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Bomb threats result in four arrests

By FRANCES WARD
News Editor

Four people, including two A&T students, have been arrested in connection with making false bomb reports at A&T, according to A&T Police Chief John O. Williams.

Franklin E. McCain Jr., 19, of Haley Hall, Angela T. Gray, 19, of Barbee Hall, and Willie Williams, 33, of 901 Silver Ave., were charged last Friday with making a false report concerning a destructive device. On Monday, Jesse Montier, 27, of 2107 Lutheran St., was charged in connection with a threat made the same day, said Williams.

“All of the suspects were taken before the Guilford County magistrate and released on their own recognizance,” he said.

Board members recognized for service

By DORIS PERSON
Editor in Chief

Three members of the board of trustees, whose terms end in June, were recognized for their contributions to A&T during the last board meeting of this year.

Board chairman Dr. Marion Newell cited Elizabeth Cone, Carson Bain and Robert Kraya for their services rendered while serving as members of the board.

Cone had been appointed to the board by former governor James B. Hunt in 1981. She was reappointed in 1981 by Hunt to serve until June of 1985. Cone was vice chairman of the 1983 board of Trustees. Bain and Kraya were appointed by the North Carolina Board of Governors in 1977 and reappointed in 1981. Bain served as buildings and grounds chairperson this year. In other business, the board adopted three resolutions, including one not to discontinue use of sex designation in authorized dormitories.

William Parker, chairperson of the budget committee, said that the state audit for the 1983-84 school term is going very well. “We have made our own in-house statement and thus far, the audit is progressing well and look forward to the review in August,” Parker said.

Bain, reported that the building and grounds committee was working on ways to get the $16 million new library proposal back into the administrative board committee’s budget for next year.

Beaman of the physical plant, gave a presentation on a proposed computerized preventive maintenance program to be instituted as a segmented segment of the physical plant.

He said the main purpose of the program would be to spend up the time between the request and the actual manpower. In order to eliminate the departmental request will be transmitted by computer. The program would be directed toward masonry, roofing and mechanical and electrical requests.

The educational committee reported that the fifty percent of the students passed the state exam in February.

Aggie Festival 85’ to feature eight groups

By ESTHER WOODS
Staff member

This year’s Aggie Festival Concert, scheduled for April 27, will feature eight groups including Debbie Jackson, Trouble Funk, Force M-D, The Real Roxanne, Sparky-D, Night Shift, The Young Caucasians, and Covaceus.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in Aggie Stadium. Gates will open at noon. Tickets for A&T students, high school and other college students will be $8. Tickets for general admission is $10. Admission on the day of the show is $12.

“We planned a program and we hope everyone will come out and enjoy it,” said James France, SGA President.

“The majority of the students said they wanted an outdoor concert so we worked out a package with eight groups for $8.”

The scheduled events for the week of Aggie Fest 85 will be as follows:

Monday, April 22: Organizational Color Day; Campus Clean-up Day.
Tuesday, April 23: T-Shirt sale sponsored by the SGA.

(See Fest, page 7)
Three students win awards

A microbiologist, an insurance specialist, and a public school teacher have been named winners of the top annual awards of the A&T National Alumni Association.

The three persons will be honored during the annual awards luncheon in the Memorial Union Ballroom on Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m. Winner of the Alumni Achievement Award is Carolyn J. Rinehardt, a microbiologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Philadelphia. Winner of the Young Alumni Award is Nathaniel Warmoth Hayes Jr., field claims specialist with State Farm Insurance Company in Fayetteville. The Alumni Achievement Award will be presented to Mrs. Julia S. Brooks, who teaches in the Philadelphia public schools. Miss Brooks, a member of the American Society for Microbiologists, has been employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health since 1966. She graduated from A&T and also attended the university's Graduate School.

Long active in community concerns in Philadelphia, she is a member of the board of directors of West Oak Lane Community Development Corporation, the National Association of University Women and Sharon Baptist Church. She has served as president of the Limelike Pine Block Club and president of the Town-Watch patrol. She was formerly president of the Philadelphia chapter of the A&T Alumni Association and reigned as "Miss A&T Alumni" in 1975-77. She is currently chairperson of the National Class Reunion Committee.

Dr. Roland E. Buck, vice chancellor for student affairs, has sent a memorandum to all dormitories reminding students of the items prohibited in dormitory rooms.

Buck sent out the memorandum as a result of the fire that occurred on April 1 in Cooper Hall, which destroyed one room and damaged several others.

"This fire was caused by the room occupant's plugging too many appliances into one electrical socket, using an extension cord too long, and placing combustible material near the Physical Plant.

 wordt, computers, televisions, radios, stereo and fans. No more than two appliances should be plugged into an outlet, according to Buck.

A student caught with prohibited items for the first time will receive a written letter, but, on the second offense, he will lose his campus residence, said Buck.

Also, as a result of the fire, alarms are being installed in several dormitory rooms.

"You are also reminded that North Carolina statutes prohibit the tampering of fire alarm systems, including giving false fire alarms. Individuals found guilty of violating this law can be fined $500 and/or imprisoned for not more than six months."

Instructor presents papers

Dr. Susan J. Schumacher of the Psychology Department was the senior author for three papers presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association Convention in Atlanta, recently.

She and Callie R. Wilson, a graduate assistant and lab manager in the department, presented a paper entitled "Controls for Drug Research in the Student Lab."

Dr. A. F. Reasoner, an A&T graduate currently enrolled in the Behavioral Medicine Program at the University of Georgia, presented a paper entitled "The behavioral effects of various doses of dexedrine and hole location in inverted pole board apparatus," based upon research he and Dr. Schumacher conducted while he was at A&T.

Cedric L. Williams, a senior at A&T, was selected from a number of students submitting abstracts to present the research he and Dr. Schumacher recently completed on "The Use of Lecithin to Eliminate Motor Side Effects Associated with Prolonged Neuroleptic Therapy." Cedric also works as a Health Technician at the Henry Weisman Kendall Center in Greensboro.
WORKSHOPS TO HELP STUDENTS

Two workshops entitled, "Togetherness — Dealing with Relationships," will be held in Murphy Hall Assembly Room April 25 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and April 26 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The workshops, coordinated by the Offices of the Dean of Students for Student Life and Counseling Services, are designed for students who are interested in learning how to make wise decisions about direction of their lives.

Jessica Henderson Daniel, who would like to attend, the workshops, should complete the form below and return it to the Office of The Dean of Students for Student Life, Murphy Hall, Room 102 before Tuesday, April 23 to reserve space.

The first 75 people will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis for each workshop.

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Praise long overdue
By FRANCES WARD

Praise has been long overdue for the A&T Police Department.

A&T has been plagued with a rash of bomb threats since February and the officers have efficiently evacuated at least 10 buildings on campus. Once, the officer performed eight evacuations in one day.

One officer said he felt that the hardest task was getting all residents to leave Scott Hall after a prank caller said a bomb had been placed in A&T's largest dormitory.

In addition, once an unidentified caller said he had a remote control and would blow up Crosby Hall between 2 and 4 p.m.

Many students and professors, whose classes had been interrupted previously, did not want to leave the building that day. Most of them contended that the threat was a "joke." But police warned that "this one might be it."

One officer even apologized for the inconvenience when an instructor spoke harshly to him.

Although many of the officers were irritated by the calls, they counselled people who were upset and continually asked, "Who is doing all this?"

Surprisingly, four people, including two A&T students, have been arrested and charged in connection with the bomb threats.

Even though it's not known if the four are guilty, it was unbelievable to learn that two A&T students were involved since all students come to the university (supposedly) for the same purpose: to receive an education — not to deter getting one.

There is relief in knowing that something is being done to stop the outrageous threats.

A&T police should be commended for their efforts.

And though the bomb threats have continued, even after the arrests, many are confident that others will be caught before the real explosion occurs — final examination week!

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Bus riders beware
By WINDY NORGINS

How many of you have gone to the bus station with the exact amount of money to purchase a ticket only to find the fare has gone up?

Many students have become victims of the steady rising cost of traveling by bus. And this has happened to some students more than once.

Trailways Bus Company has raised its prices twice in one school year. Once because of an annual increase, and then again, because of new management.

It seems that the owner of Trailways would take in consideration, that a majority of its riders are college students. And some of these students may not be able to afford such steep prices.

What happened to the 15 percent student cut that once existed?

With this cut students were once able to afford bus trips to visit friends at other universities, as well as making regular visits home.

For example a ticket that once cost $8 to Raleigh, will cost that teen dollars, and this is just a one way ticket.

It seems that a student who once depended on the bus for transportation, might have to go to other means or remain in Greensboro.

One would think that with all the years of student usage that students would be considered before the increase. Unfortunately the bus system is not like that of the airlines. Bus transportation is limited, therefore bus wars are not likely to exist.

Students might have to take the last resort, get a job!

Too much emphasis on one school
By Esther Woods

How many times have you heard conversations about A&T's excellent Engineering School? Probably too many times to name off.

How many times have you heard about A&T's excellent Agriculture, Arts, Business & Economic, Education, and Nursing Schools? Perhaps not enough times to name.

Yes, we have an excellent Engineering School, but we also have other excellent schools that are deprived of the broad sense of publicity that the Engineering School obtains.

As a high school senior, I recalled hearing various optimistic conversations concerning A&T's Engineering School. Almost everything that I heard academically about A&T was centered around this school.

What if the valedictorian or salutatorian of a high school class were interested in majoring in something centered around the liberal arts? Would he or she come to A&T? Maybe so, but he or she would more than likely choose to attend a university which offered a much broader selection of excellent schools rather than just a few.

In addition, he or she would choose a university that promoted a high level of publicity in all of its schools.

If too much emphasis is placed upon the Engineering School, then the grants, funds and all other sources of financial aid will be affected very substantially. Lack of public interest in the other schools will continue to occur if a large percentage of recruitment is only centered around the Engineering School.

Aggies, if we do not obtain a much broader sense of recruitment for all of the individual schools, then what schools will the future high school graduates choose? More than likely, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Tuskegee, Morehouse, and other prestigious schools.

If we want to maintain a collegiate curriculum, then high school graduates must be informed of all of the schools.
Daylight important for blind people

Researchers at 13 research centers in the United States and United Kingdom, funded by the RP Foundation Fighting Blindness, are working continually to find the cause, treatment and prevention of these blinding disorders.

Historically the Foundation has supported legislation to extend daylight saving time, and it is one of the founding members of the Daylight Saving Time Coalition, which includes numerous business and sports associations. The Coalition wants Congress to extend daylight saving time by six weeks in the spring and one week in the fall.

People with RP would gain seven extra weeks of independence each year, while extra daylight could help save energy, reduce urban crime and increase recreational time.

The beginning of daylight saving time on April 28 is the start of the RP Foundation Fighting Blindness annual Spring Public Awareness Campaign. The campaign is focusing on the importance of extended daylight hours for people with RP. When you set your clock ahead, take a moment to remember that for some people darkness will come too early and will last forever.

For more information contact the Public Information Department of the RP Foundation Fighting Blindness at 1-800-638-2300.

Top 100 employers identified

Over 15,000 entry-level jobs for college graduates in the class of 1985 have been uncovered in a national survey of employers. The survey, conducted by The Black Collegian Magazine, a leading collegiate periodical, identifies the top 100 employers of new grads with bachelor's, graduate and professional degrees. A related exclusive survey also pinpoints the majors in greatest demand by these employers. The results of both surveys can be found in the March/April 1985 issue of The Black Collegian.

Officials at the companies provided their projections for the total number of hires they expect to make from all college graduates this year. A rank order list of the "Top 100 Employers for 1984-85" provided some expected results and some surprises. G. E., Electronic Data Systems, Liberty Mutual, Ford Motors and the National Security Agency are among the employers, with the largest number of job openings. Surprisingly, the survey showed several independent school districts to be experiencing large hiring needs. The largest category of jobs was found in Government/Defense-33 percent; Computer/Engineer-19 percent; Education/Medical-9 percent; Oil/Petroleum-4 percent.

"College graduates for 1985 are in the home stretch of their four year pursuit of a satisfying job leading to a career. For some the pursuit has netted only uncertainty and frustration with the job market. These graduates have no jobs and they don't know where to look," according to The Black Collegian. The March/April JOBS issue of the magazine carries the complete survey results.

The JOBS issue also provides the annual industry by industry assessment of the 1985 Job Outlook for Black college graduates, plus a job index which lists those employers actively recruiting Black college students.

Nursing School honors students

Five outstanding students of the School of Nursing were honored during the school's annual capping and pinning exercises recently.

Angela Smith of Greensboro received the Service to Humanities scholarship award from the Sigma Chi chapter of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority. The Dr. C.C. Stewart Memorial Scholarship Award went to Kimberly Thompson of Ridgeway, Va. Quandra Singleton of Fayetteville received the Florence Nightingale Award from the Auxillary of the Greensboro Medical Society.

The Teloca Graduates Award was presented to Robyn Cherry of Hayttsville, Md.

Debra Washington of Fayetteville received the Auxiliary of the L. Richardson Memorial Hospital Award.

Scholarships available

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund, a memorial to the late publisher of The Atlanta Constitution, offers scholarships to those who have completed at least two years of college and who have demonstrated an abiding interest in the news and editorial phase of newspapering. Scholarships are limited to those young men and women whose roots lie in the South. Applicants must convince the awards committee that they firmly intend to pursue a career in daily or weekly newspapering and that their interest and aptitudes are such that they are likely to become leaders in the field.

Awards for the upcoming scholastic year will be for the third or fourth year of college. A "B" average will be required to maintain the scholarship. Scholarships will be in an amount not to exceed $1,500 for the school year. A 500-word letter along with a photograph of the applicant must accompany each application giving reasons for seeking a Ralph McGill Scholarship. Application also must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a college authority.

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund is supported by grants from the Cox Foundation and other contributors.

Application blanks may be obtained from The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund, Box 4689, Atlanta, Ga. 30302.
Hagler proves his point

By ANTHONY JEFFRIES

Before the slug fest between Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns for the undisputed middleweight title, I’d always felt that Marvelous Marvin was not as invincible as his record indicated.

Sure, Hagler had defended his title successfully 10 times and had not lost in nine years, but what happens when he fights a contender who has just as much talent?

No one in the middleweight division was even close to lasting in the ring with Hagler, much less, beating him.

Could Hagler defeat a boxer who could hit just as hard, had a decisive height advantage (6-feet-1 to 5-foot-9), longer reach, and — more importantly — one of the biggest names in boxing today.

Hearns had fought much tougher opponents such as Sugar Ray Leonard, Wilfred Benitez and Roberto Duran.

Hearns destroyed the legendary Duran, a fighter with a similar style to Hagler’s, in two rounds.

Hagler could manage only a 15-round decision against Duran last year in his biggest fight before last Monday’s battle.

Hearns would be the man to penetrate Hagler’s shield of invincibility on route to defeating him.

But as the fight progressed in Caesar’s Palace, Hagler showed the world that he is indeed invincible and much more, as he floored “The Hit Man” two minutes and one second into the third round with a wicked right to the jaw.

The champion attacked and pursued the challenger in his aggressive style as if Hearns were no more than one of those lesser-talented middleweights that Hagler knocks out regularly.

Hearns has never been knocked down in his career, but Hagler did it in three rounds.

That was all I needed to hear to be convinced that Hagler is right now, pound for pound, the best boxer today.

He will rank right up there with other greats such as Sugar Ray Robinson and Carlos Monzon as one of the best middleweights in history.

Even though I didn’t expect Hagler to win, credit must be given where it is due: The man is awesome! Right now, no one in the near future is capable of beating Marvelous Marvin except “Father Time.”

There has been talk of Hagler moving up to the light-heavyweight division to challenge Mike Tyson for his crown.

Surely, there will be many critics who will not give Hagler that chance, but, given the man’s aggressiveness, speed and boxing ability, I wouldn’t bet against his beating Spinks.

Aggies sign two

Head basketball coach Don Corbett has signed Carlton Becket to a national letter of intent.

Becket is a senior at East Carteret High School in Beaufort. A 6-foot-4 swingman, Becket averaged 22 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists and earned all-conference honors last season.

The signing of Becket brings to two the number of players Corbett has signed to date: Lloyd King, 6-4 guard from Central High School of Sussex, Va., who averaged 20 points and nine rebounds, was an early signee.

Top athletes selected

Eric Boyd and Yvette Estep were named the top male and female athletes of the year at the A&T All-Sports Banquet held at the Greensboro Sheraton Hotel.

The event, sponsored by the A&T Board-in-Control of Intercollegiate Athletics, is held annually to honor athletes who participate on varsity teams.

Boyd and Jimmy Brown, who led the Aggies to four straight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball championships and four berths in the NCAA playoffs, were selected co-players of the year.

In addition to being named female athlete of the year, Estep, who plays basketball and softball, claimed the top award in women’s basketball.

Freshman quarterback Alan Hooker received the MVP award in football. Running back Stoney Polite, also a freshman, was selected top offensive back, and Tim Williams got the award for the top defensive back. Ernest Riddick was chosen outstanding defensive lineman and junior guard Steve McCormick was named outstanding offensive lineman.

Pitcher Mack Chavis was singled out in baseball; Lenny Dark, in softball; Felicia Robinson, in women’s track; and Melvin Ballard, in men’s track. Joseph Willis claimed the top award in cross country and Melvin Ridley was singled out in wrestling.

Kevin Cosby earned the MVP award in tennis as did Sharline Schneider in volleyball. Kim Bynum was honored as the top cheerleader.

The Aggies also honored the All-Academic team. The athletes receiving this honor were Michael Isley, Marsha Oden, Angela Winsied, Michael Pearshall and Estep.

Oden was single out as having the highest academic average.

The Travis Kelly Leadership award was won by sophomore wide receiver Herbert Harbison.

Editorial

Where are the trophies?

By JOE BROWN

Sports Editor

While visiting a neighboring university last week, this writer entered its athletic building — a huge complex with three levels.

Each level contained half-mile corridors that make a person feel smaller with every step he takes. Centered in the building was a basketball arena and indoor track field and enough seats for everyone from your grandma to your eighth cousin.

The students at the university call it just an athletic building; I call it a stadium.

Now, the size of the building was unbelievable, but what was displayed in it was even more unbelievable.

Standing along the endless corridors, one could see them in all shapes, colors, and sizes — the trophies and plaques honoring all the sport legends and stars of the school from the past and present. Life-size photos of athletes from swimming to lacrosse were hung along the walls in endless rows throughout the building.

Any athlete would feel at home walking among these legendary stars.

With the presence of the trophies and photos, athletes and students of the university could feel proud of their past and present stars.

The university’s commitment in honoring its athletes showed its commitment to the athletic program.

Returning to A&T, this writer decided to visit our athletic building.

The construction of the building was very well done and it contained excellent facilities for the sport lovers of all ages.

What? And then this writer noticed it. Where were the trophies? Where were the photos and plaques honoring our universities’ legends and stars.

There wasn’t one trophy, plaque, or photo displayed in the entire building, except for a few track trophies clustered on a file cabinet in the corner of the main office. Other trophies sat on desks and tables in the offices of coaches — not to be seen by anyone.

Searching for the missing trophies, this writer’s curiosity took him to Moore Gym where there were three empty trophy display windows with rows of shelves collecting dust and dead bugs and light bulbs that illuminated the bare white walls behind the glass.

At A&T, we don’t have photos, trophies, or plaques displayed honoring our great sports legends and stars.

The trophies have either been stolen, thrown away, or tossed in dark storage rooms. Our athletes don’t have any idea who to admire or look up (See Trophies, page 7).
Gold crushes Blue, 25-8

BY ANTHONY JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

The Gold team, coached by San Francisco 49er's defensive end, Dwayne Board, dominated both sides of the line as they crushed the Blue team, coached by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, 25-8 in A&T's intrasquad spring football game Saturday at Aggie Stadium.

The Gold rolled up 265 yards of offense while the defense held the Blue scoreless.

Runningback Juan Jackson gained 50 of those yards in addition to scoring two touchdowns while quarterback Tracy Napper completed a pass to wide receiver Anthony Best for another touchdown. Best led all receivers with five receptions for 79 yards while Napper completed 15 of 29 passes for 140 yards.

The Gold defensive unit, led by defensive coordinator Ernest Riddick, Markus Nager, Frank Newman and Tim Scott forced Blue quarterback Alan Hooker into throwing for only 54 yards although he completed 11 passes out of 20 attempts.

At one point, the Gold defense pushed the Blue into the end zone for a safety.

The only points the Blue could muster were an 85-yard interception return by Hiawatha Bethea for a score in the fourth quarter.

With Aggie Coach Mo Forte sitting in the press box during the game, the majority of the players felt they did not prepare for the game any differently with Board or Jackson coaching the squads than if Forte were coaching.

"There was not much difference (in the coaching) because we were running basically the same plays in the game that Coach Forte runs in practice," said Riddick.

Blue wide receiver Alvin Grier said, "Rev. Jackson wanted to establish a controll ed offense with a balanced running and passing attack, which Coach Forte likes to do also."

Trophies—

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...to their sport because there is nothing to help them identify those athletes.

The athletic building should be draped with the honors of men and women athletes who dedicated themselves to achieve those goals.

Something has to be done so our athletes can be recognized for their achievements. The old trophies have been thrown in the closet. Don't throw your Aggie athletes in there, too!

Fest

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Wednesday, April 25: Step show sponsored by the Pan Hellenic Council at 6:30 p.m. in Moore Gym; Splash party sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in Corbett Sports Center from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 26: Dining game in Harrisson Auditorium from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. sponsored by SGA; A splash party in Corbett Sports Center from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma; Disco in Moore Gym from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Friday, April 27: Alpha Phi Awards Banquet in Student Union Ball Room from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.; Block party from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the Moore Gym Parking Lot. Also, a "Pig Pickin'" sponsored by the A&T Aggie Club will be held Saturday, April 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at Aggie Stadium. Prices will be barbecue dinners, $3.50; sandwiches, $1.50 and barbecue, $4 a pound

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The trend toward Reaganism continues

By Manning Marable

There is a pronounced tendency among black elected officials and civil rights leaders to blame most of our current woes on the Reagan administration. Undeniably, the Reaganites are conducting an unconditional war against black people's interests, manipulating clowns like Clarence Pendleton to hoist the banner of "reverse discrimination."

Yet few Afro-American leaders have begun to reassess the limitation of their own political practice and theoretical orientation, in the midst of our fight for racial equality and democratic rights.

"Neoliberalism" or Reaganism with a human face represents no real solutions to the national drift to the right over the past decade. Nor does a simplistic revival of the policies of the New Deal or the Great Society.

Most Black politicians and civil rights spokespersons are liberals. Obviously, some tend toward more leftist or social democratic definitions of what comprises liberalism, such as Georgia State Senator Julian Bond. Others are more moderate by temperament or inclination - Charles Rangel, Andrew Young, and Bill Gray - but are nevertheless liberals by any standard.

Liberalism still retains many fine qualities - a desire to implement public programs which reduce poverty and unemployment, expand public health facilities, reduce taxes on low-to-middle income households, and to reduce the bloated Pentagon budget. Liberals comprise the majority of Americans who want an end to the illegal U.S. war against Nicaragua; they are the core of the freeze movement; and they advocate the abandonment of the Reagan apartheid axis, better known as "constructive engagement" with South Africa.

But liberals and liberalism are not in vogue, at least among the majority of the white electorate. Why? Unlike many conservatives, liberals lack any theoretical orientation, beyond a well-meaning pragmatism. Liberals simply don't like to make distinct choices. And more than anything else, they do not wish to be considered "extremists."

Jesse Helms and other ultrarightists in politics are held in contempt not so much for what they advance within the government, but for their vitriol, their extreme behavior and unwillingness to compromise.

And at last a basic reality of American political culture emerges: a small band of dedicated, hardworking "extremists," when properly organize, can implement their program within the political system and ultimately win over a majority to their views.

To do this, the "extremists" must have a cause, a reason for mobilizing people; and they must be willing to suffer short-run losses and defections from their own ranks in order to achieve their goals. White liberals have almost no causes, beyond a collection of platitudes.

In contrast, the New Right has a cause and clear-cut vision of the future. Liberals like the Mondale vacillate in critical moments; reactionaries like Reagan virtually never retreat. This is precisely why the Democratic "neoliberalism" and conservatives will fail to overtake the next generation of conservatives, such as Jack Kemp and Lew Lehrman.

Nearly 150 years ago, the abolitionist were an isolated band of "extremists." The cause seemed utopian, the abolition of slavery. Yet on this issue, they refused to compromise, and ultimately they achieved a national majority to destroy an immoral system.

Two decades ago, many Americans, just, liberals, as for Reaganism, for example, "leftist." They refuse to articulate a utopian vision of what the society can and should be.

The trend toward Reaganism will continue.

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