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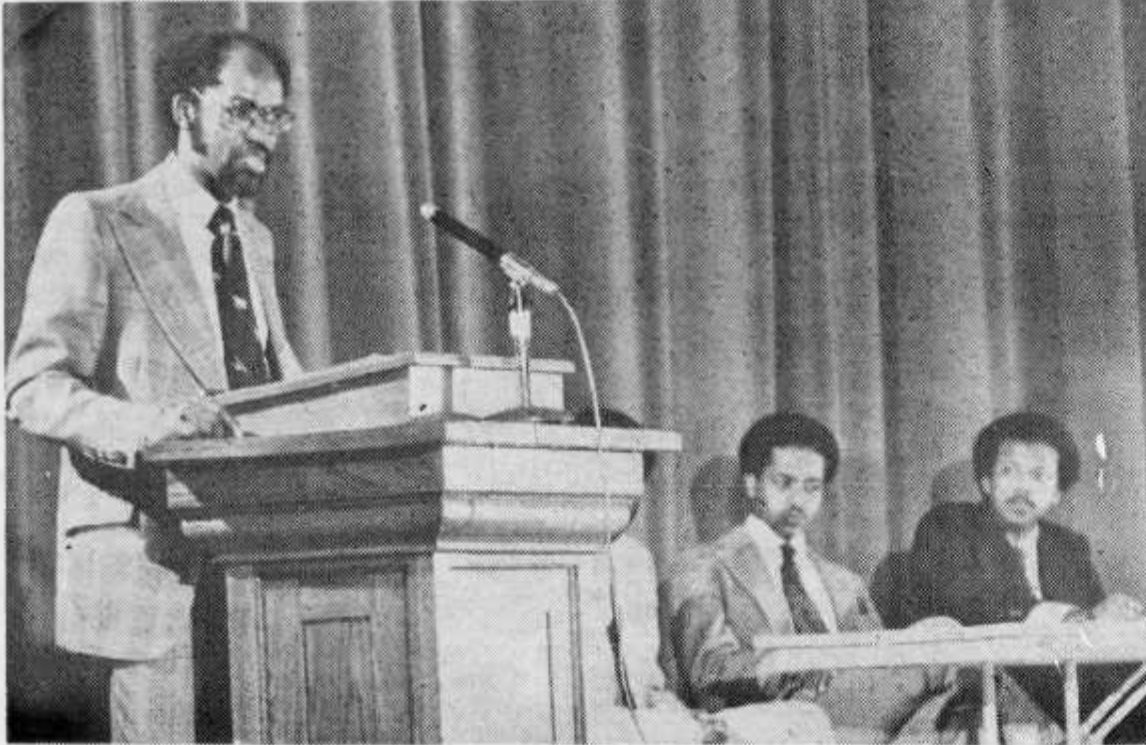
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"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

VOLUME XLIX NUMBER 40 NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY GREENSBORO, N. C. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1978



James Ferguson, attorney for the Wilmington 10, spoke to students in Harrison Auditorium Thursday night. Photo by Love

Says 10's Attorney

'Governor Lied About 10'

By Maxine McNeill

"The governor lied when he said that he 'Not only will not but cannot pardon the Wilmington 10,'" said James Ferguson, attorney for the 10.

Ferguson who spoke in Harrison Auditorium Thursday night said that Governor Hunt misled the people of North Carolina when he made that statement. He said that that meant Gov. Hunt did not have the power to pardon the Wilmington 10. According to Ferguson, however, the Governor did have the power.

"Today the Governor of the State of North Carolina attempts to use the case as a political tool," Ferguson said. "For the first time, he went on television and completely distorted the case."

Ferguson said that there were no positive words said on behalf of the Wilmington 10 by the Governor. "The Governor claims to have read the documents of the case; he claims to have interviewed the witnesses of the 10. Yet, when he gave his announcement, it didn't mention a single fact favorable to the 10," Ferguson said.

"The Governor failed to tell the people that every fact mentioned in the case was from three witnesses who

said they lied," said Ferguson. "He painted a false picture."

Ferguson said that it was not coincidence that every witness in this case admitted to lying under oath. He said that it also was not a coincidence that Jerome Mitchell was allowed to plead guilty to second degree murder.

The judge who presided over the case pretended to, and said, that he was giving an unbiased opinion, Ferguson said. He did not

read the briefs.

Also, present at this "Spectrum of Awareness" panel discussion was Cleveland Sellars, Civil Rights Activist. Chancellor Dowdy arrived too late to participate in the panel discussion.

This event was sponsored by the Involved and Concerned Aggies Responding to the Environment (ICARE) Organization. Kevin Buncum, president, presided.

Black Power Lies In Ballot

By Catherine Speller

"Black people in this country have power that has not yet been used. That is the power of the ballot," said the Honorable H. M. Michaux Tuesday night in the Paul Robeson Theater.

"We are Africans and Americans both on one hand and neither on the other," stated Michaux as he explained that life in America for the Black person has not been one of peaceful existence.

"Yesterday we were exploited and negated as human beings, but in less



H.M. Michaux

than two decades Blacks have accelerated to the point

Sophomore Feels Trip Will Aid In Major Area

By Larry L. Jenkins

"I feel that I will gain first hand experience on areas to place my main concentration in my major," said Virginia Green, a sophomore accounting major from Riegelwood.

Ms. Green will represent A&T in a "A Week in the Business World", sponsored by Mobil Oil Corporation. During this week participants will see how a large corporation functions, meet and talk with Black college graduates, and witness the career opportunities in business. This week will also provide students with a chance to learn employment procedures, interviewing techniques, and educational requirements in businesses.

Mobil Oil Corporation selects 25 sophomores from different universities to attend this program, which will be held in New York March 19-23. All travel, lodging,



Ms. Virginia Green

and other expenses are paid by Mobil.

"I applied for this program because I felt it would be a challenging experience," stated Ms. Green, who maintains a 3.98 grade point average.

In her freshman year Ms. Green was the highest rank- (See Student, Page 8)

SGA Presidents Speak On Merging Schools

Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series.

By Anthony Boyd

Each passing day brings some strange new twist to the HEW, UNC system's legal battle. And many feel

almost certain that one day that strange new twist will be the reality of "merger".

North Carolina Central University's SGA president Lynn Henderson said that the merger was not likely to happen at that university. "If it does happen," he added, "it will not be in the next 25 years."

To solidify his optimism, he said that "Central is one of the strongest Black institutions in the state."

HEW secretary, Joseph Califano has continually stressed the fact that many programs are unnecessarily duplicated. Cecil Hilliard, Winston-Salem University's SGA president, expressed concern for its weak School of Nursing. Western Carolina University (predominately white campus) also has a School of Nursing.

Hilliard, although not wanting to sound pessimistic, said that merger will very likely happen. Yet, despite this, Hilliard must continual- (See Hilliard, Page 5)

that we are able to say that I am somebody, I am Black, beautiful, and a part of the white American world.

"Blacks today have the power of a strong voting block if we will dare to take up the power and vote."

"It became evident in the recent presidential election that our basic source of power is the southern Black vote; and, in North Carolina, the Black vote has only been partially realized," stated Michaux.

"Blacks are still caught up in the grip of old tradition of (See Blacks, Page 8)



Jim Melvin (right), mayor of Greensboro, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon for the Business Awareness Opportunities Seminar. Photo by Love

Civil Liberties Union Director Speaks On Citizens' Rights

By Catherine Speller

"American people don't know what civil liberties are or their constitutional rights," stated George Gardner as he addressed an audience in Merrick auditorium Wednesday night.

Gardner is the executive director of North Carolina Civil Liberties Union and his office is in the Southeastern building in downtown Greensboro.

"The men of the enlightenment who wrote the Constitution built into it certain rights and truths that the government can't deprive American citizens of," said Gardner.

Upon banding together we gave up certain rights for a central government," said Gardner. "Government may not infringe on your rights and that's our purpose, defense of the Constitution of the United States", explained Gardner.

American justice has been corrupt in some of its laws

which were discussed by Gardner. Special attention was brought to the Sedition Act, Alien Act, the Giddeion Case, and the Scottsboro Boys who were denied due process of law during their trial.

"The Civil Liberties organization has been active for over 58 years extending the rights of the Bill of Rights to the citizens of America, and it played an active role in the beginning of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)," said Gardner.

In closing Gardner explained that the services of the Civil Liberties are free

to any citizen whose rights are ever infringed upon.

Gardner's lecture was sponsored by the Griot Society and Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in Observance of Black History week.

Seminar Explores Topics

By Wilbert Ingram

"Loan Packaging and Accounting", "Legal Aspects of Starting a Business", "Franchising/Operating a Minority Owned Business," and "Business Financing" were the topics covered during the Business Awareness Opportunities Seminar held in Merrick Hall.

The seminar was coordinated by Dr. Willie Bailey, chairman of the Business Administration Department, and sponsored by that department.

The speakers for the event were Ms. Margaret Avery and Eric Eno of the A&T Business Department, Ken Johnson, an attorney of Upperman & Johnson Attorneys at Law; and Ms. Catherine Szucs of the Small Business Administration (SBA).

The seminar was set up to make students, who are primarily geared toward jobs in the corporate world, aware of opportunities in the small business world.

The keynote speaker at the luncheon for the seminar, was Jim Melvin, mayor of Greensboro.

Mayor Melvin stressed that the government was trying to assist in minority enterprises, but the minority businessmen aren't coming forward to take advantage of this. He also stated that we should go back to the basics because he believes that this is where the opportunities are.

"The systems are there for you to do what you want to do," said Melvin; "regardless of who it is, you can't get over the basics," he added.

Other speakers for the seminar were Ms. Elizabeth Dalton of the Mid-West

Piedmont Business Development Organization, Charles Byrd, a CPA; William Pickens of Greensboro National Bank, Pat Patterson, and Alexander Parker of the

Red Hanger Formal Wear Shop.

The moderator for the event was Dr. Katie Dorsett from the Business Administration Department.

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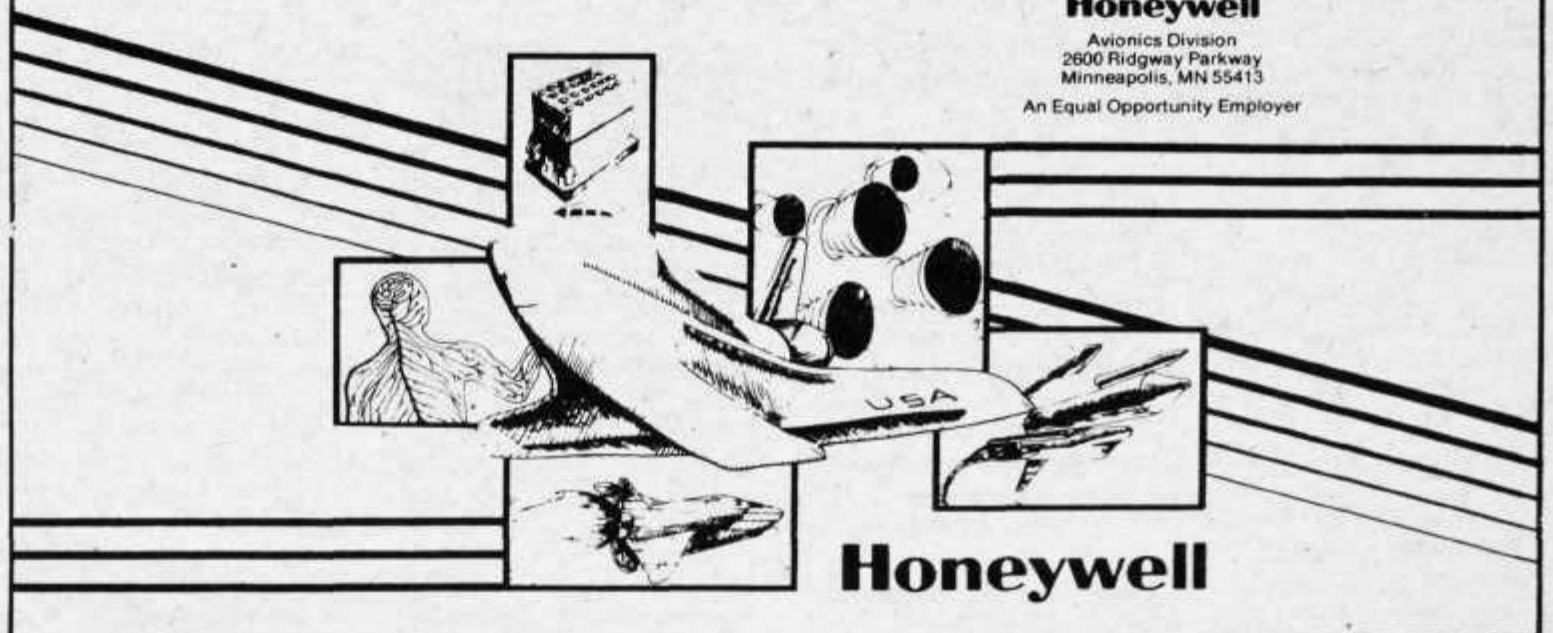
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Group Offers Black Experience

By Lanita Ledbetter

Do you know what it is like to have a Black experience in the field of music? Had you been present at Harrison Auditorium last Wednesday for the production of "Black Magic", perhaps, you would have.

"Black Magic" picks up where the presentation of last year's play "Feeling Good" left off. It is a musical rendi-

tion that explores the roots of Black music and the sounds of yesterday and how it plays a vital part of today's rhythm, blues, and soul.

The cast of Charles Douglas, Jackie Lowe, Dennis Simpson, and Gwen Sumter demonstrated their diversities of acting, dancing, and singing abilities as they performed repertoires of many of the great Black performers of the last 30 years.

Among some of the singers

given tribute for their accomplishments of this era were Bessie Smith, Otis Redding, and the renowned Billie Holiday for her popular tune "God Bless The Child That's Got His Own".

The audience was very responsive as the production reached the multitude of the crowd in some way. For some could relate because it was in their era and others just enjoyed that ole "Black Magic".



The spotlight shines so brightly on Natalie Cole. Natalie Cole, the daughter of the late Nat King Cole, has proven her God-given talents to the world. With two LP's behind her which did exceptionally well, "The Goddess of Soul" has used her mythical powers once again to accomplish her newest album "Thankful."

"Thankful" has a variety of sounds ranging from the 50's to the present. "La Costa" and "Lovers" are tunes of the past which seem to be quite successful in the public's eye.

"Our Love", which is a slower recording, is one of the more popular songs on the LP. Natalie Cole's, though she has a very nice and flexible voice, opinion that she can out sing Aretha Franklin and Diana Ross still in my book remains to be proven.

"Gee Whiz Look At His Eyes!" This is one of the releases on the Emotions new LP "Innocent." The Emotions have been together quite a while and they never cease to amaze me in the triumph of recording new hits.

It seems that the Tramps "Disco Inferno" isn't through burning yet. The group recently played four packed weekends at the Odyssey 2001 disco in Brooklyn, N.Y., the site of the filming of "Saturday Night Fever" which featured the Tramps "Disco Inferno."

Evidently, despite freezing weather, hundreds of fans gathered Saturday between each show for a dance contest, with the backing music being no other than...right "Disco Inferno."

Well, I guess if you didn't catch the flu between the heat and the ice it was worth it!

SGA Presents Fashion Show

By Richard B. Steele

The SGA in observance of Black History Month presented Star Child Productions Historical Perspective Fashions.

The models dressed in at-

tire from the days of slavery in the 1700's to the present spring fashions of 1978. It was shown that history repeats itself in fashions ranging from casual, to after six, to formal, also with an

accent on evening and beach wear.

The casual was a jean outfit, with matching blouse, and coordinating boots and disco bag. For the man, the casual attire was a deep tan leisure-look two piece suit.

The striking bright yellow three piece, for after six, and without the jacket an evening attire can be accented with golden jewelry. Her counterpart was dressed in light tan three piece with coordinating brown shirt and handkerchief.

The formal wear was presented by a young lady draped in a seal cape with a short black shirt spangled with rhinestones. The chic young model stepped across the stage with matching silver shoes and purse.



Thursday night, the SGA presented Star Child Productions Historical Perspective Fashions. Photo by Jones

In Honor Of Black History Month, We Bring You:

Blacks In The News

By Margaret L. Brown

"He rose from hoodlum, thief, dope peddler, pimp... to become the most dynamic leader of the Black Revolution," says the The New York Review. Malcolm X became known as a proud, sensitive and highly intelligent man who planned to unite Black people throughout the world.

Malcolm Little was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 19, 1925, as the son of Louise Little, and Earl Little, an itinerant Baptist preacher. The seventh of eight children, Malcolm was six years old, when his father was believed to have been killed by the hands of white racists.

After his father died, the family lived on public welfare. The social worker was so hateful toward them it caused his mother to become mentally ill. She stayed in a

mental institution for about 26 years. The children were divided among families and foster homes. Malcolm was placed in a foster home.

Malcolm dropped out of school at the age of 15 because his teacher told him he could not be a lawyer but should consider something like a carpenter. He went to live with his sister in Boston. There he worked as a shoeshine boy, soda jerk, busboy, waiter, and railroad dining car waiter.

Wanting to make it "Big" he moved to Harlem, New York, known as Detroit Red. He became a procurer, a dope pusher, armed robber, among other things.

At age of 20, Malcolm was sentenced in Boston for ten years in prison on burglary charges. While there he read prodigiously and developed an interest in the Nation of

Islam, a Black-nationalist religion popularly known as the Black Muslim Movement, founded by Elijah Muhammad. Malcolm X was suddenly dropped from the Islamic religion.

Malcolm X nevertheless undertook a journey to the holy Muslim cities of Judea and Mecca. While there he wrote a highly publicized letter affirming his new orthodoxy as a Muslim and repudiating the Black Muslim dogma that all white men are evil. He returned with the adopted name of El Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, to establish his own group, the secular organization of Afro-American Unity.

He was assassinated in New York City on February 21, 1965. His followers interpreted his death as a sacrifice for the "Black Revolution," and he quickly became a hero of that movement.

SNEA Students Receive Awards

By Delilah Perkins

The Student Teaching seminar class 560 held an awards day Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Hodgin Hall Auditorium with Estell Harper, assistant coordinator of student teaching, where a brief explanation of (See Students, Page 6)



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Muhammad Ali

Legacy Of A Hero

Heroes are born everyday but the word hero is not accredited to most of them until after they are deceased. Wednesday night thousands of television viewers witnessed the tragic death of the career of one prominent Black figure.

Though Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title by a virtually unknown and maybe undeserving boxer, that is not the point of this editorial. When Ali lost his title Wednesday night, a legacy that began 14 years ago ended.

Though some of you celebrated Ali's loss, one statement that was made by a television announcer is definitely true. He said that though you may not like Ali, you have to respect him.

Ali's legacy as a champion began in 1964 but his legacy as a hero began in 1967, when he refused to be inducted into the armed forces. Ali said, when speaking of the Vietnam War, "Why should I go over there and fight? They ain't never done nothing to me."

Though Ali suffered when he stood up for his beliefs, others still benefit from his decision.

When the New York State Boxing Commission unjustifiably rescinded Ali's title in '67 people cried for him. When Ali defeated Joe Frazier during their second fight, people cheered him.

Now that Ali at the age of 36 has lost his title to the 24 year old Leon Spinks, people cheer Spinks.

That's life, but Ali deserves continuous credit for his contributions to this nation. Whether you win or lose Ali, some of us still love you.

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LOSER, BUT STILL A CHAMP!

'Kick It Open'

By Sheila Williams

Lately, the speakers on our campus for Black History Month, have been concerned with the improvement of Black education, Blacks as individuals and Blacks involvement in the politics of the United States.

When Howard Lee spoke, he stressed education by saying that Black schools have been denied the resources that help build them into better schools.

That is why schools were integrated so that money which is poured into white schools, could benefit the Blacks as well as the whites. But even with integration, Blacks somewhere along the line are still losing out.

Here in our 16 university system,

they want to merge A&T with UNC-G, and this would not be necessary if funding, for education were spread equally among the pre-dominantly Black colleges as well as the pre-dominantly white ones.

College is that extended amount of education where one goes because he wants to. It is not like grade school where you have to attend because it's state law.

To those Black students who might go on to be Black leaders, one should believe that he can accomplish anything he wants because, as Lee said, "our foot is in the door, and our challenge is to kick it open".

March In Honor

By Catherine Speller

Blacks really idolize Martin Luther King for his work in civil rights and as a great Baptist preacher. As of today his speeches can still be heard throughout the United States.

A commemoration march in honor of this great man has been planned for this Saturday afternoon. Participation in this march, which is sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, will exhibit to

the community as well as to King's family that his efforts have not been forgotten.

Each step of the march in this writer's opinion should be for freedom, equality, brotherhood, and a lot of fun shared by all who take part.

So, let's all go out and march in honor of the late Dr. King.

Hilliard Continues To Fight Against Apathy

(Continued From Page 1)

ly fight student apathy said Hilliard. "They will talk in little groups, on the block, or at the games. They have feelings on the subject, but they won't come together."

He plans to "initiate response from students. We're going to reeducate students in terms of university level and the political implications for Blacks."

The implications are both bad and good. Tuition could rise. Admission standards could become more stringent

But, the good side, according to Sonja Covington, Elizabeth State University's SGA president, is that there would be more money available.

She added that merger would result in a wider range of studies. For the present situation, Covington said, "Blacks have a better chance of getting in." She cited herself as an example, saying she couldn't have entered a white school because of high school performance. She pointed out, however, that "I'm doing fine now that I've been given a chance." Covington explained that her school is not affected because there is not another school close enough.

Student Commends Aggies' Support Of Gospel Choir

Editor of The Register

I would like to commend a few of the Aggie student body for the support they gave to the Gospel Choir's Anniversary. On Saturday, when the basketball team had a game and the choir was having its anniversary, a few students decided to come to the choir's anniversary. I thought it was very nice because most students do not support the choir. Those few students made the choir's anniversary much better than it would have been.

Those students who did not attend the anniversary really missed a treat. Many students' spirits were lifted by the choir's singing and by the fellowship with students from other colleges and the people of the surrounding community. The choir's anniversary is something I look forward to each school term because it brings the students closer to each other and make us (me) aware of the need for spiritual fulfillment.

By Leslie E. Whitfield

Fayetteville State University is another such university. Its SGA president, William Stantback is seeking to align its university with other universities faced with merger. Stantback emphasized that a portion of Black history is being swept away. He sees "Black universities as a stepping stone to U.S. civilization." Stantback does not have to deal with student apathy. He explained, "Everybody here is involved and will be upset

if it (merger) happens. We have the backing of the chancellor." He added, "I would hate to see students to break lose."

Deeply concerned with heritage, Stantback said, "We have a heritage here and hate to see it blown away."

A&T's Tony Graham contends that "it's evident that it's (merger) going to come; it's just a matter of time."

Graham also noted that A&T officials are cited for

even the smallest "wrong doing". Graham said that, although merger seems inevitable, the transitions will be easier if the school has a Black chancellor.

According to Graham, A&T will stand-up when the time comes as it did in the 60's. Graham said, "A&T is the strongest Black school."

The benefits, as Graham sees them, are that lots of things will come up to standards. "It's about time," he pleaded, "students paid at-

tention to things on campus instead of self-centered ideas. Students should start thinking on a political basis."

William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina System, stated in a recent telephone interview that he was opposed to merger, all the time and still is. He and Chancellor Lewis Dowdy, in a recent conference, agreed that merger was not a sound way to proceed.

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Blacks In The U.S. Air Force

The 1978 Black History Week theme of "Roots, Achievements and Projections," provides a splendid opportunity to review contributions Blacks have made to the U.S. Air Force.

Present-day Black airmen can share pride in achievements of those who were considered the pioneers in Black aviation. Before the Air Force became a separate service, and long before President Truman's 1948 Executive Order 981 which required integration of the armed forces, Black Americans were serving in the Army Air Corps.

Black pilots, under the auspices of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, began preparing for the chance to fly in the Air Corps in early 1940. Their training took place at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Official participation in the Air Force goes back to March 1941 when the Air Corps, because of pressure by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, accepted applications from Blacks to enter military training.

The now-famous all-Negro 99th Fighter Squadron was activated on March 21, 1941, and the first pilots began training at Tuskegee that July. The first Blacks to complete the Tuskegee training were commissioned on March 7, 1942.

In all, 992 Black pilots received their wings at Tuskegee during World War II. Most of them went on to serve in either 99th, or in the 332d Fighter Group, and were commanded at some point by then Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

The good and bad, the trials and triumphs of Black airmen are featured in a

book by Air Force Maj. Alan M. Osur entitled "Blacks in the Army Air Forces During World War II." A second book, "The Air Force Integrates: Blacks in the Air Force, 1945-1964" will be released March 1 through Government Printing Office bookstores.

The Air Force was the first service to comply with President Truman's integration order. In June 1949, the

332d was deactivated and by July 1949 the Air Force's integration was well underway.

At that time Blacks were just six tenths of one percent of the officer force and 5.1 per cent of the enlisted force, totaling some 22,000 in number.

Today there are more than 76,000 Blacks in the Air Force comprising 3.3 per cent of the officers and 14.7 per cent of the enlisted force.

Students, Do You Know Your Black History?

BLACK HISTORY QUIZ

1. Who was the first Black to serve in the astronaut program?
2. What Black man invented the "Lasting Machine" used in processing shoes?
3. Who was the first Black Air Force general officer?
4. What Black man was involved in the planning of the city of Washington, D.C.?
5. Who was the first Black woman president of a bank in the United States?
6. Who was the leader of the "Back to Africa" movement in the early 1900s?
7. Who was the first Black recipient of a Nobel Peace Prize?
8. Who was the first Black graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point?
9. Who was the founder of Tuskegee Institute?
10. Who was the first widely known Black woman poet?
11. There are currently how many Black members of the U.S. Congress?
12. Who was the first Black Supreme Court justice?

13. Who wrote the words of the "Negro National Anthem"?

14. What was the nickname given to early Black cavalry units?

15. Who was the founder of the National Council of Negro Women?

16. Who was the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church?

17. Who was the first Black actor to achieve worldwide acclaim?

18. Who was the Black recipient of the Navy Cross for his actions at Pearl Harbor?

19. What Black man performed the first successful surgery on the human heart?

20. Who was the first Black member of the U.S. Senate?

Answers will appear in next edition.

Victory

Campus Haps

The movie, "The Greatest", will be shown in the Harrison Auditorium, Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is \$.50. This is an Omega Psi Phi production.

Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority Inc. is having an after Valentine's Day jam in the game room of the Student Union, Saturday, February 18, from 7-11 p.m. Admission is \$.75 with college ID.

Irving Joyner of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice will present a lecture and discussion entitled: The Wilmington 10: Recent Developments and Implications. The Commission for Racial Justice has been one of the leading support groups for the Wilmington 10. This lecture will be February 21, 7:15 p.m. in Room 205 Carver Hall. It is being sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Service.

The Brothers of Omega Psi Phi will present a jam at the Cosmos I, Friday night from 2-6 a.m. Admission is \$1 with ID and \$2 without.

The study room for GRE has been changed to Room 201 by the English Department.

All May graduates planning to participate in the Commencement exercise May 1978, please pay for regalia at the cashier's office and bring your receipt to the bookstore for your measurements to be taken. Your cap, gown and tassel will be ordered and available for commencement. You may order your announcements for graduation at the same time.

The deadline for ordering announcements is February 24.

Dr. William Reed, Associate Dean of Research and Special Projects at A&T, will speak February 23, at 8 p.m. in Merrick Auditorium.

Pay Senior Class Dues to Delilah Perkins. It is important that you pay your \$2.

The Student Alumni Council will meet Monday, February 20, at 8 p.m. in Room 212 of the Student Union. All members are asked to present and on time.

Attention Political Science Majors. The Political Science Society will hold a very important reorganizational meeting Wednesday, February 22, in Hodgkin Hall, Room 307. All Political Science Majors

Students Award Drs. Shaw, Jones

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Dr. Frisell Jones, coordinator of student teaching, voiced his appreciation for the service given by the members and thanked them for their commitment, and accomplishments in the organization.

He said that the National Organization has high regards for the local chapter. Jones told the listening audience, "we should be proud for receiving a gold award and having a total of 140 members.

Outstanding service was awarded to LaDonnell Hairston, Keith Sanders, Deborah Thomas and Shirley Gibson."

Donna Burnett received an award for leadership and total commitment for SNEA. Dean Shaw received an award for outstanding support. Dr. F.W. Jones was awarded for his tentative guidance to the organization.

Certificates were awarded to the dedicated senior class members who have been members for two or more years.



SNEA members who received awards: (l-r) Dr. F. W. Jones, Donna Burnette, Dean Shaw, LaDonnell Harrison, Shirley Gibbons, Deborah Thimes, and Estell Harpert.

Photo by Boyd.

Sports

Notebook

By Archie Bass

With the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament a week away, the Aggie basketball team with its heralded talent will be out to terminate the regular season impressively.

At least, this was the ideology that harnessed on the minds of Harold Royster and James "The Bird" Sparrow and the rest of the supporting cast.

Harold Royster, who figures as a likely freshman to be selected to the All-MEAC squad, turned things on in Durham Tuesday night. He buzzed the spirit of both the Aggies and the Eagles as he exemplified his shooting touch and his ability to go in the air for a couple of incredible dunks.

And, for the Aggie catalyst, "The Bird", he was still up to his usual tricks of freaking the partisan and the supportive crowds.

But even though Sparrow electrifies the crowd wherever he goes, the technician behind the scene is L. J. Pipkin. Whenever the Aggies are really rolling, Pipkin usually has spurred the team. The junior forward is often overlooked because he is not scoring a lot of points this year, but Pipkin may be the best defensive player in the conference.

And with the intensity he is playing with now, Pipkin could easily go on record as one of the top forwards in the league.

While action was taking place on the surface and on the bench last weekend, the inspirational leaders were holding up signs in the game Friday night. They were on strike; and, during certain times, their absence was felt in terms of the generation of spirit. The encouraging chants were missing during crucial times of the game and the skits during time-outs were only wishful thinking.

The controversy stemmed from one of the cheerleaders' not being able to participate on the floor in uniform while she was taking a course in student teaching.

For any instructor to tell a student what to do on her own time, especially if that student wants to participate in an extracurricular activity, is like running a student's life.

Maybe, this instructor does not know, but we do not live in a dictatorship where our course of action is always compelled to a particular order.

If this cheerleader is not allowed to cheer, then many can draw the generalization that the entire university is a dictatorship.

After hours of work at A&T's, who is to say what this instructor can and can not do.

Without the students no instructor would have a job at A&T. The verdict should be made within a few days. The case rests on the prime thrust of this university.

The man that gave boxing an audience was dethroned Wednesday night by a fighter that entered the ring with nothing to lose. To say that Ali gave the fight to Spinks would be an understatement.

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Victory Clinches MEAC Title

By Craig R. Turner

"It's a great feeling to win the conference championship. We wanted to have one of our better games before the tournament. This was one of them."

Gene Littles was right in his assessment of last Tuesday's 96-74 rout of North Carolina Central in Durham by his red hot A&T cagers. The game was perhaps indicative of the fortunes of both clubs this season.

"I've got to give them (Central) credit. They did everything they could to stay in it. They simply ran out of gas at the end," Littles said.

A&T shot an impressive 58 percent from the floor for the contest and an awesome 69 percent in the second half to break a close contest wide open. Central shot a respectable 49 percent but was destroyed in rebounding 45-32.

A&T rode the wave to victory on the scoring prowess of James Sparrow with 32 points and Joe Brawner with 21 points. The backcourt duo dished out an unbelievable 17 assists.

A&T led at halftime by just five points at 38-33 but exploded for 8-0 spurt and was never seriously threatened after intermission.

"I told the players that we didn't have much to lose since we had clinched a tie for first place. But I wanted to win this game to prove that we are the undisputed champions of the MEAC."

The one big factor for the Aggie victory was the play of 6-8 freshman Harold

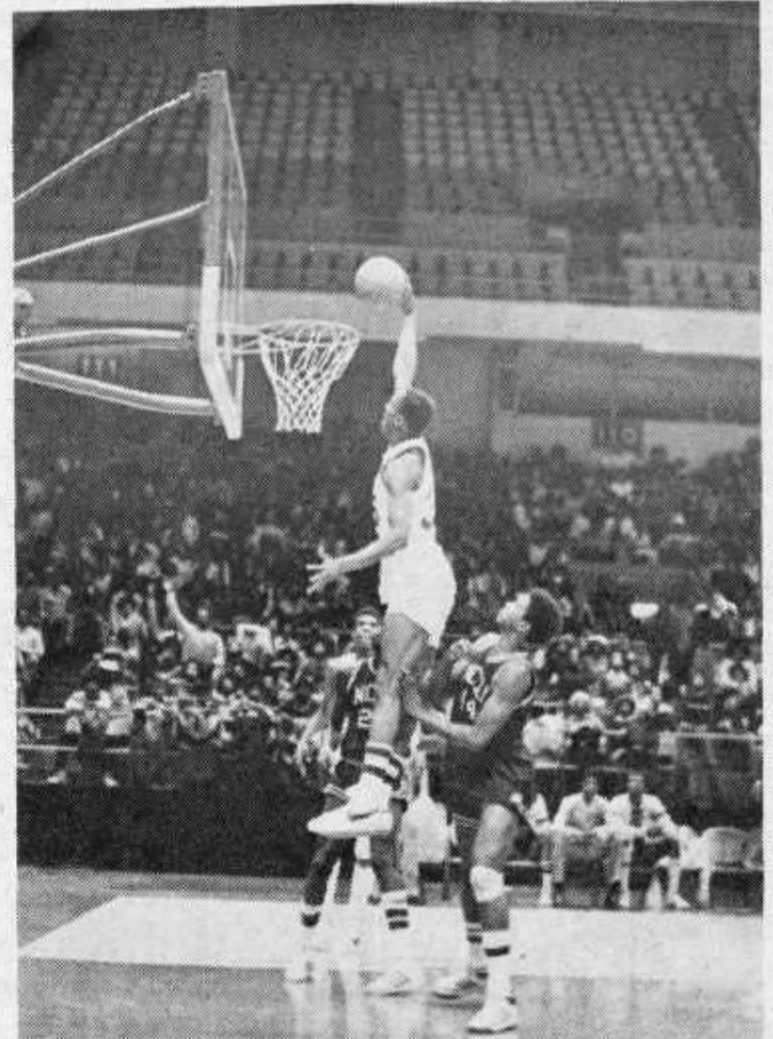
Player's Style Compares With Professional Player

Keith Davis has often been compared to the steady style of former Boston Celtic Tom "Satch" Sanders and the heralded defensive dean of the Seattle Supersonics, Paul Silas.

Although the dismal 3-24 record of a year ago may have overshadowed prospective talents, Davis could have been credited largely for the success of the three triumphs.

"Last year you looked for the man with the ball because we had no offense," admitted Davis who attended prep school at Laurinburg Institute. "You get the ball, and do your own thing."

During the span of those long practice days and restless nights, the 6-8 Davis summarized the entire



Keith Davis goes up for two points in a recent A&T-NCCU battle. The win over NCCU makes the Aggie basketball team the MEAC conference champions. Photo by Willis

Royster. The Yonkers, N. Y., native pumped in 18 points and 15 rebounds while carrying the frontcourt burden.

Robert McClellan led the

Eagles with 26 tallies and Ed Roper with 18. A&T stands 17-8 overall and 11-1 in the MEAC while Central closes out at 5-19 and 2-12 in the MEAC.

MEAC Names Pipkin As Player-of-Week

The sports information directors of the MEAC have

named L. J. Pipkin as the player-of-the-week for his efforts against North Carolina Central, Morgan, and Howard last week.

The Laurinburg product accounted for 52 points, 33 rebounds, and eight blocked shots in the three games. Pipkin is averaging just over twelve points, nine rebounds, and four blocked shots per outing this season at the forward position.

The Aggies will now direct their attention toward the MEAC tournament next week in the Greensboro Coliseum on February 23-25.

A&T has won the regular season title and the tourney bye.

Other participants in the tourney will be Maryland-Eastern Shore, N. C. Central, Morgan, Howard, Delaware State, and S. C. State. Morgan is the defending champion, but A&T has won the affair four of the six times it has played.

season: "It was really embarrassing. There were times when I felt like packing my clothes and leaving town."

Aggie basketball has taken on a whole new outlook since Gene Littles has served as chief at the helm. Meanwhile, because of disciplinary reasons, Davis has only been a pupil under Littles since the month of January. Since that span of games, the Aggies have turned things around instantly.

"This year you look for the man cutting toward the basket," said the articulate Davis who hails from Harlem, N. Y.. "We get the lead; then we sit on the ball." Even though his role has changed considerably from a year ago of being a prime (See Davis, Page 8)

Blacks Have Ballot Power

(Continued From Page 1) being aloof to politics," he continued.

Jimmie Carter realized the value of the Black vote; and, once we learn that united and

organized power has strength and that we have to do more than register and vote, we must raise Black leaders.

"We must do the work in this generation despite social

pressures to start bringing returns back to the inner city and the Black community," said Michaux.

Michaux is a United States attorney and a resident of Durham. He has been active in law as well as state and local governments for many years.

Michaux was presented in honor of Frederick Douglass by the Griot Society and Phi Alpha Theta entertainment Honor Society as part of their celebration of Black History Month.

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ment. But to say Ali has something up his sleeves may be correctly stated.

Ali, who could be the greatest athlete of all-times, will be back again despite his age. The sportscaster that was announcing the fight was the No. 1 cheerleader for the challenger.

Whether or not you like Ali as a person or a fighter, you still must respect the man because of his contribution to athletics.

As he left the ring, the usual chant of Ali...Ali...Ali... was not heard, but knowing the character and determination of this great fighter, he's not calling it quits.

For the CBS announcer, it is still the same because the belt is still in the family.

Student Plans To Work As Public Accountant

(Continued From Page 1) ing freshman accountant major. After graduating from A&T she plans to work for a well-known business firm while becoming a certified public accountant (CPA).

Davis Top Reserve

(Continued From Page 7) contributor offensively. Davis now finds himself as the top reserve and perhaps the leading defensive player on the squad.

"Playing pro ball is every collegiate player's dream," explained Davis, "but dreams don't always come true."

He too has that irritable desire to play professional basketball, but the second leading shot blocker on the team puts academics as his primary objective.

"My personal goal at this time is to graduate on time and maintain a good academic average of a 3.0.," concluded Davis.

Two Students To Appear In Commercial

By Sharon Newkirk

Two A&T students can be seen in a commercial on Channel 8 on the Soul Train program Saturday, February 18.

Penny Herndon and Arnold Pinnix, freshmen professional theatre majors, landed a job by being in the right place at the right time.

Penny and Arnold just recently did a commercial for Montu jewelry. Two talent scouts came into the theatre January 27 for some talented students to do a commercial. Penny and Arnold just happened to be there. They tried out and got the part, \$25, and also a set of Montu jewelry.

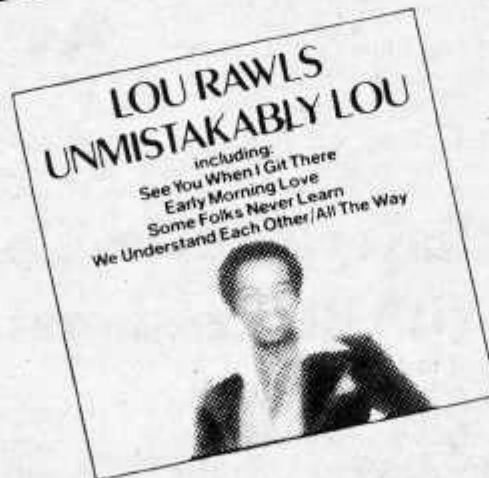
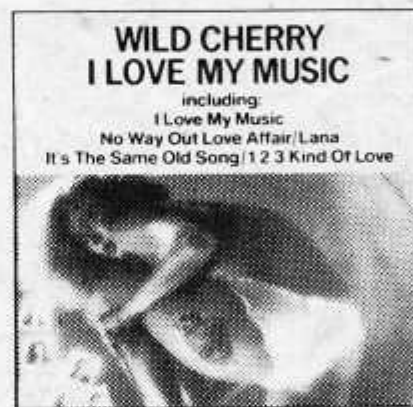
Arnold Pinnix said it took a lot of hard work to put the commercial together. It took two hours to complete the filming for a 30-second commercial.

Arnold and Penny plan on professional careers on stage after college.

Enthusiastically Ms. Green concluded, "I will try to represent A&T to the best of my ability."

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