Assembly Presents Resolution

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—The Faculty Assembly of the 16-campus University of North Carolina has pointed to "a decline in the level of literacy among entering undergraduates," as it called on the public schools to give more emphasis to reading and writing.

The UNC Board of Governors was presented Friday with a five-point resolution, adopted by the faculty in December.

Copies have also been sent to Dr. Craig Phillips, state superintendent of public instruction, and W. Dallas Harring, chairman of the state Board of Education.

"In recent years we have observed in our departments a phenomenon that has caused concern all over the country: a decline in the level of literacy among entering undergraduates," the resolution said. "This decline is so serious that students encountering an uncommon degree of difficulty with their work in any subject that requires proficiency in reading and writing." The resolution called for:

- Increased emphasis on "the fundamentals of reading and writing" in elementary schools.
- Candidates for teacher certification in grades one through nine should be required to demonstrate proficiency in reading instruction.
- Junior and senior high schools should provide "thorough study in reading and composition" in elementary schools.
- English departments in the university system should continue the emphasis on reading and composition begun by the public schools.
- English departments in the university system should be required to teach more than 100 students a day. That maximum was recommended by the National Council of Teachers of English, North Carolina law says that high school teachers may not be required to teach more than 150 students a day.

"There is a definite need for a new building and added classrooms. "We need a new home," he added.

International Festival

Will Be Held March 6

An "International Extravaganza," featuring foods, fashions, song, dance and drama from a variety of nations, will be presented in the Moore Gymnasium March 6.

Sponsored by the university's international students' office and the committee on international programs, the festival will begin at 11 a.m. and continue to 5:30 p.m.

"We hope that this will be one of the finest events of its kind ever staged here," said Mrs. Anne Graves, director of the committee on international programs. "It will be a community-wide presentation with foreign students and their wives and husbands participating in the program."

Mrs. Graves said a special feature of the extravaganza will be a United States bicentennial exhibit booth. In all, there will be more than 30 exhibits related to the general theme of "Unity, Brotherhood and Peace."

A&T is being joined in presenting the festival by the Immanuel Baptist Church, the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Rehobeth Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church.

Annual Engineering Week Is Here

By Catherine Speller

The week of George Washington's birthday has been designated as Annual Engineering week here at A&T.

A&T's student chapter of the Industrial Engineers will be sponsoring a display in the Four Seasons Mall at Greensboro. The display is being built by the students in the industrial department. After Engineering week the display will be taken to the Holly Hill Mall in Burlington for exhibit there during the week of Feb. 26 thru the 28th, then the display travels on to High Point to the Westchester Mall for viewing during the week of Feb. 29 thru March 6th. The next week the display returns to Greensboro for a final showing at Friendly Shopping Center.

On the 24th of February Cecil Bryb from the National Aeronautic Space Administration in Houston, Texas, will speak on "Space Energy" and its uses in the future.

The Industrial Technology Department here at A&T will be sponsoring engineering week during the weeks of February 15th thru the 24. The theme for the week will include contributions to the bicentennial and advancements in engineering.
**Vote “Yes” March 23**

March 23, 1976, could be a day of great accomplishments for the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. On this date the people of North Carolina will go to the polls to vote. Among the things that they are to be voting on will be the decision of whether or not the State will issue $43,267,000 in capital improvement bonds for these institutions of higher learning.

Among the facilities to be provided by these bonds is a Social Science Building for A&T. This building is needed for adequate classroom space in the area of Social Science. Presently, the Social Sciences at A&T are housed in buildings located all over the campus, sharing facilities with other areas of study.

The Board of Governors and university officials of all 16 institutions in the University of North Carolina are working to have this issue passed. The only way of assuring that the efforts of these people are not wasted is for voters (including YOU!) to vote “YES” on the Capital Improvements Bond Issue.

We are not taking for granted that the bond issue will receive a favorable vote. As a matter of fact, the North Carolina institutions of higher education have not had any success in previous bond issue attempts. However, if you vote for and encourage others to vote for the bonds, the chance of its passage will be greatly enhanced.

There is no doubt that the passage of the bond issue will not solve all of our needs here at A&T, but it certainly will give us a giant step in the right direction.

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**Desegregation Means Money**

By Benjamin T. Forbes

In the report that was released this past Thursday concerning desegregation of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina system, it was noted that 3 of the 16 universities did not meet or exceed the goals set for integration of the campuses. It just happens to be that these three campuses were all predominantly Black: North Carolina Central, Elizabeth City State, and Fayetteville State.

An article published in the Saturday edition of the Greensboro Daily News states, “The failure of those three to come up to anticipated integrated enrollment ratios apparently lies with the administrators of those schools who were unable to recruit more white students.” It would be difficult for any institution to meet its quota of non-Black students considering the deficiencies of Black colleges and universities. These three schools and others may fall and continue to fall short of required demands until the Board of Governors decides to become sincere in its efforts to eliminate the deficiencies at these schools.

University of North Carolina President William Friday explained in the article that he was pleased with the “positive and constructive progress” of the integration plan, which enabled the system to avoid any possible threat of a federal suit. From this writer’s point of view there is a thin line between positive and negative and with the Board of Governors, that line is thinner than a hair. The present “positive and constructive progress” is not enough.

The report goes on to state that more Blacks are being hired in administrative positions at predominantly white campuses, while whites are being hired in lower paying positions at predominantly Black universities. This may be true, but where on earth are the Black schools going to get enough money to hire people in higher positions when they can (if they can) hardly afford a slight pay increase to their present employees?

What this whole report boils down to is that those schools who have the money (the predominantly white ones) are able to attract the Black student and professor faster than the predominantly Black schools. Umm, the power of that almighty dollar!
Co-op Students Come To Pursue Their Dreams

A special federally-sponsored cooperative education program at A&T State University has brought three Spanish-American young people more than 3,600 miles from California to pursue their dreams.

This minority, which has fared even worse than Blacks in terms of educational opportunities, was a target of a pilot program at A&T.

"Many Spanish-American high school graduates go no further than junior college out of our way," said 19-year-old Debbie Clavel, one of the students. Many of them simply want to get married.

She indicated that in many cases it is simply a matter of lack of motivation.

Debbie, Gene Lopez, a Mexican-American, and Joel Puente, whose background is the Philippines, are natives of Oxnard, Calif., just 50 miles north of Los Angeles.

The students were recruited last summer by Lt. Col. Harold Lanier, director of the cooperative education program at A&T, and Benny Mayfield of the Admissions Office.

All of the students are interested in math-related careers.

"Ever since I was in the eighth grade," said Debbie, "I wanted to be a mathematician."

"I would like a career in audio-electronics," said Gene, who added that he would like to design speakers in order to take advantage of the rock craze.

Joel hasn't decided on a definite career, although he is majoring in engineering mathematics.

According to Lanier, A&T is serving as the coordinator of a nationwide cooperative education program for the base Naval Material Command in Washington, D.C.

He said the program will hopefully add up to 200 students a year for the next five years.

A&T is working with the six predominately-Black engineering schools, and with colleges on the West Coast and in the Southwest.

The A&T students will spend their four years co-oping, with alternating periods of off-campus study and off-campus employment.

They are already looking forward to their first job assignment possibly next summer at the Port Hueneme Naval Base in their hometown.

"We have been very well received here," said Debbie, "but it's a fact that we are homesick."
Aggies Get Revenge Over Bears

By Archie Bass

The Aggies gained revenge Friday night as they slipped past an electrifying Morgan State team 77-74, before a capacity crowd of 8,000 fans at the Piedmont Sports Arena. Eric Evans, "The Pencil," produced heat, as he rammed home 25 points in the first half, including Morgan's first 14 points and hit 17 out of 18 free throws.

The first half was ignited by sprints by both Morgan State and A&T. The Aggies after trailing by six, connected on their first basket with 17 minutes remaining in the first half, and ignited a spark with 15:30 to overcome a six-point deficit 10-7.

The two teams, for the next five minutes, neutralized each other by trading baskets. The Bears went on a spurt with 9:20 remaining in the first half to open a 2-3 lead. The Aggies didn't quit as they came back to maintain a four point lead at half 39-35.

Even though the second half provided slippery conditions because of a rain and snow storms, the Aggies were still able to hold on. A&T increased their half-time lead of four up to eleven on a spectacular shooting by Ron Johnson and Terry McLean with 9:42 remaining in the game.

Aggies' pace would fall off eventually. That guesswork would prove to work both ways in the end result.

Howard closed the gap on the Morgan State Bears with 36 points, followed by Billy Newton and Pedro Hayman with 20 and 11 rebounds, closely followed by James Sparrow with 29.

Eric Evans led the way for the Morgan State Bears with 36 points, followed by Billy Newton with 13.

The Morgan State team didn't fall apart as they cut the Aggies lead down to five points twice in the final minute. The Aggies rallied with 3:24 left, to take a somewhat comfortable lead 67-59.

The Bears came right back to cut the deficit to three, 67-64, but A&T closed the game on two clutch free throws with 13 seconds remaining to put the Aggies up by five.

Senior forward Ron Johnson led the Aggies' attack with 32 points and 11 rebounds, closely followed by James Sparrow with 29.

Eric Evans led the way for the Morgan State Bears with 36 points, followed by Billy Newton with 13.

In Moore Gymnasium:

A&T Repels Howard's Bison

By Craig Turner

Whether A&T will receive the tie in next week's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball tournament remains a mystery.

The freshmen have been putting on a show, and have been making significant contributions to the team during this season. Junior forward Ron Johnson has been one of the key players for his ability to score inside and outside, and for his rebounding skills. He leads the team in rebounding with 7.2 rebounds per game, and has scored a team-high 14 points in the team's last two games.

The team is captained by Head Coach Warren Reynolds, who has been with the program since 2009. Reynolds has built a strong foundation for the program, and has led the team to several victories this season. The team is currently ranked 18th in the nation, and is looking to make a deep run in the conference tournament.

The team's next game is on January 15th against Georgia State University. The game will be played at A&T's home court in Greensboro, North Carolina. The Aggies are favored to win, and are looking to continue their strong play leading up to the conference tournament.