Poetess Delights Harrison Audience

By Cassandra Wynn

"You can do better" is what the Black poetess, Nikki Giovanni, told an audience of 1200 students in Harrison Auditorium Tuesday morning. Miss Giovanni, who was sponsored by the SGA, told the band, "I know we can do better," she said. She added that Black people should aspire to be governors and senators because "it is there."

Miss Giovanni warned the crowd that, "It is no longer significant to be the best Black person in the world; one has to be the best person. We practice being ordinary, but we should practice being extraordinary."

The short, small framed Black poetess, who talked with a lot of speed and force during most of her speech, told the audience its should practice smiling more. Smiling is what Miss Giovanni did when she concluded her presentation in Harrison by reading some of her poetry.

Her readings which brought the greatest response from the audience included "The Butterfly", "Conversation Between an Old Woman and a Poet" and "Seduction."

Commenence To Be Held

In Greensboro Coliseum

A record 850 degrees will be awarded during the annual commencement exercises of the A&T Sunday, May 5. The degrees, including 165 master's degrees, will be awarded by Chancellor, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, following the keynote address by John H. Johnson, publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, and one of the nation's most outstanding businessmen.

The A&T exercises will be held in the huge Greensboro Coliseum, beginning at 11 a.m. Another highligt of the convocation will be the awarding of military officer commissions to 15 cadets of the Army ROTC program and to 32 cadets of the Air Force ROTC program.

The commissions will be presented by Col. William B. Neal, professor of military science for the Army, and Lt. Col. Thurman Deloney, professor of aerospace studies for the Air Force.

Special music for the exercises will be performed by the A&T concert choir and symphonic band.

In University Election

Candidates Become Officers

By Rosie A. Stevens

Bennie Glover, a junior economics major from Oxford, was elected president of the SGA for 1974-75 by a substantial plurality of 1.4 votes. He needed 116 votes to win the presidency.

Faye Howard was opposed as SGA secretary, but lost to Cassandra Thomas by 116 votes. Cassandra needed 15 more votes for a clear victory.

For the position of Miss Junior, Elenie Davis challenged Gena Lambert to a runoff. Gena needed five more votes for an uncontested win.

For the other offices, Tony Tyson won the presidency of the sophomore class, with Glendie Parsons unopposed as vice-president and Belinda Harris as Miss Sophomore.

Donald Tonnison won the vice-presidency of the junior class, with Mary Tyson as secretary and Donors Johnson as treasurer.

Petrie Holiday was uncontested as vice-president of the senior class, with A. Lewis as secretary unopposed, and Vanessa Duren as treasurer. Linda Richardson was unopposed as Miss Senior.

Center To Receive

Two New Systems

By Cynthia Shipeley

The Computer Science Center is now widening its availability and services. The center is hoping to tie the accounts receivable system in with financial aid, since it is estimated that 90% of tuition is paid by financial aid.

The two systems will be designed simultaneously, and it is hoped to be implemented by the spring semester of 1975.

The accounts receivable system is a plan to provide speed and accuracy of the processing of records in the cashier's office. One step on the progress towards speed that has been taken in the

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Few Salute Malcolm X

By Sandra Midgett

Malcolm Little, better known as Malcolm X, was given a tribute by the freshman class Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Harrison auditorium. Only a few students turned out to hear about the life of the man, who was assassinated in 1965. Previously, that same day, many had turned out to hear the soul-stirring lyrics of Nikki Giovanni.

"A people without a history is like a tree without roots," was the theme of the guest lecturer.

Cleveland Sellers, "It's true, indeed, we don't have a long history which dates back to the Mayflower, but we could become knowledgeable about what past we do have," Sellers said.

Granted, many of you may not like him or his teachings; but he was one of our noteworthy Black brothers. Besides, from every man, an inch of good could be extracted because no man is entirely evil. We must remember that he did unify our people or a certain percentage of us where we were scattered," he said.
Voters Choose Miss A&T 74-75

By Phyllis Broome

How does it feel to be selected from eight equally qualified contestants to reign as Miss A&T?

According to Michelle Burney, a junior Business Education major from Ayden, "beautiful!"

On Tuesday, Aggies paraded in and out of the Union Ballroom in an effort to support the candidates of their choice on election day.

When asked how she felt about her victory, Michelle stated, "I was really shocked, happy, and surprised. At first, I didn't believe it. The first thing I did when I accepted the truth was to call my parents whom I had not even told that I was competing for the title."

When asked what made her decide to compete for the title, Michelle replied, "My friends kept urging me to run. I really did it to prove something to myself. I feel that the position requires a person with a versatile, well-rounded personality. This is what I want to portray during my reign."

Michelle has already begun to form ideas for the future. However, she preferred not to discuss them at the present time.

"In conclusion, Michelle said, "I hope that people will continue to accept me just as 'plain Michelle.' I realize that my life will change; however, there is a time for everything. I intend to schedule my time wisely.""

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Psychology Major Wins Contest

A senior psychology major has been selected as campus poet by a committee of three students and two faculty members.

When Judy Harrelson was notified that she had been selected, she said in an emotional voice, “I can’t believe it; this is the first thing I have ever won.” Judy feels that Black poetry is a very meaningful tool in expression and she also has an interest in writing essays.

A $50 cash award goes along with being selected as campus poet. Also, Judy will read the winning poems and other poems with two nationally known Black poets, Julia Fields and Gerald Barrax, at the Fifth Annual Urban Affairs Luncheon.

THE A&T REGISTER in cooperation with the Adult Education Department conducted the search for a campus poet. The money for the cash prize comes from a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Judges for the contest did not know the identity of the poet until after they had selected the “top” poems. The selection committee consisted of Ruth Allen, Mrs. Zoe P. Barker, Hal Sieber, Janice Smith and Cassandra Wynn.

Runners up in the contest were Valencia Coviel, Claudette Franklin and James Tripp.

During the past four years, the Urban Affairs Conference has drawn over 8,300 persons to campus and will be held April 16 in the Memorial Student Union.

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ten years ago
your bed, your child . . .
No matter if vile
foreign seeds fed
physical variations to
your mama’s womb
that same cord
that same cord nigger!!
face the facts,
use the cord,
and feel your way back home.

(Winning Poem by Judy Harrelson)
Easter Gives
New Hope

Easter is a symbolic time of the year; it gives new hope to despaired dreams and refreshes withered objectives. But maybe too often, we look at this season of the year only very literally and fail to relate it to the reality in which we exist.

Just as we overshadow the meaning of Christmas with tinsel, presents, and light, we can only see a shallow view of the symbolism of the Resurrection through new dresses, suits, and fancy hats.

This is a time of looking ahead; just look around you. Seniors are preparing to graduate, and the student body has just held major elections. At this time, we congratulate all the newly-elected officials.

On the same thought wave of resurrection, we also encourage you to give support to the abolition of capital punishment, if you feel as we do, that the death sentence has been administered biasedly in terms of race and poverty.

And more than giving consideration to these current events and trend of thought, we ask that you resurrect personal vigor and determination for achieving the goals which you have set for yourself.

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SGA Faces Great Task

By Rosie A. Stevens

The Student Government Association faces a great task ahead. It is an administration which must quietly set about the work of attending to matters affecting the student body in a very different way than previous SGA administrators. It is an administration which faces obstacles, but it is hoped that these obstacles may be overcome.

This group of officers has taken on such problems as student rights, those inalienable freedoms we all don't seem to exist for many students. It has promised us "no warrant, no evidence" legislation to be introduced to that effect, along with the student courts overhaul, so that they will really be student courts, not faculty courts.

Other planks in the platform of promises are aimed at reducing student apathy, and toward bettering relationships with other organizations.

Glover has also promised to work for a smoother relationship with the press. We believe he will succeed here. There should be no problem unless one is created.

His plans look realistic. They have a preciseness which would permit them to be easily and reasonably accomplished. Moreover, we are very sure that he is the person who definitely knows how to accomplish what he sets out to do. This is not to leave out for a moment his vice-president, Linwood Pollard, a recognized leader also.

We are hoping that all goes well during 1974-75. We would like to see more cooperation among an informed student body and a smoothly functioning student government mechanism.

We sincerely wish the new officers good luck. We also extend an extra vote, a vote of confidence in the new administration to carry out its objectives.

We will definitely be on the sidelines observing and taking notes.
The Veterans have every right to feel the way they do. One Veteran stated on TV that it is impossible to go to school, maintain a home, a family, and dig up $300 per month. In addition, quite a few of the VA objects in slow coming-as late as five or six months. This puts an additional strain on the individual, who must have money on hand to pay tuition and sustain himself while waiting for the delayed checks.

A&T's Veterans Center, under the Directorship of E.D. Hargrove, is trying to offset some of the iniquities suffered by the returning veterans. Although the Center has no control over the monetary allotment, it has enacted an advance pay system whereby a Veteran may now receive an advance check (1) in the month of August to pay for his tuition for the fall semester. In addition, the Center has counselors to help map out future goals and discuss current problems. The Veterans Center also maintains close communication with the Veterans Administration Office in Winston-Salem in coordinating veteran affairs.

At an offshoot of the VA Office, the Veterans Club at A&T meets weekly on campus. It meets weekly to discuss common problems and goals. Membership is open to all military veterans and veterans dependents. The Club will be sponsoring its first dance as a fund-raising event for the Veterans Scholarship Fund. Won't you help to eradicate the 'shame' of America by giving these Veterans your support? A ticket is only a small price to pay for freedom. What price are you willing to pay?

John Virginia Smith

The following article is a letter to the editor which suggests requirements for one major at the university. The person has asked that his/her name be withheld.

UNIONOLOGY MAJOR

Registration: Beginning of each semester

Course Requirements

Course Number Credits
100 3-6
101 3-6
102 10
500 4-8
200 arranged
301 5
310 4
311 6
313 6
356 4-8
400 3
402 8
405 3
409 anytime
409 16
409 Grand Standing
500 24

Additional Requirements

All students making unionology their major must be proficient in all the above courses. No A's or B's will be accepted. Persons meeting these requirements will be awarded the BPO degree (Bachelor of Flunking Out).

Special Incentive Award

At a special ceremony, recipients of the BPO will receive (1) ON A WAY ticket home and a road map. In addition, they will receive no good-byes and will be laughed at by their FRIENDS.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS!
Wizards And Stars Clash
In Basketball Game Here

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The game started slowly and had a fast pace until half, with the contenders holding a 30-26 lead behind Zeke Thomas and Kalvin Barnes. In the third period, Ed Sargent brought the Brothers within one point, 30-28, but the Competition took the lead and never let up. Barns topped the Competition, scoring with 10 points; Thomas got 13. Sargent took game honors with 22 points; while "D.C. Pump" Berry added 14 for the Brothers.

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Records are made to be broken and they are certainly falling this year and ... fell the latter part of last year. O. J. Simpson was the star of the football season and now it is Henry Louis Aaron who is in the spotlight.

O. J. rolled to some 2,003 yards last year on the gridiron to top a record that many had said the third stringer would have impossible to break. In breaking the record that was held by another Black man, Jim Brown, Simpson was cheered highly in his efforts to top the record.

Aaron broke a record that was held by a white man and the situation was quite different. When he hit 715, many commentated said if Babe Ruth had been living, he would have hit 1,000 homeruns because he was just that great a player.

Any comparisons between the two players are overstatements and should be avoided. Namely because Aaron plays in 1974 and Ruth competed in the 1920's. Comparisons only result in more disputes among baseball fans.

Ruth wrote the records, and Aaron is re-writing the same books. It's that simple. There is no comparison between the two in terms of feats accomplished. The only difference is that the two are that one was white and was the hero of mostly whites because there were no Black players at that time.

Aaron is Black and a super cool man. He can relate to Blacks as well as whites. Move over Babe; the "Hammer" has struck down your last important memory.

SO MUCH TALK HAS BEEN ABOUT whether or not the Carolina Cougars will remain in Greensboro will soon come to an abrupt halt. The Cougar management will decide if the team shall stay or leave the tri-city area soon come to an abrupt halt. The Cougar management will decide if the team shall stay or leave the tri-city area.

Many consider the failure of the team to draw Black fans as one of the reasons for the poor showing at the gate. The problem just may lie in the team itself. After paying five dollars to see the Cougars give the Kentucky Colonels a game this past Friday night at the Coliseum, I have nothing.

Definitely is not the reason because the A&T Aggies are having no problems. Another reason that has been suggested for the poor showings is that the A&T Aggies draw the Black fans. This definitely is not the reason because the A&T Aggies are having no problems.

More than 8,600 others saw the game as well. The Colonels looked more like generals and the Cougars played like kittens in losing the play-off series four games to none.

BOSS players suffered a great loss in having their press tourney here because many Atlanta fans felt that the Cougars should have been there to make the presentation to the homerun king.

Aaron said after the game that all he wants to do now is hit as many as possible this season before he hangs his baseball shoes up for good.
For this team to win, they'll have to play dirty.

They don't have cheerleaders or a home field, but they're a team. They tackle the job of rebuilding neglected houses in Rochester, N.Y. And reshape their futures in the balance.

So wading up to their eyebrows in plaster, paint and grime is just another form of study hall.

The name for all this is WOW. World of Work. Conceived at Eastman Kodak Company and implemented by Rochester Jobs, Inc., a nonprofit organization supported by Kodak and other Rochester businesses. Every kid in the program had a problem with school work. But these same kids are now on the way to decent jobs. Decent money. And a decent opinion of themselves.

RJI administers the program with assistance from Kodak people on leave from the company and working for the city school district. They coach the youths with on-the-job training in vocational skills every weekday for half a day. The kids learn plumbing, carpentry, electrical wiring, whatever interests them most, as they rebuild homes. The rest of their time is spent on academics taught by Rochester City School District and Board of Cooperative Educational Services instructors. And they're making better marks now than they ever made in regular school.

Why is a company that builds cameras so interested in building houses? It's good for the community we live in. The refurbished homes become dwellings for low-income families. The kids in WOW turn out to be productive adults. And good citizens as well. All of which makes for a better town in which to operate and grow.

In short, it's good business. And we're in business to make a profit. But while we're busy looking after business, we're looking forward to a better society.

It's the same society our business depends on. And that's why we care what happens to it.