Tuskegee offers forestry courses in 2-year program

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — More and more blacks are preparing for professional careers in forestry under a scholarship program initiated seven years ago at Tuskegee Institute.

The program began in 1968 when the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service assisted the Institute in developing a program to increase the number of black students in forestry training.

After two years of pre-forestry training at Tuskegee, students transfer to cooperating universities where they can obtain bachelor degrees in forestry or related fields.

In 1972, the program gained momentum when Weyerhaueser Co., a multinational paper products firm, awarded a $200,000 scholarship grant to Tuskegee Institute. More recently, the St. Regis Paper Co. and Georgia-Pacific Corporation have provided annual scholarships of $1,000 each.

To date, five students have received bachelor of science degrees in forestry as a result of the program; four from Michigan University and one from Iowa State University. Four other students are completing work on their bachelor degrees, two at Auburn University, one at Michigan and one at Colorado State.

Tuskegee Institute sends recruiters to some 20 high schools to find students for the program. Moreover, it provides many of them with loans not only for tuition, room and board, and books, but also for transportation to summer jobs. Seventy-four students were placed in temporary jobs this summer.

Last year 35 students, ten sophomores and 25 freshmen, including six females, were enrolled in the pre-forestry program at Tuskegee. This year, 45 students are in attendance, and 60 are expected to be enrolled for the 1976-77 academic year.

The jobs, located all over the United States, have mainly been with the U. S. Forest Service, the Forest Industry, the National Park Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The summer jobs are related to forestry, ranging from fighting forest fires, to counting sheep, to assisting in sophisticated research, to issuing camping permits. About half of the students are from Alabama, though ten "home states" are represented in the program including Alaska.

Dr. Earl Stephens, coordinator of the program, said: "Forestry and allied professions offer fantastic opportunities to blacks.

"So far, all of our pre-forestry students who have transferred to other universities have done so with considerable financial assistance of outright grants, work-study, and loans.

"Once they have received their bachelor of science degrees, they have a choice of several jobs with public and private agencies at starting salaries ranging from $8,000 to $12,000."

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FAMU has new school and head

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida A and M University's new School of Architecture was officially opened Sept. 11 under the guidance of a man with an eye to the future.

He is Richard Kenneth Chalmers, a Buffalo, N.Y., architect, urban planner, designer and educator who was appointed dean of the new school May 5.

Chalmers brought to his new post a background of education and professional experience which FAMU president Dr. B. L. Perry believes will help give the school excellence, recognition and respectability.

He also brought a philosophy, one which recognizes the demands and challenges of today's architect, and one which takes into view the ever-changing complexities of architecture and the unlimited possibilities it holds for tomorrow.

Youthful in appearance and vigorous in demeanor, the 41-year-old Chalmers speaks confidently and emphatically his views on his profession

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Retiree finds Fashion 220

BALTIMORE — Ms. Liz Lipscomb, a retired communications specialist supervisor, has worked as a saleslady for Fashion 220 for the past three years since her retirement.

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Career planning urged for all high school students

WASHINGTON — Even more than sports and Saturday night dates, the job market has taken over as the chief topic of conversation among youth today — especially since unemployment for 16 to 19 year olds has topped 19 per cent, more than double the national rate.

One of the problems is that high schoolers simply do not plan for careers, according to officials at the U. S. Department of Labor, who cite the lack of knowledge about various career opportunities and inadequate education as major factors.

Neal Rosenthal of the Labor Department's division of manpower and occupational outlook suggests that youths get as much information as possible about careers they would enjoy, including job outlook, duties involved and educational requirements.

Where a high school diploma was once an automatic passport into the work world, today about 80 per cent of jobs require specialized vocational education. The unskilled will have the worst time job hunting since many occupations are becoming increasingly complicated and technical.

The discouraging fact is that one out of every three high school graduates leaves school without definite career plans, and as a result is threatened to be left behind in the race for over 60 million job openings expected in the next decade.

While a lack of training is a major stumbling block, there certainly is not a lack of information. The Department of Labor recently published a thick "Occupational Outlook Handbook," an economic crystal ball of sorts since it predicts future opportunities in over 800 occupations.

The picture for teachers and boatswains, for example, is cloudy, while rapid growth is forecast for white collar positions and in the service producing industries such as computers, health care, the trades, repair and maintenance, banking and others.

Considerable growth is expected in the area of computers, the world's third largest industry. Computers are produced, used, outmoded and replaced with technical age speed. The need for qualified men and women to operate, maintain and repair them is staggering.

There were 150,000 computer operators in 1972, and 175,000 programmers. Both occupations will undergo rapid growth through the mid-1980s requiring an additional 200,000 workers.

And, as banks, insurance companies, credit card companies and state and local governments increase their use, not only will the need for people to run them increase, but also for those capable of keeping them in good repair. The need for computer maintenance men will increase from 175,000 to 250,000 by 1985, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

In fact, the handbook predicts that repairmen of just about anything from toasters to airplanes is one of the fastest growing occupations there is. Demand is expected to increase rapidly due to many factors, including a growing population and higher standard of living which will allow more Americans to buy more labor-saving devices, which inevitably have to be fixed.

A well-paid field, salary ranges between $4-$7 per hour — and every community needs its share of repairmen. While the trade may be learned on the job in about three years, vocational school courses will teach a trainee more quickly, usually in 4 to 9 months.

But the home is not the only place where gadgets are likely to break down. The Labor Department predicts office machines are also going to need increasing attention as businesses and state and local governments buy and use more equipment to handle a growing volume of paper work which has to be typed, tabulated, copied and perhaps even shredded.

At least one year of training is required in this repair field due to the complicated and ever-changing technology involved.

High schoolers and others about to plan careers would do well to consider the rapidly growing medical field. Employing over 3.5 million people, the outlook is excellent for qualified job seekers due to an increasing health consciousness among Americans made possible by more widespread insurance coverage, either private, or through federal programs of health care.

Besides physicians and nurses, millions of paramedics — medical assistants, operating room technicians, medical secretaries, nurses aides, dieticians, dental assistants and many others — carry out the work of administering health care; and all are expected to be in very great demand over the next decade!

Because of the maze of specialties, each requiring equally specialized training, many good jobs are passed over by young people.

FAMU has

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and his goals for the new school of architecture.

"The word 'architecture he said "is derived from the Greek words meaning chief workman, and historically the architect was a 'master builder' who knew an enormous amount about everything.

"That was a perfectly adequate definition when the world was less complicated and moved a lot slower. But with the rapid rate of change in today's world, no one can be that master, that chief."

The FAMU School of Architecture will be operated as a cooperative program between FAMU and the University of Florida's College of Architecture for three years until the new school becomes accredited.

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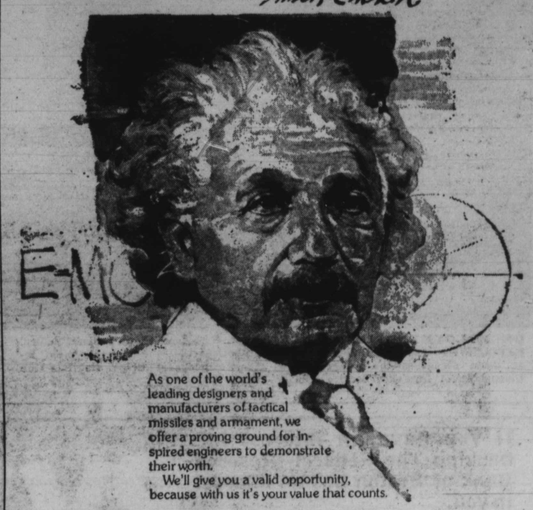
—Albert Einstein



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