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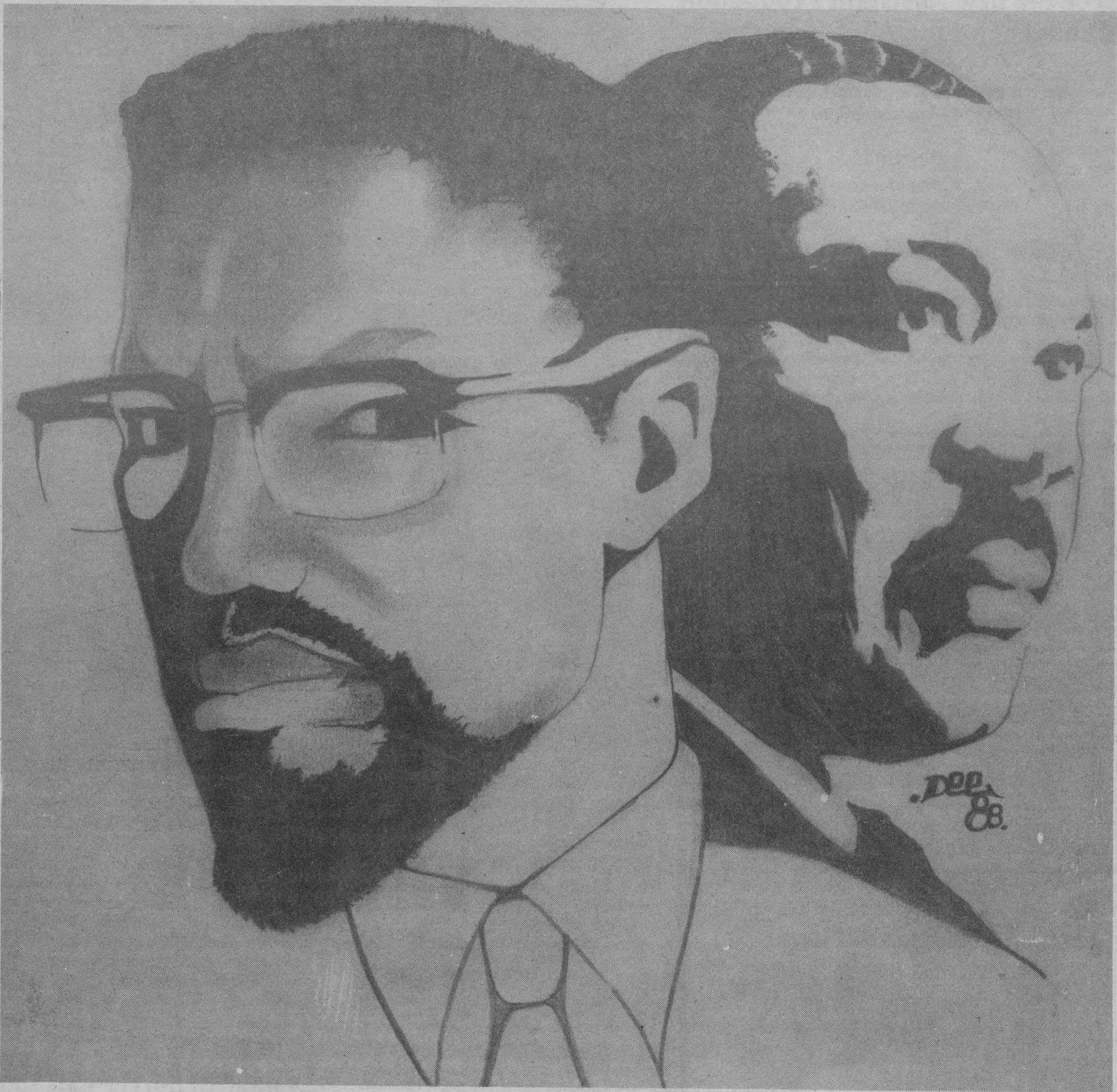
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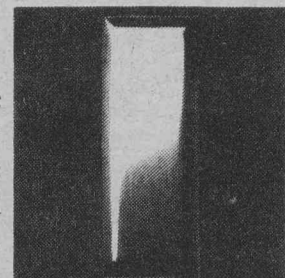
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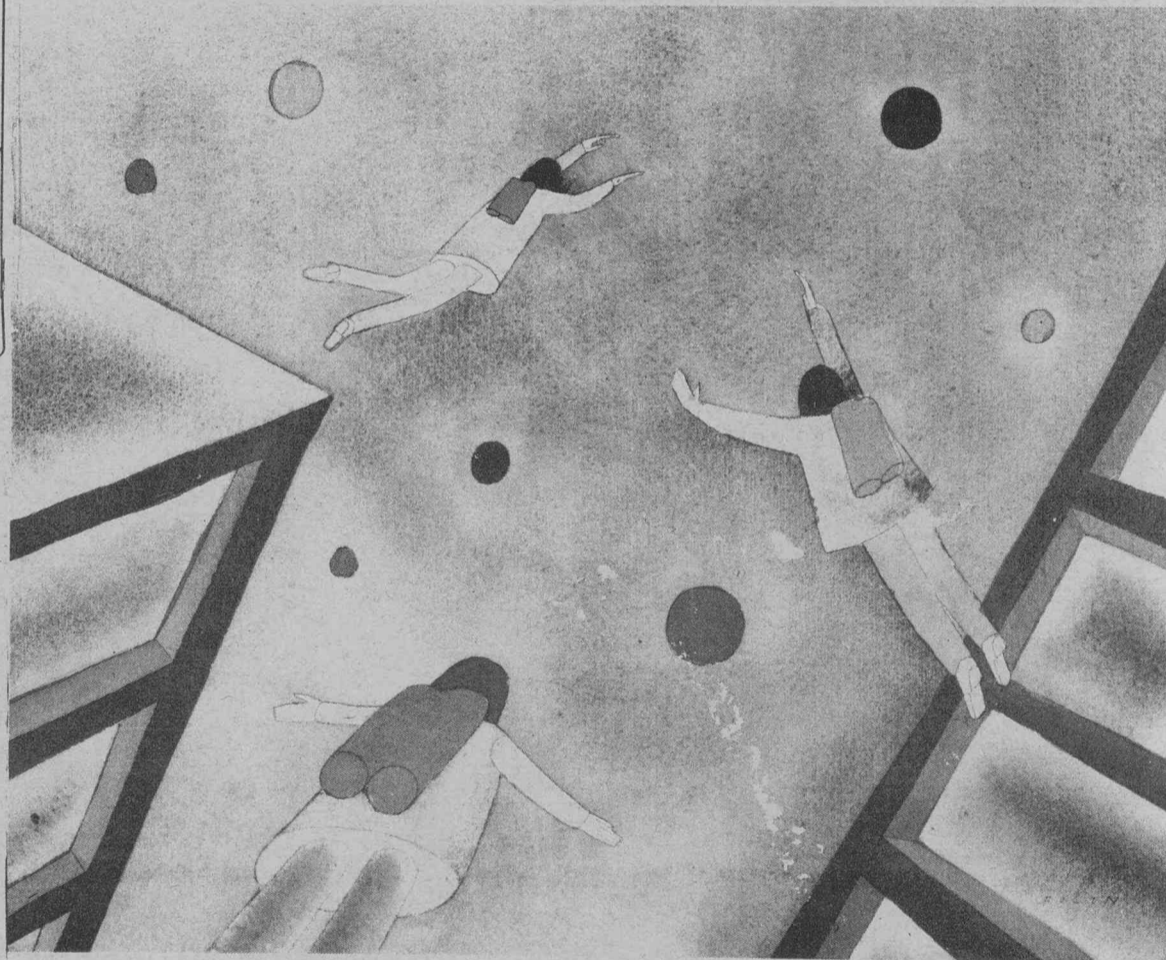


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# Campus News



A&T's pep band pumps up the volume during the A&T vs Akron game.

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## Dean of Nursing Confident About Scores

Cedric Bryant

Special to the Register

Although A&T's School of Nursing is currently non-compliant with the state passing rate for nursing exams, the dean of the school says she is confident about improving the test scores.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs decided that A&T must show a considerable improvement in passing rates during the July 1988 exam before future students will be allowed to enter the program.

"It was unfortunate especially for those students who failed the exam," said Dr. Beverly Malone, the dean of the nursing department, "but I am confident we will do better."

Malone said that three of the five students who failed the nursing exam entered the program before the passing standards were raised.

A total of 10 students took the exam in July 1987.

In an attempt to increase the passing rate, the school hired a consultant to work with students in improving test-taking skills and to meet once a week with students from December to May and five times a week from May to July in preparation for the exam.

Students must obtain a 77 to pass under the new nursing program curriculum. Students who entered before the change needed only a 71. The state passing rate for nursing school exams is 60 percent. A&T had a 50 percent rate in 1987.

The nursing program was put on probation in 1981 by the National League of Nursing after having a 13 percent pass rate.

In 1982, the school raised its rate to 41 percent and in 1984 the rate jumped to 88 percent.

"The School of Nursing must extend into the community and help prepare students who plan to enter the program," Malone said.

## 'Greensboro Four' Program Held to Remember Sit-In

Shermonica Scott  
Associate News Editor

A program to commemorate the date four A&T students participated in the first lunch counter sit-in at Woolworth's was held Monday, Feb. 1, in Gibbs Hall.

Malkia M. Buzi, activist and associate director of the Southern African Program, was the speaker for the occasion.

"We are here to celebrate the struggle--I am very concerned with the state of America today," Buzi said.

Buzi said that the South African Apartheid horror can be seen in areas of the United States such as Howard Beach, Forsyth Co. and also in the Eleonor Bumper incident, where an elderly lady who lived in the Bronx borough of New York was forcibly evicted, shot and killed.

Buzi said that blacks must remember what happened in the past and be mindful of the present.

"We have a disease that is more dangerous than AIDS--apathy," Buzi said.

Buzi said South African

Apartheid continues to exist because countries like Great Britain and the U.S. (powers) make it possible.

She said that a call for comprehensive sanctions in South Africa is needed and that blacks need to boycott companies as Coca-Cola and Shell.

According to Buzi, Coca-Cola has partially disinvested in South Africa but Shell has not disinvested at all.

In South Africa, more than 136 infants die everyday because of malnutrition and more than 10,000 people under age 17 are imprisoned at the whim of the government without charge, according to reports.

"There is war in South Africa and the children are fighting and the children are dying," Buzi said.

In Angola, an independent country close to South Africa, Jonas Sazimbi heads a contra force called Unita that is supported by South Africa and the U.S., according to Buzi.

The Unita forces plant land mines on the farms so that people will not be able to farm the land, Buzi said, and

they are forced into the already poverty stricken cities which drains these areas of their resources.

"The whole purpose of what they do as far as the land mines is to blow off people's limbs to destabilize the country-- the people have no other choice when the land is bombed but to go into cities," Buzi said.

A similar kind of situation is taking place in Mozambique, a country in southeast Africa, Buzi said.

"In Mozambique it's not uncommon to see people with no ears because that's part of the torture that's done to destabilize and demoralize," she said.

"They are saying that they are doing this in order to fight communism--which is absurd," Buzi said. "The problem is not communism, it's control not just as allies but as puppets and that's very unfortunate but it's very real."

While Buzi focused on the South African system of Apartheid, reflections were given by individuals who were in supervisory positions on the date of the Greensboro sit

in.

Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, who was president of A&T during the time of the sit-in, remembered the historic event.

According to Gibbs, no one was looking for trouble during the time of the sit-in, the boys weren't and the mayor wasn't.

"I told them that our task was to teach students how to think not what to think," Gibbs said.

Also giving reflections were the Rev. Cleo McCoy, former director of religious activities at A&T; Ima Jean Edwards, supervisor of the

Woolworth Lunch Counter and a Woolworth employee on Feb. 1, 1960, and Walter A. Burch, Sheriff of Guilford Co. and police officer in charge 28 years ago.

David Richmond, one of the Greensboro Four, said that he wanted to thank everyone who helped during the time of the sit-in.

"This was no way a four man operation. It was the entire student body working together," Richmond said.

Greensboro Four members not present were Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, and Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair).



# Student Viewpoint

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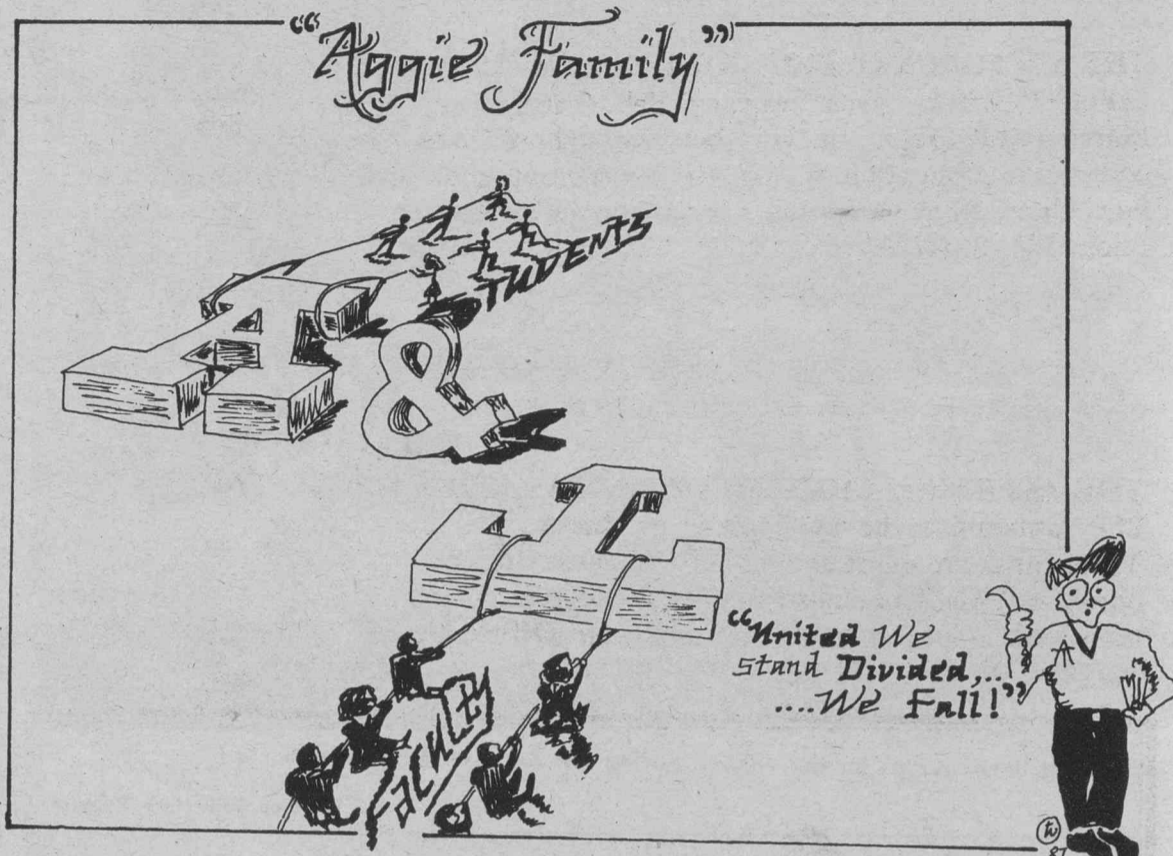
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## Media

J.R. Williams  
News Editor

During a nationwide interview last week, Dan Rather lost most of his journalistic objectivity and control and began to argue with Vice President George Bush.

This was clearly a matter in which Bush, who had only agreed to do the live show with the understanding that Rather would focus on his campaign, was deceived by CBS. The conversation centered on his role in the Iran-Contra affairs.

Closer to home, SGA President Karen Mickens discussed great displeasure in her letter to the editor last week, published in *The A&T Register*.

According to Mickens, the *Register* hasn't been fair in their coverage of the SGA, focusing mostly on the negative aspects of her administration and hardly mentioning the positive ones.

Most of the media use direct methods in approaching the news, on-

ly stating the facts and leaving the decision on which side to believe up to the reader.

However, personal journalism has become increasingly controversial in recent years, especially with the emergence of personal reporting. This method of journalism is propelled by the author's own opinion.

In a free society, journalism has an obligation to transmit a government's activities to the people it represents.

Also, the news media has an obligation to inform the public of its official's actions. Without this freedom, which is a constitutional right in the United States, people who govern the masses would be free to use their power in a way that isn't beneficial to society.

However, there is a line between objectivity and personal opinion. The media is here to inform the public. And when the media become engulged with profit and in beating other publications to stories, then they stop covering news, informing the public and become a slanderous and propaganda spreading machine.

The lead column on the opinion page is written by the editor-in-chief of *The A&T Register*. It does not carry a byline. None of the columns on this page necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire staff.

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**"BLUES FOR A GOSPEL QUEEN,"** the life of Mahalia Jackson will be presented by the Richard B. Harrison Players in Paul Robeson Theatre on Feb. 26-29.

**"BLACK INDIANS,"** will be presented by Dr. Olen Cole on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Hall.

**STUDENT'S DAY LECTURE** by Denise Franklin will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Hall.

**STUDENT FORUM** on Black History, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

**THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT** will sponsor a symposium entitled "Some Aspects of Slavery: A World Perspective," on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Hall.

## Pan-Hellenic Summit Scheduled

A national leader of college sororities and fraternities will be the keynote speaker for the second annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit at A&T State University on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12-13.

Dr. Ada Jackson of Nashville, Tenn. will speak on "Fostering Teamwork Through the Vehicle of the Eight Dynamic Organization." She has held several administrative and teaching positions in public education.

Jackson's address will come at the 7 p.m. session on Friday in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Following the conference luncheon at 12:45 p.m. the concluding statement on "The Real Purpose of the Eight Dynamic Greek-Letter Organization" will be given by Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor. More than 300 students from throughout the state are expected to attend the conference.

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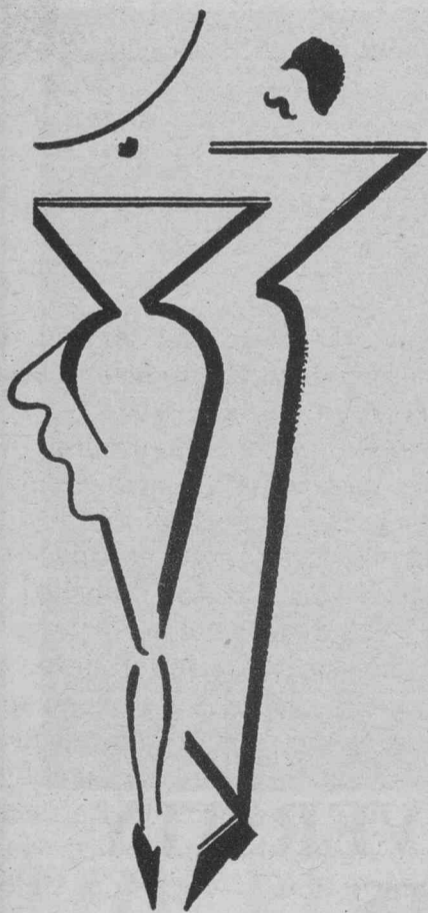
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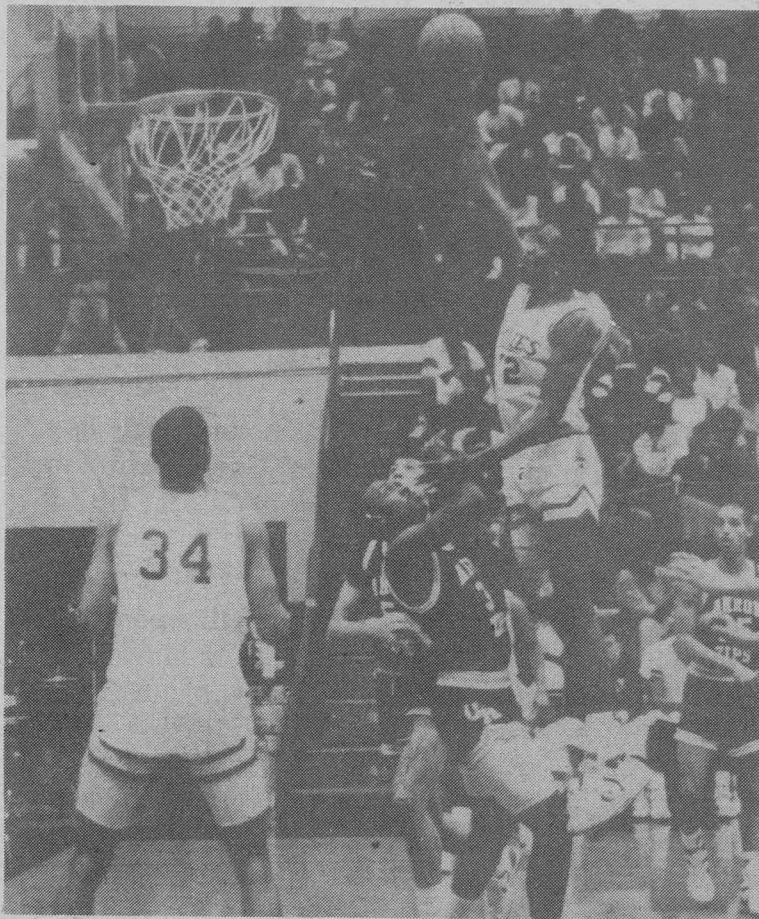
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# Aggie Sports



Kenny Cox (34) glides in for two to help A&T defeat Akron.

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## Aggies Zap Zips; 92-70

Paula A. Hamilton  
Sports Editor

The Aggie basketball team made the best of a second chance as they defeated the Zips of the University of Akron on Wednesday night.

Bouncing back from a 63-57 loss on Jan. 2, the Aggies zapped the Zips in a 92-70 victory, boosting the overall record to 15-2 and 8-0 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Coast Conference.

The Aggies 54.2 percent, making 32 of 59 shots from the floor and 8 of 20 three-

pointers.

Though Akron's Eric McLaughlin led his team in scoring hitting 20 points, a strong Aggie defense successfully held off the Zips, ceasing them under the basket to ward off many attempts at scoring.

An early lead in the game quickly spread further as the Aggies stretched a 22-21 lead at 10:07 by 7 points, helping insure their win by a halftime score of 45-33.

The second half was a blowout as Carlton Becton hit

his 7th three-pointer of the game at 13:07, marking the Aggies lead by 19 points at 63-44.

Claude Williams added his usual flair to the game with his slam dunks, two of which came within a 40 second succession and another at 10:51 in the half, making the score 70-49.

Becton led Aggie scoring hitting 30 points, seven of which were three-pointers.

He was followed by Williams, who hit 23, and Kenny Cox, 19 points.

## A&T Tops MEAC

Blake H. Dye

Special to the Registrar

In the second week of February, the Aggies find themselves the runaway leaders of the MEAC.

Their strongest competition seems to be coming from the Florida A&M Rattlers.

Returning to the league after a three year absence, the Rattlers are currently holding on strong to their second place position.

Howard University, best known for being runner up to the Aggies, have dropped to fourth place, falling behind the ever present South Carolina State Bulldogs.

Claude Williams, the 6'7 senior/forward for the Aggies, has been named the MEAC Player Of The Week. He received this honor because of his outstanding performances against FAMU & Delaware State. In the two games, he scored 41 points, had 20 rebounds, 7 assists and 6 blocked shots.

The Aggies are the surprise team in the MEAC, jumping into the first place position early, then never giving it up. After losing consecutive games to UNC Wilmington and second place Bethune-Cookman, the Aggies regained the form that put them into first place by beating conference rivals Delaware State and Univ. Maryland Eastern Shore. Their biggest competition seems to be coming from the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, whose only losses are to A&T and South Carolina State.

Florida A&M women's team is not in the standings because they chose to participate in the New South Women's Athletic Conference. This is a conference consisting of six predominantly white universities which are: Georgia Southern, Mercer, Univ. of Central Florida, Samford, Florida International and Georgia State.

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# Entertainment

## 'Sweat' Pays Off; Launches First Hit Album

Entertainment Editor  
 Marcelyn Blakey

"Something just ain't right" with this relationship, but "I still want her" is a typical comment made by most men and just happens to be song hits for new R&B artist Keith Sweat.

Sweat, a 26-year-old New York native, performed Tuesday night at Bee Jays, a local

Greensboro night club.

His new album, entitled "Make It Last Forever," features five love ballads including "How Deep is your Love," "In the Rain," a revised song which was originally done by the Dramatics, "Don't Stop Your Love," "Right and A Wrong Way" and "Tell Me It's Me You Want."

Sweat says that because the public's response has been overwhelming, he feels good about this album.

"It's reached number one on Billboard and was released in the first week of November," Sweat said.

According to Mike Wheeler, station manager of WQMG 97.1 FM, 300,000

copies of the album have been sold.

"This is phenomenal for a single. I believe Sweat is on his way to a million seller album that will go platinum," Wheeler said.

Sweat, who writes and produces all of his songs along with executive producer Vincent Davis says that the Jacksons inspired his decision

toward a career in music.

"I watched them as a group progress and make hits which motivated me toward my work on making a record hit number one," he said.

Sweat will be touring this year in Atlanta, Boston, and Los Angeles, where he will appear on the pop hit, dance show, Soul Train.

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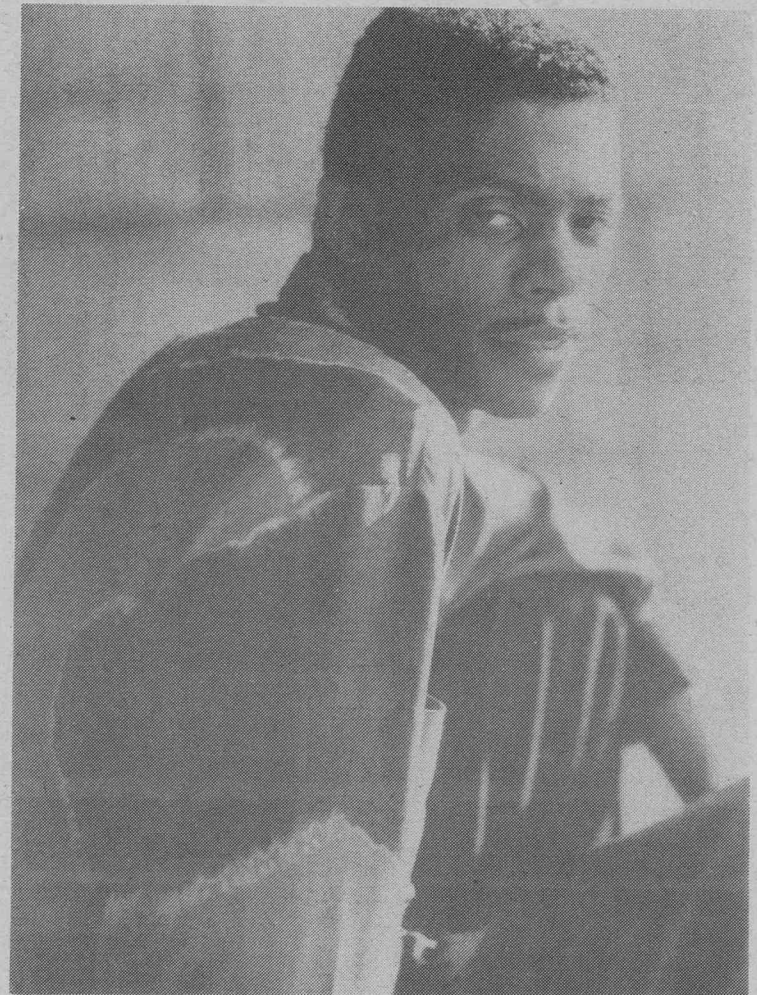
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Sweat

### "Native Son" Movie to Be Shown in Union

The Student Union Advisory Board will present the film "Native Son" starring Victor Love tonight at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

On Feb 9, Love will lecture in the ballroom as part of the Black History Month celebration.

According to Bernadine Anthony, chairperson of the Cultral Affairs committee of the SUAB, Love was selected to speak because he is considered to be a young and successful black role for students. The program is open to the public.



## Instructor Named President of Literature

**Cedric Bryant  
Special to the Register**

A North Carolina A&T English instructor was recently named the national president of The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature.

Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson, an associate professor of English at A&T for seven years, was selected by her literary peers in a national election.

"It is one of my most valued professional achievements," said Ferguson, who has several written publications to her credit.

"Much of American literature is made up of the writings of white males," Ferguson said. "We want to have Americans realize that we have a diversity of writings by peo-

ple of all ethnic backgrounds.

Ferguson, who earned a Ph.D. in 19th century American literature from Ohio State University, says that when she teaches she looks for different ways of reaching students.

"Students say I am helping them," Ferguson said. "Some of the students here are just amazing."

Ferguson, who is a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu and Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Societies, says that one thing bothers her about students at A&T.

"Many students are complacent and not willing to work toward ideas," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said her goals are to keep teaching and writing and to only get better.

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