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Gordon Wins Top SGA Job For 1978-79 Year

By Larry Jenkins

With only 751 students voting, new officials were announced Tuesday night for the 1978-79 school year. Elections were held Tuesday from 9-5 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria.

Elected Student Government Association officials are Richard Gordon, president; Kelvin Buncum, vice president; Trenna Ross, secretary; and Paulette Breeze, Miss A&T.

The office of treasurer will

remain vacant until the elections are held in the fall semester for freshman class officers.

Gordon, Buncum, and Breeze each won by sizable margins. Trenna Ross was uncontested in her quest for

secretary of the SGA.

After a run-off held yesterday in Williams Cafeteria, Anthony Hines slipped past Preston Barnes to become the newly elected president of the senior class. In the regular election, Cornelia McCullough won the vice-president position; and Edna Vincent was selected as Miss Senior. The secretary and treasurer positions will be filled in the fall also.

Each elected officer in the junior class ran unopposed. Vicki Smith was declared president of the class. Other officers include Toni Wilson, vice president; Carol Carr, treasurer; and Minnie Mouzon, Miss Junior.

Glenda George will be president of the sophomore class. In the run off, Mary Monk was victorious over Sheila Snow to gain the vice-presidential position. Angela Rainey was chosen to reign as Miss Sophomore.

Of all the four represented classes, 224 freshmen voted, 231 sophomores voted, 227 juniors voted, and 73 seniors voted. Four ballots were voided.

The elections committee consisted of Carla Walker, Larry Jenkins, David Gray, Larry Howard, Michael Davis, and the chairman Larry James. Dr. Sullivan Welborne was advisor to the committee.

Distinguished Guests To Attend

Media Conference Begins

By Bonnie Newman

Several distinguished guests have accepted invitations to attend the first Media Careers Conference. The conference, sponsored by the Mass Communications Program and the Kellogg Foundation, begins today with a reception at the Cosmos I.

Ronald A. Brown, Dr. Elizabeth Czech, Darryl Dillingham, and Lionel J. Monagas are only a few of the renowned persons in the field of mass communications having accepted invitations to the conference.

The vice-president of Syndicated Communications, Inc., (Syncom), Ronald A. Brown, will participate on the panel concerning Federal

Regulations and Minorities Ownership of Broadcast Facilities. Brown, a 1973 graduate of Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor degree, handles legal affairs along with performing financial analysis for Syncom's proposed investments in radio and television. Syncom, a multi-million dollar investment company, recognizes its primary objective which is to raise the level of broadcast ownership participation by minorities in major U.S. markets.

Dr. Elizabeth Czech, an instructor of mass communications at UNC-CH, received her PH.D from Ohio State University. Included in Dr. Czech's wide range of teaching experiences

is a four year stint at Shaw University where, as an associate professor of communications, she served as general manager and supervisor of radio station

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Students Excel At Med. School

Enhanced recruiting efforts in recent years to attract minority students to the medical school of the University of North Carolina, has produced notable results at A&T State University, according to an official of the medical school.

"A&T students have done



Dr. Arthur Hicks

dean for student affairs at the medical school. He pointed out that A&T currently has 18 students among the university's 491 medical students.

"A&T, as an undergraduate college, has prepared its students to succeed, to compete, to be promoted and to distinguish themselves in internships and residencies. They perform solidly," said Phillips.

Officials at the medical school said that seven of the medical students from A&T were admitted to the school last August. They also in-

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UNC Submits Plan To HEW

Officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare still have not reached a decision on continuing proceedings to

cut off federal funds from the University of North Carolina System.

The deadline set by HEW for making the decision is

Tuesday, but UNC officials expected an announcement much earlier.

In a Wednesday press conference, HEW Secretary Joseph Califano said the department was continuing discussions with UNC representatives. He said he is reviewing tentative proposals made by North Carolina to solve a dispute over desegregation in its universities and hopes to make a decision by next week.

"We're still in negotiations with North Carolina. They have submitted some tentative proposals to us," said Califano, adding that he has read only half the papers so far.

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relatively well," said Dr. Marion Phillips, assistant

Machine Rejects People For Cheating On BEOG

WASHINGTON AP - More than one-fourth of the first students applying for federal grants to cover college costs this year are being rejected by a computer programmed to catch cheating.

The new computer check for inconsistencies or omissions has resulted in turning back more than 200,000 of the first 800,000 applicants

for so-called basic educational opportunity grants, according to Leo Kornfeld, who is HEW's student aid director.

Kornfeld called the figures "amazing."

The rejected students are given a chance to submit corrected applications, he said in an interview, but these will be submitted to extra

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'10' Group Member Speaks On Campus

By Anthony Boyd

A member of the Wilmington 10, Ms. Anne Shepard Torrence, visited A&T State University Wednesday morning to present her side of the '10' story - what she called the truth.

Ms. Torrence, a white woman, was paroled in 1977 for her part in the alleged

bombing of Mike's grocery store in 1971. Since that time, Ms. Torrence has been actively involved in efforts to obtain pardons for herself and her comrades.

She quickly explained that she was on a speaking tour. Her purpose she stated was to, "educate the people of

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Czech's Articles Appear In Publications

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WSHA-FM. Dr. Czech taught at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas. Holding a first class FCC license, she served there as an advisor for the student radio station, KUOK. In addition Dr. Czech has had articles published in **Choice** William Read's **America's Mass Media Merchants**, Robert Sobel's **The Manipulators**, and Herbert Zettl's **Television Production Handbook**.

Darryl Dillingham, director of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Community Affairs Office, will serve on the panel focusing on employment opportunities in the media. A 1967 graduate of San Fernando Valley State College in Northridge, Calif., Dillingham has been involved in several positions in public relations and served as the producer of weekly programs. As a media and EEO/affirmative action consultant, Dillingham was responsible for developing media relations programs; familiarizing management staffs or radio stations with FCC regulations; and organizing and conducting seminars for business management in all phases of affirmative action compliance. Dillingham has also worked in Los Angeles as a director for Economic Development and Employment State Urban League and as a Career Development

Counselor at Watts Multi-Purpose Health Center.

Also listed as an Employment Opportunity panelist is EEO chief, Lionel J. Monagas. Monagas has been in broadcasting for 25 years and has occupied his present position since joining the commission in May 1973. As director of the FCC office, Monagas is responsible for policy recommendations to the commission in regard to equal employment opportunity rules and regulations

affecting regulated communications entities.

Monagas has also been involved in the promotion of Equal Employment opportunity for minority group individuals and women in NAEB member stations, as well as in the national agencies of public broadcasting.

Monagas created the weekly half hour program, **Black Perspective on the News**, in 1968. **Black Perspective** features Black journalists interviewing pro-

minent newsmakers and offers a Black perspective on subjects of major interest to the viewing public.

Engaged in all aspects of instructional, educational, cultural and children's programming, Monagas has also been a part-time instructor at the Howard University school of communications teaching television production techniques. Dividing his residence between Washington and Philadelphia, he is married

to a concert pianist Natalie Hinderas. They have one daughter, Michele.

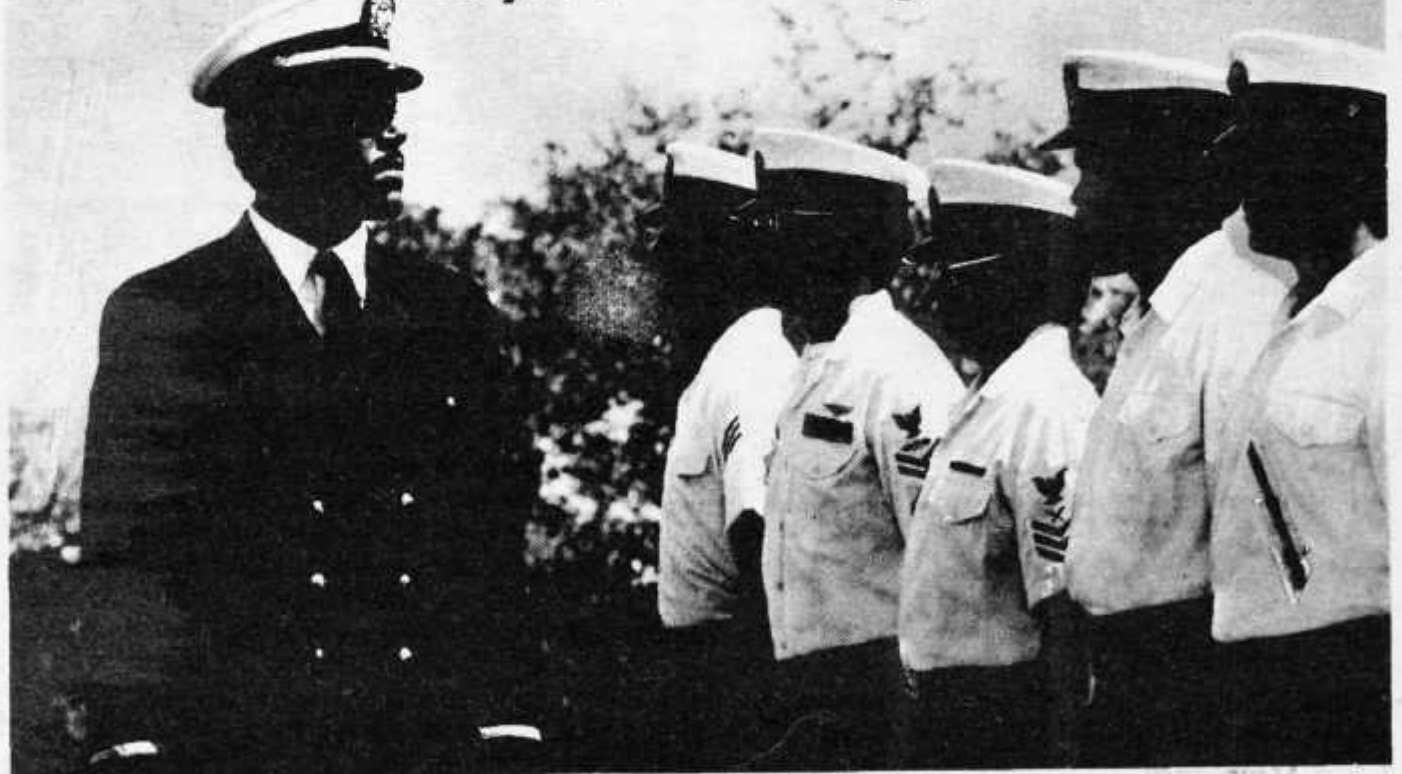
Registration for the conference will begin tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. with the first panel discussion scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

A total of eight conferences dealing with new technologies in the media, Advertising in the Print and Electronic Media, Viability of the Black Media, and others, will last throughout the day.

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Club Sponsors Luncheon

By Barbara Liles

With "Positive Power" as the guest speaker's theme, the student Home Economics Association of A&T State University held its second annual awards luncheon Saturday, April 22, at the Cosmos I Club and Restaurant.

Mrs. Joan Randle, economist for Ball Corporation of Muncie, Ind., said that students should set their goals high.

"Students should set goals both on the day-to-day basis and for the future,"

said Ms. Randle. "They should proceed to carry these goals out."

During the luncheon several students were honored. Awards were given to students who made the Dean's list, who were on the honor roll three consecutive times, outstanding service awards for the association, highest average in the major, highest average in each class, and the highest overall average in the department.

The following students were presented awards:

Wanda Campbell, highest GPA in the freshman class; Debra Alston, highest in the sophomore class; Jacqueline Barnes, highest in the junior class; and Evelyn Wooten, highest in the senior class.

Evelyn Wooten was also presented the Silver Trivet Award for having the highest overall average. Priscilla Walker was the recipient of the award which was given to the senior with the highest average in Food and Nutrition.

HEW Stops Money Loss

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scrutiny.

By a "conservative" estimate, Kornfeld said, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been paying out \$100 million to \$150 million annually to students who were ineligible for the grants or who got too much.

The bulk of the money goes to students who underestimated their families' income, he says.

Now, if the information on the application about a family's income doesn't square with the amount of income taxes paid, the computer kicks it out. It then rejects any application contain-

ing information that appears hard to reconcile.

Kornfeld said information is still being gathered on what types of mistakes the students are making. It is possible that some are honest mistakes and that the application form "is more formidable than we think," he said.

In those cases, students will need more help from their counselors or financial aid officers in filling out the form, he said.

But Kornfeld believes computer rejections will weed out mostly students who don't deserve an award at all.

Kornfeld said HEW began

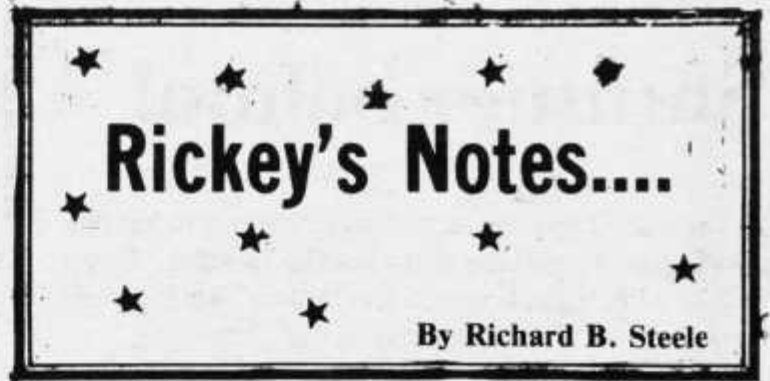
"computer auditing" the applications because "too many kids were submitting corrected applications to get a higher grant."

Out of 4.5 million students who applied for the grants in 1977, nearly two million divided \$1.7 billion in federal aid. The average award was \$850 and the maximum was \$1,400. Ninety percent of the recipients came from families with adjusted income of less than \$14,000.

The grants for the current year range up \$1,600. President Carter has proposed raising the ceiling to \$1,800 next year and adding \$1 billion to the program to make grants of \$250 available to students from families with income up to \$25,000.

Carter is pushing for expansion of this program as an alternative to tax credits for college tuition, a proposal Carter opposes as inflationary but which has substantial support in Congress.

Kornfeld said that as an added precaution, his office will audit 10 percent of the applications from students who appear eligible for grants, concentrating on those who submitted corrected applications. They will be asked to provide additional information, such as a copy of their parents' income tax return.



Spring is upon us and the world has become fashion conscious once more. The reality of the coming fashions is being revealed to us through fashion shows taking place throughout the campus.

This year's fashions are best described by Ebony's Fashion Fair as "the body attitude." Fashions are revealing with all the emphasis placed on the body in the form of see-through materials, clinging outfits, and dazzling after-six attire.

Even business wear plays on the mind with sharp three pieces and sport suits that seem to have revitalized the office.

For the disco, dress to impress with flowing and loose fitting garments that enable you to get down yet dine at a fine restaurant afterwards.

At the beach for male and female alike the word is skin tight swim suits with a contrasting shirt, wrap or swim wear. This year's swimwear was designed for the sexy, bold and daring.

For footwear, men are going back to the sandal as the women step out with wood and leather.

In the music world, the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin (recently became Mrs. Glynn Turman) has released her 22nd album on the Atlantic label. The title of the album is "Almighty Fire (Woman of the Future)". The first single from the LP is "I'm Your Speed."

The Tramps have recently been named 'Best Disco Group of 1977' by Nightfall Magazine Disco Awards. The album "Disco Inferno" and the title cut featured in 'Saturday Night Fever'—have skyrocketed in the pop album charts.

Don't miss the fabulous Evelyn "Champagne" King along with Trussel at the Cosmos II this Saturday night. Tickets are \$5.



The N. C. A&T State Martial Arts Association will meet Tuesday, May 2, at 7:30 in Room 101 in Hines Hall. All members are asked to please be present and on time.

Students interested in working with the entertainment section of the A&T Register are asked to attend a brief meeting Monday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Register office.

The Sisters of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship are having a clothing and food drive. Look for boxes in your dorm to place old clothes and canned foods in.

First annual Mass Media Careers Conference, 9-2 p.m., Memorial Union and Crosby Hall. Panel discussions on field of journalism, luncheon address by Mal Goode of National Black Network, Saturday, April 29.

"Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Session" by the Heart Association. Limited enrollment of 30. Biology Department, Barnes Hall, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2.

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Summer School

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There is an option available to students who do not want to work or fail to secure a summer job; that option is summer school at A&T.

A&T's summer program includes a wide range of liberal arts courses as well as technical courses.

Summer school will enable students who are just a little behind in requirements to catch up, students who would like to progress a little faster, and the student who would like to take extra courses for self enrichment opportunities.

There are three conveniently planned summer sessions - the eight week, six week, and the two week post session.

There will be vacation time both before and after the sessions.

By attending the sessions at A&T, fellow Aggies, you are in an ideal area to travel to many tourist spots within and outside of the State.

Greensboro's central location is equal distance from the mountains or the beaches of the state; and there's the local airport which could be your escape to any vacation resort desired.

Summer school can be academically rewarding because students have fewer courses to master at the same time and more available time to study.

Attending the 1978 summer session can be a learning, as well as enjoyable experience.

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ERA Is On Its Way?

By Lanita Ledbetter

In reading a newspaper article several days ago, it was brought to this writer's attention that the Equal Rights Amendment has less than a year to be ratified before the bill will be defeated in Congress.

The provisions of this amendment were approved by Congress in 1972, and it has yet to be ratified by three more states before it can be added to the United States Constitution.

Many opposers of the ERA claim that women are given rights to equality under certain clauses of the 14th amendment. This is not so. Statistics made available to the General Assembly by the Secretary of Commerce for the state of North Carolina in 1971 show the following:

The number of women employed in the work forces supersede that of men: while the average earnings of men are much higher, 41 percent of all female-headed families live in poverty in contrast to 16 percent of all families.

Three out of four women who earn college degrees earn far less than men

who have only eighth grade education. Now you say that equality of rights exists under our present system?

Many of the issues that are brought up by the opposition beg the question. Such issues include rights of privacy, alimony, and draft laws. Under the ERA the rights to privacy would still prevail. There would be no conglomeration of male and female lavatories. Not only is this issue faulty in reasoning, but it is also unthinkable.

Alimony laws under the ERA would be based on individual circumstances rather than sex. Draft laws would change where some women would be subject to draft just as men, but they would start off with the same pay and receive the same GI benefits.

The equal rights amendment is not related to the women's liberation movement. The Equal Rights Amendment is being proposed to end discriminations based on sex; and to defeat this bill, in this editorials eyes is a step in the double negative direction.

'A Job Well Done'

Sheila Williams

Yearbooks for the 1977-78 academic year are now being passed out in the Student Union. As this writer glanced through the pages, there were some noticeable changes and improvements from last year's annual.

First, there was the year printed on the cover, which was not even mentioned anywhere on last year's edition. Also, all the queens' titles were included under the pictures. This is also the first in several years that yearbook was dedicated to an administrator.

Those students who work on the

yearbook staff, put forth a continuous effort, in which they must deal with students as well as administrators who

feel that their pictures should look just right, one wants this color and that pose. And, if you've ever had to deal with the customers of life, you know they can be very trifling.

Up until last year the yearbooks didn't come out until the fall. It is a job well done that the yearbook staff got the the annuals out before the students go home for the summer.

Students, Tighten Up!!!

Editor of the Register:

As another semester comes to an end, students have begun to tighten up their

heads and get back into the books.

"For a while spring had me strung out," said Jeffery

Wynn. "But one day my instructor said three more weeks, and I woke up." Jeff is a senior business ad-

ministration major from Washington, D.C.

It is almost certain that your last test is going to

cover chapters 8 through 13 of Chemistry 105 or Part II (pp. 387-509) of Curriculum Methods in Science and

Math in Early Childhood Education. So here is a bit of good advice from a couple of fellow Aggies. Gail Thomp-

son a junior from Charlotte said, "Notes are the answer. Good notes mean good grades. If you don't have

good notes by now, then you had better get a couple boxes of No-Doz and start reading."

"Another student who wished his name withheld simply said, "Eat cheese."

Cedric Brooks

Elements Are At War

Editor of The Register:

Do you like fights? If you do, I am sure you enjoyed the one that took place on Tuesday.

What a fight it was! It started out as a three-way brawl but ended up with two against one.

It was a very long, heated, blowing, and chilling experience to watch. Yes, to watch, and know that there was no way you could stop it, that you were helpless to end it.

The shame of the incident

was that, out of all the students who witnessed this rumble, none of us could intercede to stop it. Why is it that this fight took place on our campus? Why here?

These same three elements fought here last week. A lot of you saw the fight. What is the purpose behind all of this fighting?

Will somebody please tell me why the sun, wind and rain are going crazy around here?!!

Darryl Burton

Proposals Concern Segregation

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Sources said the proposals were worked out jointly by HEW attorneys and North Carolina university officials.

The state is under a court order to submit a plan to HEW to eliminate the vestiges of segregation in its 16 universities, which once were segregated by law.

HEW rejected the state's plan in February. It has threatened to hold up some federal funds for the universities starting May 1 if an agreement is not reached.

University officials have said they would request no extension of the deadline from federal officials.

Reached at his office on the University of North Carolina's campus at Chapel Hill, UNC President William Friday said he had no comment.

In a related development, University of North Carolina faculty members are angry over what they call a lack of communication by the university administration over federal delays in grant funds.

UNC faculty members fear they may lose valuable project grants if the federal fund delays continue.

George Holcomb, dean of research administration, said federal officials aren't sure how HEW's Secretary Joseph Califano wants them to react to UNC grant applications.

Holcomb has told the university faculty the confusion is interrupting the progress of UNC grant applications.

UNC officials say they expect Califano's decision "any time now."

Califano issued a memorandum on April 4 directing all agencies to review UNC grant applications and withhold funds "selectively".

Meanwhile, "federal officers have indicated they are making further inquiries within the federal government about how they should handle applications from UNC," said Richard Robinson Jr., assistant to university President William Friday.

"Many employees depend largely on federal grants, and we don't know what's going on," said Kenan Professor Morris Lipton. "We are troubled by the processing of grant applications."

"We are in the difficult position of being uninformed except by newspapers," Lipton continued. "I would like to request we be given reference material or a position paper so we can defend the university or at least analyze the situation."

Holcomb said grant applications currently in question are two which were submitted to the National Institute of Health for about \$100,000 each.

Aggies Excel In Medicine

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indicated that a number of A&T students have already been accepted for this year's class.

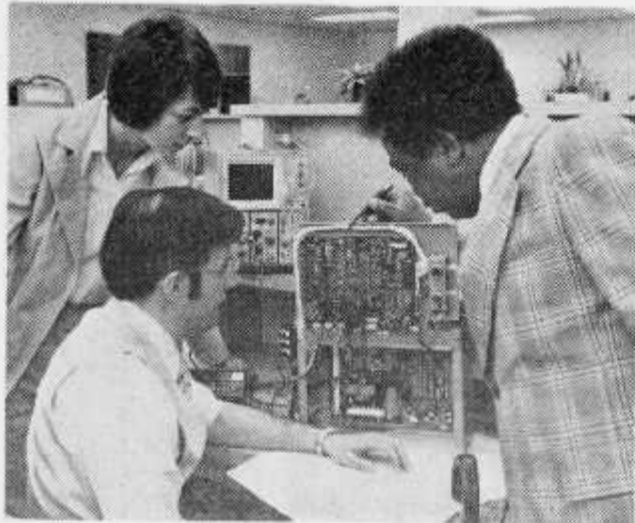
Phillips said that minority students comprise about 14 percent of the students currently enrolled in the medical school.

Another official pointed out that, of 75 special school scholarships awarded during

the past few years, 48 have been awarded to minority students.

Phillips said there have been increased efforts to identify talented minority students and to provide them with information about the admissions process to medical school. "I think that we have done an excellent job in that respect," he said.

Dr. Arthur Hicks, chairman of the Department of Biology at A&T, said he believes that A&T students perform well in the medical school because of the university's pre-med advisement program, the research opportunities provided for the biology, chemistry and science majors at A&T, and the high quality courses being offered.



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Conspiracy Surrounds '10' Case

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the purgery and conspiracy that surround the 'Wilmington 10' case.

Prosecution witnesses have admitted to lying during the trial.

Despite this evidence, a new trial was not granted. The '10' were repeatedly turned down in their bids for a new trial.

After all the appeals channels had been used, Governor Hunt then consented to look into the case. Hunt, in a televised statement, refused to pardon the '10'. He did, however, reduce the sentences which combined had totaled 282 years.

Eight of nine in jail are now eligible for parole this year. Ben Chavis, the leader, will be eligible in 1980.

About Hunt's middle-ground solution, Ms. Torrence said, "It sounded like a synopsis of the Attorney General's case."

Her statement was prompted by Jay Stroud's (then assistant attorney general, who presented the state's case) alleged tactics.

Stroud reportedly gave his witnesses gifts, women, money, and reduced sentences, for testimony during the trial.

Ms. Torrence said that it is unlikely that Governor Hunt will be re-elected. "The rednecks he tried to appease

are angry at him for allowing us to be paroled and there are whites and Blacks outraged at the complete denial of human rights," she said.

Joe Wright, one of the Wilmington 10, was reported in newspapers to have said that he would still vote for Gov. Hunt despite his decision.

Ms. Torrence said that Wright was making a political analysis, and his remark was taken out of context. She said, "It's bourgeois propaganda. I know he wouldn't make a statement like that."

Ms. Torrence, a former Vista volunteer, moved to Wilmington from Georgia in

1970. She received a job in community development. The atmosphere of Wilmington then was one of open warfare.

She recalls, "Nothing prepared me for those plantation minds. There was a direct conspiracy to annihilate Blacks."

This description could very well represent an earlier time in Wilmington. Whites, in 1898, used violence to drive middle-class Blacks from the political and economical control they had gained during Reconstruction.

Ms. Torrence's activities are not just restricted to the Wilmington 10. She is married and the mother of four.

She is also fighting to free other political prisoners. She says that, out of the 18 political prisoners Amnesty International has fought to free this year, 13 are in North Carolina.

Ms. Torrence sees prison as a club held over the heads of the poor and working class. She also has a theory that prisons fill up when the need for cheap labor (road work) is needed.

A capitalistic government, she continued, keeps people from being productive by unnecessarily placing them in prison.

Her solution to what she labels bourgeois and capitalistic propaganda:

"Economic boycott looks bad, but we must call a halt to it (the highest rate per capita imprisonment in the U.S.)."

She warned that we should stop talking to the racists in the state legislature. Ms. Torrence urges the masses to unite and, "not allow bourgeois propaganda to stop us, put aside Black and White. We should motivate one another. We should become aware that they're pitting us against one another."

She looked at her watch, and jokingly wondered, how long it would be before her remarks would cause her to be put back into jail.

Summer School Will Begin May 31

By Angela Niles

This year summer school will begin May 31, and classes will begin June 1. Three sessions will be offered: an eight week session, June 1 to July 21; a six-week session primarily for graduate students and seniors; and the post session.

Approximately 350 courses will be offered this summer. According to J. Neil Armstrong, summer school director at A&T, the summer program will offer a well-rounded schedule of courses.

"All schools within A&T State University will offer summer courses and there will be a number of distinguished professors visiting our university," said Armstrong.

In addition, A&T will hold its 12th Annual Lecture Series.

The lectures will be held on Wednesday nights and admission will be free to A&T students.

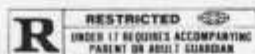
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Aggies Participate In Division Playoffs

The North Carolina A&T State Women's softball team will travel to Graham this weekend to participate in the annual NCAIAW Division One playoffs.

The Aggies will begin play at 9 a.m. Saturday morning against Campbell College. Other teams participating in the tournament include UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, North Carolina State, Western Carolina, East Carolina, Elon, and Appalachian State.

"We have really come on strong in our last five games and skill wise we can compete with any team in the

tournament," said A&T head coach Sue Kascher. "We have a common goal to be the best in the tournament and we are expecting to finish at least in the top three."

"We basically had an entire new team that never played together before this season," Kascher said. "The biggest adjustment was from high school ball to division one college ball which is quite a jump in the caliber of competition."

"This is a tough field for this tournament but we are playing as a cohesive unit now and we are ready to play our best softball."



File Photo

The Aggies will close out their season with High Point College at Memorial stadium.

Athletic Program Signs Versatile Player

The Aggie athletic program prides itself on signing some of the top student-athletes in the country each year; however, when Allen Thomas signed two years ago, the university landed one of the most versatile performers ever to participate in high school competition.

For the past two seasons Thomas has been a regular on the Aggie football team and is currently one of the leading hitters on Coach Mel Groomes' baseball team.

Playing just one sport left Thomas disgruntled on many occasions; however, now he is able to participate with the baseball team and he is admittedly a much happier person.

At Hoke County High School Thomas was named to the All-Conference baseball, basketball and football teams three consecutive seasons. He was named to the All-State team in each sport his junior and senior years.

And it was a last minute decision whether to attend college or take a professional baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians.

"It was a difficult decision for me to make because I did have a lot of good college offers to play all three sports plus the Cleveland offer," said Thomas, who batted this season for the A&T baseball team. "I decided it was best to go to college to get an education just in case something happened and I couldn't play ball anymore."

"I was having a pretty good freshman year until I hurt my foot during football season. I was depressed and my grades fell off."

"I didn't play baseball last year in order to bring my grades up."

Thomas now feels that, if he has a future in athletics

beyond the college level, it will be in football yet he still has a love for baseball.

"The heart of the baseball season takes place during the same time we are having spring football practice," said Thomas, who is a left-fielder. "I asked Coach

McKinley would he allow me to play baseball and we

worked out a system that I could participate in spring football practice and baseball.

"I played in all but three games this year and I think I had a pretty good season considering I only practiced one day a week with the team."

The 6-2, 195-pound star credits Coach Groomes with his rapid development after a year's layoff.

"I love baseball and it has really been fun playing this

year," Thomas said. "Coach Groomes is easy to get along with and he can communicate with his players to bring out their best."

Webb Wants Students In Gov.

By Angela Rainey

"I'm very much interested in getting A&T students involved in politics," said Alfreda Webb, professor of biology at A&T State University and a Democratic candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Dr. Webb feels that everyone should be concerned about how the funds for A&T are allotted from the government. She said, "Decisions for me are made better by me."

The help of A&T students as well as other area

volunteers is being solicited by Dr. Webb. She said that at least 500 people are needed to work with her "Get-Out-And-Vote Campaign" which is scheduled for April 29 in order for it to be a success.

The campaign will consist of several projects. Passing literature from door-to-door, discussing the importance of the May 2 elections and gathering the thoughts of the everyday people will be the main focus of the campaign.

Dr. Webb, a native of Mobile, Ala., has been a resident of Greensboro for the past 19 years. Her formal

training in veterinary medicine was gathered at Tuskegee Institute.

She received a master of science degree from Michigan State University.

Biology Department Ventures On Pilgrimage

Dr. Arthur Hicks, chairman of the Department of Biology at A&T State University, and 14 or more of his students are spending much of this week studying plant life as part of the 27th annual spring wildflower pilgrimage in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Hicks said that more than 1,000 students and teachers from across the nation will spend their days studying and identifying wildflowers during the mornings and afternoons and attending biology seminars during the evenings.

The A&T professor said the Great Smoky Mountains support vegetation which is particularly rich in species

and varied in community types, and that variation in soil, moisture, gradients, elevation, and temperature are major factors in plant distribution.

Hicks said the students will be particularly interested in the relationships of plants and animals in the area.

In addition to wildflower walks, participants in the pilgrimage will be able to take-part in ecology walks, bird walks, plant photography workshops, overnight backpacking trips and mosses nature walks.

"This will be a tremendous opportunity for enrichment for our students," said Hicks. "It will be the first time that many of them had an opportunity to gain this kind of experience."

Asso. Sponsors 'Lung Run'

By Angela V. Niles

For those of you who like to run, here is your opportunity to run for a worthy cause.

The Greensboro Lung Association is sponsoring a Greensboro Lung Run, Saturday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m. at Greensboro Country Park. The run will be a 26 mile/385 yard

marathon to raise money for a breathing program designed to aid asthmatics and people with other lung ailments.

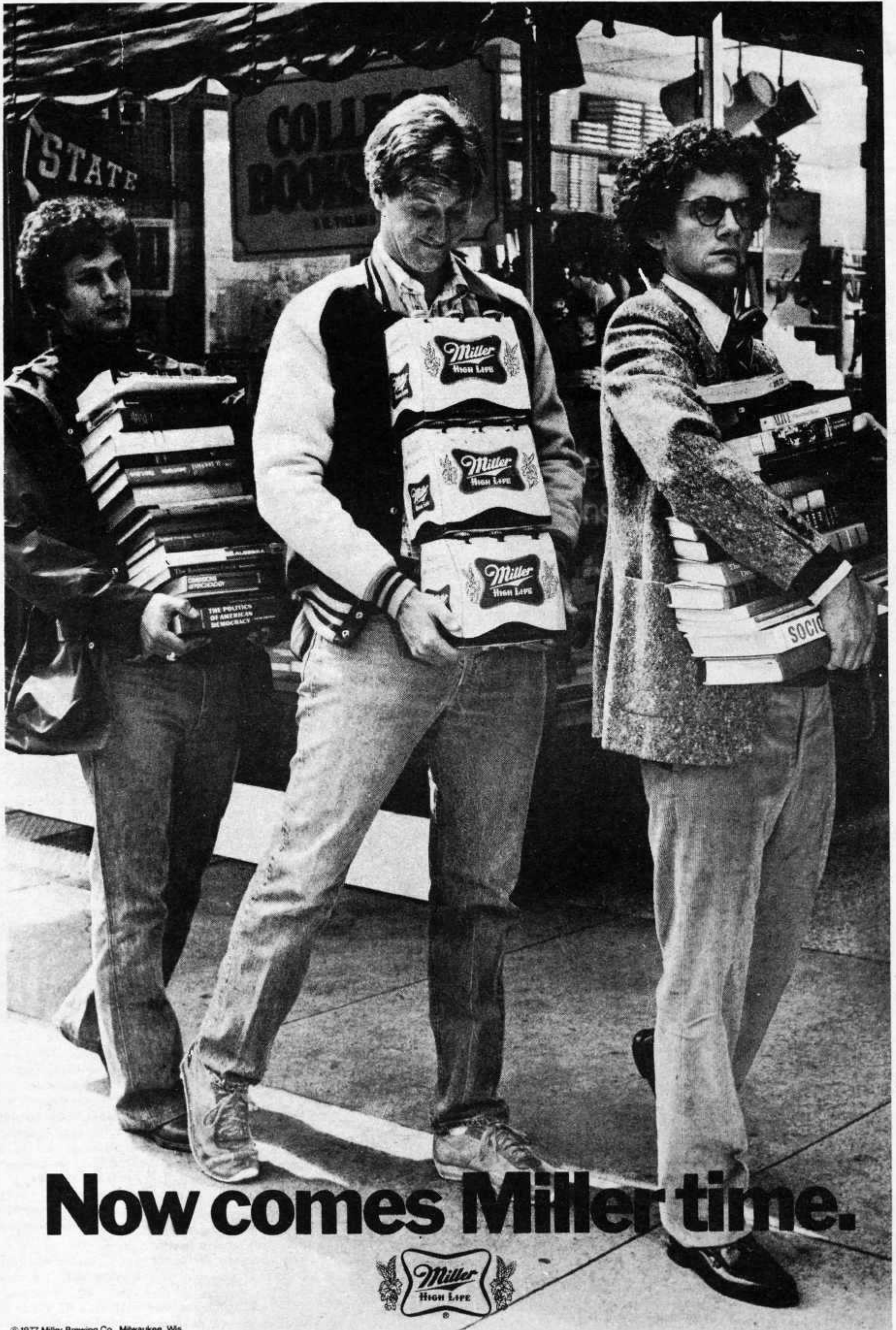
Wayne White, vice president of the Greensboro Lung Association, says the marathon will be entertaining as well as beneficial to the breathing program.

"There will be entertainment for all participants. There will be at least 20

teams of various events and \$350 worth of prizes to be given away to the winners," he said.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the marathon.

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