, and architectural engineering. Graduate degrees are awarded in architectural, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering. The University offers the Master of Science in Engineering degree.

A&T was recently designated by the Historically Black Research University Foundation for Science and Technology.

Also the nation's space agency has recently awarded North Carolina A&T State University a grant of \$8 million to establish a center of excellence for aerospace research.

The award by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is the largest single research grant ever received by the University. A&T is also operating a NASA-funded \$8.4 million joint Mars Mission Research Center with North Carolina State University, with a goal of sending a mannedspace vehicle to MARS and back.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

writing workshops for black youth ages 14-18, is scheduled to begin

Jan. 11 in WS. The first of 10 workshops will be held Saturday, Jan.

11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Art-Is House at St. Benedict's

The Young Black Writers' Program, a series of free creative

22, 1992. The artists' reception will follow Friday, Jan. 3 from 6-8 p.m. Also, an exhibit of works by new Exhibiting Members in Associated Photographers is on display at the Arts Council Board Room,

305 W. Fourth St. through Feb. 7.

 The election of Executive Board Members of the Tiny Indian Football Club, Inc. for the 1992 season, will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1992, at 6:30 p.m., at the 14th Street Recreation Center. Applications are now available for headcoaching positions for the 1992 season of the Tiny Indian Football Club, Inc. They may be picked up and returned no later than Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1992 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 788-9456 or 722-

· The W-S Human Relations Commission Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 20, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. The Commission will honor individuals and organizations that personify the theme, "Open Your Eyes, Open Your Heart. Awareness Is Where We Start . . . Building Better Human Relations, Making a Better World." Nominations will be accepted from the community. They should be addressed to the Program Committee, Human Relations Office, City Plaza Building, W-S, N.C. 27104 and must be received by Dec. 20, 1991.

YOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

. The Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, located at 690 Coliseum Drive, is in need of volunteers to work on blood drives in the Winston-Salem area and at the Triad Blood Center. Training will be provided, as will flexible hours. For more information, contact Stephanie Ellis at 724-0511.

 FIRST NIGHT 1992 Committees are searching for volunteers to assist in working this year's New Year's Eve Alcohol/Drug Free Celebration of the Arts Festival downtown Winston-Salem. For more information, call 724-7339.

Upward Bound gets grant WSSU's Upward Bound Pro-Schools and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company recently awarded a total

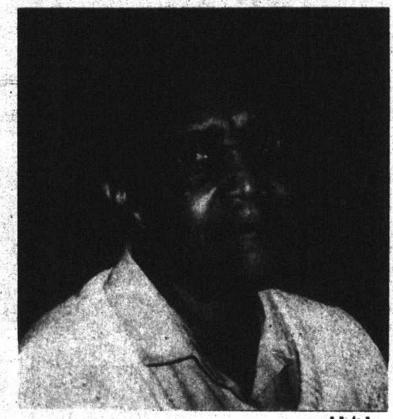
gram, a college preparatory program for students who have the potential to succeed in a post-secondary institution, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Sara Lee Corporation to expand in 1991-92.

The award follows on the heels of three other grants. The W-S/FC of \$22,000 to help the program expand its current student enrollment from 60 to 85 participants. Also, a \$10,000 grant by Wachovia Bank and Trust will enable several students to work part-time at the financial institution.



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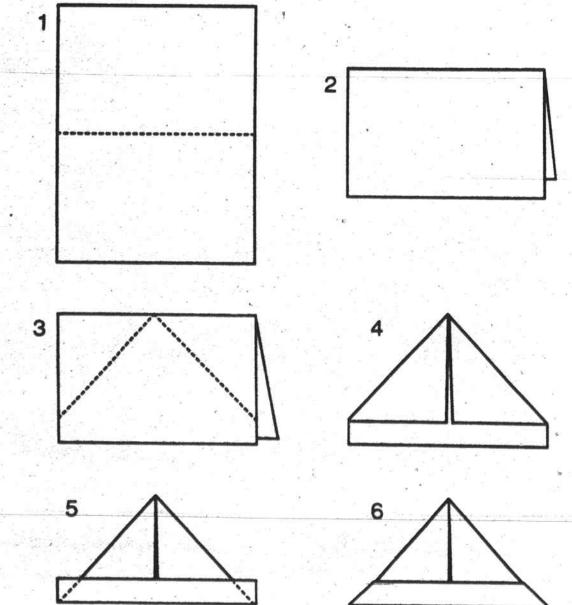
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