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Aggies applaud rally speakers at the governmental plaza, Monday. Mayor John Forbis presents proclamation to SGA President Chris Onyemem, declaring Black College Day in Greensboro. Aggies later in the evening attended the candlelight service in Raleigh. (Photo by Phil Powell).

Rivalries forgotten on Black College Day

By DORIS PERSON
Editor in Chief

Rivalries were forgotten as Aggies, Eagles, Rams, Falcons, marched side by side, screaming and shouting SAVE BLACK COLLEGES! SAVE BLACK COLLEGES!

College students jammed the streets of Raleigh Monday night to voice the need of Black institutions.

Students from all corners of North Carolina attended the candlelight service on the steps of the state legislative building.

Student Government Presidents gave inspiring and informative facts on the Black institutions and ways in which Black institutions can remain open.

Dr. George Reid, state president of the North Carolina Association of Black Educators said there are misconceptions about the need to preserve Black colleges.

Reid said even in the early days Black institutions have never set out to segregate any body. "We never closed our doors."

"There is a need for our Black institutions when 70 percent of all Black graduates are from N.C. and 85 percent of our doctors, lawyers and accountants graduated from Black institutions," Reid said.

Many guests on the rally platform questioned the absence of the Black presidents and chancellors. Several speakers reminded the students to let these officials know that if there were no Black institutions, there would be no Black college presidents or chancellors.

However, several Black university chancellors were in Washington, D.C. in a conference at the White House voicing concerns of the budgets of Black institutions.

Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt read the official document proclaiming September 26 as Black College Day in the state of North Carolina.

Ruffin told students that 80 percent of the counties in N.C. do not have a Black physician and 67 percent do not have Black attorneys.

He asked students if they

were helping to save Black colleges or helping to destroy them.

"The future is in your hands," said Ruffin. "Take advantage of education, get all you can," he added.

Renee Anderson, SGA president of Elizabeth City State University told students it would take a little more than a proclamation from the governor. "We have to renew our commitment to the preservation of our institutions and let people know that Black institutions are here to stay," Anderson said.

One point stressed by all presidents is that students must first register to vote, it is the beginning for a change.

"It is time to get down to business" said Karl Menefee, SGA president of WSSU. "We can't wait any longer because if we don't start a plan now, we will become a part of someone else's plan," said Menefee.

The rally ended with the audience singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" with their burning candles raised to the sky.

Homecoming shows pride

By JAMIE RUFF
News Editor

Most Aggies view homecoming as a time to exhibit enthusiasm, pride, and unity.

Mrs. Sadie Smith, acting head of public services said "basically Homecoming means renewing acquaintances with alumni and friends and enjoying a good competitive football game."

"(Homecoming means) observing the beautiful students in their activities and seeing the community join in with the university activities. I enjoy seeing students exemplifying pride in the organizations and groups and displaying overall Aggie spirit."

Ruth Colston, accounting clerk for the book store and a student from the class of '48, said, "I don't participate but I get into the excitement."

"You know how they (the students) feel because you know how it was when you participated."

Sharon Cameron, a senior economics major, said she is looking forward to this Homecoming because her family will be in Greensboro.

The majority said that Homecoming allows former and present Aggies an opportunity for interaction.

"Homecoming means everything to this campus. Homecoming is basically reuniting old Aggies to gain that old Aggie spirit once again," said Lionel Lyons, a senior political science major.

Anthony Norman, a profes-

sional history major, said Homecoming can be a learning experience because of the stories returning alumni tell about how A&T used to be.

Homecoming of old, present and future Aggies that should be remembered forever said Sheba Hall a sophomore administrative services major.

Jackie Bond a junior psychology major, said "Everybody seems so happy and together. It's a very special time."

Some students said that Homecoming offers an opportunity to enjoy the weekend festivities.

"What Homecoming means to me is getting together with friends, partying, and going to the game and seeing A&T have its victory," said Kim Coffey, a sophomore speech and theater major.

Kevin Edwards a freshman industrial engineering major said, "Homecoming means a good weekend-time to have some fun, watch a good ball game and meet some new ladies."

Others, however, did not have the Homecoming spirit.

Dr. David Porter, a history instructor who has only been at A&T for a year, said at this point A&T's Homecoming has little effect.

Gloria Boyd, a senior psychology major, said "I've never really participated. It's like another game."

Lisa Williams, also a senior psychology major, said, "It's just an activity people enjoy. Homecoming means a time to unwind and enjoy yourself."



United Christian Fellowship Choir



The Clark Sisters and their mother, Mattie Moss Clark performing in Corbett Sports Center, Sunday night. (Photo by Phil Powell).

Clark Sisters visit Aggieland

By FRANCES WARD
Staff Writer

About 1,000 students, faculty, members of the community and others attended the gospel polophony concert in Corbett Sports Center Sunday night.

In addition to outstanding performances by A&T's gospel choirs, the highlight of the evening was the Clark Sisters, whose album "Is My Living In Vain" has been rated number-one in Billboard.

Along with the female gospel singers was their mother, Mattie Moss Clark.

Each harmonized selection sang by the Clark Sisters brought the audience to its feet.

Concert goers were shouting and praising God during the Clark Sisters' renditions of "An Overdose of the Holy Ghost" and "Endow Me."

The audience was reluctant to let the Clark Sisters leave Greensboro without singing their hit single "You Brought Sunshine."

So, after a very brief exit, the six female singers returned. The audience crowded around the stage to join the gospel vocalists in the sunshine of the gospel recording.

Chants of "We Love You" echoed throughout Corbett Center as the Clark Sisters left the stage a second time.

Mistress of ceremony was Nancy Carree, a local evangelist and gospel T.V. hostess. She also entertained

the audience with a solo, "There is Not A Friend Like Jesus."

The United Christian Fellowship Gospel Choir rendered several inspiring selections. One of the most outstanding selections, which brought the audience to its feet, was "Work On Me" led by Stacy Monroe.

During a selection by the A&T Gospel Choir, Terry Staton was featured in "We Need to Get Together and Make This World A Peaceful Place," which received a standing ovation also.

Another guest choir was the "Spirit of Love Singers" of Greensboro. This group composed of several A&T Students has just finished a gospel recording.

Challenges exist For students



Fort

By FRANCES WARD
Staff Writer

Citizen apathy, technical mediocrity, computer literacy, and a need to re-arrange priorities are the challenges facing students, said Chancellor Edward B. Fort.

Fort gave the address at Fall Convocation, Wednesday in Harrison Auditorium.

"Never before in the history of this nation have we been confronted with a crisis of such magnitude - as it relates to the challenge of apathy," he said.

"Apathy demonstrated by those who can but won't, apathy demonstrated by those who try but who do not try hard enough. And apathy as demonstrated by those who say what's the use, the college's and universities are going to deteriorate anyway, so why pour more money into them."

Fort said technical mediocrity is the failure of too many people to familiarize themselves with the impor-

tance of science, technology, and liberal arts.

He said in this age of computer technology, the role of the university will be to insure that students are exposed to basic computer technology.

In explaining his last challenge Fort said we need to arrange our priorities so we can recognize the importance of what it takes to eliminate social problems, such as rising unemployment and inadequate education in public schools.

We gain strength through God and as a university can overcome the challenges of our political, or organizational, and human relations tasks, said Fort.

"Our responsibility as staff and students is to prove ourselves together as we move toward success.

"Do it, and you won't regret it," he concluded.

SGA President, Chris Onyemem encouraged students to attend Homecoming activities. He also stressed unity of the Aggie Family.

"I urge you to move forward in your struggle," he said. "We as a team will be able to say at the end, we packed our own chutes. Remember, nobody will save us but us."

Head Football Coach Mo Forte introduced the football players and athletic staff.

Although he did not make any predictions, coach Forte said the football team has been faced with difficulties but will be prepared at the Homecoming game.

He asked that the student body combine to support the football team.

Aggies enjoy Black College Day

By JAMIE C. RUFF
News Editor

Black College Day was received with a mixture of optimism, apathy and pessimism by students, faculty and administrators.

Angela Coley, a sophomore chemistry major, said that BCD is "a day to show unity among the Black colleges and to set an example to the Black community that there is strength in numbers."

Jerry Moncrief, a junior industrial engineering major, said BCD is a step toward being recognized for our leadership. He added that without the Black institution there would be no Black leadership.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort agreed that the role of the Black college is vital. He said "the continuation and enhancement of the historically Black college is a must, as these institutions have played a major role in providing a reservoir of highly trained leaders for the nation. As channels of uplift and upward mobility for literally



thousands of Black Americans for more than 100 years, these institutions have earned the right to exist.

"It's not the day that's important, it's the cause," said Chris Onyemem, SGA president. "I wish we didn't have to have BCD. Black colleges should be independent and self sufficient. To me really and truly BCD is every day."

However, some could not see the purpose of BCD.

Lisa Harris, a freshman business major from New

Jersey, said "I've never had the experience (of BCD). It means nothing to me. I'm in here (on workstudy in Bluford Library) when I should be outside."

"I don't know what it means," said Tim Rice, a senior history education major. "What BCD means to me is I will get out early and go home."

Some students felt that although BCD served a purpose, it might not deliver a strong enough message.

One industrial engineering major who wished to remain anonymous said, "BCD means security. It's the last fortress against an ever-threatening and racist educational community. Black colleges are being threatened by complete take over from outside the country. Black students are being replaced by Iranians. Black instructors are being replaced by Indians and if Black administrators do not correct the problem their jobs will be next."



CITY STAGE

CELEBRATION

City Stage is back

The United Arts Council of Greensboro and the Miller Brewing Company will co-sponsor City Stage on October 1 and 2.

Each year, the two-day celebration of the arts is held in the heart of downtown Greensboro.

Hundreds of artists perform and exhibit their works.

Focal points in a 12-block festival area are five stages, programmed from 10-7 on Saturday and 1-7 on Sunday with a diverse array of over 50 music, dance and dramatic acts. The highlight of City Stage each year is the appearance of headline acts.

This year's slate includes: The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band,

performing two shows each day; The Chairmen of the Board (beach), performing two shows on Saturday; The Band of Oz (beach), performing two shows on Sunday; Oingo Boingo, a new wave band from California that has toured with "Police", will do two shows on Saturday; The Spongetones, of Charlotte, N.C., a group influenced by the British Invasion bands of the 1960's will do two shows on Saturday; and, Bo Thorpe and His Generation II Orchestra, the best of the new big bands, will perform twice on Sunday. There will also be 200 exhibitors, a Folk Arts area, an international foods area with 45 varieties of foods, and two beer gardens.

Aaron addresses Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation banquet

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

It has been almost 10 years since Henry "Hank" Aaron hit the home run which broke Babe Ruth's record which he set decades prior.

But that didn't stop hundreds of fans from reminiscing that great moment when "Hammerin'" Hank came to A&T last Sunday to speak at the 10th Annual Sickle Cell Banquet in the F.A. Williams cafeteria.

They came with smiles, cheers and greeted the home run king, seeking autographs like the famous moment had taken place just yesterday.

Aaron, decked in a three-piece dark suit with a carnation in his left lapel, kept the crowd's attention citing examples of how the dreadful disease had marred many Americans' lives.

The Greensboro chapter of the Sickle Cell Foundation is now in its eleventh year. Sickle cell is a disease that often, but not strictly, affect Blacks.

"I spread myself out," said Aaron, after speaking to a crowd of mostly well-dressed

older couples, which included the Congressman Robin Britt and many other candidates for political offices. "I have to do whatever I can for these organizations because they need support from everyone.

"I've been through one stage as a player. Now I'm helping people. I do a lot of fund-raising."

Aaron, 49, and only a few pounds heavier than in his playing days, spent 23 years playing major league baseball. On April 4, 1974, his career reached a milestone when he hit his 714th career homer to shatter Ruth's record. Now the vice president of the Atlanta Braves and in charge of the team's player development, Aaron went on to record a total of 755 home runs in his career. He now is in the running to become the commissioner of baseball. If he wins he will become the first Black ever to hold the distinguished post.

See *Open Gate* on page 6 for related article on Hank Aaron.

Legal drinking age is raised to 19

By MICHAEL RATCLIFF
Staff Writer

North Carolina will have a new set of laws dealing with those who operate a vehicle while impaired by alcoholic beverages, according to Director of Security, Joseph Daughtry.

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. of North Carolina was responsible for these new laws being passed. In addition, he has written to all N.C. colleges, specifically to their police forces, to inform students, Daughtry said.

The State Roads Act of 1983 will be effective Oct. 1. The act does much more than raise the drinking age for alcoholic beverages to 19 years of age.

'People need to be aware of what's going on,' said Daughtry.

He said, really if anyone should be truly aware are the college freshmen who might not be 19 years old yet.

'On A&T campus, there is really not many cases of drunk driving reported. Because students don't have to drive while intoxicated, instead they can return to their rooms,' he said.

In an open letter addressed to Chancellor Fort and Security Director Daughtry, from the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety explained many of these new laws.

If a student is stopped at one of the roadblocks, law enforcement agencies in N. C. have established he or she will be penalized.

"If a student is caught drinking a beer while driving, under the new law, the student can be arrested and charged under the single offense of impaired driving," Daughtry said.

Whereas before, a first time offender, especially a student would probably get off lighter.

"Definitely there will be no more plea bargaining. There are no lesser included offenses, such as careless and reckless driving in the new law", Daughtry said.

In the open letter addressed to the Director of Security, there is one charge, and it can be proven in one or two ways: (1) By showing the driver's physical or mental faculties are appreciably impaired by an impairing substance or (2) By showing the driver's alcohol concentration is 0.10 or more.

New age laws required to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages are 19 for malt beverages and unfortified wine; 21 for fortified wine, spiritous liquor and mixed beverages.

If a student is caught driving under the influence and refuses to take a chemical test, his license will be revoked for one year,' Daughtry said.

He said the student can only apply for limited driving privileges, only after six months of the revocation.

If a student registers 0.10 alcoholic content or more on a chemical test, he will be taken before a magistrate and his license will be suspended immediately for 10 days.

"This is mandatory, and no one gets off. Out of state students will have their privilege to drive in N.C. suspended for 10 days," Daughtry said.

N.C. has reciprocity with most states for impaired driving crimes. The letter also mentions North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles would send the report of a student's conviction to his or her home state. Then the home state will apply the sanction.

The letter also indicated that if a student is a 16 or 17 year old and is convicted of driving under the influence, his or her license will be revoked until he is 18 or for 45 days, whichever is longer. The same applies if the youngster refuses to take a chemical test.

The law also provides a one-year license revocation if:

(1) An underaged person attempts to purchase or purchases an alcoholic beverage.

(2) An underaged person aids or abets another to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage.

(3) An underaged person attempts to use a fraudulent driver's license or other identification, or even by lending his driver's license for that purpose.

"We don't have many cases of drunk driving on campus. I just don't think kids are into drinking that much," Daughtry said.

'As far as Homecoming and drunk driving, we all will see,' Daughtry said.

It's Homecoming again!



Some ladies of Delta Sigma Theta take time to pose while painting their sorority wall for homecoming.

Photo by Phil Powell

It must be Homecoming

The hustle and the bustle of the homecoming rush are on. Queens are running wild about gown alterations and undependable escorts. Fraternities and sororities are painting and cleaning plots for the old school.

Students are flocking to the mall for that serious homecoming show outfit. At the same time, other students are squeezing that last \$10 in the bottom of their pockets until they see the road crew pull up to Corbett Sports Center.

The coach and football team are spending their nights contemplating the game winning strategy that will please the 20,000 homecomers.

Most of all, the instructors are trying their very best to hold classes with almost 75 percent of the students absent. Yes, the homecoming rush is on, here in Aggieland.

But what is going on in the lives of those Aggies who are planning to return? Exactly, what will they be thinking about as they board their planes or drive down the interstate to dear ole Aggieland?

Will they be thinking of the accomplishments and failures that have taken place since their departures? Are they aware of them?

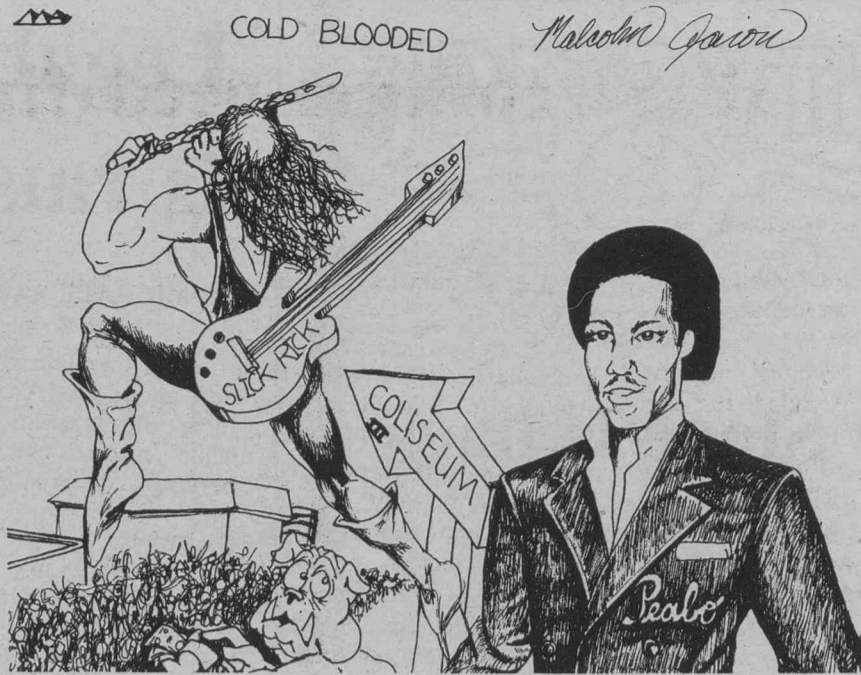
Most former Aggies will be thinking of the good and bad times they experienced here in Aggieland. It is probably a big laugh to reminisce about the registration lines, co-ed restrictions, housing situations and cafeteria food of those good ole days in Aggieland.

Surely, they realize that, in those days, it was not really a laughing matter.

But neither is it for those Aggies here today who are struggling to reach the status of a alumnus of A&T.

Perhaps the grass is greener or the campus is a little bit cleaner and the university is more populated; but, underneath it all, this is still dear ole Aggieland.

Welcome home, Aggies!



Oh! What a feeling!

By MICHAEL THOMPSON

Homecoming...what a feeling! It is the most wonderful time of the year, at least in Aggieland.

Thousands of alumni, relatives and friends come from far and near to converge on campus and reunite, share memories and enjoy a good football game.

There is a sense of togetherness when you see yesterday's students intermingled with those of today. It is a feeling as if everyone is on one accord. We are experiencing what they have already encountered.

Homecoming is a week-long observance, but the excitement really begins unfolding Friday night at the coronation of Miss A&T.

The pomp and circumstance of the ceremony is quite a spectacle. Young ladies clad in beautiful gowns and gentlemen in their tuxedos will light up the night. Those in the audience will be fascinated by the pageantry of it all.

The faces of mothers and fathers will sparkle as they see their sons and daughters in the limelight.

Parents and other attendants may retire after the coronation, but a standing room only turnout is sure to follow at the pre-dawn dance.

The atmosphere will continue as the

homecoming parade proceeds down Laurel Street once again Saturday morning. Countless persons will greet the participants.

If you have survived thus far, then you are pumped up for "the game." This will be one of the biggest highlights for the alumni.

As they catch your attention, you will probably say to yourself: "I wonder what was he/she like when he/she was a student here?" They will most likely wonder the same about you today.

Corbett Sports Center will attract large numbers again for the concert, which some may pass off as the finale for homecoming. Not true.

There will be an alumni worship service Sunday morning in Harrison Auditorium to complete the observance.

The glitter will have faded, but the memory will live on. Homecoming is only one segment of the school, so we should not let our exuberance fade.

As former Miss A&T Robin Davis said in the Homecoming issue of last year's newspaper, "After all the festivities and events end, we must remember that A&T does not move forward by living in the past."

Education

In your best interest

By GINA E.E. DAVIS

One complaint I hear about our editorials is that too often we criticize the students.

To me, that is constructive criticism because it is generally informing students of what they need to be aware of.

Right now I don't know who to point the finger at, the institution or the students.

It is sad to think, we have seniors in this institution, getting ready to graduate, and can't spell simple everyday words, or compute simple mathematical problems.

I read a student's written opinion, and I said to myself, "how can this student, go out into the world and have the inability to recognize words like president."

This student incorrectly spelled president as "p-r-e-s-s-i-d-e-n-t," twice. "Militant" was incorrectly written as "m-i-d-d-l-e-t-e-n-t," image was spelled "e-m-a-g-e." These were just a few of the errors.

I don't know if this is an error on the part of

the institution or just laziness in the student.

I'm a firm believer in using a dictionary, to spell unfamiliar words like support. Whoops! that should be 'support' - but I saw the student omit a 'p'.

It is amazing to think student could pass English 100 or English 99, for that matter, and doesn't think to look up words they can't spell.

Ignorance stems from not looking when you think you are in error.

People are more apt to laugh at your mistakes because mistakes show an ignorance, which could be easily rectified.

Remember, if you look up what you don't know, at least, you learn.

But it amazes me to think, one can be a senior, a probable candidate, oh no, that's 'candidate' for graduation and can't spell simple words.

Is that a sign of poor instruction or just getting by?

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Black colleges need financial support

Editor of the Register

Black College Day occurred Monday with many activities planned for the Aggie student body. How many of our 5,000-plus attended the activities and then participated in the march downtown? My estimate was about 500; I saw at least 300 hanging out around Holland Bowl as (we) the marchers proceeded.

There may be various reasons, such as studying, as to why students didn't participate. However, I think the

most prevalent reason is apathy.

It is a monster that has stormed our campus and has swallowed our Aggie spirit. Year after year, I have seen the plague grow. It blinds us to its damage. Have you thought about how your life would be different if you didn't attend a Black school? I can hear many of you echoing the same thing that just crossed my mind, "More bank (money) in my pocket and a lot less hassle paying A&T."

But, check the statement out. If you think about it,

that's the bottom line --money!

We need the Aggie family to get off its bumpies and show its support in numbers, physically and financially. If you showed your support both ways, you may not have the "bank" in your pocket, but it will be less of a hassle paying your tuition or getting a grant. If we don't care about our own, who will? If we don't give our support to our school, it won't be ours anymore!

Rumor has it that we are already UNC-G West on paper.

While we marched in the street in Raleigh I felt a sense of unity with Winston-Salem State, with North Carolina Central and all the other Black colleges around the state. We can be strong if we support one another. Anyone who has family knows that. But what speakers from each family failed to mention was that we need money, lots of it! (Can you imagine how much money A&T would have it every alumunus gave \$10 a year?) In these times, where Reaganomics will have a longlasting effect on our socie-

ty, we need vocal support; we need to be heard and seen, to let the folks in power know we are serious and committed; and we need to give the financial support, so that when they get ready to take the ball home, we can buy the stadium. Check that out!

My Aggie family, please remember this when you participate in the Homecoming activities this weekend: if you don't give your support, there may not be a home (as you know it) to come to.

Michelle F. Turner

Davis to take final walk



Robin Davis

By KATHY THOMPSON

"Every young lady on campus is capable of being Miss A&T," said Robin Davis, former Miss A&T 19 82-83. "It takes hard work and dedication," she said.

"This (past) year was the best year. I was glad to work and talk with people. I hope the new Miss A&T will feel the same," Davis said.

Davis said she is saddened by the fact that her reign will come to an end Friday night.

Being Miss A&T is something that Davis will always cherish.

"I would like to wish Brenda a lot of luck," Davis said.

Although the former Miss A&T misses the activities surrounding Homecoming, she has achieved two of her goals, graduating and becoming Miss A&T.

Davis plans to work on a master's degree in business administration in January at North Carolina State.

"I would like to get a job in my field, settle down, and shoot on the stars," said Davis.

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Sports

The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

It's not that I dislike Henry Aaron. Maybe it's the generation gap. Or maybe, yet, it was the topic of his talk Sunday evening when he made a stop along the *Open Gate* at the 10th Annual Sickle Cell Banquet.

But the "Hammer," fashioning horn-rimmed glasses and that ever present smile, was supposed to have made me feel real important when shaking his hand, thanking him for an interview. My palms were perspiring so when he entered F.A. Williams cafe that a winged creature could have taken a birdie bath in the drippings.

Instead, I left the interview not thunderstruck because I had just spent well over thirty minutes with the all-time baseball home run king, a legend mind you, who surpassed Babe Ruth's long-standing total of 713 home runs on April 4, 1974, and the next possible commissioner of baseball!

Somewhat disappointed, I left feeling like Hank was just a good old friend just passing through to see some hometown folk. I mean the guy actually remembered my name *apres le interview*. I've had professors for years who still screw up on that one.

Here is a man who for three years while chasing "The Babe" was a prisoner who couldn't enjoy happiness. A man who faced reporters and microphones twice daily -- once in the morning and once in the evening -- until April 4.

And he still remembers names. Phenomenal! Unbelievable! Also good for P.R., Hank.

I decided then and there that here is a man who handles pressure as though it were no more bothersome than some fastball-throwing hurler. But those three years are ones that Hank would like to forget.

"For those three years I chased that record," said Aaron, his deep, resonant voice bouncing across the small room we had now moved to, "I was like a prisoner. Hell, I couldn't go into a restroom without someone watching me.

"There were threats on my life. And one day I came home and two FBI agents were in my living room saying that my daughter who was attending Fisk was going to be kidnapped. All this over a little game of baseball."

Some has said Aaron was a bitter person.

"I'm not bitter," he said. "I've never been bitter. But the things I should have enjoyed and the times that should have been the happiest times of my life, it's the part of my life that I'd like to forget.

"I never carry grudges but I'm going to always have scars. Those things," he said, "I should have enjoyed. But because I was a prisoner and my daughter was a prisoner, I couldn't."

The former Atlanta Braves outfielder, who looks like he could still pound a fastball, saw the toughest three years of his life halted when he broke the record.

"I remember it perfectly," said Aaron, delicately picking up a baseball he forgot to return to an autograph seeker, caressing it gently. "I was determined to hit a home run that night," said Aaron, who now serves as corporate vice president of the Braves. "I don't remember all the fanfare following the home run. Someone said a fan ran from the stands as I was running around the bases and shook my hand. I don't remember that.

"I do remember going home that night and saying a prayer that it was over and that I had lived through it."

And after all that, the guy still remembers names.

Bruise Brothers prep for A&T

Although A&T faces Johnson C. Smith in their own Aggie Stadium this Saturday, there will be two factors in the game going directly against the Aggies.

Those factors will be Craig Warren and Stephone Darby, or the Bruise Brothers, as they are affectionately labeled.

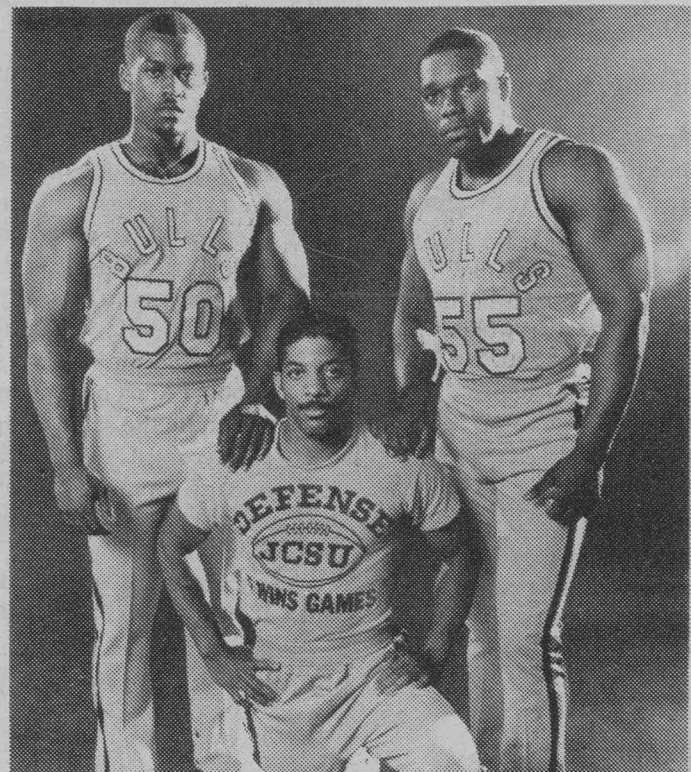
The Bruise Brothers left many a running back singing the hard knock blues during Smith's 1983 football campaign. Although bookend linebackers Warren and Darby epitomize the no-nonsense, physical play of the Bruise Brothers, the entire defense earned a reputation for its aggressive, effective style.

The Golden Bulls, 1-3, also feature two of the hardest hitting safties in the CIAA in Steve Gray and Alvarez Abernathy.

One of the keys to the freedom Darby and Warren enjoyed at inside linebackers was the grizzly bear job nose guard John Logan did in the middle of the line.

Darby and Warren share more similarities than differences in character and on-field play. Both have "choir boy" features and ready smiles; they both stand 6-foot-2 and weigh 230 pounds, honed by constant hard work in the weight room. (Warren bench presses 420 pounds, Darby, 390).

Each tends to be quiet performers, content to let their accomplishments talk for themselves. Each is a consistent performer, but also clutch players whose best efforts



The Bruisers--Stephone Darby (left) and Craig Warren (right), are two reasons why Harold Amos opted for track this season instead of football.

come against Smith's toughest opponents.

Warren made 20 more tackles in a single game five times in 1982. Darby had five games in which he made 13 or more tackles.

"Linebackers represent all that a defense is meant to do," said Smith head Coach Wylie Harris, who also served as an assistant at A&T. "They've got to be able to hit with the strength of a lineman, yet cover the secondary with the mobility of a defensive back.

"We switched to a 3-4 defense," Harris said, "Which allows more opportunities for linebacker hits.

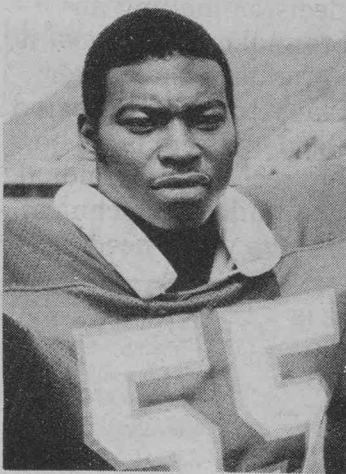
Our defense was on the field a greater percentage of the time with our passing offense."

"There's been a substantial change in the attitude among the players when I first came here as a freshman," said Darby, now a senior. "There really is a team approach to our entire program which is carried off the field."

Darby and Warren will have plenty on their hands even though the Aggies are off to a slow start.

Senior running back Mike Jones will keep the two busy as the MEAC's third leading rusher goes for his second straight 100 plus game.

Patience is key: Small



Small

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The transition from high school to college football requires a lot of patience.

Just ask Ricardo Small.

From his high school days in Hoke County, where he played defensive end to now a college senior linebacker, Small says he has learned the value of patience and it has paid off.

"Patience has helped me

become a better student-athlete," he said. "Sometimes life gets pretty tough and you just want to throw in the towel, but I've hung in there.

Patience has taught me not to give up. I have held my own and I'm still here when at times I felt like giving up."

This season Small has experienced some of those times--where he has begun to criticize his own performance.

Small set goals for himself during pre-season that he says he has yet to fulfill.

"By far, I'm not satisfied with my performance in the first three games," Small said.

"I'm not getting as many tackles as I'd like to get and I'm missing a lot of my assignments because of my lack of concentration."

Last season, when his team finished 2-8, Small finished as one of the top tacklers for the Aggies. So far this season, the Aggies have gotten off to a similar slow start, 0-3, but Small is again among the leading tacklers with 29.

"I feel confident that we

can have a winning season," said the optimistic Small, a mechanical engineering major.

"Right now, we just need some breaks. We've cut back on our mistakes and we're beginning to play better as a team. But it seems like nothing can go our way. Everything is going against us."

Small came to A&T from Raeford, and played sparingly his freshman season on the special teams. His brother, George, had already acclaimed fame as linebacker at A&T and is now playing professionally in Canada after a brief stint in the NFL. He says he calls his brother -- who always has been a role model for him -- before each game for encouragement.

Small, co-captain of a team that is rebuilding and is dominated with freshmen, served as running back his sophomore season before moving to defense.

"I enjoy playing defense better," he said, "Because I prefer giving the hit rather than being hit."

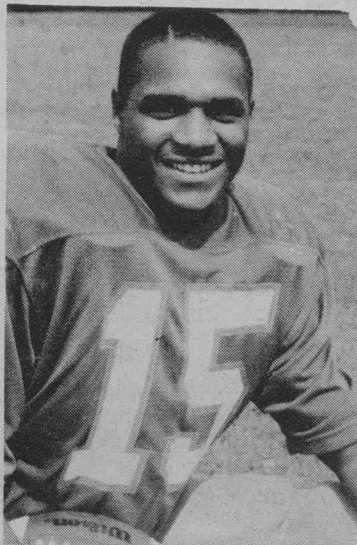
Grier looks ahead Youth lack spark, experience

A&T's starting quarterback, junior Alvin Grier knows much is expected from him.

It is the nature of the position that the quarterback is credited with the team's success and blamed for its failure.

Grier is not accustomed to failure and it hurt when the Aggies suffered through a 2-8 season last year. He has put the memory of that disappointment behind him. He continues to look forward to the remainder of the 1983 season although the Aggies have failed to record a victory in their first three outings.

"We definitely can't look back," Grier said recently. "I still think we have the potential of being a good football team."



Grier

It would be a mistake to blame Grier for the team's lack of success last season. There were a number of extenuating circumstances. There were transitions from former head Coach Jim McKinley to Mo Forte and an offense that was laden with newcomers.

Grier, who prepped at Homestead of Miami, began last year as the backup to Keith James, then became the starter in the fifth game. In his third start, he directed the Aggies to their first victory, an impressive 31-18 drubbing of Morgan State.

Grier's confidence grew with each game. He engineered a 13-7 win over arch-rival N.C. Central, proving his potential and backing up the staff's confidence in his ability. Grier finished last season completing 65 of 148 attempts for 738 yards and two touchdowns. This season, he is far ahead of that pace as he is the league's second-leading passer completing over 45 percent of his tosses.

"He's intelligent," Forte said. "He has made tremendous progress and we're expecting great things from him. He showed us that he's a capable quarterback and he should have a fine year leading our offense."

(see Grier, p.8)

By TIMOTHY LITTLE
Special to The Register
A&T's volleyball team is going nowhere fast.

So thinks second-year head Coach Alice Lyons, who recently said the team's mediocre start is due to a lack of concentration and costly errors.

"During practice we're fine," Lyons said, "but when it comes time for games we're missing simple shots."

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Coach Alice Lyons

Lyons said nervousness could be the factor as the team has freshmen playing key roles this season. She said the main problems have occurred with serving and spiking.

"By the end of the season we should have these problems corrected," she said.

Lyons also has a problem with numbers as the team returned only eight players from last season.

The athletic department's volleyball budget is limited,

she said, thus allowing for limited recruiting for additional talent. There are 12 members on this year's team including four first-year players.

"We have a disadvantage in that area," Lyons said. "We cannot recruit more players unless we have more money. The more money we have, the better our program will be."

The new faces on this year's

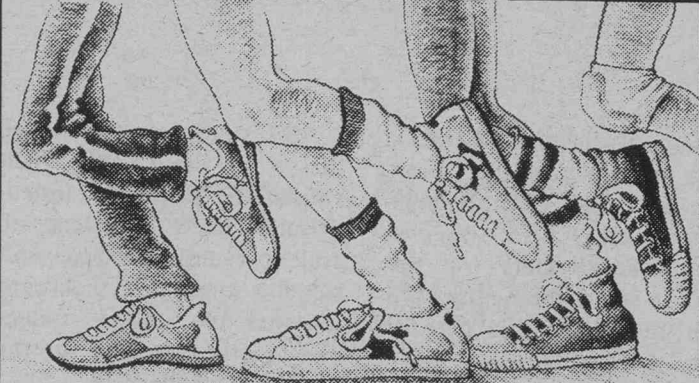
team include freshmen Valerie Herbin, Sheila Johnson, Erma Easton and former A&T track and field star Kathy Graham.

They join a veteran cast headed by Juliette Bowden, Carmen Todman, Angela Williams and Donna Scales.

The Aggiettes will host UNC-Charlotte and Meredith College October 12 in a double-header in their next contests.

Staff Writer Terra Singleton also contributed to this story.

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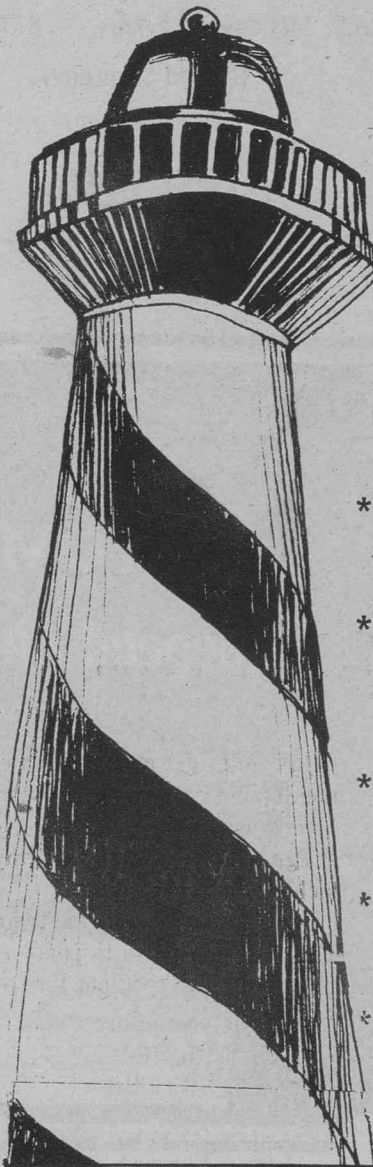
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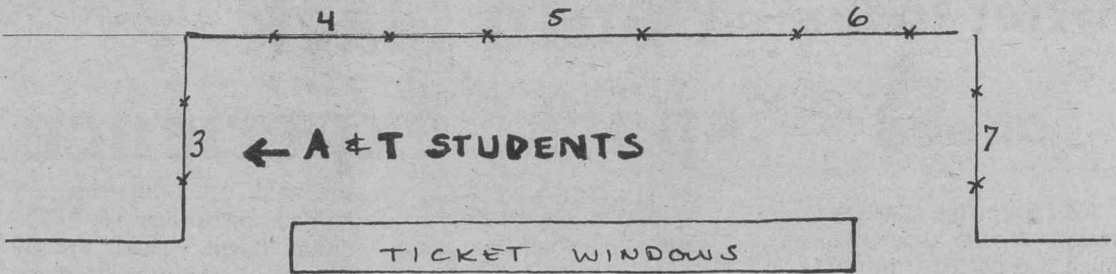
Completed lot Holds 800 cars

The only tickets sold and the only gate open on the visitors side will be for general admission tickets. Also, reserved seat ticket holders will not have to stand in long lines this year, there is a special gate for them too.

Moss added a special note about the new stadium parking lot, "our new lot is ready and will be open to Stadium Seat Holders as a priority and then to the public to capacity." The new lot holds in excess of 800 cars. Entry is off Lindsey Street only.

A&T students are reminded that they need only their validated university identification card to attend all athletic events this year. All students must show their card to enter the special student gate at the stadium on the home side of the field.

Director of Athletics, Orby Moss, said that "in an effort to make it easier for our fans and simpler for ticket takers, new signs have been installed to show exactly which gate spectators should enter the stadium.



HOMECOMING '83

By MICHELLE R. TURNER
Special to The Register

Welcome to "info line", your connection on what's happening in the music entertainment world.

There's a lot going on in our back yard this weekend; Homecoming festivities later this week include: the coronation of Ms. A&T and all of our campus queens, Friday at 8 p.m., open to the campus family.

Later on in the evening, you can party with those three dynamic young men from Philadelphia, Pieces of a Dream at the pre-dawn jam, beginning at 11 p.m. in Corbett Sports Center.

Then Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

the big kickoff takes place in Aggie Stadium where our Aggies meet the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith in football.

At 8 p.m., again in Corbett Sports Center, Homecoming "Celebramus" takes place, featuring Lakeside, Ray Goodman & Brown (formely the Moments), War and Peabo Bryson. For ticket information, call 379-7676 or 379-7820 and the folks at student information services will be glad to help.

This is also City Stage weekend, with food, drink and free entertainment. It's happening Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the downtown area. If your mom and dad are in town you can treat them!

Whew! That does it for this week - check me out next week, when I will inform you about....Michael Jackson's new video....Rodney Dangerfield's new rap record(!)...the top Black and Jazz L.P.s in the country and much more!

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GRIER

(continued from p.7)

Keith James is now established as a flanker. In his first game at that position, he caught six passes. He is also the team's leader in receptions this season with 11 catches totaling 160 yards. He adds depth to a talented corp that also feature the likes of split end Jessie Britt and tight end Tony Stubbs.

Grier now is at the hub of an offense that includes nine starters from last season, another improvement over last year when only one veteran returned. The Aggies have showed punch in the backfield with Joey Ruffin and Mike Jones, whose 292 yards rank him third in the conference.

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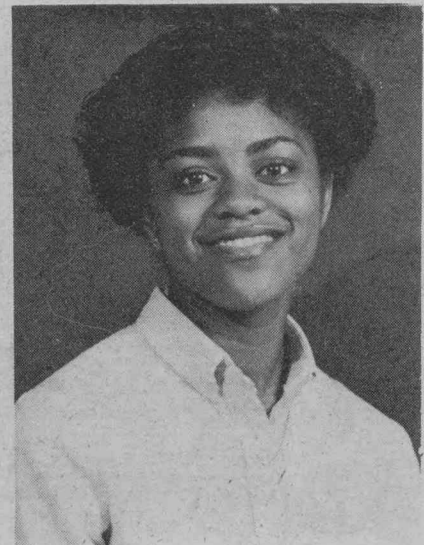
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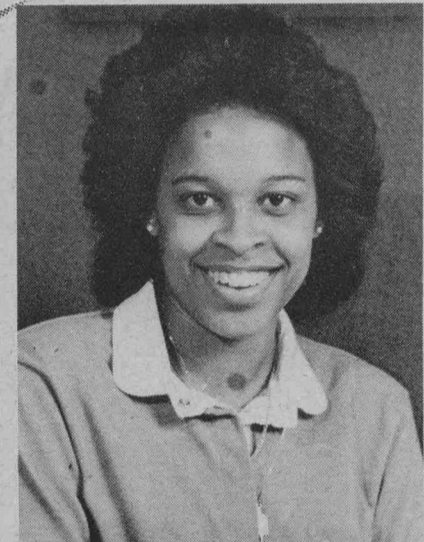
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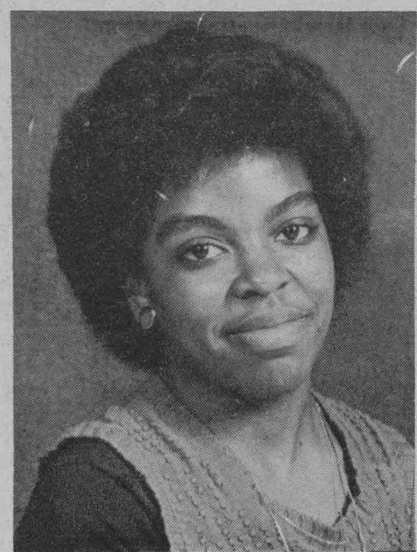
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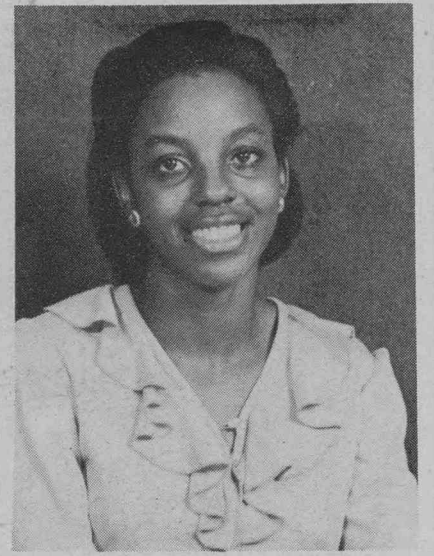
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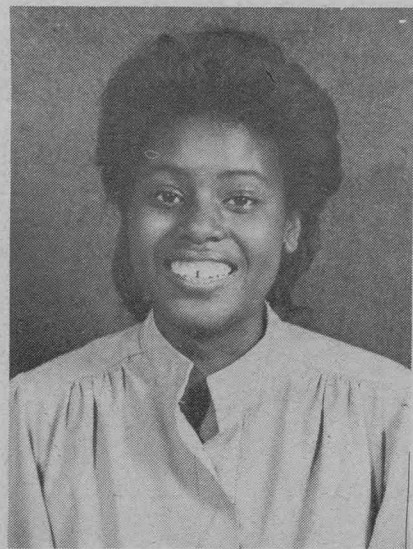
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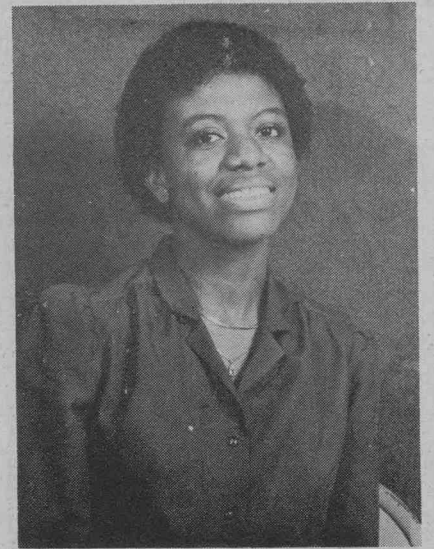
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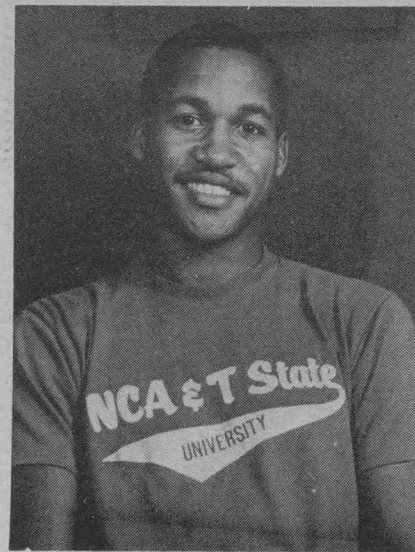
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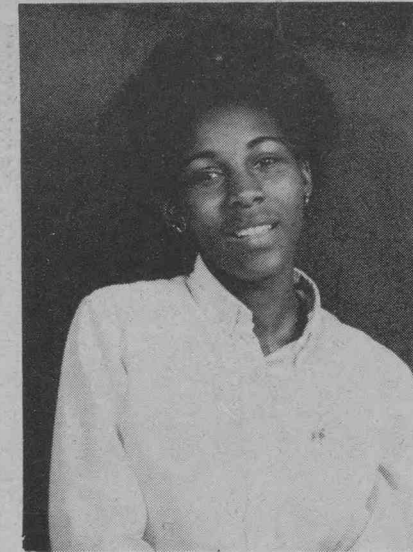
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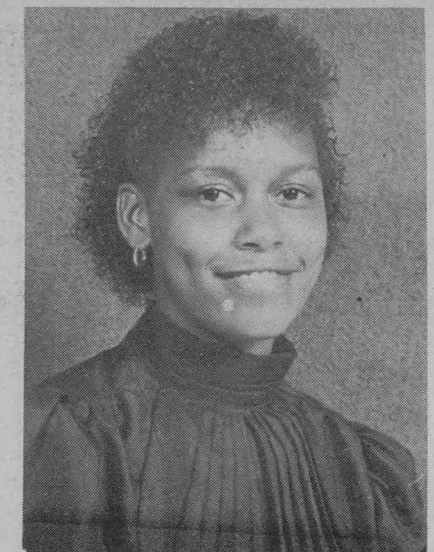
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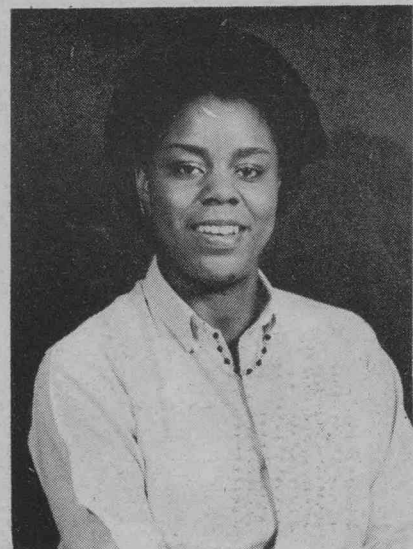
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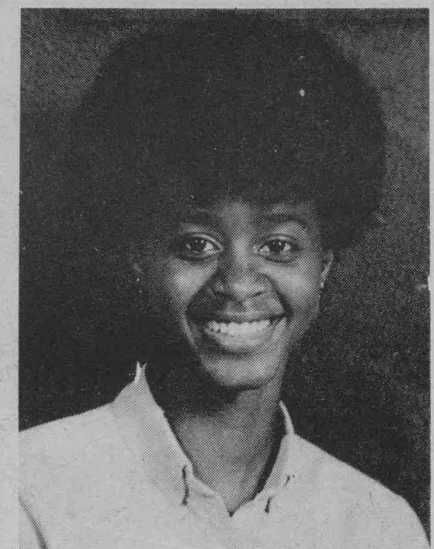
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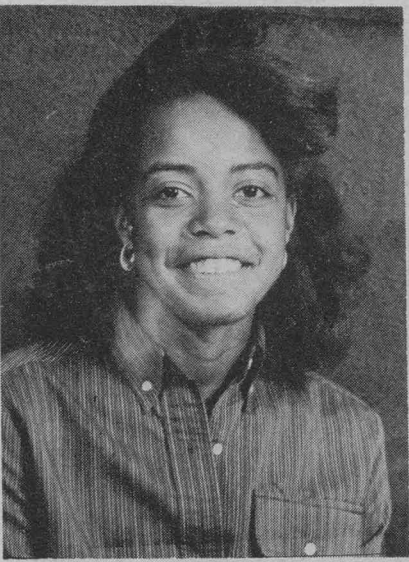
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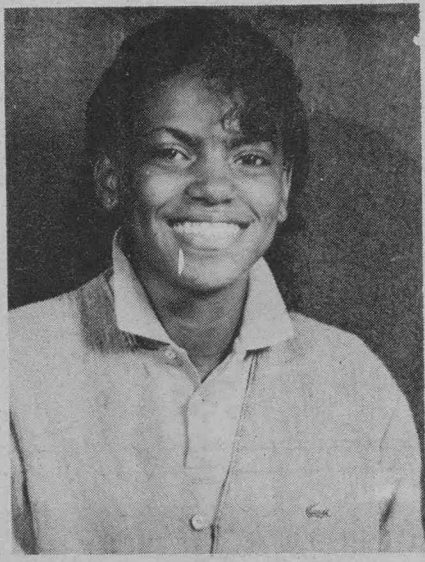
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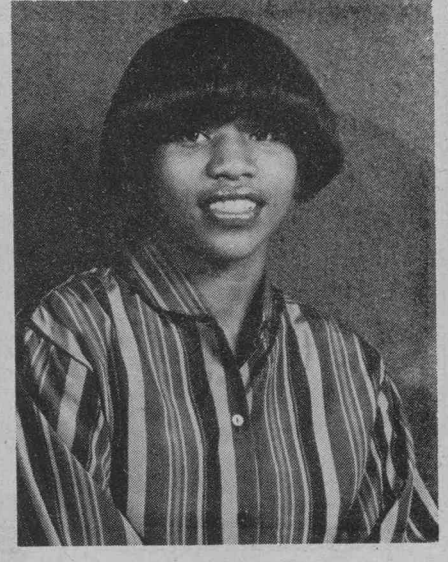
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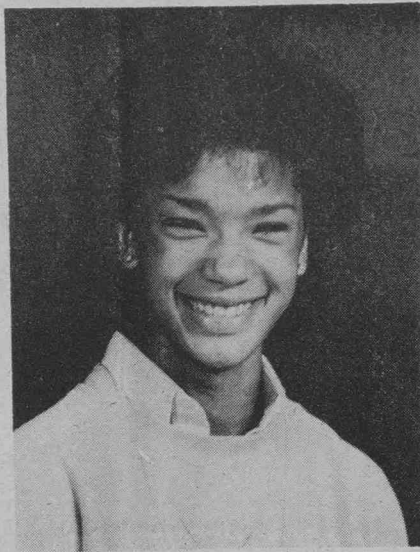
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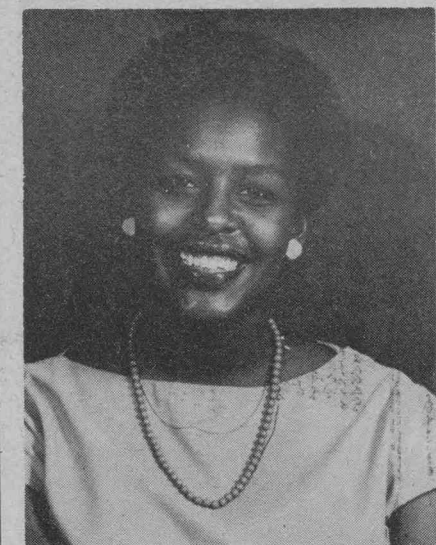
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One of the sophomore class' gifts to the 83-84 school year will be a campus beautification project. Sophomore class members will meet outside the Student Union Saturday after the Homecoming game and Sunday after lunch as well.

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Carl Hannah, ground maintenance supervisor said, "the sophomore class' help will be needed during this busy time of the year and will be well appreciated by the Physical Plant."

Everyone who participates will be rewarded for their time and concern in the beautification of A&T.

"I hope this project will be terminated soon," said Wayne Davis, sophomore class president. "Every student should be motivated within his/her self to be in a clean environment; therefore, we should continue to put our waste in those blue and gold Aggie cans," Davis said.

Billboard's

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Here is Billboard's Top Ten for the week of Oct. 1. across the nation...

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Jackson for president?

Aggies have mixed emotions

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor
and
DORIS PERSON
Editor in Chief

The idea of Jesse Jackson running for president has sparked different opinions among A&T students and his former colleagues and instructors.

Many think his running for president will cause more Blacks to vote, but the Black voting power is not strong enough to let him in.

"People are wondering if Jesse should run for president," said John Kilimanjaro, owner of the *Carolina Peacemaker* and former instructor of Jackson.

"Of course, he should run. He is the most qualified."

Kilimanjaro said the idea of Jackson splitting the democratic vote is a ploy not to get others to vote.

George Simkins, president of the Greensboro chapter of the NAACP said "Jackson will get a lot of Black votes," but he doesn't think he will win.

Simkins said Jackson's running would create a hope for Blacks and make them more political.

John McLaughlin, 89, a retired sociology professor



Jackson

said if Jackson ran, President Reagan would win.

"It would muddy the water," he said. "Not that I don't think he is worthy, there is just so much racism in the country."

Jackson's former football coach, Bert Piggott said he doesn't know if Jackson is well-informed on government issues, but he carries himself well and has the charisma needed to run for office.

"Politics is a popularity contest," Piggott said.

Albert Spruill, dean of the graduate school said, America may not respond to a minority president, but it would make a "good showing and be interesting."

"Jesse grew up in an era of

radicalism," Spruill said. "People are skeptical of radicalism in leaders."

He also said any Black running would split the democratic vote because it is a mixture of many groups.

The splitting of the democratic vote would be an important issue if Jackson decides to run, Spruill said.

A&T students have varied opinions about supporting the former Aggie, and if he should run for president.

Many said they would support Jackson if he ran because it is an indication that the Black race is on the rise.

Jackie S. Washington, a senior dietetics major said, "I don't think Jesse Jackson should run for president, but if he does run I would most certainly support him."

"We the Afro-Americans should support any organization to help our people and ourselves."

Mikey Chavis, a senior business administration major said he doesn't think Jackson should run for president because he has no experience in government.

He said he would not support Jackson because he is Black, but he would support him if he was the best man for the job.

Second time around Dorsett vies for position on city council



Dorsett

By DORIS PERSON
Editor-in Chief

Dr. Katie Dorsett, a business education instructor, is taking another shot for a seat on the city council in the Nov. 8th election.

During the last elections, Dorsett won the primary but lost in the general election.

However, Dorsett said she has a totally different strategy for this campaign. "I am not going to run as a female or a Black candidate, but as a qualified candidate," said Dorsett.

"Politics involve students' supply and demand of food, housing, clothing, health and careers," said Dorsett.

"Students are politically naive and do not get involved," she said.

Exercising the right to vote and studying political issues which may effect students are two ways Dorsett mentioned in which students could become involved.

Dorsett is competing in District 2 which includes A&T. Cooper Hall has been designated as precinct 5.

She said would like to see students more active in politics.

Dorsett said the lack of political power for women and minorities is an unresolved social issue. Representatives of both groups are need in all governmental levels.

"Women as a visible minority have come a long way in politics," said Dorsett.

However, women fail to win elections and are not appointed to elite decision-making posts," she said.

Looking back on her first campaign, Dorsett said it was both a depressing and rewarding experience.

She said it was depressing because so much success is never assured and it was rewarding because she got to interact with so many different people.

A&T instructor

Johnson seeks mayoral seat



Johnson

By KATHY THOMPSON
Circulation Manager

A serious, viable, and quality candidate is the way Dr. James Johnson describes himself as a mayoral candidate for the November 8 city council elections.

For his platform, Johnson said, "my candidacy is one with qualifications."

He has 20 years of experience working with people resolving everyday problems. He is a trained social worker and a lawyer. He has spent 15 years as a social work practitioner.

Johnson graduated magna cum laude from A&T in 1962. He received a B.A. in applied sociology.

In 1968, he received the M.S.W. Social Work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a juris doctor in 1974 from North Carolina Central University.

Johnson is chairman of the faculty senate and associate professor of sociology and

social work at A&T.

Johnson said, "I can provide leadership that will create an atmosphere of participatory democracy by all citizens."

His leadership will also consist of vision, integrity, and compassion in order to understand problems that people face.

He said Greensboro should work toward changing negative image received as a result of the 1979 confrontation between the KKK - Nazis, the Communist Workers Party and the trials.

"Greensboro is ready to move into a realm of reality and progress with other cities across the state and country," Johnson said.

He had given considerable thought to running for mayor before he entered the race.

"We need to work together," Johnson said. "I would like to see coalitions and networking. We need to work together."

Some of the issues in the campaign are housing, employment and revitalization. Johnson said he has a refreshing, dynamic approach to these problems.

Haith

endorses political awareness

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor

Involving youth in politics and formulating a plan to make the community politically aware is the game plan of Terry Haith, a first district candidate for city council.

"I plan on getting the community involved in politics by bringing the senior citizens and the youth together," Haith said, "so that we as a district will be able to work out problems that will be beneficial to all."

Haith of 1828 Bothwell St. graduated from A&T in 1982. He received a B.A. in political science.

He said he plans to establish community relationships between the district and the city government because the community in the first district has

been cut off by people and not much has been done for the minority community.

Haith said that many people are under the impression that the campaign is a party campaign, and he wants to inform the community that the entire campaign has a non-party affiliation.

Not only does Haith plan on being a representative for the minority community, he will represent all the people in the district.

District one has a population of approximately 30,000 and six precincts.

"When I win, the next day, I will start organizing the community groups," Haith said. He will do anything within his means to escalate the community's awareness and their political participation.

Administration fails to support band

To the Editor

"Ladies and Gentlemen for your entertainment and pleasure the 1983 version of the North Carolina A&T State University Blue and Gold Marching Machine. This is how each show starts with the introduction of one of the best bands in the nation.

This year's 155 member band is under the direction of Johnny B. Hodge and Jimmie J. Williams.

Each year the band gets better and better. The members of the band practice vigorously Monday thru Friday and sometimes Saturday to fulfill their goals of featuring one of the best halftime performances seen.

The Marching Machine has already performed at two games this year: South Carolina State College and Winston Salem State University. Both bands put on good performances against the Aggies, but the Marching Machine emerged victorious, due to their elaborate show.

Both shows featured a downfield drill off Donna Summer's No. 1 hit, "She Works Hard For the Money."

These shows in particular were very special and different from all the rest, in that the halftime shows featured a singer. The song was "Reeces in Heaven" and the featured singer was Greg Dillard. This new singing innovation added a new dimension to the many talents of the Blue and Gold Marching Machine. To end it all the band freaked to the robotic sounds of "Freakazoid."

Doesn't this sound like the kind of band every school would admire and want? They not only give you musical entertainment, but also pep up the school's spirit and the crowd at the same time. But what does the band get for entertaining the school as well as the community? Not much of anything.

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He said "it's time a change has come to Greensboro. If winning the election, he can bring about this change.

Johnson places an emphasis on preventive ways to solve problems before they occur.

"Today's prevention is the answer to tomorrow's cure."

Johnson said, "according to the media no Black has ever filed for mayor in Greensboro. Now is the time to put this on the agenda."

It seems that as much as the band does for the university, the administration seems to give little concern and treats us as second class citizens. The university focuses on recruiting as a basis for gathering good students for the academic year. In recent years the band has put their time and efforts into helping to recruit sufficient students, not only for the good of the school, but also for the band. In this way, the band serves not only as a student activity, but also as a major public relation scheme for the university.

The chief issue here is why

student activities and the administration doesn't help the band out. It takes four buses to transport a band of this size. The band must be fed the meals they don't receive on campus while performing at the games.

Everytime the band needs something, they have to struggle to receive what little they do get. Student activities and the athletic department should allocate the band a sufficient budget each academic year, so it could operate properly. This may insure that the band can

travel with the football team to provide support.

You may ask yourself why does the band need a budget? There are many reasons. First in past years the band has been under poor management. There exist an inadequate supply of equipment (mainly instruments) and the maintenance of uniforms. This has given the band one of the worst inventories in past years, and threatens their credibility as one of the best bands on the East Coast.

Scholarships are another reason to consider. Because here, the few scholarships the band directors allocated in

their budget proposal to the administration, were all withdrawn. Ripped uniforms must be repaired or replaced, and they must be cleaned, for which there are no funds. Expendables for the uniforms, such as gloves, plumes, and spats, which are needed to complete the uniform properly were denied in the budget proposal.

This article is not to blame anyone, but to put into perspective those groups which help the university in so many ways to build "AggiePride."

Jerome E. Lee
Band Member

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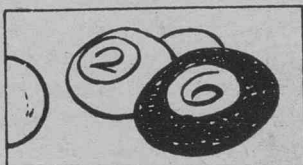
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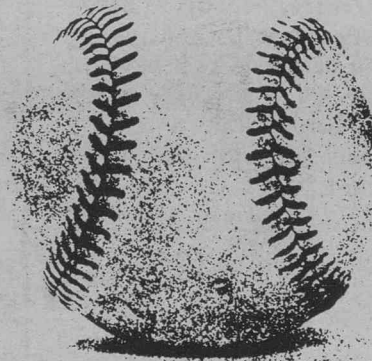
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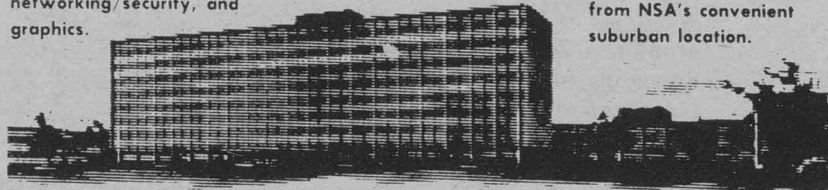
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Sister, sister so fine
 Why you weep your
 precious mind
 Cause.....
 Brothers, brothers are hard
 to fine
 For ego trips feed on their
 minds
 It promise lies that will
 never be
 That drugs will set them free
 And food stamps will feed
 me
 Cause white folks hold the
 key
 Bring forth this damn
 misery
 So sister, sister must cry
 Cause life brings no other
 reply.

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H aving extreme joy in our
 celebration,
 O ur Aggies are geared up
 with pride.
 M any have fought hard for
 this great creation,
 E nhancing so we may
 guide.
 C oncerned with producing
 in excessive abundance,
 O utwardly we proclaim.
 M atters of great
 significance,
 I n projecting A&T's name.
 N ow that we have made
 some dreams real,
 G oals are still yet to be
 reached.

Sheba Anne Hall

Homecoming, Homecoming
 Oh, how I await to see
 Members of the Aggie Family.
 As they gather at the big game,
 They express the importance of our name.
 Homecoming, Homecoming,
 Oh, I love to feel the joy and pride
 That each Aggie emerges from inside.
 We are truly exuberant in everyone's eyes!

Frances M. Ward

Let everyone express
 The motavation they feel,
 For Aggies great success
 In making our foredreams
 real.
 We celebrate annually
 A week of honoring and
 events,
 Making it obvious to the ci-
 ty
 Of the Aggies extravagance.
 The glow in our hearts
 Makes Aggies strong and
 mighty
 As everyone takes a part
 In such great variety
 The Aggies concerns
 Are in two words described-
 Deeply they burn,
 SPIRIT and PRIDE.

Sheba Anne Hall

A stem is rooted in the
 ground,
 Spreading roots rapidly,
 Growing,
 It becomes a tree,
 How strong its stump,
 How full its branches,
 How many leaves
 Fall to the ground
 To revitalize its roots?
 Each bit, giving back,
 Each leaf, coming home,
 To where it all began.
 A traditional act.
 A Homecoming to
 remember.
 Just as leaves,
 Return to the ground.
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G. Wanderer Davis

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 Not a physical love in lovers,
 But a binding mental wire
 That strengthens as life progresses.
 Tied together, at the end
 Of this strong wire rope,
 Are the lives of two
 Or more individuals,
 That say "We are friends."
 They know not what commitment
 They make to each other,
 Nor how long that wire lasts.
 They know just what they have.
 Friend, I understand your pain
 Friend, I know what love is about
 Friend, I try to understand life
 Friend, I'll be there when you need me.
 Forgiving, as a friend
 Forgetting, makes a friend
 Sharing lives, lives a friend
 Laughter, in your need of tears-friend
 Friend, make my blue day bright
 Friend, I'll help make your sorrow light
 Shed not a tear, laugh with me
 Friends forever.

Gina 'Wanderer' Davis

Time has slipped out of my hand,
 I once loved you.
 My, how old I'm getting.
 You once loved me.
 All I remember are memories.
 What did we laugh at?
 Why did I cry?
 I remember shedding tears for you.
 But yesterday is so long ago.
 I remember telling you goodbye.
 I remember saying I'll wait for you.
 My, how time has slipped out of my hand.
 I've started my new life, you know.
 I have found a new love.
 Here he comes now.
 I remember,
 I once loved you.
 Now all I have are memories.

Gina 'Wanderer' Davis

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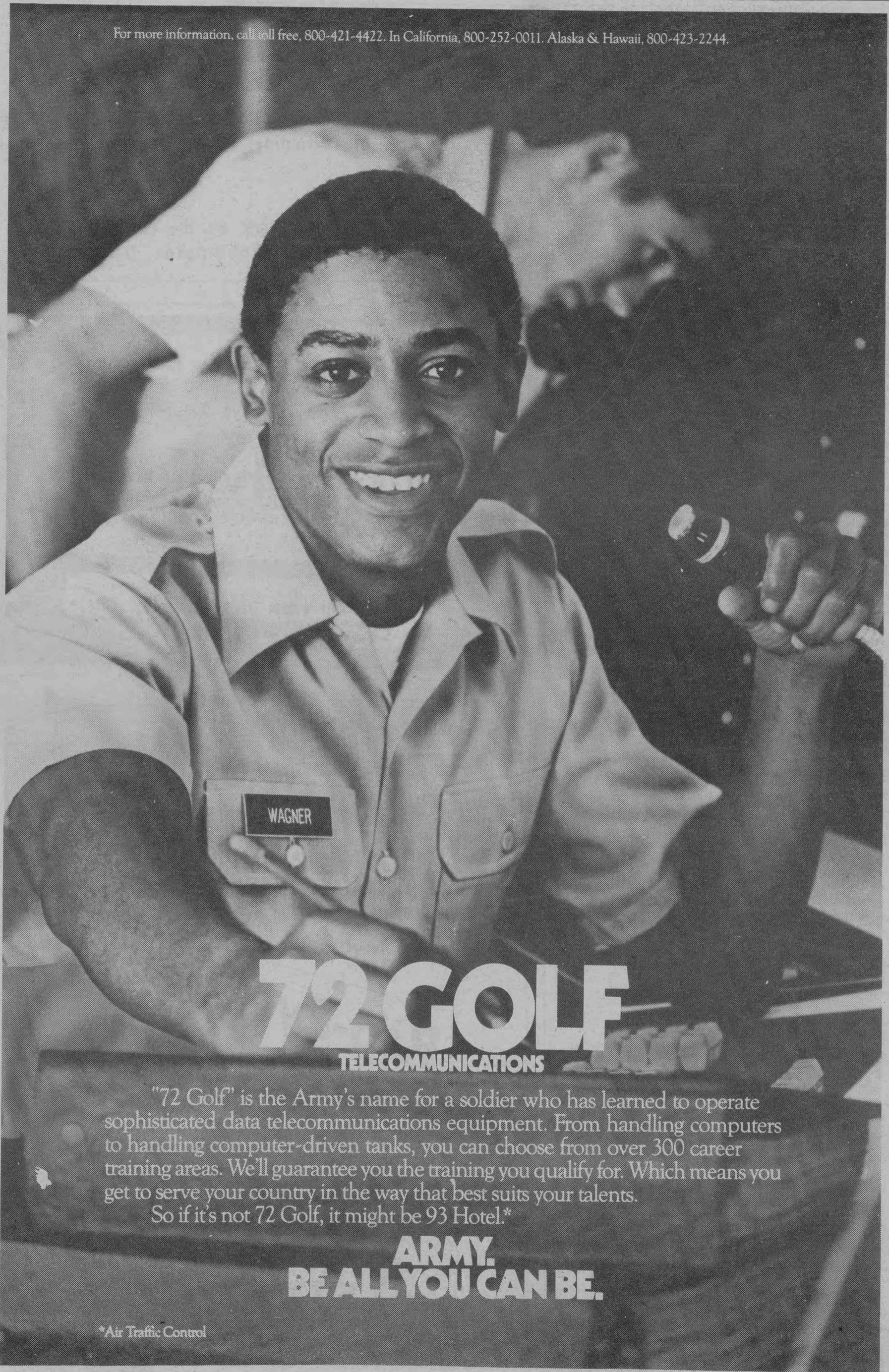
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