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Early Freshman Jitters

Push Hawkins To Top

When Herman Hawkins entered A&T State University four years ago, he says he was "afraid of failing." A quick glance at his college grades, however, makes one wonder about his apprehension, for Hawkins swept through A&T with only one grade lower than an A and that was a B in his first semester in college.

For his efforts, this young man who grew up on a farm in Louisburg, has been named the top graduating student. His overall average is a commendable 3.977 on the 4.0 point scale.

"I really didn't expect to do this well in college," said Hawkins, who majored in electrical engineering. "I was somewhat afraid of failing because I had done so well in high school," Hawkins also finished first in his class at Louisburg High School, but he had made a few more B's in the high school work then he did in college.

"My grandmother was a great influence on my making good grades," said Hawkins. "She always told me that good grades were great and that inspired me. I also had my school teacher aunts around, and they could help me with the math or the English if I ran into a problem."

Hawkins, who grins broadly when he talks about "priming tobacco and huckling corn" back on the farm, says he thinks that hard farm work helped him do well in college.

"All my life I was used to hard work," he said. "Both physical work and mental work require a lot of concentration."

Hawkins entered A&T on a Sloan Foundation (See Hawkins, Page 2)

As Miss A&T

Breeze Promises To Remain Herself

By Larry L. Jenkins

"I plan to remain the person that I am," stated Paulette Breeze, the newly elected Miss A&T. Ms. Breeze feels that students elected her for "herself" and, therefore, she wants to remain that way.

A senior architectural engineering major, Ms. Breeze was born under the sign of Cancer. One characteristic that Cancers possess is that they are true friends. "If I am used to communicating with people, I love it," stated the Hillsborough native.

"I am happy because I have won and know that the students have confidence in me," said the lovely Miss A&T-elect. Realizing that she won by a very sizable margin, Ms. Breeze said that this gives her a good feeling.

A&T To Give Honorary Degrees

By Cheryl D. Brown

A&T State University will hold its 87th annual baccalaureate commencement exercises Sunday, May 7, in the Greensboro Coliseum. This year A&T will award Honorary Degrees to three graduates of the university.

To be awarded a doctor of laws degree will be Dr. Ronald McNair. McNair was selected in January to be one of the first Black astronaut candidates. McNair, a 1971 graduate, won a fellowship to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a Ph.D. in laser physics.

Samuel Cooper Smith and Harold Webb will be awarded a doctor of humanities degree.

Smith is the former dean of the technical institute here at A&T, serving from 1951 to 1967. Smith also holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan. He has organized several organizations in North Carolina, some of these being the N.C. High School Industrial Student Organization, American Youth Institute (See Gov., Page 6)

Walter Johnson To Receive Alumni Award

Greensboro Atty. Walter T. Johnson, Jr., who formerly served as chairman of the Greensboro Board of Education, has been selected to receive the annual A&T State University Alumni Excellence Award.

The award will be presented by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor, during the university's 87th annual commencement exercises Sunday, May 7, at 11 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum.

A distinguished A&T alumnus (class of 1961). (See Johnson, Page 5)
Ms. Bright’s Restlessness Ends After 45 Years

For A&T State University’s Miss Jean Bright, the restlessness is gone.

At the end of this month, Miss Bright will be ending a 45-year teaching career, including 27 years at A&T, teaching English.

She says that it was a general restlessness which sent her from a farm life in North Carolina’s mountain country to a variety of interesting jobs across the world.

Her teaching began in a one-room school in Rutherford County. “I was just 17 and I was actually using my salary to finish paying for my last year in high school. I had to pay to attend a private high school in Asheville because there was no school in my county for Blacks.”

Miss Bright taught 45 students there, but calls the one-room experience, “horrible, miserable, pot-bellied stove and all.”

After leaving what she calls “the cotton-picking farm,” Miss Bright entered A&T. That was in 1935—not the best of times. She says her family was poor although “we didn’t feel poor.”

Miss Bright worked her way through A&T with a variety of housework and babysitting jobs.

“I was in college one quarter and out one quarter and the only time I went a full year was my senior year,” she said.

Even with this irregular attendance, she managed to complete work in four years by attending classes in the summer.

After that, Miss Bright was off to New York for a year. Then she came back to North Carolina where she taught in Orange and Jones counties.

“I was still restless,” she remembers; “and after two years I went to Washington, D.C., to work in the Pentagon as a publications editor.”

In 1943, it was back to Greensboro as a recreation worker. Then a year later, she found herself on a U.S. Army troop ship bound for the South Pacific.

She served as a recreation specialist with the Red Cross in the jungles of New Guinea and the Philippines.

“I was in Manila the day the Americans dropped the first atomic bomb in Japan,” she said.

After the war, Miss Bright worked in a New York City settlement house for a while, then shifted to the student bookstore at Harvard University. She returned to New York as a social services investigator.

Miss Bright began teaching at A&T in 1953 and has been at the university since then except for brief leaves to attend graduate school at Columbia University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Upon retirement, she said she is going back to her grandfather’s farm.

“I won’t raise cotton,” she said with a smile, “but that is where I want to be.”

Hawkins Feels Grades Represent Success

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engineering scholarship. He thinks that grades represent success because they are a measure of how well a person can compete with others.

“But I try not to let grades crush me,” he said. “If I had made another B while at A&T, I would not have been worried.”

Hawkins has won a prestigious Bell Laboratories fellowship worth approximately $15,000. He will work for the firm this summer, then enter Stanford University in the fall to pursue a doctorate in analog circuit design.
Factors For Contestants

Intelligence, Talent, Beauty

By Richard B. Steele

Beauty, talent, and intelligence were but a few of the characteristics of the 23 contestants that ran for the crown of Miss Black America of Greensboro 1978.

The theme of the extravagant event was “A Galaxy of Stars,” and truly it was.

Friday night began with the landing of the starship in an outer space type setting complete with planets, stars, and other “heavenly bodies.” The young ladies entered in lovely pastel evening gowns.

The theme from Close Encounters and Star Wars set the pace for the evening. Music was performed by the Carl Foster All-Stars and the Dudley High School Band.

Host and hostess for both nights were Janispe White and Ms. Sabrina Person. These two introduced the stars which were as follows: Deborah Gordon, Beverly Hughes, Betty Taylor, Lynn Gray, Edna Davis, Natalie Harris, Cheryl McNeil, Vickie Wright, Patricia Stever, Kimberly Draft, Rhonda Williams, Denise Berryhill, Cynthia Johnson, Deborah Kelly, Lore Pennix, Sherrietta Neil, Patricia Wall, Rhonda Wallington, Barbara Lucas, Doris Sargeen, Bobbie Smith, and Jennifer Wells.

After another “star war” of swimwear, talent, and projections, the final ballots were cast and tallied.

Edna Dolores Davis was crowned the 1978 Miss Black America of Greensboro by the reigning queen, Miss Angela Watson.

Ms. Davis received a trophy of roses along with her bouquet and robe as she made her traditional queenly walk.

The new queen will receive a $500 scholarship. From the local pageant, the UNC-G community health and education major will enter the State competition on June 23-24 in Winston-Salem. The winner of this pageant will then proceed to Hollywood, California, to enter the Miss Black America Pageant, which will be nationally televised.

First runner-up was Marilyn Whitlock and Ms. Marilyn Whitlock and Ms. Marilyn Whitlock and Ms. Marilyn Whitlock. Second runner-up was Jennifer Wells, a freshman at Bennett College. Third runner-up was Bobbie Smith, a sophomore at A&T State University.

Judges for Saturday night’s competition were Dr. Charlotte Ahston, Attv. Henry Frye, Ms. Nora Gentry, Ms. Susan Kidd, Dr. Albert Smith, Dr. Florentine Sowell, Ms. Beverly Allen, Gene Littles, and Winston Chen.

UNC-G SGA Sponsors May Festival

The Student Government Association of UNC-G, in collaboration with the Tate Street Merchants, is sponsoring a May Festival, Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of Ayeock Auditorium.

Interlude, Epilogue, and the B-R Boys will provide live music for the affair. Street Theatre artists and craftpeople will have exhibits and will sell their works.

Free movies will be sponsored at Janus Wongs. Happy hour will be at discount prices at Lit Knight’s, Aliza’s Cafe, The Hong Kong House, Discount Records, and five cent drinks at The Corner Drug Store.

WGGB Prizes, such as free meals, albums, plants and others, will be given for answering trivia questions.

These prizes will be given away by Tate Street Merchants.

Helium balloons will be given to participants. About 3,000 people are expected to turn out for this affair. If you missed out on Spring Fling, UNC-G’s SGA is planning another great weekend!

For more information, call 910-378-0933.

By Richard B. Steele

In the music world there exists a certain duo, Roberta Flack and Donny Hathaway, that has reached the top of almost every R&B pop chart. Their hit, “The Closer I Get To You” is charming hearts across the nation.

Ms. Flack’s new single, “If Ever I See You Again” has been rush released by Atlantic Records. The single is also the title song of the Columbia Pictures’ film written, directed by, and starring Joe Brooks (composer of “You Light Up My Life”).

Donna Summer, the queen of disco, is still riding high with her modern day fantasy “Once Upon A Time.”

The “princess of soul,” Natalie Cole is still breaking hearts with “Our Love.” Ms. Cole recently had a television special with guests Earth, Wind, and Fire, Stephen Bishop, and Johnny Mathis.

The Bee Gees’s soundtrack album “Saturday Night Fever” broke the eight month period that Fleetwood Mac’s “Rumors” had held in the record charts.

The new terminology of the week includes hearing those “T’s” and running for the “water closet.”

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Not Just Another Ad

The last edition of The Register included an Insider entitled, Music Comes Alive: The Seventies Sounds. Popular artists in jazz, country disco, tecnorock, and inner tunes were interviewed about “What’s happening” in the Seventies in their particular area of music.

They say that Blacks are born with natural rhythm and coordination, but we are not the only ones who feel the need to express ourselves in music. Music is a way of life for most of us because we all seem to come alive once we begin to feel the vibes of a popular tune. We are hooked on music so much that we take it everywhere we go in our cars, on buses, in the dorms, at the movies, at church, on planes and outside in the wide open spaces.

Some of us might not be able to get into Elton John, Kiss, or Dolly Parton but we shouldn’t downgrade their music just because it doesn’t make us “groove”.

Take for example the novel War and Peace by Tolstoy. Many of us wouldn’t read it because we say “Hey man, that’s not my style, I can’t relate to that subject at all!”. But that’s no reason to say that it is not a great book, is it?

Since Friday, this writer has seen several copies of the Insider in trash cans, and on the floor and this writer has also heard students say “I’m not going to read this thing, it’s just an advertisement gimmick from Ford Motor Company”.

Yes, it is part of an advertising campaign, and a darn good one at that. The Insider that we distribute has helpful, educational as well as informative material in today’s world.

So, Aggies, we ask you to pick up a copy of Friday’s 28th edition and read the Insider. If not, you’ll never know of some of the finer things in life, for example, who all the singers on the cover are and who’s the Queen of Disco.

All this and more information is right inside your Insider. The Insider is really a serious insert. If it (Insider) manages to sell a few cars as well as keep us informed on the world of music, who cares about the profit that they’ll make in the process?

By Catherine Speller
Track Team Wants Students To Know Truth

Editor of the Register:

This letter is in reference to A&T's Athletic Department.

We, the Women Track team, would like A&T students to know the reason why our track season is abruptly over. This past weekend due to ignorance we were sent to the state NCAIAW meet, which was held at ECU on Friday, April 28, 1978, Saturday, April 29, 1978.

This was the most important meet because it determined whether or not we qualified for the Nationals, which would have been held at Tennessee in May.

The schools that we would have competed against, we defeated a number of times throughout the track season. Due to the Athletic Department's lack of interest in the Women Track team, we feel that we have been discriminated against. At the course of one season we have had six or more so-called coaches.

The Athletic Department has shown no interest in allocating funds to the Women's Track Program; therefore, we haven't sufficient numbers of uniforms or usable equipment. Half of the team are dressed in track uniforms and half are in physical education uniforms.

The discus thrower and the high jumper participated in every track meet even though we didn't have any equipment for them to practice with.

Could you imagine the basketball team a day late for the MEAC? Or the football team a day late for the homecoming game? The MEAC and the homecoming game aren't any more important than the NCAIAW state track meet which would have led to the National Track Meet.

A Concerned Student

Johnson Is First To Graduate From Duke In Law

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Johnson has served the state and his community well since graduating from the Duke University Law School in 1964.

He was the first Black graduate of that law school, where he has since taught, and he was the first Black to head the Greensboro school board.

A native of Greensboro, Johnson is currently chairman of the state's important Inmate Grievance Commission; he served eight years on the school board, the last four as chairman.

He formerly served as an assistant Superior Court solicitor. He practices law in a firm with Rep. Henry E. Frye.

Johnson spent three years in the Judge Advocate Corps of the U.S. Air Force. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Law and Order and the Penal System Study Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Johnson was cited by the N.C. Jaycees as one of North Carolina's "Outstanding Young Men."

He is also president of Barjo, Inc., a chemical manufacturing firm, a member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a member of the Greensboro City Board of the Greensboro National Bank.

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Choir To Visit Harrison

The Community College Choir, directed by Clayton White, an amateur choral group sponsored by Community College of Philadelphia, will perform in Harrison Auditorium. This group is an amateur choral group sponsored by Community College of Philadelphia. The choir holds a master's degree in Education Administration from the State University of New York at Albany.

Gordon Plans To Use Themes To Fit Times

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that his theme would change to fit the problem.

Since Gordon feels that there is no single solution to the students' gripes of the lack of functions on campus he plans to try to satisfy the need of the majority of the students.

In answer to the problem of unfamiliarity of the students with the SGA officers, Gordon announced his solution.

"I eat with the students, sleep with the students and go class with the students," he said. "I promise at least

Student Receives Scholarship

Hard Work Pays Off In End

the Clarke Equipment Company of Skylawn.

The scholarship didn't come easy though. It took hard work, a 3.5 grade point average, a lot of interviews, and maybe a pinch of luck.

The New York native, for all his tuition, room and board, and supplies paid for by the Clarke Company.

The company will also provide Hollingsworth with a summer cooperative education position.

To keep all of this, Hollingsworth must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and keep written contact with the company.

Hollingsworth is the first A&T student to win a Clarke (See Student, Page 7)
The Aggies ended their baseball season with High Point College.

Soccer Team Advances

By Gbodey Badem

A&T soccer club, the Piedmont central co-champions of North Carolina Soccer league, moved closer to the championship trophy over the weekend by discounting two great teams in the League.

Last Saturday the Aggies traveled to Asheville and handed over three solid goals nothing to Asheville Soccer Club. This club is also a district champion.

On April 30, the Aggies made a trip to Winston-Salem to face the Winston-Salem International. This team has the best record and consists of great players from England, Greece, Latin America, and Nigeria.

The presentcrop of seasoned Aggies left no stone unturned in their effort to carry the day. Their efforts yielded dividends as they demolished the Winston-Salem Internationals 3-1.

Outstanding Aggie players were Bassey Ulo, Ike Obodo, Atama Chuka, George Esule, Donald Mganza, Ousai Sape, Darluss Mianji, John Allen, Roberto Mommes, Emmanuel Gazama, Bilaya, Addison, and coach-player, David Anyanwu.

Although first-year A&T head track coach, Joe Buggs, is a fun loving person. He said, "I'm happy to receive it." It was his third place in the javelin.

"I wanted to come to A&T major in Industrial Technology and that was my main goal," he said. "I have enjoyed participating in track and if I continue to improve, I would like the opportunity to try out for the 1980 Olympic team."

Holmes was aware of Holmes' talents in the long jump and triple jump, he was somewhat surprised at the trackster's performance in the javelin.

A close examination of his background in the event reveals that he stumbled on the competition almost in the same manner he joined his high school track team.

"We didn't have the javelin in high school, and the first time I ever tried to throw it was last year in practice," Holmes said. "I just went over where our javelin man was practicing and started kidding him about throwing it. Once I mastered the form, we used to practice throwing it everyday. This season we didn't really have anybody with a lot of experience in the javelin so I just inherited the position.

"I feel great about being the MVP in track, and I just hope I can continue to do well in the remaining meets we have this season," Holmes said.

Holmes credits his coaches for developing his raw talents into skills which he hopes will enable him to participate in the 1980 Olympics.

"I won just about every meet my junior and senior years in high school. I finished second in the state regionals in the triple jump, and fifth in the long jump my senior year."

Despite his excellence and achievements in these events, Holmes did not receive any college scholarships and considered giving up his brief but successful track career. "I didn't really take track that seriously, so when I didn't get any scholarships, I wasn't too upset," he recalled.

Until his junior year at Aurora (N.C.) High School, A&T track ace, Keith Holmes, had never participated in organized track and field competition.

He was urged to go out for his high school team by his gym teacher, Jim Cose, who doubled as track coach. And to the surprise of everyone, including himself, Holmes went on to become one of the top prep track and field performers in his area.

At the annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference track and field championships in Dover, Delaware, Holmes, who finished first in the triple jump, second in the javelin, and fourth in the long jump, was named the meet's Most Valuable Performer.

"I was named MVP my junior and senior years in high school but this award means a great deal to me because it was earned against some top collegiate competition," said Holmes, a 5-10 sophomore Industrial Technology major.
Now comes Miller time.