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Fire breaks out in Vanstory Hall

By FRANCES WARD
Staff Writer

"The basement's on fire. Everybody get out!" Several residents of Vanstory Hall screamed at about 10 p.m. Sunday night.

"Stop kidding. We know it's April Fool's Day," another person said, in an unconcerned tone.

"No, it's not a joke. The basement is on fire!" The voices screamed backed, more intense than ever.

And it wasn't an April Fool's Day joke. The garbage cans in Vanstory Hall basement were blazing with fire. Smoke filled the halls heavily within minutes after the voices had warned residents of the fire.

"I came in through the basement and the second garbage can from the door was on fire," said Priscilla Royal, a freshman from Clinton, who discovered the fire. "I was scared and wanted to get everyone out."

Royal said everyone thought she was joking when she ran up the stairs screaming, "Fire, Fire."

"The girls didn't believe me. They thought I was joking until they smelled the smoke in my jacket," she said.

Three students, Vergie Thomas and Kim Dobson, residents of Vanstory Hall and Charlie Backs, a resident of Scott Hall, attempted to put the fire out with fire extinguishers. Thomas said she was the only one that could get her fire extinguisher to work.

"I know how to use a fire

extinguisher because we have one at home," she said.

Thomas said her reaction was spontaneous when she saw the fire.

"I was thinking that I had to get the fire out," she said. "I felt like that's what I had to do."

Although Thomas managed to put out some of the flames, some of trash was left burning because she became 50 percent overpowered by smoke; she had to leave the scene.

After being told over the dormitory intercom to evacuate the building, Vanstory Hall residents rushed out of doors. Some girls were dressed in night gowns, hair rollers, bedroom shoes, while others had on their day attire.

Minutes later, four Greensboro fire trucks and two campus security cars arrived. The fire fighters put the fire out quickly although three cars blocked the no-parking zone outside the basement.

"We don't know who or what started the fire," said Chief John Williams, head of University Police. "We don't know if it was deliberate or a mistake."

Williams said because the cans were filled with trash, it wouldn't have taken much to start the fire. He said the fire could have been started by a match or cigarette.

He said damages were estimated at \$90.

After the fire was over, students complained that Vanstory Hall never had fire drills or fire alarms.



Astronaut Dr. Ron McNair, right, enjoys parade in Greensboro. Chancellor, Dr. Edward Fort (left) and Brenda Cunningham, Miss A&T accompany McNair. They are enroute to the Government Plaza for a citywide celebration. At the plaza Mayor John Forbis gave McNair a key to the city. (see story on page 2)

An Aggie Fest, but no concert

By TRACI BROWN
Staff Writer

There will be an Aggie Fest, but there will be no concert, said SGA Attorney General James France, who heads the Aggie Fest Committee.

This year's Aggie Fest has been in question all semester. Shortly after Spring Break, Prince, whose most recent album is "1999," was scheduled to appear, but because of difficulties with getting the contracts to the promoter in time it was not possible.

Chris Onyemem was scheduled to release the names

to release the names of the groups. There was no announcement. France had been negotiating to organize a show with Melba Moore, Cameo, Tom Browne and Con-funkshun.

A contract was drawn up and signed by the University but not signed by the promoters.

The promoters did not sign the contract because of a clause that said, if the promoters did not fulfill their obligations they could be sued by the University.

"This clause was written up in the University's best in-

terest," said Benjamin Rawlins, the University's Attorney.

France said the clause was included because Winston-Salem State University's home-coming show funds were embezzled by the promoters.

Had there been such a clause as A&T placed in their contract the University could have recovered the money by suing a designated third party who was held responsible for making sure the promoters fulfilled the terms of the contract.

Parking violation results in arrest

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor

Approximately 50 students stood outside Murphy hall this week watching in shock as a campus police officer arrested a student for double parking.

Officer Alfonso Williams was dispatched to the Holland Hall/Curtis Hall parking lot to ticket three cars that were blocking the driveway and parked in the handicap lot.

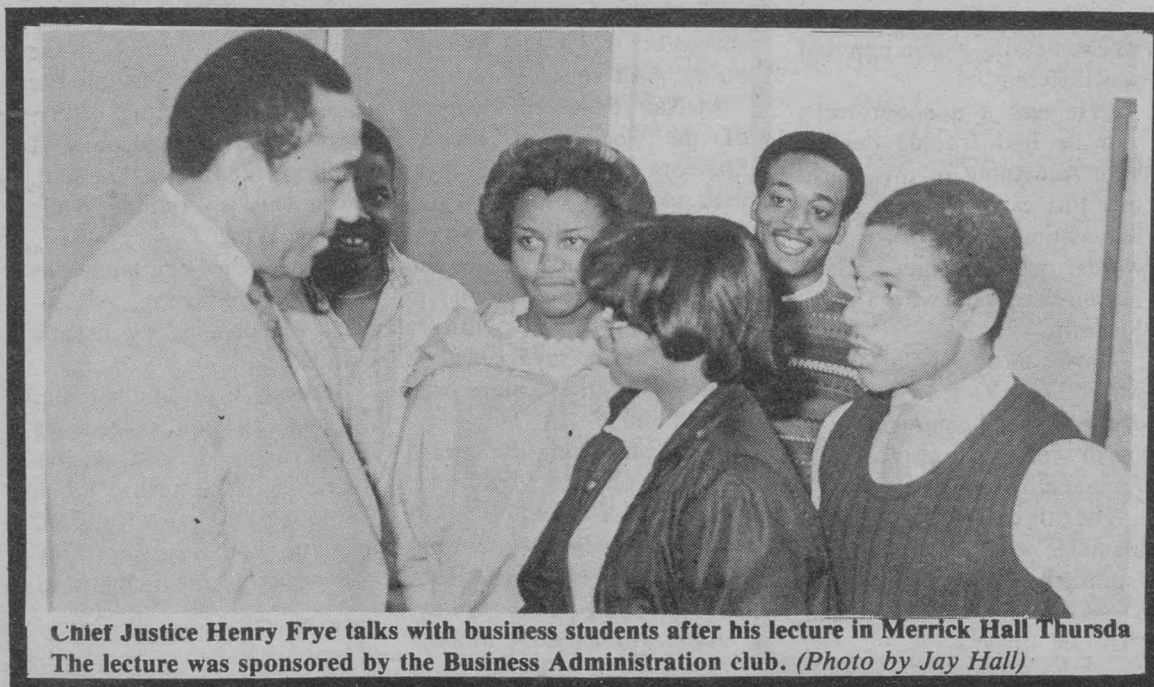
He said in his police report that he ticketed the three cars. Two drivers removed their cars, so he called the wrecker to remove the last automobile.

Sharon Sharpless, a social service major, was the driver of the last car. "When I came out, I noticed a ticket on my car and an officer talking to a student," Sharpless said.

John Williams, Chief of Operations said that A. Williams stated in his report, that he told Sharpless a wrecker was on its way and she could not move her car.

He also stated in the report that she made some comments and indicated that she would

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Chief Justice Henry Frye talks with business students after his lecture in Merrick Hall Thursday. The lecture was sponsored by the Business Administration club. (Photo by Jay Hall)



Chancellor Edward B. Fort accepts from Ronald McNair framed memories of his space voyage (Photo by William Peeler)

Jesse Jackson's sons visit A&T

By DORIS PERSON
Editor in chief

The recent visit of Jesse Jackson, Jr. and Jonathan Jackson, the sons of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, was not as productive as Jackson campaigners had expected.

The two high school seniors, who plan to attend A&T next year campaigned about two hours on the campus Sunday afternoon.

They were accompanied by Rex Harris, the North Carolina coordinator for Jackson's presidential campaign.

"If Jesse's campaign has done nothing more, it has awakened our people to a presidential campaign," Harris said. He stated that this is the first time Blacks have been really involved in an election other than by voting.

Harris said he was disappointed at the few members of the university who were pre-

sent to welcome the young men to their father's alma mater.

Fewer than 100 students, faculty and administrators were present in the Memorial Student Union Lobby. Many students, as well as faculty, said they did not know anything about Jackson's sons visit to A&T and complained of the event not being publicized.

SGA president, Chris Onyemem said they were notified late Saturday evening and did all they (SGA) did all they could to publicize the visit before 1 p.m. Sunday.

It was originally planned for the Jackson campaigners to speak in Willaims Cafeteria but, after the introduction of Jackson's sons, it was moved to the Student Union at the request of Harris.

While in the cafeteria, Jesse, Jr., and Jonathan talked with students about campaign

and asked questions about the university. It was their first official visit to the campus.

Jonathan Jackson was especially interested in meeting the football players. As the saying goes, like father, like son, Jonathan would like to play football for A&T next year. But, because of a tight schedule, he was unable to talk with head coach, Mo Forte. He is interested in the position of defensive back.

Both young men were on spring break and said they will spend most of the summer campaigning for their father also.

"I do not as you to vote for my father or any other candidate just because he is Black. Instead, I do as we have always done and select the candidate with the best civil rights record and the one that best represents you," Jonathan Jackson said.

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move her car.

After removing the ticket from the window, she said she heard Officer Alfonzo Williams make an unintelligible comment. She then got into her car and drove off.

J. Williams said Officer Wanda Givens, who was called to the scene during the ticketing, and A. Williams followed Sharpless with flashing lights.

The report stated that A. Williams stopped behind Sharpless, while Givens blocked her from the front.

A. Williams reported that he was the first to reach the student.

When Sharpless reached Murphy Hall, she said she saw the flashing blue lights of a police car, as two officers rushed up behind her, passed her, then blocked her in.

"I thought the female officer was going to say something to me," Sharpless said. "I rolled down my window, but he (Williams) beat her to the car.

"He didn't say get out. He just opened the door, grabbed me by my clothes and snatched me out of the car," she said.

When Sharpless stopped at Murphy Hall, A. Williams stated in his report, he advised her, she was under arrest and told her to get out of the car.

He stated she said no and tried to lock the door, which he already had open. J. Williams said that A. Williams put in his report that he pulled Sharpless out of the car by the lapels of her jacket, because she refused to get out.

Sharpless said she was hit in

the left eye when she was thrown face down against the car and handcuffed.

She was taken to the Guilford County jail where she was charged with failure to yield to a blue light and sirens, assaulting an officer and obstructing and delaying a police officer in the performance of duty.

Chief of operations, J. Williams, said she was sent before a magistrate presented with probable cause, issued a warrant for her arrest, then a \$800 was set for her release.

Sharpless said her landlady was told by A. Williams, if she didn't have the \$800, she may as well go home.

"I may have touched him, I don't know," Sharpless said. "He pulled me so hard when he put the cuffs on, I may have touched him.

"He grabbed me in the chest. He ripped the seams of my wool jacket, past the lining," she said.

J. Williams said, "Anytime a female is arrested and charged, it causes problems.

"This was a minor incident that was escalated by her actions. She chose to ignore the officer after she was told she could not move her impounded car."

Several students who saw the incident said they didn't hear Williams ask Sharpless to get out of the car. They said he just opened the door and grabbed her by her jacket.

According to some students, a struggle began after Williams pulled Sharpless out

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Gaye's death shocks America

Rhythm and blues superstar Marvin Gaye, shot Sunday during an argument with his father, was on a wave of renewed success after repeated bouts with career, personal and money problems.

Gaye, who would have been 45 Monday, was pronounced dead shortly after 1 p.m. at California Hospital, in Los Angeles, Police Lt. Bob Martin said. His father, the Rev. Marvin Gaye Sr., 70, a former Washington, D.C., minister, was booked on a murder charge.

Gaye, who sang and played the organ in his father's church choir as a youth, was one of the most popular singles artists for the Tamla-Motown organization during the 1960s and in 1971 electrified the music world with the release of his "What's Going On" album.

Perhaps his greatest Motown hit was "I Heard It Through The Grapevine". The 1968 song was featured in the current Academy Award

nominated movie, "The Big Chill", and helped revive his popularity.

Born April 2, 1939, in Washington, D.C., Gaye played piano and drums in high school and later joined The Rainbows, a local singing group.

He formed his own group and then joined the Moonglows about 1958. Motown founder Berry Gordy Jr. saw Gaye perform in Detroit in 1961 and signed him to the fledgling record label family, where he played drums behind such stars as Smokey Robinson and the Miracles.

Gaye, however, was destined to be a singer, not a drummer, and in 1962 he scored his first hit with "Stubborn Kind of Fellow", recorded with the Vandellas. During the decade that followed, he recorded more than two dozen Top 40 songs, including such smash hits as "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" in 1968, "What's Going On" in 1971 and "Let's Get It On" in

1973.

The 1971 "What's Going On" album was considered the first "concept" album by a Black artist. The album revealed a poignant and passionate concern with urban decay, ecological crises and spiritual impoverishment.

One of Gordy's sisters, Esther Gordy Edwards, said of Gaye: "I know that Marvin had something within him that was different.

"He was a nonconformist and he had trouble dealing with something in this world and this came through in all his albums," said Mrs. Edwards, who managed Gaye during the 1960's with Tamla-Motown.

Gaye's most popular album was "Let's Get It On". It dropped social commentary in favor of straightforward romantic material.

The title cut became a smash hit single, and other hit singles from the album included "Come Get to This" and "Distant Lover".

Aggies celebrate Ron McNair Day

BY DEREK MCLENDON
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The A&T faculty and students joined together and gave a "Welcome Home Celebration" to astronaut Dr. Ron McNair March 30.

The one day celebration started at 8 a.m. with 40 physics students who shared breakfast with McNair on the A&T campus

McNair delighted members of the Society of Physics Students by presenting them with an award showing a picture of the Challenger, an official patch from his flight and a photograph of himself, in the space shuttle with a bumper sticker saying "Aggie Pride" on the cabin wall behind him.

After presenting this award to the physics students, Chancellor Edward B. Fort agreed to get the award framed, which will hang in front of the Marteen Hall lobby.

After breakfast, McNair

traveled to Corbett Sports Center for the Convocation. McNair delighted students, faculty and administrators with his description of the flight.

The vibration of liftoff, he said, was like "sitting on a top of a giant jackhammer. It was just enormous." McNair said he was the only member of the crew who could see out the cabin window during liftoff. "At about four seconds, I could see the smoke," he said. "And then everything really starts shaking."

He described the launch as "fun, not harassing, no tensions, like on a big joy ride at a carnival."

Between liftoff and landing, the most striking impressions of the flight, McNair said was the colors of the earth. "When you look at the earth from 200 miles up, the very first thing you notice is the richness of

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Mass Media Seven

Maynard says have a plan

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor

The way for Blacks to get to the top and to hold significant positions begins in their own minds and hearts, said Robert Maynard, owner and publisher of the Oakland Tribune, a major newspaper in California.

"We have a long way to go," he said, "but it is a journey that has at least begun."

Maynard said that Blacks must continue their journey and that it may come to a time when it will not be unusual for a Black to hold a significant position.

The way to reach these begins within the individual. "You must commit yourself to the challenge that lies before you," he said.

When Maynard was in high school, he said he was told that there weren't any Black writers in major newspaper. He then found that there were about one-half dozen Black journalists in newspapers in the United States.

"I became turned on by the challenge," he said. "I made up my mind that, even if it appears difficult, it can be done.

In order to achieve your goals, you must believe a change can occur; you must be self-actualized and have a plan to reach your goals.

Maynard said when he was a youth every day he and his siblings had to tell their parents what they learned that day. He began to write his down and read it to the family. When his interest in writing was realized, his father gave

him a typewriter.

While Maynard was in high school, he said he noticed a sign that said Creative Writing was offered as an elective. The teacher pointed out that anyone who wanted to write for a living didn't need to take this class; they needed to get out and write.

He then started to cut school so he could write for a small weekly paper in Brooklyn. He then quit school. He said, when he first saw something he wrote in print, he realized, "it was for me."

Maynard worked for the Washington Post and was one of their highest paid journalists. He said he decided to get out before he became too

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Recipients of awards during the Media Conference were (left to right) Luther Brown, Jr., NB field producer; Ms. Jeta Pace, former personnel director of WFMY-TV in Greensboro; Loror Marrow, retired advisor of the A&T Register, Stuart Davis, independent Greensboro television producer; and Luix Overbea, reporter for the Christian Science Monitor. (Photo by Willia Peeler)

Students must plug into trends

By DORIS PERSON
Editor-in-Chief

In order for future journalists to survive in the communications industry, they must become aware of what is taking place now.

Plugging in to current media trends was the topic of this year's Kellogg Lecture presented by Luther Brown during the Mass Media Careers Conference, recently.

Learning to write, broadening horizons, making contacts and being patient are key points in plugging into the communications industry, according to Brown, a film producer for NBC News in Washington, D.C.

Brown, a 1969 graduate of A&T, said students must learn to write and write well, as well as read well. "Writing is the paramount of the industry and if you can do it, you can plug in, he said.

Brown said students should

have a broad educational background with various courses and not just those in the major curriculum. "Journalists are generalists," he added.

Another major point for aspiring journalist is to make contacts as early as possible. "Make your contacts now, by getting internships or volunteering services just for the experience," Brown said.

"Do anything in the industry for starters, but whatever you do, make sure you do it well," the Williamston native said.

The final point stressed by Brown was being patient. "If you are about to graduate, don't walk out of A&T thinking you will walk right into the best jobs. You must be patient with yourself, Brown said. He encouraged students to learn all aspects of the industry also.

While mass communica-

tions is a growing enterprise, Brown said the industry is not as rosy as it appears for Blacks and minorities.

Brown who has also worked as a broadcaster, editor and reporter said for Black mass communications majors, it is not enough just to be on the air; the name of the game is power.

"We need more than just people on the air; we should be able to decide not only who gets on the air, but what gets on the air," Brown said.

Just like in every other industry, computers are now replacing the media trademarks such as the typewriter. Brown said reporters now can carry a portable computer on assignment and write and edit to perfection, then telephone it into computers in newsrooms.

"If you plan to remain in this field, you must always be ready, Brown said.

Craft is new director of Bluford Library

Dr. Calvin Craft, director of the College Library at Albany State College, will assume the position of director of the library at A&T on July 1.

Craft has enjoyed more than 20 years of varied library administrative experiences, including terms as head of the Library Science Department at Elizabeth City State University, administrative assistant to the library director at the Southern Illinois University library and vice president for public relations at Florida Memorial College in St. Augustine.

In announcing Craft's appointment, Chancellor Edward B. Fort said, "Dr. Craft will bring tremendous knowledge and expertise to our ambitious library pro-

gram, currently one of our top priorities. We welcome him to this historically great university and we are certain he can assist us in moving A&T along a path of excellence."

Craft has served also as a library consultant for the Cooperative College Library Center, the United Board for College Development, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

He holds the A. B. degree in English literature from Morehouse College, the master's degree in library science from Atlanta University and Ph.D degree in educational leadership from Southern Illinois University.

He served as a jet pilot in the United States Air Force. Craft is married and the father of five children

High School Seniors will tour campus

More than 1,000 high school students from across North Carolina and several nearby states and their parents are expected to participate in the second annual Campus High School Visitation Day sponsored by the Gate City and Tandem chapters of the A&T National Alumni Association, on Saturday, April 7.

Theme for the day will be "Welcome to A&T Where Dreamers Become Achievers: From Astronauts to Presidents."

"We have planned this program especially for students and their parents so that they might receive a thorough briefing on all of the university's operations and offerings so they may make an early decision about their enrollment in college," said Mrs. Delores Davis, a co-chairperson of the event. She will be assisted by Ms. Gloria Hughes and Dr. Rosa Purcell.

The day-long activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration in the Corbet Sports Center. The visiting students will be welcomed to

the campus by A&T chancellor Edward B. Fort, national alumni officers, deans and chairpersons, and Student Government Association officers.

From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the students and their parents will be provided with individual tours of the campus and meet with officials of the student personnel division and the financial aid office. A special luncheon will be held in the F.A. Williams Commons at 12:30 p.m. and the afternoon program will include the presentation of a musical drama for the visitors by the Richard B. Harrison Players.

Other information will be available about the university's Extended Day Program, Army and Air Force ROTC programs, Career Counseling and Placement Office, Computer Center, Food Service and Health Service.

Students and parents wishing to participate in the visitation day are asked to contact Mrs. Davis at 379-7973, Mrs. Hughes at 379-7946, or Mrs. Purcell at 379-7951.

Time to register for fall classes

Registration for the 1984 Fall semester will be April 12-13. Class schedule bulletins and course request forms will be available in all departments Thursday after 1 p.m.

Course request forms are to be turned in to the office of Registration and Records between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

Students can pick up their class schedules from the office of Registration and Records,

April 25-26. Class placement will be determined by classification beginning with seniors and graduate students.

Students will be able to try and get in courses that were closed when they go to pick up their schedules.

Something out of the ordinary

David sprang from the bed and dressed quickly; he was excited about the events of the coming night. As he raced down stairs to breakfast, his heart raced with fear and excitement.

David played over his food. His father, mother and sister seemed to be making more of what was to come than he thought, should have been.

"Well, son, we're all so proud of you," said his father between buttering and stuffing one of his wife's home-made rolls in his mouth; David's mother looked on with agreement.

Only his grandfather was not taken with David's success. "Damn," said the old man, his long course hair neatly combed back. "So you going to sing the national anthem, big deal. Don't excite me."

"I'd sing, all right. Sing about the two hundred year of slavery and two hundred years of broken promises. That's what I'd sing about.

"Why are you always talking that militant stuff to the boy," said David's father while pushing himself from the table. "This is 1984 not 1966. We're not burning cities and marching for the right to vote. We have integration.

"Integration," said the grandfather. "You're one of them educated fools. We ain't a bit more intergated than we were in 1865. All we is, is desegregated, fool."

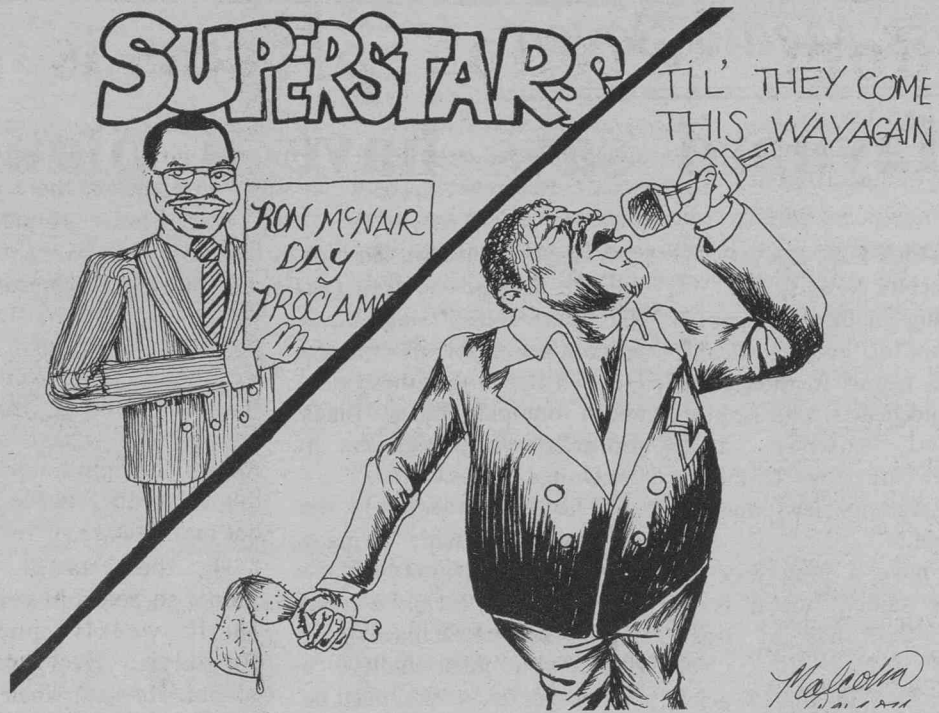
During the bus ride to school, all David could think about was his grandfather and the things he had told him. As he looked out the bus window, David looked at "Red's" a small store that had been the red neck hangout in the early 1960's. It was this store the NAACP first decided to boycott; this store first to hire Blacks. David sniggered as he thought: the first wall of the racist castle to fall.

All day long students -- Black and white -- came to congratulate him for being chosen to sing the national anthem. All day David was quiet.

In biology, David's teacher announced how proud everyone was of him. David simply stared into his textbook, his mind fleeing to his bedroom, to the only three books he had ever read by choice: Sam Greenlee's *The Spook Who Sat By the Door*, Richard Wright's *Native Son* and Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, the only books he ever really enjoyed.

That night as the two teams -- Lincoln High and Garvey High -- stood along opposing sidelines, David began to sweat. "I would have gone to Garvey High 15 years ago," David thought. How happy he had been at Linclon High with its indoors swimming pool, tennis courts and the largest gym in the state. It was a better campus, as far as he knew always was, always would be. Then again, before desegregation it had been the white school.

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Where's the beef (Aggies)?

BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

For those of you who read Doris Person's lead column, "Here's to a great Aggie" in the March 30 edition, think of this editorial as a post Ron McNair Day Convocation opinion.

Person said, "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."

Those student bodies were obviously lounging on beds and sitting in lobbies all right, but they were not conversing about the convocation because they were not there.

Judging from student turnout, you would have thought classes were in session. It was quite apparent that students decided to take class cancellation one step further by cancelling the convocation.

The exuberant A&T faculty members were like words in a seek-and-find puzzle--hard to find. During the recognition of the Board of Trustees, it was pathetic to see only two members stand-Chairperson McArthur Newell (who participated in the program) and Christopher Onyemem, a board member only because of his position. Rev. Jesse Jackson's absence was excusable since he is on the campaign trail; but overall, the trustees were incognito.

Maybe they will surface on graduation day since Jackson is the commencement speaker.

There should have been standing room only in Corbett Center, but this was obviously not the occasion for it. There have been more of you at Aggie basketball games in comparison to those who attended the program.

Nevertheless, there were countless Aggies in Greensboro Coliseum (most likely) for the Luther Vandross concert, but where were they when one of A&T's most prominent graduates was being honored?

What do Luther Vandross and A&T have in common?; not a thing. He was not aboard the Challenger when it orbited the earth. But, had he performed in Corbett Center, Aggies would have been there: wall to wall, treetop tall and gasping for fresh air. Luther left Greensboro with your money while Ron McNair left with memories of "space" in Corbett.

Also, as expected, there was standing room only at the recent Greek step show. Ron McNair was the first astronaut ever from a historically Black institution, namely yours, to travel in space; yet, students find great significance in overloading Moore Gym to watch sorority and fraternity members "travel" across the court.

Then again, if Ron had stepped with "guess who" fraternity brothers, he would have seen a capacity crowd.

Ron McNair has earned national distinction and honor for his university, but it is a shame to think of how the Aggie family honored him.

Marvin Gaye is no longer here

By GINA E.E. DAVIS

"I Heard It Through The Grapevine," that Marvin Gaye is dead.

One can hardly express the deep sense of loss, realizing the great man of those fabulous love songs is no-longer here with us.

We can no-longer expect to hear new songs from his sweet, smooth, sexy voice asking you to "Let's Get It On."

Nobody is whispering, "I Want You." Many of us grew up with the many tender

love songs of Marvin Gaye. It is difficult to imagine him as dead. And harder to stomach the fact that his father shot him.

We loved him as he sang alone, we loved him as he sang with Tammi Terrell and others, we loved him as he brought our love and sexual feelings over the air.

It is sad, and it hurts to think that when you get that feeling and need "Sexual Healing," you don't have Marvin to turn to.

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Random selection process is still a problem

Editor of the Register:

Everyone is complaining and protesting about different things that are going wrong on the campus. My complaint is dealing with the Random Selection Process (RSP). I'm not knocking the system entirely but the way that the system was put into use.

I wonder if all things were considered before the system was put into use. There are many things that should have been provided for. Some of these things are parents' opinion of the system, students' classification, out-of-state students and compensation for students' being put off campus.

Our parents should have been informed of the new process. The rules governing the system, what the alternatives would be if their son/daughter did not receive a room, if the students would receive the room and board aid, if granted, if the school would be helping students to secure

housing for the next semester - all of these things should have been sent to our parents. Our parents should have been able to present their opinion on the present RSP system. It is not necessary for our parents to travel such great distances to receive information that the school could furnish us with. If we are felt to be unreliable at relaying the information, then a letter should be sent to our parents.

Classification should have been another determinant. By the time we reach our junior and senior years, we should be able to adjust to living off campus; however uprising sophomores should be included in the count for housing along with the incoming freshmen. As freshmen we have just adjusted to the school and to being on our own. Most of us are not ready to handle the situation of living off campus but are given no choice.

There are many out-of-state students who did not receive rooms; nevertheless there are some Greensboro residents who should not have been allowed to apply for housing.

If their permanent residence is Greensboro, it would be just as cheap, if not cheaper, for them to live at home.

There does not seem to be too much being done for the students that were put off campus. Information should be sent to us or be available at

all times for us to pick up concerning alternative housing for 1984-85. It does not help to go to the financial aid office to inquire about our financial allotment for next semester. The financial office was not prepared to accept the system because they cannot tell the students whether or not they will receive more financial support or at least an amount equivalent to our present room and board fee.

Rumors were out about the "lottery system" we would be using for the fall semester. We were not actually informed

by the administration until approximately a week before the RSP went into effect. I feel that this shows a lack of consideration for the students by the administration.

RSP did eliminate the long lines; however there may be even longer lines of students going home because A&T was more concerned with the money they will receive from accepting more incoming freshmen than keeping the students they already have acquired.

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comfortable. He then moved to California where he developed the Institute for Journalism Education

The Gannett foundations had just purchased the Oakland Tribune and Maynard became its first editor. Later he became its publisher.

When Gannett decided to sell the Oakland Tribune, Maynard said he decided that he put a lot of work in the paper and "if anyone owned

it, it would be me."

He purchased the Oakland paper for \$22 million, and became the first Black to ever own a major newspaper.

"Pay no attention to my accomplishments nor any attention to my historic significance," Maynard said. "Just know the difference between right and wrong.

"Care about being a good servant and a good journalist," he said. "The first amendment requires it."

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The Open Gate

RICHARD L. WILLIAMS

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar sur passes Chamberlain

With 1:55 left to play in Thursday night's National Basketball Association game between the Utah Jazz and the Los Angeles Lakers, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar became the all-time leading scorer, surpassing Wilt Chamberlain's old mark of 31,419.

Excuse me if this column appears a bit tear-stained, but I tend to be emotional over this type of thing. It seems like yesterday when I was nestled in dad's lazy boy to witness Kareem's first two points in October of 1968 against Walt Bellamy and the Atlanta Hawks.

Finally came out of his shell

The game was stopped in the fourth period when the "Kareem of the Crop" took a feed from Magic Johnson to end his onslaught on Wilt's record that had always seemed unsurpassable.

"As an individual, I can enjoy this," Abdul-Jabbar was quoted as saying in *USA Today*. "I have a lot of respect for him. Whatever I did tonight, I could never eclipse him totally."

Embedded with personal problems throughout his career that kept him from being very open publicly, Kareem grew tired of basketball and many thought that he would retire some years ago. But an incident happened that made him more appreciative of the people who paid to see him play.

When fire gutted his home in Bel Air, California, Kareem got a sense of his worth to his many fans.

"It's nice to know you have a fan club," he said in a halftime interview. "When things are going well, the fans don't always make their feelings known. But when things got bad for me, I was glad to know they were there. I really appreciate it."

Record to stand another 15 years

Surely as Kareem's sky hook, prognosticators were already forecasting an heir to his throne. But it's a bit premature to say that Ralph Sampson (another 7-footer) has the durability and stamina to stand the test of time in the NBA over a period of time. The talent, however, is there. I guess we'll have to wait until 1999 -- 15 more seasons -- to see what happens.

Now that the hoopla surrounding the "fleeting" moment of breaking the record has passed, Kareem can concentrate on matters at hand: securing his team a second championship in three years.

"Breaking records and winning championships are but a fleeting moment. The best part is the road you have to travel to get there.

"I've been too caught up in trying to continue improving my game for the betterment of the team, I haven't had time to reflect on my records," he said. "And I guess I won't ever have time to do that until my playing days are over and I settle down a lead a normal life."

In any event, Kareem, you've got a fan here who remembers your first basket and will hopefully be around for your last.

Spring practice reveals weak points

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

With an intrasquad scrimmage under the players' belts and spring drills heading into the third week, many of the players now have a good idea of where their weaknesses are and hopefully they will turn them into strengths during the next three weeks that are left for spring practice.

The team will have at least two more scrimmages before spring training culminates.

"It didn't go as expected, but everyone is looking pretty good," sophomore offensive end Jessie Britt said of the team's first scrimmage last week. "It gave the guys a chance to see where they need improvements and it's those areas we'll probably be working on the next few weeks."

What are the areas Britt said needed improvements most following last Saturday's scrimmage?

"The offense needs some more consistency, but that'll probably come before spring practice is over," said Britt. "This is the first contact we've had since the end of last season.

"For the most part, the guys are pretty well-conditioned," he added. "At the end of the season we began lifting weights and running a lot. The guys really worked hard, and

that's what made the difference."

Marvin Floyd, a freshman tight end from Miami, believes injuries play a large part in spring drills.

"A lot of times players come in out of shape," he said. "We try to avoid that by staying in shape during the off-season. We had supervised workouts all during that time, but we'll still need a lot of depth because injuries will still persist."

Floyd says he has to work on becoming more aggressive and add weight to his 6-foot-3, 198-pound frame.

While Britt and Floyd's chief concerns are the offense, members of the defense also have to hone their skills before next fall.

"I have to become more aggressive and also continue working on improving my blocking," said freshman linebacker Tim Scott. "And coach wouldn't mind if I put on a few more pounds."

Spring Drill Notes

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

A&T head coach Mo Forte says many of his players appear stronger in spring drills than they did at the close of last season.

Injuries usually play a key role when spring drills begin because athletes often are unprepared physically for grueling two-a-day workouts.

"We have about 61 guys out there right now, and all appear in pretty good condition," Forte says. "Of course, I'd like to have twice that many, but that's about the number that I expected. We have a lot of walk-ons who are trying out for skilled positions."

"So far we've been lucky," Forte says. "We've only had a couple of injuries: Deangelo Bell and Kevin Countiss have sustained minor injuries, but nothing major."

Spring drills are scheduled to last until late April, according to the coach. Then, he says, the players are strongly encouraged to continue working out on their own.

Moore inducted into NCCU Hall of Fame

Dr. Roy E. Moore, a professor of Health, Recreation and Physical Education at A&T, has been selected for induction into the Sports Hall of Fame at North Carolina Central University, his alma mater.

Moore, a Charlotte native, will be honored for his outstanding record as a high school and college player, college coach, administrator, teacher and community leader.

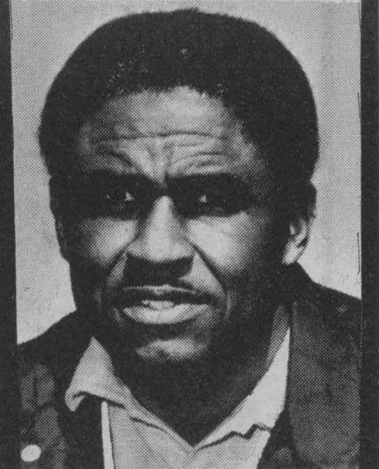
The A&T professor is a specialist in exercise physiology, and he formerly served as chairman of the health, recreation, and physical education department here.

As a college coach, Moore was selected as CIAA football coach of the year in 1950, and as CIAA basketball coach of the year in 1953 while at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Moore, who was an outstanding defensive end at Central, coached a number of outstanding players who later became successful coaches. They include George Quiett, Jesse Clements and Willie Jeffries, former A&T assistant who coached at Wichita State and is currently the head football coach at Howard University.

While coach and athletic director at South Carolina State, Moore coached David "Deacon" Jones, who has been elected to the National Football League Hall of Fame.

Sports Banquet



Robinson

Legendary head football coach Eddie Robinson of Grambling will be the guest speaker at A&T's annual sports banquet. Robinson is the winningest active coach in Division I football with 313 wins to his credit.

Honored at the Marriott Hotel Saturday will be A&T's men's basketball team, which won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference regular season crown and tournament title to qualify for its third consecutive trip to the NCAA playoffs.

SPORTS

Cafeteria becomes bomb shelter

By ALICIA DAVIS
Special to the Register

Was it Patrick Ewing and Akeem Olajuwon or the bomb threat which drew students to the Commons area of the cafe Monday night around 9 p.m.?

Several fans gathered in front of a video screen television to watch the Georgetown Hoyas defeat the Houston Cougars for the NCAA championship, while others seemed to use this area as a shelter after all the ladies' dorms were informed by phone that a bomb threat had been made.

"They requested that all students leave the dorms so I came over here," said Angie Williams, a resident of Holland Hall.

While many ladies stood around-until they felt it was safe to leave, others sat anxiously; some standing, cheering, clapping and chanting for the team they hoped would

win.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the popcorn, peanuts and coke, which were available for students while watching the game.

"Yeah" and "Boo" were the last words of many as the final seconds ticked off the game clock. Students cleared out; some smiled, yet some shared the same disappointment the Houston Cougars suffered.

The event was one of four sponsored annually by Calvin B. Williams, director of food services. "Every year four functions are held for students. However, this particular time, it was helpful that many young ladies came here after hearing of the bomb threat.

"Besides the NCAA event, we sponsor a Christmas and Valentine's Day party and a Super Bowl Sunday event," Williams said.

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of the car. The female officer intervened at this point.

Angela Foster, senior laboratory animal science major, said she heard Sharpless ask Givens to take her downtown because she was "afraid." But Williams put her in the backseat of a police car.

Sharpless said when she was released from the jail, she was taken to the emergency ward because she was bleeding.

J. Williams said the police nor the magistrate noticed that

Sharpless had any injury at the time of her arrest.

If she had been wounded they would have taken her to the hospital first, because it is against the law to arrest an injured person, he said.

"Her wounds are something that apparently came about after she was released," J. Williams said.

The police are now investigating the situation. "So far nothing has been uncovered to make us worry," he said.

Acid rain problems increase

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

An increasing amount of atmospheric deposition, including the air pollutant acid rain, severely damages plant and wildlife in the United States, said Ellis B. Cowling, associate dean for research for the School of Forest Resources at North Carolina State University.

Cowling was the guest speaker at the Annual Artis P. Graves Lecture in Marteen Hall Monday night. The event was sponsored by A&T's biology department.

Cowling said the increasing problem corresponds to a rise in the last 40 years in industrial pollutants, including ozone, lead, and oxides of nitrogen and sulfur, the components of acid rain.

The problem is more prevalent in central Europe, but is on the rise in the eastern United States, including North Carolina, he said. Cowling

showed slides, magnifying fruits that were grown in two different regions of the United States. Fruits grown in parts of North Carolina were covered with brown spots; ones grown in the far west, however, were free of the discoloration.

Cowling said regulating sulfur dioxide emission, the source of acid rain, would not necessarily solve the problem because there are a number of other pollutants.

"We don't fully know what causes the discoloration in some fruit, but we do know it's not normal rain," said Cowling before a group of approximately 75 biology students and faculty members.

Air pollutants have also affected plant life on Mount Mitchell, Cowling's studies confirm.

"Currently, there is not any reproduction of vegetation on the top of Mount Mitchell," said Cowling, whose research

team will conduct more studies there this summer. "Some of the trees died there because of insects, but some of the trees that are immune to these very same insects are dying, too. And we don't know what the cause of it is. It's something we don't know of."

Cowling dispelled myths about acid rain causing deterioration to clothing. He said no human deaths can be directly related to acid rain.

"It would be hard to say how many have died due to this," he said before adding, "people are not killed by acid rain, but their health may be impaired; mostly lung and other respiratory diseases.

"Americans are more wasteful than Europeans and lots of other nations, but our problem with airborne chemicals is less severe than other countries like Germany, where more than \$1 billion in timber have been lost," Cowling said.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority step team show off fancy footwork at the standing-room only Psi Hellenic step show Thursday in Moore Gym. Winners of the competition were Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. (Photo by Jay Hall)

Foreign Language Dept. sponsors West African seminar

By CAREY CAMPBELL
Special to the Register

The Department of Foreign Languages sponsored another of its Luncheon Seminars on Thursday, April 5, from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in Crosby Hall.

This particular seminar featured a Travel-Slide Presentation on West Francophone Africa (francophone means French speaking), and the guest presenter was Professor Catherine Clifton, assistant professor of English here at A&T.

Donning a garment made from cloth purchased in Mali and wearing a gold wrist bracelet from the ivory coast, Clifton shared experiences and

slides with a group of about 20 persons who listened attentively as she told of her travels.

Clifton's presentation focused on the six French speaking natives in Africa.

Having taught English at the University of Ched for two years, Clifton was able to visit places like Cameroon, Togo and the Ivory Coast, just to name a few.

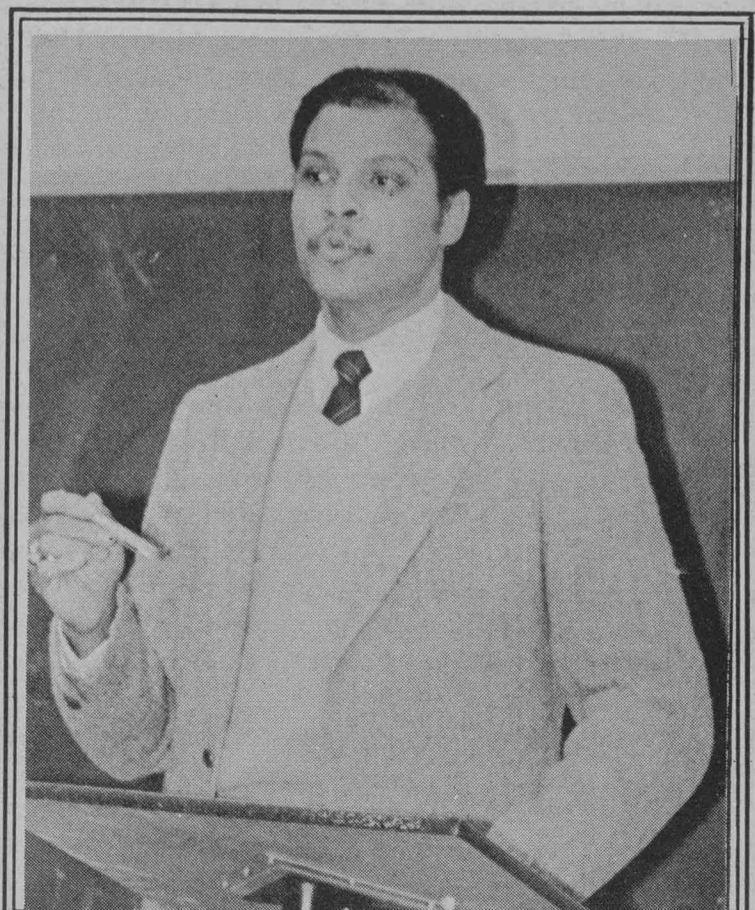
"The travel was basically safe and wildlife roams freely along the main roads of Ched," said Clifton as she spoke about the place known as "The Land of Contrasts" noted for its folklore and hunting.

In addition to the slides and

her outfit, Professor Clifton also displayed many exhibits from her travels: an authentic mask and head dress from along the Congo and a pictorial series about Ched and the other francophone areas.

Dr. Helen LeBlanc, chairperson of the foreign languages department, said, "the purpose of the Luncheon Seminar was to bring out significant multiple aspects of

foreign cultures and foreign languages." And, when asked about this well presented seminar, she noted it was typical of the many already presented by the foreign language department.



Dr. Harold Martin, an electrical engineering instructor, was guest speaker for the Eta Kappa Nu Engineering Honor Society Wednesday night. The seminar was held in Graham Hall. (Photo by Jay Hall)

Campus Haps

A&T UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR, directed by Dr. Sam Barber, will present its annual spring concert on Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. in the Moore Gymnasium.

Joining the choir for this year's performance will be the Dudley Senior High School Choir, directed by Mrs. Jerrye Mouning and the Robin Simmons Dancers.

According to Barber, the choir will present sacred and secular compositions, including numbers made famous by the now defunct Wings Over Jordan Choir. The choir performed these numbers recently at the Third Annual Negro Spiritual Festival in historic Music Hall in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Included will be "Joy in That Land" and "I'll Be a Servant". Accompanists for the program will be Tim Davis on piano, Andrew Thompson on bass and Rusty Webb on drums.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION will sponsor a Learn to Swim for non-swimmers on Monday and Wednesday, April 9 until May 6. The lessons will be held in Corbett Center pool at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Register with I.D. on April 9. Admission is free.

A FASHION SHOW, entitled "FASHION MANUEVERS", will be presented Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom at A&T to highlight the university's Spring Weekend.

The show, open to the public, will include designs by 30 students, either clothing and textiles or fashion merchandizing majors.

SUPPORT PROJECT "RED SPRINGS" is asking for donations of money (any amount), clothes, and/or food. From April 6-20, boxes will be placed in residence halls. Donations will be given to the victims of the tornado that hit Red Springs and other areas. Let's help our Aggies and their homelands. "The Success of Rebuilding is Up to You." Project coordinator Sheba Hall, 107 Vanstory Hall, Phone: 373-9895.

If you will be enrolled during second session summer school and have a GPA of 2.0 or better and are interested in helping with **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION**, go to Counseling Services in 108 Murphy Hall and leave your summer address. They will need 10 to 15 volunteers who can donate a few hours during July 13 & 14 and July 20 & 21, 1984. These volunteers will be needed to monitor freshman testing and act as hosts and information givers. If you are interested, stop by Counseling Services between now and the end of this semester. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Pam Valadez or Dr. James Sibert.

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.

The men of Cooper Hall are sponsoring a **SUPER SUNDAY TRIP TO CAROWINDS** April 29 at 8 a.m. The price is \$16. This includes your bus fare, admission to Carowinds and your refreshments on the bus. To reserve a seat, a deposit of \$10 is due in the office of Cooper Hall by April 13, 1984. The final payment (\$6) is due on or before April 25. There are limited numbers of spaces available. It is requested that you reserve your seat(s) early.

Fisk in jeopardy of becoming just a memory in Black minds

By **JAMES ETHERIDGE**
Staff Writer

While encountering serious financial difficulties, Fisk University, a private Black institution in Nashville, Tennessee, is in danger of becoming just a memory.

"Predominantly Black (private) schools such as Fisk shouldn't just disappear," said Dr. Frenise A. Logan, a Fisk graduate and recognized Black historian. "It is important that they maintain their financial viability."

Logan is a history professor at A&T. He attended Fisk for undergraduate studies, then completed his graduate studies at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland Ohio. He was the second Black to receive a Ph.D from Case Western Reserve.

Logan, a native of Albany Georgia, came to A&T in 1955 after doing his post doctoral studies at India University of Bombay. He also taught at Bennett College seven years.

"One of the problems facing these institutions is the lack of support from alumni,"

he said. "Those who have graduated are not contributing their share of financial resources."

"Another reason is that Black institutions are suffering from a decrease of enrollment. More Blacks are going to integrated schools now," Logan said.

Recently Dr. James Cheek, president of Howard University, launched a campaign to raise \$5 million for Fisk University.

"In the past when philanthropic organizations were contributing, it wasn't important to accumulate alumni financial assistance," Logan said, while relaxing in his office at Gibbs Hall.

"It is imperative that private Black schools receive aid from financially endowed institution."

President Ronald Reagan donated a \$1,000 private check to Fisk University.

Logan said, "There is still a role for Black institutions such as Fisk although some people may question this."

Fisk University is rich in

historians, Logan adds; "W.E.B. DuBois was a graduate of Fisk."

John Hope Franklin, also a graduate of Fisk University, is now at Duke University. He holds the prestigious honor of being a James B. Duke professor. And it is his book, "From Slavery to Freedom" that is used in Afro-American history courses here at A&T.

Logan is the author of a book entitled, "Blacks in North Carolina" 1876-1894 (period of reconstruction). He will also be featured in the July issue of the North Carolina Historical Review.

Logan said Black institutions are important, "Blacks couldn't always go to school with whites 30 or 40 years ago. Black schools were the only avenues where we could achieve higher education; now there are options."

Fisk University, a predominately Black institution, was founded in 1866 as a private coeducational independent school. Their 1982 enrollment was approximately 1,100 students

Students concerned about spring semester grades

By **DARLENE MERCER**
Special to the Register

Students enrolled in Dr. Hattie Liston's General Psychology course, Psc. 320, this spring are very concerned about their grades.

Liston has been not taught since March, 1, 1984, due to a car accident, that caused a head injury.

She was replaced by Dr. Eugene Runyon on March 26, 1984.

"I feel that Dr. Liston's absence will be harmful to my grade," said Michael Critterdon, sophomore, accounting major, "because of the fact

that my class participation grade will not weigh accurately."

Carolyn Blue, sophomore biology major, said "I don't think she could be honest in grading us since she wasn't here."

"If she does decide to grade us, she should go easy. Perhaps if she is willing to go half with Dr. Runyon then it may be all right," she said.

According to Dr. Emory Saddler, chairperson of the psychology department, "There is no procedure for grading when the instructor is out. The final grade is left to

the instructor."

Runyon said, "I took the class because I felt a responsibility to the students."

There is some controversy between Liston and Saddler about the length of time it took to replace her.

Liston said, "The department treated me very ugly and nonpositive and didn't want anyone to replace me."

Yet Saddler said, "Liston didn't want anyone to replace her because she was only to be out one week."

Although she plans to return Monday April, 9, Saddler said he has no knowledge when she will return.

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As David looked down on the football field it occurred to him that, to look at the football team you would have thought there were far more Blacks at Lincoln than the 20 percent.

Finally his time had come, his time to sing. He knew he was the first Black to sing the national anthem at Lincoln. After what he was about to do he would probably be the last, he thought.

Stepping to the mike David sang better than he had ever sung before. His voice carried loud and clear. Members of the crowd stared dumbfounded as David continued; he wondered how long they would allow him to continue before they cut off the sound. When he finished, he turned and returned to his seat. At first there was no applause; then from the far side of the stadium the single applause of David's teary eyed grandfather reached him, the words of the national anthem still ringing in his ears.

"Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty: let out rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea..."

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the colors," he said. "Photographs give you some idea, but they will never do justice to that. The sunrises and sunsets also were spectacular bursts of colors," he said.

In addition to resolution of appreciation and an Aggie Bulldog plaque from the A&T Alumni Association, McNair was treated to dozens of tributes that morning.

After the Convocation, McNair led students to march on the Governmental Plaza where he was presented the key to the city by Mayor John Forbis.