Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Gym Brawl Forces Game Cancellation

By Juan Cherry
Community Editor

During one of the most heated sports rivalries in North Carolina, action began to sizze not only on the court but in the stands as well.

With about seven minutes left in the second half of Thursday night's Aggies vs. North Carolina Central basketball game, the game was called after what eyewitnesses described as a riot that began in the upper bleachers on the visitors side of the gymnasium.

The game was being taped for ESPN's Black College Game of the Week and the brawl was televised on sportscasts from New York City to Florida.

According to early reports, one Greensboro police officer and several students were injured. An exact count of injuries was not available. Observers said A&T police officers were hit with rocks and bottles.

Fans threw chairs and punches during the disturbance and some people were trampled as they tried to leave the gym.

"There's a lot of tension in black college athletics," said Jawn Atwater, an N.C.C.U. student, while standing outside in the midst of the confusion. "Any little thing could have started things off and that's just what happened."

Melissa McParland, an A&T freshman said, "It started in the stands, and then when a Central player pushed an A&T player, the people in the Central stands came onto the floor and then those from A&T came down."

The brawl moved out into the street after order was restored in the gym.

Professor Urges Students Keep Dream Alive

By Yolande Davis
Staff Writer

Although African Americans have celebrated great triumphs in social and economic justice during the past three decades, Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial and economic equality has not been fulfilled, said civil rights advocate, Mary Berry.

On the eve of the slain civil rights leader's 61st birthday, Berry addressed a crowd of nearly 200 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's 6th annual celebration ceremony to commemorate King's birthday.

She urged students and faculty to make Dr. King's dream of racial equality a reality.

"We need to take inventory," said Berry. "To engage in an interpretation of what has been accomplished so that we will be inspired to do what needs to be done to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of King's dream."

Many Americans have become disillusioned by minor social change in America and believe that African Americans have already gained racial equality.

"Learn to be good leaders and followers by not accepting easy solutions and claim King's dream to insure the dream becomes a reality."

The freshman class will sponsor a dance Friday Jan. 19 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., in Moore Gym. Admission is $2.00 with student I.D. and $3.00 without.

Short courses in various engineering disciplines will be offered for those persons preparing for the Spring 1990, NCEE Principles and Practices Examinations and/or registration as professional engineers. For further information contact the office continuing education.

An African American Teleconference, "Beyond The Dream II," will be held in the Memorial Student Union on February 1 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

There will be a commemorative jazz concert by Dizzy Gillespie on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harrison Auditorium. Tickets are $15.00 and can be purchased at the ticket office.

The office of continuing education, in conjunction with the school of engineering will offer an Engineering Review course beginning January 30 through April 12.

The Student Clusters Activities Council and the Co-operative Education Club will conduct a membership drive January 30 at 5:00 p.m. in room 304, Dowdy Building.

The office of continuing education, in conjunction with the departments of architectural engineering and construction management and safety will offer a Small and minority Contractors Institute beginning January 27, through April 7.
Community Aides Bennett Fire Victims

By Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

Thirty-seven students had to be relocated due to an electrical fire on the Bennett College campus on Friday, January 12. The fire is believed to have started with a faulty extension wire and caused an estimated $750,000 worth of damage. The fire started in a second floor dormitory room in Anne Merner Pfeiffer Hall at about 1:15 in the afternoon severely impairing the second floor of the 52-year old brick building.

"I smelled smoke, thought it was my curling iron and looked around, then saw smoke in the hall," Nurecine Murphy, an Accounting major from Fayetteville, said, "I grabbed my coat and money and went outside. I don't think anyone was able to take anything," she added.

The college's insurance policy does not cover student's personal property. President Gloria Randle Scott said that the school will help students file insurance claims; and students without insurance will be given help by a Fire Relief Fund.

Scott said that the Office of Student Affairs will provide an emergency clearance center in their office. The center will provide victims with clothing, linens, textbooks, and counseling services.

In addition, aid has come from other sources. The Red Cross on the day of the disaster took the students on a shopping trip for needed over night necessities. Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. collected money Monday, at the Florida A&M basketball game to help the victims. The fraternity is also having a party, at UNC-Greensboro, with some of the proceeds going to aid students.

The college is accepting donations of clothing, textbooks, small appliances and any items that might help the students. Donations may be brought to the student union building on Bennett's campus.

Checks may be payable to the Student Relief Fund or Building Repair Fund. "They're doing the best they can, I'm satisfied right now. They need to make every effort to replace everything," said Cherie Cooley, sophomore, Math Education major from Washington, D. C. Some students who lived on the first floor were able to look through their rooms Tuesday.

"They (the administration) have been very responsive," said Jacquelyn Griffin, a sophomore Business Administration major from Indianapolis, Indiana.

"My room looks like it did when I left it," stated Griffin.

"My stuff animals were on my bed, and they smell. I couldn't tell if any of my clothing smell, because I just checked a few."

President Scott remarked that unused suites will be refurbished so that the residents will be able to stay together.

Fire inspector, Captain Chuck Whitworth, said that it would be up to the Greensboro building inspector to determine if the building can still be used.

Afrocentric Consciousness On Rise

By Juan Cherry
Community Editor

"It's sweeping the east coast like wildfire. It's demanding attention on predominantly African-American campuses from Delaware to Florida. It has caused observers to wonder if they've taken a trip back to the sixties.

It's called Afrocentrism, and the followers say all they want is credit where credit is due.

"Blacks have not been given credit for their contributions to the world," said Sandra Williamson, an instructor in the A&T history department. "The purpose of Afrocentrism is to correct the imbalance of the accounts of history."

While many see this movement as a new awareness, educators say that it started at least as late as the 1960's.

"During the era of the Civil Rights movement, there was a move toward educating young blacks on college campuses by trying to implement classes stressing the importance of black world contributions," Williamson said.

When asked about the recent rise in awareness, Williamson said she attributes it to "forces outside the black minority."

"I think the recent interest on this campus as well as others, is a counter reaction to the Reagan era," she said referring to cuts in financial aid for college students.

On other predominantly black campuses students said they are seeing some of the effects of Afrocentrism also.

At Howard University, in Washington, D.C., one of the most prestigious predominantly African-American universities in the United States students can be seen any day of the week in their "Fight the Power" tee-shirts and red, black and green emblems.

"Every since the riot here in our administration building last year, I have seen a more intense effort to stick together and educate one another on our heritage," said JoAn Rocha, a junior journalism student. "There is more of a push to push freshmen in, and at the beginning of this semester, I noticed a lot of the young ladies here are now wearing "natural" hairstyles," which is similar to the Afro of the late 1960's and 1970's.

Although the Afrocentric movement is "pro black" some say it's not just an effort to educate themselves and leave it at that.

"We want to educate everyone. For instance there are more than just black people who don't know the first advanced civilization began in Egypt."

Williamson acknowledged that there are some dangers in developing an Afrocentric consciousness. She said that some people may understand the movement to mean pro-black and anti-white. But she adds she does not think this has happened yet and said that most people haven't taken it far enough.

An A&T student, Eric Short said that there is a real need for an Afrocentric movement.

"The educational system of America teaches young enthusiastic children of all colors that people of the black race are inferior, lazy, uncivilized and ignorant," said Eric Short, a member of the History Club. "The media also contributes to stereotypes and racism by showing Afro-Americans in negative roles the majority of the time."

One of the major issues among students on A&T's campus is whether students should join Greek Letter organizations because when the Egyptian civilization was at its peak the Greeks conquered them.

Members of the Greek organizations said that it's not an issue of Greek letters but what's behind them.

"It's the service behind the letters," said Vicky Johnson, a member of a Greek Letter organization. Despite the differences of views, most African American students agree that it is the duty of all black students to learn about their history.

"If you are black, you must practice being Afrocentric for the very survival of your history, your culture, and your people," Short said.
Focus

History Club Says Monuments Must Go

Letter To The Editor: Concerned Members of Greensboro

As the nation reflects on the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the members of the NC A&T State University History Club are torn between the spirit of celebration and honor given to one of our significant leaders and the bitter irony of the fact that there are Confederate monuments placed in the African American community, on the street named after Dr. King.

We paused to honor one, who like Jesus loved even his enemies with a love so true that he would submit even to death in the hope that all men might be guaranteed the truest meaning of equality in God's world. In Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we saw our brightest beacon of hope thrust forth in the dim night of poverty, injustice, and brutal racism to - and burn as an eternal reminder. A power of human dignity and the strength of true Christian love. In Dr. King we found a revolutionist, a martyr, and a true American hero, so it is only fitting that we pause to pay tribute to him.

Alphas Remember Dr. King's Achievements

Letter To The Editor: On Monday, the nation and the world paused to recognize one of this century's most valiant young champions in the struggle for the freedom and brotherhood of all mankind.

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Arguably so, more than any other figure in American history, Dr. King was the epitome of the concepts of brotherhood, love and service to mankind. In this light, we the brothers of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated join the nation and the world in the approbation of our most esteemed brother.

In doing so, we call for all persons of goodwill to re dedicate themselves to the dream that Dr. King so eloquently articulated and espoused. This is a time when every American should pause to interpret in your own quiet manner what role Dr. King would have you to play in bringing into being a real order of justice in America. In doing this we find the greatest possible attestation to the dream of Dr. King. We must, however, never forget that Dr. King not only thought about the problem of our status and condition in America, but more importantly, he was an activist.

All men are endowed by the Creator with the ability to think, to analyze, but in looking at problems, we must not become caught up in what Dr. King calls the paralysis of analysis in which we spend so much time thinking about and lamenting over our own sad plight that we fail to do something about it. We must remember that there's always something that each of us can do.

In fulfilling the dream, there's a role for everyone. If you can help by speaking out against some injustice, whether it be apartheid in South Africa or discrimination and racism which is apartheid in America, then that's your role.

As we celebrate the birth and even the triumphant death of our brother, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha challenge all men and women of goodwill to realize that in solving the crisis of the African American, if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. Keep hope alive. Keep the dream alive.

Barry Ray,
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
What can African-Americans do to keep Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive?

"For one thing, Black Americans should strive to be the best that they can be because the white society wants blacks to be down. We need to come together as a race and work together if we're going to come anywhere near his dream." - Reggie Gillis, Senior, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"I think that we should celebrate his ideas more than once a year because he really made a change in our lives." - Janie Bradshen, Freshman, Hillsborough, N.C.

"Understand what Dr. King wanted. Once we understand what he wanted, I feel we as Black Americans should set goals not only to help ourselves, but the black race." - Lonzo Martin, Junior, Fayetteville, N.C.

"First of all, I think we as black people need to work together more and quit all the drugs and violence. I think we should have more festivities in our black communities to keep Dr. King's dream alive." - Stephanie Surgeon, Senior, Norwalk, Connecticut.

"I think that all African Americans should get every little bit of education that they can. By educating ourselves and becoming positive role models for today's youth we can eventually become a dominating force in today's society." - Keith L. Welbourne, Junior, Greensboro, N.C.

"I think that more African Americans need to act upon their words instead of sitting back and letting others do something for them." - Charletta Carter, Sophomore, Gary Indiana.

"As African American students attending a prestigious predominately black university, I feel that we need to unify as a race and understand Dr. King's philosophy and teachings. And learn to support each other in all endeavors by understanding the civil rights movement and its' purpose." - Tamara D. Bowden, Sophomore, Greensboro, N.C.

"We need to stop giving symptoms of our present situation and find solutions, and act on those solutions. We need to elevate our minds through education and stop blaming others for our setbacks, because there's no excuse not to succeed for us." - Cynthia Felton, Senior, Norfolk, Virginia.
Sit-In Commemoration Attracts Thousands

The commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the nation's first lunch-counter sit-in is expected to attract thousands to Greensboro on January 31-February 4.

The big event of the celebration will take place on Thursday, February 1, when there will be a re-enactment of the original sit-in by the four men who accomplished it on February 1, 1960 at the downtown F. W. Woolworth Store. The four at that time were freshmen students at A & T State University just nine blocks away from the store.

Coming back for the reunion will be David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan (formerly Ezell Blair Jr.), and Joseph McNeill.

"This observance promises to be an event of historic and national significance," said Claudette Burroughs-White, chairperson of the event. "What happened on a relentless pursuit of human dignity.

"We are pleased to join with our many friends in the Greensboro community in honoring the tremendous courage of these four men," said Dr. Edward B. Fort, Chancellor. "What they did can never be forgotten."

The observance will also be marked by a symposium of noted civil rights leader, a student lead march from A&T to the original sit-in site, a commemorative jazz concert by Dizzie Gillespie, a series of public schools and college seminars, a gala commemorative awards banquet, a chancellor's luncheon, and a concluding city-wide ecumenical service on Sunday, February 4.

Gary Parklow, co-chairperson of the event, said other nationally prominent personalities who have already accepted roles in the observance are Hodding Carter Jr., noted publisher; Floyd McKissick, longtime civil rights leader; Barbara Reynolds, author and USA Today editor and William Chafe, author of "Civilities and Civil Rights."

A Greensboro street near Woolworth's will be renamed Greensboro Four Place in honor of the sit-in participants, and permanent sidewalk footprints will be placed in front of the store and one at A&T will be unveiled in their honor.

Joining A&T in the sponsorship of the observance are the city of Greensboro, Bennett College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and the February One Society, headed by Dr. James Johnson. The civil rights symposium will be co-sponsored by the People for the American Way.

The sit-in movement in the United States began on February 1, 1960, when Richmond, McCain, Khazan, and McNeill, then freshmen at A&T, took seats at a Woolworth's lunch counter and asked to be served. Because of segregation laws they were refused service.

The students action triggered similar protests throughout the nation, and lunch counter demonstrations ultimately led to the passage of federal civil rights laws.
Forecast Cloudy For African-Americans

By Cynthia Roberts
Chief Reporter

Believers in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream who gathered in Harrison Auditorium Friday, to commemorate his life left the auditorium dazzled by the programs keynote speaker. Addressing a packed auditorium, Attorney Patricia Russell McCloud mesmerized faculty, students and visitors as she rattled off historical pastimes.

"Once upon a time we understood that somebody in our number stepped back so that others of us could step forward," said McCloud.

"Once upon a time it was Sunday dinners at your house or my house and there were three meats and a garden vegetable right on the table, and then the desserts -they were homemade everything, and not Sara Lee's anything," McCloud said.

"We are going to have to live together like brothers and sisters or we are going to die together as fools," said McCloud.

McCloud told the audience that black people have to focus on family, and heritage, because once upon a time the black family represented trust and treasure.

"The weather report is overcast and cloudy. The new slavery relates to how we treat each other," said McCloud. "We are going to have to live together like brothers and sisters or we are going to die together as fools," said McCloud.

McCloud said students should enter the workplace knowing that African American have a great heritage.

"Students, go out with the renewal of knowing that black is esteemed. It is the color of dignity and the color that absorbs us and gives us influence."

The former historian encouraged students to visit archives and learn about the past. She illustrated the importance of history by comparing the lives of Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

"Born 100 years apart, both Lincoln and Kennedy lived similar lives," said McCloud.

According to McCloud, Lincoln and Kennedy had seven letter names, and married wives with brunet hair that were fluent in French. They were both killed in the presence of their wives by a bullet that pierced the back of their heads, and both of their assassins had 15 letter names.

A tribute to King

Right: Members of A&T's Gospel Choir display an "I have a Dream" sign, Monday as they participate in a candlelight march as a part of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration services. The students walked from the Dudley building to the gymnasium. Chancellor Fort joined in the march.

Below: Members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity display a picture of Dr. King and a commemorative signs while they marched Monday in Greensboro's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

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Speakers Give Directions for 21st Century

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Campus News Editor
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Staff Writer

A panel of professors lectured in the Elliot Center as a part of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration services. Dr. Jacqueline Wade, Dr. Peggye Dilworth-Anderson and Dr. Willie Baver spoke on the topic of "Directions for the 21st Century."

Dr. Jacqueline Wade, professor of sociology at Bennett College led the audience in a discussion on "A New Agenda for African-Americans."

"When developing an appropriate agenda for the future, African-Americans should recognize the importance of ideology, class and history," said Wade.

According to Wade many African-Americans have been misinformed about their culture.

"We came from a civilized people despite what the books they wrote say," Wade said.

Wade said "The Reagan Administration hindered African-Americans in the 80's and that African-Americans should have a new agenda for the 90's."

"Reagan's administration could not have existed if we did not allow it. I want to hold us accountable for building an agenda to move us beyond today, therefore we must hold ourselves responsible for some of what we decide," said Wade.

Wade is a native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. She is a graduate of Fisk University and received her Masters from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Peggye Dilworth-Anderson, professor of sociology at UNC-G lectured on "A Realistic View of the Present Status of African-Americans in the U.S."

Baber said that African-Americans would not likely return to their previous oppressions but that a lot of time has been spent building racist beliefs.

Baber also said that since African-Americans constitute a significant portion of America's homeless and poor that America must reinvest in these groups.

Baber is a native of Sacramento, California. He received his B.A. in anthropology from the University of California at Davis and his Ph.D from Stanford University.

By Juan Cherry
Community News Editor

The United States Coast Guard is offering four A&T students a chance to have M.O.R.E... More education, more opportunities for growth and more for their future.

M.O.R.E. , the Minority Officers Recruiting Effort, established in 1989, is a pre-commissioning, fully funded scholarship program offered to full-time students at historically black colleges. This program is designed to get students interested in becoming officers in the U.S. Marine Corps by offering some practical experience during the summer and by paying regular salaries and benefits.

The extra package along with Coast Guard procedures has made the program more appealing to some students.

"We have to go through basic training just like some of the other branches of the armed services," said Andrel Johnson, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina. "But unlike the other military programs offered at A&T, we don't have to worry about doing push-ups or anything like that."

Matthew Smithers, another M.O.R.E. participant says that he is pleased with the program. "Basically, one advantage is that they take care of our tuition," he commented. "This way we don't have to worry about working out at UPS or somewhere else to make ends meet."

Aside from the financial aspect, the students said they also gained some practical experience.

"We were also taught first aid, seamanship and other military drills," said Johnson.

Students are selected on the basis of an Officer Aptitude Rating test, a physical, a one page essay and an interview with the selection board.

"The process is really up to the individual," said Smithers. "The whole process can be done in 2-3 weeks. The only thing left will be the interviews before the board held in March in Norfolk, Va."

After being selected, the students complete an eight-week training session at Cape May, New Jersey, which makes them eligible to receive their monthly salary. During the following school year, the students are required to report to their local Coast Guard office.

During the next summer, the student will participate in real life Coast Guard missions and some academic and technical training to help them prepare for Officer Candidate School which is completed after receiving their college degree.

After graduating from the 17-week OCS class, the student will be commissioned as an ensign which is equivalent to a second lieutenant in the Army and Air Force.

One of the problems that some of the students said they are having with recruiting is that most people are turned off to the armed forces.

"The first thing people say is I don't want anything to do with the military," Smithers noted "But people really do need to look into it. It can open up doors for you."

The M.O.R.E. program does require a three year active duty commitment. Some may consider the Coast Guard as a career.

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Summer Program Set For Grenoble

The Department of Foreign Languages and the Office of Continuing Education are announcing their 1990 Summer Abroad Program at the University of Grenoble, Grenoble, France. Objectives of the program are to help students gain fluency in French language skills, inculcate in them an appreciation for French culture, and immerse them in cultural richness and diversity available in the locale abroad.

All undergraduate students in good academic standing may apply for admission to the program. Graduate students, teachers, and other interested persons desirous of the cultural experience are also invited to participate in the program.

Again this year, courses in intensive French at the elementary and intermediate levels will be taught by French professors at the University of Grenoble. In addition, course offerings will be available in French Civilization, Literature, Pedagogy, and Scientific French. Participants completing the program may receive up to six (6) credits from North Carolina A&T State University.

The University of Grenoble will also award certificates to those students successfully completing the program.

Planned excursions will be available for all participants. These excursions will include visits to places of interest in Paris, Nice, and La Cote d’Azur; and Carcassonne and Le Languedoc.

Total estimated cost per student is $3,100. This price includes round-trip air fare from Dulles International Airport outside of Washington, D.C. to Charles De Gaulle Airport, Paris France; round-trip surface transportation from Paris to Grenoble; room & board; tuition, and fees at the University of Grenoble. The cost also includes a personal allowance of $60.00 per week for each student participant.

Students qualifying for campus-based financial aid during the academic year may be eligible to receive financial assistance. They should contact the financial aid office. Guest students from other colleges in the program may apply for financial assistance through their home institution.

Information sessions about the programs are being conducted by Dr. Lillie Andrews, director of the program. The next session will be announced.

For specific details you may contact either of the following persons: Dr. Lillie Andrews, Director, Study Program in France, 306 Crosby Hall, (919) 334-7568; Dr. Helen Disher, Chairperson, Department of Foreign Languages, 301 Crosby Hall, (919) 334-7886; Dr. Ronald Smith, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 101 Dudley Building, (919) 334-7607.

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Dr. Buck Resigns as Vice Chancellor

By Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

Dr. Roland E. Buck resigned as vice chancellor for student affairs over Christmas break to take the same position at the University of North Florida at Jacksonville.

"I needed a change of environment. I have been here at A&T for six years," said Buck, who held the position since 1984.

He officially takes the job at the University of North Florida at Jacksonville February first.

Buck said that he had thought about leaving A&T for the last six months.

"I've been getting things in the mail and looking over other jobs possibilities," Buck said that one reason he chose the University of North Florida at Jacksonville over other universities is that he will work on his masters in Hospital Administration at the university.

Buck said he wants to change his profession in another five years.

"There are very few black hospital administrators. I want to be in a teaching hospital." A national search for Buck's replacement began the beginning of January.

Sullivan Welbourne, former assistant to the vice-chancellor for student affairs will become acting vice-chancellor until June first. "I would like to be given the opportunity to become vice-chancellor for student affairs, and I will probably apply," said Welbourne. Welbourne says that his record speaks for itself and he hopes students will respond positively to his leadership.

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