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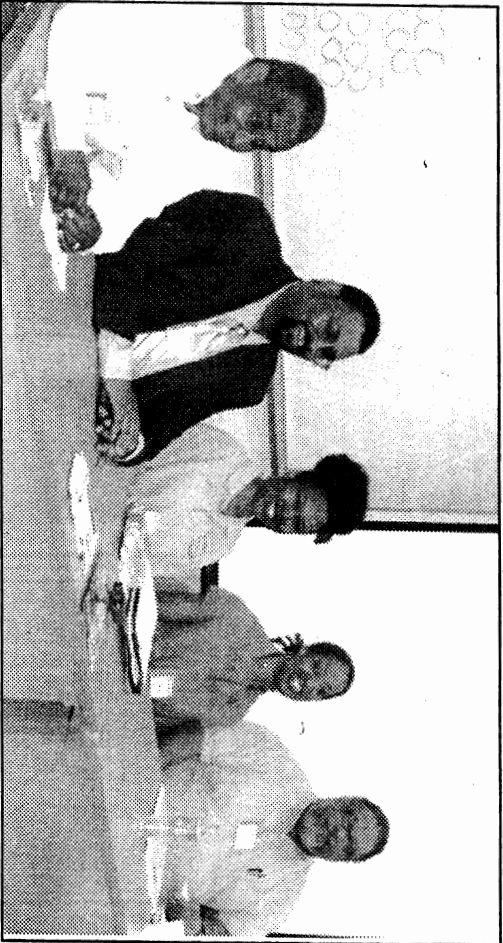
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## Businessman Leads Team In Workshop At FAMU



Shown at the Student Housing Workshop are: (l to r) Dr. Charles Wright, Professor of Civil Engineering Technology; Paul Curtis, FAHSC Commissioner; Nicole Everett, Tallahassee Lenders Consortium; Marion McGee, Affordable Housing Consultant; and Michael Hervey, City of Tallahassee Neighborhood and Community Services. Not shown is Taylore Maxey, Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

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Commissioner on the South Florida Business Journal "Book of List" as a

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alumnus Paul Curtis of the Vietnam Veteran and principal of a recognized construction and engineering services firm, Curtoom Companies, Incorporated. The firm specializes in transportation, educational and environmental related projects. Curtoom recently appeared in the

top construction services consultant in Florida. Curtis and his staff put together an impressive team of housing experts that took nearly 40 students and faculty in an Engineering Economics class, through current industry standards and changes in the Benjamin

Franklin D. Roosevelt Center on the FAMU campus. Curtis explained that the purchase of a home may be the largest single investment many will make in their lifetime. "Home ownership will require vigilance for young people to achieve such a goal today. With help from state and other government agency programs aimed at first-time homeowners and understanding housing assistance program, the opportunities still exist."

Banneker Technical Center on the FAMU campus. "It was heartfelt to return to my own former classroom with my former professor, Dr. Charles Wright, after 25 years and use his success to help students. "The opportunity to present this to these young men and women who sit in the same seats I did 25 years ago is humbling."

Curtis said their goal is to explain to the soon-to-be graduates what it would take for them to partake in the American Dream.

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