

# 5,000 TO ATTEND 18TH ANNUAL NAFEO CONFAB

Over 5,000 educators, students, community leaders, top government officials and college alumni are expected to attend the 18th National Conference on Black In Higher Education, March 31 through April 3, at the Washington (D.C.) Hilton Hotel and Capitol Hill Offices.

The theme of the annual 1993 conference is "Paths To Success" and the highlight of the week will be the presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards to over 100 outstanding graduates of the nation's 117 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The alumni of several newer Equal Opportunity Educational Institutions (EOEIs) may also be honored, Dr. Samuel L. Myers, president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), emphasized.

NAFEO is a voluntary, independent association of institutions organized "to articulate the need for a higher education system where race, income and previous education are not the determinants of either the quantity or quality of education received" according to the organization's stated goal.

The five-day conference is held annually to focus on the concerns, problems and successes of some 1.1 million black students enrolled in all higher education at HBCUs and predominantly white institutions of higher learning, NAFEO officials state.

Approximately 20 percent of all black students attend HBCUs which confer the baccalaureate degree on almost 40 percent of all black students receiving their first college degree annually—a startling number compared to the African-American graduation rate from the nation's 3,500 'integrated' institutions', the offi-

cial report.

The latest statistics released during the past year indicate that black and white student enrollment at NAFEO institutions is increasing and that at least five "multiracial" HBCUs have a majority of white students. The changing enrollment status and the threatened closing and merging of some HBCUs are among the key topics scheduled for discussion at the spring conference.

At least four cabinet level officials of President Bill Clinton's new administration are among key government and private sector officials invited to address the NAFEO conference. Secretary of Education Richard Riley is the only confirmed cabinet speaker, but Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary and Secretary of Education of Agriculture Michael Espy are possible participants, NAFEO officials said. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Rev. Jesse Jackson are also invited speakers. Jackson is still seeking to become the first United States Senator from the proposed new State of Columbia.

NAFEO members annual visit to Capitol Hill in the District of Columbia to lobby their local representatives and senators will be expanded this year with a Congressional Awards luncheon for supporters of legislation aiding HBCUs, as well as a Congressional Black Caucus reception for new and continuing members in the record-breaking, 40-member CBC.

In addition to the annual Science and Technology Symposium, NAFEO's opening conference day activities will feature a National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA)

workshop on new research opportunities. HBCU officials will conduct workshops on joint programs with the Departments of Defense, State, and Health and Human Services as numerous projects with African and Asian nations will be discussed. Several HIV/AIDS workshops will be held during the conference.

A five-million dollar Agency for International Development (AID) Grant involving HBCUs in technical and developmental programs in Egypt will also be outlined following the recent return of a NAFEO delegation led by Doctor Myers. The Chinese Embassy will host a reception for NAFEO presidents and chancellors and His Excellency, President Nichephore Soglo of the Republic of Republic of Benin, Africa, will also address the conference at a luncheon session.

Sen. Harris Woffard (D-PA) will address a session on decreasing the Guaranteed Stu-

dent Loan Default rate at many HBCUs where enrollment is dropping because of non-payment of loans. A Howard alumnus, Wofford is the second HBCU graduate elected to the U.S. Senate since post Civil-War Reconstruction. He is urging support of President Bill Clinton's proposed National Service Program to help curb GSLD problems at HBCUS.

Scholarly papers and workshop recommendations will be presented at a variety of conference sessions on such topics as Teacher Education, Cultural Diversity, Black Students on Predominantly White Campuses, Legal/Desegregation Issues, Black males, The Males, The Black Church, Black Business and Black Colleges and Black Land Ownership.

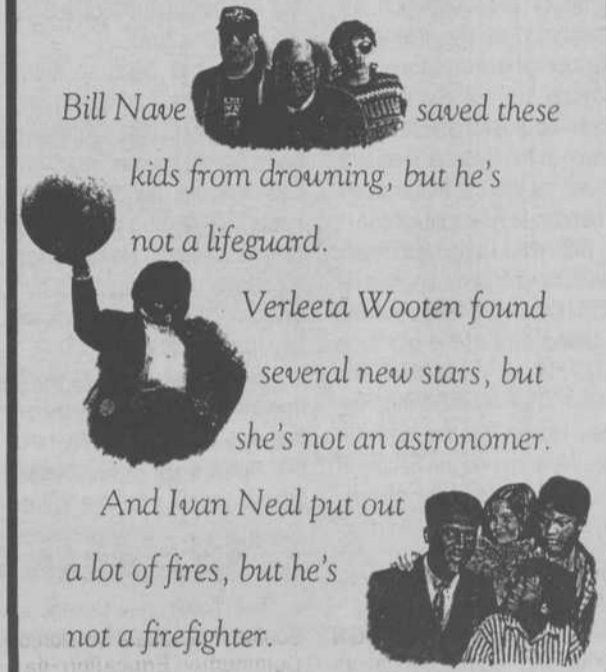
Approximately 4,000 students are invited to participate in the High School Days workshops and college recruiting sessions at the conference, in addition to the hundreds of top college

seniors selected to visit the NAFEO Career (Job) Resource Center and High Tech Expo demonstrations in the 200 booth NAFEO Exhibit area.

Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, president, Central State University (Wilberforce, Ohio) is the chairman of the board of NAFEO and Dr. Cordell Wynn, president, Stillman College (AL) is chairman-elect.

The 18th National Conference Committee includes Dr.

Jimmy Jenkins, Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University (NC), chair; and Dr. Leroy Keith, President, Morehouse College (Atlanta); Dr. Dolores Spikes, President, Southern University System (Baton Rouge, LA); Dr. Benjamin F. Reaves, President, Oakwood College (Huntsville, AL); Dr. Wilma J. Roscoe, NAFEO Vice-President (DC); Mrs. Michelle Lewis, Conference Director, NAFEO (DC); Dr. Thomas and Dr. Myers.



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The program is hosted by the young ladies of the African American Ladies To Be. For more information on this program, call 647-2118.

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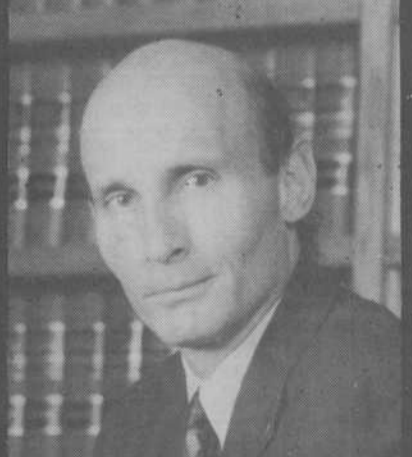
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