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SEARCH FOR THE BLACK CPA HEIGHTENED BY A&T PROJECT

The black certified public accountant, once as hard to find, as a snowball in Hades, is becoming more visible in business and industry.

Don't get me wrong. There is still no surplus of black CPAs, but the 150 out of a total of 100,000 available in the United States today is a far cry from the 47 blacks available in 1962.

A unique program now in operation at A&T State University is seeking to guide more college youngsters into the field.

The program is a project to bring some of the black CPAs into contact with A&T students, presently majoring in accounting.

"This is a tremendous program," said Dr. Herbert N. Watkins, chairman of the Department of Accounting at A&T. "It helps the University to bridge the gap between the theory we give the students and the practical knowledge the executives bring to the campus."

Watkins said the visiting lecturers (eight during a semester) are all high level people in prestigious CPA firms, business and industry.

The executive lectures to the advanced accounting class twice a week, then the class coordinator, an A&T faculty member, conducts a wrap up session at the end of the week.

James Polk, a youthful black CPA from California, talked recently about his experiences in the A&T program.

"The students really enjoy this approach as shown by their enthusiasm," said Polk. "There seems to be almost a hungry

desire for knowledge about opportunities in industry. They also want to know what is necessary to acquire these opportunities."

The A&T project is sponsored by the National Urban League and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Polk is a tax expert for the huge Levi Strauss & Company in California. His company paid for all expenses involved with his trip to A&T.

"I was glad to get this teaching opportunity," said Polk, "I feel it is one small way I can help the black student in a real way, and to let them know that success is within their grasp."

Polk recalled his own experiences trying to become a CPA. "I guess I was somewhat different," he said. "I never let the fact that the opportunities might not be there, stop me from wanting to become a CPA. I thought the opportunities would break.

Polk joined Strauss & Company two years ago, after spending seven years with the U. S. Internal Revenue, a little more liberal in the hiring of black CPAs than business and industry.

The A&T accounting students have nothing but praise for the new program.

"It moves you away from the book," said Miss Joan Bennett of Bridgeport, Conn. "You can also ask questions from the expert and that really helps."

According to Dr. Mahesh Jain, coordinator of the R&T program, there are more than 200

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Mel Grooms of A&T State Performing Like Real All American

How good a football player is A&T's Mel Holmes? Some of the experts think that he is one of the best to be found in the colleges and they are not adverse to saying so.

A number of pro scouts watched the Aggies' Little All-American candidate in action against Johnson C. Smith Saturday night. A&T lost the ball game, but Holmes would have gotten an A under the grading system the pros used in the weekly evaluation.

As an offensive blocker, the 250-pound Holmes has few peers.

"He's the best offensive tackle I've seen all season," said Jack Putt, area scout for the world-champion Kansas City Chiefs. "He really stays with his man. I quit writing about him at half-time because I just about ran out of adjectives."

Putt and the other scouts watched Holmes do his thing against Smith's defensive tackle

big John Fairley, also a prime pro prospect.

The 6-4 Holmes just about drove Fairley out of the stadium, opening up gaping holes for the Aggie backs, who pounded out 248 yards on the ground. The A&T backs simply rode Holmes' backside for most of the yardage, which included three touchdowns.

"I think that Holmes is much better now than a No. 1 draft choice who went out this state last year," added Putt.

Off the field, Holmes is a rather mild mannered young man. On the football field, he wants it known that he is there strictly for business.

"Some people say that I'm mean," said Holmes. "It's not that. It's just that I think mean on the football field."

Holmes starred at Mays High in Miami before moving to A&T, where he saw a lot of action, even as a freshman.

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Veteran Black CPA Aids A&T Students

Black CPA James Polk of California checks accounting problem with A&T State University students Joan Bennett, Bridgeport, Conn. and Jerome Williams, Greensboro, N. C. The unique Urban League project at A&T seeks to encourage more blacks to become CPAs.

The Man Behind The Headlines . . . And The Woman Behind The Man

The story of a life shared — by a man and a woman with their children and with a people. The man and woman are Martin and Coretta Scott King, and their story is told with the personal insights that only Coretta Scott King could bring to it in "My Life With Martin Luther King, Jr."

Although this memoir by the widow of the civil rights leader does take in the career of the great man we all remember, its major focus is on the man few of us ever knew, the man behind the headlines, and the woman behind the man.

Coretta Scott King reveals the whole fabric of fears, joys, hopes, ambitions, sorrows and disappointments that lurked behind the steadfast images she and her husband put forth to the world.

The narrative goes back to Coretta's childhood in rural Alabama, traces her education to Antioch College and her meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr. The story of their courtship and marriage; their lives together as husband and wife, parents, devoted friends and leaders of their religious community is played out against a background of increasing world recognition and involvement in the movement.

WILLOW RD. MISSIONARY CIRCLE MEETING

The Willow Road Missionary Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Ortney Foster, 1205 Ivey Heights at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, 1970. All members are asked to be present and on time.

Mrs. Kathy McGibboney, president.



A&T Co-Ed To Ride In Style

A&T coed Miss Victoria Burke of Hobbsville, N. C. receives keys to brand new Vega 2300 from B. H. Collins, fleet lease manager at Tal Williams Chevrolet Co. in Greensboro. Miss Burke won use of the car free for ninety days in a nationwide promotion. Looking on is Haywood S. Statum, sales representative.

