Givens Files for Divorce; Declines to Accept Money

NEW YORK (UPI) - Actress Robin Givens said Wednesday she would grant heavyweight champion Mike Tyson a divorce and not seek any money from her husband of eight months.

"I will not seek nor accept any money himself. I never wanted anything but to do what was best for Michael, to protect Michael and to preserve my marriage," Givens said in a statement issued by her lawyer at a Manhattan news conference.

"At the cost of protecting him, I believe I sacrificed my marriage," said the 23-year-old actress who filed for divorce from Tyson Oct. 7, citing irreconcilable differences during their stormy, eight-month marriage.

She said she wanted to preserve "dignity in our lives.

Tyson, 22, who also has filed for divorce from Givens, was in Venezuela for a World Boxing Association convention and not immediately available for comment.

But in a statement Tuesday, he said, "I still love her, but she can't take advantage of me."

"I can understand if they need money because this is the world," Tyson said. "We're out there competing. We're trying to make a little money. But the object of the whole thing was to ruin me, to kill me."

The heavyweight champion is worth an estimated $50 million, including $30 million from his last fight June 27 when he knocked out Michael Spinks.

Givens lashed out at the publicity surrounding her marriage, which the actress described in a recent television interview with Barbara Walters as a "living hell" because of her husband's depressed moods and violence.

She insisted she married Tyson for love, not money.

"Although I did not rise to the bait, the stories became more and more outrageous, untrue, scurrilous and defamatory. We were not permitted the dignity of dealing with our private problems," she said.

"I never married Michael for money," she added.

"Therefore this represents no loss for me other than the loss of my husband and the effect this whole situation has had on both our lives. I wish him well."

Givens' attorney, Raoul Felder, said there were "no hidden meanings and no hidden agendas" behind her decision.

She will drop her court action and not contest Tyson's divorce request, he added, saying that court papers could be filed in California next week.

"I have never seen a woman give up this kind of money," said the high-priced divorce lawyer, who said Givens could have won millions of dollars in a settlement, but that she had wanted nothing from Tyson the beginning.

"It is over," he told reporters who packed inside his Madison Avenue office.

He did not say what would become of the couple's $5 million mansion in Bernardsville, N.J.

Givens was "unbudgeable" and made her decision Tuesday, hours before Tyson's attorneys were expected to make a settlement offer, Felder said.

Tyson's attorneys would learn of Givens' decision through the media, he added, saying he did not want to give them an opportunity to claim "they beat her down to nothing."

Givens, an actress on the ABC sitcom "Head of the Class," was in Los Angeles, where she has been since an agreement earlier this month with Tyson. Police were called after Tyson reportedly hurled furniture through a window of their luxurious home.

Earlier this year, published reports said Tyson tried to commit suicide when he was injured smashing his car into a tree. A psychiatrist retained by Givens said the fighter was a manic-depressive who required medication, but another psychiatrist later denied he suffered from mental illness.

Campaign '88

Michael Dukakis on Thursday compared George Bush's campaign and the Watergate-era White House, with truth the first casualty in both cases.

Dukakis also sought to portray Bush as having no feeling for the problems of everyday Americans. Bush, meanwhile, renewed his criticism of Dukakis as inexperienced in foreign policy. The vice president said at a rally in South River, N.J., saying the nation cannot afford to elect such a president.

Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - House and Senate negotiators reached agreements on a compromise anti-drug bill on Thursday as they raced to complete the only measure keeping Congress in session this election year. The negotiators came to a tentative agreement of death-penalty language. They closed in on an agreement to deny some federal benefits to convicted drug offenders, including users.

Whales

BARROW, Alaska (AP) - A huge icebreaking barge is enroute to try to rescue three trapped whales as scientists worry that plugging temperature and polar bears would threaten the mammals who have named Bonnet, Crowbeak and Bone. Meanwhile, de-icers are helping Eskimos who have been using chain saws to cut holes in the thick Arctic Ocean ice to help the mammals breathe.

Marcos

NEW YORK (AP) - A U.S. appeals court has denied Ferdinand E. Marcos' bid to avoid the threat of jail for failing to comply with grand jury subpoenas, and President Reagan reportedly is refusing to intervene. At the White House Thursday, the president declined to discuss the case.

Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) - Military: President Augusto Pinochet's Cabinet resigned Thursday, the government announced. Opponents hope the move may clear the way for talks on democratic reforms.

Finance

ATLANTA (AP) - RJR Nabisco Inc. announced on Thursday that top managers are considering offering to buy the consumer products giant for almost $17 billion it would be the largest corporate acquisition ever.

Dow Jones

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market headed higher Thursday, rebounding from Wednesday's drop. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials is up, and higher stocks outnumber lower over-all.

Share prices finished an uneven session on the London Stock Exchange slightly higher Thursday after a late afternoon rally.

In Japan, the dollar climbed up against the Japanese yen Thursday, while share prices rose moderately on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

In Europe, the U.S. dollar fell against most major currencies in choppy trading and in the absence of economic news.

Gold prices were also lower.

Series

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Believer Jay Howell got even by getting Mark McGuire with the bases loaded in the seventh inning Wednesday night, preserving the Los Angeles Dodgers' 4-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics and moving them within one game of the World Series championship.

Gretzky

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) - Wayne Gretzky was greeted with a thunderous four-minute standing ovation Wednesday night as he returned to Edmonton for the first time since the stunning trade that sent him to the Los Angeles Kings in August. The Oilers beat the Kings 8-6.
Homecoming Show Set

Sherry Rogers
Associate News Editor
In an attempt to sustain the enjoyment of the Homecoming weekend, SGA has broken tradition and are implementing a new plan for extended entertainment throughout Sunday.

Featured at Saturday night's show will be Midnight Star, Johnny Kemp and Big Daddy Kane and to generate additional enthusiasm Loose Ends will appear in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. Both shows will be held in Cottrell Sports Center.

"I'm very excited about the concert," said Vice President of External Affairs Darryl Towns. "It seems the months of hard work are finally going to pay off."

A $50,000 budget was allocated for the entire week of Homecoming events, $35,000 of which was designated for the Homecoming concerts.

Each performing group is scheduled to perform a minimum of one hour. The opening act will be Johnny Kemp followed by Midnight Star, who will perform for an hour and 45 minutes. Big Daddy Kane is scheduled as the final act and will be performing an hour and 30 minutes.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. and a predawn dance will be incorporated in the Saturday night show.

Ticket holders must retain their ticket stubs to insure admittance in both Saturday and Sunday concerts.

The award winning Marching "100" perform at the Orange Blossom Classic in Miami, Florida.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY meeting has changed from Tuesday Oct. 25 to Wednesday Oct. 26 at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the student lounge for Faculty/Staff and Students in room 104 Price Hall.

THE ALPHA MU CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. will present a Homecoming Jam at Beejay's after the stepshow on Oct. 26 from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.

TUTORING SESSIONS for the National Teacher Exam, the Graduate Record Exam and other standardized exams (GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, MAT) will be held twice a week throughout the Fall 1988 semester on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. in room 201 Crosby Hall. The Monday session will be conducted by Dr. Robert Levine and the Wednesday session by Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson. These tutoring sessions are sponsored by the English Department and make use of test-preparation materials purchased by a grant from the A&T Industry Cluster.

THE A&T DELEGATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT LEGISLATURE meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Gibbs Hall room 118. If you are interested in the political system legislative writing and debate, please attend.

STUDENTS INTERESTED in joining the Admissions Committee contact Anthony Fuller or David Miller at 334-7802 or stop by room 209 of the Memorial Union.

THE SOCIETY FOR AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS is meets every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. in room 102 Price Hall. All majors are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

ORGANIZATIONAL/CLUB PICTURES for the yearbook must be taken no later than Oct. 30th. Please stop by the office of student activities and request the forms if you would like to have your organization in the yearbook.

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY is raffling off a 5 inch black and white T.V. with an attachable radio. Tickets may be purchased beginning Monday, Oct. 4 from any society member. The winner will be announced Saturday, Oct. 29 during the halftime activities of the Homecoming game.

THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT, THE HISTORY CLUB AND PHI ALPHA THETA are sponsoring a trip to the Mint Museum in Charlotte to view the Rameses the Great: The Pharaoh and His Time exhibition on Wednesday, Nov. 30. The cost is $22.50 which covers transportation, entrance to the museum and a visit to the Discovery Place. A $10 deposit is due on Nov. 11 and the balance is due on Nov. 18. All interested persons should contact Dr. David Porter in room 321 Gibbs Hall.
President

A month ago, too late to determine the nominees of the major parties, The Wall Street Journal asked several executive recruiters what qualifications they would demand if they were hiring the President of the United States. They didn't seem to agree.

The next President will not be hired by an executive recruiter. The job has been advertised for four years and we've had dozens of candidates to apply. The finalists, Mike Dukakis and George Bush, have faced a thousand interviews and submitted their views on dozens of questions.

Yes, the President does get paid about a million dollars in salary and expenses over a four-year period and the job does come with a mansion, chauffeured limousine, private jet, vacation retreat and an army of bodyguards.

We may want the President to solve our problems, but he will soon learn how little he can accomplish. Even if he has all the answers, the democratic system is designed to slow him down.

From my standpoint, the President really only has three jobs. He must listen to the people, keep us informed and try to balance the budget. If it isn't done well, he will spend the next four years blaming Congress or the previous administration for the country's troubles.

You see, the President does almost nothing himself. He hires people and they tell him what is happening, help him make decisions and carry his message to the people. If they are well chosen, unlike the Reagan administration, he will be informed, make the best decisions and be understood by the nation.

As citizens, we have three jobs too. We have to listen to what the candidates have to say, tell them what you want and take the time or trust in the advice of others to hire the best person by voting on Nov. 8.

Givens' KO

Paula A. Hamilton
Managing Editor
In all my years of watching television, no performance has been quite as moving as the one given by Robin Givens a few weeks ago. I am not speaking on her mediocre performances in the comedy series "Head of the Class," but of Ms. Givens portrayal as the dedicated and loving wife of eight months to heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson on the news show "20/20."

The more Givens spoke of her undying love for Tyson, the more I felt like jumping through the television screen and presenting her with an Emmy. I could not understand how she stated in one breath that she had only his best interest in mind and also describe her marriage as "a living hell?"

Brawley

LaVonne Melver
News Editor
Rape is a horrendous crime. A racially motivated rape adds insult to injury. When the victim is a 15-year-old girl it is downright wicked. Tawana Brawley, the Wappinger Falls teenager who charged that a gang of white men raped her repeatedly during a four-day period, may or may not have been the victim of rape but is definitely the victim of America's conspiracy.

This conspiracy has existed since black women were brought to America in chains and shackles. It has allowed white men to violate black women for decades without earthly punishment.

Since when is a rape victim's name released to the press? This just substantiates the value of a conspirators place on a young black girl's reputation. Think, if she had been white would she have been fair game?

Can you remember the last time a rape victim was photographed in her home while she was recuperating? I can't. I don't remember the last time more attention was focused on an alleged victims support system than on the alleged victim either.

"My name is Tawana Brawley and I'm not a liar and I'm not crazy," she said at her first news conference. I don't know if she's a liar and I'm not qualified to determine whether she's insane or not.

But being black and a woman qualifies me not only to be outraged that such an evil offense could occur, but it also qualifies me to be angry that such a violation could be racially motivated.

Since Tawana seemed to be the main suspect in the grand jury investigation and since in America one is innocent until proven guilty, how did the authorities expect to have a fair trial considering that the public was flooded with so much hearsay.

Black America should be infuriated that such an event could have occurred. What guarantee do we have that our mothers or sisters won't be kidnapped, raped repeatedly and left for dead in a garbage bag?
Gilmore Rallies for A&T Vote

Pam Alston
Special to the Register

According to Tom Gilmore, Republican incumbent Howard Coble has not done a good job as the 6th Congressional District representative and he says he can do a better one.

Gilmore, who spoke to a packed house in Gibbs Hall on Oct. 7, said he has different priorities than his Republican counterpart.

"I care about the young and old," Gilmore said, "poor and rich, strong and weak, black and white, rural and urban, whereas my opponent represents the rich and powerful and big corporations."

Gilmore, with the help of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, organized the Young Democratic Congress at A&T in 1983.

During the speech Gilmore said that he would support the working class increase the minimum wage and impose the death penalty for those convicted of drug traffickers.

Gilmore said that if he is elected he will guarantee dignity for senior citizens and the, the best education system in the world.

On the issue of money, Gilmore said he would help form an alliance within A&T's educational structure and other black facilities in the area.

"I'd serve on small business communities that would help A&T and form a partnership with students and faculty," Gilmore said.

Gilmore said he doesn't believe that the United States should balance the budget by cutting welfare, education and social security. Instead, Gilmore said, the U.S. should demand that foreign countries spend their fair share on defense, rather than of using our military defense to protect their countries.

Brat Pack Formed

Let us introduce ourselves. Because our names will only obstruct our intentions, we've penned ourselves "The Brat Pack." We're a group of concerned students who are tired of watching the numerous injustices that go on at this University. We will open A&T's eyes and ears to various issues previously swept under the carpet.

Our objectives are not to offend or exploit anyone. We know it is impossible to please everyone all the time. We will not condense nor conform to avoid controversy; Afterall, that's the name of this column. We're on your side, we will try to represent the students.

It's time A&T's administration, faculty, and yes, the student body get back on its P's and Q's. Difference of opinions, contrasting views, and complaints are expected. We urge you to respond. "The Pack" is not affiliated with The Register and the views shared do not reflect those of the staff.

The time has come for this university to listen to its students.

Deltas Sponsor Fashion Fair

The first annual Ebony Fashion Fair will appear in Greensboro at the Carolina Theatre on October 29 at 8:00 p.m. This famed traveling show is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the benefit of educational Scholarship fund.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, producer and director of the show, personally selects fashions from the exclusive collections of famed designers such as Frank Composto, Bill Blass, Bob Mackie, Giorgio Sant'Angelo, Fabrice, Patrick Kelly and Bruce Oldfield.

Mrs. Johnson is meticulous and thorough in purchasing the most spectacular fashions available for Ebony Fashion Fair audiences.

More than 200 exquisite garments complete with the latest accessories, 10 female and 2 male models, commentator, music director, stage and business managers, and rodeo staff travel from coast to coast on a special chartered Greyhound bus. Because of the unprecedented demand for sponsorship of the show by charitable organizations around the country, Ebony Fashion Fair now tours two seasons, the east and midwest from September through December and the Southwest from January through May-appearing in more than 191 cities.

Mrs. Suzanne Allen, general chairperson of the benefit performance indicates ticket sales are going exceptionally well and expects an even larger attendance than last year. tickets may be purchased at the Carolina Theatre or call 852-6880.
Monee McGuire Determines to Measure Up to Success

Juan Cherry
Features Editor

If you know Monee McGuire, you understand that there is more to her than meets the eye. She is a young lady who is personal, confident, independent but yet very much family oriented.

"I really wasn’t shocked," said her mother about Monee being named Miss A&T. "I really wasn’t surprised because for one reason or another whatever our family puts its hands to do God blesses it."

Monee, the second youngest in a family of six children is a senior accounting major from Easttown, N.J. She maintains a 3.81 overall GPA and a 4.00 in her major. She has two brothers at A&T, Gregory, an architectural engineering major and Derrick, a business administration major and a sister, Tajuana, who graduated from Bennett College.

Monee says that her family is one full of love. "My family is comparable to the Cosby family. We have our differences but there’s a lot of love involved," she says.

Some organizations that Monee is involved in include Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, the national dean’s list, and the A&T Fellowship Gospel Choir. She says the choir really means a lot to her.

"I love G.C, I’ve sung with them since my freshman year. I feel really close to the choir as a whole," she said.

She adds that becoming Miss A&T is something that she has wanted to do for a while.

"As a freshman it was something I dreamed of. I admired Debra Jenkins (Miss A&T 1985-86) I wanted to be what she was," she said.

Monee says that commitment is the key to her reign as Miss A&T.

"As Miss A&T I will be fully committed to my position," she said.

Some of you may remember she sang the song ‘Fully Committed’ during the SGA campaign speeches last spring. "I love to sing," she said. "I wanted to do something different. I wanted to show who Monee is."

She says her campaign was rough, but she has always had support.

"What brought me through this was my family and friends. Knowing they were behind 100 percent really helped me out a lot. My family has helped mold me into what I am today," she says.

She says she can relate to what former queens have been through.

"Stephanie Jones (Miss A&T 1987-88) and I can both relate to what the other has gone through. We have a general respect for each other as far as being Miss A&T," she said.

Monee says her becoming queen has been a real experience and that she has learned a lot from it.

"You have so many different roles to play and so many different personalities to deal with you can’t help but learn something," she adds.

"My life is prioritized," she said. "Everything has to go on a schedule. If I can cope with being Miss A&T and keep my grades up I will definitely be able to handle the corporate world."

Despite her full schedule, Monee doesn’t want people to think that she is the least bit unhappy.

"I love meeting different people. I want people to realize that I try to get to many different activities on campus. Sometimes books have to come first, but I would like to be around. If you don’t see me, I’m not trying to avoid you, but sometimes I have to close myself off and study," she said.

Monee feels like sometimes she’s misunderstood and perceiv ed the wrong way. She says that some people seem to put walls up around her that don’t exist.

"I would like people to perceive me as someone who is easily approachable, respectable, confident, has a pleasant disposition, and is genuinely concerned about them and having their needs met," she said.

There is no special person in Monee’s life right now and she attributes this to the fact that she is a Christian woman strong in her beliefs, and she says that most guys can’t deal with that.

Monee’s mother says she is really proud of her and is confident about her doing well.

"I measure success by whether or not I do my best," she says, or by whether or not I put my best foot forward."
Poll Places Aggies in Third

Chelsea Arnold
Special to the Register
According to a poll of MEAC head coaches and Sports Information Directors, the Aggie basketball team will finish third during the upcoming 1988-89 season.

South Carolina State College was picked to win the title while Florida A&M was tabbed to finish second. The Aggies received two of a possible 18 first place votes and 56 of a maximum 324 total points.

In the results of a second poll, A&T forward Carlton Beeton was a first team choice for the 1988-89 All-MEAC Preseason Basketball Team, receiving 13 of a possible 18 votes. Senior guard Corvin Davis was selected as a member of the Preseason's second team.


Aggies Maintain High Standing

Cedric Bryant
Sports Editor
During the month of October, the Aggie football team has been outscored by their opponents 133-23 and lost three consecutive games, their starting quarterback and several key position players. Yet these factors have not prevented the Aggies from establishing second place in the MEAC.

"We were a fair team without injuries but with the injuries our execution has been sporadic," said head coach Bill Hayes. "We're simply having problems putting it all together."

Quarterback Hilton Winstead sprained his knee in the Norfolk State game and is listed as questionable for the Howard game. "I think I'll be at 90-95 percent by Saturday. I'm anxious to be back and to see how we will finish up (the season)," Winstead said.

The Aggies began the month on a dismal note by losing to nonconference rival Norfolk State 30-6. The slide continued when A&T traveled to Miami, Florida to face FAMU in the Orange Blossom Classic where they were soundly defeated 58-7.

Last Saturday in Aggie Stadium, A&T faced Western Carolina University and again were manhandled 45-10.

"Against W.C.U., the key factor was timing, if our timing would have been precise we could have easily been up 14-0," said Hayes.

Hayes added that the Aggies were inside of the Catamounts 20-yard line and could not score which facilitated the eventual outcome.

The Aggies have had several injuries on both sides of the ball. Offensively, in addition to Winstead, halfbacks Russell McClain and Jerome Crawford have bruised knees and linemen Jack Sharpe and Bryan Nance are also hurt.

Defensively, key players Craig Holloway and Norman Hayes have injured ankles and are questionable for this week's game.

South Carolina State, whom the Aggies defeated 16-7, currently leads the MEAC with a 3-1 conference record. A&T is tied with FAMU for second with a conference tally of 2-1.

The Aggies need a victory to realistically remain in the hunt for the conference title. Hayes and Winstead both feel that this is possible.

"I feel like we can beat Howard," Winstead said.

"If we come out and play Saturday I think we will do alright."

Hayes, who has remained optimistic throughout the season, gave a favorable prognosis for his team.

Athletic Pass Policy

ATTENTION STUDENTS

This message contains important information concerning your admittance to the 1988-89 Aggie basketball games. Please Read! If you have any questions, contact the University Ticket Office.

ADMISSION TO BASKETBALL GAMES: All students must pick-up basketball tickets prior to the beginning of the season at the location and on the dates indicated below.

STUDENT ENTRANCES: Entrances are located on South side of Corbett Center.

DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS: Tickets for each semester's basketball games will be distributed from the Memorial Union Lobby. The distribution dates are listed below. To get tickets, each student must present his/her A&T ID with athletic pass at the designated location during distribution hours. A meal card or driver's license is not an acceptable substitute for an A&T ID. Students who fail to pick-up tickets prior to the games must purchase tickets to be admitted to games. Students tickets are not transferable and must be presented along with A&T ID and athletic pass at the gate for admittance.

WARNING: Fraudulent use of an A&T athletic pass will result in the confiscation of that pass for the remaining football/basketball games. Fraudulent use of the athletic pass includes, but is not limited to, students allowing non-students to use their pass to gain entrance to the games, students using a pass other than their own, etc.

LOST/STOLENASSES OF TICKETS: A lost or stolen athletic pass of tickets cannot be replaced. Students must purchase game ticket on an individual basis.

TICKET DISTRIBUTION DATES AND TIMES:

Fall 1988
Nov. 10 - Nov. 11
Nov. 16 - Nov. 18
Nov. 21 - Nov. 23
Nov. 28 - Nov. 30

Spring 1989
Jan. 2 - Jan. 7, 1989

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Memorial Union Lobby.

Quarterback Anthony Parker (12) looks for an Aggie receiver.

Aggie Linebackers Demetrius Harrison (45) and Mike Leathers (86) close in for the tackle.
ORGANIZATIONAL QUEENS

Javon Daniels
Miss Aggie Club

Kimberly Olson
Miss Florida Franchise

Lynette Romans
Miss Industrial Engineering

Stacy Holland
Miss Brothers in Christ

Wanda Robinson
Miss American Chemical Society

Kenia Logg
Miss Sociology/Social Work

Tony Garrett
Miss Curtis Hall

Nicole Jefferson
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Crystal Sumners
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Vanessa McLeod
Miss Alpha Xi Delta Hall

Angela Johnson
Miss Psychology

Walterone Tolbert
Miss University Choir

Violencia DeBose
Miss United Christian Fellowship

Francine Bracknell
Miss S0-BIC
ATTENTION: All organizational escorts should be fitted for tuxedos at Gingiss Formal Wear in Carolina Circle Mall. In order to receive the discount you must be fitted TODAY! Fittings are also being taken at Red Hanger Formal Wear on East Market.

Rehearsals for Miss A&T's coronation will be held Sunday, Oct. 23 in Moore Gym and Monday, Oct. 24 thru Wednesday, Oct. 26 in Corbett Sports Center at 7 p.m.
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