

# Sanford: Students At Central Are Serious About Their Education

What are our college students experiencing today? The recent United Negro College Fund telethon may have raised a few questions: Are our youths taking education seriously? Is it worth it to keep our traditionally black colleges open? The following is one account:

When Ezelle Sanford Jr., a sophomore student at Durham's North Carolina Central University,



Charles McLean  
.....NAACP Field Secretary

## Winston-Salem Mayor Proclaims Charles McLean Day

Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne Corpening has proclaimed January 10, to be "Charles McLean Day" in Winston-Salem. The proclamation was issued to honor McLean, retired North Carolina State Field Secretary for the NAACP, on the day of the 1985 Freedom Fund Banquet sponsored by the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP. The first Hanes Group-Charles McLean Community Service Awards will also be presented during the banquet.

"Charles McLean, through all of his adult life, has been dedicated to the development of black entrepreneurship and the securing of equal opportunity for all Americans," Corpening said in his proclamation. Corpening also recognized McLean for his work in developing the new East Winston Shopping Center, as a founder of American Federal Savings and Loan of Greensboro, N.C., and his involvement with Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, N.C.

The Hanes Group-Charles McLean Community Service Award was established this year to honor members of the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County community who provide needed services to the local area and who motivate people to improve their quality of life.

"We felt that initiating this award provided us with a way of recognizing people who are so willing to share their time, their talent and their resources to make our community a better place to live," said Paul Fulton, president of Hanes Group. "This award also honors Charles McLean for his years of dedicated service not only to the NAACP, but to North Carolina and Winston-Salem."

Hanes Group, an operating unit of Consolidated Foods Corporation of Chicago, is headquartered in Winston-Salem. Its major divisions includes Hanes Hosiery, Hanes Knitwear, Hanes Printables and Leggs Products.

Charles McLean grew up in the NAACP. His mother started one of the first chapters in North Carolina in Fayetteville and he obtained his first membership while in high school.

McLean served as State Field Secretary for 28 years and was an active force in NAACP voter registration drives and in the enactment of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

McLean came to Winston-Salem in 1937 to sell gravestones for his father's W. A. McLean and Son Monument Company. In 1943, he moved to Washington, D.C., to become administrative assistant to the War Finance Division and he returned to Winston-Salem in 1947.

In addition to his NAACP work, McLean helped found American Savings and Loan, a Greensboro-based operation that began in 1959 and now has assets of \$17 million. He became a major stockholder in Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and was instrumental in bringing the bank into Winston-Salem in 1981. He currently serves as the Winston-Salem branch board chairman.

McLean also recently realized a dream that had been 20 years in the making - the building of a major shopping center in predominantly black East Winston. He was an initial proponent of the concept and one of the first people to invest in the venture.

returned to Charlotte for Christmas vacation, he wasn't prepared for the praise he received. Maintaining a "B" average in college, to Sanford, was something he felt was expected, not to be congratulated on. "It's not necessarily an achievement to get good grades...that's what you should get. Parents put in time and money and only the best should be expected of the student." Now in his second year of college Sanford has some advice for future college students: "If you put God first in your life, all things will follow."

North Carolina Central University is one of the traditional black col-

leges in North Carolina. "Most of the students at Central are serious about their education. You have to keep your priorities in tact. You can't come to school and get lost partying." Sanford studies as much as possible...each day including weekends. His ambition is to one day work in a government position. His major is public administration. "First, I plan to go into the service for three years. I feel I will receive an extensive amount of experience and obtaining a government job may be much easier. I've always been interested in the government." Sanford also expressed interest in

running for public office. But at age 19 he says he has plenty of years to think about it. A 1983 graduate of West Charlotte High, Sanford was a member of the school band. At Central he still plays drums in the marching band and is also Drum Captain. He is a member of the Sophomore Class Congress and is a member of the Service Committee. He attends various churches in Durham and at home he is a member of Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church. During high school Sanford was chosen to be a Senate Page in Raleigh, was inducted into the National Honor Society, played base-

ball, and Civilian. Perhaps student will put your worth your effort to the United

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