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Welcome Home, Ron!



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Ron McNair to be honored citywide



Dr. Ron McNair, the first Black institution, is being honored today by A&T and the city of Greensboro.

Activities have been scheduled for the entire day in honor of McNair, who was a member of the NASA space shuttle mission ST-11 last month.

tions will be issued by the city of Greensboro and the state of North Carolina. Classes will be cancelled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Later in the evening, McNair will be the guest speaker at the Annual Army/Air Force Banquet and Ball at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons.

"His accomplishments have made all of us extremely proud."

Chancellor Edward B. Fort

McNair graduated from A&T in 1971 and later earned a Ph.D degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Scheduled events include an all-university convocation in the Corbett Sports Center, followed by a march to the governmental plaza where

"Ron McNair Day"proclama-

While a member of the team of the Space Shuttle Challenger, McNair was involved in a number of new scientific experiments, including the launching of satellites and the documenting of the mission with special cameras.

Media Conference begins tonight

DORIS PERSON
 Editor in Chief

It is that time of year again for professionals from the various broadcast and journalism fields to assemble on the campus of A&T for the annual Mass Media Careers conference.

For the seventh year, A&T will be hosting the only annual minority mass media career conference in the state. Broadcasters, journalists, educators and students convene to exchange ideas and to discuss issues pertinent to mass communications.

Each year the conference also provides at least two guest speakers, one for the annual Kellogg Lecture on Friday night and the awards luncheon

on Saturday.

Luther Brown, Jr., a field producer for NBC News in Washington, D.C. will present the Kellogg Lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Inn. Brown is a 1969 graduate of A&T.

Brown has worked in various areas of mass media as a broadcast writer, editor and a reporter.

In 1982, he covered President Reagan's summit with Western leaders in Paris and Reagan's meeting with British leaders in London.

The highlight of Saturday's conference will be an address by the first Black publisher and editor of a major metropolitan daily newspaper in the United States, Robert

Maynard.

Maynard is the president and publisher of *The Oakland Tribune* and will be speaking in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom at 12:15 at the annual awards' luncheon.

During the luncheon, students and faculty along with area members of the media are rewarded for contributions to the field of mass communications

Prior to the luncheon, various workshops featuring outstanding professionals in their respective areas will be conducted in the Union.

More than 200 mass communications students, educators and professionals are expected to attend the conference.

Miss A&T, SGA Officers elected

By **PETER A. ALFORD**
 Special to the Register

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night, a hush fell over the Memorial Student Union commons, where over 50 students had gathered to hear election results.

"May I have your attention please," said the voice over the intercom. "These are the results of the election..."

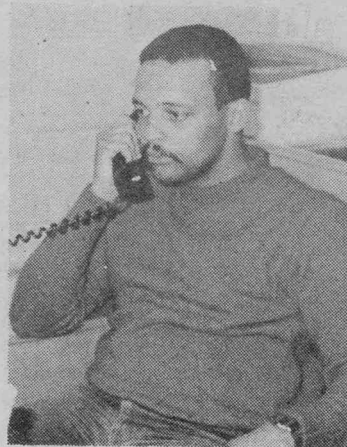
After the results were announced, James France, who defeated David Harrison and Shaun Jenkins in a landslide victory president of the Student Government Association, called his mother in Martinsville, Va., France's mother had been ill while he campaigned for the post.

France said he thought the student body picked who they felt would best serve them next year and he added that he hoped to serve the students the best he could.

"Not the best person won because they were all good candidates, France said, "but the most qualified won."

"My only goal is to serve the student body and give them exactly what they want," he said.

France received 1032 votes. After thanking his campaign committee, France add-



James France



Sybil Lynch

ed, "with student involvement, "we will be successful."

The new Miss A&T, Sybil Lynch, also made phone calls home to inform her relatives of the results. Because of her excitement, Lynch had difficulty answering questions during the interview. But after pulling herself together, she did manage to address those waiting to hear from their new queen.

"I worked hard on my speech," said Lynch, a mass communications student. "I think it helped me a little bit (in the elections) because those students who did and did not know me, were able to realize my potential to relay messages from A&T."

She won with 491 votes,

which were over 200 more than her closest competitors, Lisa Howze and Irish Boykin. There were six competitors vying for Miss A&T.

John Collins, who won the Attorney General's seat, in a close race by defeating Keith Graham, with three votes said that he had to continue where France left off and establish better relations between students and the administration.

Vice-president of Internal Affairs, Keith Mattison, lost his seat to Dale Fisher.

Fisher received 767 votes to Mattison's 443. Mattison said, "even if there were more voters, the results probably would have been the same".

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A Jackson vote is a protest vote

By GAIL HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

In the past, Black universities have been accused of not being capable of producing competent individuals who are prepared for society.

The time has arrived for those stereotypes to be done away with and A&T has performed that task well, as evidenced by the likes of presidential candidate, the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson, a 1964 graduate of A&T and a member on the Board of Trustees, presently ranks third place in the campaign against Walter Mondale and Gary Hart.

Samuel Mosley, an A&T political science instructor offered his views on the overall outlook of the campaign.

"Blacks are dissatisfied with the democratic party, with leadership and their anti-Reagan feelings are bringing them out to vote for Jackson," Mosley said. "He is showing that Blacks do not have to choose between one of

the two evils in democracy. This vote for Jackson is a protest vote."

Mosley said Jackson has placed the idea of a Black campaigning for the presidency on the political agenda. "Jackson has proved he has the intellectual ability, Mosley said, "he is abreast of the political issues, he is charismatic and is capable of dealing with both domestic and foreign affairs."

However, Jackson has made errors along the way and the media has been there to catch them. In a recent interview he was accused of using a racial slur directed against Jews.

"I think it was unfortunate because politicians often slip up when they are talking, and here the media has exploited this issue," Mosley said, "but, because of the media's response, Jackson is a much wiser man today."

Since that time Jackson has gone on to win votes in Virginia, South Carolina and

Illinois.

Mosley said that some look at this as a political crusade, it gives a "bandwagon effect". He said the Black vote can now be seen as a political vote and in November the Black vote will be the balance of power.

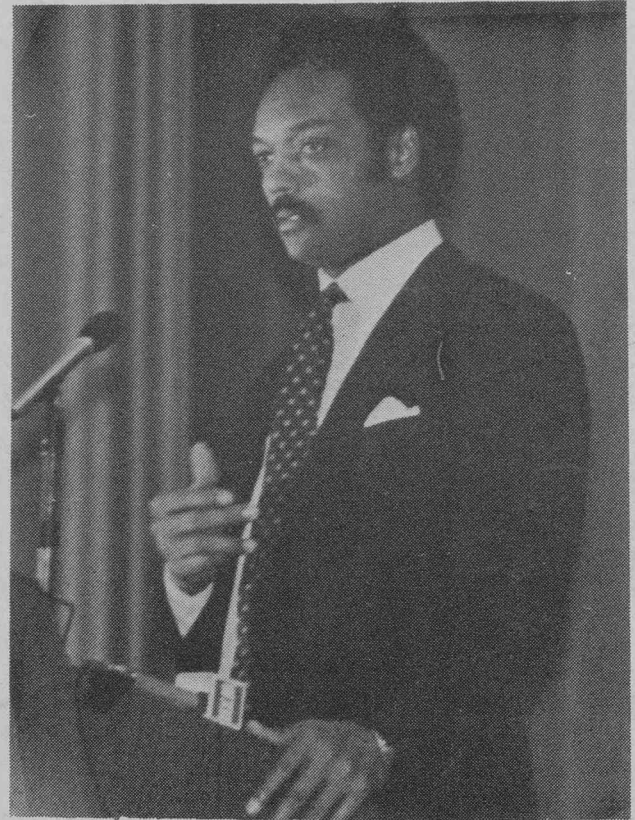
"Jackson has made Blacks conscious of their part in politics, Mosley said.

"He has shown Blacks do play an intergral role and their votes do count," he added.

Some of the issues that Jackson are in favor of are: reducing the military budget, alleviating poverty, cleaning the environment, nuclear disarmament and bring humanity to government.

Mosley said if Jackson loses the election he sees him returning to the Civil Rights thrust where his participation will allow his career to flourish both nationally and locally.

"Without a doubt," Mosley said, "he will be perceived to be the number one leader in this country."



The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, will be the guest speaker for A&T's Commencement Exercises on May 6 in the Greensboro Coliseum. (File Photo).

Don Haley speaks at Beta Alpha Psi induction

By MICHAEL THOMPSON
Managing Editor

Excellence was the theme as Don Haley addressed accounting students, instructors and guests at the Beta Alpha Psi (Zeta Sigma Chapter) initiation and banquet recently at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons. Beta Alpha Psi is a professional honorary accounting fraternity.

Haley, vice president of control for Standard Oil Company of Ohio, received his undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Illinois and his juris doctorate from Cleveland State College of Law.

"Success is like a journey, ...As you achieve it, you reset your priorities and goals."

Don Haley

"In corporate America, the buzzword is excellence," he said. "It has to be a constant standard."

However, in view of present economic ills, America has a poor performance as a country, he said.

"The economic pie has shrunk; some people are getting undersized pieces, and some aren't getting any slices."

"A large part of the problem is the failure of management," according to Haley.

Haley said "In Search Of Excellence," a study of America's best run companies and what makes them excellent, cited fundamental themes such as going back to the basics, emphasizing the importance of people, motivating the work force and enthusiasm, identity and personal achievement.

"Excellence is really well trained motivated people who accept nothing less than 100 percent," according to Haley.

"People have developed the ethics to become well-trained, nothing how '80 percent of success is merely showing up."

"Success is like a journey," he said. "As you achieve it, you reset your priorities and goals."

"It means the ability to do things for yourself, community and country."

Nine students, initiated the organization, were Lollie Carter, Deborah Cheek, Wanda Clark, Linda Johnson, Troyling Johnson, Curtis Keith, Derrick Nobles, Edward Peterso and Darryl Walker.

Katherine Burckley, William J. Burckley, Faye L. Moore, Daniel Moore and Milwood Hobbs received honorary initiations.



Dr. Jason Gilchrist(left), chairman of the physics department, and instructor Dr. Elvira Williams(far right), pose with project participants (left to right)Reginald Goodwin, Kenneth Stern, Michael Long, Jason Felder and Shawn Shaw. (Photo By Jason Felder).

Physics Dept. will purchase deposition system for research

By DEIDRA A. BROWN
Staff Writer

A&T's department of physics will purchase a \$50,000 deposition system that will become a part of the Plasma Deposition Lab in Marteen Hall.

The deposition system is a part of a three-year project, headed by Dr. Jason Gilchrist, chairman of the department of physics, and Dr. Elvira Williams.

The project is sponsored by NASA and will cost a total of \$257,420. The department of physics will receive a total of \$109,000 for the 1983-1984 school year for project research.

A&T was selected by NASA as a result of NASA's need to extend this type of research in the North Carolina area. However, other North Carolina universities are in-

involved in the same type research project. Some of these universities are UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, N.C. State University and Duke University.

"The project involves the production of thin films which are used in solid state physics for incapsulation of integrated circuits and micro-electronic devices. They may also be used as wave guides in solid state optics," said Dr. Gilchrist. "Hopefully we will be producing thin films by the beginning of this summer."

The thin film project research will be conducted by selected physics majors and faculty members.

The physics majors selected to participate in the project are Jason Felder, a junior from Corona, N.Y.; Reginald Goodwin, a senior from Winston-Salem;

Frankie Hicks a freshman from Pittsburgh, Pa.; Michael Long, a sophomore from Greensboro; Shawn Shaw, a freshman from Greensboro; Kenneth Steen, a freshman from Charlotte; Muhammad Yaseem, a graduate student from Pollocksville; and Lorenzo Jordan, a senior from White Plains, N.Y.

According to Dr. Gilchrist, student participation in the project will enable students to successfully compete in the job market and will help prepare students for research work in graduate school.

Although the lab is primarily geared toward physics majors, the lab will be a helpful learning tool for students majoring in chemistry, engineering and computer science/mathematics.

Blacks should patronize Blacks

By JAMES ETHERIDGE
Special to the Register

The Black population needs to be educated and have it so that the Blacks can buy from Blacks, said Leon I. Roberts, president of his own contracting firm in Greensboro.

Leon I. Roberts and Associates Inc., has an impressive record of accomplishments which include the recent renovation of its office complex at 107 North Murrow Blvd., and the construction and sale of over 70 single-family housing units for low income residents in Greensboro.

Roberts, an A&T graduate from Edenton, said, "Young Blacks are somewhat withdrawn from the business world because of lack of experience and necessary capital."

Associates' roots are in for sale housing, and has recently developed connections with American Federal Savings and Loan, and the Greensboro National Bank, a proposal that will provide more than 45 single-family housing units for low and moderate income residents of Greensboro and Winston-Salem.

"Opportunities are unlimited in the contracting field, and there are so many things you can do.

"I got started in the

business world working for the Bell System; then I moved on to contracting for small investments."

The company has had an annual construction volume of approximately two million dollars and has been responsible, on an annual basis, for developing approximately 80 housing units.

"In order to start out in the contracting field, you must first learn the business and then talk to people who are in the business, to get a scope on what is actually going on."

He said that education is one of the key facets of success. People who graduate from college do better at getting good jobs.

"College will prepare you to make the adjustments that you have to in order to survive in the real world," he said.

Roberts is a trendsetter in the development and sale of how to moderate income single-family units. An example is the Eastside Park homes. They are a community of 23 bedroom units utilizing tracts of land, made available through the City of Greensboro, Urban Renewal Programs.

"All of my people (family members) were independent, they all owned their own businesses. I was just brought up in that type of an environment," Roberts said.

The company has been

primarily located in urban areas and have included major land parcels requiring long-term strategy and planning.

"I like to think that I can fulfill the needs for our people and provide the kind of housing they can afford."

Some of the major problems of running his own business, Roberts said, are maintaining and building capital, getting skilled craftsmen, scheduling and modernizing our services.

"If you can't deal with being frustrated and if you don't have creativity it will be hard for you to succeed in the business world."

Roberts' contracting business caters to 95 percent of the Black community in Greensboro.

"I still think that Blacks are getting the short-end of the stick. If our people could control 50 percent of goods and services, such as clothing, food, etc., we could get a better share of the market."

He said it is important in business world to stay one step ahead of your competitor, while maintaining an open mind that is willing to read and do research.

"It is something special to be a success in the business world and you can do it."

Roberts is a business man and a husband. His daughter graduated from A&T in 1983. He also has a four year old son.

A&T
GREENSBORO COMMUNITY will sponsor the 15th annual Jim Isler Urban Affairs Institute on April 12, 1984, on A&T's campus in Gibbs building. The plenary session will feature the candidates for governor and the candidates for the Sixth Congressional District.

The Honorable Ben Ruffin, special assistant to Governor James B. Hunt, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Williams Cafeteria.

The institute will address a variety of social issues that have an impact on the community, region and nation. Such issues as redistricting of schools, the new admissions criteria for the University of North Carolina System, the social impact of the computer on individual lives, capital punishment, alternatives to incarceration, the role of the church, self-help programs and many others.

Call Jim Johnson or Ms. Margaret Shaw for additional information at 379-7894 or 3797810.

O'Sullivan joins AG Staff

Dr. John Michael O'Sullivan has joined the Agricultural Extension Program at A&T as farm management/marketing specialist. As such, he will be helping small-farm operators in North Carolina solve their management and marketing problems by analyzing their farm enterprises, cost-benefit figures, and marketing alternatives.

O'Sullivan brings considerable academic and field experience to his new position. In addition to having a master's degree in agricultural economics from Auburn University, he has been involved in farm management projects in several African countries. He has done research in

the interrelationship of farm market prices and interest rates, and has also studied irrigation production costs. From 1977 to 1982, while teaching African history at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, he was involved with the management and marketing aspects of Tuskegee's Small-Farm Experiment, and also served as director of Tuskegee's Center for Rural Development.

A native of Orange, Conn., O'Sullivan has been serving as coordinator of A&T's Title XII Strengthening Grant program for international development since September 1983, and will continue to work part-time with that program.

Elections

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Mattison, who had been vice-president for two consecutive years, said, "I feel that I am better qualified [for the position] but I have no say so; the students make the choice."

The officers of the sophomore class are

Michael Brunson, president; Bennie Roman, Jr., vice-president; Jacquetta Kearney, secretary; Patrick Curry, treasurer; and Vicki Hinton, Miss Sophomore.

Winners of the Junior class are

Jeffrey Johnson, president; Dewayne Hicks, vice-president; Craig Joseph, secretary; Pernel Johnson,

treasurer; and Deirdre Lewis, Miss Junior.

Winners of the Senior class are Timothy Lake, president; and Kristal Feggins, vice-president.

Winners of the Student Government Association officers are:

James France, president; Dale Fisher, vice-president for Internal Affairs; Darrell Franklin, vice-president for External Affairs; Demetricus Smith, secretary; Ulysses Johnson, Jr., treasurer; John Collins, attorney general; Sybil Lynch, Miss A&T; and Kevin Keith, Jonathan Nesbitt, Steven Picott, the Judiciary Council.

A&T hosts High School Visitation Day on April 7

By DEIDRA BROWN
Staff Writer

A&T's Second Annual High School Visitation Day will take place April 7 in Corbett Sports Center. High School Visitation Day is an event sponsored by the Gate City and Tandem alumni chapters.

"The main purpose of High School Visitation Day is to attract students who are interested in attending A&T and those students who may have applied and have been accepted to attend the university," said Gloria Hughes, admissions counselor. "High School Visitation Day is designed to hold the interest of high school students in A&T."

During High School Visitation Day, high school seniors, juniors and sophomores from in state and out of state will be given guided tours to all schools on campus. Displays

and exhibits providing information about various majors will be set up in each school.

In addition to tours on campus, high school students will be served lunch, given a step show by Greek organizations and will see a musical play performed by the Richard B. Harrison Players.

According to Ms. Hughes, High School Visitation Day is an event that has been successful at A&T. Last year there were 880 plus students in attendance.

Information booths will also be set up at locations other than the various schools and in Corbett Sports Center.

All registered campus organizations that are interested in setting up information booths in Corbett Sports Center should contact Dr. Rosa Purcell at 379-7651 or Ms. Gloria Hughes at 379-7946 by April 3.



Agency for International Development is looking for candidates with graduate degrees in agriculture, agricultural economics, economics, international relations, nutrition, population planning, public health, public or business administration, regional/urban planning, or closely related disciplines for its International Development Intern Program.

A two-year internship leads to positions planning and managing U.S. foreign economic assistance programs in the developing countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Near East. U.S. Citizenship and two or more years of relevant professional experience are required.

Starting salaries are in the \$19,000-\$25,000 range depending upon qualifications, plus standard foreign service allowances when stationed overseas.

Inquiries for the February 1985 class must be received by April 20, 1984. Send resume to Sandy Mah (NCA), IDI Recruitment, M/PM/R, Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C. 20523.

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Here's to a great Aggie

By the time most of you read this edition of the Register, the festivities of Ron McNair Day will be well underway.

Hopefully, you will be lounging on the bed or sitting in the lobby conversing with friends about the fun and excitement of spending the day with a former Aggie, who just happens to be the first astronaut from a historically Black institution.

But even thirteen years ago, the name Ron McNair was just as prevalent on the campus as it is today.

McNair was an extraordinary Aggie, for unlike many of us, he was able to maintain a balance of academics and extracurricular activities.

As one flips the pages of a 1971 bound volume of *The A&T Register*, the face and name of Ron McNair overflows.

One can read about McNair being selected for the Ford Doctoral Fellowship Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and his future plans of pursuing a doctorate at MIT, which he later earned.

But perhaps the most interesting reading about McNair's days here in Aggiland is one of his extracurricular activities, karate.

McNair was a member of the A&T Karate Club and served as one of the instructors. While on the karate team, McNair (a brown belt at the time) won many competitions and represented A&T's karate team in various parts of the nation. He was very instrumental in promoting the sport on the campus.

McNair is a good role model for all Aggies present and future. All Aggies should pattern themselves with the likes of Dr. Ronald McNair, and dream the impossible dreams and make them come true.

Welcome home, Ron.



Not the Girl Scout Cookies!

By GINA E. E. DAVIS

It seems like yesterday when America was in a panic over the Tylenol scare.

You remember, the dreaded non-aspirin pain reliever that relieved more than your headache.

Once these cyanide-laced pills were discovered, they were immediately taken off the market. Shelves all across the nation were void of the leading pain reliever.

This tampering cost the company thousands of dollars. Not only in recall, but also included was the expense of the removal process.

Now Tylenol is back on the market in tamper resistant boxes and bottles.

More than a year later, sick-minded individuals have once again surfaced. Cyanide is not the problem this time, nor is it Tylenol, but nails and pins in, of all things, Girl Scout Cookies.

Twelve states in the United States have reported pins, nails and other foreign objects in their cookies.

The cookies will continue to sell, but, if any of the violent foreign objects are found, money will be refunded.

This abnormal behavior by these crazed individuals will cost the American Girl Scout Association, thousands of dollars that can be put to better use.

Something needs to be done to prevent these acts of madness. Something needs to be done whenever these crazed individuals get caught, like hanging them by their toenails and letting coffee drip drip on a metal floor.

When you think about it, sometimes the media have a lot to do with the spread of these violent acts.

Although the public needs to be aware of such incidents as they occur, mass media attention may be the cause of copy cat criminals.

When a sick mind hears of a way to hurt hundreds of people without getting caught, hey why not try it.?

Many attempts have been made to prevent tampering - such as safety sealed packages, difficult to get into packages, double sealed - but who is going to suspect a box of Girl Scout Cookies?

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Students are dreaming the wrong dreams

JAMIE C. RUFF

Something is obviously wrong in America and something is seriously wrong in Black America. It may be accepted, although reluctantly, that 7 out of 10 Blacks who enroll in white universities do not graduate. This is acceptable because the problem is not the high college drop out rate, but the fact that these 10 young Blacks chose to attend a white university.

The sad fact is that brothers and sisters, for various reasons, have chosen to forsake "their" institutions.

No one can say that every Black youth does not have the right to pursue the American dream, but, it could be these young Blacks have been indoctrinated with the wrong dream.

Many Black students at white institutions want to adopt the values -- and even speech and dress patterns -- of their white classmates.

Make no mistake; college should serve to make one desirable on the job market, but college should also serve to educate, not indoctrinate. A true education teaches one how, not what, to think.

Many of these young Blacks who attend white universities call themselves preparing to

live in a white world and prove the ability of Blacks to live in a white world.

However, they are living by the same principle that leads the hunter to prove the lion gentle by putting down his rifle and putting his head in the lion's mouth. Let's face it; some things just aren't done to prove a point.

It's not these young people's fault. The problem started with their parents. How can you want to be with your people when your parents are constantly striving to move to a white neighborhood?

The problem is that those poor brothers and sisters who have been indoctrinated with "the white mentality" aren't enlightened enough to understand the purpose of education.

The problem is that, rather than working to improve the quality of the Black institution, many Blacks are choosing to turn colors.

A truly educated man is one who loves God, himself and his family above all else. To a truly educated man it matters not about the size of his house, but about the contents. An educated man has goals, and he works toward them; but, the truly educated man remembers where he came from so that he knows where he's going.

CAMPUS HAPS

The Pan-Hellenic Council will observe **Greek Week** April 1-7. The theme for this year's festivities is "We are one" and will entail a week of Greek fellowship throughout the campus. All Greeks are asked to participate in all activities.

The following activities have been scheduled for the week: Sunday-Worship Service at Institutional Baptist Church, Monday-Softball game, Tuesday-open, Wednesday-Splash Party, Thursday-Step Show, Friday-Dance and Saturday-Service Project at the Urban Ministry and a picnic.

Activities are subject to change, contact delegates for further information.

Uptown Saturday Night is the theme for the **Annual Men's and Women's Council Ball**, Saturday, April 28, 1984. The reception will begin at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, followed by the dance at Holiday Inn-Four Seasons from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dress is semi-formal and admission is free. Transportation will be provided. For more information, contact Dale Fisher in 3064 Scott A or Kim Dobson in Vanstory Hall.

ALL REGISTERED CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS interested in setting up information booths in Corbett Sports Center for High School Visitation Day that will take place April 7 should contact Dr. Rosa Purcell at 379-7651 or Ms. Gloria Hughes at 379-7946 by April 3.

VA is accepting applications for scholarship program

The Veterans Administration is now accepting applications for its Health Professional Scholarship Program which provides support for baccalaureate and master's nursing students on a pay-back-in-service basis.

The VA scholarship provides tuition, educational expenses and a monthly stipend for participants who agree to serve a minimum of two years as a full-time registered nurse in one of the VA's 172 medical

facilities.

Approximately \$3.6 million dollars is available for scholarships for the 1984-85 school year. Awards are made to third and fourth-year baccalaureate nursing students and to master's degree candidates in specialties needed by the Veterans Administration. These specialties are gerontology, medical/surgical, adult psychiatric/mental health, rehabilitation, and nursing service administration.

Information about the program is available from the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program, Office of Academic Affairs, D M & S (14N), 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20420. Request for an application package may be made to the Scholarship Program Office until May 11, 1984. Completed applications must be received by the Scholarship Program Office no later than June 1, 1984.



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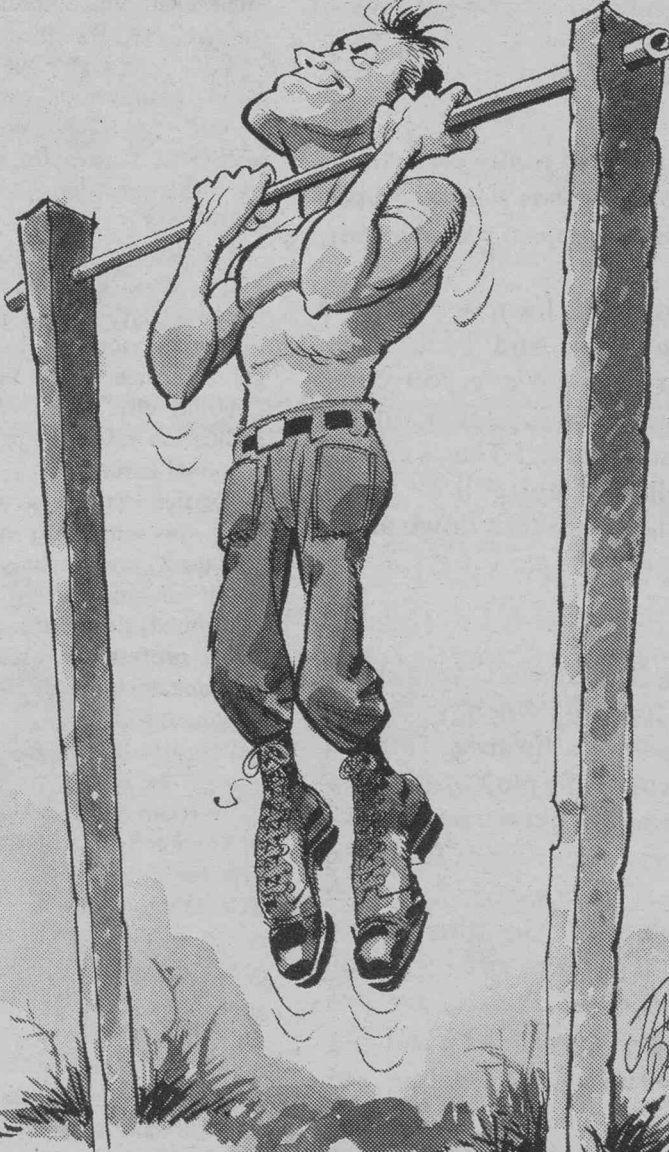
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Football scrimmage halted due to bad weather

Spring football practice has begun along the *Open Gate* and the players are really "pumped up." It was disheartening to most that a scheduled scrimmage last Wednesday had to be cancelled because of bad weather. Sophomore end **Jesse Britt** says there is a lot of enthusiasm among his teammates. That includes him.

Coaches missing in action

There have not been as many bodies on the field as head coach **Mo Forte** would like to see. NO, it's not a shortage of players -- but coaches. The defection of **Linwood Ferguson (DB's)** and **Craig Raye** (receivers) has left two coaching voids. Both have opted for what they probably consider Greener pastures. Ferguson joined the staff at East Carolina and Raye went to Wichita State.

The *Open Gate* isn't the only place that has noted several coaching changes. **Willard Bailey**, who had built tiny Virginia Union into a football power, stepped down after 13 years. He moved to his alma mater, Norfolk State, where he became associate athletic director as well as head football coach.

In basketball, **Larry Farmer** stepped down as mentor of the UCLA Bruins and was replaced by former Bruin great **Walt Hazzard**. I don't keep records of these things, but I can't ever remember a Black basketball coach succeeding another at a Division I school.

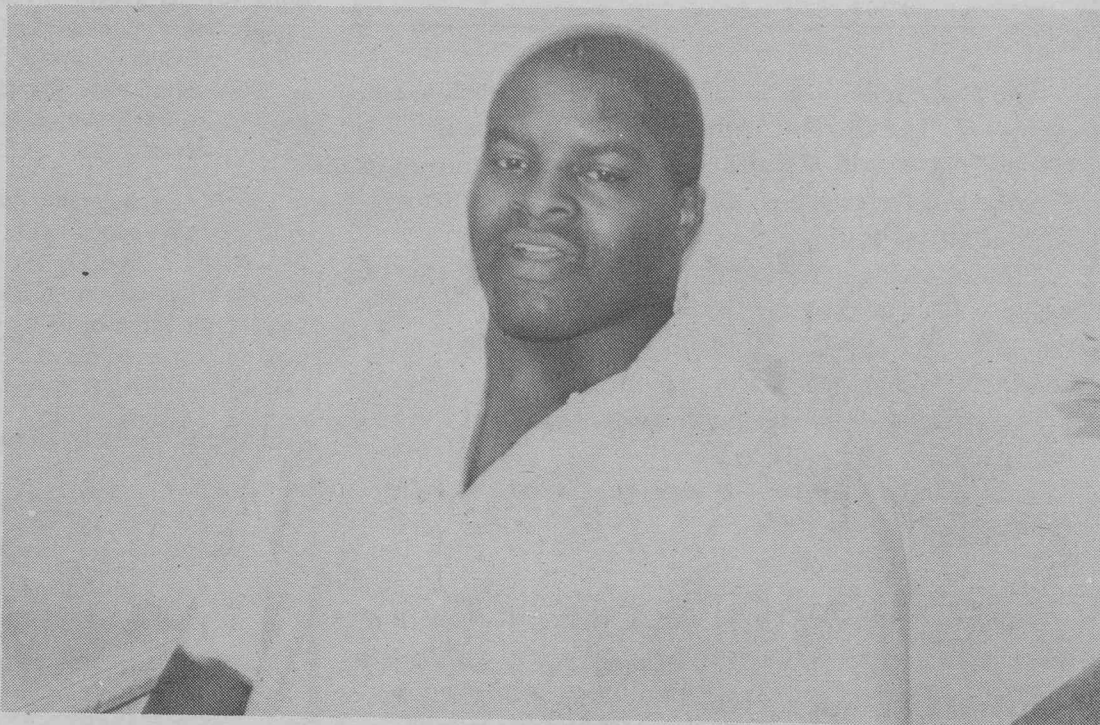
Melvin Groomes is struggling to make ends meet with his Aggie baseball team. He has a low budget, and apparently is lacking in the talent department, too.

With the courage of his players, I know the Aggie batman will soon come around. And I do mean courage. Not often does an athlete ask you come to the games and give courage to his team on the sports pages -- when the team is losing! That's exactly what happened to me. Well, fret not. I'll be at the next home game. I mean, who could turn down an invitation like that?

NCAA finalists Virginia, Houston, Georgetown and Kentucky filtered into Seattle, Washington this week with hopes of taking home the title. This has to be one of the best fields ever to play in the final four. Three of the four teams rely on pure brute force, while the fourth uses finesse with its flashy guard play. Last season, a guard-oriented team won the battle between the taller Goliaths. I don't look for that to happen in '84. There are too many trees the Cavaliers have to climb. You count 'em. There's Hoya **Patrick Ewing**, Cougar **Akeem Olujuwon** and Wildcats **Sam Bowie** and **Melvin Turpin**.

You pick 'em.

Year-round conditioning gives Riddick a sense of direction



Ernest Riddick participates in athletics eight out of the nine-month school year, but, he says he still finds time to fulfill his academic requirements in child psychology. The two-sport participant says athletics have taught him self-discipline. Photo by Derrick McRae

By **RICHARD L. WILLIAMS**
Sports Editor

For Ernest Riddick, having time to spare isn't something he really cares for.

He says: "Once you stop doing something, you tend to get lazy."

That is perhaps why the freshman from Edenton has opted to stay busy in a most physical way -- by joining the wrestling and football teams here at A&T, which keeps him conditioning eight out of the nine-month school year.

Athletics, he says, has always been a major part of his life and he doesn't see any reprieve in the future.

"Right now, athletics is my life," says Riddick, whose alias is 'Dr. Doom' during football season. "It has a bigger influence in my life than anything else. I just hope my dedication takes me to a professional career."

Riddick gained a starting berth this season on the football team, and he finished second in his weight class (unlimited) in wrestling. So in which professional arena does he hope to land his 5-foot-9, 240-pound frame?

"Football is my main sport," he says while relaxed in his room on the fourth floor of Cooper Hall. "I don't like pro wrestling like the stuff on T.V. It's too fake."

Conditioning for the two sports is not similar, he says, but, since the closing of football season brings in the opening of wrestling season, one doesn't have a chance to get out of shape. In wrestling, he

says, conditioning centers around sit-ups, push-ups, and stretching, all to build up endurance.

On the other hand, conditioning for football involves wind sprints, running the stands in the stadium and weightlifting.

"Football conditioning is not as strenuous as wrestling and that's the way it should be," Riddick says. "In football, you're not using all of your muscles at the same time like in wrestling. During the

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course of a football game you get a lot of time to rest, like between plays. But in wrestling, you have to keep moving all the time. So you really got to have endurance. It takes a lot out of you."

Injuries are a cinch to occur when you participate in more than one sport. Therefore, rehabilitation also is part of year-round conditioning in athletics. Riddick agrees.

"Rehabilitation is very important," he says. "I was injured every game, after one game and before the next. I played with broken ribs, a bruised sternum and I had to get my knee drained. But I never missed a game, because

that's how much I like playing. It was part rehabilitation and a lot of my wanting to be out there.

"If you just sit around and wait for an injury to heal, it'll take forever. Wanting to play also helps it to heal a little faster, too."

Riddick admits that academics at college is tougher than in high school, but he says his grades have not suffered. In fact, he says athletics have helped him to excel in the classroom.

"It's helped me maintain a lot of discipline and self control," he says. "I have learned to budget my time a lot better now by working around practice schedules."

Discipline and self control have been characteristic of Riddick since childhood, during which time he says he restricted himself from peer pressures of drugs and alcohol -- unlike many of his friends.

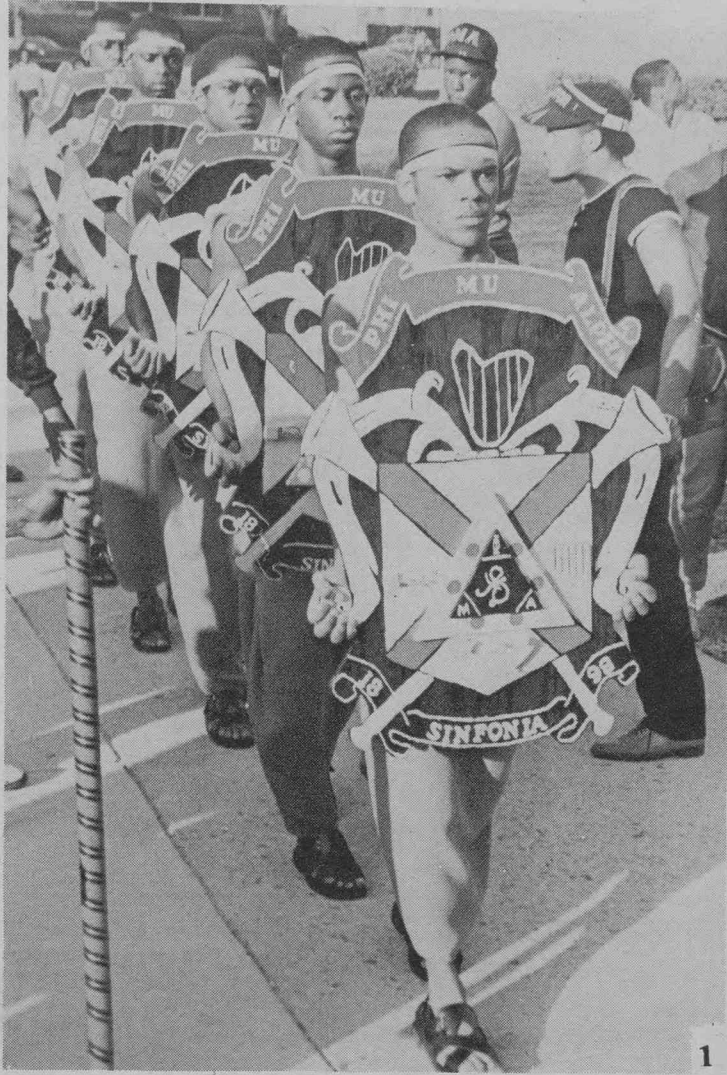
"I saw some of this when I was growing up, but I never got involved," he says. "About the farthest I'd go was jumping on people, but I never hung with that crowd that smoked pot or drank."

Riddick believes that examples should be set for Black youth, too.

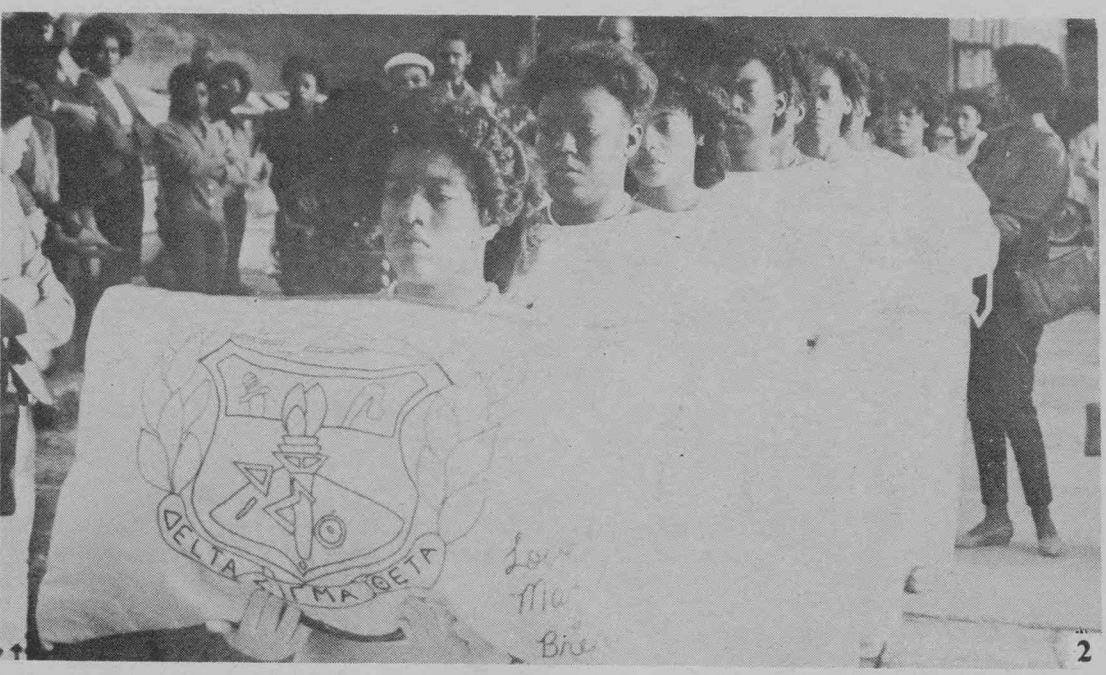
"My generation doesn't care what kids are being fed, what they're being told," he says. "They see 12-year-old kids smoking and drinking and they don't do anything to help or stop. Instead they aid them by selling drugs to them. That really has to change."

Maybe Riddick can make that change.

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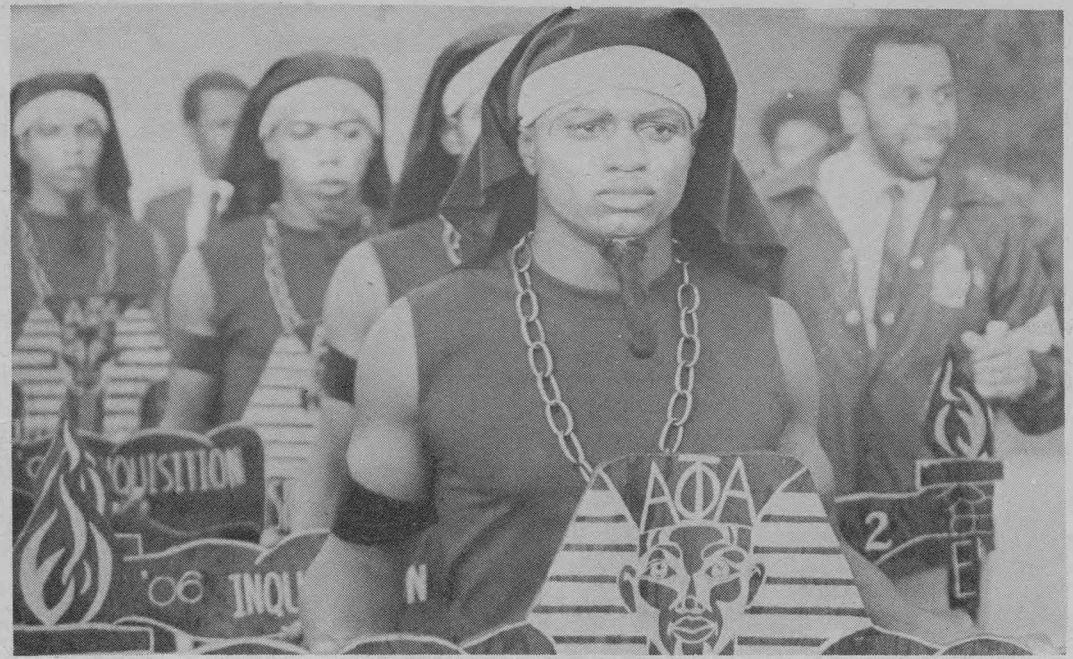


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Survival of Black colleges is of paramount importance

By Manning Marable

Predictably, the Reagan administration's response to the outcry of Black educators and administrators has been contemptuous.

Last year, for example, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights ordered a study of eight colleges for the "effects of student-aid cuts on institutions with large numbers of Black and Hispanic students." President Reagan succeeded in restructuring the Commission in the effort to obtain a clear voting majority for his right-wing views on desegregation and affirmative action.

As a direct consequence, this January, the Commission voted five to three to cancel its study on Black and Latino higher education. Hispanic Reaganite Linda Chavez, director of the commission, informed the press, "Unless the commission wishes to establish that federal student financial aid is a civil right guaranteed to members of minority groups, this project would appear clearly beyond our jurisdiction."

Since the results of the study clearly confirmed the human destruction created by the budget cuts of 1981-83, the administration callously chose to bury the truth.

Chavez's role in the attacks against minority educational opportunity is more than a little ironic. Growing up in a poor Chicano neighborhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she attended the University of Colorado, and earned a degree in English literature while on a federal education grant. Now Chavez claims that "the government policy to provide student aid on the basis of need is not a civil right."

Her political backwardness extends into primary education as well, since her vocal opposition to public school desegregation and affirmative action hiring policies for school teachers and administrators elevated her into her current position.

If indeed the decline of Black colleges was the product of accelerated desegregation of formerly all-white institutions, one might be less concerned. Ironically, however, the collapse of Black schools and cutbacks in tenure-stream positions for young Black faculty are occurring precisely at a time when white colleges are reducing their overall numbers of Black professors and administrators.

At Princeton University, for instance, officials asserted recently that they have made "a vigorous effort to recruit Black faculty members." In 1974, however, the number of Black Princeton professors was 10, and today the figure has dropped to 9. By way of contrast, the number of

women faculty at Princeton in the past decade has increased from 54 to 101.

Similar statistics can be cited across the country. At Harvard University in 1980 there were 34 Black professors out of 1,746 faculty; in the spring of 1984, the number of Black professors had declined to 24, about 1.4 percent of the total faculty.

At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Black faculty total is only 2 percent; Cornell University, 1.7 percent; Stanford University stands at 1.6 percent.

White administrators are quick to justify these small

numbers of Afro-American faculty as a product of the relatively small pool of Blacks who earn advanced degrees.

But since 1974, the overall proportion of Blacks receiving doctorates has risen from 3.7 to 4.4 percent. In 1982, the proportion of all minorities receiving doctorates in the field of psychology was 8 percent; mathematics, 9 percent; education, 14.5 percent; economics, 13.4 percent; political science, 12 percent; and sociology, 10.7 percent.

Even after factoring out Hispanics, Asians and other people of color, these figures

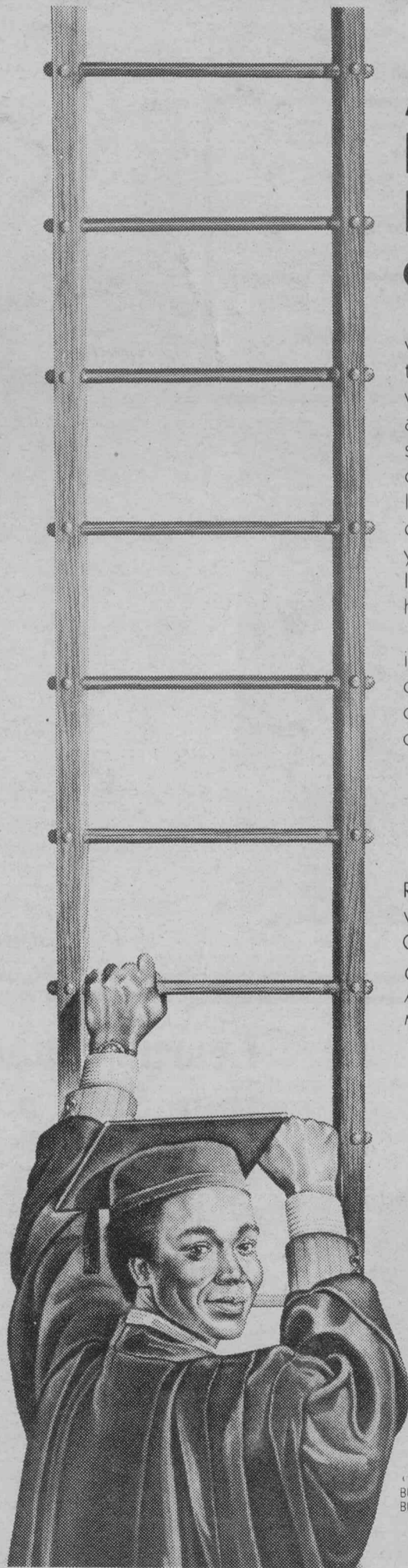
indicate that the majority of white universities are making few sincere efforts to hire Black graduates.

Consequently, the survival of traditional Black colleges is of paramount importance to thousands of young Black teachers and administrators, who have few avenues of employment outside these institutions.

The proverbial bottom line of the Reaganites' educational policies is simply this: higher education is not a democratic right for the poor, Blacks, Latinos and other historically oppressed groups.

This political message is translated by many white universities into a silent repudiation of affirmative action hiring policies.

Both the current administration and many white college presidents might do well to reconsider the observations of Black scholar W.E.B. Du Bois: "Human culture in its broadest and finest sense can never be wholly the product of a few. There is no natural aristocracy of man. A system, therefore, of national education which tries to confine its benefits to preparing the few for the life of the few, dies of starvation."



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