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Va. Beach Violence Failure of Leadership

By Frieda Hall
Special to The Register

The violence at Virginia Beach during Labor Day weekend was a failure of local government, said Jack Gravely, state president of the Virginia NAACP.

Gravely spoke as part of a day-long conference assessing issues during "Greekfest," an annual fraternity and sorority gathering in Virginia Beach, Va..

At least two people were wounded by gunshots and over 800 people were arrested or given citations during the two days of violence.

Gravely accused the mayor and the city manager of incompetent leadership.

"They got in too much water, stayed too long and didn't dry off well," he said. "City officials were inconsistent, weak and to blame for what happened."

"Someone made the decision that they needed that kind of force because they were black," said Jack Gravely, NAACP president, Virginia.

City officials brought in national guardsmen, snipers, tanks and state troopers to patrol a 30-block section of Atlantic Avenue, the city's main beach thoroughfare where mostly black college students attended the festivities.

Gravely said that racism was a major factor in the reaction of city officials.

White college students attend spring break festivities at Daytona and Fort Lauderdale Beaches and no excessive force is used, according to Gravely.

"Someone made the decision that they needed that kind of force because they were black," he said.

According to Gravely, who was on the beach during the weekend police harassed black students.

"They greeted students at hotels with armed guards and increased hotel rates," he said.

City officials secured tennis courts ten miles away from the beach to house students who were arrested or given

citations.

Jewell Jackson, a Bennett College student who was issued a summons for failure to move from Atlantic Avenue was taken to one of the tennis courts.

"I had no where to go," she said.

"I started to run and I was stunned. I was hit by police thrown down on a car and my hands were wired," she said.

Gravely said that city officials encouraged the violence by refusing to rent any large facility to the students.

"If you know you are going to have 100,000 black or white students with nothing to do you are asking for trouble," he said.

Gravely said the Coca-Cola Corp. offered the city

100,000 to sponsor a tent and several events for the students but city officials refused.

In return city officials offered Norfolk State University \$ 10,000 to host festivities on their campus. But according to Gravely students did not want to leave the beach.

"One young lady said it best, 'I've got the sun, the sand and the water right here. Why go to Norfolk?'" Gravely said.

He said that black students should have learned a valuable lesson from the Virginia Beach incidents.

"We must be stronger, bolder and more visionary," he said.

"You must get smart, and clearly understand that Virginia Beach was the sixties of today."

Library On Road

To Recovery

By Tonya Ballard
Special to the Register

According to Ronald Gales, campus engineer, what will be the largest building on A&T's campus is on its way to completion.

North Carolina A&T State University's new \$15.5 million library faced difficulties in the early part of the year because of contaminated soil and inclement weather.

"The soil problem earlier in the year didn't slow construction, but it did hurt the project financially," Gales, an A&T alumnus said. During the early part of the summer the rainy weather made it difficult to erect steel, Gales said.

The library will stand as tall as the Dowdy Administration building, and it will have a central entrance with a staircase and skylight that will span all four floors.

"The new library will cover approximately 152,000 square feet," said Gales, who

helped with the basic design concept.

Gales said he realizes that many students wanted another dormitory built instead of a library. The new library is needed to support the graduate program to accommodate expanding enrollment, he said.

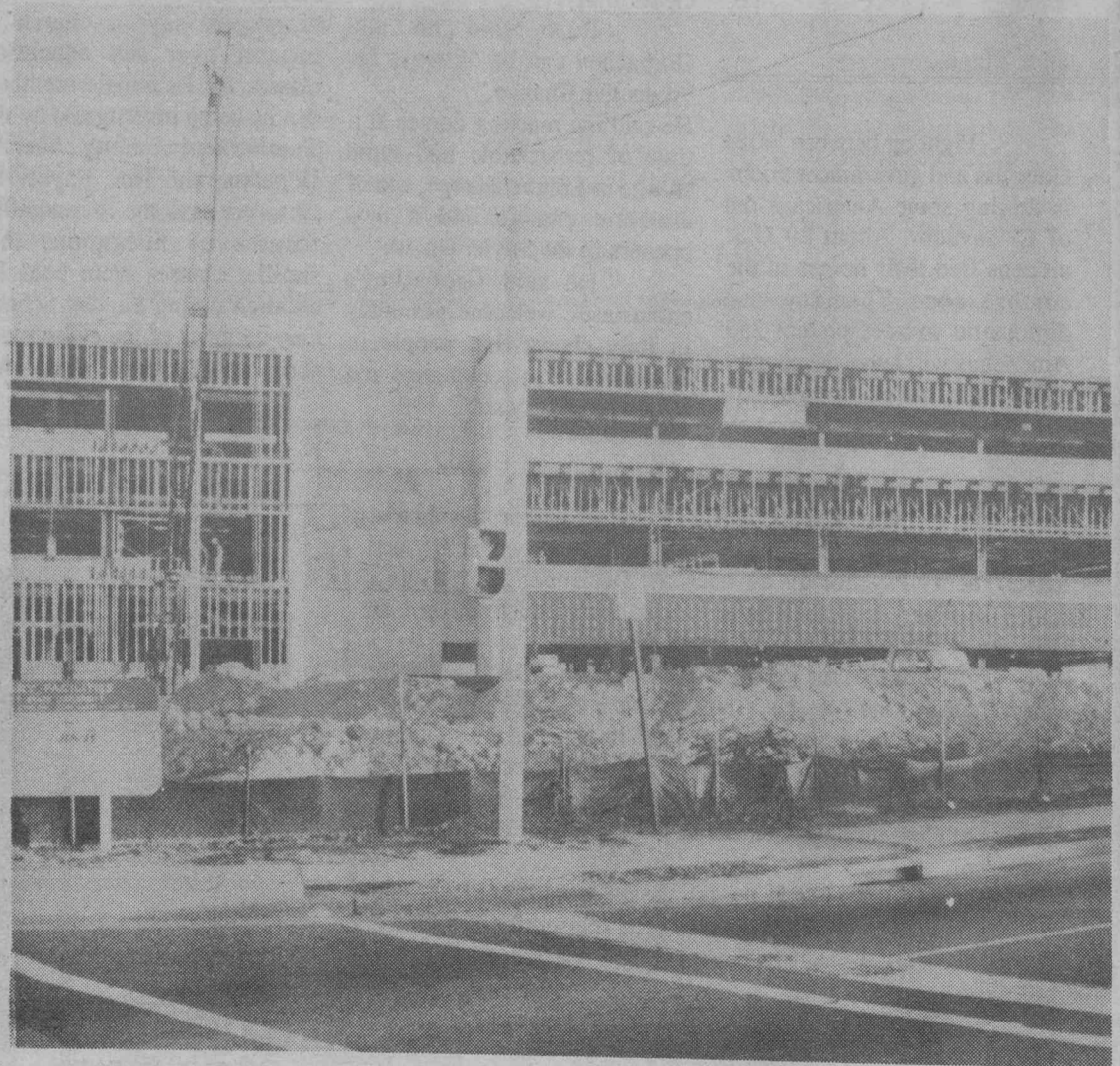
According to Gales the library was built with auxiliary funds and student tuition is not connected with the library's construction.

"The campus is divided into two areas, state supported and auxiliary. Auxiliary is self-supported," said Gales.

Gales said the old library will be converted into an academic building for a computer center and continuing education.

"The old library will also have a place for 'swing' classes, that is empty classrooms for classes relocated due to renovation," he said.

The University has requested money from the state to pay new library employees.



The soon to be complete library will be the largest campus building

Associated Press Newsbriefs

(MANILA) - Mutinous troops claim to have taken control of the headquarters of the Philippine Air Force, as part of an effort to oust President Corazon Aquino.

Defense Secretary, Fidel Ramos had said earlier that pro-government troops were defending the air base against two companies of mutinous marines.

But Air Force troops who had been guarding the gate then left the area--and the Mutinous Marines are said to have taken over security around the base.

One Marine Captain says about two-thousand troops are involved in the mutiny.

Meanwhile, two truckloads of soldiers were seen entering the government radio and television station. They appeared to be Mutineers.

The Mutineers are believed to be loyal to renegade

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Gregorio Honasan, who led a violent coup attempt against Aquino in 1987. He's been in hiding since he escaped from a prison ship nearly two years ago.

Fighting between leftist Guerillas and government troops is driving some Americans out of El Salvador. About 20 U.S. citizens fled their homes in the combat zone Thursday and diplomatic sources predict 250 Americans will leave the country aboard chartered planes today.

(RALEIGH) - Former North Carolina State basketball player Chris Washburn is being treated for drug abuse. But his agent tells The News and Observer of Raleigh he still has hopes of returning to the N.B.A. Agent William Mccandless of Portland, Maine, says Washburn is being treated at a center in Sherman Oaks, California, for a third time. Washburn grew up in Hickory and his parents still live there. He was banned for life from the N.B.A. in June after a third violation of the league's substance policy. He had said earlier he had a cocaine problem.

Bush, about to head for this weekend's ship-board summit in the Mediterranean--said he and Gorbachev can find areas of mutual advantage. He said they can work together toward peace and security in Europe.

He said he and the Soviet leader have a "Historic Opportunity."

Bush said he and Gorbachev can be "Envoys for Productive Change."

He said the meeting comes at a time of remarkable and rapid change in Eastern Europe, and of dramatic change and a new openness in the Soviet Union.

He said Gorbachev's enthusiastic welcome yesterday in Italy shows that people in Europe want to see change and reform move forward.

President Bush is stressing his support for Gorbachev's reform program as he prepared to head to this weekend's superpower summit. Bush also says he hopes his meeting with Gorbachev will be a step toward a Europe that is whole and free.

Soviet President Gorbachev says reports of Socialisms death have been greatly exxagerated. In the major speech to his visit to Italy, he said the heated debate about reforms in his nation doesn't mean the soviet people are not committed to socialism.

Mother Teresa will undergo surgery tomorrow to receive a peacemaker. The 79-year old Nobel Peace Prize winner suffered a heart attack in September and was re-admitted to a nursing home in Calcutta Thursday night

Fayetteville- A Fayetteville newspaper says a church in turmoil over sex education classes for its female members is now being investigated by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. The Fayetteville Observer says the investigation focuses on allegations that similiar classes were held for children during Sunday School. One member of the church told the newspaper that his

Grandson, who is under ten years old, had told him that his female teacher showed him a film in which "an unclothed male and female were making love." Marion Jerome Wade, the church's pastor had been under fire from some of his congregation after it was disclosed that he had been having "self worth" sex education classes. In the classes female parishoners were encouraged to masturbate, watch erotic movies, wear little or no underclothing and to make photograph of themselves and their husbands in the nude.

Winston Salem- A Forsyth County Superior Court Judge Thursday refused to release Blanche Taylor Moore on bond. The decision came despite the testimony from two Burlington police officers that the accused arsenic killer could not flee. District Attorney Warren Sparrow dismissed the testimony of the officers, who were related to Moore. Sparrow says the family talk is "interesting and predictable" but says Moore is charged with crimes that were "the epitome of deceit. Moore dabbled at her eyes during the approximately hour long hearing. Her family also and said they were ready to stake

their homes and livelihoods on their faith that Moore would appear for trial. Moore is accused of killing her first husband and a boyfriend with arsenic and is accused of giving a dose to her present husband. The bond hearing involved the death of Raymond Reid, who was Moore's boyfriend at the time of his death in October 1986.

A federal Jury will meet next week to consider more indictments stemming from the PTL scandal. The Charlotte Observer says the latest targets of investigation are apparently people who perjured themselves before a special grand jury that indicted the ministries leaders. The newspaper quotes sources as saying PTL second in command, Richard Dortch is expected to testify before the panel. Ministry founder Jim Bakker was given a forty-five year sentence on a conviction of fraud and conspiracy and Dortch got an eight year sentence after pleading guilty to similiar charges.

(Charlotte)-- Lieutenant Governor Jim Gardner says he can't stop the parole of a man convicted of killing Durham police officer Larry Bullock. But he says the state parole commission has made a mistake and he wants the panel to review information showing the serious nature of the crime. Gardner told WSOCTV in Charlotte today that 13 years amounts to a slap on the wrist for the crime that John McCombs committed. But McCombs' lawyer, James Ferguson, tells the station that McCombs has served a longer sentence than most people convicted of second-degree murder. He says McCombs poses no threat to society.

Dr. William Glasser, world renowned author, psychiatrist and educator, will present his latest ideas on Reality Therapy and Control Theory Psychology on Tuesday, December 12, 1989 in a full-day seminar sponsored by the School of Education at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Dr. Glasser is the president and founder of the Institute for Reality Therapy, Los Angeles, California. His forthcoming book, to be published in the spring of 1990, will be entitled The Quality School. His presentation will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UNCG in Elliott Student Center. Pre-registration is suggested. You may call the Office of Continuing Education at 919-334-5414 for registration information.

Before December 5, the admission is \$40. Students with identification will be admitted for \$15. The registration deadline is December 5. Walk-ins will be accepted on a space available basis and a \$5 surcharge.

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The Counseling Services and Student Health Center are sponsoring "Home For The Holidays - Don't Drink and Drive." This is an effort to ensure that students, staff, and faculty will have a safe holiday and return to school next semester. Santa Claus will be appearing on December 8, 1989 in Williams Cafeteria at 11:00-1:30 and 4:00-6:00. He will be asking students, staff, and faculty to sign a pledge, stating that they will not drink and drive, nor ride with someone under the influence of alcohol and drugs; during the holiday season.

Enter Random Selection Process for 1990-91 on-campus Housing now through Friday Dec. 1, 1989. Obtain your entry form from any residence hall office or the office Housing and Residence Life, Room 226 Murphy Hall.

The annual A&T State University Christmas program, is scheduled for Sunday, December 3.

The 6 p.m. program, coordinated by Dr. Johnny Hodge, director of the A&T Symphony Band, will be held in the area in front of Dudley building.

Participating A&T musical groups will be the university's choir, directed by C. Everette Powell and the Symphony Band.

ON CAMPUS

Alarm System Installed in Female Dorms

Lawrence Sherrod
Special to the Register

Female students on A&T's campus may feel alot safer now that an alarm system has been placed in all female dormitories.

On Tuesday, November 21, the system was installed in each of the female dormitories as well as Cooper Hall. According to Mr. Kenneth Chavis, director of the Office of

Housing and Residence Life, the system was installed to insure the safety of on campus residents.

"We're trying to avoid a tragic incident. Many female students have been complaining

about uninvited guests coming in at all hours of the day and night. We're not going to wait

for something to happen before we take action," he said.

The alarm system is designed to prevent residence hall doors from being left open. The

alarm will be activated at midnight and de-activated at 6a.m. each day. The side door

alarms will activate if side doors are left open for more than 30 seconds, and will remain on

until someone turns it off. The main door alarms will activate if the door is left open for more than 60 seconds.

Chavis proposed the installation of the alarm systems

to Dr. Buck, vice chancellor of student affairs in the early part of the spring. After Dr. Buck

approved the proposal, Landtronics Inc. was contracted to install the alarm systems.

The installation process began during the first week of September. Chavis said he

would like to have alarm systems in Scott and Haley Halls by the Spring semester.

Chavis said he hopes that students will not think the

alarms are a hindrance.

Erika McAllister, president

of Holland Hall, said the alarm is helpful. "It's a good

idea for resident safety. At first the residents thought that it

would be a fire hazzard, but, the amount of co-ed violations has

decreased," the junior speech pathology major said.

Ernest Cole, a Scott Hall resident said that the alarms

would be a hindrance because of the amount of frequently used

entrances and exits in Scott Hall.

Alpha Lambda Delta Award Scholarships

Greensboro- For the 1990-91 academic year the National Council of Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society for Freshmen will award the following fellowships for

graduate study: the Alice Crocker Lloyd Fellowship, the Adele Hagner Stamp Fellowship, the Maria Leonard Fellowship, the Kathryn Sission Phillips Fellowship.

The council will also award the Christine Yerges Conaway Fellowship, the May Augusta Brunson Fellowship, the Fiftieth Anniversry Miriam A. Shelden Fellowship, the Gladys Pennington Houser Fellowship, the Katherine Cooper Cater Fellowship, the Margaret Louise Cuninggim Fellowship, the Maude Lee Etheredge Fellowship, the Sixieth Anniversary Student-Endowed Fellowship and the Sixty-Fifth Anniversary M. Louise McBee Fellowship. The

amount of each fellowship is \$3,000.

Any member of Alpha Lambda Delta who has graduated with a cumulative average of Alpha Lambda Delta initiation standard is eligible. Graduating

seniors may apply if they have achieved this average to the end of the first term of this year.

Applications will be judged on academic record, recommendations, and the

soundness of their stated project and purpose.

Application blanks and

information may be obtained from Marva Waltington or Carlotta Baker, 108 Murphy Hall.

The application form must be completed by the applicant and received at the National Headquarters of Alpha

Lambda Delta by January 15, 1990.

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Program Kicks Off A&T's Holiday Season

Greensboro-The annual A&T State University Christmas program, scheduled for Sunday, December 3, is expected to be a genuine holiday extravaganza.

The 6 p.m. program, coordinated by Dr. Johnny

Hodge, director of the A&T Symphony Band, will be held in the area in front of Dudley building, in a setting augmented by the campus luminaries.

Participating A&T musical groups will be the

university's choir, directed by C. Everette Powell and the Symphony Band.

Those groups will be joined by special guests, the Dudley High School, conducted by Hodge's wife, Mrs. Brenda

Hodges; and the Black Child Development Choir, directed by Jimmie Cheek.

"This program will be an outstanding way to bring in the Christmas season on the campus and in the community,"

said Hodge. "We hope that all of our friends will join us for this most festive occasion."

The Black Child Development Choir was organized around three years ago

with 15 children by Ms. Loreatha Graves of the A&T Cooperative Education Office. The choir now consists of 92

youngsters, age five to 18 from Greensboro, Guilford County and Alamance County. They have sung for the National

Black Child Development Convention in Washington D.C., the King Fest in Atlanta and a number of meetings in the state.

A special feature of the program will be a sing-along, led by A&T sororities and fraternities. The Symphony Band will provide music for this

portion of the program. Following the program, a reception will be held in the basement of Dudley Building.

Mrs. Sandra Cook is co-coordinator for this event.

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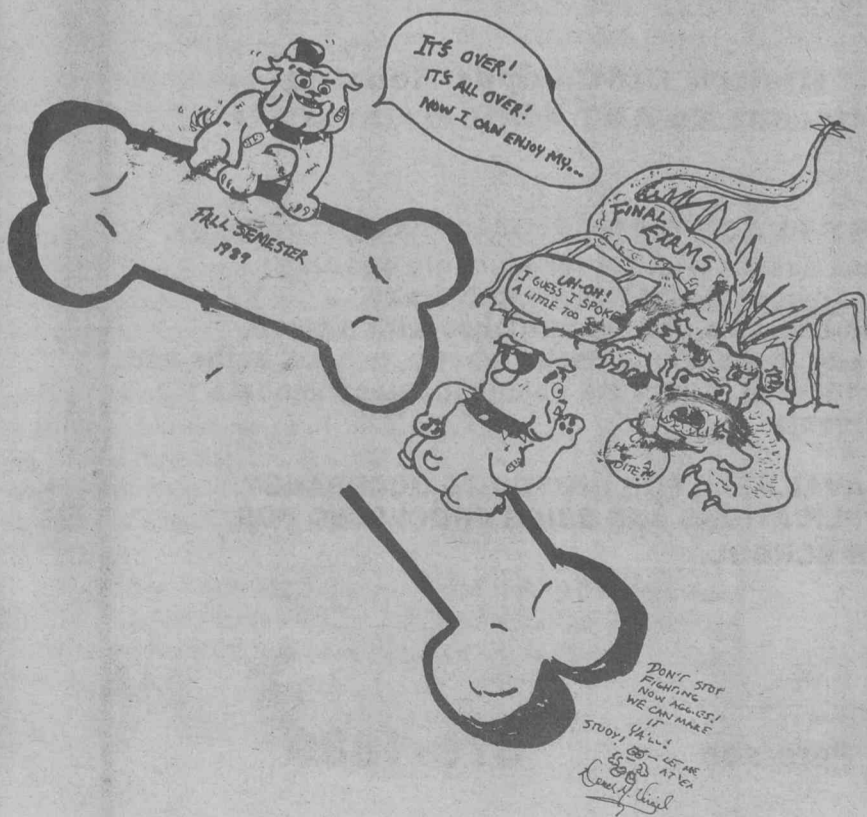
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Alphas Take Top Honors In Competition

**Carmen Jackson
Special to the Register**

Brothers of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity recently competed against other chapters throughout the state at the fraternity's state convention held in Durham, November 1--12. The brothers competed in a host of categories.

The chapter took first place honors in the state stepshow contest and was selected as the Association of North Carolina Alphas college Chapter of the Year for the second consecutive year. The chapter also took runner up honors in the chapter GPA competition with an average cumulative GPA of 2.99.

Barry Ray, president of

the chapter, was declared the state winner in the annual oratorical competition speaking on the theme, "African Americans preparing for the 21st century, ensuring the legacy".

Steven Jones, a member of the chapter and the newly crowned Mr. Aggie was identified as the state's college brother of the year.

Dena Rantin, a freshman Business Administration major from Atlanta, Georgia represented the chapter in the Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

Mark Anthony Middleton, the chapter's parliamentarian and a member of the fraternity's southern regional executive board was selected as the first recipient of

the Leonard Cortez Johnson Leadership Award. Leonard Cortez Johnson is former national executive director of the fraternity.

Alpha Phi Alpha has

35 undergraduate and graduate chapters in North Carolina. The chapter of the year is selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to the campus and community. Chapters competing are required to submit letters of documentation verifying their respective service projects. Darrell Simpson, vice president of Beta Epsilon and chairman of the chapter's convention committee attributed the chapter's success to the diversity of its membership.

"I feel that we are a microcosm of the university and indeed of our people as a whole. We have the good, the bad, the gifted and the less gifted. Certainly, we have a blend of some of the best of organizations like ours and

some of the worst, but we are convinced that you don't have to be perfect in your composition to be positive in your contributions," said Simpson.

Some of the chapter's

activities include rap sessions with teenage boys and girls and Morningside Homes housing complex about teen sexuality, tutoring at the Caldcleugh Recreational Center, the support

of a child in Ethiopia, and talks to junior and senior high school students at area schools about the importance of staying in school and off of drugs.

The chapter's court, "Alpha's Finest", a group of female students who assist in

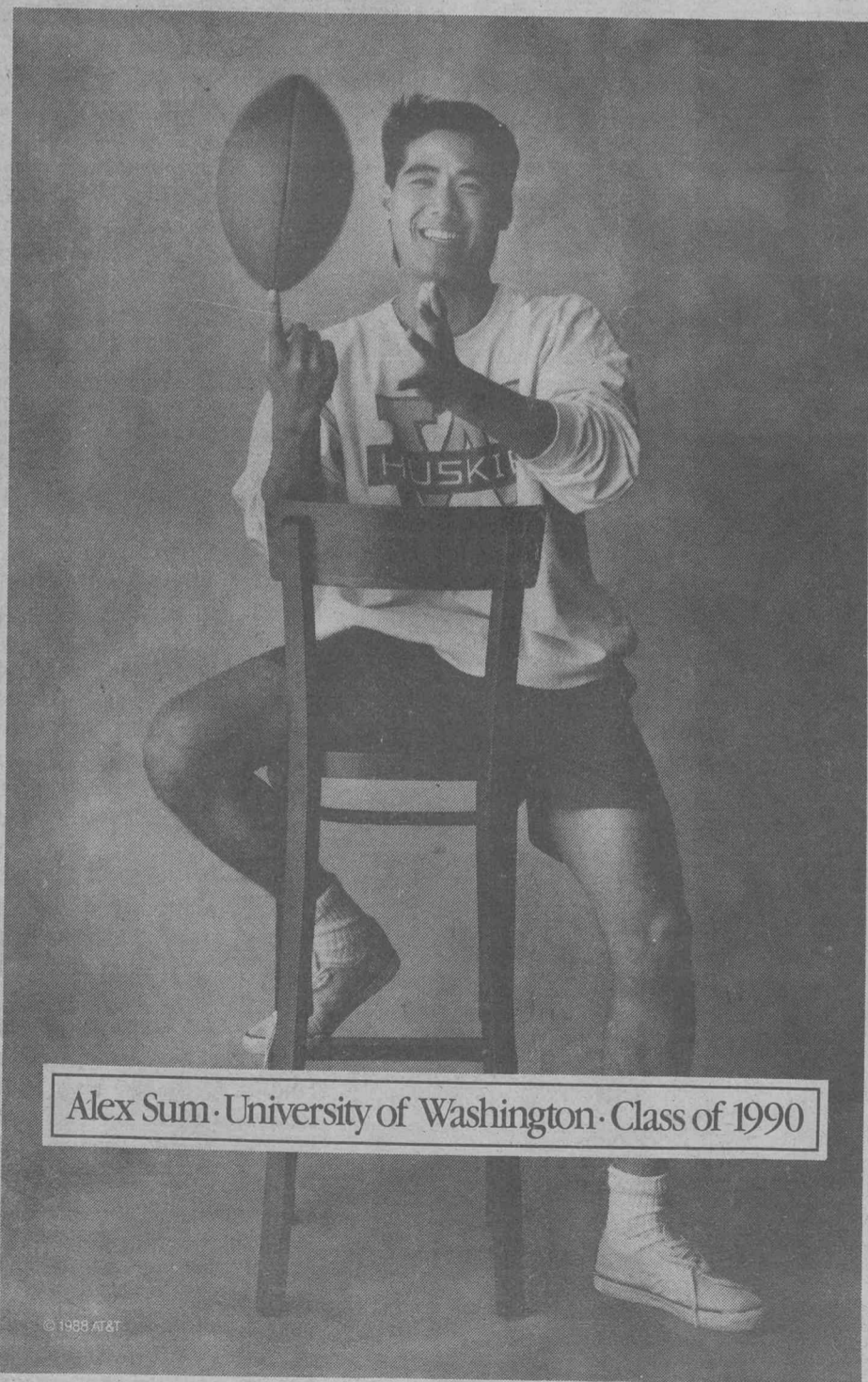
fraternity activities, also conduct their own service projects. They act as a support unit for the fraternity. Curtis

Wilson, chairman of the court committee added that this has a great deal to do with the chapter's overall impact.

"Our court has done a tremendous job of augmenting

our efforts, particularly with projects such as talking with teen girls at Morningside Homes with a degree of insight that simply would not be possible coming from males. We are certainly indebted to the ladies of our court for their support," said Wilson.

“I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game.”



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LIFESTYLES

Repertory Company Opens Season

"Sizwe Bansi Is Dead", the first production of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company's 1989-1990 season, will open December 1 at the Arts Council Theatre, in Winston-Salem.

This heartfelt comedy-drama, written by South African playwrights Athol Fugard, John Kani and Winston Ntshona

depicts the conditions of blacks in the present day South Africa and focuses on their daily struggle for survival against the brutal, and dehumanizing system of apartheid.

Sizwe Bansi is an illiterate and naive but proud man who has traveled from his township to the city of Port Elizabeth to find a job to

support his wife and four children. He does not have a permit to stay in the city or to work, so his identification book (which he cannot read) has been stamped to say that he must return home.

Along with the friend with whom he is staying, Sizwe stumbles across the body of another black who has been

murdered in a dark street. The friend persuades Sizwe to trade identification books with the corpse and take on the new man's name—and his permits to live and work. It is here that the drama begins.

The dialogue between the three characters, Styles, Buntu and Sizwe raises deep feelings and emotions, because it touches

on the basic themes of life and death, freedom and bondage, and human dignity and despair. These elements lend a spiritual vibrancy to the drama with which audience members can identify, as we ourselves often experience the unrelenting determination of the human spirit in the midst of adversity. Local theatergoers should not miss the opportunity to see this provocative work.

AKA Week

Angelicia Simmons
Staff Writer

The Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. began their Fall A.K.A. Week on Tuesday, November 28 and will continue their activities until Sunday, December 3.

The purpose of this week is to stimulate the interest of A&T students as well as the Greensboro area about black issues facing the black society today.

"We hope the campus sees a sense of cultural and ethnical values displayed from our organization to the rest of the students on campus," said Schnell Barnette, sorority member.

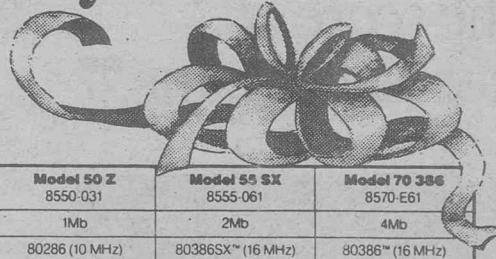
During this week the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. busied themselves with the many activities.

Tuesday they launched their activities off at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union, Room room 212, with a lecture on "How Black Women Can Maintain A Black Family and Keep Their Identity." This lecture was given by Mrs. Sandra Frye, who is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority herself and the wife of the Honorable Henry Frye.

On Wednesday, the Alpha Phi Chapter presented a Dudley's Black Hair and Makeover Show. On Thursday, they presented a seminar on "AIDS in the Black Community." Friday, the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will entertain a crowd at Moore Gym with a jam and a stepshow. The weeks activities will conclude on Sunday, when the group attends a local church together.

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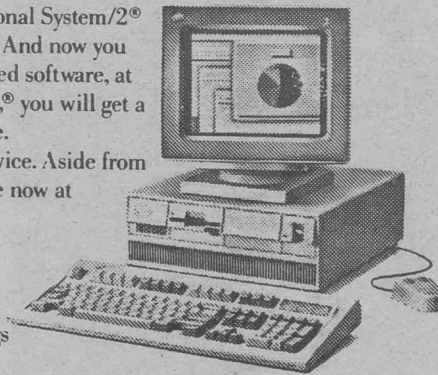
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AGGIE SPORTS

Duran Leonard Meet Again In Showdown

New York - Almost nine years since their last encounter, which ended with Roberto Duran's infamous cry of "No Mas, No Mas," Sugar Ray Leonard and Duran will meet for a third time--"Uno Mas"--on December 7, at The Mirage in Las Vegas.

Promoted by Top Rank, Inc., in association with Victory Promotions, the 12-round rubber match will be shown live nationally on closed-circuit and pay-per-view.

Leonard, (35-1-1 Kos) fresh off his thrilling 12-round draw with Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns at Caesars Palace on June 12, will put his WBC super middleweight championship on the line against the Panamanian great.

Duran, (85-7, 61 KOs) will make his first appearance since winning the WBC middleweight crown on February 24 with a stunning split decision win over Iran Barkley.

The two great champions first hooked up in June, 1980, in "The Brawl In Montreal," with Duran dethroning Leonard as WBC welterweight champion, pounding out a unanimous 15-round decision and handing Leonard his first and only professional loss.

That set the stage for the rematch five months later in New Orleans. On that evening, Sugar Ray Leonard gained

revenge as he consistently beat the champion to the punch. Duran suddenly quit in round eight, complaining of stomach cramps as he uttered the infamous "No Mas, No Mas" plea.

Since they last met, Ray Leonard and Roberto Duran have seen their careers take a number of different twists.

Leonard has retired three times since that victorious night in New Orleans, while Duran's career has carried him through a series of highs and lows.

Sugar Ray Leonard, 33, first captured the public's fancy as the darling of the 1976 U.S. Olympic boxing team in Montreal, winning the gold medal in the light welterweight division.

He won the first of his five world championships in November, 1979, when he scored a 15th-round knockout of welterweight titleholder Wilfred Benitez. The following June, he lost the belt to Duran.

In June, 1981, Leonard gained a world title in a second weight class by knocking out WBA junior middleweight champion Ayub Kalule.

Three months later in "The Showdown" in Las Vegas, Sugar Ray and WBA champion Thomas Hearns met to unify the welterweight championship.

In a classic confrontation, Hearns and Leonard slugged it out, with Hearns ahead on the judges cards

into the 13th round. Knowing he needed a knockout, Leonard attacked with a vengeance, dropping the "Hit Man" to the canvas twice. Hearns survived the round, but Leonard continued the assault in round 14 before referee Davey Pearl finally called the contest.

Leonard first retired from boxing after suffering an eye injury while training for a 1982 fight with Roger Stafford. He returned to the ring in May, 1984, to face Kevin Howard with the prospects of a dream match against undisputed world middleweight king Marvelous Marvin Hagler in the offing. Although he stopped Howard in

the ninth round, Leonard was disappointed with his performance and announced a second retirement following the bout.

He returned in April, 1987 for the "Superfight" against Hagler. With a split-decision victory, Leonard pulled

off one of boxing's biggest upsets while claiming a world title--the WBC middleweight crown--in a third weight

division. Hagler had been stripped of the WBA and IBF titles.

Leonard returned from a third go at retirement for the chance to become the first man to win world titles in five

different weight classes. The newly-created WBC super middleweight and WBC champion Donny LaLonde's

light heavyweight belt were at stake when Leonard challenged the "Golden Boy" on November 7, 1988, at Caesars Palace. Leonard survived a fourth round knockdown to come back and score a ninth-round TKO.

In his last bout on June 12, Leonard faced his arch-rival Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns for the first time in nearly eight years in "The War," at Caesars Palace.

For the first time in his professional career, Leonard was floored twice in a fight, as Hearns sent him to the canvas in the third and 11th rounds. Sugar

Ray rallied and had Hearns in trouble in the 12th round. When the action was over the result was a controversial draw.

Since his loss to Leonard nine years ago, Roberto Duran's career has been like a rollercoaster.

Following his loss to Leonard, he moved up to the super welterweight division and lost a 15-round decision to WBC

champion Wilfred Benitez on January 30, 1982. A defeat at the hands of journeyman Kirkland Laing in September,

1982 put the Panamanian slugger's career in jeopardy.

Using the determination that made him such a great champion, Duran rebounded to score a tremendous victory on June 16, 1983 at Madison Square Garden against junior middleweight champion Davey Moore. Duran pummeled Moore, stopping him in eight rounds, and became at the time, only the seventh man in history to win titles in three divisions.

After a narrow 15-round loss to middleweight champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Duran's career went into a tailspin.

A second round knockout at the hands of Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns in

1984, and a split decision loss to Robbie Sims in June, 1986, almost closed the book on Duran's career, which began in 1968, at the age of 17.

However, the guile and character which made Duran one of the greatest fighters of all-time, carried him through five

straight comeback victories and a shot at Iran Barkley for the WBC middleweight championship.

Showing the skills of a champion, Duran won a split decision from a fighter nine years his junior. Showing no signs of fatigue in the closing rounds, Duran sealed his victory with a four-punch knockdown combination in the 11th round.

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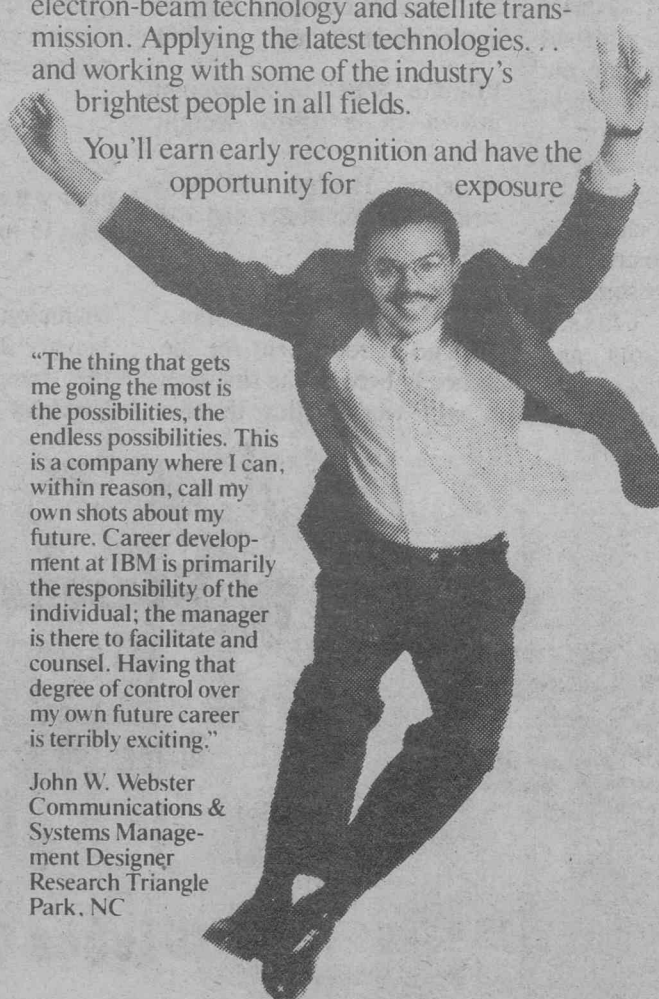
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