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Teacher Of Year Says Home Learning Crucial

North Carolina's reigning "Teacher of the Year" said here Thursday that one thing that the competency test proves is that all of the education is not done in the classroom.

Ruth Watkins, who teaches French and social studies at Richmond County Senior High school in Rockingham, made her remarks while in Greensboro to address A&T's annual education seminars.

"You saw who scored lowest on the tests and they were Blacks and the poor," she said. "This shows that any child who comes to school without a start at home is disadvantaged."

Watkins, a Black, said she doesn't think that Blacks should necessarily be against the competency test. "This test may make us understand that no child can be ignored in the classroom," she said.

Job Counselors' Role Expands

Career counseling at A&T is big business and it's not just placement anymore, according to Leon Warren, assistant director of the career planning and placement center.

Warren talks with special pride about the 400 A&T graduates who received job offers through the center last year.

A&T/Industry Cluster Asks Students, Teachers To Join

The one thing which Obrie Smith, Jr. will seek for the A&T/Industry Cluster during the coming year is more involvement by the university's faculty and student body.

"Work has to be done in getting these persons to be more active and to understand what the Cluster is all about," said Smith, who recently became industry co-chairman for the nearly 60 top firms which assist A&T in its development program.

An energetic young executive on the move, Smith has joined the Miller Brewing Co. as manager of community relations. He spent 11 years with General Motors in St. Louis and Detroit.

Smith noted with pride that the A&T/Industry Cluster is now 10 years old. "It still stands as one of the better clusters in the nation," he said; "and this notion is based on my experiences with other similar organizations throughout the country."

The Miller representative feels that the marriage between (See Cluster Page 6)
Cadets Sponsor Turkey Trot

A&T's ROTC Cadets sponsored their First Annual Turkey Trot - (five mile run through Greensboro), November 30.

The event was open to the student body as well as faculty and staff. Approximately 30 participants competed in the grueling up and down hill run which started and ended at Campbell Hall, the campus ROTC building.

Cadei Ranger Quill Ferguson and Timothy Crossin tied for first place prizes with a fantastic time of 30.01 minutes. Kenneth E. Smith received second place honors with a time of 33.21 minutes. Third place was captured by cinderman Michael Dyer; his time was 34.17 minutes.

Cadet Captain Carl Wiley responsibly planned and organized the event which was conceived by CPT Reginald A. Hill, assistant professor of Military Science. Track Coach Joseph Bugs briefed participants on effective running skills and recorded times.

The intent of the race was to build espirit de corps while incurring a strong competitive spirit. LTC John D. Jones, professor of Military Science, extended his thanks and appreciation to the Greensboro City Police Department, the campus security and the track team for their assistance in making the event a safe and successful one.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Black Cultural Cite

DURHAM-Fire Sunday destroyed two of three remaining Black-owned businesses on East Pettigrew Street, once a center of Black culture in the South.

There were no injuries in the fire which was reported at 4:54 a.m. Sunday. Assistant Fire Chief N.L. Thompson said the possibility of arson was being investigated. "Usually when you find an unoccupied building that is without power, you've got to suspect something," said Thompson.

Three vacant buildings connecting the businesses were destroyed in the blaze.

Fires have occurred in six other vacant structures in Durham during the past week.

"We've had a series of set fires over the past three or four days," Thompson said.

"And I don't know if this is one of them or not."

The Pettigrew Street blaze destroyed the quarters of the Carolina Times, a Black weekly newspaper, and E.N. Toole and Sons Electric Co. Service Printing Co. suffered smoke and water damage.

Vivian Edmonds, publisher of the Carolina Times, which is printed Thursday, said, "We will be coming out. I do not know how at this point, but The Truth Unbridled has got to ride again this week."

"The Truth Unbridled" is the slogan of the paper, which has been in operation more than 50 years.

"I'm sure as soon as the other Black weeklies in North Carolina hear about this, they will rally around us," Mrs. Edmonds said. "We did it in 1972, when the Wilmington Journal was bombed."

Nat White, president and manager of Service Printing Co., said his business had lost telephone and electric service. "As soon as they are restored, we will be able to operate. We expect to be in operation soon."

Principals of all three businesses were critical of the manner in which the fire was fought. "There seemed to be a lack of understanding of the value of what was in that building in terms of the equipment," White said.

Under the state-HEW plan, ODU will transfer three business and education courses to Norfolk State, and the two schools will develop specialized courses in three programs and cooperatively offer two others.

With that plan, HEW is expected to give final approval to the Virginia college desegregation plan tentatively approved in March.
Brown & The Soul Searchers. The music world is time's new highs. What's new in '79?

Donna Summer's MacArthur Park now jumps in the top ten record charts across the country.

One would also note the successful returns of such greats as Edwin Starr, Peaches & Herb and Gene Chandler to the contemporary sounds of today's concert. Better known as A TASTE OF HONEY, these five are going for them in their current LP 'Melba'. She "loves the fact that the sister of singer Freda Payne."

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Melba Moore has "stepped into the lives" of many people feel a freshness or resurgence in her career."

The 1227 pieces and 25 valuable books will be exhibited at the center beginning February 1.

"This is the largest single gift that we have received," said Mrs. Mattye Reed, curator of the museum. "We are pleased to share this art with the citizens of this state and nation."

The Bronson collection was donated by Lee and Donna Bronson and Lee's brother, Robert, of Los Angeles, Calif. The Bronson brothers are of wood, ivory, brass, and bronze, but, in the collection, are predictable, the decor over-produced. Surprisingly, Richard Pryor fails to score as the bogus Wizard. Sadly, Diana Ross is miscast. A 24-year-old Harlem schoolteacher, no matter how shy, cannot achieve the same gentle innocence of a Kansas farm girl of 13. The rating is G, but some scenes will scare impressionable children.

Bennett Becomes Acting Summer School Director

Joseph A. Bennett, who has served in teaching and administrative positions at A&T State University since 1960, has been named acting director of the university's summer school.

Bennett will succeed J. Neil Armstrong, who retired from the post last July.

Bennett's appointment was announced by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor. A native of Edenton, Bennett has served as a teacher of history and economics at A&T. He directed the university's 13-College Curriculum Program and also served as director of Institutes designed to train teachers for the desegregation of schools.

For three years, Bennett served as a supervisor of education for the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Heritage Center Receives Valuable African Artifacts

The African Heritage Center at A&T State University has received a gift of African artifacts valued at more than $200,000 from the extensive collection of the Bronson brothers of California.

"Most of these pieces represent the old traditional art, which was collected many years ago and found their way to Europe," said Lee Bronson. "We are pleased to share this art with our students and the citizens of this state and nation."

The Bronson collection was donated by Lee and Donna Bronson and Lee's brother, Robert, of Los Angeles, Calif. The Bronson brothers are world-renowned manufacturers of women's apparel. Lee Bronson said the African collection was acquired during the past seven years during extensive travel in Europe.

"I feel like Bustin' Loose" is the cry from Chuck Brown & The Soul Searchers. The music world is time's new highs. What's new in '79?

The Gong Show sensation Cheryl Lynn has many talents, including dancing, singing, and acting. She is currently on the West Coast promoting her new album, "I Feel Like Bustin' Loose."
Where Is The Hot Water?

"I have to get up at 5:30 in the morning just to get some hot water," responded one Cooper Hall resident. Where is all the hot water in Cooper Hall?

After the holidays and all the comforts of home, one would like to be able to return to her "second home" with some hot water at least. This time of year when the temperature is at the freezing point and below, heavy clothing is needed to stay warm. However, taking a cold shower and then going out into the cold is not helping the situation. It is just an open invitation to illness.

When the water does get a decent bathing temperature, it is mid-day when a large number of people are in class or are in the midst of doing other things. A resident hall is one's home away from home; therefore, one would at least expect to have some hot water.

By Karen F. Williams

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Have Fun But Be Careful

By Richard R. Steele

It's January; and, along with this wintry month is the joy of snow, ice and freezing temperatures. As the days pass, the chances of a good winter storm draw closer and closer. Nature has a way of acting up as we can remember last year's ice storm. Be prepared for this year. Stock up on non-pershiables, check those flashlights and pull out the extra blankets. One never knows when the power may be cut because of broken power lines and branches.

Motorists should take caution also. It's time to put those snow tires on and chains in the trunk, just in case.

In the event of an emergency, many of us will be prepared, though the chances of another power failure are slim its not totally improbable. A battery operated radio is a good way to keep in contact with the outside world.

On a less serious note, snow has a way of finding its way in one's face and the like. Last year even the coeds fired back all in fun. But icy sidewalks could cause accidents. Have fun but be careful and think before you throw. Remember that game is reserved for children.

You Must Solve The Problem

By Bonnie Newman

In the Greensboro Record's recent summary of 1978's top local news stories, the past woes of A&T were dug up once again by Record reporter Jim Schlosser.

Schlosser, in recounting many of the major news events that occurred in Greensboro in 1978 wrote: "It was a year which brought new trouble and some changes to A&T State University's business office."

The alleged negativism A&T receives from the press has been the topic of past A&T Register editorials more than once. The Register staffs as well as a large percentage of A&T students feel that once something unpleasant occurs on our campus, the surrounding media literally can't wait to attack, tearing the institution, not UNC-G or whatever name which may be decided upon.
Bottom Pay Still $2.50
Here, Despite Fed Hike

Raleigh, N.C.-State Labor Commissioner John Brooks said Thursday that North Carolina's minimum wage remains at $2.50 per hour, despite changes in the federal minimum wage.

"Because of the Jan. 1 change in the federal minimum wage and the resulting phone and in-person questions to our Employment Standards Division during the past 10 days," Brooks said, "I believe we need to emphasize to North Carolina employers and employers that there have been no recent changes in the state minimum wage."

Brooks said the state law was not affected by the change in the federal law, which raised the minimum from $2.65 to $2.90 per hour.

He said the $2.50 minimum wage applies in the state to all non-exempt workers employed by businesses not covered by federal law.

"Any change in the state minimum wage law comes through action of the North Carolina General Assembly," Brooks said. He said a proposal will be made to the 1979 legislature to increase the state minimum wage.

Heritage Center Receives African Art Collection

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yombe rattle, is now at the Los Angeles County Museum as part of a national touring exhibition. He said the piece should be delivered to A&T in September. Lee Bronson was recently appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to the North Carolina Arts Council.

The African Heritage Center was organized by a group of A&T students in 1968. The center at that time had only 25 artifacts. Today, the center has over 2,000 artifacts from more than 26 African nations and a special collection of art by American Blacks.

Mrs. Reed said that, in addition to the exhibition of the Bronson collection on Feb. 1, the center will unveil an exhibit entitled "Milestones of Blacks in North Carolina."

Bennett to Head Summer School

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from New York University.

The new summer school director is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Council for Social Studies.

He is married to the former Eleanor Smith. The Bennetts have a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Payden of Brown Summit.

Asked about his plans for the summer school program at A&T, Bennett said:

"We plan to bring more high school students to the campus and to offer more programs for inservice teachers. We have noticed that the summer sessions seem to be coming more for undergraduates."

He said A&T would also like to establish more liaison with the school administrative units.

Campus Haps

All persons interested in joining the A&T Register, the school newspaper, come by the newspaper office Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. No experience is necessary.

Bible Study is held in Harrison Auditorium from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night, immediately following midweek services. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Pan-Hellenic Council will hold a meeting, Wednesday, January 17, at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room 100.

The North Carolina Fellows will hold its regular meeting, Sunday, January 14 in the Student Union at 5 p.m.

The Political Science Society will hold its first meeting Wednesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. in Room 305 Hodgkin Hall. All interested persons are urged to attend.

There will be a meeting for all interested persons who wish to become a member of the Organization of Broadcast Students on Monday, January 15, in Crosby Hall, Room 305 at 4 p.m. A copy of the Organization's constitution may be picked up in Room 326 Crosby Hall prior to the meeting.

There will be a meeting on January 17, at 5:30 p.m. for all young ladies who wish to pledge Sisters of the Brothers in Christ Sorority (SOBIC). The meeting will be held in the Campus House.

The Aggie Express Club will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby.
Placement Activities Succeed

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also conducts several special projects during the year. For example, the center’s annual Career Activities Program last September attracted more than 5,000 students, 84 companies and 187 recruiters.

"This had to be one of the most successful career days of its kind along the East Coast," said Warren.

As an additional feature of the program, A&T provided career counseling information for hundreds of high school students and guidance counselors.

Other successful placement activities include a Nursing Career Days, sponsored jointly by UNC-G; and a Teachers Fair, scheduled this year for February 8.

In addition, job informa-

tion, students gain information in the A&T placement library about interviewing techniques, resume writing and they can peruse annual reports of companies from across the nation.

Warren said the placement center has been greatly assisted by members of the A&T-Industry Cluster, 60 large corporations which have adopted the university in its development plan.

"We would like to develop a complete audio-visual center, where students can view a complete interview on tape," he said. "They would also be able to critique their own interviewing techniques.

The audition team from Opryland USA, music entertainment complex, will be in Winston-Salem Tuesday, January 9, and chapel Hill, Monday, January 15, holding auditions for the singers and dancers, instrumentalists, and technicians needed for the music theme park's 15 live music shows next season and their new resident theatre company.

The audition staff, which includes the park's choreographer, musical director, and show directors, will be looking for 450 singers, instrumentalists, dancers, dance captains, actors, and musical leaders/conductors. In addition to performers, they will be looking for experienced stage managers, lighting technicians, sound engineers, stage hands, follow spot operators and costume dressers.

Auditionists do not need to make any prior arrangements or appointments. Opryland will have a piano accompanist, record player, and a cassette recorder at the audition site. Microphones will not be used and instrumentalists who want to audition with amplifiers must bring them and set them up. Auditionists must bring their own music, in the proper key, and all actors will be asked to sing. Instrumentalists will be required to sight read first. A typed resume is required for anyone auditioning as a leader/conductor, stage manager or technician.

"It is like going on the road with only three months to find the people to cast 15 new Broadway shows," says Bob Whitaker, director of entertainment for Opryland. "We've got as many different kinds of musical shows and we're looking for the same people—experienced Broadway type performers and instrumentalists and recent graduates from drama and music schools. Opryland has shows with 'Chorus Line' tap routines, Gay '90s extravaganzas, Showboat, Guys and Rock 'n Roll. Each show is fully staged and costumed.

"But we also have some advantages over Broadway. We have professional staff, and time to work with promising entertainers, or students, to develop their talents and give them that extra polish that turns them into great entertainers. We hold workshops to show them how to write a resume, prepare an audition work with agents, read contracts. They make extra money doing shows for conventions and travel industry events across the country. We did 300 of these last year, including a show for the National Broadcaster's Association in Washington and shows in Toronto and Amsterdam.

"Failure Rate 20 Percent

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school systems in the state, it had a failure rate of 20 percent or more in reading, and 28 had that severe a rate in math.

James Gallagher, head of the Competency Test Commission, praised the tests for creating a 'much more business-like attitude in our schools,' but he said the failure rate was still too high.

"There are large numbers of students out there who need help," he said. "If this were Asian flu, we'd call it an epidemic.

A native of St. Louis, Smith holds a B. S. degree in mathematics and the M. S. degree in secondary education from Lincoln University in Missouri.

Pres. Carter To Receive
King Nonviolence Prize

(AP/Atlanta): President Carter will receive the 1979 Martin Luther King Jr. Nonviolent Peace Prize on January 14 in Atlanta, Coretta Scott King has announced.

"We are pleased to give this award to President Carter for his significant achievements in continuing my husband's efforts," Mrs. King, widow of the civil rights leader, said last Friday in a statement.

Sleet = Cold = Ice!
Another week, another game against a top power Division I team and another loss for the A&T basketball team. That certainly seems to be the pattern the team is going. A&T's basketball seemingly is upgrading its program by playing these teams. That may be true, but there are other things that should be considered.

First, it may be true that by playing these teams A&T is building up its program, but it can also be said that it helps to boost some of these teams. A&T's five losses have come on the road. The point spread of four of these games has been between 12 and 25. Good, but not good enough.

Second, In the Greensboro Daily News, one of the sports writers said A&T was maybe playing out of its class. I disagree with Bill Hauss, and the rest. A&T isn't playing out of its class; it's only that in playing pressure games they know, if we win, we get recognition. Because we are playing Syracuse and Indiana State, and, if we play with these teams, we can play with anyone.

This may again be true; but, if we lose, we have the writers such as those on the Greensboro Daily News and Greensboro Record, who will put us down. When Syracuse wins by 25 at home and Indiana state by 19 at home, it only means one more victory in their win column. That only helps these teams get more recognition, and where does that leave A&T?

It is nice for the team to play against these schools, but this writer knows they also want to win at least one of them. Maybe, in the future, the Aggies will get first victory over a Division I powerhouse. But, as for right now, maybe the best way to gain respect is to start from the bottom and work to the middle and then go up: not to work from the top, fail, and then be forced to fall. If we must schedule a team at the top, play UCLA, North Carolina, or even Notre Dame. Losing to them is more or less expected.

The Aggies will get back into the conference tonight and tomorrow night against Delaware State and Maryland-Eastern Shore, respectively. The Hornets are a much improved team with guard Charles Shealey leading the way with 18 points a game average. The team has some good freshman recruits and always plays A&T tough in Dover.

Saturday night A&T will travel to Maryland to battle the Hawks of Eastern Shore. The Hawks are led by All-MEAC guard Ken Simmons. This could turn out to be the spoiler team in the MEAC. Hopefully, A&T will come home with two victories.

Injuries have hurt the basketball team. Star forward L.J. Pipkin is out indefinitely with blurred vision. We can only pray and hope that he will get better. He has had a good career and deserves to be with the team. Senior forward Keith Davis will be back in action tonight which will give A&T some muscle on the inside. Junior center Melvin Palmer has been declared academically ineligible.

On a brief rundown as to the conference standings, Howard is on top, followed by Morgan State, then A&T, Delaware State, South Carolina State, Maryland-Eastern Shore and NCCU in the cellar. These positions might have changed during the week.

The starting five for the Aggies are Mike Hester (6-8, junior) and Harold Royster (6-8, sophomore) at the forward positions. At the center spot will be Marvin Brown (6-8, senior). The guards will be Joe Brawner (6-0, sophomore) and Sparrow (6-6, senior). Junior forward Keith Davis will be back in action against the Hornets.

The Aggies are still showing areas that need a lot of improvement on defense. It will take two good nights if the Aggies expect to come back home 6-5.

The Hawks of Maryland-Eastern Shore will start Kenny Simmons, Wraymon Withburn, Robert Dash, Ron Shelly and Steve Dillard. The Hawks have one victory to their credit and would love to make its next one over the Aggies.

Game time for both contests is 8:00 p.m.
Steelers, Cowboys To Meet In National Championship

New York - The Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys, who meet to decide the National Football League championship on Jan. 21, placed a total of six players on The Associated Press All-pro team for 1978.

The American Football Conference champion Steelers led all teams by placing four players - wide receiver Lynn Swan, quarterback Terry Bradshaw and outside linebackers Jack Ham - on the 25-player first team.

Free safety Cliff Harris and tackle Randy White represent the National Football League champion Cowboys on the team selected through voting by a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Pittsburgh's placing represented the trend in the first-team selections, as 18 AFC players and seven from the NFC were chosen.

Bradshaw quarterbacked the Steelers to 16 victories in the 18 regular season and post season games played on the way to their Super Bowl XIII meeting with the Cowboys at Miami. He finished the regular season as the leading passer in the AFC and had 28 touchdown passes - many of them to Swann, whose 61 receptions placed him third among AFC pass catchers.

The other wide receiver was Wesley Walker of the New York Jets, who led NFL pass catchers with 1,169 yards and a 24.4-yard average, while Dave Casper of the Oakland Raiders was the tight end and second among AFC receivers with 62 catches while Seattle's Steve Largent - AFC leader with 71 receptions - made the second team.

Running back Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers and defensive end Al Baker of the Detroit Lions - two players who enjoyed sensational rookie campaigns in 1978 - also were named to the first team.

Campbell, who gained 1,450 yards in his first season, is joined in the All-Pro backfield by Delvin Williams of the Miami Dolphins, who gained 1,258 yards and finished second to his running mate.

Blocking for the highly-powered backfield on The AP's first team are tackles Leon Gray of the New England Patriots and Dan Dierdorf of the St. Louis Cardinals along with guards John Hannah of the Patriots and Bob Kuechenberg of Miami.

Dierdorf is the only NFC starter on offense.

Three Denver Broncos were voted to the team: middle linebacker John Mocsy, cornerback Louis Wright and returner Rick Upchurch.

Upchurch led NFL punt returners with a 13.7-yard average.

The rest of the starting defensive line was defensive end Jack Youngblood of the Los Angeles Rams, nose tackle Randy Gradishar of the San Diego Chargers, outside linebacker Robert Brazile of Houston, cornerback Willie Buchanon of the Green Bay Packers and strong safety Ken Houston of the Washington Redskins.

The two other specialists were placekicker Pat Leahy of the Jets and punter Ray Guy of the Oakland Raiders.

ACC Lives Up To Reputation In Basketball

Greensboro - The Atlantic Coast Conference lives up to its reputation this week as a well-balanced basketball league, with five different teams leading in conference statistics.

North Carolina is the only team to have the lead in more than one category, with the Tar Heels in first place in both field goal percentage and scoring margin. Led by the shooting of Mike O'Koren and Al Wood, North Carolina has hit 374 of 678 field goal attempts for a 55 percent mark. Duke is in second place with 51 percent.

The scoring averages are on the rise, with Maryland leading the top spot. The Terrapins have scored 1,119 points in 13 games for an average of 92.1 points a game, just ahead of North Carolina State's 98.8. North Carolina is third at 85.

The Cavaliers are at the top in free throw accuracy, hitting 210 of 295 attempts for 71 percent. Clemson is second with 149, 210 free throws for 71 percent. North Carolina is third with 68 percent, just ahead of Maryland and Duke, both with a 68 percent mark.

Duke took the top spot this week for the first time this season in rebound margin. The Blue Devils are pulling down an average of 35 rebounds per game, while allowing their opponents only 27. Clemson, the previous leader, slipped to second, with 38 to their opponents' 31.

Maryland is the top rebounding team in the conference, snuggling an average of 43 rebounds per game. N.C. State is second in rebound average at 42.

North Carolina is first in scoring margin, at plus 18. The Tar Heels are third in the league in both scoring offense and scoring defense. N.C. State, with one-sided wins over Tulane and Long Beach State last weekend, jumped from fourth to second, with a plus 16 scoring margin.

In individual statistics, Virginia's Jeff Lamp is still in the spot the league's leading scorer. Lamp is averaging 22 points a game, with Duke's Mike O'Koren in second at 19 and Maryland's Ernest Graham third with 19. N.C. State's Hawkeye Whitney is in the No. 1 position in rebounding percentages, hitting 23 of 37 shots for 59 percent. Maryland's Larry Gibson is in second place with 59.3 percent, while North Carolina's Mike O'Koren, last week's leader, fell to 58.7 percent.

Virginia's Lee Raker is the leader in free throw attempts, hitting 39 of 92 for 43 percent.