



**MORE BLACK HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ARE** on the way as a result of the Minority Biomedical Support Program of the National Institutes of Health which recently held a symposium in Atlanta. The event paid tribute to Dr. Geraldine Woods, top right, a health education specialist of Los Angeles who sparked the MBS program in the early 1970s as an NIH consultant. With her is Dr. Benjamin Alexander, president of Chicago State University and former acting director of MBS. He delivered the address at the banquet honoring Dr. Woods. Middle photo: Students and faculty members congregate around one of the many exhibits at the MBS Symposium. This display, from NIH's Division of Research Resources, describes the highly sophisticated million-volt electron microscope. Bottom photo: Dr. Walter Sullivan, director of the Science Research Institute at Atlanta University Center, coordinated this year's symposium. He is shown going over the program with four of the 1,500 students from 80 colleges and universities who were in attendance.

Dr. Geraldine P. Woods, a health education specialist who sparked the Minority Biomedical Support Program to help increase the supply of black doctors and other medical professionals, was honored here recently at the 6th Annual MBS Symposium.

The three-day event, co-sponsored by the Division of Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health and the Atlanta University Center, attracted 1,500 minority student scientists and faculty members from 80 colleges and universities to hear some 400 research papers in the health care field.

Other well known speakers included Sen. Herman Talmadge (D.-GA); 1976 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry Dr. William N. Lipscomb, Jr., of Harvard university; Dr. George Lythcott, administrator of the Health Services Administration, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Dr. Thomas Malone, deputy director of the National Institutes of Health; Dr. Thomas Bowery, director, Division of Research Resources, NIH; and Dr. Everett Anderson, associate director of the Laboratory for Human Reproduction and Reproductive Biology, Harvard University.

When Dr. Woods, a Howard University graduate who holds a Ph.D. in Neuro-Embryology from Radcliff and Harvard, helped as

a consultant to launch the MBS Program in 1972, there were only 1,000 minority biomedical scientists and researchers in the United States. These included blacks, Native Americans, and Spanish-Americans.

Last year 600 students graduated from the program. Of these, 400 went on to medical or dental schools or chose to seek Ph.D. degrees. This reflects a growth in the program budget from \$2 million in 1972 to \$14.7 million for 1978-79.

The NIH Division of Research Resources funding enables grantee colleges and universities to purchase necessary laboratory equipment, to free faculty scientists for research by hiring additional teachers, to conduct research programs, to pay the salaries of student-research personnel, and to stimulate further participation through biomedical symposia, such as the recent one here dedicated to Dr. Woods.

Focal point of the tribute to Dr. Woods was the symposium banquet addressed by Dr. Benjamin Alexander, president of Chicago State University and former acting director of the MBS Program. He recalled the early days when the Los Angeles consultant's drive and enthusiasm spurred on staff members of the Division of Research Resources at NIH.

Following his address, telegrams and letters of tribute to Dr. Woods were read. Among these were messages from Secretary Joseph Califano of Health, Education, and Welfare; Sen. Edward Brooke; and Dr. Donald Fredrickson, Director of NIH.

Also honored during the symposium was the late Dr. George Willis, who, as Executive Secretary of the Division of Research Resources General Research Support Program Advisory Committee at NIH, helped Dr. Woods launch the MBS Program.

Dr. Walter Sullivan, director of the Science Research Institute at Atlanta University Center, coordinated this year's symposium. The center is a consortium of five Atlanta-area colleges and universities: Atlanta U., Morehouse, Clark, Morris-Brown, and Spelman.

**Gaming Commission**

KLVX, Channel 10, will televise the Nevada Gaming Commission Meeting videotaped from the City Commission Chambers at City Hall on Thursday, May 25. The two-hour edited coverage of highlights and major gaming action taken by the Committee is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Public television covers the Gaming Commission meetings held in Southern Nevada on a regular public affairs coverage basis, and coverage of the Northern Nevada meetings on major decision-making occasions.

**SBA Workshop**

A one-day workshop for prospective or new small business owners is scheduled for May 25 in the Moyer Student Union Building at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"Pre-Business Workshop" is co-sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education and the College of Business and Economics at UNLV at UNLV and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Instruction will be provided by local business people, professors from the UNLV campus and representatives from the SBA.

Specific topics include planning your business, planning for financial needs and profit, location and advertising, accounting and record keeping, insurance needs and energy reduction, legal aspects and SBA loan programs.

Individual counseling will be provided at the end of the program by SBA representatives, Active Core of Executives and the Senior Core of Retired Executives.

For further information or registration, contact UNLV's Division of Continuing Education in Frazier Hall, room 109.

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