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# THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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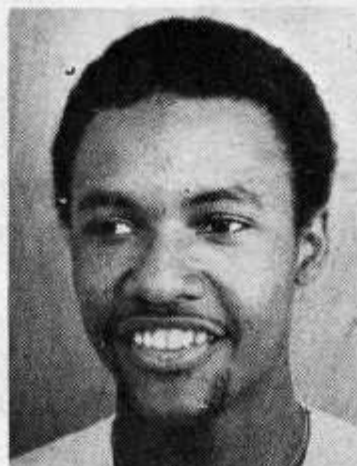
## Graham Says: "It Was A Pretty Good Year"

By Anthony Boyd

"It was a pretty good year," said Tony Graham, SGA president for the past year. Aside from the budget problems, the election controversy, and the lack of student participation, Graham called this year, "one of the best we've had in awhile."

Graham said that he had to restrict SGA's activities after its budget was frozen in the spring semester. At that time the SGA had already overspent its budget by \$6,000.

Graham felt authorized to spend freely because the administration had promised that the SGA could keep



Tony Graham

money raised from the homecoming shows.

"We raised approximately

\$16-\$20,000. After that we planned our spring activities," Graham said. Administration officials, however, said that the money couldn't be used. According to Graham, no reason was given for why the money couldn't be used. "The business office couldn't function...but we got most of what we wanted done through awards day and bus trips."

Graham's term ended with controversy. Trouble arose when the SGA tried to enact rules that would change the requirements for president, vice-president, and treasurer. A new office of program

coordinator was also proposed. Resolutions A,B,C, and D brought heated discussions and caused the elections to be run over again.

According to Graham, the resolutions were defeated because "the system won't allow such a drastic change; they couldn't adjust to it." One good thing Graham thinks came out of this is the fact that students became more aware of their student government.

He sees the administration infringing on the powers of the student government. "The student legislature's powers are disregarded. Why have a student government?"

Graham's successor, Richard Gordon, said that, if the administration would not work with him, that he knows some, "underhanded tricks to get around them."

About Gordon's open

remarks, Graham said, "If he thinks he can do it, he can do it. I did it numerous times. This positive attitude could be a step for a better government."

Student apathy proved to be a big problem this year. The apathy was more evident in the two student body meetings that were called by Graham. "You don't need a large body," Graham contended. "These meetings are used to let the students know what is going on in the student legislature," he continued. Graham urged all students to have some input into the student legislature.

"I hope the attitudes of the students change because we need more students involved," he said.

Despite all the obstacles faced this year, Graham said that he would do it again. "Sure, no question about it: I'd do it again if I had to."

## Army ROTC Adds To Staff

By Dennis Bryant

In an effort to build up Military Science, the Army-ROTC has two new additions to its staff. They are Captains Reginald Hill and William McMillian.

Capt. Hill graduated from A&T in 1969 with a B.S. in Social Welfare. His main responsibility will be with the junior cadets. After leaving A&T, he attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course and Military Intelligence Research Technical Course in 1969.

An active military soldier, he served in Vietnam on the Military Assistance Com-

mand for Vietnam. He also completed a Military Intelligence Advance Course in 1974. He was assigned to the Second Special Forces Battalion, Seventh Special Forces where he served until December 1977.

During his military service, Capt. Hill has received the Ranger Tab, the Parachute's Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Three Army Accommodations.

Capt. McMillian graduated from A&T in 1970 with a B.S. in Agriculture Education. He attended Air-

borne School and Field Artillery Basic Camp in 1970. In 1971 he completed Ranger School.

In 1974 he attended the Field Artillery Lance Missile School and the Field Artillery Advance Course at Fort Sills.

From 1974 to 1978, he served as the Commander of the General Staff at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a residency of the Field Artillery Officers Advance Course. He also received the Military Service Medal in 1977.

## Banks Receives Award For Outstanding Work

By Michelle P. Turner

Dr. William Banks received a social service award from the Mass Communications program here at A&T Saturday, April 29, for his outstanding work in the fields of radio and television.

"We all want you to do it again," stated Omega Wilson, co-ordinator of the Mass Communications Pro-

gram.

Dr. Banks, now 75, is part owner and president of the only Black-owned television station in the nation. (The Masons, a fraternal organization of Black men across the nation are the owners. Dr. Banks is a member of the organization.)

WGPR, based in Gross Point, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, was started 12 years ago. A lawyer who practiced in the Detroit area from 1930 to 1950, Dr. Banks felt that his life had been a success and there was no real need for money.

"My kids were growing up and the family life was comfortable," he said, "so I (See Banks, Page 3)

## Dr. Waverlyn Rice To Retire This Year

By Charlene Middleton

Dr. Waverlyn Nathaniel Rice, professor and chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages, will be retiring June 1978.

Dr. Rice has been a professor at A&T for forty-years. He came to the University in 1937.

Rice was born and reared in Mobile, Alabama. He received his A.B. at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. He received his

Docteur d' Universite from the University of Toulouse.

Dr. Rice is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

"He is proud of the fact that his is an Aggie family,"

says Mrs. Loreno Marrow, assistant professor of English and advisor to the A&T Register. Dr. Rice's wife

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## Rev. Jackson To Speak At Commencement

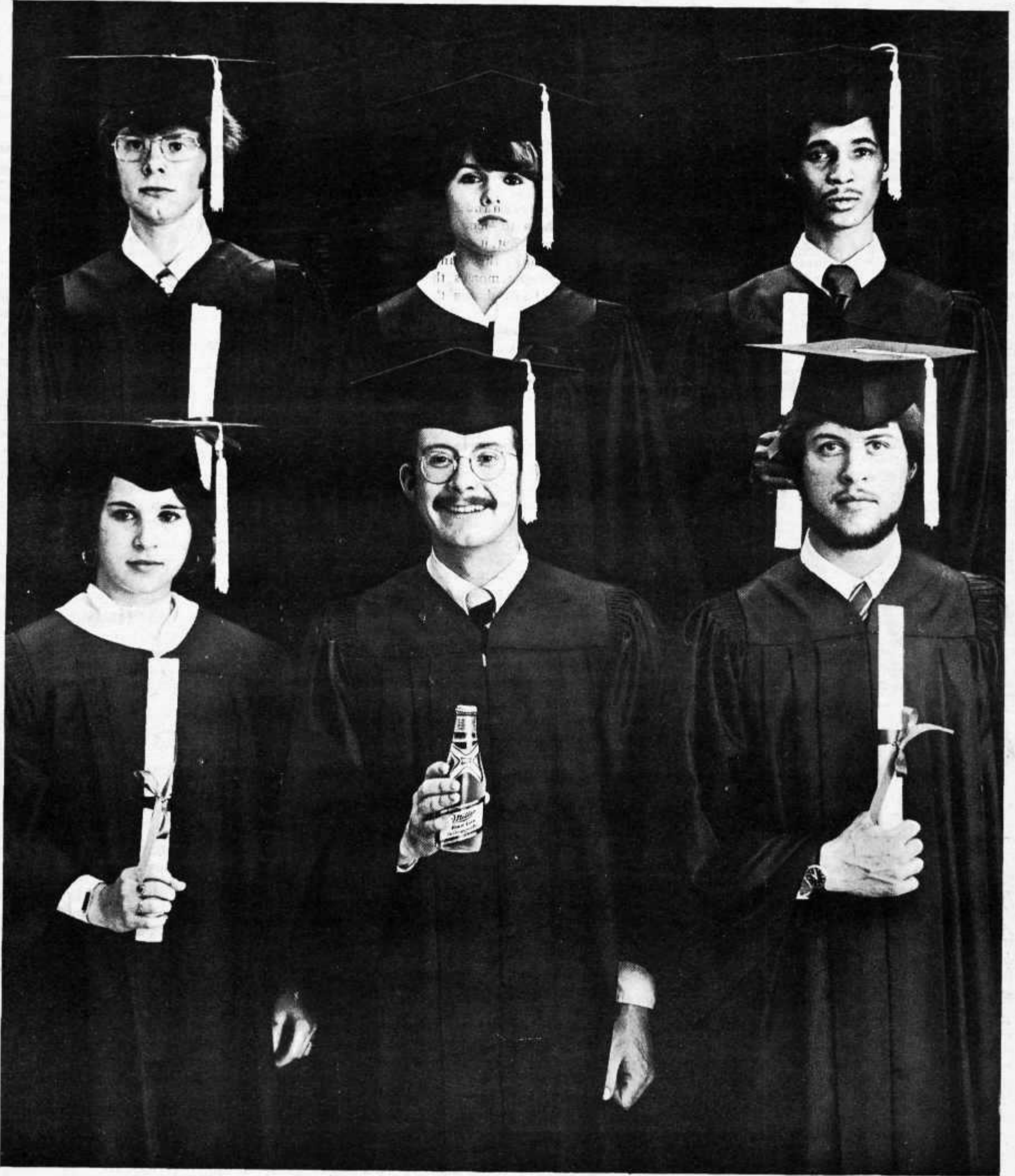
By Lanita Ledbetter

North Carolina A&T State University's 86th annual baccalaureate-commencement exercises will take place this Sunday, May 7. Speaker for the event will be the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, a national-

ly known civil rights leader.

Jackson, a 1963 graduate of A&T will address the University's 1,000 graduating seniors in the Greensboro Coliseum at 11 a.m.

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**Now comes Miller time.**



# Banks Makes Failing T.V. Station Profitable

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retired from my practice in 1950. Then, in 1966, it was brought to my attention that there was a television station up for sale. When I asked the price of the station, they said it was \$113,000. I offered them \$40,000," he said, smiling.

The previous year, the station had lost \$109,000. When the former owners asked what type of format he was going to use, he said, "All Black, I'm going to make it relevant to Black

people."

They told him it would never work.

Weeks later, he told his staff he was broke. An all Black format and no money? Many people resigned their positions at the station and went elsewhere; a few stayed.

A white manager who had been with the company since its past ownership said to Dr. Banks that he would stay 30 to 60 days to "help out." Dr. Banks said that was all he needed to get things started.

"You see, I wanted only those who were dedicated. By telling the staff I was broke, it cut the staff down to those who really wanted to make things work," he said.

When he had gone to the banks beforehand, he wanted them to lend him more money. But, it was difficult getting the funds because of the monies the station had lost during the previous year.

He went to one bank and said, "I'm broke."

They said "Mr. Banks, we

will give you any amount of money you need provided you pay it back within a certain time period."

Admittedly, it took longer than 30 to 60 days to get things together; but, now, the station makes \$50,000 a week and in two years will be making \$100,000 a week.

Of course, there were problems with the FCC and other rules, but he said it was to be expected with the whole new staff.

One of the men in charge had been fired from another

radio station. When asked in the beginning who he had that knew the business, he stated the man's name.

"But wasn't he just fired from another station?" someone asked. "Yes," said Dr. Banks; "he's the one."

Dr. Banks' advice to aspiring students in media?

"Strive hard; be good at what you're out there doing and pray. A lot of people have turned away from God, but we all know that, for this long time, He's been the backbone of Black people's strength. There was many a time that I prayed when the station first opened; I still do."

We are all hoping that he can "do it again" and inspire young Blacks everywhere.

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### Graduation Activities Start Today

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Graduation activities started today, with the first alumni seminars on campus. Lectures were conducted by twenty-five outstanding graduates.

The annual alumni meeting will also be held tonight in the Hilton Inn.

Activities for tomorrow will include breakfast at the Hilton Inn Hotel at 7:30 a.m. for the alumni, commissioning exercises for the ROTC units at 11:00 a.m. in the Paul Robeson Theatre, the alumni fellowship hour at 6 p.m., the alumni awards dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Cosmos I Restaurant, and the alumni disco mixer at 10 p.m. at the Hilton Inn.

Sunday, following commencement exercises, Dr. Dowdy will entertain

graduates and their families and friends in the Exhibition Hall at the coliseum.



Henry VIII was so fat that he had to be moved up and down stairs by special machinery.

TOO MUCH  
TOO LITTLE  
TOO LATE

## It's Over

Well, what does one say at a time like this?

The Manhattans, a popular singing group, recently released a new single entitled "There's No Good In Goodbye" but that does not exactly sum up most seniors' sentiments concerning graduating.

The only song released recently that might be close to describing their feelings would be "Too Much, Too Little, Too Late" by Denise Williams and Johnny Mathus, especially the part where they say simply, I-T-'s O-V-E-R.

Though the coins did not always fall in my favor, in retrospect, this writer's four years spent at A&T have not been wasted. Working with the A&T Register has been a rewarding experience.

Being editor of the paper this year has been trying as well as interesting. The editorialists often wrote negative comments about the administrators and students as well.

Sure, this writer may have given you readers the impression that she is not sad about leaving A&T. All graduating seniors try to instill that false belief into you.

A 1976 A&T graduate, Steve Allen who was the assistant to the Student Government Associate (SGA) his senior year, aired his feelings concerning A&T students.

"The students here live in a paradise," said Allen. They go through four years of college living in a dream world. When they leave, they don't know how to face the realities of life."

Though we don't want to admit it, Allen's statement is correct. We intentionally try to make you believe that we have no second thoughts about leaving this school; but we never tell you that we have reservations about facing the real world.

On a broader scale, however, the seniors are experiencing doubts also. We all are expecting to go out into the world and make people listen to our fresh new ideas.

While talking to another senior who graduated a couple years ago, the female was trying to explain why she was still hanging around A&T. She said, "You see, the hookup between A&T and the real world just isn't that easy."

We are all happy about graduating. After four years, we deserve to celebrate, too. But, in a few weeks, we will have to snap out of our dream world and face our future endeavors from a realistic standpoint.

## Aggie Gridironer To Return

**Editor of The Register:**

Due to return to Greensboro, to assist in the commencement exercises of the 1978 Aggie graduates, will be an ex-Aggie gridironer, Reverend Jesse Jackson. I would like to warn of a terrible disease going around campus which is not painful but can put an emotional strain on the heart of a real A&T minded person. For the past three years this disease (term) has been in **The Register** practically every month. Before arriving here at A&T, this reader had never heard of **APATHY**.

Upon seeing this term so often, this reader would like to give an opinion as to what this term apathy implies.

Apathy might be broken wine bottles decorating many of the campuses' parking lots giving off a starchy effect as

you walk through. Or it may be not knowing of the turbulent 60's and the part which A&T played (a major part). Apathy could be hearing someone say "ya know like I could've gone to Duke, Howard, N.C. State, etc....-but I chose A&T instead and I wished I had not." (we all know the real reason) Apathy could be not having the intellectual greks around as mentioned in an early edition "Greeks Hinder Good Education."

Apathy on another level could be having only a few Black studies courses on what is historically a predominantly Black campus. Apathy, on this level, could be not having a president to go to with a problem but instead having a chancellor who could only tell you "My hands are tied;

you would have to see the Board of Governors (Boss Friday) with that problem." Apathy could also be going to Crosby Hall to a morning lecture only to hear a mumbling drunk.

Apathy, I am sure, could be a lot of terrible things and a lot worse in other parts of the country, but the problem for now is to get it off this campus. We're hoping that you, Reverend Jackson, could while you are here, enlighten us students who have a few more semesters and bash this disease before it gets worse.

Welcome back, Reverend Jackson, to North Carolina A&T State University, a white school in Black face.

**M. Henry Woods**

## Retiring Teacher Praises Students

**Editor of The Register:**

This letter is in praise of A&T students, written by a retiring teacher rather than "about" one. There is a dif-

ference, I feel, when one speaks for oneself.

Teachers as a whole agree that our greatest pride is in teaching students who will excel and surpass our efforts.

We recall the classroom experiences of students who have since become college presidents, physicians, judges, lawyers, statesmen, writers, colonels in our armed forces, gained Ph. D's in

various areas and, not the least, parents who are sending their sons and daughters back to A&T. This is what

sustains a teacher, for it is proof that we are doing things right.

One final work of exhortation: Please renew your efforts to write and publish the

textbooks (and other books) which you and your children will read. And, if you please, write books which may open windows on the whole world, not merely a little corner of the western world. Second

to having pride in students is the fact that I am co-editor of two textbooks--one of which gave reasons for pride

in our African heritage, and was published before Haley's **Roots**.

All in all, if there is any school which has more potential than A&T, never in my travels in America, Europe, Asia and Africa have I heard of it.

**Jean M. Bright**

**Department of English**

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## First Step Is Important

**Editor of The Register**

There is a statement that "a journey of a million miles begins with a single step." No matter what is at the end of that million miles the first step is important.

On May 7 some A&T seniors will graduate. They'll in a sense be taking a first step towards a million mile journey. There's a great deal following that initial step. For some there is a higher degree waiting, for

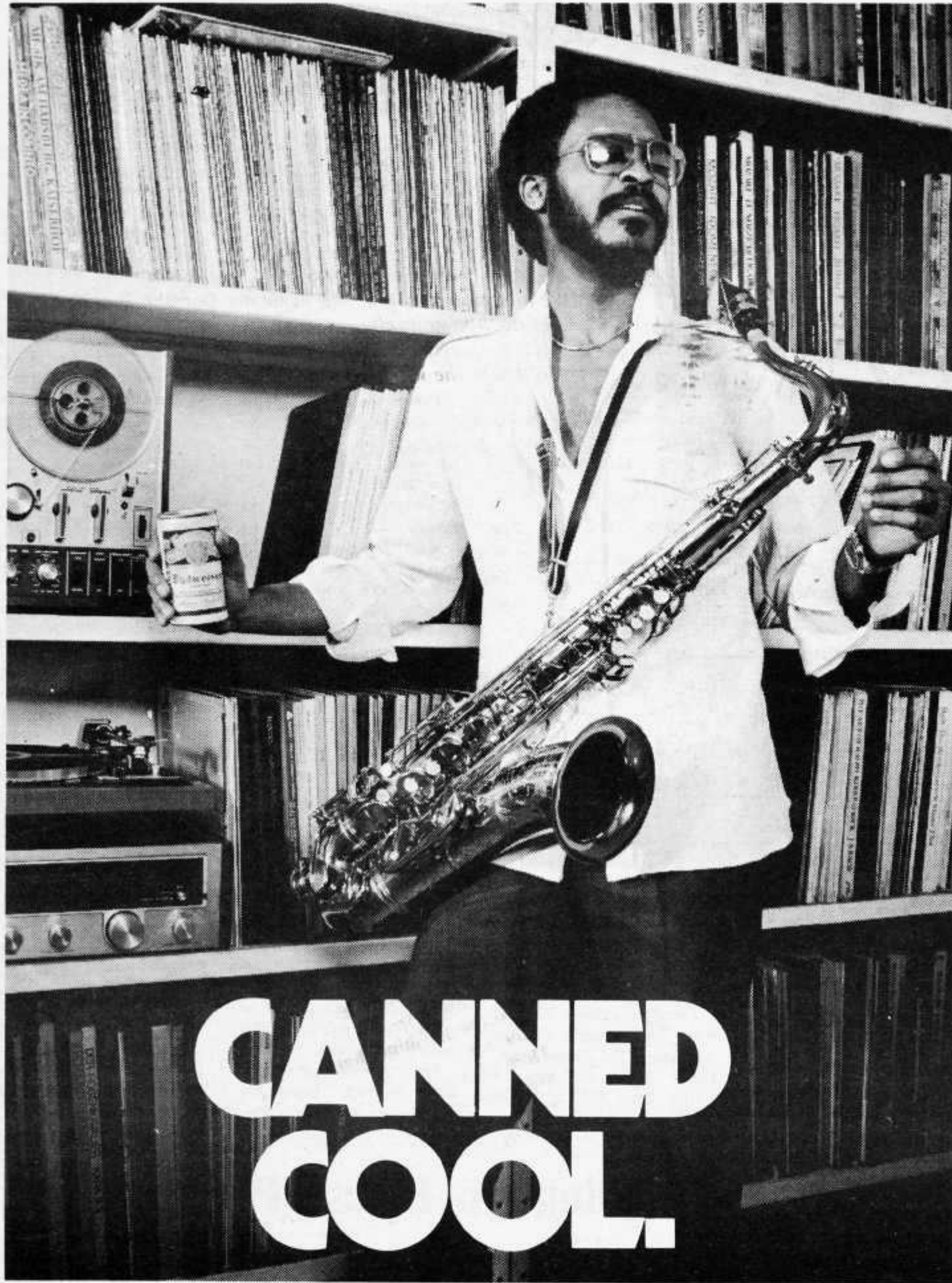
others there is a job, still for some there is a job to be found.

True in many students' academic life there is a time of wonderment. Why am I here? What will I get out of this? Yet they stick it through not for some brave

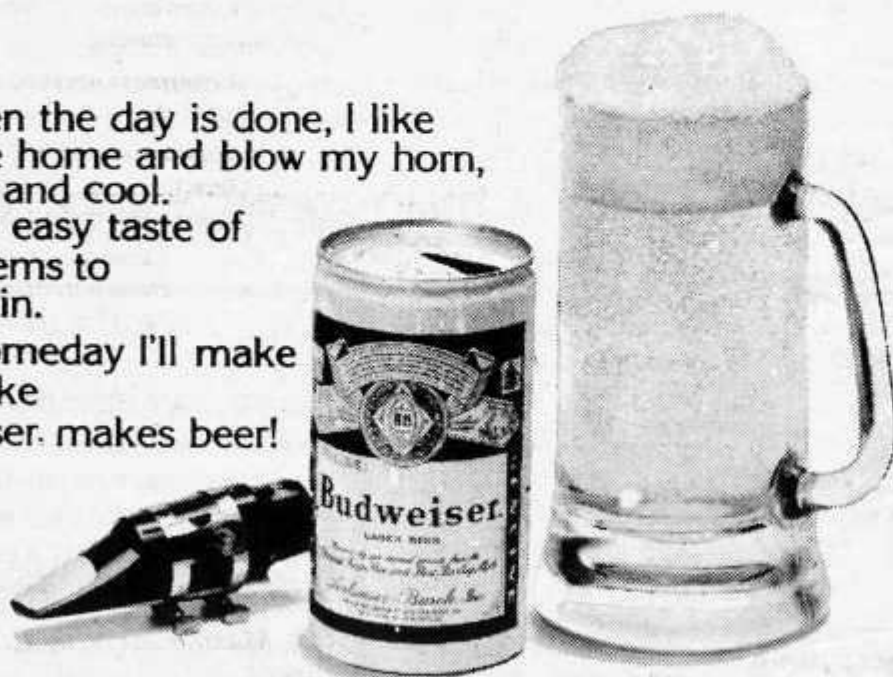
courageous reason but because they want to make it. Someone said, "College is the beginning of the end."

Yes "a journey of a million miles begins with a single step." No one knows what lies within those million miles- probably a little happiness, some sadness, a few moments of triumph and a dash of defeat. Every road has its pot holes and detours. A continuing traveler usually always makes his final destination.

**Natalie Phifer**



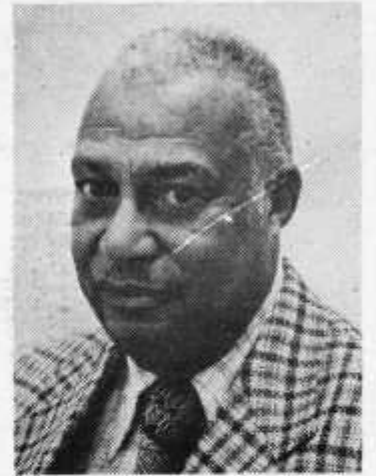
When the day is done, I like to come home and blow my horn, smooth and cool. And the easy taste of Bud. seems to fit right in. Yeah, someday I'll make music like Budweiser. makes beer!



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## Dr. Rice To Retire After 41 Years

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Dr. Waverlyn Rice

Rice began working at A&T on September 15, 1937. He is a member of the Discipline Committee and the chairman of the University Judicial Tribunal.

He has always been a French major, and he is an expert at French literature.

"He speaks French fluently," exclaims Doris Bowman, his secretary of three years. She has known Rice for over twenty-two years.

"I was his secretary for three years and he was my advisor before that," she stated. Bowman also added that Rice has been her advisor, instructor, and friend. "He is a dear friend of the whole family."

When questioned about Rice's vitality, Bowman eagerly stated, "He can make those steps." She talked of how he made several trips daily from the first to the third floor of Crosby Hall while she had to rest on the second landing.

In speaking with this distinguished gentleman, one can actually experience the aura of compassion that he emits with his every word.

This reporter also detected a favoritism to humor and a taste of jokery in this 5'6" man of portly stature. This was confirmed by his friends and co-workers.

"He has a beautiful sense of humor." He teases a lot but there is always a mutual respect," says one of his co-workers.

Rice is an avid reader. His hobbies include trips to the beach and sea shore.

Dr. Rice has enjoyed his forty years at A&T. When asked to comment on the Foreign Language Department, Rice stated that A&T has a very good Foreign Language Department. He added that it could be improved with a grant to attract more foreign language majors.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE, SPRING SEMESTER 1978

Course Sequence	Time of Examination
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9:00 a.m. - MWF	Friday, May 12, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - MWF	Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. - MWF	Wednesday, May 10, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
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*Sigma Tau Delta*

# Honor Society Inducts 14

By Marilyn L. Baggett

High ideas and excellence in scholarship is a motto that follows many students throughout their learning experience. Here at A&T this motto is followed by a number of students through initiation into honor societies on campus.

There are ten honor societies on campus. The societies rate nationally and include eight departments. Two of the societies initiate students from all departments holding high academic averages. The honor societies established on campus are Alpha Chi National Scholarship Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Alpha Tau Alpha National Agriculture Education Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society Education, Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society in Economics, Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History, Pi Omega Pi National Honor Society in Business Teacher Education, Pi Tau Sigma National Mechanical Engineering Honor Fraternity, and Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

Sigma Tau Delta is the newest society on campus.

Its establishment came in the fall of this school term.

On April 30 Theta Xi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, initiated nine students and five faculty members of A&T State University. Sigma Tau Delta is under the direction of the English Department, Jimmy Williams, chairperson, and its purpose is to confer distinction for highest achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies in English language and literature.

The undergraduates initiated were Diann Blackwell, Linda Bond, Wesley Boykin, Allan Brickhouse, Yolanda Lipscomb, Patricia Owens, Evelyn Reid, and Doris T.

Williams.

Faculty members initiated were Dr. Sandra Carlton Alexander, Dr. Ernest Bradford, Miss Marguerite Porter, Mrs. Gladys White, and Dr. Jimmy Williams.

# Building To House Planetarium

By Freda Dunston

A&T's astronomy classes will perhaps be a little more interesting to the students when the New Physics/Math Building is completed in the fall of 1978. The new building located in the area adjacent to Crosby Hall is designed to house a Planetarium and Observatory.

The Astronomy Laboratory will be a diameter of 32 feet and will therefore be able to seat 60 persons. It has 6 pillars in the roof for portable telescopes.

The Planetarium, one of the most elaborate visual aids of our time, will not only enrich the physics curriculum, but will, add a new and amplified dimension to the university.

The Planetarium will be used as an inter-disciplinary

# News Writing Classes Tour County Jails

By Nagatha Dixon

*"The love I have in my heart I have for you. I will never be able to express in words. At the moment I feel as though I have learned my lesson. Darling, please don't leave me.*

*Loving you for life*

*Brenda*

*P.S. Take care of the kids."*

This is the note scribbled on the wall of the Old Guilford County Courthouse jail which appears to have been written by a woman with regrets for a crime she committed.

Ms. Mitz Bond and the students in her advanced newswriting and feature writing classes toured the Guilford County Courthouse Monday.

The old courthouse was built in 1918 at the cost of \$3 million and the new courthouse was built in 1972 at the cost of \$8 million.

The life of a prisoner was observed during the tour of the new jail. The building inside was exceptionally clean, yet a gloomy appearance was left. The jail has a capacity for 288 men and women.

The cells are very compact and the bathroom facilities are of stainless steel designed to eliminate their use as an instrument for possible suicides or escapes.

The prisoners are very much confined. They do not participate in any recrea-

tional activities outside the building. They do not have access to a television or radio; and, recently, Sheriff Paul Gibson removed their privilege of smoking. They also remain in their cells during meals.

At the present time, there are seven women in the jail; and, because of this small number, they are allowed more visiting time than men. Women may have up to two hours visitation time, whereas men may have only ten minutes.

Also at the present, the jail has prisoners with three or four charges of murder. However, the maximum length of time spent in the County jail is six months, so the prisoners will be sent to another jail.

The students had a chance to see the correct way to make fingerprints. Four copies of prints are made, one for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and others for the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), city and county.

The filing system is ancient; and, even though it is a new building, Blacks are denoted as "colored males" and "colored females."

"I'll never come back here," was expressed by many of the students.

The students found the trip to be beneficial and educational in learning about the judicial system. Also it was decided that no one wants to go to jail.

teaching aid for physical geography, meteorology, and languages.

Dr. Maria R. Diaz stated that the Planetarium and Observatory will be used primarily for instruction of astronomy courses. Students will be able to use the

telescopes to introduce them to their first observations.

The observatory will be 12 feet 6 inches and will house a 16 inch reflecting telescope.

Planetarium programs can be made available to the general public where visitors can gaze upon the universe.

If you're planning a trip to the museum, remember that



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morning are best for seeing paintings by natural light.

**THE A&T REGISTER has received an honor rating of First Class from the National Scholastic Press Association/Associated Collegiate Press for the 1977-78 semester. This means that the paper will be considered for an All American rating.**

**Since this is the last paper of the year, the staff would like to take the time to wish you a happy summer. To all of the graduating seniors, we would like to say congradaution and we hope that you reach your goals.**

## A&T Tracksters Reach Peak After Long Wait In Wings

The cardinal rule for any athletic program in order to be recognized and distinguished as a competitive power is to be productive in the win category.

Of course, these principal channels through the respected stages of being established on the map, the growing development period, and a first-class competitor raise the eyebrows of any counterpart.

For the last few years, the Aggie track team has waited in the wings of channels and stages. Now that the team has reached its peak as a result of a strong performance and a third-place finish in the competitive Mid-Eastern Athletic-Conference, the tracksters will go south to participate in the prestigious Spectown Relays Saturday at Athens, Ga.

"I'm glad to be able to run in a top meet of this nature," said a happy Joe Buggs, head track coach. "The ultimate goal of any program is being able to compete with the best. This is a step toward competing with the best."

The annual staged event has always been noted for phenomenal track powers throughout the nation. And this year, the Spectown Relays takes backseat to none of the previous years in terms of its glamorous track powers.

Including in the nation's top respected powers this year will be Auburn, University of Georgia, and Tennessee.

For the feared competitors Buggs speculates: "It's not going to be easy."

The old terminology that the first impression is the last impression can totally be attributed to the six tracksters that will be running this weekend.

"Coach Murray Neely was invited last year to take Stanley Jenkins," explains Buggs as to why the Aggie tracksters were invited. "He made such an impressive showing that we were invited this year to take more people."

Jogging in the Aggie blue and gold will be Keith Holmes, who's the MEAC champ in the triple jump; Ken Smith, Lonnie Phifer, Stanley Jenkins, who will make up the mile relay team, and Haywood Morrison who will be the alternate for the mile relay team; and Quill Ferguson the Aggies' leading half miler.

"From this meet, we hope

to qualify some people for the national," stated the head coach. "The guys have been working real hard this week working on their time."

For a program that definitely went through the stages of patiently waiting, now the rookie coach and his spotlighted talent can attest a strong belief that they have arrived.

"The guys are definitely believing in themselves that they can do a fine job that will be a tribute to the entire Aggie family. A meet of this caliber, I can only hope that we can be respectable," concluded Buggs.



Coach Buggs talks with the track team after a successful season.

Photo By Love

## MEAC Hires Full-Time Leader

Although the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference has an overwhelming number of quality athletes and coaches, it still took the league eight years after its initial formulation to recognize the essential importance of a full-time commissioner.

Since the birth of the young MEAC, A&T has been considered the prime team in the sports of football and basketball in terms of overall consistency.

Kenny Free, an Aggie alumnus, will print another page in the conference history book as the first full-time commissioner and foresees optimism.

"I'm very optimistic about the conference," said Free Tuesday night at the annual Athletic Awards Banquet. "It has a good foundation with a lot of good players and coaches."

Still, the major concern of many followers and supporters of the conference was the flare of exposure and media attraction.

"I want to improve the public relations aspect of the conference so we will be known all over the nation," confessed the new commissioner. "Still, I want to observe the programs and try to upgrade those areas that need help."

Free reflects on the problems of the past years and the direction in which the conference is aiming: "The commissioner office has to be more responsible. In the last few years, we had outgrown the interim part-time commissioner (James Younge). We need to look toward upgrading our program toward Division I. We have the eight-sport re-

quirements to fulfill the necessary standards."

Many believe the only route to take for many of the schools that are aiming for recognition on a national level in the conference is to join another conference, particularly a white noted conference.

"There is definite a need to have the foundation of a Black conference," related

*In Speech At Awards Banquet*

## Gaines Challenges Athletes

By Archie Bass

As the legendary Clarence "Big House" Gaines gracefully entered Brown Hall Tuesday evening as the keynote speaker for the annual Athletic Awards Banquet, his strategy at the time was not improving his incredible 620 wins but challenging the Aggie athletes to win in the game of life.

"We (students) need to stop making excuses about what we have to work with," the winningest active coach suggested. "Our conditions and facilities are better now than ever before."

Gaines spoke of his tenure with A&T, and what he thought that Aggies can always be credited for: "My association with A&T spans 40 years. If it wasn't for a group of Aggies, we probably would still be sitting in the back of buses and not sitting at lunch counters."

As the jovial crowd looked and listened to Gaines in deep meditation, Gaines challenged the student-athletes to take advantage of the opportunities for educa-

tion and leadership because they are our leaders.

"We need to develop a team love and appreciation for each other," highlighted Gaines, who's been coaching for 33 years.

The following were recipients of awards for their outstanding efforts in their respective sport: volleyball-leadership award, Cheryl Deloney; most valuable player, Alice Lyons; women's basketball-leadership, Janice Hooker; MVP, Mamie Jones; women softball-leadership, Alice Lyons; MVP, Valerie Capehart; women's track-MVP, Vanessa Woodard; men's track-leadership, Ken Smith; MVP in running events, Stanley Jenkins; MVP in the field events, Keith Holmes; wrestling-leadership, John Ford; MVP, Rodney James; baseball-leadership, Ken Smith; MVP, Larry Dye; tennis-leadership, Phil Wallace; MVP, Eric Martin; and riflery-leadership, Anthony Turner; MVP, Hugh Privett.

Senior academic excellence awards were presented to

future schools in the conference," Free said. "The committee made an agreement that the conference should have no more than 10 schools and no less than eight."

As the new commissioner walked away, he spoke in an optimistic undertone: "The year of 1979 looks good for adding one or two teams for certain."

Clayton Pride (football); Terry Tyler (tennis); Rodney James (wrestling); Terrence Lewis (riffery); Anthony Ryle (baseball); and Ivy Moody (women's basketball).

The evening was captivated by emotional presentations to Murray Neely who is retiring from many years of service and dedication to students academically and athletically.

## Sports

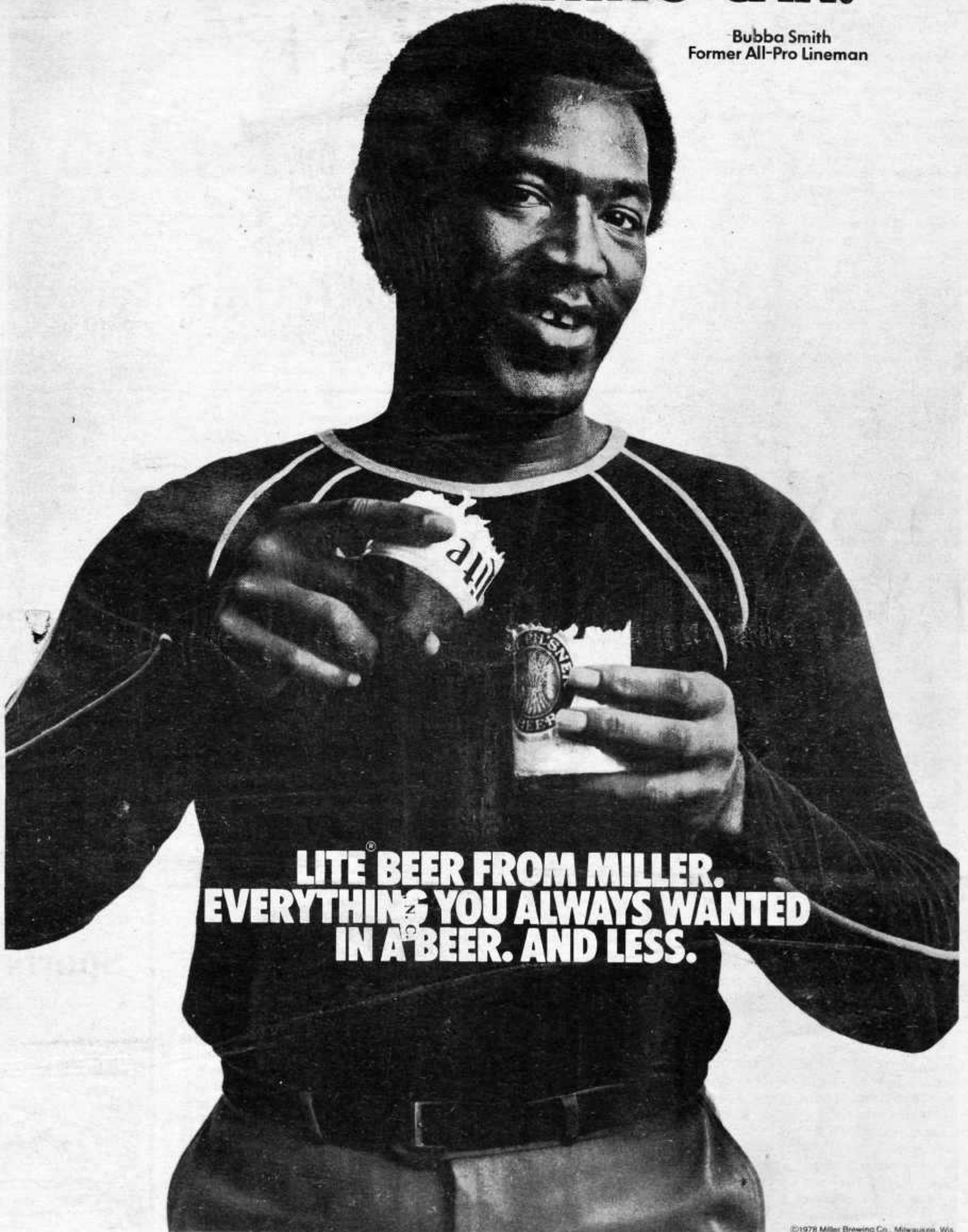


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