Civil Rights Organization Votes To Sue Government

ATLANTA AP—The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, dormant since 1968, reunited during the weekend and voted to file suit to force the government to reveal the contents of dossiers on SNCC members.

"If it had not been for agent provocateurs, the organization might be alive today," said Alton Bond, a Georgia state senator and once SNCC's publicity director.

About 200 members of the inactive civil rights group voted Saturday to file suit in federal court seeking information in the files of the FBI and other government agencies under the Freedom of Information Act. The act requires the government to disclose all nonclassified information about citizens in its files.

Victor Ravinowitz, an attorney of New York, will file the suit, Bond said. "No matter what I do, nobody wants to stop what they're doing."

Bond said most members still were involved in the same kinds of activities as they were during the height of the civil rights movement when SNCC made the term "black power" part of the American vocabulary while fighting voter registration battles.

"Everybody's older. You can tell by looking at them," Bond said. "The waists are a little thicker, the hair is a little less, but most of the people are doing the same sort of thing."

Some of the other nationally prominent SNCC members attended the meeting in Atlanta. Stokely Carmichael is in Africa, and Bond said H. Rap Brown, who recently returned to Atlanta from prison in New York, wants to avoid publicity.

Many SNCC members believe what they did altered the course of American history, Bond said. They believe that SNCC's voter registration efforts made it possible for Blacks to exert considerable influence on national elections, he said.

"There are many people who believe if it hadn't been for what this organization did, Jimmy Carter would not have been elected president on Tuesday," said Bond. Some observers say the heavy Black vote gave the Democratic presidential nominee the margin of victory over President Ford.

Bond said he did not foresee SNCC becoming active again "too many different things, and nobody wants to stop what they're doing."

The new gym tried to burn down Friday. Greensboro Fire Dept. extinguished an over-heated tar machine and saved our partially built structure.

General Motors Associate Counsel Will Speak At Black-Tie Dinner

The honorable Otis M. Smith, a vice president and associate general counsel of General Motors Inc., has been selected as speaker for the fifth annual Black-Tie Dinner sponsored by the A&T Foundation.

The dinner, which annually honors members of the Chancellor’s Council and the Chancellor’s Scholars, will be held Friday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hilton Inn in Greensboro.

Smith's selection as the speaker was announced by Dr. Alvin V. Blount, Jr., president of the foundation.

This year, the foundation special awards will be presented to Charles Whitehurst, vice president and general manager of WBYV-TV, Washington, D.C., to Glenn F. Rankin, vice chancellor for academic affairs, A&T administration; and the Donald E. Robinson Memorial Fund of Burlington foundations, and Eugene H. Preston, Jr., president of N.C. A&T University Alumni Association.

Atty. Smith was named See Attorney, Page 5.

NAACP Selects Hooks As Executive Director

MEMPHIS AP—The selection of Ben L. Hooks as the next executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People may have been influenced by two Memphis members.

According to several NAACP board members, Shelby County Court member Jesse Turner, NAACP national treasurer, supported Hooks' election, along with Mrs. Maxine Smith, executive director of the Memphis chapter.

Hooks, 51, the only Black to be named to the Federal Communications Commission, was unanimously elected Saturday to succeed Roy Wilkins as executive director. He was
Board Member Pushes Hooks

(Continued From Page 1) chosen during a meeting of the NAACP board of directors in New York.

He will become the designated successor Jan. 10 and will assume full time responsibilities Aug. 1, 1977.

"Mr. Turner is a very powerful and respected member of the board," said one board member who asked not to be identified. "Everybody knew a prominent board member was pushing Mr. Hooks. It was Jesse Turner—he was the power base behind Mr. Hooks' election." But there were other supporters too. During the organization's national convention in Memphis last summer, Hooks' name was frequently mentioned for the top administrative post.

Hooks, a native of Memphis, was an attorney for 15 years before the late Gov. Frank Clement named him Tennessee's first Black criminal court judge in 1965. He was elected to an eight-year term a year later, but resigned in 1968 to devote more time to his churches and to civil rights functions.

Resigned President Richard Nixon appointed him to the FCC in 1972. He became a persistent critic of broadcasting's treatment of minorities, accusing the industry of playing up Black crime and violence while soft-pedaling Black cultural events. He called for more jobs in the industry for Blacks and other minorities.

His appointment to the NAACP post will end his FCC career, Hooks said Saturday. He said he will probably resign from the commission as soon as he learns when the NAACP board wants him to begin his new duties. "I think the NAACP at the present is and has been the most potent and effective body we have," he said. "I hope it will be bigger and better."

Ohio State University Seeks Minority Students

Ohio State University's Faculty for Exceptional Children is actively seeking academically qualified minority students for admission to their graduate program beginning Fall, 1977. The three program areas included in the Faculty are low incidence handicapped, mildly handicapped and general special education. Those who offer curricula in severe and/or multiply handicapped, brain handicapped, visually handicapped, hearing handicapped, mental retardation, learning and behavioral disorders, clinical and remedial reading, school psychology, giftedness, and special education (See Minority, Page 5).

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New Uniforms Are Main Issue
By Maxine McNeill

This semester the performance of the marching band has been attacked from many sources. According to Robert Williams, band director, the main issue behind the band’s protest for new uniforms is the pride of its members.

“We are not happy with the way the administration is handling things as far as the band is concerned,” said Williams. “It isn’t fair to the band members because they practice too hard.”

“The members have a lot of pride. They don’t want to march in ragged uniforms,” said Williams. This is because he was told that the university is supposed to furnish new uniforms.

Williams said uniforms for the band are a university venture and responsibility. He has been assured by Chancellor Lewis C. Oswald that the band will have new uniforms and scholarships for its members next football season.

“The band has three purposes,” said Williams. “They are, to entertain; to help support the gate receipts; and, to provide public relations like no other organization on campus can. It (the band) is not marching with the spirit it has had over the years. It does not march with the pride and arrogance it did last year. We have to practice having spirit wherever we go.”

“Every band in the conference has at least two band directors,” said Williams. “That is, with an exception of one-A&T.”

Williams performs many duties as band director, besides his teaching duties. According to Williams, he has to write all the music performed by the band, attend all rehearsals, coordinate all dance routines and movements of the band; do all the paper work due to the lack of a secretary. Williams wanted it mentioned also that he does not have a telephone as of yet.

Williams says he has three objects as band director. He wants new uniforms provided by the university, music scholarships and the return of the recognition for good performance the band received over the years.

“I am outspoken when there’s something I believe in,” said Williams. “I believe in the band and the band believes in me. The band members work too hard for me to let them down.”

Loose Debris Causes Small Fire
By T. Melvin McLean

A small fire occurred at the construction site of the new gymnasium Friday. According to Clarence Beal of the Greensboro Fire Department, the fire was started by a roofing tar burner that got too hot and its flame ignited some materials lying around it.

Two kettles were destroyed by the fire and the loss was estimated to be $2,000 to $3,000.

The foreman of the work crew said that the fire would not halt construction because the kettles could be easily replaced.

Much of the blame for the fire was attributed to the debris that surrounded the kettles. The foreman said to prevent this from happening again a hole would be dug for the kettles and they would be moved away from the building.

Reverend Short To Speak Sunday

The Chapel Worship Service Speaker for Sunday, November 14, 1976, at 11:00 a.m. in Harrison Auditorium will be the Reverend Stephen N. Short, Pentecostal Chaplain at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

The Reverend Short was the first formally accredited Pentecostal Chaplain at a major university in the nation. Before his six years at Howard University, he served five years in the pastorate. He is a Certified Psychiatric Counselor with a certificate from St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Other activities of the Reverend Short include: Director of Teen Challenge, Washington, D.C. 1973-74; Director, New Adventures in Prayer, 1970-72; Chaplain, Christian Youth Fellowship McKinley High School; Member Task Force for Evangelism of Churches, Greater Washington; Founder, Intercollegiate Pentecostal Conference, International.
SNCC Elects Carter

An article released by the Associated Press indicates that had it not been for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), President-elect Jimmy Carter would be living in Plains, Ga., instead of Washington, D.C., next year.

During the civil rights movements of the sixties, the SNCC played a vital role in the registration of Black voters. Even though the organization is not active today, the results of its hard work have proved fruitful.

Recently at a reunion, the members voted and agreed to file suit against the government. During the sixties, government agents supposedly investigated certain members of the organization (along with countless numbers of others). Most of the information collected about those persons was probably lies.

The reason this writer feels the information was fabricated is in the recent disclosures of FBI and CIA harassment of civil rights activities and even some plain, everyday, ordinary citizens.

The SNCC is justified in demanding the government to run over its files for inspection. They (SNCC) have every right to do so under the Freedom of Information Act which forces the government to disclose all "nonclassified information about citizens in its files."

The members of that now inactive organization must surely be proud of their accomplishments. However there is one hurdle they will soon cross that will make them cry for joy. That hurdle is winning the suit against the government.

I am sure they were happy with the work they were doing during the sixties; but, if and when they win the upcoming suit, the SNCC will be able to sing, "Happy days are here again."

Just A Bunch Of Hypocrites

By Maxine McNeill

Hypocrisy is an act we all have been guilty of at least once. Most of our hypocritical remarks and actions do not affect others, though because (for the most part) they are revealed behind their backs.

The deacons of Plains Baptist Church in Plains, Ga., locked the door so Rev. Clennon King could not become a member of the church. In doing so, they proved to be a specific type of hypocrisy, Christian hypocrisy.

These so-called godly men proved to be the very opposite Sunday. Although this reporter feels Rev. King is only trying to prove a point, the action taken by the deacons was unjustified.

Sooner or later, the doors will open to Blacks so why not now? The big issue is unclear to this reporter.

These men would rather discriminate against this Black man than attend church services. What will they do if he and more Blacks visit their church this Sunday—close the doors completely? Is it worth all this?

Other Blacks have tried to attend services at predominantly white churches as a result of Rev. King's gestures. This Sunday, more are likely to join.

Will another riot have to occur for these deacons to wake up? It makes one wonder if there are separate heavens and hells for all the races. If so, these deacons are right and religion has no meaning whatsoever.

Register Meeting Wed. 7:30p.m.

A&T Register Wins Scholarship

The A&T Register recently won a $200 scholarship at the annual Associated Collegiate Press Convention in Chicago, Illinois. Benjamin T. Forbes, editor of The Register accepted the scholarship for the newspaper.

According to CASS, the scholarship trust fund was established to "repay the college and university newspaper staffs of the United States for their outstanding past support, and to encourage and maintain the excellence of the medium CASS represents, and which these students make possible."

"The presenting of scholarships to newspapers is a good idea by CASS. It adds a new dimension to the convention; it makes it (the convention) more exciting to see which schools will win," stated Forbes.

Each newspaper represented by CASS received a nomination form prior to attending the convention. Staff member were requested to select a deserving staff member of their paper to receive the scholarship.
Attorney Smith To Speak
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Review Group of the Legal Staff.
Born in Memphis, Tennessee, on February 20, 1922, Atty. Smith received his undergraduate education at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, and Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. He received his law degree in 1950 from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. He has been admitted to practice in the courts of Michigan and the District of Columbia, including the United States Supreme Court. Atty. Smith held several elected positions in the Michigan State Government, including Auditor General of Michigan (1959-61) and Justice, Supreme Court of Michigan (1961-66). He was also appointed Chairman of

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administration and supervision. Many of the curricula offer both Master's and Ph.D. degrees. The program orientations are functionally oriented and strive to offer as much practicum experience as possible.

Information concerning admission requirements and specifics about the degrees offered will be available at the Department of Education here beginning November 16. The deadline for applications for Fall Quarter, 1977 is February 1.

Home Economics Majors Meet

By Cathy Faulcon
Several members of the A&T Home Economics Association attended the 59th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Home Economics Association (NCHEA) held at the Sheraton Center in Charlotte, November 3-6.

The theme for the meeting was “Today’s Leaders: Commitment and Involvement.” During the four day meeting, students and faculty members attended workshops on leadership development, the metric system and meetings with titles ranging from “Careers in Home Economics” to “Plants are for People.”

At a special banquet held Friday night, retired home economists who were members of the association were recognized. Mrs. E. Bernice Johnson, a former member of the Home Economics faculty here, was among those who received recognition.

The members attending this year’s meeting were Shirley Sims, Virginia Speller, Earlene Evans, Daryl Parks, Cheryl LeMay, Rita Lester and Cathy Faulcon. Also attending were Mrs. Sara James, advisor to the association, Mrs. Mary Hampton, Mrs. Carolyn Turner, and Dr. Eva V. Moore, faculty members in the Home Economics Department.

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“Complete Awareness For Complete Commitment”
S.C. State Remains Number One

By Craig R. Tanner

The college football season is winding down to a close for 1976 and the league titles for two conferences were decided this past weekend.

South Carolina State remained the number one team in the MEAC and the nation as the Bulldogs wrapped up their third successive title with a convincing 47-0 win over bottom dwellers Maryland-Eastern Shore. Norfolk State capped its fourth straight CIAA title by thumping Virginia State 17-7 in Petersburg, Va. The Spartans will in all likelihood meet the Bulldogs in the Centennial Bowl in Charlotte on December 2.

Southern University used a tough defense to pound Howard 21-7 in Baton Rouge, La. The Bears' combination of Mark Howell with his offensive unit's ability to run the ball despite the loss. Delaware State enjoyed a much sought after win over Shaw with a 27-6 count. The Horners dominated the much weaker Bears with an aggressive defense and a potent passing attack.

Morgan State was upset by a fired up Virginia Union ball club that posted a 20-13 victory. The Bears' combination of Mark Dunstan and Allen Rose was kept pretty much in check throughout.

In other action nationally, Florida A&M destroyed Alabama State 39-0, Alcorn routed Grambling spotted A&T three in Van Buren, Ark. and the league titles for two conferences were decided this weekend.

J. C. Smith team 10-3 in Durham. The Eagles could never shake the Golden Bulg' s tightly rushing defense and seemed sluggish despite numerous scoring opportunities.

Gambling spotted A&T those three points before bouncing back quickly to power past the Vikings 20-13 in Pontiac, Mich. in the "Silver Dome." Coach Homer Howse was pleased with his offensive unit's ability to run the ball despite the loss.

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SPORTS
NOTEBOOK
By Craig R. Turner

There are only a few weeks left in the football season as the Aggies begin to wind down another suspect season. After jumping off to their finest start in four years, the Aggies have stumbled and faltered over their last three games against Howard, Morgan, and Grambling. If there has been a telling point in these three games, it can be attributed to a defense that has given up 99 points and offense that has not generated over 300 yards on the ground in the last three weeks.

Most, if not all, of the damage was done to the offense through the airways. The A&T secondary which is composed of mostly freshmen has taken a lot of static as the Aggies begin to wind down another suspect season. Ground in the last three weeks.

The offense has yet to come up with a "job" in rushing the ball. There has been a great deal of worry as to how long the Aggies will and can depend on star quarterback Ellsworth Turner to pass them to victory.

It is apparent now that despite the talents of this incredible quarterback, Turner cannot win football games week in and week out. No one man is capable of such things.

So what are you to expect in these last two confrontations? Well, assuming the Aggies can pull it out over bottom dweller Delaware State this week, bragging rights will be at stake in Durham this year.

There is only one thing that can salvage this season in the eyes of many Aggie followers and that is a victory over North Carolina Central. Whether they can do it or not will depend a great deal on what happens against Delaware this week.

Basketball season for the A&T contingent will kick off this Saturday night when the defending MEAC champs will play the first in a series of intrasquad Blue and Gold games.

The Aggies will take their 1976-77 edition to Martinsville, Va., for an exhibition game at the Martinsville Junior High School.

This game is the first in a series of exhibitions that will be played throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. There will also be a preliminary game played before the main event.

A group of former A&T basketball standouts will start the action at 6 p.m. before the regular Aggie squad takes over at 8 p.m.

Basketball Season Is Just Around the Corner!!!
Mrs. Shelia Carver, a music instructor here, will present a recital Thursday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium.

According to Mrs. Carver, the recital will consist of both French and Spanish selections. Accompanying this prolific opera singer will be Dr. Michael Greene, an A&T instructor of English and Humanities.

The music being demonstrated in the recital will be that of such composers as Debussy, Faure, Gounod, Granados, Oparors, and others. The translation of these selections will be inserted into the program.

Before coming to A&T in January of 1975, Mrs. Carver stated that she had had much experience in opera singing. Some of these professional performances included, performing with the St. Louis Municipal Opera Theater, the Blue Grass Musical Theater, and the New York City Center Opera Company.

The opera singer is a native of Mexico and has lived in Greensboro since August 1974. The program is open to the public.

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