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## Chisholm Reveals Harsh Facts Concerning Blacks

By Audrey L. Williams and Tony Moore

U.S. Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm (D-NY) revealed harsh but documented facts concerning the present and future status of Black Americans to an attentive audience in her lecture Sunday night in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

Chisholm explained that "I'm not here to entertain you, but to alert, remind, shock and motivate you. I'm here tonight on another kind of mission: 'On the unique problems and concerns of Black folk!' Once again we are at a crossroad. Whenever you have an economic slump in this country we become a part of the last hired/first

fired syndrome."

She reflected on the 1960's and the Civil Rights struggle and questioned whether the pages of the Civil Rights laws were crumbling and turning into dust.

Chisholm discussed the importance of the Black family and the need for a strong father figure in the home in order that young Black males do not grow up with distorted views of women. The father in the home would eliminate the disproportionate burden of rearing the children alone from the mother's shoulders.

She commented that the conservative 1980 election results isolated the only three remaining moderate and progressive senators in Senate. Senate voting power is controlled by the most

conservative senators, she added. "And that has me frightened. I'm so frightened I don't know what to do, and I don't scare easily because I've gone through...to get where I am."

Chisholm called for Blacks to "reinject ourselves into the struggle because our ideas and convictions are beginning to disintegrate.

"If the Superbowl is more important than the 'Super struggle,' then you deserve what you're going to get in the near future.

"When it comes right down to it, all we have is each other. You cannot say 'I'm going to take the ball and go home' because that ball is not really yours and your home may be gone when you get there."

Despite her hectic schedule, the 56-year-old representative of New York's 12th Congressional District, consented to answer questions from the audience.

A native of Brooklyn, New Jersey, of Carribean descent, Chisholm was elected to the 91st session of Congress in 1969 after having served two years in the New York state legislature as an assemblywoman.

She received her undergraduate degree from Brooklyn College and Masters from Columbia University. She was awarded a diploma from Columbia in Administration and has been honored fifteen times doctorally.



Shirley Chisholm

## Caucus Begins 'Decade Of Achievement' In 80's

By Richard B. Steele

In September of 1980, the Congressional Black Caucus held its tenth annual CBC Legislative Weekend in Washington, D.C. The 80's began for the Caucus "A Decade of Achievement" where the Caucus is "emerging as a potent political force on Capital Hill.

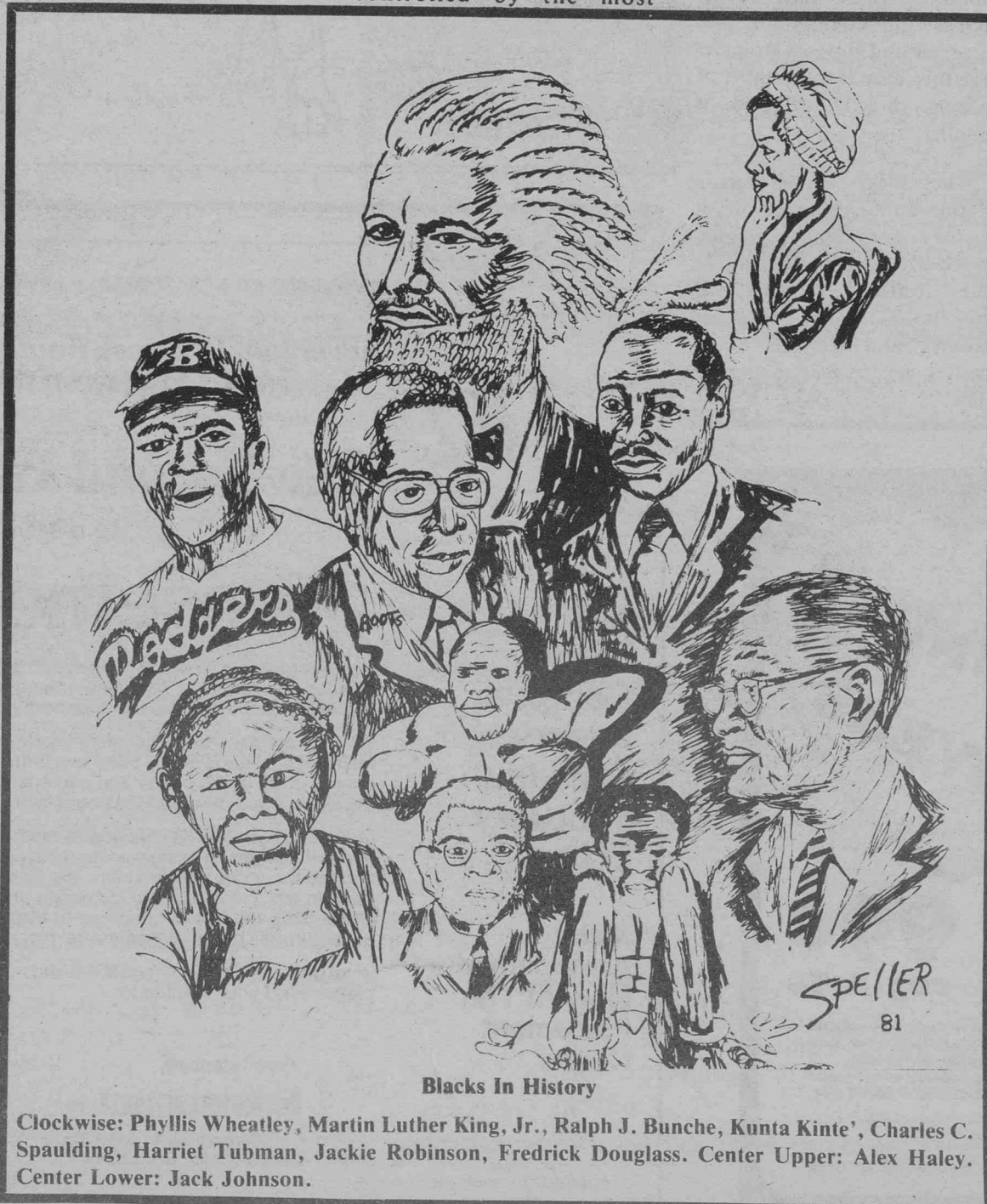
Founded in 1969 under the leadership of Congressman Charles Diggs of Detroit, the Caucus' purposes (strategies) were to seat members on key legislative committees providing input on issues important to Blacks and the poor.

The original Caucus members (all Democrats) included Robert N.C. Nix (Pennsylvania); Charles Diggs (Michigan); Shirley Chisholm (New York); Augustus Hawkins (California); Parren Mitchell (Maryland); Charles Rangel (New York); William Clay (Montana), Ronald Dellums (California); George Collins (Illinois); Louis Stokes (Ohio); Ralph Metcalfe (Illinois); John Conyers (Michigan) and Walter Fauntroy (Delegate from the District of Columbia). Collins was killed in a Chicago airplane crash in 1972.

The Caucus now acts as one body in legislative and activist roles. It focuses on areas of education, school desegregation, housing, employment and racism in the media and military.

The "weekend" in Washington, D.C. is the CBC's only major fund raising

event that is a balance of substantive issues and social affairs. The Caucus operates on a budget of approximately (See Congressional, Page 6)



Blacks In History

Clockwise: Phyllis Wheatley, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph J. Bunche, Kunta Kinte', Charles C. Spaulding, Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, Fredrick Douglass. Center Upper: Alex Haley. Center Lower: Jack Johnson.

## Founder's Day To Feature Noted Alumni

The 90th Founder's Day observance at A&T State University, February 23 - March 1, will feature talks by two of its distinguished alumni and a week-long series of student and faculty activities on the campus.

The Founder's Day address will be delivered at a 2 p.m. convocation on Sunday, March 1, by Dr. Willie C. Robinson, president of Florida Memorial College in Miami. The convocation will be held in Corbett Sports and will be open to the public.

The Student Government Association's keynote speaker on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at noon in Moore Gym, will be the Rev. Jesse Jackson, (See Founder's, Page 5)

## Two-Hundred Win Jobs Back In Laurel, Miss.

By James Lewis

Two hundred Black women win their jobs back in Laurel, Miss., ending a two year racial struggle.

On Jan. 23, 1981 the Miss. 5th. circuit court of appeals ordered Sanderson Farms to reinstate all strikers that reapply for their jobs.

On Feb. 27, 1979, these two hundred women walked off the job because they felt they were working under slave conditions, such as sexual harassment by supervisors who are known Klansmen, allowed to go to the bathroom only three times a week, they could not stop working if injured, emergencies at home were not relayed to them until quitting time, everyone worked for minimum wage and vacations and breaks were not honored by the company.

Immediately after the workers went on strike the company hired new people to fill the positions left by the strikers. Charges were filed against the company for "failure to bargain in good faith," with the National Labor Relations Board, which held the first hearings October 29-31, 1979. The case had been in court for almost two years.

Organizations around the country supported these women, including the Greensboro Chapter of the Black United Front (BUF). Edward L. Whitfield, chairman of Greensboro's BUF led a boycott against Church's Fried Chicken, because they are a major buyer of chicken from Sanderson Farms.

"A lot of people in the Greensboro area supported

the strike by boycotting local Church's Fried Chicken," stated Whitfield.

"Only a few people said they didn't see how it affected them. The big majority saw the need for the Black community to unite whenever there are abuses like these."

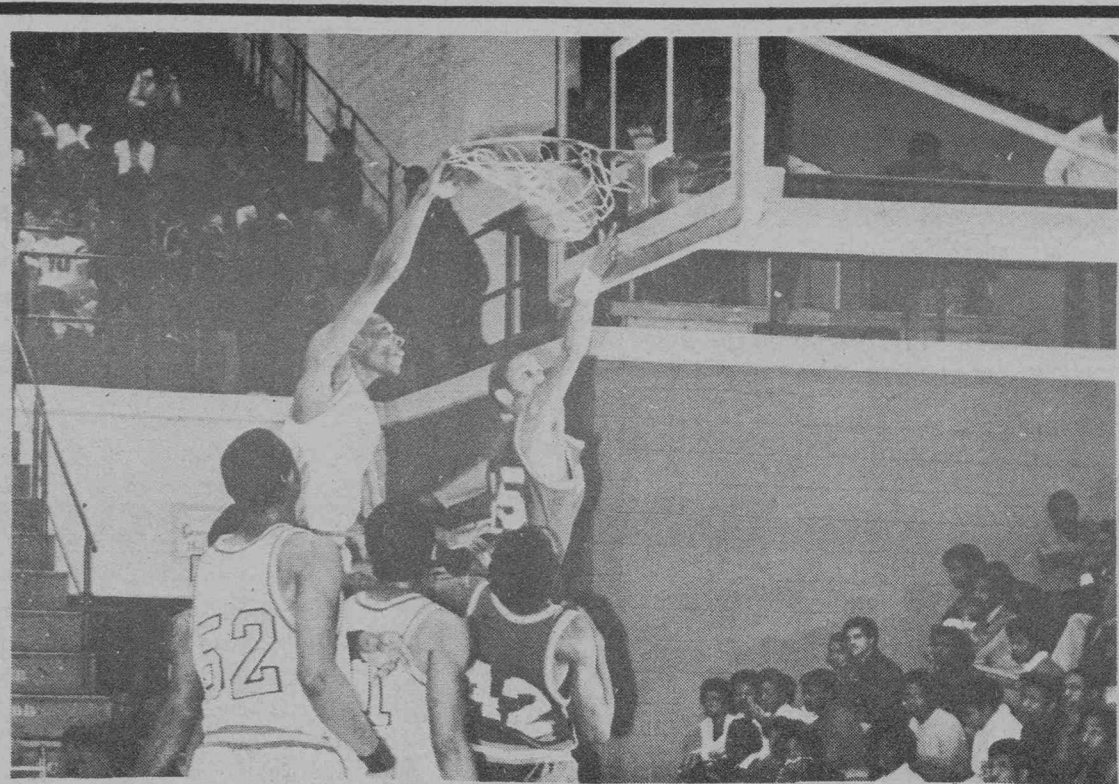
The International Chemical Workers Union, representing the strikes, other unions, and civil rights groups showed their support by contributing money, food and clothing. The greatest show of support was on May 17, 1980 when 2,000 people from across the country marched through the streets of Laurel, Miss.

The victory won in Laurel is not complete. These 200 Black women won their jobs back, but are still going to work under the same condition and under the same contract.

Going back to work will enable the workers to build their union's strength so they can obtain better working conditions.

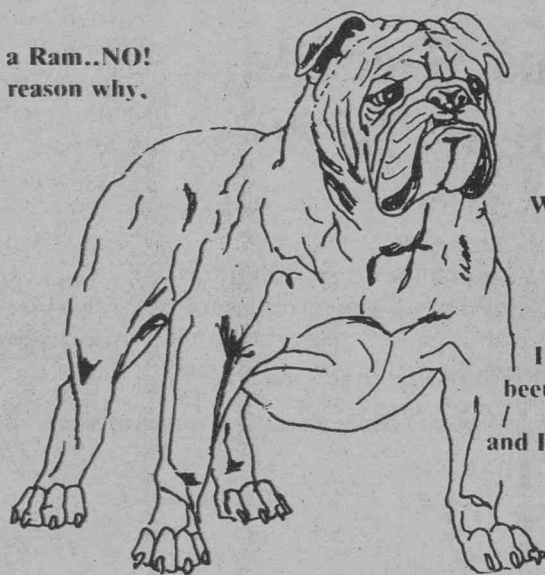
The importance of the Sanderson Farms Workers' Strike is summed up by Whitfield in this way: "It is important for Black people across the country to pull together and support struggles like this, even if the number of people directly affected is small.

The strike at Sanderson Farms represents an important victory for Black people, especially Blacks working in the south." Whitfield concluded, "We can't sit around and let our small battles get crushed one at a time."



While enjoying the unseasonably warm weather of the past few days, Ronnie Eaton takes time out to miss a pass. (Photo by Tyson)

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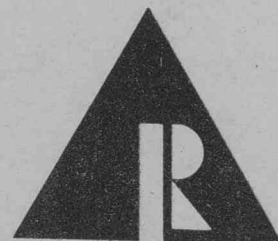
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## Journal Entry

By Tony Moore

Throughout an acting career that spans two decades, Black actress Cicely Tyson has developed a reputation for portraying strong Black women -- "women supportive of their men, their people and their own beliefs," according to the "Ebony Interview" in the February issue.

Tyson has portrayed characters such as "Jane Pittman" in *The Autobiography of Miss Jane*

*Pittman*, "Rebecca" in *Souder* and Binta Kinte in *Roots*. She also played abolitionist Harriet Tubman,

Olympic medal winner Wilma Rudolph, Coretta Scott King and forthcoming, Marva Collins.

Five years ago, Marva Collins left the Chicago School System and founded the Westside Preparatory School.

Tyson will star as Marva Collins in *Welcome To Success!! The Marva Collins Story*, an upcoming two-hour television movie, is to be aired over the CBS television network.

Filmed on location in Chicago, Tyson spent several days in Collins' classroom to research her role for Marva. "I was devastated when I first came to Chicago to research Marva Collins," she said. "I

sat there in her classroom that first day and I learned that I'm not as smart as I thought I was. I felt I knew absolutely nothing."

Described as strong and supportive in Collins' life, Tyson commented that Clarence Collins (Marva's husband) is her boulder. And he doesn't feel threatened; he's very secure. The fact that he's secure in his relationship with her is the key. When two people are together and they are secure in whatever that relationship is, there is no threat."

## Caesar To Perform Sunday

For many years Durham waited for something great to happen in the field of gospel music. Thanks to the Reverend James and Mrs. Hallie Caesar, a "Gospel Princess" was born and named Shirley Ann Caesar.

The late Reverend James Caesar died when Shirley was very young and her mother was left alone to rear twelve children. The task of caring for and supporting thirteen people was so great that her mother was unable to afford the expense of the formal education she desired for her children, but Shirley's strong belief in God and her drive for gospel music endowed her with a gifted local knowledge which has brought her to her present pinnacle of success.

Her popularity and accomplishments are well known and recognized throughout the world. She has appeared in Madison Square Garden, The Apollo Theatre, auditoriums, colleges, the Astrodome and churches

across the country. Caesar and Dr. Roy Wilkins headlined memorial services on the Pentagon's Concourse, Washington, D.C., when hundreds of people filled the Pentagon's Concourse in an effort to support Dr. King's dream of standing up for freedom together in spite of the difficulties and frustration of the moment. Caesar also toured the European countries singing to thousands Jan. 1976. In August of 1975 she won *Ebony's* outstanding award for the best female gospel singer.

Caesar has earned the right to wear the shoes and crown of each of the referred titles, "A Star," "A Superstar," "A Queen," "Her Highness," and most famous, "The Gospel Princess." She has grown above the realms of a star, to become a superstar. Caesar was officially crowned "The Gospel Princess" in San Jose, California, July 1974.

The surprising depth of feeling with which Caesar and her singers record many songs can stir souls. Every breath and every mood is captured and rings out with a sound of distinction for the listener's pleasure.

Besides being credited with three gold records, Caesar remains the first Black gospel singer to win a Grammy award.

Evangelist Caesar has her own Gospel Enterprise consisting of the Caesar Singers, an annual crusade convention where hundreds come from across the country to enjoy great singing and preaching, also seminars on

the entire ministry, including Homelitics, training of Pastors, Evangelist and singers. This enterprise also feeds the hungry annually.

Presently, she is heard over two radio stations with her own broadcast; WSRC, Durham and WIZS, Henderson.

## 'Teddy Bear' To Appear In The Movies

LOS ANGELES-Singer Teddy Pendergrass makes his first film appearance in the upcoming Warner Bros. film, *Soup For One*.

He portrays himself and is seen performing at Greene Street, a restaurant-nightclub in the Soho section of New York.

The film is a comedy about single life in Manhattan and is being produced by Marvin Worth of *Lenny* and *The Rose* fame.

Pendergrass performs a song, "Dream Girl," especially written for the film by Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards of Chic.



Shirley Caesar



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The University Choir will host a talent show Thursday, February 19, at 8 p.m. in Harrison Aud. No audition is necessary. The first fifteen acts to register will constitute the show. Interested groups may register in Room 102 Frazier Hall daily between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Attorney General's Staff will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Room 217 Student Union.

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Tutoring sessions for the National Teacher Exam (NTE) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will be held throughout the Spring 1981 semester on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. in Crosby Hall, Room 201. The Monday session will be conducted by Prof. Robert Levine and the Tuesday session by Prof. Gladys White.

**Lost Class Ring! Description:** Gold band with a red stone and a "P" on the stone. Inside the band is the name Sharon Greene. There is a reward for the ring. Please contact Vickie Gardner or Loretta Gallishaw in Cooper Hall.

The Student Judiciary Council will be hearing two cases at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 in Room 212.

A reporter's meeting will be held each Monday and Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the A&T Register House. Interested persons are urged to attend.

The Pan-Hellenic Council will hold a Commemoration program in honor of Black History Month on Thursday, February 19, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Guest speaker will be Dr. Sullivan Welborne. Everyone is invited to attend.

# Carter G. Woodson Founder Of Black History Month

Carter Godwin Woodson. That is a name that has become somewhat obscure in the modern realms of Black History. But it is to him we owe the celebration of Black History Month. This generation - who can't remember when to call someone "Black" was a fighting word; who were clad in diapers when the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) had shouted the battle cry: "Free By '63"; who don't remember "separate but equal" schools as high schoolers but are learning its racist ramifications at A&T -- this generation does not know Carter G. Woodson.

Yet, this generation celebrates Black History Month without regard to man who made it possible.

Carter G. Woodson was the originator of Negro History Week in 1924. Most history books will set the date as 1926 but Woodson founded the week in 1924 and a small segment of Blacks celebrated the week. It caught on in 1926.

But Woodson, the son of an ex-slave, not only founded the week, he argued that the celebrations of Blacks to American society were worthy of study and were valid parts of American history. For that he is recognized as "the father of modern Negro historiography."

Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History Sept. 9, 1915. The organization is now the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and continues to sponsor Afro-American History Month in February. Under the organization, Woodson published the scholarly "Journal of Negro History," which later became the "Negro History Bulletin." Within this journal are contained significant and scholarly facts about Blacks.

Woodson did much research and wrote of Black life from various points of view. Not only was he a historian and author, but he served as an elementary school teacher, a high school principal and teacher, a college professor and dean of liberal arts at Howard University and West Virginia State College. He retired from education in 1922 to devote fulltime to his research and writing on Blacks.

Woodson received a Ph.D. degree from Harvard University in 1912. He attended Berea College in Kentucky and the University of Chicago, where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He also did some post-Doctorate work at Sorbonne in Paris, France.

The NAACP awarded Woodson a Spingarn Medal in 1926 for his contributions to the advancement of Blacks.

He died in 1950 before he could see the benefits of his ideas come to pass. But in the 1960s, his contention that Blacks had a past worthy of study was adopted by the leading institutions and scholars in the country, and they began developing programs to fill the long-neglected gap of the history of

mankind. Woodson had set the pace for research in the area of Black History more than half a century earlier.

Ironically, the man who founded Black History Week (now a month celebration but the actual week falls between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Fredrick Douglass) is given very little

space in Black History volumes. No biography, to

date, has been written on Woodson, a fact which helps to keep his name and contributions to Black History obscure.

Greg Lewis

## Ph.D.'s for A&T

Reprinted from the Greensboro Record, Monday, March 31, 1980.

The time has come for the Board of Governors of the North Carolina University System to allow North Carolina A&T State University to develop Ph.D. level programs in electrical and mechanical engineering. The benefits from granting a Ph.D. capability to the University would be dramatic, not only for Piedmont residents, but for citizens throughout the state.

In a few years and on an extremely skimpy budget, the school has developed remarkably productive programs in mechanical and electrical engineering. The electrical engineering department operates a solid state engineering facility that compares favorably with the labs at Stanford, Cornell, and MIT.

The department also conducts research on the development of fast, efficient, small computers - the sort of "clean" industry research the state desperately needs.

Likewise, the mechanical engineering department has been conducting tests on a number of materials, including strong, lightweight metals for use on the exteriors of military and civilian aircraft. Such metals could save energy and make possible a number of swifter, more nimble aircraft.

But more promising for most Tar Heels is the mechanical engineering department's work on solar energy. Garrett House on the A&T campus is an impressive attempt to demonstrate the economic feasibility of solar home heating and power. The department also operates the state's only facility for performing efficiency tests on solar cells. The advantage of better, more efficient solar cells is obvious: they save energy.

Nearly 90 percent of the faculty in the two programs have their Ph.D.'s. And they attract more per professor in outside research monies than counterparts at state universities like Missouri, New Mexico and Nebraska,

and at private universities like Auburn, Tulane and Vanderbilt--all of which have Ph.D. programs in mechanical and electrical engineering.

Furthermore, the demand for engineers is expanding daily as information and energy industries become more and more important parts of America's future plans. Enrollments at both undergraduate and graduate levels in the engineering department at A&T have almost quadrupled in the past five years.

Yet an institution can achieve only so much without having Ph.D. programs of its own. Ph.D. schools generally receive preference for research grants, and high quality faculty members will work only so long at schools without doctoral candidates. Students working toward doctoral degrees are more highly trained and intensely motivated than master's students, and are capable of making more valuable contributions to high level research.

Finally, the Piedmont needs a state institution capable of granting doctoral degrees in the applied sciences. UNC-G has Ph.D.-level programs in the arts, humanities and social sciences, but none in any natural or applied science. The area desperately needs a research institution capable of handling the demand for well-trained engineers. N.C. State cannot all handle the demand, nor does it conduct the same types of research as does A&T.

For years, North Carolina A&T State University has been treated like an ugly stepsister not only to UNC-G, but also to State and Carolina. It is now time to reward the men and women who have transformed A&T's engineering department into a fine research institution in its own right. But more than that, we owe it to ourselves: the opportunity to develop high-level programs in the two fields that have the most promise for North Carolina's industrial future--energy and computer research--should not be missed.

A&T acting Chancellor Cleon Thompson said he wasn't disappointed a doctoral program in engineering was not included. But he quickly added that new baccalaureate programs in chemical and civil engineering, and new master's programs in mechanical and architectural engineering, will help "round out the foundation" of A&T's engineering school.

Leading editorials are written by the editor of The A&T Register. Such editorials will not necessarily carry a byline and will not necessarily reflect the opinion of the University or the entire staff. Staff members are free to write dissenting opinions.

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# 'Madame' Pioneers Black Cosmetic Development

By Trudy Johnson

Sarah Breedlove Walker, professionally known as "Madame" C.J. Walker, pioneered a cosmetics development the Black women is quite familiar with—the straightening comb.

Madame Walker, a pioneer cosmetics manufacturer, (1869-1919), born in Delta,

LA, began a life in poverty and hardship but became a millionaire and philanthropist.

At age fourteen, she married C.J. Walker, and was left a widow six years later with a small daughter to support. She worked briefly in St. Louis, MO, as a laundry worker before creating her Black hair formula in 1905.

Her experimentation

successfully led her to commercial advances in Denver. By 1908, her mail-order business grew widely, creating a branch in Pittsburgh. She stayed in Denver long enough to leave her daughter in charge of the operation.

In 1910, Walker settled in Indianapolis Ind., where she founded the Madame C.J.

Walker Laboratories for manufacturing cosmetics and set-up her school of cosmetology, and later a factory for production.

Her career height showed her heading about 2,000 agents demonstrating and selling her hair styling/cosmetics line. She did a business of more than \$50,000 yearly.

Madame Walker died being sole owner/president of the Madame C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company, owner of townhouses in New York and Indianapolis, and a

\$250,000 mansion, called "Villa Lewaro," at Irvington on the Hudson, NY.

One third of her fortune went to her daughter and the two-thirds to educational institutions and charities. Included in the latter was \$100,000 left for the establishment of an academy for girls in West Africa.

Most Blacks know that George E. Johnson, founder-president of Johnson Hair Products, was a pioneer with the Black line of chemical hair relaxers; but his roots came from the Madame.

## Founder's Week Begins Monday

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nationally renown Civil Rights leader and director of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) in Chicago.

According to Dr. Albert Spruill, dean of the A&T Graduate School and chairman

of the Founder's observance, the event will get underway on Monday, Feb. 23, with special

presentations by individual schools and departments.

Tuesday, Feb. 24, has been designated as Cultural Arts Day. The Richard B. Harrison Players will present

five one-act plays Tuesday through Saturday. They are "Shoes" and

"Contributions," by Ted Shine; "Breeders," by Randolph Edmonds; "Happy Ending," by Douglass Turner

Ward and "Schubert's "Last Serenade," by Julie Vasso.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, has been designated as Town and Gown Day. A 7 p.m. forum

will be held in Merrick Hall and will feature campus and community leaders.

Saturday, Feb. 28, has been designated as Alumni/Athletic Day. Former outstanding

athletes and coaches will be honored at a noon luncheon in the F. A. Williams Dining

Center and at half-time of the A&T versus Grambling Basketball game in Corbett Center.

The Founder's Day speaker, Robinson, holds degrees from A&T, the University of Bridgeport and Columbia University.

Prior to assuming his present position, he served as a

member of the admissions staff and as special assistant to the president of Yale University.

An educator, author, administrator, fundraiser and civiv worker, Robinson is a

member of the Florida Elections Commission and the executive committee of the

United Negro College Fund.

Jackson, who first gained fame as a student civil rights

leader at A&T in 1963, is currently a member of the A&T board of trustees.

A&T was established by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina on March 9,

1981. The college began operation as a branch of Shaw

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# Congressional Black Caucus Active Throughout Year

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\$450,000 annually; being active throughout the year, handling legislative briefings, seminars, regional conferences, national mailings and organizes the National Black Leadership Roundtable of Black organizations nationwide.

The Caucus' Brain Trust is another important phase of its work, bringing together experts and activists in the areas of housing, energy, health, business development

and education.

By 1977, the Caucus had grown to 16 members with the addition of Cardiss Collins of Chicago, who replaced her deceased husband.

Barbara Jordan of Houston left in 1978 to join the faculty of the University of Texas and was replaced by Mickey Leland (Texas). Freshman member Harold Ford of Memphis joined the Caucus in 1978. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of Los

Angeles, left in 1978 for an unsuccessful bid for attorney general of California and was replaced last year by Julian Dixon (California).

Metcalf died of a heart attack in 1978 and was replaced by Gus Savage (Illinois). Nix was defeated in his 1978 re-election bid and was replaced by William Gray (Pennsylvania). Diggs left in 1980 following an unsuccessful appeal of an earlier federal conviction and

was replaced by George Crockett (Michigan).

Other members joining the ranks of the Caucus are freshmen Marvyn Dymally (California) and Harold Washington (Illinois), both Democrats.

Delegates Melvin Evans (R-Virgin Islands) and Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.) represent the non-voting members in the Caucus. Evans lost his bid for a second term in office.

The Congressional Black

Caucus is located at 306 House Office Building, Annex Number One, 300 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20515; phone (202) 225-1691.

What is between a Master's and a Ph. D.?

## Nobel Prize Winner To Speak, Feb. 25

Dr. Philip W. Anderson, who shared the 1977 Nobel Prize in physics, will be a guest of the A&T School of Engineering on Wednesday, February 25.

Anderson is expected to meet informally with administrators, teachers and students and present a public talk Wednesday evening in Merrick Hall, in conjunction with the university's observance of National Engineer's Week.

Anderson shared the Nobel Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences with Van Vleck of Harvard University and Sir Nevill Mott of Cambridge University in England.

Anderson's visit to A&T being sponsored by the Bell Labs of Murray Hill, New Jersey. The three prize winners are theoreticians within the field of solid-state physics, the branch of physics which current technical developments, particularly in electronics.

Anderson's work has resulted in a better understanding of why certain atoms such as iron, are magnetic when dissolved in non-magnetic host metals and why other atoms that might be expected to be magnetic are not.

Anderson joined Bell Laboratory's technical staff in 1949 and worked in the field of theoretical physics, concentrating mainly on studies of solid-state materials. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and a member of the Physical Society of Japan, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. He received the Oliver E. Buckley prize of the Academy of Sciences at Gottingen in 1975 and the Dannie Heineman Prize of the Academy of Sciences at Gottingen in 1975.

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# SPORTS REPORT

By Raymond Moody

## THE BLACK GREEK SPEAKS

It's time to celebrate (If you're an Aggie). N.C. A&T's basketball team accomplished a big goal Saturday after winning an important MEAC contest against the Florida A&M Rattlers. The win clinched first-place honors for the Aggies in the regular season standings.

Coach Don Corbett claimed he was surprised that his Aggies have played so well in 1981. (15-6)

"My objective this year was for us to play .500 ball," Corbett explained. "So I was really surprised and pleased that we were fortunate enough to win the conference.

"Our play hasn't looked that smooth at times, but the guys have put forth a lot of effort and hard work. Basketball isn't like football where you run one play and huddle. Basketball is a transition game in which you have to adjust. And, lately, we've made the adjustment."

Corbett said the key to the recent victories has been the play of Antoine Collins, a 6-6 sophomore who transferred from Corbett's Lincoln school. Collins' play began to take notice at the Jackson State game in Greensboro where he outplayed Jackson's All-American candidate Aud'e Norris.

Since that game, Collins has become a starter in the Aggies' lineup, and that switch has put 6-5 forward James Horace in a sixth-man role.

Another key to the Aggies' success that has enabled them to capture first-place was their defensive play. During one span of the current season, A&T's shooting (or lack of it) caused the Aggies some conference and non-conference

losses. But A&T did win some close conference games when they were in their slump.

"We've played basically good defense all year, and that's been another element to the success of this team," Corbett said. "There were some games where we shot about 37 per cent from the floor, but our defense was always there to keep us in the game."

Corbett was somewhat worried earlier in the year about the play at the point-guard position. He just wasn't satisfied with the play Ron Stinchcomb was giving him.

So Corbett inserted freshman Brian Booker into the starting lineup for a couple of games. Then that pushed Stinchcomb a little to produce better play. Currently, Stinchcomb is the starter, but Corbett doesn't hesitate to play Booker, who now receives approximately 17 minutes of action each game.

"I'm satisfied with the play at our point guards now," Corbett stated. "Both Ron and Brian compliment each other well. They've been doing a good job."

Henry Ossian Flipper was the first black American to receive a commission from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.



Aggie Harold Royster "slams one down" in the game against Florida A&M's Rattlers Saturday night in Corbett Gymnasium. (Photo by Mike Johnson)

## Aggies Defeat Wildcats, FAMU

By Wade Nash

When the 1980-81 basketball season opened, the season also opened for the skeptics of the Aggie basketball program.

After a dismal first year and, with the absence of one time MEAC Player of the Year Joe Brawner, Coach Don Corbett was on the hot seat. (After all, the Aggies had won two consecutive MEAC basketball championships under Gene Littles, Corbett's predecessor.) When Corbett failed not only to win the MEAC championship but failed to win more than he lost, the skeptics declared open season.

It was a dismal first year for Corbett, who ended up suspending several players including Joe Brawner before the season ended. He returned this season with one goal. "My first priority is to turn around last season's dismal record and to recapture the homecourt advantage, but he won the MEAC regular season championship and leads his young bunch of upstarts into the tournament with the prestigious first round bye.

There were many heroes along with this fairy tale, which could end with the Aggies' gaining a berth in the NCAA Tournament. And all sorts of possibilities dance before the Aggies: winning 20 games, winning the MEAC tournament, winning in the NCAA, national television exposure, even going to Philadelphia to compete in the Final Four could be an end to this Cinderella tale.

But just like a fairy tale arrived James Anderson, Joe Binion, Antoine Collins, Brian Booker, Ron Stinchcomb to blend with James Horace and

senior Harold Royster. And

for 1980-81 with the guidance of Don Corbett and Tim Abney they captured the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship.

The Aggies wrapped up the Championship by defeating Florida A&M University 69-63 and Bethune-Cookman 71-65. Delaware State defeated Howard 76-74 to eliminate the first-place tie with the Bison.

A&T never trailed the visiting Rattlers and opened up leads from 11 to 15 points. The Aggies placed four players in double figures with Joe Binion collecting 20 points and five rebounds before fouling out. James Anderson added five rebounds and collected 12 points and six rebounds while Harold Royster contributed 10 points and six rebounds.

The victory avenged an earlier loss to FAMU, and the Aggies did it with defense.

They forced the Rattlers to shoot a dismal 25-68 from the floor, while hitting 25 of 45 attempts while A&T made 13 charity shots. FAMU was paced by Luther Sandifer's 20 points and the Aggies limited Rattler star Pete Taylor to 14 points and forced him into hitting only four of fourteen attempts.

This Aggie-Rattler contest was exciting; and back-to-back dunks by Collins and Royster got the fans involved in the game. The Aggies opened a 10-point lead with Anderson's three-point play with 11:36 remaining. The Rattlers made a run scoring six straight points before Collins, Binion and Anderson rallied again-this time opening an 11-point advantage.

The contest was never in doubt as A&T made it clear it is the true class of the conference.

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