

Black Colleges Academically Sound

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Chapel Hill - The typical black college or university today is academically sound, socially conservative, affordable and relatively easy to gain admission to, according to a recent survey.

service. "While many colleges experimented with unstructured approaches to education in the late '60s and '70s, it appears most black colleges stuck with a traditional approach, which is what the majority of today's serious-minded students say they want."

COLLEGE FIND has built a data base of facts and figures on colleges and universities from all across the country, including 88 schools who responded out of the approximately 100 predominantly black schools in the U.S.

COLLEGE FIND's data base is used to assist students in finding the right college that meets their needs, but this data also provides insights into trends in higher education.

"We can conclude that predominantly black institutions are academically sound in that 94 percent have a core curriculum requirement for graduation, 76 have a math requirement and 75 percent have all teaching done by regular faculty members," Vandenberg said.

Another interesting statistic shows that 28 percent of the schools have a student faculty ratio of 15 to one, which is very favorable, she said.

"The social conservatism of black schools is indicated in a number of ways," Vandenberg said, "including the fact that 45 percent are affiliated with a religious group or receive support from a religious organization."

"We've also found that 44 percent require students to live on campus at least for their first year, 71 percent have no coeducational dormitories and 75 percent don't allow drinking on campus."

The affordability of black schools is borne out by the fact that COLLEGE FIND found only one percent of the black schools costing between \$7,100 and \$8,000 a year, and 27 percent are in the \$3,800 to \$4,500 annual cost range.

"There may be some black schools above the \$8,000 level, but our survey found all below that level, with the majority between \$3,800 and \$6,100," she added.

Also making black schools highly accessible are relatively low admission requirements. Statistics show that of the schools responding 84 percent of the most recent freshman class had an SAT score below 900 and 82 percent of the schools have programs for the educationally disadvantaged.

"Black schools apparently are working hard to make an education not only affordable, but also academically available," Vandenberg emphasized.

COLLEGE FIND is a national college selection service headquartered in Chapel Hill, NC. The service allows students to rate more than 500 factors concerning the type of college or university they wish to attend.

COLLEGE FIND compares the student's preferences to its data base of colleges and provides a Top Ten List of schools that come closest to meeting the student's needs. The cost for the service is only \$37 per student.

COLLEGE FIND can be reached in North Carolina at 1-800-722-5955, or outside North Carolina at 1-800-334-2082. The mailing address is P.O. Box 4116, Chapel Hill, NC 27515.

A&T Real Estate Fraternity

Helps Students Launch Careers

Greensboro - Twice a month, a dedicated group of A&T State University students gather in a room in Merrick Hall, trying to learn how best to operate successfully in the nation's lucrative real estate field.

The students are members of the Alpha Epsilon National Professional Real Estate Fraternity, the first such chapter to be organized on a historically black campus.

"This club is a means of providing education about the real estate field and other related fields," said Ivanka Richards, a senior business administration major and president of the organization.

The students have adopted a number of projects for their chapter.

"We are working on a proposal for recommending a real estate curriculum for the university in the Department of Business Administration. We are also working to get students interested in obtaining their real estate licenses," said

Richards.

She added that the club has also involved students interested in insurance and finance in obtaining security licenses, insurance licenses and investment licenses, all required by the state.

"We are going to schedule a series of workshops to assist the students in their preparation for the state examinations," said Richards.

"We also bring in speakers and we are planning a field trip to the New York Exchange in the very near future."

Richards and Shelby G. Davis, a senior industrial technology major from Warrenton, N.C., were recently presented scholarships by the regional office of Century 21. Making the presentations were Mike Berry, regional director for the company. Berry also addresses the group on "Careers and Real Estate."

Dennis Joins Epley Associates

Robert K. Dennis, former business writer for The Charlotte Observer has joined the public relations firm

LeGrand Promoted

Shotwell and Partners, Incorporated has announced the promotion of DeeDee LeGrand to Account Director, effective immediately, according to William L. Shotwell, president of the \$14 million advertising agency, the largest in Charlotte.

LeGrand was formerly an Account Coordinator, having joined Shotwell in 1984 from her former position as a Sales Representative with Procter & Gamble in the Charlotte, NC market. During her time at Shotwell, LeGrand has worked on direct marketing communications programs for advertising clients including a multi-specialty eye surgery clinic, a major bank headquartered in South Carolina, and a statewide adoption agency in North Carolina.

of Epley Associates, Inc. as an account manager in its Charlotte office.

Dennis also served the paper as labor editor, state editor, bureau chief and general assignment reporter during his 22-year career.

He was a member of The Observer investigative reporting team that won the 1981 Pulitzer Prize for public service.

Dennis is a native of Binghamton, N.Y., and a graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in economics.

President Joe S. Epley said, "We are very fortunate to have Bob Dennis join our firm. His extensive newspaper experience and communications credentials will benefit our clients and our firm."

Epley Associates is a 16-year-old full-service public relations firm with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro.



Robert B. Mullis

Marine Cpl. Robert B. Mullis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Mullis of 1225 Burtonwood Circle, Charlotte, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Barracks Naval Base, Norfolk, VA.

A 1984 graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1984.

Janet M. Williams

Army Spec. 4 Janet M. Williams, daughter of William J. and Katherine N. Nixon of 2231 Celia Ave., Charlotte, has arrived for duty with the 5th Signal Command, West Germany.

Williams, a telephone system installer, was previously assigned at Fort Hood, Texas.

Her husband, Army Staff Sgt. Anthony L. Williams, is the son of Esther R. Pierce of 4416 E. Third St., New Orleans.

She is a 1975 graduate of Myers Park High School, Charlotte.

Robert Stinson

Army Private Robert K. Stinson Jr., son of Robert K. Stinson Sr. of 2251 12th St., N.W., Washington, and Doris A. Stinson of 2323 Farmer St., Charlotte, N.C., has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1975 graduate of Olympic High School, Charlotte.

Eddie Garlington

Army Pvt. 1st Class Eddie L. Garlington, son of H. B. Garlington of 2650C N. Pine St., Charlotte, has arrived for duty with the 8th Infantry Division, West Germany.

Garlington, a fire-control systems repairer, is a 1984 graduate of Independence High School, Charlotte.

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The Mercy School of Nursing open house was held Sunday, November 10, instead of Thursday, November 14 as printed. Also the director of the school is Ms. Jolly, not Ms. Holly.

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