



PARTICIPANTS IN POLICEMEN'S INSTITUTE AT ST. AUG.—These are the participants in the Policemen's Institute which was held at Saint Augustine's College recently. Front Row, left to right: Dr. Wilem M. Davis, vice president for administration, director of the institute; James DeCatsye, president of the class; Ms. Mary Muhlig, Ms. Anita L. Cooper, James Jordan, Marc Kietly, and Trent Carmon, Raleigh Police Department, and C. C. Gray, coordinator of the program. Second row: Aubrey A. Baker, James W. Godwin, park ranger; Pat Clifton, Steve Jones, Richard Joyner, Eugene Gaskins, Doug Wright and Davis J. Norris Raleigh Police Department.



ST. AUG.'S ACADEMIC AWARDS RECIPIENTS—These Saint Augustine's College students in the department of Military Science received academic awards on Nov. 9. First row, left to right: Brenda F. Daniels, Robert O. Dent, Eric S. Handy, Reginald B. Jordan, Rebecca McCaden, Audrey R. Rembert, Marshall E. Sawyer, Anthony A. Steele, Robert Torrence, and Richard T. Whitehurst, seniors; Millicent L. Freeman, Darlene Hodges, Jacqueline C. Kelly, Edwin Lee, William Marshall, Sherry A. Miller, Octavia L. Parker, Bernard Patterson, Stephanie B. Pratt, Antonio R. Singleton, Jacqueline L. Spivey and Lolita D. Tyler (Miss ROTC), juniors. (See story)

Program Offers Increases To Vets

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A new Veterans Administration pension program takes effect on January 1, 1979, offering substantial increases to neediest veterans and a choice of remaining under the old program for those who are better off financially.

VA chief Max Cleland said that "while the new program basically provides the greatest benefit to those most in need, all VA pensioners should take a careful look at all facets of the program before making up their minds."

In setting up the revised pension plan, Congress provided that veterans have until October 1, 1979, to choose whether they want it or prefer to remain under the current program.

"If they choose the new program, payments will be retroactive to January 1, 1979, but the choice is irrevocable," Cleland said.

VA pensions are based on income and go to eligible wartime veterans with other than dishonorable discharges who are permanently and totally disabled from causes not traceable to their service.

VA considers veterans 65 years of age and older to be disabled for pension purposes.

VA pensions are also paid to certain needy survivors of wartime veterans. Currently, about 2.7 million Americans are receiving VA pensions.

Under the new pension program next year, the maximum annual pension rate for a single veteran will be \$3,550, up from the current \$2,364, Cleland said.

A veteran with one dependent and no other income now receives a maximum pension of \$2,544. That will increase to \$4,651 under the new program, Cleland said.

Other annual pension rates under the new program will be:

Veteran with no dependents, but in need of regular aid and attendance — \$5,680;

Veteran with one dependent, who is in need of regular aid and attendance — \$6,781;

Veteran permanently housebound, without dependents — \$4,340;

Veteran permanently housebound, with one dependent — \$5,441;

Surviving spouse without dependent children — \$2,379;

Surviving spouse with one dependent child — \$3,116;

Surviving spouse in need of regular aid and attendance, without dependent child — \$3,806;

Surviving spouse in need of regular aid and attendance, with one dependent child — \$4,543;

Surviving spouse permanently housebound, without dependent children — \$2,906;

Surviving spouse permanently housebound, with one dependent child — \$3,645.

Black Dance Symposium Set At Winston-Salem

WINSTON-SALEM — Professional dancers, those wishing to become professional and people interested in attracting good dance programs to their communities are invited to a black dance symposium Nov. 18 in Winston-Salem.

The symposium to be held at the N. C. School of the Arts at 200 Naughton St., is sponsored by the N. C. Cultural Arts Coalition, Inc. (NCCAC) in conjunction with Urban Arts of the Arts Council, Winston-Salem. Co-host is the Winston-Salem Department of Recreation.

Workshops, lecture-demonstrations and films on various aspects of dance training, touring and programming, and marketing one's skills will be conducted. Scheduled instructors include representatives from Alvin Ailey Dance Company, New York; Frank Holder Dance Company, Greensboro; the N. C. Arts Council, Raleigh;

Southern Arts Federation, Atlanta; and the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh.

The symposium begins at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to end at 5 p.m.

Registration information is available from NCCAC, P. O. Box 1310, Raleigh, N. C. 27602 or telephone (919) 733-6893.

An evening of live entertainment will follow the Saturday workshop sessions, with the performances of several of North Carolina's best black dance groups. Showtime is 8 p.m. It is open to the public and admission is \$3.

The NCCAC is a non-profit organization, formed to address the needs of artists, particularly black artists, who are trying to make a living at their profession in North Carolina. Membership in the organization numbers about 500.

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