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200 Rally Against Capital Punishment

By Michael H. Hailey

About 200 students from the area universities gathered in Holland Bowl Saturday to march to the new Municipal Building to demonstrate against capital punishment. Chants of "We don't want no capital punishment" and "Don't want the chair 'cause its unfair" were heard as the crowd paraded through town.

At the Municipal Building, the crowd listened and reacted as noted speakers presented their views and statistics on the subject. One of the speakers was Adrienne Weekes, co-ordinator of Student Work and a student here at A&T.

According to her, Blacks must think about the fact that 55 per cent of all criminals are Black while "criminals are running around the White House."

She stressed the importance of "being students and not being students." She told the audience, "The role is to struggle and to

stop engaging in petty activities. Students must learn not only to struggle in books but also in colleges." The audience reacted strongly when she closed by saying "No man is born a criminal, society makes him so and the only way to change society is to struggle."

Another speaker, Nelson N. Johnson, director of the Greensboro Association of Poor People noted that most criminals were the poor and Black people. "The real criminals are the ones who know how to get away with crimes."

The rally was sponsored by the Guilford County Coalition for the Abolition of Capital Punishment with the purpose being "to assist the overall movement for the total abolition of the death sentence and to educate the masses of people in the area about why people are on death row also the class and racial background of those on death row in relationship to the overall system".



Rep. Henry Frye observes various speakers at the anti-capital punishment rally on the steps of the governmental plaza downtown.

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Councils Provide Activities

To Aid In Social And Cultural Development

By Michael Hailey

Many students aren't aware of some of the different councils on this campus. These councils provide some of the campus' movies and serve refreshments during exam times. The Men and Women Councils furnish such activities.

According to the constitution for the Women's Council of A&T, the purpose is to recommend policies, regulations and adjustments to affairs of women students of A&T; also, to

aid in developing competent leadership and to encourage good scholarship and personal development, while promoting cultural, social, recreational and educational activities for women students.

Agnes Evans, President of the Women's Council informed this reporter, that a social activity is being planned for the women students before the end of this school term. Also, the election for the upcoming school term is in process while the installation for the new officers and plans for the senior women breakfast are slated for graduation day.

The constitution of the Men's Council states that the purpose is of representing and fostering the common interest of the entire resident male student body and shall have the power in concurrence with the Dean of Men and the Dean of Students to act on matters directly concerning the male resident

students.

Daniel McFadgen is the president of the Men's Council replacing Ronald Penny who went to Africa working with the State Department.

Thus far in this school year the Men's Council has given doughnuts and coffee hour per dorm during exams. They have also given a free movie and dance and have allotted money for some type of activity for each dormitory.

The officers of each dormitory determine what type of activity will be planned in conjunction with the money which is allotted.

The largest event, 'Fun Day', was sponsored Saturday by the Men's Council. This day was filled with various prize winning events and was highlighted with music from Opus 7 (formally known as the Superiors.)

54 Receive Honors

Candles were lit again in Harrison Auditorium Sunday in the School of Nursing's capping and chevron exercises. Approximately 54 junior students were honored in the ceremony.

Capping of junior nursing majors broke with the annual tradition of capping sophomore students in the ceremony. It was necessary to change to capping juniors because last year the ceremony was cancelled.

The annual capping address was given by the student with the highest average in the senior class, Carolyn Wilkes. She told the students and audience of some 400, "If you are going to survive, you will have to change

with the times."

Carolyn said the university wants to produce more than "doing nurses," those who have practical skills but do not understand the theory behind their work. "A&T wishes to produce thinking nurses. A doing nurse is dispensable," she said.

Six students from the class of 1975 were given awards during the hour ceremony. Barbara McPhatter won the \$250, C.C. Stewart Memorial Scholarship Award for having the highest average in her class.

Other receiving awards were Pamela Morehead, Carl Preston, Gloria Rankin, Brenda Brown and Janice Williams.

Last Performance Of The Year

Concert To Be Presented

By Carolyn Everett

The 80-piece A&T Symphony band will present its annual spring concert Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 in Harrison Auditorium.

The Band will perform such numbers as "Chant and Jubilo" by Martin Mailman P.22"

As a special selection, the band will feature the saxophone quartet. The musical section will perform David Bennett's "Sax-Soliloquy for Saxophone Quartet with Band". The

saxophone quartet consists of Lynn Wood, first alto; Garry Garrett, second alto; James Powell and Alfred Johnson, tenor; and Larry Sheldon, baritone.

When asked about the band composition, Walter Carlson, the director of the band said, "They are a very good hardworking band with a tremendous spirit. They have a good sense of musical perception. Also, we are expecting a good crowd and many school groups have been invited to help share this musical

experience with us."

Eleven senior members will be leaving the band due to their upcoming graduation. They are: Bonnie Crawford, Malinda Allen,

Cynthia Martin, Alford Johnson, Garry Garrett, Larry Pender, Beverly Bennett, Melvin Rose, Rudolph Boone, William Wells, and Clifton Carmen.

This performance will be the band's last campus appearance for this year. However the band will participate on May 5 for the commencement exercises.

Honor Society Presents

A Week Of Activities

Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society kicked off a week of activities Monday night with a forum on performance based teacher education.

Activities have been planned for each night leading up to Saturday's initiation ceremony and the annual lecture at the banquet. Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy will be the lecturer

and will receive the Kappa Delta Pi key for outstanding service in education.

Other forums include Non-Traditional Schools, Tuesday; Education for the year 2000, Wednesday; Discipline and Learning, Thursday; and a smart Party, Friday.

Forums start at 7 p.m. in Rooms 213-214, Student Union.

Black Queens

As I waved good-bye out of duty and respect, because I was leaving within the half hour to go back to A&T, my grandmama, who usually gave her happy farewells at this particular spot in her yard, instead on that night stood staring absent mindedly into the deep, dark, nothingness of the night.

Someone had slighted her feelings.

I supposed her healthy mind was flickering over her life and was momentarily catching the sifted moments of happiness which were now unheard, unfelt and unimaginable.

Or perhaps she was thinking that Happiness was just a teasing, aggravating, neutral, spirit (somewhere between Good and Evil) which made her feel twice as foolish for seconds in her life when she had thought she had been or even deserved to be happy.

There she stood in her path-ridden, ignored-by-others, unbloomed flowered, front lawn...staring infinitely pass her neighbor's house, which temporarily in her eyesight was not there.

And as we drove away I mechanically but respectfully waved good-bye. However she didn't see my stilted formality. Yet, moments later some earthly...(or unearthly) sound brought her back into reality; and she turned, then carefully stepped back toward the brightly lit front porch.

And I thought someday I'd write an editorial-telling others 'bout how my grandmama looked so very hurt; and how I was hurt too. Because after all she had gone through with "Jim Crow", "We" should have protected her, and all other Black grandmamas throughout this world, and made sure our Black Queens would always and forever be made-continuously happy.

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In The Black Of The Night

The night was dark, darker than usual because the moon was hidden behind all the clouds that constantly cover A&T's campus.

The hour was late. I sighed to myself as I stepped into the night outside of Bluford Library. I almost fell because I couldn't see the step; it was 12:00 and all the lights had been turned off.

I don't think "they were aware that the energy crisis was over.

I started timidly on my way back to my room and a good night's sleep. But with every step I trembled. The hedges seemed to rustle, however, a breeze was not present. I began to think that my trembling caused the phenomenon and I felt better.

I felt much safer so I began to whistle. It was a little nervous-sounding but it bolstered my courage as I tripped along the dark sidewalk.

My heels clicked loudly in the stillness of the silent night, but after a while I began to notice a sound other than my footsteps-other footsteps.

I stopped and my heart beat loudly in the silence. Nothing "Ha, Ha," I laughed to myself, only my over productive imagination.

I shrugged my shoulders, Gomer Pyle fashion, and continued on my way. Tap, tap, I was reaching my destination. I could see the lights of my dormitory. Now I could laugh at my silly fears. What if the night was pitch black and I couldn't see my hand in front of my face? What if I had heard footsteps, (probably) a mugger) following me? I had reached my destination. I could see the end of the long dangerous trek.

I smiled to myself, knowing only my teeth could be seen. I sighed- that three minute walk every night was beginning to take a lot out of me.

By Mary Cropps
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Trial And Struggle

Fraternities And Sororities Provide Contact

By Virginia W. Smith

The recent pledging activities of fraternities and sororities on campus, and even the expulsion of one fraternity, cause one to wonder what significant role they play in campus life.

The story of the Black fraternities and sororities is the story of Black men and women who attended predominantly white universities prior to World War II. There manifested a need for a coalition of brotherhood and sisterhood where conditions of self-restraint and suppression existed. The underlying basis for the organizations was to satisfy the youthful need for comradeship and spirit of high idealism.

Two of the oldest and most prestigious of the Black fraternities are historical examples of the fraternal organizations and their development.

Alpha Phi Alpha was nurtured on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. by a small number of Blacks who felt a need for more intimate contact with each other. In the years before its official inception, the organization rose from a social and literary club to a self-proclaimed fraternal organization on Dec. 4,

1906.

Alpha Phi Alpha became the first Black Greek-letter

organization, after having undergone an evolution of trial and struggle for its existence. The Original Seven laid the cohesive foundation of brotherhood and their influence led to the formation of chapters at other colleges, and the subsequent establishment of other fraternal clubs.

Kappa Alpha Psi, first birthed under the name of Kappa Alpha Nu, ignited its virgin flame on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. in 1910. This organization, too, was founded because of the lack of communication among the eight Black men on campus.

They went for weeks on end without seeing one another. The friend-idea of a fraternity generated an interest in all of them to solidify their friendships and erase their feeling of isolation. This bond crystallized in Kappa Alpha Psi, on April 15, 1915. Their purpose was not to mimic the other white fraternities and limit themselves only to the wealthy, but to emphasize high Christian ideals, uplift the ideals of Black youth

and stimulate academic achievements and scholarship.

College sororities are a unique development in America, also. Similar to the fraternity for men, the selective members are chosen by those who were already members. While the Negro fraternal organizations were floundering in their development, the women were

Washington, D. C. In the 55 years since its inception, the organization has continuously revamped its goals and standards (high scholarship, leadership, service, exemplary character), to keep progressively abreast of changing conditions. Those graduating have not limited their activities to campus, but have continued their contributions in

while you're being initiated."

Vanessa Duren, a junior, and a sorority sister says, "I think that the trend has changed from what it used to be. A lot of people join fraternities and sororities for the social activities, but I think it is turning away from that. My sorority has programs to help people, and they go into the community and participate in charity drives and voter registration."

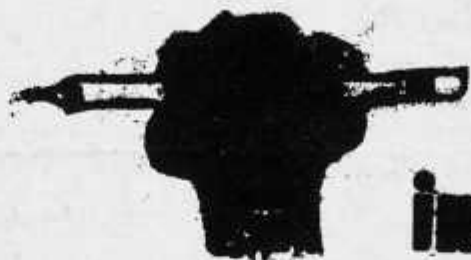
On the other hand, there are those who feel the organizations have lost their true meaning. Brenda Powell, a senior nonsoror states, "I feel they have changed a great deal from the original concepts of the true meaning of sisterhood and brotherhood."

Captain Granville J. Cross, AFROTC Admissions Counsellor says, "There is no need for a self-protective organization to lend security to an individual today. Everyone is liberated now, and does his own thing. They were more for the last generation or two when the kids grew up in an authoritarian home, and when they arrived in college, they needed a group to identify with."

Miss Dorothy Eller, assistant professor of English, feels her sorority offers some worthwhile contributions. "The involvement in my sorority is certainly needed for pushing Black women leadership. I think that is something that needs to be done. The civic work that pushes young Black women into involvement in public life is excellent."

When asked about the trials of initiation, Evelyn Reid, a junior nonsoror, states, "I think if the person really wants to join a fraternity or sorority, then they have placed themselves to go through this type of thing."

And lastly, Franklin Broadnax, sophomore fraternity man, amply sums up the general trend of thought; "I feel that brotherhood is represented by fraternities. It is something that is very real. Only by going through initiation can you understand what it really is."



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putting their heads together. As members of a minority, the eight charter members were humbly conscious of their positions as college trained women, and the wealth of talent and experience they had to offer.

Under this guise, the organization was implemented. Alpha Kappa Alpha spread its wings at Howard University,

all aspects of community life.

What role, then, does the fraternity and sorority serve today, and what is their importance?

Mark Garrett, a junior and nonfraternity man states, "Once you graduate, a lot of times you can be helped by your fraternity brothers. On the other hand, it might bring down your grades

Tennis Team Lifts Records With Very Impressive Wins

By Blannie E. Bowen

The A&T tennis team raised its record to 8-1 in the MEAC this past week-end with impressive wins over Delaware State and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Although the Eagles of North Carolina Central University are on top of the loop, the Aggies are right on their heels. Should

for the Aggies. The A&T club will be out to protect the second place standing in the loop and trying to gain the momentum needed for the MEAC championship, which will be battled for at South Carolina State on May 4-5.

Leading the charge for the Aggies will be Chris Allen and Ron Platt in the number three doubles, followed by Thomas Davis and Waymond Blackmond in the number two doubles.

Coach Brown is highly impressed with the play of two first year players in the number one doubles. He emphasized how Ogden Harper and Stanley Reid have been getting better with maturity.

He also cited the play of Willie Earnest as one of the reasons for the club's success thus far. Coach Brown pointed-out how he is tired of the third places that the team has been receiving and he believes that this might be his year to have the best in the MEAC.

SPORTS

Central lose one on the remaining matches, the A&T team would have that needed incentive to capture the title.

In talking with Aggie Coach Matt Brown, he revealed that he is highly impressed with the progress of his club this season. After the 8-1 triumph of Delaware State and 9-0 whitewashing of UMES, Coach Brown stated:

"I am very pleased and most impressed with the all-around play of our team. Everyone looked impressive even in the one loss. You might say that we are molding together now."

Morgan and Howard University loom as the next prey

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Sessions To Be Held

By Michael H. Hailey

Although drugs have gone underground on this campus, students can learn more about them through rap sessions that will begin here on campus each Monday. The sessions are headed by Mrs. Yvonne Lee, chairman of the University Drug Committee and the Rev. Earl Wilson Jr. director of the Wesley Foundation at A&T.

The purpose of the sessions is to provide students with drug education and supply them with answers to drug abuse problems.

The sessions will be held Monday in room 100 of the Union from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

Campus Haps

Flower Showing—Room 100, Student Union, April 24-25 from 10-5. Exhibition of Flower Arrangement by the Basic Floral Design Class.

Seniors are invited to attend the Annual Alumni Awards Dinner, Saturday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the New Dining Hall. Alumni Affairs Office must receive response no later than Friday, April 26, in order to prepare food.

Omega Psi Phi presents An Omega Weekend from April 25-27. Activities begin on Thursday with the Ques presenting a dance in the back of the Student Union. On Friday a Splash Party will be given at Hayes-Taylor YMCA. Saturday at 2:30 a.m., a dance will be held at the Cosmos Club on Market Street.

Baptist Student Union will have a meeting and a Sing-a-long, Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Campus House. Come and bring a friend.



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Aggies Perspire In Wizard's Heat Before Anxious Moore Gym Crowd

By Blannie E. Bowen

The Harlem Wizards have won some 665 basketball games in a row and after this team had defeated the A&T All stars in a benefit game Saturday night in Moore Gym one Aggie fan remarked that he could see how the had won so many games.

This game was very close and the All stars led for most of the contest. But, the experience and cohesiveness of the Wizards paid off in the long run as they collected a 136-128 victory.

Playing under the rules of the National Basketball Association (NBA), the All stars were at a disadvantage because most of the

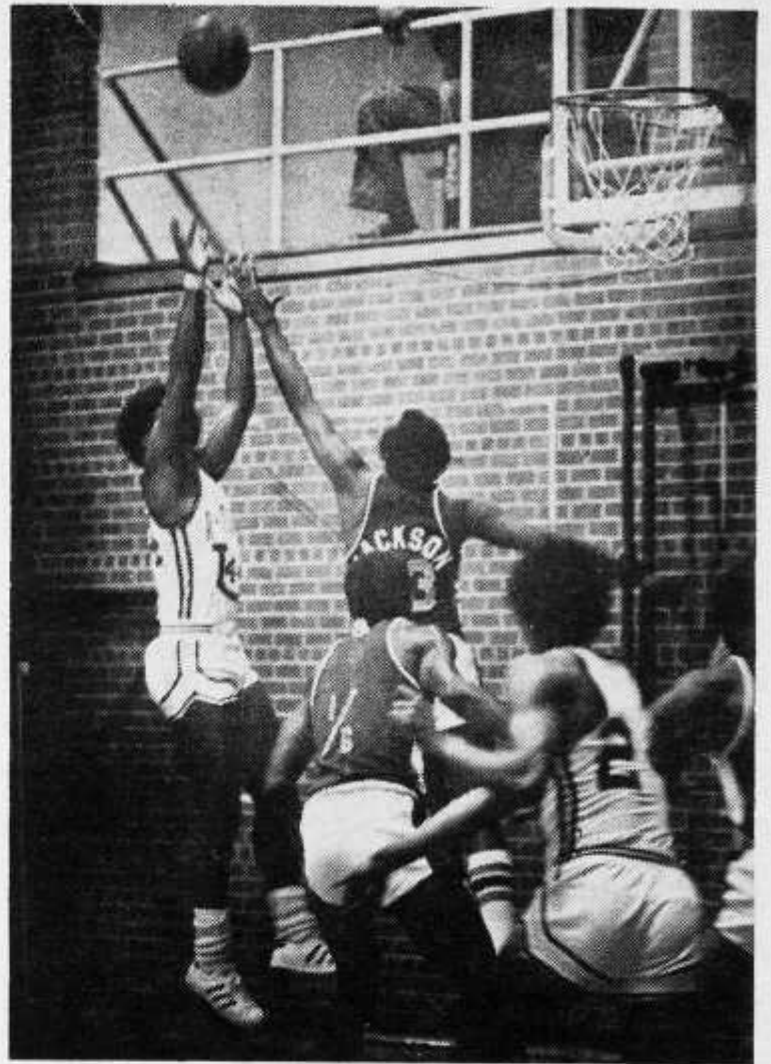
players had never tried these rules before.

Three of A&T's all-Americans of recent years did not find the rules too difficult as they led the Aggie attack with some hot shooting. James Outlaw was the biggest gun of the night as he fired in 24 points. June Harris followed with 18 and Elmer Austin collected 13 more for the balanced attack.

Not an Aggie, but certainly a fine performer was in the presence of Ed Searcy for the Aggies. The New York native poured in 22 points and collected some valuable rebounds.

Bill Corley rifled in 25 points to head the Wizard attack. The 6-9 all-American center from Connecticut was instrumental in the win with his super quick drives to the basket for easy hoops.

Luther Green chipped in with 23 more points, and he thrilled the crowd with his quick jumpers. The most interesting part of the night was the warm-ups before the game as both squads received loud cheers as a slam-dunk shot occurred from both ends of the court.



Ex-Aggie cager shoots 2 for the home team in the game Saturday against the Harlem Wizzards.

Photo by Lance

A&T Gets Three First Places In Norfolk Invitational

By Blannie E. Bowen

Upon entering the office of the A&T track coach Monday, there were nothing but smiles and a beautiful silver cup present. Engraved on the cup were the words "Norfolk Invitational Relays."

After consulting with Coach Murray Neeley, it was evident that the Aggie squad had been involved in a highly competitive event and had brought home some of the bacon to show for the hard work expended by the team.

Although the A&T club managed to grasp three first places as compared to Delaware State's six, and Morgan State's four, the Aggies had made a dent in the win column with some impressive showings by several individuals in the Norfolk Invitational Relays on Saturday.

Rex Smith set a new meet record in the discus with a toss of 148 feet and 10 inches. Right behind Smith were Stanley Christian and Reginald Herndon with the second and third place finishes for A&T.

Christian came right back to capture the shot putt as the Aggies gained another first place finish.

In the divisional sprint medley, A&T won its third event of this nature out of four tries this season. Terry Bellamy, Albert Atkins, David Miller and Ricky Majette composed this team.

David Anderson, Earl Chestnut, Atkins and Bellamy ran the 88 relay and received a second place trophy. A second place resulted from the divisional 440 relay when Bellamy,

Chestnut, Miller and Earnest Dicks came across the tape a few seconds off of the pace.

Miller added another trophy to his collection when he placed third in the 120 high hurdles. Glen Turner placed fourth in the tripe jump to conclude the A&T placing.

A&T travels to Charlotte for the J. C. Smith relays today and moves over to Gardner-Webb on Saturday for the NAIA district meet. The true test for the Aggies will come on May 4-5 in Orangeburg, S. C. when the MEAC championship will be at stake for the winner.



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