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Chapet Hill - The typical black
llege or university today is acarically sound, socially conservave, affordable and relatively easy
gain admission to, according to a

"The data we've gathered on redominantly black institutions indicate that they are right on target with what students and their parents are looking for in an education," says Janet Vandenbark, associate director of COLLEGE FIND, a Promputer-based college selection

"While many colleges experi-mented 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

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.

"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 the Epsilon National Professional eal Estate Fraternity, the first such chapter to be organized on a istorically black campus.

"This club is a means of providing ucation about the real estate field nd other related fields," said oVanka Richards, a senior busis administration major and preident of the organization.

The students have adopted a numer of projects for their chapter. "We are working on a proposal for ecommending a real estate curri-fulum for the university in the Deartment of Business Administra-tion. We are also working to get udents interested in obtaining eir 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 licences, 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

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

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 Char-

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 multispecialty eye surgery clinic, a major bank headquartered in South Carolina, and a statewide adoption agency in North Carolina.

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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.

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 predo-

minantly 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," Vandenbark 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," Vandenbark 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," Vandenbark 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

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



The Freddie Holt Award and the John M. "Boo" Murphy Award were awarded to Clyde H. Brown during the weekend of Johnson C. Smith homecoming. At half-time at the football game, Brown was presented the Freddie Holt Award by the director of the marching band. He raised the highest amount of money in contributions for the Charlotte chapter towards band uniforms. He raised in excess of \$7,000. At the homecoming ball, Brown received the John M. "Boo" Murphy Award by Harold Winston, president of the local alumni chapter for the booster soliciting the highest number of memberships in the Miss Charlotte Chapter Alumni Contest.

Soilless Mixes For House Plants

Plants, like humans, survive and thrive when receiving a wellregulated supply of food, water. light and care, say staff members at the N.C. Botanical Garden of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Their food comes from a planting mix that should contain a combination of components similar to those found in the plant's native soil.

While a soilless planting medium, several components can be adjusted to control the plant's living situation. Such media are sterile and free of weed seeds and troublesome fungi. Since common house plants fall into farily definite soil groups, a soilless mixture can be adapted to suit the plant being repotted or transplanted.

The simplest way to pot a house plant is with a commercial mix of shredded sphagnum, fine vermiculite and nutrients, sold under such 1 4 4 4

brand names as Jiffy-mix. Two other materials needed for blending with the commercial mix are coarse perlite, for lightening the soil and contributing to better drainage - especially when using plastic pots, and coarse sand, available from building supply dealers or garden shops

For plants such as geraniums, equal volumes of the commercial mix, perlite and sand provide an excellent three-part medium. With plants like anthurium and dieffenbachia grown for foilage, more water-holding capacity is needed. Equal volumes of the mixture and peatmoss work well. With desert plants like cacti and succulents, the commercial mix should be cut in

Some plants that flourish by adding leaf mold to the three-part mixture are African violets, philodendrons, bromeliads and ferns.

Robert B. Mullis

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Marine Cpl. Robert B. Mi son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullis of 1225 Burtonwood Circ 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, mili-tary justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1985 graduate of Olympic High School, Charlotte.

Eddie Garlington

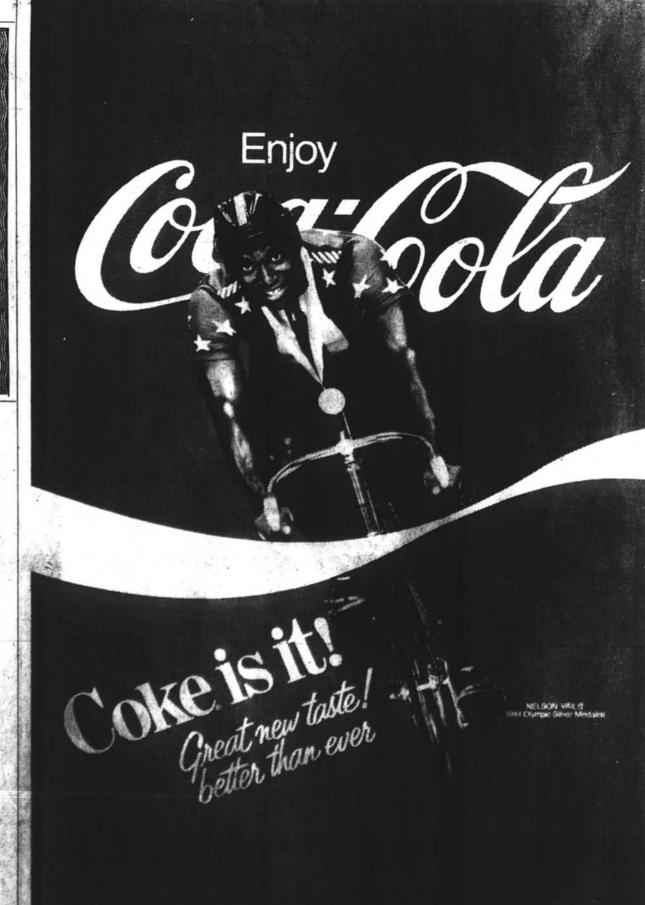
Army Pvt. 1st Class Eddie L. Garlington, son of H. B. Garlington of 2650C N. Pine St., Charlotte, has arrived for duty with the 8th Infantry Division, West Germany.

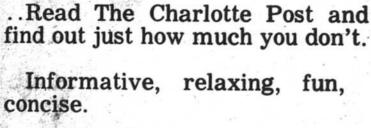
Garlington, a fire-control systems repairer, is a 1984 graduate of Independence High School, Char-

We Err'd

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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