



Dr. George Campbell, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) president (second from right) presents W. Lincoln Hawkins Undergraduate Research Fellowship award to Christopher E. Haggins. Offering Congratulations are (left to right): Dr. Harold Martin, Dean of Engineering, North Carolina AT&T State University; Frank T. Johnson, Manager of AT&T University Relations; Dr. Lonnie Sharpe, Jr., Associate Dean of Engineering, North Carolina AT&T State University.

Community Seeks Resolution Of Hazardous Landfill

A resolution calling for federal environmental agencies and the State Legislature of North Carolina to find an on-site solution to remediate hazardous chemical pollution in a toxic waste landfill in predominantly African-American Warren County has been adopted by the Commission for Racial Justice of the 1.6 million-member United Church of Christ.

This week, 18-member Board of Directors of the Commission adopted the resolution. It will be sent to local, state and federal officials of Warren County.

Charles Lee, research director of the Commission for Racial Justice, said, "The resolution affirms its solidarity with the citizens of Warren County in their struggle for justice. It is noteworthy that although the siting

of this landfill was not a problem of their making, citizens of Warren County are demanding an on-site solution because they know that removing and transporting the contaminated soil will only result once again in the victimization of yet another poor black community."

The resolution states, in 1982, the state of North Carolina unjustly and forcibly sited a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) toxic waste landfill in predominantly African-American Warren County. At that time, the citizens of Warren County protested the siting of the landfill resulting in over 500 arrests on charges of nonviolent civil disobedience.

"Warren County stands as a testament to the strength, courage and

commitment of strong African-American women who went to jail in 1982 to defend their community against the siting in their own backyard," said Lee. "Their actions transformed the issue of toxic dumping in black and other people of color communities from a local community issue into a national movement for environmental justice," he added.

Since then, the state of North Carolina in 1993 announced a crisis at the landfill wherein it was reported that over one million gallons of water was trapped, attesting to the flawed and unsafe nature of the hazardous waste landfill. The resolution urges that appeals be made and to speak out publicly in support of the struggle for justice in the county.

Pepsi Business Institute Grads Join Corporate and Government Workforce

Darrel Jefflo, 23, is a management trainee with Pepsi-Cola's Tulsa Bottling Plant. Hildredge Krushall, 24 is a systems support analyst with Pepsi-Cola in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Both are among 35 graduates of Langston University's School of Business who also participated in the Pepsi Business Institute at Langston and have graduated to professional jobs with Fortune 500 companies and with federal government.

Five of the graduates have joined Pepsi-Cola, with five others joining companies in the PepsiCo Family -- Frito-Lay, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. Others have gone to such prestigious organizations as Prudential Insurance, J.C. Penney, Warner Lambert and State Farm. One is employed by the Internal Revenue.

"Joining the Institute was one of the best things that I ever did," said Jefflo. "It gave me a realistic perspective on corporate life. The Institute was such an exciting place, I remember I would hardly wait to get to each session."

When Jefflo entered Langston University, he had planned to pursue an accounting career. Through the Institute's rigorous program of self-evaluation, he eventually decided to



Darrel Jefflo



Hildredge Krushall

pursue a career that allowed him to interact with the minority community on Pepsi's behalf.

Hildredge Krushall agrees that the Institute was a "tremendous journey of self-discovery." She says she has been interested in technology since the eighth grade. She applied herself to laying the groundwork for a technical career, until she enrolled in the Institute and found that technical knowledge would not be enough.

"I found I needed to round out my education by learning more about

the business side -- marketing, finance and accounting," said Krushall. "The institute definitely helped give me a solid grounding in all those areas, and helped to instill in me a positive, take-charge mental attitude."

Both Jefflo and Krushall plan to speak to Institute classes in the upcoming year. Jefflo hopes to convey the message that "if you study hard, apply yourself and stay focused, you greatly increase your chances of gaining a foothold in Corporate America."

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