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Fifteen Nigerians Graduate To Aid In Home’s Economy

The fifteen smiling Nigerian students were mostly fashionably dressed in three-piece suits recently at A&T State University.

They were graduating from a crash two-year industrial technology program designed to produce hundreds of technicians for Nigeria’s fast growing economy.

“I suggest that, when you return home, you take off the three-piece suits,” Dr. Jelbert G. Rudasill, an official of the U.S. Agency for International Development, told the young men. “There are people in Nigeria with homes which need to be repaired and there are bridges, highways and roads which need to be built.”

In the A&T program, financed by the federal military government of Nigeria, the students received an intensified course in construction, including technical theory and practical hands-on experience.

Dr. A. W. Chisman, chairman of the Industrial Technology Department at A&T, said Nigeria sent 500 students to the United States for the special training in September of 1977 and another 500 to this country in January of 1978.

He said the students are duty bound to return to Nigeria after the two years to begin applying the skills they have acquired.

“I am going home fully prepared and equipped,” said Bartholomew O. C. Ibe, “I had no problems, academically or religiously while at A&T.”

He said that two major projects with which many of the students will be involved when they return to Nigeria will be the construction of a new capital city and the development of the steel industry in that nation.

AID coordinator, Rudasill, said the training program has been highly successful in the United States for Nigeria.

“Other countries are already looking at this kind of program,” he said.

The renovated rooms of Scott Hall look very becoming. (Photo by Miller)

Scott Hall Gets Renovation

By Thomas E. Harris

Scott Hall is finally being renovated—at least partially. Large furniture trucks began making deliveries Monday morning.

However, the whole dormitory is not benefiting from the new furniture, According to Phillip Boone, dormitory coordinator, only Section A of Scott Hall will be receiving the new beds, dressers, and desks for the time being. The new furniture will be stationary, similar to the rooms in Haley (Senior) and Barbee (High Rise) halls.

Boone further said that students were inconvenienced by having to remove clothing, linen, and other belongings to allow workers to install the furniture.

He indicated that Sections B and C of the dormitory may not be furnished until the summer when students are not occupying these sections.

Most students receiving new furniture in their rooms think it is long overdue. Though some items were in good condition, other desks were scratched, and some beds were badly sunk in. Some residents complained that their chair had no back rest, while other chairs were missing a leg.

It is unclear whether the whole dorm will receive new furniture. If not, by the fall semester all rooms should be properly furnished.

Black Artist Supports National Buyers Campaign

Concerned Black Artists for Action is seeking Black support in its National Selective Buyers Year Campaign.

During the past months they have picketed all of the major motion picture studios and television networks. They have met with some of them and opened important lines of communications with the heads and creative departments of the major studios and television networks. Through the news media they have extended a fight against discrimination in the industry on a national basis. They have also enlisted the aid of various state and governmental departments whose chief concerns are the elimination of racial discrimination and the distorted Black images on the screen (See Public Page 3)
Blacks Suffer From Cruelty, Oppressive Forces

By Kelvin Buncum

For hundreds of years Black people suffered the cruelties of brutal slavery. The subsequent dehumanization to the extent that their very existence was strangled by these oppressive forces. For decades we marched and protested against America's oppressive forces which would not allow Blacks even the inalienable rights and privileges of this "free" society. Even in these modern times oppressive forces have risen to the forefront only to threaten the future livelihood of Black and poor people.

We, as Black students, feel it is our role to combat oppressive forces to insure that those inalienable rights and privileges denied our forefathers will not be denied us or future Black generations.

The SGA at at North Carolina A&T State University feels that, as responsible Black students, we would be remiss in our duties if we were to allow the prevailing injustices of this society to be swept under a carpet of tranquility.

It is because we are "integrated" and not liberated, dependent and not independent that we find ourselves once again having to march and protest against the unwillingness of America to come to grips with the inequities of its society.

The march, to be held February 2, speaks to the aforementioned concerns and allows the Black community to vent its disgust with present-day conditions. It is for these reasons that we have endorsed the march and further "hall" the ability of organizations of dissenting views to come together under one umbrella and one goal to wage a war against a common enemy.

Editor Recalls

KKK In The Fifties

By Ernie Johnston, Jr.

As I recall, it rained almost every weekend in Greensboro, North Carolina.

But this particular night the weather was beautiful. The stars were out and the temperature was just right.

It was only a matter of weeks after just four students from North Carolina A&T sat down at the lunch counter at a "five and dime" store to try to get served-touched off massive protests throughout the south.

The next target hit the movie theaters. I remember it well. I was among a delegation from A&T who met with the theater management of a local movie house in a predominately white section of Greensboro. We wanted to get him to integrate his movie house.

We left the meeting and immediately began to plan our strategy. The next item on the agenda—march on the theater.

Everything was in order.

Signs were made, instructions were given as to how we would conduct ourselves on the picket line, transportation was arranged and picket captains were chosen.

And then finally that beautiful moonlight night with the stars shining down upon Greensboro arrived.

A station wagon deposited us in front of the theater.

We had only been there for about 15 minutes when cars drove up and out stepped a contingent of men wearing white sheets.

Heard of Klan

I had read about the Klan and heard about them and their activities in the south but that night was to be my first and hopefully last real face to face encounter with the KKK.

I almost shook in my shoes as the KKK group assembled and marched alongside us. We were told by our picket leaders to "keep cool" and not give them cause to start trouble.

As one of the klansman marched near me, I could hear him telling his buddy: "See that nigger with the moustache. Let's get him and cut the moustache off."

If the pavement could have opened up, I would have gladly let myself into the ground. I broke out in a cold sweat but I kept cool.

Just as I was getting over my nervousness, another klansman looked over at us and said, "Where do you guys live? Do you want to rumble here or do you want to rumble on campus?"

I didn't say anything but I felt like telling him "on campus" because I knew once they hit A&T we would have hundreds of dudes on our side.

The taunting and the harassment went on for awhile until it was time to quit picketing. The station wagon rolled up.

We grabbed our picket signs and jumped into the vehicle. I looked out the back window and what did I see—a bunch of men in white sheets heading towards the vehicle. My heart began to pound. It didn't stop pounding until I was safely in my room in the dormitory.

News Flashed

When the news flashed across the television screen Saturday (November 30) about the Klan shoot out in Greensboro, I thought about that beautiful and moonlit night.

I thought about how lucky we had been. I thought about how then the Klan's only weapon had been their taunts and their harassments. But now they play with guns.

Much has changed in Greensboro since the fifties when Ezell Blair and Jo Jo McNeil led their buddies into that five and dime store.

Black folks can eat freely in restaurants and they can go into any movie house. But there's one thing that hasn't changed in Greensboro—it's the KKK.

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Public Relates To T.V. As Life

(Continued From Page 1)

The Concerned Black Artist platform for Action is one of the world powers for the very same atrocity its television and films practice without impunity. The industry portrays racism through separatism when indeed this country is the melting pot of the world. This being so, there certainly should not be any all-white shows or all-Black shows. C.B.A.A. urges racial balance in the otherwise racist, self-serving industry of Television and Motion Pictures.

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Do you have any other questions or need further assistance with this document?
Positive Thinking

As everyone human makes mistakes, this reporter would like to acknowledge his own. In a recent editorial it was stated "the teams need as the faculty and administration have let them down" when in actuality it should have read "the teams need our support and the cheerleaders need our encouragement as the administration has let them down..." This reporter stands corrected.

However, negativism is not a trait of this writer. Recently, changes have been made in personalities in areas of known "tempermental" administrative workers. These people have actually been nice and pleasant. This writer congratulates you. After a trying time during registration lines, it was a pleasant surprise to see the smiling faces and a kind word.

Other areas of appeal occur in the hallowed halls of Scott. New furniture enhances the area and a drab room comes alive.

Thinking positively are the key words this semester. So many times one neglects to see the good in the midst of so many negative doings. Look towards the light and see A&T progress.

As a strong Black university, we owe it to ourselves to co-operate with one another and achieve the excellence we are capable of achieving. Think positively and no obstacles will hold us down.

On a closing note, remember the school cheer we all so proudly sang once before, "Aggies are lovely, Aggies are wonderful!" From the chancellor to the last student "ain't nothing like an Aggie!"

By Richard B. Steele

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Project KKK Wipeout!

By Thomas E. Harris

Aggies, will you participate in the anti-Klan rally here in Greensboro on February 2? Americans have suffered for the ruthless violence of the Ku Klux Klan since the Civil War. For Blacks in particular, the Klan has very openly expressed racism by verbally and physically assaulting others.

The most recent example was the murdering of the five members of the Communist Workers Party (CWP) on November 3, 1979. Practically the whole nation witnessed film coverage when marchers were fired upon and killed in Guilford County just over two months ago.

The city of Greensboro, the Klan, and their open violence received immediate national, as well as international attention.

If members of an organization like the Klan can commit a crime of violence, can we, as non-violent students, attend a rally that encourages the abolition of such an organization? February 1 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the sit-ins by four A&T freshmen who triggered a national movement at Woolworth's. A&T students undoubtedly will unite for a celebration of this historical event. If we all unite for the anti-Klan rally, perhaps some time in the near future we will be celebrating the abolition of the Ku Klux Klan.

Gold Reaches New Heights

By Florina G. Byrd

When the Treasury Department held its gold auction two months ago, the price of gold sold for $372.00 an ounce. Only two months later, its price soared to a whopping $765.00 an ounce.

According to a recent article in the Greensboro Daily News, the greatest effect the increasing price could have on Americans is if "the rising price of gold pushed down the value of the dollar...this could worsen inflation."

The article also stated that, because of the political and military development in the Middle East, gold prices are constantly rising.

It is reported that several of the gold orders come from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait and other oil-rich nations of the Middle East. The United States and the Soviet Union are both benefiting from the skyrocketing price of gold.

The United States’ holdings, the article announced, are more than double than those holdings of West Germany, which contains the next largest total reserve. The United States has the largest reserves of gold.

"Gold remains a substantial and valued reserve for many governments, available for use in times of balance of payment needs, just as the United States has been using its gold holdings," the article added.

George Perry, prominent economist of Brooking Institute, stated that, "while the United States isn't doing anything with its gold, reserves are for emergencies; and, in that sense, we are better prepared than we were."
Abu-Saba To Conduct Research Program at NASA

An A & T State University professor has been selected to conduct a national summer faculty research program at the National Aeronautic and Space Administration’s Langley Research Center.

He is Dr. E. G. Abu-Saba, an associate professor of architectural engineering. He will serve as co-director of the program, with responsibility for technical administration of the planning and research components.

Approval of the $205,000 research program was announced by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, A & T’s chancellor. He said the summer faculty fellowship program will be conducted at Langley next June 2-Aug. 8.

“This is a tremendous responsibility which has been given A & T State University and the kind of responsibility which we have not been given in the past,” said Dr. Suresh Chandra, dean of the A & T’s engineering school.

According to Abu-Saba, the program will be sponsored by NASA in conjunction with the American Society of Engineering Education.

He said the program is designed to provide research and enrichment experiences for college and university faculty members in science and engineering.

“The program will also stimulate an exchange of ideas between the college teachers and NASA,” added Abu-Saba, “and will involve scientists and engineers from the colleges in the research effort of NASA.”

Abu-Saba said the program will be open to persons teaching engineering, physics, biological sciences and physical sciences. The teachers will be recruited from campuses across the nation.

The 32 teachers selected for the program will spend much time working on research projects at Langley, according to the A & T professor. He said it is hoped that some of the research will result in publications.

Abu-Saba said one of A & T’s roles in the program will be to organize lectures and seminars for the participants in consultation with Langley.

The university will bring in lecturers from industry, government and from other colleges and universities.

A & T professors have been involved with a number of research projects funded by NASA. The federal agency assisted the university in developing the Rockwell Solid State Laboratory, a major electronics research facility at A & T.

Abu-Saba, the summer program director, holds a bachelor’s degree from the American University of Beirut and the M. S. and Ph. D. degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Program Offers Study Abroad

Each year for 5 weeks of the summer, a program is offered to students in the U.S. and Canada to travel and study in Spain. Last summer, 100 students from 25 states, (See Study Page 6)
FREE VERSE

By Trudy Johnson

WRAL, 101-FM, a radio station of Raleigh, presented the following top hits of 1979.

This particular station is a collective representation of top hits in the capital city.

These artists/groups are selected by the following determining factors: (1) computerized national surveys; (2) radio air play; (3) disc jockeys’ favorites; and (4) listeners’ requests.

Top charts of WRAL:

1. Do You Think I’m Sexy-Rod Stewart
2. Tragedy-Beach Boys
3. Rise-Herb Albert
4. Rock With You-Michael Jackson
5. Reunited-Peaches & Herb

Of the five hit singles, quite a few Aggies have said that “Reunited” by Peaches & Herb is an A&T favorite.

6. Enough Is Enough-Donna Summer & Barbara Streisand
7. Hot Stuff-Donna Summer
8. Heartache Tonight-Eagles
9. Bad Girls-Donna Summer
10. What a Fool Believes-Doobie Brothers

Donna Summer is a favorite here, as noted with musical, vocal credits for three singles.

11. Ring My Bell-Anita Ward
12. Le Freak-Chic
13. Too Much Heaven-Beach Boys
14. Sad Eyes-Robert John
15. Sail On-Commodores

“Le Freak” by Chic adds to the list of Aggie top 1979 hits.

16. Good Times-Chic
17. Knock On Wood-Ami Stewart
18. I Will Survive-Gloria Gaynor
19. We Are Family-Sister Sledge
20. Don’t Stop-Michael Jackson
21. Sill-Commodores
22. After The Love Is Gone-Earth Wind & Fire
23. Fire-Paladins
24. The Main Event-Barbara Streisand
25. It’s My House-Diana Ross

“It’s My House,” “Still... Fire” is “The Main Event,” “After The Love Is Gone.”

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Studies To Include Activities

(Continued From Page 5) Canada and Puerto Rico departed from Kennedy Airport in New York and flew to Madrid. The group was then bussed to the campus of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid where they lived and attended classes. The living quarters consisted of one room per student. Each class met five days a week and courses ranged from Elementary Spanish to Literature and Culture. Students toured La Mancha for two days, visiting all the interesting places related to Cervantes and Don Quixote. Sixty students made a four-day tour to Santiago de Compostela and Leon.

Once or twice a week a group was scheduled to visit such historical places as Valle de los Caballeros, El Escorial, Segovia, Avila, Toledo, Museo del Prado, Palacio Real.

Students found that they had also more than enough time to do, see and learn whatever they chose.

As part of the program, a trip was taken to Southern Spain, visiting famous cities as Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada, Malaga, and two days were spent in the beautiful Torremolinos Beach.

Plans are already in progress for the 1980 Summer School Program in Spain. 1980. Students may earn 9 quarter college credits.

Infirmary Lacks Necessary Equipment For Cultures

(Continued From Page 1) $30 at a hospital in the city,” he said.

“Because we do not have the necessary test equipment, we have to use the facilities of local hospitals and this is very expensive,” Ballen continued.

“The student health fee is about $50. If we have to perform a complete blood count ($8.00), urine culture ($2.20), and a throat culture ($22) on one student, the student would have exhausted $52 of the fee,” said Ballen.

The figures below compare the cost of doing the most routine diagnostic tests in an A&T facility as against having them done by one of the local hospital labs.

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most publicized high school seniors display their talents in the
McDonald All-Star Classic. That contest featured such performers as
Albert, King, Gene Banks, Jeff Lamp, and Ervin “Magic”
Johnson.

By the tip-off of the Classic
the arena was filled.

However, some of the scouts
may have missed the
best point guard available
when they did not show up
for the All-Star game to watch
Joe Brawner.

Brawner played in the little-
publicized preliminary game
composed of District of
Columbia players. That
night he scored 27 points and
handed out eight assists
en
route to being named the
game’s MVP. One of the few
coaches who saw the
preliminary from beginning
to end was former North
Carolina A&T Head Coach
Gene Littles; now assistant
coach of the Rams.

“Joe just had a
floor game
that night, I stayed for
the McDonald’s Classic; and,
in my opinion, he was the best
guard to play that night,”
Littles said. “If more coaches
had come to that first game, it
would have been more
difficult to persuade him to
come to A&T.”

Brawner could have won it for A&T, but it just
wasn’t supposed to be Tuesday night.

Nevertheless, Joe has won many games for A&T
and, being the team captain and leader, Brawner
will win many more games for A&T before his
career is over.

There were some exciting moments in the WSSU-
Aggie contest which were provided by both Ram
and Aggie performers. Ram superstar Reggie
Gaines, who contributed 25 points for the winners,
recorded one of the sweetest passes from guard Mark Clark.
well over the basket, but the talented Wilmington,
N.C., native had no trouble slam-dunking, bringing
both Ram and Aggie fans to their feet.

A&T’s 6-7 center, Keith Davis, matched Gaines’
play with a ferocious dunk of his own. Davis
was set in perfect position when an Aggie-field goal
attempt failed, Davis simply soared over the rim
and “slammed it home”. Davis also contributed 16
points.

The Aggies travel to Providence College Sunday
in an important NCAA Division-one contest. An
upset win over Providence, who gave Duke all kinds
of problems in December, would turn A&T’s
basketball program around and could give the
Aggies the momentum necessary to be in
contention for the MEAC championship, which will
be played in Winston-Salem during the weekend of
February 29-March 2.

N.C.A&T’s women’s basketball team rebounded
from an embarrassing twenty-point loss to UNC-C
defeat WSSU in a close affair.

Coach Joyce Spruill seems to have found a star in
freshman guard Marsha Simmons. Simmons is a
cool and poised performer from New Bern, who has
an outstanding future at N.C.A&T in basketball.

By Quill R. Ferguson

The alluring Aggies dropped their
third straight game
within a week to WSSU by a
score of 61-59. The game lived
up to everything that both
Ram and Aggie fans had
expected—hard fought,
exciting, and down to the wire.

With a dedication to the
great Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr.’s birthday signaling the
day of importance, the tone
was set that this great night
would go down in Aggie-Ram
history books.

The arch rivalry that these
two teams developed over the
years brought fans out for the
night, soaring attendance in
Corbett Sports Center’s
unprecedented 7,500, the
largest this season.

Even though the Rams led
most of the game, A&T kept
within striking distance, as it was
evident when Harold
Roster’s slam dunk put A&T
in the lead 59-56 with 1:16
to play in 21 points for the night.

It looked as though A&T
was in the driver’s seat and
on its way to its fifth
win of the season. However,
with not enough time along
with some crucial missed free
throws in the closing minutes,
proved detrimental for the
Aggies.

The Aggies are now four
and seven for the season, making it
their worst start in three years.

A&T seemed to have played
an almost perfect game. They
controlled the tempo and
contained the Rams’
demolition man, Reggie
Gaines, to 23 points and nine
rebounds. Keith Davis, who
started for the Aggies at center
and guarded Gaines, proved
that he is capable of playing
ball against the best. Gaines
went most of his points from
clear shots.

(See McCravy Page 8)
McCrary Free Throws Give Rams 60-59 Advantage

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A pair of free throws by Kevin McCrary gave the Rams a 60-59 advantage with just 16 seconds remaining in the game.

With nine seconds to go, the Aggies had one last crack to chalk up the victory when Joe Brawner was foiled. With a one-and-one situation, Coach Corbett could not have asked the Rams to foul a better man.

Brawner, who has earned a reputation as the big play man, came into the game hitting 73 percent of his free throws. Yet, with ear-cracking yelling from the Rams' fans, Joe missed the one and one, turning the ball over to the Rams.

Giving everything they had, the Aggies got the ball back with nine seconds remaining. Royster called an unexpected timeout, only to have a technical foul called against the team. The Aggies had used up their share of timeouts earlier.

Reggie Gaines converted on the technical free throws, capping the victory for the visiting Rams.

After the game a tired, injured Reggie Gaines who had twisted his right ankle in the closing seconds had this to say: "A&T is always a challenge; they played us well and coming to Death Valley (Corbett Sports Center) is no fun."

Clarence (Big House) Gaines, demonstrated his feelings, saying, "A&T has a good young team and it's always a great victory to pull off a win against any Aggie team."

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