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Ape Man's Flight Ends March 22

Black Organization Opposes WFMY's Tarzan Film Festival

By Cassandra Wynn

The wild "Ape Man" flying through the jungles of Africa will no longer be seen on WFMY-TV (Channel 2). WFMY's cancellation of the "Tarzan Movie Festival", which has been running the past several weeks, is effective Friday, March 22nd.

According to a statement released by Charles A. Whitehurst, vice-president and general manager of WFMY, "The

decision to cancel the Tarzan films is made in response to complaints by a number of viewers who point to the fact that Blacks in the films are portrayed as either filled with fear and superstition or fierce and cruel. Virtually without exception, noted the critics, Blacks in the film are stereotyped."

In an official statement released by the Greensboro Association of Poor People, the group called on "all

organizations to send a formal letter of protest to WFMY to "let it be known that they are in opposition to WFMY's racist policies of which Tarzan is the most outstanding."

Officials at WFMY were not able to give figures on the number of letters or protests that they received about the Tarzan films. However, Whitehurst did say in his release that a survey concerning the matter was conducted among Black and white community leaders.

He said, "Educators, professional men and women, members of the clergy and other leaders of both predominant area races have suggested to us that while continuing the "Tarzan Film Festival" might do no harm, it certainly could not help the efforts to improve community unity in our area."

In the statement by GAPP, it was implied that WFMY could be "seeking to cultivate raw racism in the minds of those whites who have historically been misled by the ruling class into believing that their white skin was equal to human superiority."

It was also implied that WFMY could be acting as an "agent for large business (textile industry for example) who speak of racial harmony while on the other hand they seek to create racial conflict in order to keep the poor workers divided and fighting among themselves while corporate profits soar."

Whitehurst's response to these kinds of criticisms was that WFMY has "attempted" through the years to assist the cause of brotherhood, peace and unity in the area we serve."

He added, "We certainly have no desire to create ill-will or divisiveness among our viewers whether that ill-will be directed toward our station or toward any institution, organization, person or groups of persons."

Of the cancellation, Whitehurst said, "We think this is proper action for a television station to take. We offer our apologies to those who have been offended by the Tarzan films and we extend our appreciation to those who first called this situation to our attention."

The new scheduling for what GAPP termed "prime time", 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday nights is "Dirty Sally" and "Good Times" and "Wild Wild World of Animals."



"Ahh Spring" and the warm weather brings beer cans into bloom.

University To Celebrate Its Birthday

Students, faculty members, alumni and friends of A&T will converge on the campus Sunday, Mar. 24, to celebrate the university's 83rd year of existence.

The highlight of Sunday's observance will be the annual Founders' Day convocation at 11 a.m. in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joy J. Johnson, a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Johnson, one of three Black members of the General Assembly, has been active in seeking legislation to aid victims of sickle cell anemia, to abolish capital punishment, and to

prohibit the sterilization of mental patients without their consent or knowledge.

Johnson's remarks will be followed by special tributes from the faculty, the alumni and the board of trustees. Music will be furnished by the university band and the Fellowship Gospel Choir.

Reflecting on A&T's long service to the state and the nation, Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy said:

"The distinguished service which this university has rendered to the Piedmont Triad area, the state and the nation is an important segment of our national history; but our promised future looms even

brighter."

"As we accelerate our operation within the relatively new structure of higher education in North Carolina, we expect to move with dramatic rapidity toward complete utility and serve all citizens within the scope of our programs," said Dowdy.

"This is the future course we must take," added Dowdy, "and we are willing to make the highest commitment and to use the last ounce of our courage to transform this institution into a university serviceable to all American citizens."

A&T has played a key role in efforts to provide higher

education for Blacks in the state.

The college operated in Raleigh until 1893; but, during the time, the board of trustees was making plans to find a permanent home for the institution.

Six cities made a bid for the college; and, on Mar. 3, 1892, the board voted to accept the proposal of a group of Greensboro citizens to donate \$11,000 in cash and 14 acres of land.

A supplementary grant of \$4,500 from the General Assembly enabled the new college to complete its first building and begin classes in Greensboro by the fall of 1893.

Engineers In High Demand

Jobs Available For A&T Graduates

By Lynne Bradley

Job opportunities for the 1974 A&T graduate are rising each year. According to W. I. Morris, director of Placement and Career Counseling, "Some 600 recruiters are expected to flood the offices of the recruiting center this year."

Morris stated that most of the recruiters were looking for majors in engineering, physics, accounting, math, and industrial technology. As usual, the engineers are far more in demand than any other major. Recruiters from such well-known industries as Westinghouse Electric, American ENKA Co., Corning Glassware, Amco Steel

Corporation, Gulf Oil Companies, Naval Missile Center, to name a few, have made salary offers to graduates varying from \$11-15,000 annually.

"Far more in demand than they used to be are the industrial technology majors. Every graduating senior in industrial technology has received some type of job offer. Most of them are in salary ranges from \$9-15,000 a year," he said.

"Opportunities for teachers for in-state and out-of-state jobs are up. On Feb. 14 a Teachers' Fair was held in the Union Ballroom." Morris stated that recruiters were present from 40 school systems in 11 states. North Carolina led the race with

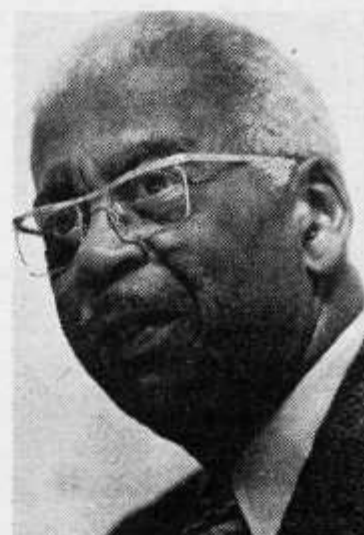
Virginia, Michigan, New York, and Florida trailing respectively. "They're looking for industrial arts, math, and science majors."

In spite of the increase in recruiting, the demand for social science majors has not made an upward climb.

Asked about recruitment of senior biology majors for medical school, Morris stated that it was not very extensive. "There are only from 10-15 recruited yearly and many of them are given fellowships to continue their education," he said.

Morris said that more recruiters would visit the campus, but many seniors stop after they have been given one job offer and don't sign up for

more interviews.



W. I. MORRIS

A Racial Issue

A moral issue—yes, but capital punishment is also a racial issue. The controversy over whether the court should have the right to give the "say-so" that a convicted criminal should be killed in the name of the law has intensified.

Last week, while we were out enjoying spring break or either enduring spring break, some 300 demonstrators, mostly Black, marched on the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

The march was organized by Leon White, director of the United Church of Racial Justice, North Carolina, and protesters carried with them demands and petitions against capital punishment. Rev. White is quoted as saying that the present application of law is based on discrimination.

Present criminal convictions in the state which can require the death sentence are first degree murder, rape, burglary and arson.

Figures and analysis seem to indicate that Rev. White's accusation must be true. Currently there are 31 persons on Death Row in North Carolina, and, of that number, 20 are Black and one is an Indian.

If we merely took the numbers at face value and made an assumption, then the conclusion would probably be that Blacks commit more crimes. But we make strong rebuttal because, if we do enough checking into public statistics, we realize this is far from the truth. But it may be just what a society prone to social injustice might want us to believe.

A group of people representing a cross section of the Black community has held one meeting and scheduled another one to discuss the issue of the death sentence at Shiloh Baptist Church.

At the human level and the ethnic level, we too have the obligation to voice our concern on capital punishment, not only as students but as interested individuals.

On the grounds that capital punishment is both inhumane and administered with racial discrimination, we at The Register join others in calling for its abolition.



Death Penalty

By Rosie A. Stevens

The restoration of the death penalty to legal status does not do credit to its enactors. There are several important points of the legislation which render it ineffective in dealing with crime.

First, it does not deal with organized crime as a deterrent factor. Those who are caught burglarizing are usually the people displaying the cops and robbers syndrome. They want to be caught. They are not professional criminals. Professional criminals are usually not caught.

Secondly, the provisions dealing with crimes related to national security are simply farce. It is very easy to talk about selling secrets to the Russians, but the Ellsberg case brought to light some questions concerning the definition of a secret. So did Watergate.

Then there is the question of executing sky-jackers who have killed people in the act of committing a sky-jacking. Here, there is the very simple question of what good it would do. It does not prevent the murder, or the sky-jacking.

As a matter of fact, all it does do is ease the anxiety of those who do

fly. It may also be taken into consideration the security which is already in effect.

This security insures that no one with a gun is allowed to pass beyond certain points in the terminal. No one can board the plane without having a seat designation marked at the gate. So it must be asked again what is the good of applying the death penalty after the crime is committed?

Then, finally, there is that emotionally charged issue known as rape. It does no good to legislate against rape when the penalty is death. The penalty only encourages the violent rapist to kill the victim. Violent rape is on the rise, with or without the death penalty.

It can be noted also that the laws against rape presently on the books of any kind are property laws. These laws are designed to vindicate the man—father or husband—whose property is damaged, and to embarrass the woman who actually is raped.

The laws also succeed in being abused by the unscrupulous. It is true also that the legal processes concerning rape victimize lower class males, mainly Black one. The processes only reflect a sexist, racist society.

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Article On Expulsion

Grooves Feel Critics Unfair

Two members of Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship said that because of an article in the Mar. 8 edition of The Register their organization had received unfair criticisms.

The article under controversy stated that the social fellowship had been expelled for five years because of constant abuse of privileges and misconduct.

In responding to the expulsion of the group from campus, Robert Mack, president of the organization, called the expulsion "definitely an injustice that shows corruption in the administration's committees governing these organizations."

Mack went further to say, "The documented reports that the administration speaks of are not really documented reports, but only accusations, things said to have been done by our

organization, which were never proven by the administration or the person making the charges."

The Advisory Committee of Student Organization which recommended the fellowship's expulsion is chaired by J. E. Garfield.

"My organization wasn't afforded a chance to prove its innocence," Mack added. He explained this to mean that after his organization received a letter saying it had been charged, the organization was brought before the committee and asked whether the group denied the charges or not.

This, Mack said, did not allow them to defend the group but merely to answer yes or no to the charge while he said the person or persons making the charge did not have to be present.

Ronald Richardson who was also present at the interview with the editor of The Register to discuss the article said, "Those who were supposed to have made the charges, even submitted letters saying they were not abused by the fellowship. But he said the committee accepted the investigating officer's report over the letters."

Mack called on Garfield to prove the charges that he said had been documented.

The article also attributed Garfield as saying there are many other areas of misconduct at the

university which should be exposed. He mentioned the destruction of property in the dorms and the disappearance of utensils from the dining hall as some of these problems.

Mack said that, since the article appeared, persons have approached him saying that his organization was one of the reasons for no silverware in the cafeteria. "People have been under the impression that we initiated the disappearance of eating utensils," Mack said.

In answering his complaint, Janice Smith, editor-in-chief, said the last three paragraphs in the story contained incidental information and in no way as intended to reflect that Groove Phi Groove was responsible for acts described as other areas of misconduct at the university.

Campus Haps

Last Day to drop a course is Friday, Mar. 22.

Taylor Gallery will open Wednesday with an exhibition called "The Architects." It will consist of renderings and photographs showing some of the works by three local architects. The exhibition will run through Apr. 12.

A meeting of persons concerned with the abolition of capital punishment has been scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church at 1210 S. Eugene St.

The University Bookstore has new hours from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday. In the new schedule, the Bookstore will no longer be closed for a lunch hour. However, the Bookstore will not be open on Saturdays, except during registration, final exam week, and the weekend of home games (football and basketball).

The Alphas present the movie, "Coffy" Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Admission is 50 cents.

Phi Beta Sigma dances on down to the Cosmos Tuesday night. Admission is \$1.

Morgan Plays In Post Season Tournament

While UCLA and North Carolina State share the spotlight on the collegiate basketball scene, there are some Black colleges that are just happy to be playing in the post-season tournaments.

The happiest of all the teams that are participating or have participated in the games is MEAC team Morgan State. The Bears of Coach Nate Frazier captured the NCAA Division II title over the weekend.

Although the Bears are only the second best team in the MEAC, the Marvin-Webster led team blitzed its foes enroute to the first basketball crown in the school's history.

Webster is regarded as the second best center in all of college basketball (Bill Walton is easily the best) and the two-time player of the year in the MEAC completely dominated the event.

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Johnson Resigns From Information Post

By Blannie E. Bowen

A&T is without a sports information director as a result of Cureton Johnson's resignation. After three years of writing and publicizing A&T's

UMES Advances To Quarterfinals In NIT Tourney

ALCORN A&M AND KENTUCKY STATE were the Black Colleges that got to the semifinals and finals of the NAIA Tournament, but these two schools were only second and third best, respectively.

West Georgia rolled over Alcorn 97-79 to win the title that Guilford College won in defeating Maryland-Eastern Shore last year.

MARYLAND-EASTERN SHORE CONTINUES: to make history by playing in the National Invitational Tournament (NIT). Those MEAC champions smoked Manhattan College in the opening round by an 84-81 score. The game was nationally televised and the Hawks are now beginning to draw the looks that their 27-1 record should have commanded earlier in the year.

UMES now advances to the quarterfinals of the event that is being played in the Madison Square Garden. Coach John Bates is still saying that his guys can play with the best and he is out to prove that they can.

Correction

In the Mar. 8 edition of the paper headlined "Committee Needs Money," we left out some important zeroes. The Lyceum Committee's budget is \$14,000 instead of \$1400. Dr. Howard Pearsall said that the committee's budget needs to be about \$47,000 instead of \$4700.

athletes, Johnson has resigned to accept a similar position with Howard University in the nation's capital city.

A 1971 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Johnson has combined many activities into his journalistic career. Before coming to A&T, Johnson was a reporter for the Raleigh Times and the associate managing editor of the weekly Carolinian.

While at Carolina, the journalism graduate served as the news editor of the Daily Tar Heel newspaper. He also found time to edit the "Black Ink," which was the news organ of the school's Black Student Movement.

Johnson will work with the

sports information service at Howard while studying for a master's degree in journalism in the school of communication also at Howard.

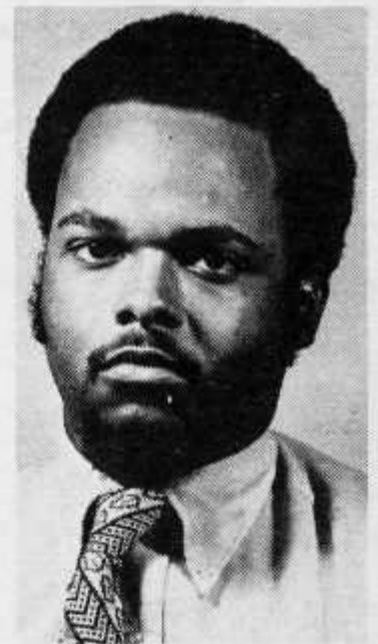
A Raleigh native, Johnson was recently married to the former Miss Lena Goode of Durham, who is a graduate of North Carolina Central University.

Johnson established the title of "Ace Prognosticator" for himself with his daring predictions of the A&T football games. "I sometimes believe only a fool would attempt to guess the outcome of almost any type of contest, especially as emotional and competitive as football," remarked Johnson of his chore of predicting the Aggie

football contests.

He predicted that A&T would go 7-2 and one game being a toss-up in 1972. The Aggies finished the campaign with an 8-2 record.

Johnson edited many award-winning athletic program bulletins while at A&T; and, although he has left Aggieland, his many writings and publications will continue to be printed until a new director of sports information is selected.



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