

Education

Howard Gets New Dean, Blasts Old Dean, Media Views

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NNPA) — Howard University President, Dr. James E. Cheek appointed Prof. J. Clay Smith, new dean of the law school to replace Dr. John T. Baker immediately following controversial media coverage of a campus dispute over law school students seeking graduation. Of 13 senior petitions, nine were approved by university officials and four were denied among the approximately 100 graduates at the

school's separate west side campus.

Calling a press conference to announce the appointment and "correct inaccurate media reports," Cheek stated "all of the students whose petitions were granted, as a result of the appellate review . . . were academically qualified to graduate. The University resents the charges that it lowered its academic standards for any of these students. That is unfair to

them, their classmates, the Law School, its distinguished alumni and Howard U."

He singled out the Washington Post newspaper as "having done an injustice to the University and damage to me and my reputation as an educator and university president." He later told reporters he would seek to determine "how much damage" was involved in the action of the newspaper and the dean.

The matter of the law students is entirely unrelated to Dean Baker's resignation, however, Dr. Cheek stated.

In appointing Smith effective immediately, he emphasized he had "lost confidence" in Baker's "ability and commitment" last March 30 when the dean wrote requesting a \$25,000 increase in his \$93,000 salary because of urgent financial requirements.

Baker also indicated he was

considering returning to the Indiana U. School of Law where he was a faculty member before being appointed to Howard last year. The former dean is a Howard Law School graduate.

Declaring that Howard is already more integrated than most law schools, Dr. Cheek said he disagrees with Baker's assertion that the school should be "more racially diverse."

Summer Registration Set At CCCC

Registration for the two summer sessions at Clark County Community College will take place at the Cheyenne Campus in North Las Vegas starting May 27 through May 30. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday.

The Henderson Campus Registration will be on May 29, 1986 from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Class schedules are available at both campuses or call 643-6060 for information on the 6 and 10 week summer sessions.

The ten week session will begin on June 2 and end on August 8. The six week session also begins on June 2 and ends on July 11.

Held At CCCC

Clark County Community College honored its outstanding faculty and staff members at the Annual Honors Convocation held on the CCCC Cheyenne Campus. Daniel J. Klaich, Chairman of the University of Nevada System Board of Regents was the guest speaker for the Honors ceremony. Dru Raney, an instructor in Child Development and Dr. Dale Etheridge, Director of the CCCC Planetarium and an instructor in Astronomy were named as the Outstanding Teaching Faculty and were recipients of the Burlington Northern Award.

Eugene Nelson of the CCCC Learning Resources Center was named as the Outstanding Support Faculty. Dr. Jean Thomas-Sims, the Dean of College Services, received an award as the Outstanding Administrator. Mable Tyler was honored as the Outstanding Classified Employee.

Paul E. Meacham, President of CCCC, presented Retirement Awards to Edwin Horn and Marjorie Shoemaker. Outstanding Adjunct Faculty awards were presented to Kathleen Sawyer, Robert Pippin, Ron Badouin, Penelope Wells, Muriel Dodds. The Outstanding Awards are awarded based upon an individual's academic excellence, community service and contribution to the College.

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