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From the Editor's Notebook

2 Gold Medal Award

New Directions has been named, for the third time, one of the nation's top university magazines by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE.

The announcement was made in Washington, D.C., on July 14, following the conclusion of the judging for CASE's annual competition. In all, 13 magazines were selected from a field of 67 as the top periodicals for 1985. Each won a gold medal. The preliminary judging took place in April at the University of Pennsylvania.

The final judges, in Washington, were happy with the overall quality and editorial content of the 13 winners. As for *New Directions*, the judges were impressed by the magazine's editorial thrust and boldness in handling controversial issues. Specifically, they cited the lengthy article by staff writer Harriet Jackson Scarupa on Professor of Classics Emeritus Frank M. Snowden, Jr., and the magazine's handling of the visit to the campus of South African Bishop Desmond Tutu. Also, "Newsfile," a regular feature, was cited by the judges as a fine example of good journalism and "an excellent way of reporting campus events."

The final judges this year were: Mel Elfin, *Newsweek*; Corbin Gwaltney, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; Jack Limpert, *The Washingtonian*; Frances Smyth, National Gallery of Art and Verne A. Stadtman, Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching.

At the preliminary judging in Philadelphia, the judges were: David Boldt, *The Philadelphia Inquirer Magazine*; Polly Hurst and Ron Javers, *Philadelphia Magazine*; Janet Mandelstam, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*; Kathryn Klassen News, Temple University and Louise Stone, University of Delaware.

Besides Howard University, the other 12 winning universities are: Brown, Columbia, Duke, Emory, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1985 Magazine of the Year Award), Massachusetts at Amherst, Southern Methodist, Medicine and Dentistry, N.J.; Notre Dame, and Pennsylvania.

New Directions first won the "Top Ten Magazine/Editor" award in 1975, and again in 1980. In the last 10 years, the magazine has collected 15 awards — 11 from CASE, 2 from the Printers Industries of America, and 1 each from the American Advertising Federation (2nd District Addy Awards), and McGraw Hill.

In a related matter, Abdulkadir N. Said, editor of *New Directions*, was inducted into the Sibley Society, a group which comprises distinguished university editors and prominent national journalists. The induction ceremony took place in Washington, D.C., the evening of July 14. □

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