AU Adds Another Ph.D. Degree

ATLANTA, Ga. — Atlanta University, with Howard University in Washington, D.C., received a large grant from the Ford Foundation last summer and applied the funds toward endowment and support of a doctoral program in political science.

The foundation announced the grant of $1,750,000 to Atlanta University in July.

One million of the sum will be used to endow three chairs in political science, and the remaining amount will be matched by the university over a six-year period for the addition of new faculty, for student fellowships, for library acquisitions and other expenses.

MORE FELLOWSHIPS

Approximately 30 students were enrolled in the political science program in September.

Nine received fellowships of $5,000 and an additional eleven will be awarded similar fellowships in 1972.

Ten more fellowships will be added the following year, making a total of 30 on stipends after the third year.

ABOVE TRADITION

Dr. Mack Henry Jones, chairman of the department, cited development of the new program as "the first time a major university has consciously attempted to rise above traditional Western provincialism and develop a discipline which takes the experiences of African and other Third World peoples as the basis for serious intellectual inquiry."

The department added four new faculty in September, will add four more next year and an additional person the third year, bringing the total for the department to eleven.

The September newcomers included a professor, an assistant professor and two associate professors.

SPECIAL FOCUS

Among them are specialists in political parties and interest groups (with special focus on Black parties), in urban affairs, African politics and Asian affairs.

Dr. Jones says he hopes to see additional faculty who bring expertise in Latin American and Caribbean politics, politico-economic development in pan-African lands, and in the area of political socialization with special emphasis on political symbols and how Black children acquire them.

Preparation for development of the new program involves, in addition to new faculty, some curriculum revision, a student intern program and reactivating the once popular "town meeting" public forum where issues that vitally affect Atlanta's Black community can be aired and debated.

STUDENT INTERN

The student intern program, still in the planning stages, will involve placing student interns in agencies at levels where they can learn something of Atlanta's political problems first-hand.

The new program will mark a step in the development of a new social science program that will make Atlanta University among the outstanding institutions in the United States, President Jarrett said in a statement shortly after the university received notification of the award.

He recalled the university's "long and cherished tradition in the social sciences, dating back to the pioneering studies of W.E.B. DuBois and following the scholarly steps of Ira D. Reid, Rayford Logan, William Boyd, Mozell Hill, Hylan Lewis and Samuel D. Cook."

CATCHING ON

Dr. Jones, who joined the department in 1967, said the new program is "catching on" and that a number of highly qualified students have been attracted to the university as a result.

He anticipates seeing the first Ph.D.'s graduate in about two years.

In describing the program's philosophy and intent, he added, "The justification for a political science or any other intellectual enterprise moving from a Black perspective . . . lies in the fact that both historically and contemporarily the conditions of Black people have been and continue to be significantly different from those of other groups."

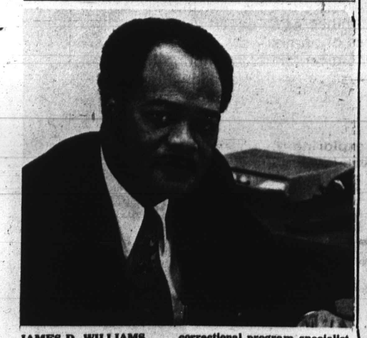
ONLY INSTITUTIONS

A political science program "from a Black perspective" does not mean that students would know less about the world, Dr. Jones points out.

Rather it means that the assumptions which determine what facts are deserving of attention and emphasis, which categories are useful, how facts are to be aggregated and what form analysis should take "will grow out of the experiences of Black people," he stresses.

The Ford Foundation's grant to Howard University is being used to improve doctoral programs in history and political science.

Atlanta University and Howard are currently the only two institutions in the nation to offer the program to predominantly Black student bodies on a Ph.D. level.



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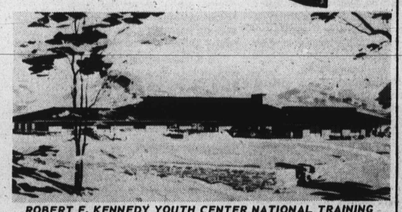

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Cheyney Enters 136th Year With Vigorous Leadership

CHAMP STUDENT Mary Cottrell works at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., on a summer research project. A Cheyney College student, she is interested in health.

CHEYNEY, Pa.— September 1972 marked the beginning of Cheyney's 136th school year and of Wade Wilson's fifth year as president of the college.

As he commenced his "second term," Dr. Wilson listed 15 problems for faculty, staff and students to work on in the years ahead.

The problems ranged from experimenting with new learning methods, to working on better ways of resolving conflicts and to increasing the international contacts of Cheyney students.

OLD STORY

At his opening talk Dr. Wilson announced that one ground-breaking ceremony had taken place the month before and two more occurred in September.

But since 1968 when Wilson's first term began, new buildings at Cheyney have become an old story.

The exciting story at Cheyney State College now is what the new buildings already opened—or scheduled to open soon—are making possible in the way of new programs, new students and new spirit.

NOTABLE RESEARCH

Cheyney's George Washington Carver Science Center was dedicated in 1970.

That new building has made possible the addition of needed science courses and new equipment. Notable research by faculty and students is now being conducted.

A combination of helpful faculty members and the availability of meeting space encouraged the growth of science and pre-med clubs

HELPING MORE

These clubs sparked Cheyney's Development Office to dream up a plan for helping more students get started in the field of medicine and the allied health professions.

That plan is now a working reality known as CHAMP — the Cheyney-Hahnemann Medical Program.

CHAMP prepares Cheyney students to enter and to succeed in Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, located in Philadelphia's center city.

WEATHER STATION

Completing the Carver Science Center last year was a planetarium and a weather station, both of them offering unusual learning opportunities for Cheyney students and for visiting school children as well.

Preceding the building, which will eventually house it, is the new urban studies program, which has received a two-year National Science Foundation grant for $288,177.

The program will train specialists to work on the problems of greater Philadelphia's urban centers.

FOUND OPENINGS

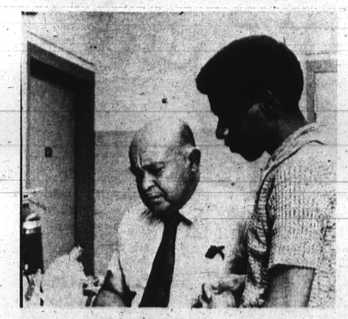
Headquarters for Cheyney's Cooperative Education program is Burleigh Hall, formerly a men's dormitory on the north end of the quadrangle.

The new "learn and earn" program has found openings for 60 students who alternate semesters of study with semesters of employment in fields relating to their studies.

Thus far there are many more openings than students.

Cheyney's new dormitories now number five. Martin Luther King men's residence hall opened at the beginning of the last school year.

Sojourner Truth Residence Hall for women has just opened. Each of the new halls houses 300 students.



DR. JOHN H. TAYLOR, left, looks over a research report prepared by William P. Boggs Jr., who won the first American Chemical Society Award ever given at Cheyney.

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