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The University of North Carolina operates two schools of nursing within the city limits of Greensboro.

Approximately 30 miles to the west on the campus of Winston-Salem State University is another UNC nursing school.

Uncollected programs such as those at the one traditionally white and two traditionally Black schools in this geographic region will be explored by UNC's general administration in studies to be evaluated by the UNC Board of Governors and turned in to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare by Dec. 1, 1978.

Dr. Alfonso Gore, second-year education and curriculum director, said, "The program has grown out of a great need to promote academic achievement within our student body and the university. The students' major weaknesses lie within the areas of communications and computation.

Eighteen additional instructors have been brought to the university to aid in the remedial services. Four are to specialize in reading; four, in English; four, in English expression; and six, in mathematics.

"We're using team learning," Gore stated, "because it's a predicated fact that students learn from each other, as well as from an instructor, lecture, labs, and group work are being utilized to assist these students. We try to keep no more than 20-25 students in its upper division baccalaureate nursing degree program. Of these, the 120 seniors, four are Black females and one, a Black male. Between 49 and 55 persons are expected in the master's program.

A total of 54 regular and five adjunct faculty members serve students at both levels. At A&T, up-to-date enrollment figures for this year haven't been compiled; but according to Dean Naomi Wynn, a total of 106 students were identified with the undergraduate program in 1977-78. Of these, 126 were upper division students of juniors and seniors.

The enrollment, she said, was predominantly Black, although she could not give racial breakdowns.

The faculty, beefed-up this year, now totals 19 full-time persons. In past years, the faculty has averaged from 10 to 12 instructors.

The history of A&T's baccalaureate nursing program, according to Dean Wynn, begins in 1953 when, under gubernatorial mandate, baccalaureate degree programs were authorized for both A&T and Winston-Salem State University. "That marked the first time that baccalaureate nursing education was available! Students suffer, another professional-review exam after 3 years on the job, in addition to the presently required National Teachers Examination, are also being considered. It is presumed that any teacher failing any step in the process would be denied advancement either into teacher training programs or certification.

Rev. Leon White, co-convenor of the coalition, stated, "This testing package is an attempt by the state government to reduce the total number of available teachers. At the same time that classes are too big and teachers' loads are so heavy that they do not have time to give adequate attention to individual students, thousands of teachers are unemployed. What does the state do? Rather than hire more teachers, it employs more competency tests to cut down the number of teachers available! Students suffer, teachers suffer from what is in
Baccalaureate Nursing Offered To Minorities

(Continued From Page 1) available for minorities in North Carolina," she said.

The course of study prescribed at both schools for nursing majors is similar: a strong background in liberal arts and sciences courses as freshmen and sophomores with concentration on nursing theory and practice in the junior and senior years. Both schools provide clinical experience for their students using 48 agencies in the surrounding communities. Staff at A&T and UNC-G coordinate efforts in these areas.

At both UNC-G and A&T, admission to the universities doesn't guarantee admission to the nursing majors. At UNC-G, eligibility to enter the nursing major depends on achieving a grade of "C" or better on pre-requisite courses, an overall average of "C" or better and endorsement by the School of Nursing faculty. At A&T, effective in September 1978, freshmen students were required to have a "B" average in high school or a minimum combined score of at least 750 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Students are formally admitted to the nursing program after successful completion of the freshman year. To enter the nursing major as a sophomore and register for the preliminary nursing courses, A&T students must complete 24 semester hours of required courses with a grade point average of at least 1.8 on a 4.0 scale. A grade of "C" (2.0) or above must be scored on all nursing and supporting courses to remain in the program. When a student makes a "D" or "F", the program must be repeated as soon as possible.

More stringent requirements for nursing students at A&T, Winston-Salem State University, and N.C. Central University in Durham were mandated by the UNC Board of Governors after statewide concern about the poor scores registered by students of the traditionally black programs on state nursing examinations.

And while there is cooperation by faculty members and administrative staff of both schools, it is obvious that there is no desire for merger of the two programs.

Dean Lewis said she was in no way apprehensive about the results of the survey. Dean Wynn said, "I think we've done a lot with a little bit of nothing. We're in one of the oldest buildings on campus. We've never gotten consideration for a building built specifically for nursing. You just do the best you can. You establish priorities."

"The assumption that the discontinuation of our nursing program would increase the attractiveness of the nursing programs at A&T, or Winston-Salem State is to me illogical because there are so many alternatives that exist only within the university system but in private colleges," Ferguson said. "All I can see resulting from consolidation would be the lessening of educational opportunities for all students, white and black."
Awards Of $15,000 Available To Composers

A total of $15,000 is available to young composers in the 27th annual Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI) Awards to Student Composers. The competition is sponsored by a performing rights licensing organization.

Established in 1951 in cooperation with music educators and composers, the BMI Awards project annually gives cash prizes to encourage the creation of concert music by student composers of the Western Hemisphere and to aid them in financing their musical education.

Prizes ranging from $300 to $2,500 will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. To date, 231 students, ranging in age from 8 to 25, have received BMI Awards.

The 1978-79 BMI Awards competition is open to student composers who are citizens or permanent residents of the Western Hemisphere and are enrolled in accredited secondary schools, colleges and conservatories, or engaged in private study with recognized and established teachers anywhere in the world.

Entrants must be under 26 years of age on December 31, 1978. No limitations are established as to instrumentation, stylistic considerations, or length of works submitted. Students may enter no more than one composition, which need not have been composed during the year of entry.

The permanent chairman of the BMI judging panel is William Schuman, distinguished American composer and educator.

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Read Your Manual

Aggies, the parking problem is not getting any better. It's increasing because each day one notices a tow truck or several trucks busy towing away an unsuspecting student's car.

Fellow students, the administration is not worried about you, your car, or if you have money enough to retrieve your car from the service stations.

The officials feel that they have done their part by providing you with a parking manual and making stickers available to you for purchase. Keep in mind, students, that it is not costing the university a dime to have your car towed away everyday of the week. And they will continue to do so until they can not find any cars parked in the wrong places or that do not have stickers.

Towing away cars each week could be avoided, but we insist on parking in the rear or at the entrance to Hodgin, Crosby and Merrick Hall to name a few of the prime towing areas.

Students, take time to read your parking manuals which I am sure that many of you drivers have not read from cover to cover yet. Because, if you had, you would have noticed that there are various other rules established at this university that aren't being enforced.

If you think that the parking rules are ridiculous, wait until you read about some of the other outlandish things that are against the rules also.

There use to be a handbook for student life issued here some years back and, if you could get a copy of that book now, you would see that student life has really improved.

Read your manual now because there are rules in it about parking that you should know and start to practice. You never know which rule will be enforced next.

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Gift Or Hard Work

By Sheila A. Williams

An article in Sunday's Greensboro Daily News attempted to compare the nursing programs at A&T and UNC-G.

First of all, the comparison of buildings was made. Mentioning the fact that Noble Hall is the second oldest structure on campus was irrelevant in comparing nursing programs.

The building does not give knowledge; it is acquired by the students. For, as the old cliche goes, the clothes do not make the person. Seemingly they think that, if the building is old, then so must be the lesson that is taught from within.

If one read the article, it listed the grade qualifications needed to enter A&T's Nursing School, and they only mentioned the fact that an average of "C" was needed in UNC-G's nursing program. If one must stress the grade point average for one, then it should also be done for the other.

Are they trying to say that A&T's nurses have to struggle harder in order to achieve or maintain their grades and that UNC-G nurses do not? Or maybe trying to insinuate a lack of achievement on the part of the nurses? If this is the case, it could be read between the lines that UNC-G nurses don't have to try in order to become RN's. It is given to them on silver platters.

Mrs. Wynn, Dean of Nursing, feels that A&T is not duplicating UNC-G because A&T's nursing program was here first. Apply another cliche: the last hired, the first fired. By this we mean that, if things have to be wiped out, our nursing program would be the first to be eradicated as a competent nursing program. They may feel that A&T is inferior and we hope that A&T's School of Nursing and the university in general will not take a defeatist attitude.

Dean Wynn feels "we have done a lot with a little bit of nothing." When we convince these non-believers that A&T's nurses are just as good or maybe even better than the rest, then they will see that statistical figures do not administer needles to patients.

Scientists Play God

By Karen Williams

Can human beings really be duplicated by cloning? A book was published last March concerning this subject. The author of the book indicated that a young boy had actually been cloned and is alive and well.

However, this story was found to be fraudulent. Nowadays science has made many advancements. It has made many successful accomplishments which have allowed our society to progress.

Perhaps these successful accomplishments caused scientists to think that they could do practically anything. Nevertheless cloning seems to be taking the matter too far. No matter how close the resemblance between two individuals is, no two people are alike. Even identical twins have differences between them. This columnist feels that, when it comes to creating human beings, this should be left to God.
**Student Meets Reverend Ross**

**Editor of The Register:**

I have had the pleasure of meeting with our new Reverend, who prefers to be called Minister because Minister Signifies teaching. I think this is beautiful because he is following the fine example set by Christ Jesus [May Allah (God) be pleased with him] who taught the people their religion.

**Student Wants Response For Future Frisbee Team**

**Editor of the Register:**

Please print this letter as I am trying to get people interested. Two years ago, I attended Summer School at A&T and got response to a bulletin I put up concerning the sport of Frisbee. Therefore, your school should have enough interested people to form a team for future competition. Thank you for your help.

**To The Students:**

There is a new sport in the South. It is the sport of frisbee. I am sure several of you have heard of it. The reason for this letter is that I am trying to escalate the interest in it. I represent a newly formed Frisbee Club at NCSU. We formed the club not only for fun, but also for competition. Two years ago, Robert Spruill and one other student there expressed interest in forming a club. I certainly hope this interest has continued. If you have any questions or wish to respond, contact me at:

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Sincerely,

John E. Truitt Jr.
NCSU
NCSFC

**Joseph D. Royal Wins Scholarship For Fall Term**

**By Terrence Marable**

Joseph D. Royal, a junior food science major here at A&T, has been selected to receive the Ralston Purina Scholarship Award for the 1978 fall semester. The Ralston Purina Scholarship amounts to $650. It is awarded each year to an outstanding junior or senior in the state universities and land-grant colleges in each of the 50 states and three Canadian agricultural colleges and in Puerto Rico. Royal was selected by a faculty, scholarship committee on the basis of his scholastic record, leadership, character, ambition in agriculture, and eligibility for financial assistance.

Royal is the son of Mrs. Vivian Yvonne Royal and is a native of Clinton.

**5 Or 6 Pre-vet Students Enter Fall Of 78-79**

(Continued from Page 1) nary schools: they are Ohio State, Auburn University and Tuskegee Institute. There were only five or six pre-vet students to enter A&T during the fall semester of 78-79, and in the country only about 2% of Blacks make up the Vet.

Webb has lived in Greensboro for the past 39 years and is very active in civic, social, and professional organizations. She is a candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives. As a member of the House, she would work for the interest of A&T.

"Everything that happens to A&T happens in the legislature. A&T has not gotten its rightful amounts in funds and they will not until one of us gets there. I want to let the students, administration, and faculty know that someone in the A&T family is involved in their interests," said Dr. Webb.

**Relations with A&T**

I am a Muslim student here at A&T who, with the help of Allah (God) and other believers, has formed the first Islamic Cultural Society on campus here. Without the inspiration and the spirit of oneness displayed by Minister Ross I don’t think we could have gotten the cooperation and the type of support that we needed. However, God always helps the good cause and good men propagating that good cause.

Minister Ross, from the whole Muslim body I say "May Allah (God) reward you with good successes after good successes. I know I speak for the whole Aggie community when I say, "We’re glad God sent you. We need your help, your guidance and your understanding."

I invite our whole campus community population to meet and greet our new minister, for I know that his heart and his mind have been opened to you by God. Won’t you let God open your heart and mind to him?

O Allah, bless our new minister with knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, give us all the strength to work together for thy good pleasure; and, O Allah, grant us good intentions and good motives in all that we do. Amen.

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By Jacqueline D. Pender

The Richard B. Harrison players will be performing two major productions this semester, stated Teresa L. Johnson, president of the Richard B. Harrison Players.

"Blood Knot" by Athol Fugard is scheduled to be performed on October 24-26 and November 2-4. "Blood Knot" is a parable of two brothers— one white-skinned, one Black—sharing a small, wretched house. "Golden Boy" by Clifford Odets, to be performed later in the semester, is a musical concerning the hurt and pain and love of a prize fighter. Try-outs for the "Blood Knot" are tentatively scheduled for September 21.

"We are very happy to be getting the exposure (such as this article) because many times our theater is overlooked and we are a department that is on the move," stated Teresa.

The Richard B. Harrison Players will also be performing in the NADSA competition. We are getting ready for the competition which is to be held in Chicago during the spring. In NADSA competition, theater majors at A&T will be competing against other Black schools," stated Teresa.

"We are a concerned theater that really wants to preserve the culture of Black people. We have many aspiring freshman actors who, like all theater majors, are eager to present to A&T a very exciting theatrical season," stated Teresa.

"We hope to stimulate the minds of the students to appreciate theater and all it has to offer," said Teresa, a junior professional theater major.

Blue Jeans Made Of See-Thru Plastic?

Wright-Riddler Newspapers

When do blue jeans become hot pants? When they are made of see-through plastic.

If plastic jeans sound a bit too spacey or sleazy to be believed, you are not up on the latest fashion craze to come out of California: French-cut jeans, made of polyurethane, worn over a body stocking and priced at $34, is this month's "must-have" item with Beverly Hills boutique hounds.

"I did them as a publicity gimmick, something to put in a storewindow," Agi Berliner, the Los Angeles designer who dreamed up the jeans, said in a recent telephone interview.

"But when the buyers saw them, they said, 'The hell with the gimmick, we want to sell 'em.' I never thought it would take off the way it has."

So far, about 30,000 pairs have been ordered by Tony Rodeo Drive Boutiques, as well as major department store chains like Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's and Bonwit Teller.

[The Bonwit branch in New York received its first shipment of 50 pairs of see-through pants last week and sold out within three days.]

Ms. Berliner, 32, who designs for La Parisienne, a fledgling Los Angeles sportswear company, said she came up with the idea of plastic jeans during a recent trip to London, where she saw lots of streamlined plastic raingear.

See-through plastic jeans, she reasoned, "It's fun, it's campy and it's Back to Glamour." Features include ready-to-wear combinations, broad shoulders, tight waist and general nostalgia. This fall, when the "hawk" blows, pull on those 1930's and '40's English inspired tweeds and checks. The fashions are of Milan and Florence's top Italian designers.

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RICKY'S NOTES

By Richard B. Steele

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There are a few activities on campus this weekend. The pep rally disco will take place this evening when SGA, pep club, cheerleaders, band and the alumni Aggie Gridironers get together for some pre-game S-P-I-R-I-T. Let's all be at Moore Gym parking lot at 8:00 p.m. to see what the Aggies are doing "spirit-rally."

There will also be a cleanup day Saturday which should be a lot of fun. Don't forget the aftergame disco in Moore-Gym free with ID, and the Commodores, LTD show.

Marching Machine

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Album spotlight: "Prince for You," featuring the disco single "Soft and Wet."

In closing have a nice weekend and please...GET OFF.
Sports Notebook

By Dennis Bryant

Tomorrow night the Aggies will play one of their most important games of the year. They will be battling South Carolina State for the MEAC title. The game will be played before a crowd of over 23,000 and promises to be a good one.

For the Aggie football players, I for one wish you a lot of luck. Go out there and beat the Bulldogs. You will have a partisan Aggie crowd 100% behind you. Go to the Bulldogs and show them you mean a lot of luck. Go out there and beat the Bulldogs.

The question in the minds of all the Aggies is will the team be ready for South Carolina State Saturday night?

Aggies Seek Win Revenge

By Rodney McCormick

One of A&T's most familiar football faces on campus is that of Ulysses Fli Thompson. Maybe you all know him better by the names of "Too Tall" or "The Black Mohican".

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Win or lose, I am all for the Aggies. Look at it like this: a 9-2 year is not bad at all. It all depends on who fights the hardest. All you have to do is make the odd makers eat their words.

Last year the Aggies lost 52-0. It won't be anywhere near that this year. Who knows, it may turn out to be the other way around. Hopefully, the Aggies will be able to score early, and quickly. If they can stay away from the penalties, they can win.

In this week's prediction, I hope I'm wrong for saying the Aggies have to upset the Bulldogs. It should not be an upset. For the game will have to be something like this: A&T, 7; South Carolina State, 17. For the others, they all want the Aggies to pull the upset.

Predictions

Raymond Moody .................. SCsu
Ronald Frazier .................. SCsu
Alfreda James .................. SCsu
Dennis Bryant .................. SCsu

The game promises to be an exciting one. Game time is set for 7:30 at War Memorial Stadium in Greensboro.
Students Suffer From Test

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effect a cutback.

The group stated that the effect would be especially bad on poor and Black people aspiring to teach. "Placing a test at the beginning of teacher training reveals that the state is not interested in finding those most qualified to teach. Those who take this test have never been exposed to education curriculum," White continued. "And there is no way of saying that those who fail these tests would make poorer teachers than those who pass. But we can predict without hesitation that the teaching students who fail these tests, especially the entrance exam, in highest numbers will be those from Black, white working class, and Indian families, just as with the high school competency test. Once again it will be those who have suffered the most from the state's poor public educational system who will be penalized. Black and Indian people will be prevented from becoming teachers and the public education of Black and Indian students will suffer further in North Carolina. This can only harm the educational system, not improve it."

Citing teacher training as not the cause of the crisis in the public education system, Nelson Johnson, also co-founder of the group, stated, "We want quality education for all students but suffer teacher competency tests will not provide it! The NTE as it is at present is enough. What the public education systems needs is more teachers, not less; more funding, not less! We will fight these new teacher competency tests as part of a mounting offensive of educational cutbacks by the state of North Carolina!"

Johnson continued, "We are urging all teachers and educational groups opposed to these tests to join us in sponsoring and participating in local hearings concerning the high school competency program to be held throughout the state. It is only through exposing these issues to the public that they will be stopped."

Smith, Sharp Elected As Freshman Officers

By Michelle Cameron

Elections were held Friday, September 8, for class office positions. The election primary centered around the freshman class. Several upperclassman positions were also voted on.

James A. Smith was elected president of the freshman class. Other officers are Stephen Sharp, vice-president; Davian Porter, secretary; Devia Joyner, treasurer; and Sharon Megan, Miss Freshman.

Filling the vacant positions of secretary and treasurer in the sophomore class will be Angela Duckett and Michelle Huntley, respectively.

Mary Tyson was chosen as secretary of the junior class. Senior class officers elected were Jacqueline Hallam, secretary; and Joe Murphy, treasurer.

Prem Johnson is the newly-elected treasurer of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Of the approximately 5,000 students enrolled only 700 participated in the election.

However, Richard Gordon, president of the SGA, said, "I personally feel these were good selections and I'm looking forward to a good year with these people."

Reading Classes To Consist Of 20 Students

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in one class. The reading classes consist of no more than 20."

Students are placed in these remedial programs according to their SAT scores. "These tests reflect the students that need help, but they stay in the program only as long as it takes them to achieve the level of competency required by the department for adequate college work."

"This remedial program is still in the planning stage, but we are putting together an effort to concentrate on the freshman students in the math and reading areas," said Dr. Gore.

Dr. Gore said, "I am very enthusiastic about the program. I feel that it will be very beneficial to A&T students as well as the university. It is our job to extricate these academic discrepancies."