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MIDSHIPMAN RICH Samuels, of Cleveland, Ohio discusses a mechanical engineering project with a professor. Rich has always been interested in engineering and likes the Academy's balanced curriculum.

Cover artist depicts reality of dreams of today's youth

By JOHNNY BOWLES

Hamilton Holmes was a dreamer when he desegregated the University of Georgia in 1961. The dream turned into a nightmare for the Holmes family.

His presence precipitated some of the country's first campus riots, and the family was plagued with anonymous phone calls.

In 1969, Hamilton Holmes dream, is no longer just a dream. Holmes' brother Mike, was called to 50 job interviews, and received 22 job offers.

Howard University reports that in 16 years, the only white recruiters it ever had on campus were from federal agencies interested in technically trained graduates. Now there's a frantic effort here by white recruiters.

Until recently, most graduates of black colleges went into the 'safe' fields of "teaching and preaching" and the professions to serve black people.

But a study of this year's graduating class at Morehouse College shows that of 131, only three will enter the ministry, six will go into education, and 15 will enter law school.

The rate of technological advancement, a general shortage of manpower, partly due to the war, and government pressure, are all factors which have helped to turn a dream into reality.

THOMAS STOCKETT
Artist for the Cover

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But these opportunities are not limited to jobs. Not only are black students being offered jobs, and pay — often, that white students at the same level would not be able to command, they are getting the opportunity to do advanced study.

Mike Holmes,, and 60 per cent of his graduating class at Morehouse, will turn down all of the job offers and return to school.

He will enter the School of Business at Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. on a scholarship which will provide full tuition plus $1,700 expenses.

Black men helped to put a man on the moon.

There were three black aerospace engineers, and one aerospace technologist involved in the moon shot. One engineer was responsible for the technology which took over when the luna module separated from the mother ship. Black men operate their own advertising and consulting agencies. They are officers of corporations like Coca-Cola. They are senators and holders of cabinet level posts, publishers, surgeons and scientists.

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The young man on the cover, drawn by AFRO staff artist, Tommy Stockett, is growing and dreaming, and outside the world too is growing, expanding at a tremendous rate.

For once in history, black people are growing at a rate that is consistent with the growth of technology, the growth of knowledge.

Stockett says the young man on the cover, perhaps thinking of walking on the moon, is no longer dreaming a dream from which he will one day rudely awake.

VA tells sickle cell battle plan

WASHINGTON — The blood disease, sickle cell anemia, is under heavy attack from Veterans Administration medical researchers, and the fight is to be expanded, VA physicians told Congress.

Testifying before the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Dr. Howard W. Kenney, a VA medical director, said 35 VA projects currently are dealing with the genetic defects and pathological mechanisms involved in sickling.

In addition, he said 15 VA hospitals soon will begin a cooperative study of sickling, and all the agency's hospitals will begin screening their nonwhite patients.

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