TRAINING PROGRAM-Pvt. Michelle R. Acuna, daughter of Irma S. Acuna of 2520 Old Garner Road, Raleigh, and Felix Acuna of 103 Vandergrift Drive, Jacksonville, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. During the training, students received instruction in drill and coremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. She is a 1988 graduate of Athens Drive High School, Raleigh.

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Spec. James G. Boyers, son of Al S. boyers of 3320 Boulder Court, Raleigh, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany.

The Achievemnt Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service. acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Boyers is a medium helicopter repairer with the 502nd Aviation Regiment.

The soldier is a 1985 graduate of Broughton High School, Raleigh.

Dr. Edmonds Receives Award For Achievement

CHAPEL HILL-Dr. Helen Grey Edmonds, professor and chairman emeritus of history at N.C. Central University, received the N.C. Distinguished Service Award for Women during ceremonies April 19. UNC Epsilon Beta Chapter of Chi Omega Fraternity to a North Carolinian who exemplifies high levels of achievement and dedication in to her state and country.

Founded in 1950, the award honors a person whose life is dedicated to service. The list of recipients represents diversity in background and achievements, including writers, lawyers, historians, educators, physicians and historical restorators.

Edmonds was cited for "her lifelong demonstration that excellence and vision can overcome the highest social barriers, for her devotion to the life of the mind and to honest and rigorous scholarship, for the example and mentor she has long been and continues to be to uncounted thousands of young people who can see in her the embodiment of a useful life well and generously lived as a servant to the human race.'

She also was noted for her efforts in earning a doctoral degree "in the face of the odds against all black

people and women in the South of the 1930s.

Edmonds' pioneering spirit did not stop with an advanced degree. Besides being the first black woman to receive a doctorate from Ohio State University, she also was the first black woman to second the nomination of the president of the United States and was the first black woman dean of the N.C. Central University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

The educator and scholar retired from N.C. Central in 1977, after 36 years of service to the university. She has remained active, however, lecturing both in the United States and abroad. She has been a The award is given annually by the representative abroad and at the United Nations for two presidents.

> Edmonds was also cited for her "indefatigable devotion to her professional field and to the rights and obligations of blacks in the larger American community."

> Her many honors include honorary degrees from eight colleges and universities, including her alma mater, Morgan State University, OhioState University, Duke and N.C. Central University University.



president of the industial relations staff (pictured far left), and roderick D. Gillum, vice president and general counsel of the GM subsidiary Saturn Corp. (far right), came to Howard University recently to present checks for the first installments of major grants to the university totaling \$350,000. Receiving the checks for Howard were Dr. Roger D. Estep, vicepresident for development and university relations (left center), and Daniel O. Bernstine, interim dean of the law school (right center). GM brought the solar-powered Sunraycer car to the ceremonies for exhibition. (Photo by Marvin Jones)

Dempsey Resigning Top Post At Belmont Abbey

BELMONT-Dr. John Dempsey has resigned as president of Belmont Abbey College effective July 31 to become president of Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst.

After presiding and teaching at the college for seven years, Dr. Dempsey was unanimously elected president of Sandhills by its board of trustees on April 17. Sandhills is a two-year stae college with 10,000 students.

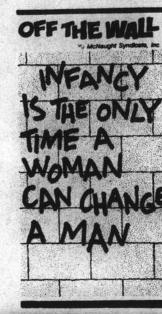
"This has been a traumatic decision for me, but everyone has been so supportive," Dr. Dempsey said. "A lifelong love affair with the Pinehurst area made the decision much easier." Dr. Dempsey will receive a small raise from the \$73,000-a-year salary he receives at Belmont Abbey College.

"I've been traveling to Pinehurst since 1971 to play golf and decided that that was the place I wanted to live," he said. "I even planned to retire there one day."

Dr. Dempsey said he was offered the position in January and decided to take the job over Easter.

"I will miss many things about Belmont Abbey," he said. "The monks, the staff, the students, basketball and a great alumni; I will really miss working with them. There are a lot of regrets, all personal." Over the past seven years, Dr.

Dempsey has increased the college endowment by 600 percent and increased enrollment from 800 to 1.052.



Urban League Hosting Annual Seminar On Males

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The National Urban League will host its second conference on 'Manhood and Fatherhood: Adolescent Male Responsibility in African-American Families" at the Clarion Hotel in New Orleans, La. from April 30-May 2. The conference will address some of the most critical issues facing the African-American family in the 1990s, including teenage pregnancy, child and family poverty, crime and incarceration, and the survival of the African-American male.

Dr. Na'im Akbar, associate professor, Department of State Psychology, Florida University, will deliver the keynote speech on April 30. Other speakers at the conference include doctors Nathan and Julie Hare, chairman and executive director, respectively, of the Black Think Tank; Dr. Lawrence E. Gary, director, Institute for Urban Affairs and Research, Howard University; Dr. Garry A.Mendez, director, the National Trust for the Development of African-American Men; and Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, president, African-American Images.

Also addressing the conference will be Dr. Wade W. Nobles, executive director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family Life and Culture, Inc. and the author of "Drugs in the African-American Community: A Clear and Present Danger" in "The State of Black America 1989."

More than 300 African-American organization leaders, researchers, scholars, and practitioners are expected to attend the conference, which is underwritten by the Carnegie Corp. of New York.



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