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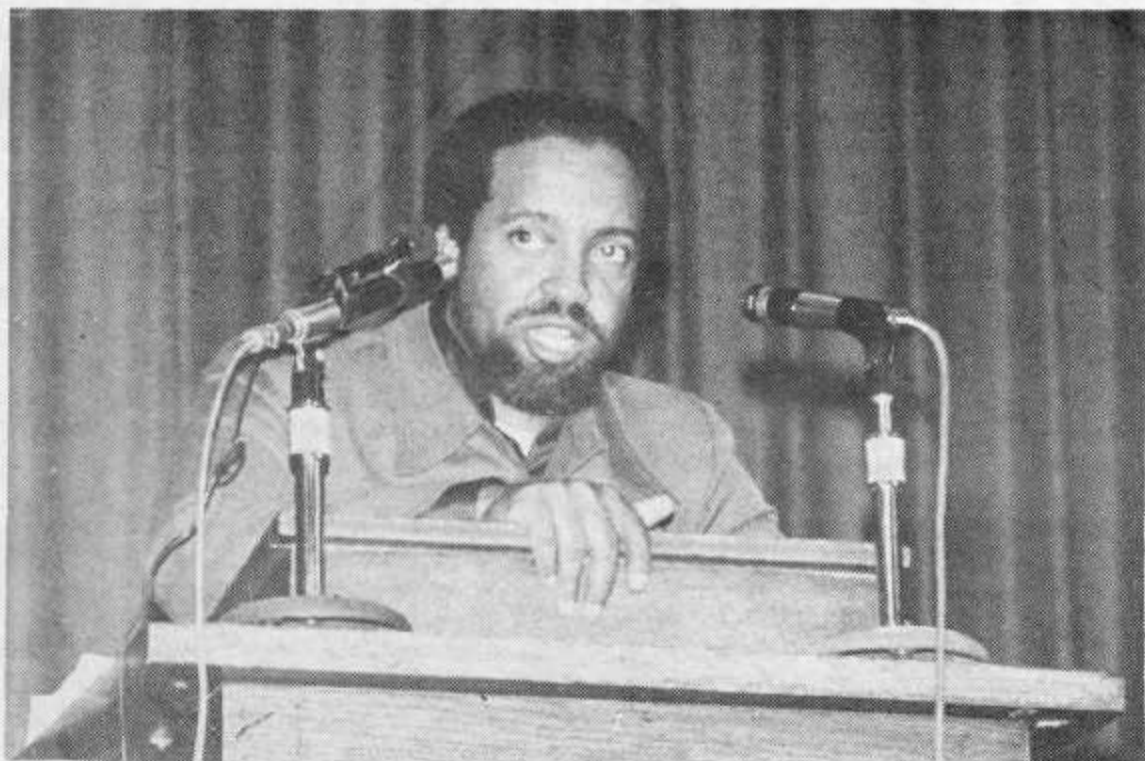


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Imam Wallace D. Muhammad, chief imam of the World Community of AL-Islam in the West, spoke to a capacity crowd Saturday in Harrison Auditorium.

Says Wallace D. Muhammad

Jim Crow Of 50's Exists Today

By Maxine McNeill

The Jim Crowism that existed in the 1950's still exists today, said Imam Wallace D. Muhammad, chief imam of the World Community of AL-Islam in the West.

He said that two laws still exist today, but that the government has taken the position to speak for all people.

Imam Wallace D. Muhammad made those statements Saturday when he addressed a capacity crowd

in Harrison Auditorium. "The late Honorable Elijah Muhammad was taught to be a practical man. He insisted that his followers accepted the conditions and worked to better them," the Islam leader said.

According to Imam Muhammad, Elijah Muhammad never told his followers to attempt to destroy Caucasian people physically. He told them to try to destroy them mentally.

"He forced the devil to see

his weakness by using reversed psychology. He said whites are devils by nature," Imam Muhammad said.

In the early years of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's leadership, he preached, as Marcus Garvey, a back-to-Africa movement. Imam Muhammad said, whereas Garvey advocated an actual movement to

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Condensed UNC Board Visits A&T's Campus

By Wilbert Ingram

A condensed version of the UNC-System's Board of Governors visited A&T's campus Thursday and Friday of last week.

The group consisted of Charles Flack, Jacob Froelich, T. Worth Coltrane, Mrs. Adelaide Holderness, John Kennedy, and Neal Cheek.

On Friday the committee had a question and answer session with a group of student representatives including SGA President Tony Graham and Attorney General Michael Davis.

The questions asked reflected on such things as the conditions of the dormitories, the quality of the food and service in the cafeterias, the quality of the academic advisors and school publications.

Tony Graham asked the committee if it could explain why the local media seem to print most of the unfavorable news about A&T on the front page and hide the good things that we have accomplished.

Most of the boardmembers said they didn't know of this (See UNC, Page 5)

SGA In Name Only After Budget Refusal

By Larry Jenkins

"The SGA is existing in name only," stated Toby Bryant, vice president of the Student Government Association, — after the refusal of an \$18,000 budget this semester.

"We submitted three budgets with the minimum one being \$18,000," he continued. According to Bryant the proposed budgets were sent to Plummer Alston, director of fiscal affairs, in early January.

Alston agreed to grant the \$18,000 budget in late January. "Last week he told us we could only have \$7,000," stated Bryant.

The decrease in the budget made it impossible for the SGA to sponsor entertainment during the MEAC tournament, send participants to the National Entertainment and Campus Activities Association which will be held in New Orleans, and conduct other student activities during this semester.

"We will put the \$7,000 into fun day and our banquet," said Bryant. Fun day will be held April 30 on the football field. Bryant stated that it will be similar to last year's fun day. The banquet

will be held April 29.

A Leadership Workshop will be sponsored by the SGA

March 30-31 in the Student Union Ballroom. The in-

ited guest speaker is Governor James Hunt.

HEW Officials Optimistic In UNC Dispute

An official of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) said today that he was optimistic that the controversy over the University of North Carolina's desegregation plan could be settled without going to court.

William Thomas, regional director of HEW's Office of Civil Rights in Atlanta, and other HEW officials met for four hours Monday with UNC President William Friday.

If the dispute isn't resolved, it could mean the loss of millions of dollars in federal funds to the 16 campus university system. Of last year's \$592 million UNC budget, \$91.7 million came from the federal government.

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Photo by Love

A condensed version of the UNC-system Board of Governors visited A&T's campus last week. The committee met with a group of student representatives.

Friday Meets With HEW's Civil Rights Office

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Friday was to meet Monday morning with Thomas and David S. Tatel, director of HEW's Office of Civil Rights, but Tatel had the flu.

So Friday met instead with Thomas, Arline Medelsohn

and Jeffrey Champaign, OCR attorneys from Washington.

The meeting came exactly a month before a deadline set by the federal agency to begin proceedings for halting funds to the UNC system.

Friday said he will meet with Tatel to discuss the desegregation plan before the March 20 deadline. A date for that meeting has not been set.

"We reviewed in great detail program duplication and goals," Friday said. "The meeting was worth it. We have kept talking and we have a better understanding."

At issue is an HEW directive for UNC to recruit more Black students to its 11 white campuses, to upgrade the system's five predominately Black colleges and to shift academic programs to attract more Black students to white campuses and more white students to Black campuses.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano, Jr. said on Feb. 2 that HEW would begin to cut off funds to North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia within 45 days unless they submit acceptable university desegregation plans.

North Carolina has agreed to parts of the plan, but balked at shifting academic programs because it believes the

action would seriously damage the state university system.

The UNC trustees agreed Feb. 11 to hire lawyers to fight any attempt to cut off federal funds.

Thomas said Monday that ending duplication of pro-

grams offered in the system would not necessarily mean more whites would apply to Black schools or vice versa. Students would still be free to attend the college of their choice, he said:

"You've just got to look at the plan as a whole," he said.

Incest: Problem Of Slavery Brought Into Black Lives

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Africa, his late father simply meant a reawakening with one's roots.

Emam Muhammad feels that there are many serious conditions facing what he termed Negro people today. Incest was one of the problems he mentioned.

"Incest is a problem slavery brought into our lives," he said. "These are all problems of slavery, American style. How can we go back and correct these problems without going back to slavery?"

Emam Muhammad said another contributor to the conditions of Negroes in America today is the Black church.

"I spent more time visiting churches than I did in the

temple," he said. "I found most preachers helping the slave market keep Blacks down."

The Black-and-proud syndrome which James Brown's music began in the 1960's, reached, "the people who were too far gone for us to reach. They weren't too far gone to shake their money makers," he said.

Emam Muhammad said, "I am not Black; I am Brown." He feels that it is nonsensical for Negro people to call themselves Black when they look into the mirror and see their brown skin.

Answers To Black History Quiz

1. Major Robert H. Lawrence.
2. Jan Matzeliger.
3. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.
4. Benjamin Banneker.
5. Maggie L. Walker.
6. Marcus Garvey.
7. Dr. Ralph Bunche.
8. Henry O. Flipper.
9. Booker T. Washington.
10. Phyllis Wheatley.
11. 17; 1 Senator, 16 Representatives.
12. Thurgood Marshall.
13. James Weldon Johnson.
14. Buffalo Soldiers.
15. Mary McLeod Bethune.
16. Richard Allen.
17. Ira Aldridge.
18. Dorie Miller.
19. Dr. Daniel Hale Williams.
20. Hiram Revels.

Cough, Aches, Fever Sure Signs of Flu

By Denise Brown

If you are suffering from a cough, sore throat, headache, fever or generalized aching, you are one of the many Aggies caught in the present flu epidemic. In the treatment of this epidemic, it is suggested by the infirmary that you get plenty of rest.

This is the first step in the treatment process. Secondly, to reduce fever and aching, take two aspirins or tylenols every four hours. If your throat is sore, gargle with warm salt water, 1/2 teaspoon salt to a glass of warm water. Drink plenty of liquids and

remain on a soft diet.

If influenza symptoms are present, those students with chronic diseases (diabetes, asthma, or heart disease) or who have a tendency toward lung infections are urged to go to the infirmary immediately.

If you miss any classes, because of the flu, go to the infirmary to get an excuse. There are 36 beds available for students in the infirmary; however, all are not filled.

Presently, there is no visiting at the infirmary because of this epidemic.

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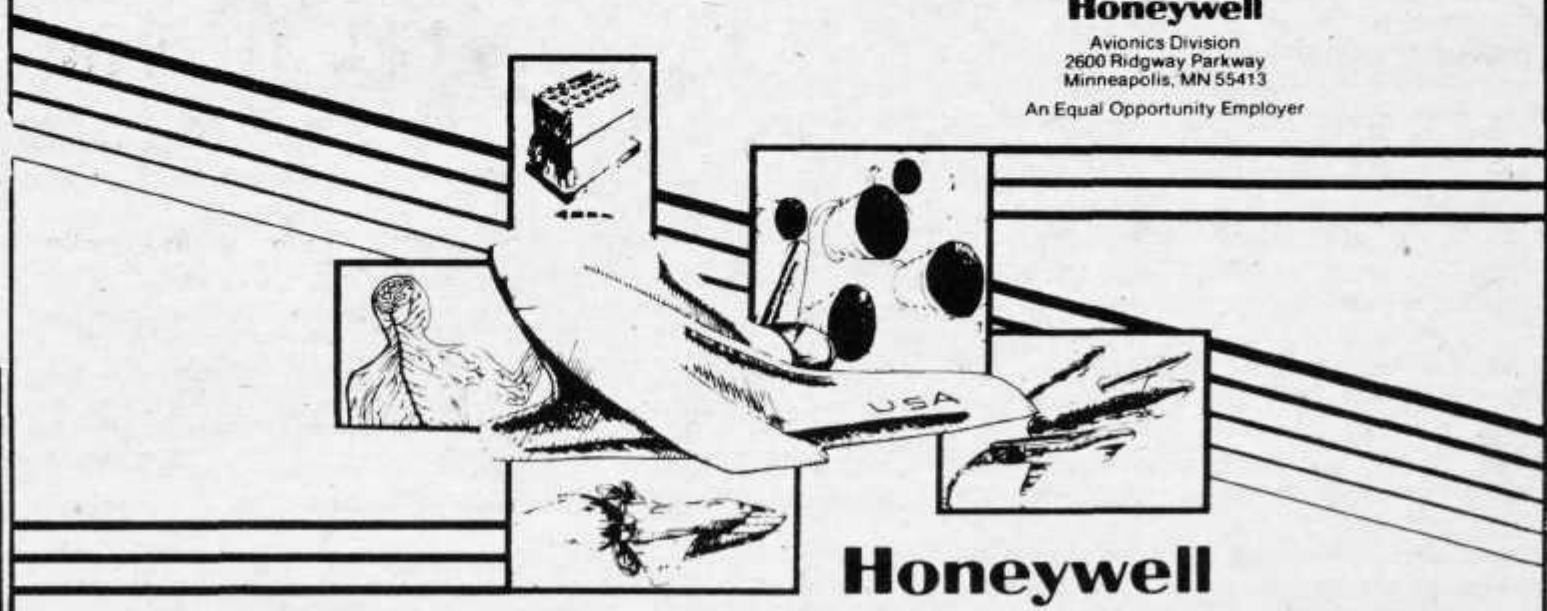
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Last week the library sponsored a story book hour in which pre-school children practiced their learning skills.

Jones Directs Milner's Play

By Charlene Middleton

"What The Wine Sellers Buy," a play written by Ron Milner, will be performed in the Paul Robeson Little Theater during the week of March 14-18.

The play is being directed by Sandra Jones, a student at A&T.

This play is about an eight-

teen year old youth, Steve, portrayed by Daryl Burton, a speech major, who gets involved and influenced by a hustler and pimp named Rico. The character Rico is being portrayed by Anthony Johnson, an architectural engineering major.

Rehearsals for the show

are two hours every evening during the week and all day on Saturdays.

Colleges Improve Fee Assessment Systems

Atlanta-Thirty Southern colleges and universities have been selected to develop new or revised faculty assessment systems for improvement of learning through a project of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) supported by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education.

The aim of the project is to assist institutions to implement improved evaluation procedures which both help faculty to be more effective in their teaching and provide a means to make equitable decisions about promotion, tenure, and salary increases.

A seven-member task force helped SREB select 30 participants, which include five doctoral granting universities, nine community colleges, and 16 four-year liberal arts colleges. Eight are private institutions, and 22 are publicly supported. Among the group, five are predominantly Black colleges, two are women's colleges, one is a technical institute, and one is a comprehensive health science center.

"This diversity of institutions will give a wide range of examples on which to base conclusions about effective approaches to faculty evaluation for improved learning," observes William R. O'Connell, Jr., project director.

Weather

Cold Thursday with lows mostly in the teens and highs ranging from the 30's in the north to the 40's in the south. Chance of rain Friday with lows in the 30's. Highs Friday in the 50's in the southeast and in the 40's elsewhere. Clearing Saturday with lows ranging from the teens in the mountains to the 30's along the coast. Highs Saturday in the 50's along the south coast and in the 40's elsewhere.

AG MAJOR

On Friday, March 3 Representatives from NC State University will be on Campus to discuss employment opportunities in Agriculture Research. For Information contact Career Counseling and Placement Center NC State University. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Ac-

Lanita's Rap

Lanita Ledbetter

Speaking of entertainment, A&T has been on the "ball" over the last past week. The student cries of boredom seemed to have died down considerably. There was Entertainment!

Plays, fashion shows, and movies were only a few of the activities that kept many idol minds busy.

This goes to prove a point I tried to bring out before: that there is always something to do, but it is up to you whether you get involved or not. I am sure with all the functions that went on last week, that there were still some students who felt that there wasn't anything to do.

There were dances given at Cooper and Holland Halls this weekend which attracted a large crowd and gave students the opportunity to "party" within budgets!

Functions given on campus seem to enhance a college atmosphere and promote a sense of togetherness among the students. Perhaps this is needed to keep up this good old Aggie Spirit. It must be true that Aggies do love to get off!

Schorr Speaks To Classes

By Sheila Williams

Carolina Camera producer Andrew Schorr from WBTV in Charlotte will be guest speaker in the communications classes this week.

Schorr travels in North and South Carolina to film human interest stories. Before Schorr had this program, however, he worked at the station for five years.

"I have no deadlines or editors in my line of work.

The only one to edit the film are the cameramen. The stories are filmed on 16mm film, and the sound is recorded

in the camera. It requires 30 minutes to film for only three minutes on television. But it takes about 15 hours to get three minutes of film," said Schorr.

Schorr said, when he is out looking for human interest stories, he has to ask himself what would be the most exciting things to watch.

"Television has been accused of sensationalizing, that we only deal with the bad stuff. But the journalists in television are dealing with images not words. Words are unnecessary when you're working with pictures and sound; here you must learn

to mold images. For now, broadcasting is becoming important," Schorr stated.

He also said that, when you are working with on the spot broadcasting, interviews cannot be prepared, so you must keep up with world issues.

Schorr also stressed that it was very important to get experience now while you are in school. "You can even do volunteer work at a station or newspaper. This could be used as work experience and would be very helpful for you when you go out to look for a permanent job," he added.

In Honor Of Black History Month, We Bring You:

Blacks In The News

By Donald Graves

W.E.B. DuBois is recognized as being the most important Negro protest leader in the United States during the first half of the 20th Century. For that particular time span of the Negroes' fight for freedom he was the most notable leader for total Negro movement for full equality.

Originally, DuBois heavily favored the compromises of Booker T. Washington, but

he became impatient with gradualism and joined with other educated Negroes to fight for equality immediately, not in some clouded future.

In 1910, DuBois joined the rising National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was the director of research and editor of its periodical, *The Crisis*. DuBois was also the author of the book *The Soul of Black Folk*, which is

famous for its attack on Washington's strategy of accommodation.

William Edward Burghardt DuBois was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, on February 23, 1868. He went to Fisk University and then to Harvard where he received his Ph.D.

For the next ten years he devoted himself to sociological investigation of Blacks in America.

A Range Of Interest

This month's Black History celebration seems to have sparked a wide range of interest among the student body. That is not unusual, however, because the caliber of students at A&T this year has had an interest in their heritage and future throughout this year.

Throughout this year when students were informed of issues which could have a damaging effect upon the future of A&T, they reacted. Though on occasions we have called the student body apathetic, we did not mean overall.

These students may be indifferent about some issues but not about the major ones.

Though the merger talk has not died, it was heavy on campus; students were concerned. They wrote letters to the newspaper, discussed it in their classes and took the stand that they would do what they had to do to preserve their alma mater.

Therefore, Thursday night when Civil Rights Activist James Ferguson said in Harrison Auditorium it is good to celebrate Black History month on college campuses but students should beware of their heritage the entire year, the statement did not dent this writer's feelings.

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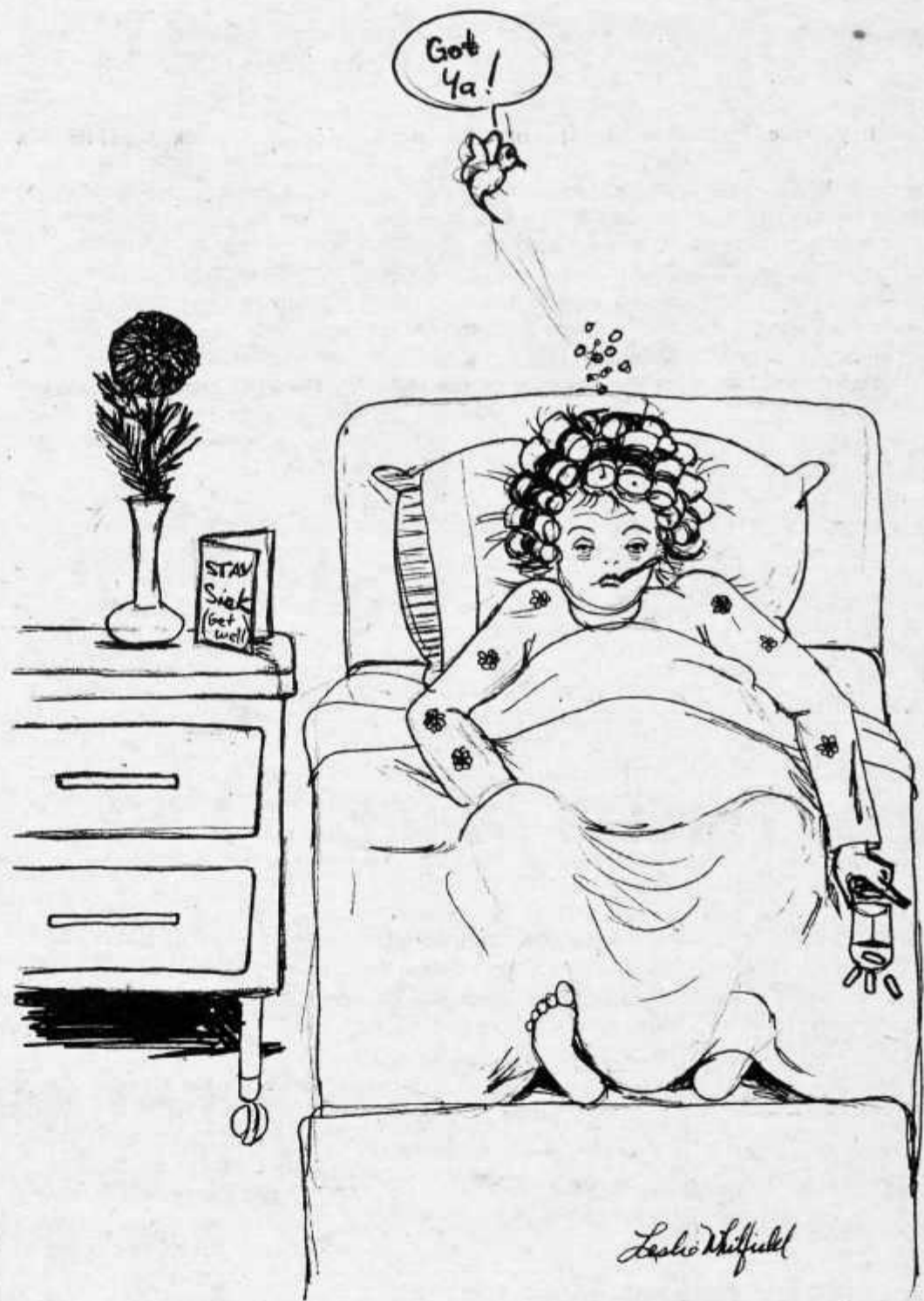
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The Russian Flu Season

By Catherine Speller

We've always had the common cold to contend with and other childhood diseases but this winter we have a new virus to worry about—the Russian flu.

Last year, we had the swine flu; before that it was the Hong Kong flu.

The Russian flu is said to be extremely harmful for people born in the year of 1957 and after. Over half of us fellow students fall into this age category and we should all help to keep this flu bug under control.

The infirmary is open 24 hours a day to serve us with cold tablets, aspirins, cough syrup; and other cold remedies are available upon request. We should all try to keep our campus free from a vast epidemic.

If an epidemic were to set in and the infirmary were to overflow, we will witness one of the worst health problems ever at A&T. So, if the bug gets you down, please go to the infirmary for treatment right away!

“Cleanliness Is A Frame Of Mind”

By Margaret L. Brown

Have you ever been walking along and seen someone deliberately throw a beer can, candy wrapper paper, cigarette butt, or other trash on the “yard?”

Many feel that the maintenance staff should keep the ground clean. As true Aggies, it is also our responsibility to help them since they are understaffed.

One needs to show respect and take pride in such a fine university as A&T. Yes, it may have its flaws and mishaps, but nothing or nobody is perfect.

It is said that “cleanliness is a frame of mind.” If the cleanliness that some have been showing around here is what they think, a lot of dirty minds are walking around this campus.

A&T 'Greeks' Tell Story

By Patricia A. Owens

The Eight Black Greek Societies sponsored a Greek History program, open to the public, Sunday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

Ronnie Houpe, president of Kappa Alpha Psi served as

the master of ceremonies. Invocation was given by Edith Moore, president of Sigma Gamma Rho. That was followed by greetings given by Mrs. Lucille Piggott, dean of women and Patricia Owens, president of the Pan Hellenic Council.

The histories of the eight

Black Greek organizations were given. These organizations include Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta.

Greek organizations for Blacks have been in existence for more than 72 years of which the oldest is Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

These organizations have various national projects which include the NAACP, United Negro College Fund, Cleveland Job Corps, Reading Programs, Stork's Nest, Educational Scholarships and Leadership Seminars.

A display was set up by each Greek organization that contained information on the founders of each organization and famous Greeks.

The display will be on exhibit to faculty, staff and students throughout the remainder of the week.



Photo by Love

A little studying never hurt anyone.

ROTC Conducts Program Of Fitness For Students

By Donald Graves

The Army ROTC Department is presently conducting its annual "Run for Your Life" program. The department extends a welcome to all interested students and faculty members.

The scheduled days for this arousing exercise are Mondays and Wednesdays. For the participants' convenience, there are two sessions: one in the morning at 6:15 a.m. in Moore Gym and later at 4:15 p.m. at Campbell Hall. No special equipment or attire is required other than the appropriate footwear.

After the completion of every 50 miles, the participants will be awarded a certificate and a badge. The award system furnishes an

added motivation and provides recognition for achievement.

The purpose of this activity is to strengthen campus-wide physical fitness. Such exercises strengthen the cardio-vascular system and thereby increase work tolerance. Also it may counter deterioration of the body's ability to endure physical and emotional stress.

UNC Board Commends Reports On A&T

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and said they have read a lot of favorable things about A&T and were very impressed.

"I've read about the satellite program and other things about A&T and I am very impressed," commented Jacob Froelich, of High Point.

Attorney General Michael Davis was concerned with the appropriations given to the legislatures of other comprehensive universities, compared to that given A&T. "Why does Appalachian get \$80,000 while we get only \$50,000," asked Davis.

"Their program isn't as good as ours and we could do a lot with \$80,000," he added.

Froelich said that he did not know the reason but commented that the other comprehensive universities were complaining because A&T has led in appropriations for twenty years.

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Many Seek Help At Center

By Anthony Boyd

Sooner or later it's going to happen, the euphoric bliss of intellectual enlightenment and social outings will come to an end--you have to find a job.

During this frightening period many students will invariably seek help from the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Over the years the Placement Center has built up its corps of recruiters from a lowly six to almost 1,000. Leon Warren, acting director of the placement center, said, "Most recruiters are looking for technical people." Since those desperate first years when the Placement Center had to hunt for recruiters, Warren said almost 99 percent of the companies now contact us.

The reason for this drastic turn around is the fact that many companies, in order to obtain valuable government contracts, need Blacks minorities to fill positions. Warren said, "They're knocking our doors down. I don't know how long it will last but we hope forever."

"It's surprising that, with the trend now pushed in our favor, only 73 percent of the students take advantage of the center."

As for department participation, Warren said he had all the engineering students. All the students in the Chemistry and Accounting departments participate. Business Economics reported 3/4 participation.

For those who can't read a computer print out, they

meet with a special problem--a tough job market. Warren, however, said, the placement has brought in recruiters from non-technical fields.

Insurance companies, banks, and government agencies are the top recruiters for non-technical graduates. "Many agencies will take people as long as they have a B.S. degree," said Warren. He added that those who do not plan to teach should look into these jobs.

Warren said that A&T alumni often help in getting graduates jobs. The placement center's record is im-

pressive; last year it placed 73 percent of the graduates who sought help.

Their record is due to the sound tips the placement center provides. Warren suggests that interviewees know the company well before the interview. They should also be mobile, and no matter what anyone says, Warren said, "A good grade point average is still essential."

The placement center boasts of the many helpful job information sessions that it provides for the student. The latest was a teacher career day which Warren said went well.

Rheingrover GE Executive Speaks To Business Class

By Wilbert Ingram

Wyllis Rheingrover, executive in residence from General Electric, spoke to Dr. Gurol's business policy class.

The class was given a business case in which they were to set up salaries for top executives of a simulated business and list criteria for which they based their decisions on.

Rheingrover took over from there and listed the results that some of his business colleagues came up with. He also cited important criteria to take into consideration when calculating salaries.

"It is absolutely necessary in any organization that you have a job description for

every worker," said Rheingrover. "You also have to have the 'know how' of the business."

Rheingrover also reflected on his impression of the business program at A&T. He gives the following advice to students who feel that they are being pushed around by their instructors and department heads.

"There is not one thing wrong with adversity or someone pushing you around to have you do better in a positive constructive way," said Rheingrover.

As far as the students in general, Rheingrover commented, "I have found that the students are interested in the business world, how it works and what it expects of its employees."

Rheingrover also stated that he believes the business faculty is charging up the students to produce better qualified employees for business.

Campus Haps

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

An important senior class meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22, in Rooms 213-215 of the Student Union at 6 p.m. All seniors are urged to attend.

Association For Childhood Education International will have a meeting Thursday, February 23, at 5 p.m. in Hodgkin Hall in Room 102. All early childhood majors are asked to attend.

Women's Council will meet Wednesday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the East Lobby of High Rise.

The Animal Science Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, in Carver Hall Room 168.

The Food Science Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday February 23, in Carver Hall. All majors are urged to attend.

There will be a disco at the Cosmos I on Thursday, from 9-2 a.m. Admission \$1 with ID and \$2 without. This disco is being sponsored by The Economics Club.

A "Gong Show" is being sponsored by the NC Fellows. It will be held on February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Admission is \$.50 with ID and \$.51 without ID. Door prizes will be given.

Attention: Political Science Majors. An important reorganizational meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in Hodgkin Hall Room 307. Everyone is urged to attend. Your ideas and support are greatly needed.

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Sports

Notebook

By Archie Bass

When many avid Aggie fans learned the distasteful news that first-year coach, Gene Littles, was not the recipient of the glamorized Coach-Of-The-Year Award, many eyebrows were raised as to the fairness of the conference.

And, while all this was happening, the controversy of Gerald Glover winning the prestigious Player-Of-The-Year Award over James "The Bird" Sparrow was equally rebutted.

Meanwhile, the Aggies' prized guard freshman Joe Brawner, was totally overlooked by conference coaches and sports information directors in receiving a single vote.

Now that the groundwork is laid out, let's examine the unscrupulous honorees and how the conference as a whole lacks obvious reasoning.

The official Coach-Of-The-Year was awarded to Marshall Emery of Delaware State who posted a 10-14 overall record and 5-7 in the conference.

However, the award was voted on by only the conference coaches who based their vote on the grounds of politics and not on the nature of vast improvement.

From the initial formulation of the MEAC, A&T was the prized team in the conference in both organization and caliber that caught the eyes of the public. As a result of this, the entire conference was being played up from top-to-bottom.

On the other hand, this year the conference has gotten more publicity nationally than ever before in its seven years of existence. And, the primary reason for national publicity was because of the national figure at A&T--Gene Littles--who played professionally with the Carolina Cougars and the Kentucky Colonels of the defunct ABA.

Littles, who took over the Aggies after a dismal 3-24 season of a year ago, restored the winning image of the Aggies to a commendable 18-8 overall record and a conference championship.

Naming Emery as conference Coach-Of-The-Year only brings to the surface the asininity of the conference coaches and the askance of Gene Littles as they perceive him. The coaches throughout the conference are envious of Littles because of the skillful knowledge he possesses and the pleasing gentleman-image he portrays.

From the conference, the only team that could even be considered as a possibility for the NIT would be the Aggies. And, believe it or not, it is bad public relations when the winningest coach in the league and the second leading scorer in the conference are not in the top of their class.

Remember, this is not the ACC, but the "weak" MEAC. To get a bid as a Black school, you have to take every award in your respective conference.

But too bad there are weak coaches in this conference that refuse to use logical rationale in dishing out awards.

Marshall Emery, who finished fifth in the league dash, fits the rank of his expertise in the art of coaching. And, as far as his style, that ranks in the same slot.

In the hearts of the Aggies and sports fans in general that have logical sense, Gene Littles is the

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Former Coach To Head Clinic

Former coaching great Johnny McClendon, now a representative with the Converse Rubber Company, will conduct a skills clinic at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 23, prior to the opening round of the Seventh Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Assisting McClendon in the clinic will be the boys' varsity team from Ben. L. Smith high school in Greensboro and the girls' varsity team from Drewry Mason High School in Ridgeway, Virginia. Drewry Mason completed its 1977-78 campaign with a 19-0 record and captured the Virginia state championship.

The first round of competition in the tournament will begin following the clinic at 3 p.m. That evening, there will be two contests at 7 and 9 p.m.

The semi-final round will take place on Friday starting at 7 p.m. The championship game will be played on Saturday night starting at 9 p.m.

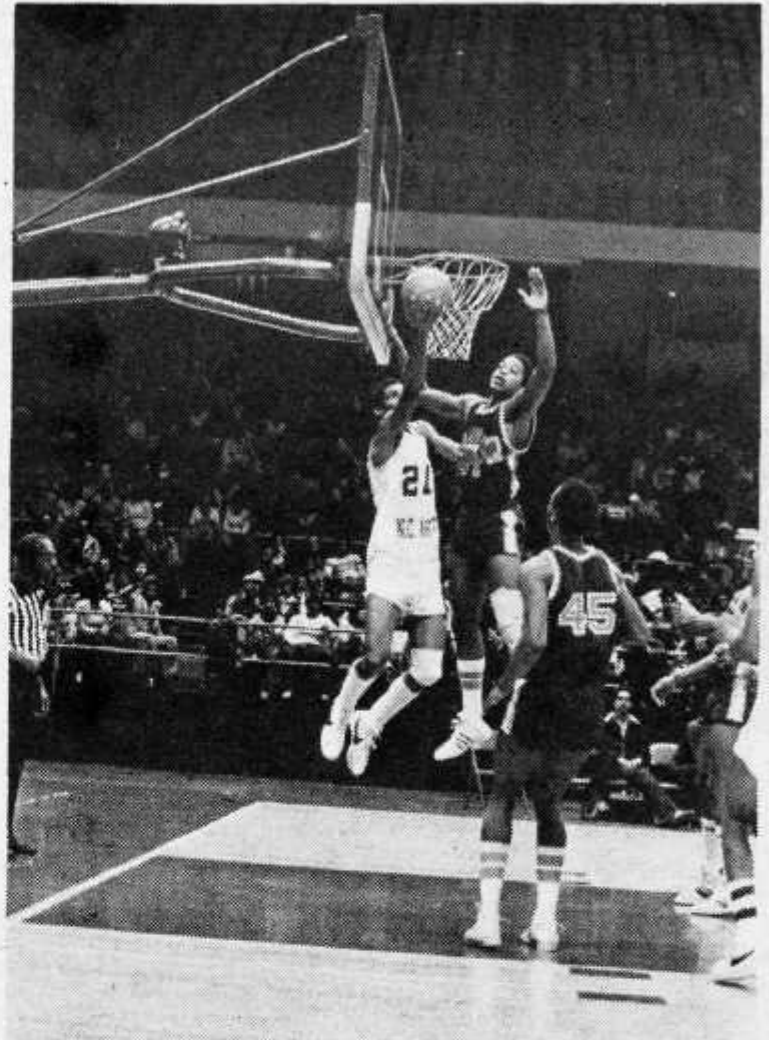
As an added attraction, the women's team from South Carolina State (17-2) will play Morgan State (8-3) at 7 p.m. on Saturday night for the MEAC women's basketball championship.

"We feel that the clinic and women's game will provide our followers with some

great basketball entertainment," said MEAC Commissioner Dr. James Younge. "The clinic is designed to give the future basketball stars in our area a

chance to learn from one of the great coaches of all times.

"South Carolina State has an outstanding women's program and should go very far in national competition."



North Carolina A&T freshman standout, Harold Royster (21), goes around Morgan State's Anthony Young for two in an MEAC contest won by the Aggies 75-72. A&T will get a first round bye in the MEAC Tournament this weekend.

McKinley Recruits 23 Gridders

By Craig R. Turner

"We were only recruiting what we considered major college prospects and we reached our goals at every position except quarterback," head football coach Jim McKinley had those choice words upon his disclosure of 23 football players who had signed national letters of intent with A&T.

McKinley guided the Aggies to a 7-4 mark in the MEAC and a second place finish during his first year at the helm. The Western Michigan graduate concentrated his recruiting efforts in the area of linemen and running backs.

"We were hit fairly hard at running back because of graduation. We think all of our recruits are super people and we hold them in high regard," McKinley said.

"All of them were recruited by major colleges and had signed with someone else except four. They are

exceptional athletes and should make our program even stronger."

The biggest name in the group is undoubtedly that of Charlie Sutton, a massive 6-2, 225 pound halfback from Hertford. "There is no doubt in my mind that Sutton was the best high school running back in the state last season. He has unbelievable size and has been timed in the hundred in 9.6," said McKinley. Sutton rushed for nearly 3,000 yards and 17 touchdowns in two years.

Another highly touted rusher is Kareem Cunningham (6-2, 210) who, like Sutton is a big, fast, slashing style of runner. Mike Joyner (6-2, 195), Perry Foggie (5-11, 170), and Cliff Maxwell (6-1, 185) are all fine tailback prospects.

The offensive line must be rebuilt and the cornerstone on which McKinley will build is Al Jones, a 6-6, 220 pounder.

McKinley will also have a

great deal of size including the likes of Corey Judkins (6-5, 235), and Mike West (6-5, 251).

The defense returns ten regulars, but the depth needed improvement. McKinley cited three linemen as the pick of the litter.

James Williams (6-7, 220), Leon Bryd (6-4, 240), and James Hunter (6-3, 240) are those three in mind. Other line prospects include John Ogburn (6-4, 250), Bryan Cooley (6-4, 230), and Roosevelt Bradley (6-5, 207). Linebackers include Joe Gage (6-4, 215), Curt Moultrie (6-3, 180), Joe Collins (6-3, 190), and Roger Ridgeway (6-2, 220). There is one tightend in Rod Williams (6-4, 215).

The defensive backs may have to wait awhile with the MEAC's leading secondary (28 interceptions) returning intact. Jeff Martin (6-1, 175), Antonio Wright (6-1, 180) and Kevin Robinson (6-2, 180) are the candidates.

NY Connection Leads Aggies

James "The Bird" Sparrow, a 6-6 junior guard from Brooklyn, and Harold Royster, a 6-8 freshman from Yonkers, are two of the main reasons why A&T has won 16 of its last 17 basketball games and rates as the hottest team in the basketball crazed state of North Carolina.

Sparrow, a first team ALL-MEAC selection this year, leads the team in scoring, assists, and excitement. Sparrow is perhaps the most exciting one-on-one player in America, yet this season showed his versatility in Coach Gene Little's deliberate attack.

"I gained so much more respect for Bird's ability this season because he was willing to sacrifice his high scoring for the benefit of the team," Little said. "He could easily score 30 points each night, but that's not what we were trying to accomplish with our offense."

"He still has his nights, but overall he is playing a total game and it shows in our record."

Royster, who attended Gorton High in Yonkers, was named to the second team ALL-MEAC squad and is perhaps the most talented strong forward in the league. Royster averaged 11.0 points and led the Aggies in rebounds with an 8.3 average during the team's 18-8 regular season campaign.

"I just hope Harold continues to work; and, if he does, he will be one of the best forwards in the country," Little said. "He has been our most consistent player throughout the season. When he's not scoring, he's rebounding and blocking shots. He does a lot of things for us that don't show up on the stat sheets."

Sparrow and Royster will be in the lineup as the Aggies prepare for the coveted Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship Tournament February 23-25 in the coliseum.

Sparrow holds the MEAC Tournament scoring record of 90 points set during the 1975-76 season.

"I'm not so much concerned with my scoring this season; and, actually, I look at my rebounds and assists after a game before I look at my scoring," said Sparrow, who is captain of the team.

"I have always played my best basketball in tournament situations, and I'm looking forward to the MEAC."

Royster feels that the team

has an excellent chance of winning the tournament championship. "We have experienced a lot of situations this year like overtime games, double overtime games, and a tough road schedule," he said. "We have handled each situation well, and we are all very confident about our chances in the conference tournament."

Sparrow and Royster were both highly recruited prep players and the pair agree

that their decision to attend A&T was a good one.

"I've played on two MEAC championship teams and my sophomore year we went to the NIT," Sparrow said. "We have a good coach and our program is going places."

"This has been a great year for the team and for me as an individual," Royster said. "I don't know if I could be happier anywhere else."

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Coach-Of-The-Year. The rest of the conference coaches are too besotted to select an obvious winner and PR figure for the conference.

Until the Commissioner of the MEAC, James Younge, reaches the obvious conclusion that this selection should be based on the media, the conference will continue to grow in asininity and not in leadership.

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