



**DEDICATION AND SERVICE**—Saint Augustine's College members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Marshall Bass, Chairman & Dr. Randy Proctor, Vice Chairman present Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, a sterling silver tray honoring him for his 25 years of service as St. Augustine's College President.



**LENDING A HAND**—The College Park Community Watch Program recently held a community march. The community march was made up of concerned residents addressing arising problems that affect the citizens and the surrounding neighborhood. Pictured are: WAUG's Music Director/Promotion Assistant Intern, Lisa Mormon, Promotions Assistant Intern, unidentified student, Shawn Mack, St. Aug.'s Vice-President of Student Government/Community Relations Intern, Jay Holloway, Assistant Vice-President/Gen. Mgr. of WAUG, inside of van, Mike Wiggins, TV-68 Production Director, Carol Hunter, TV-68 Operations Manager and Alvin John Waples, Drive Time Air Personality.

## Students, Endowments Help Black College Enjoy New Popularity Era

ATLANTA (AP) — Morehouse College, the nation's only all-male black college, is flourishing because of strong alumni support and a national trend that has black students returning to historically black schools.

"Morehouse is enjoying unprecedented popularity," said school president Leroy Keith, a member of the class of '61.

The number of applicants to Morehouse has increased 57 percent since 1980, and average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of the freshman class have jumped from 778 to 1,003 during the same period.

About 1,000 students were accepted at Morehouse in 1980, but the number grew to 1,468 this fall. Keith said he wants to keep Morehouse's enrollment near its current level of 2,883.

Morehouse's endowment of \$52 million is the third highest of all historically black colleges, school officials said. Hampton University and Spelman College are first and

second, respectively. The small college west of downtown Atlanta is benefitting from a trend that has black men and women returning to historically black colleges in large numbers. And Morehouse has the added attraction of being all-male.

"Every time I watch the news, I hear about black men in jail or on death row," said Dion Baker, a Morehouse senior. "At Morehouse, you see a lot of guys making advances. That's inspiring."

Alumni also work to promote the school.

"There's a lot of networking at Morehouse," said Henry Adams, a counselor at Alonzo Crim High School in Atlanta. "They tell students the first week at Morehouse that they're going to see that they are taken care of if they finish Morehouse."

Morehouse's popularity comes at a time when black males generally aren't doing well, in college or in society. Studies have shown that more black males are in prison than

in colleges and they make up a disproportionate number of murder victims.

"There are those out there who stigmatize black institutions," Keith said. "But if we didn't have black colleges, we would have to invent them. The white institutions aren't doing the job."

Morehouse constantly reminds visitors and students of its success with black men.

Paintings and statues of such Morehouse alumni as Martin Luther King, Jr. and former college president, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays dot the 125-year-old campus.

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