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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## News Scope

### Standoff continues

WACO, Texas (AP)—David Koresh's lawyer says the cult leader's gunshot wounds are taking toll, complicating efforts to persuade him to surrender so he can tell his story in court.

"David's health has a lot to do with it," Dick DeGuerin said Wednesday night after his fifth meeting with Koresh. "He's suffering from his wounds, and he's a little tired. ...He needs a doctor."

Federal authorities have ceased negotiations with Koresh and given DeGuerin considerable leeway in meeting Koresh inside the fortress-like home, FBI agent Bob Ricks said.

### EMS starts program

GREENSBORO (AP)—Guilford County Emergency Medical Service officials have announced a new program designed to improve response to people in need of medical attention at community events.

The Guilford County EMS department will send three paramedics, pedaling mountain bikes, to events such as the Greater Greensboro Open and City Stage.

When an emergency call comes in, the paramedics will bike to the scene and provide first response to the patient while an ambulance works its way through the crowd.

### Cable rates to drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The federal Communications Commission today voted to cut the cost of basic cable television service by at least 10 percent and to tightly rein in future increases.

By a 3-0 vote, the FCC adopted regulations that will control the rates that the nation's 57 million cable television subscribers pay to local cable operators franchised by municipalities.

### Tickets for sale

RALEIGH (AP)—Advertisements for Final Four tickets began appearing this week in newspapers across the Triangle-area without prices.

"We're taking bids," said one of the sellers' answering machine.

Decent seats for the finals of the NCAA basketball tournament, according to police and scalpers, are going for \$400 to more than \$1,000 - a good return on a \$65 investment.

## Students elect new officers

by Tara Bennett and  
from staff reports

Running on a platform that stressed working with students to make a change at the University, Rodney Boone was elected the new N.C. A&T Student Government Association president Wednesday, defeating challenger William Kearney by a 608-494 vote margin.

Boone, who has served as president of the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program at A&T as well as a member of the Council of Presidents, said in his campaign speech Tuesday, "It takes two, me and you, to make a change. All you have to do is follow me to new heights."

Kearney, whose past positions include president of the Student Union Advisory Board and delegate of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Government, unsuccessfully asked students to answer his call in his own campaign speech Tuesday to follow him because he was "a man of action."

In the race for SGA vice-president for internal affairs, Keith Bryant edged out Kecia Amar Williams by a narrow 520-517 margin.

### 1993-94 Elected Officers Student Government Association

Rodney L. Boone.....President  
Keith Bryant.....Vice President for  
Internal Affairs  
Carlton Brooks.....Vice President  
for External Affairs  
Kimya D. Nance.....Secretary  
Tanya S. Boone.....Treasurer  
Tonia R. Wellons.....Attorney  
General  
Tangular F. Graves.....Miss A&T

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Bryant told students at Tuesday's forum, "We must get on the move," urging students to put the impetus on themselves for changes at the University.

Carlton Brooks defeated  
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## Suspects arrested in campus shooting

by Scottie Holloway  
Staff Reporter

Campus police arrested and charged three men in connection with a shooting incident on campus Tuesday evening, according to police reports.

Brian Graves, 20, 229 West Wind Rd., Greensboro, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, discharging a firearm within the city limits and going armed to the terror of the public.

Timothy Mitchell, 1628 Morganton Rd., Burlington, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct.

Billy Torain, 23, 434 Fulton St., also of Burlington, was charged with disorderly conduct.

According to police reports, A&T campus police officers responded to a call in the area of Brown Hall around 8 p.m., where a

witness described three black males riding in a two-tone yellow and white open-back Nissan truck, one of whom had just fired a shot.

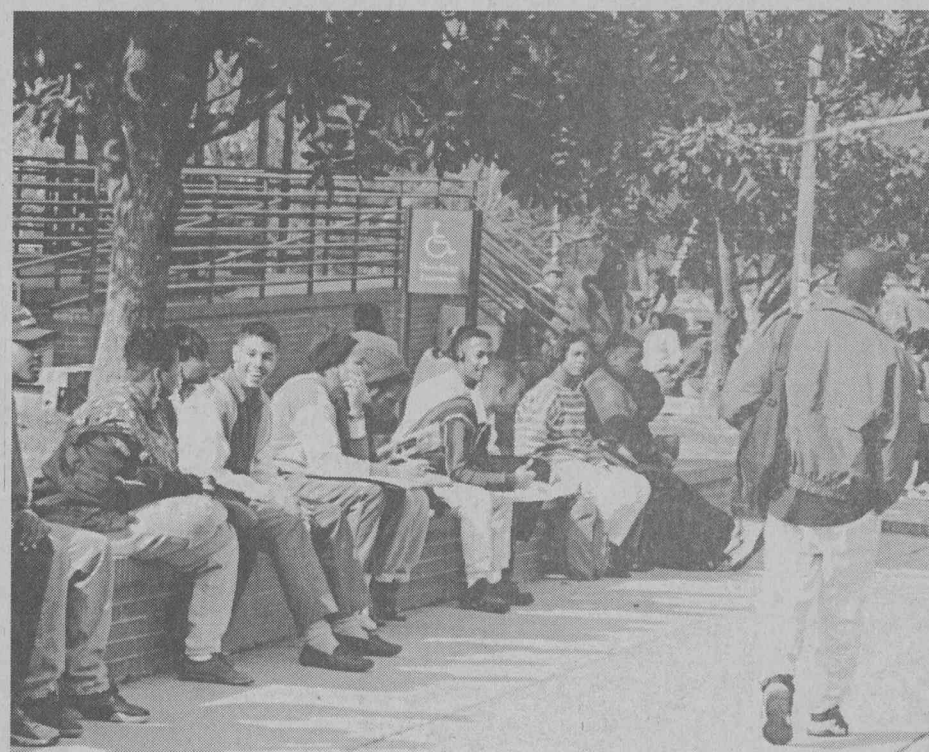
Police immediately searched the area and found three black males fitting the description at the corner of Bluford Street and Reagan Street.

After searching the men, police found a clip loaded with six bullets which appeared to have come from an automatic handgun. A search of the truck produced a chrome-plated 380. handgun which was found behind the driver's seat. A further search of the area produced a 12-gauge Massberg shotgun, found beside a tree at the corner of Bluford Street and Reagan Street, police said.

The three men were then taken into custody, charged and were later released on bond.

Torain and Mitchell are not students of A&T. Graves is a former student of A&T.

## Spring Fever



Off the wall: Aggies take advantage of the spring weather while socializing on campus. Temperatures reached the mid-70's this week officially bringing in the season.

## Escort service offered at A&T

by Scottie Holloway  
Staff Reporter

To ensure student, staff and faculty safety, the Student Government Association and the N.C. A&T police will be starting a safety escort service.

The "Aggie Escort Service" will provide escorts to walk students between academic buildings, the library and the dormitories Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., said A&T Police Chief John Williams.

The plan presently will feature a walking service only. However, a golf cart will be utilized for transportation next semester, said Rodney Boone, SGA attorney general.

Operating out of Rm. 207 in the Student Union, the service will have three escort employees per night. One will be a desk clerk and the other two will be the escorts.

Boone, who wrote and designed the program, said the campus had been trying to start the program for three years, but because of some technical difficulties, he had to "start from scratch." Now there is a committee organized and working with the university police to implement the program, he said.

Additional information to finalize development of the escort service was presented at the annual campus safety conference.

"The program will be most effective if students remember that this is to be utilized as safety and not a miscellaneous transportation system," Boone said. To ensure the use of the service for safety purposes, he said the service would send walking escorts.

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## No opposition made officer campaigning easy

by Deboria Bell  
Staff Reporter

Many candidates for class offices ran unopposed this year, failing to show up for a speech forum at the Student Union Ballroom Monday night to present their plans and campaign platforms to students.

Candidates for four senior class offices who faced no opposition declined to attend the forum. Absent were Gregory Bush, who ran for class president, vice-presidential candidate Torey Powell, secretarial candidate Allan Johnson and prospective treasurer Melva Denise Peed.

Ingram Land and Maria Hicks

vied for the Miss Senior title.

Junior class treasurer candidate Sheryl Harrison and secretarial candidate Keisha Yvette Barnes also ran unopposed.

Vice-presidential candidate Que'Ron Hildreth said she was a "dependable, competent and trustworthy" person would best serve the office of junior class v.p. Her opponent, Kiesha Battle, was absent from the forum.

Junior class presidential candidates Akwokwo Hines and Lawrence Reeves III argued that each was better qualified for the position than the other. Miss Junior candidates included Nicole Allen, Tina Renee

Battle, Audrenia Foster, Shana Miller and Tisa Stewart.

Sophomore presidential candidate Kendra Gaither said that if she won, "I will give my all to the office to fulfill my duties." Her opponent, Aquaris Moore, said simply, "I am to the point."

Vice-presidential candidate Regina Armster told students that "My arms stir everybody" and that she would not make any false promises.

Opponent Jabbar Bennett said, "I am willing to get the job done," specifically addressing the duties of the vice-president. Another candidate, Pamela Groce, said her motto was "I got skills" and

emphasized that her priorities were in order.

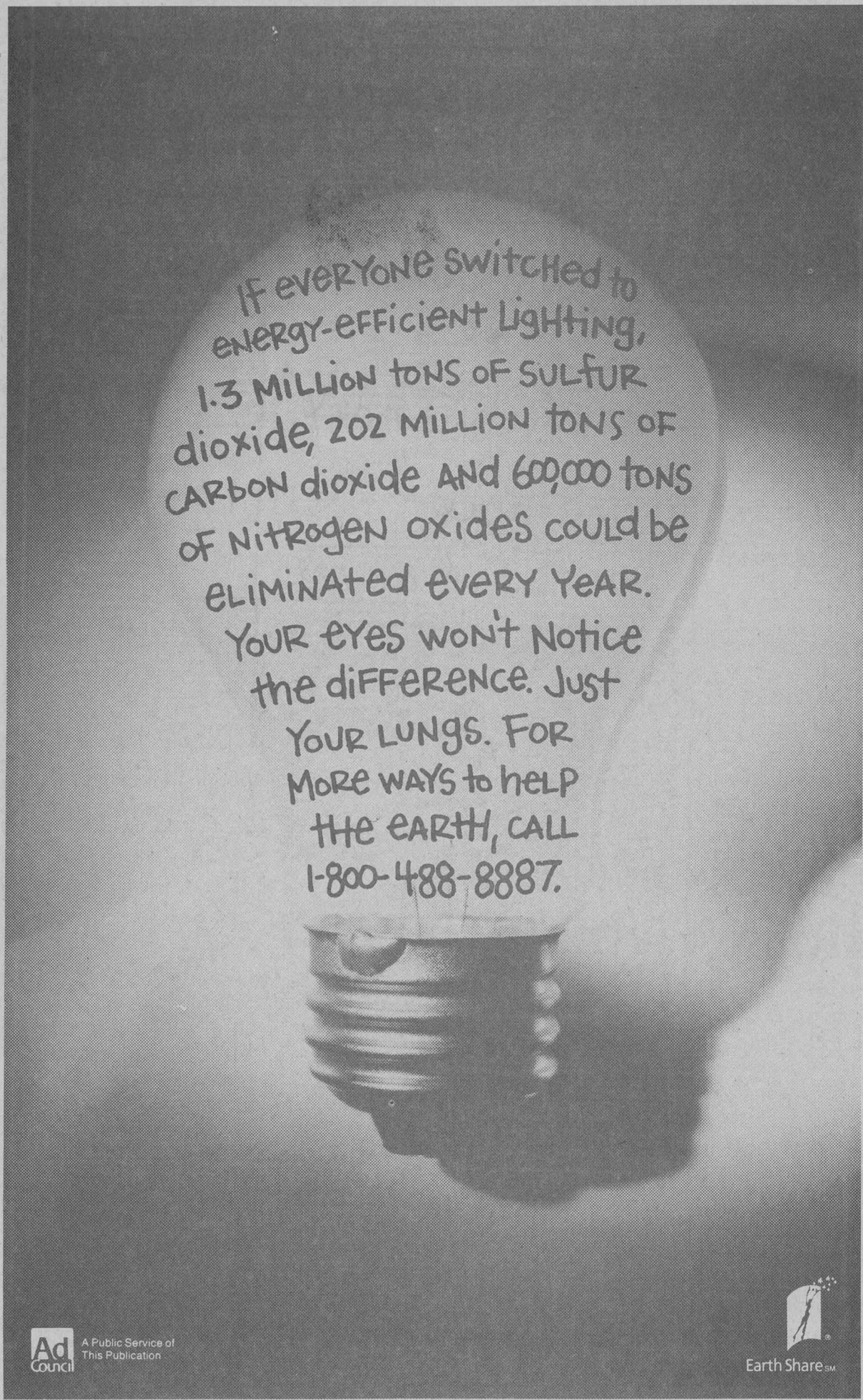
V.P. candidate Valencia Higgs said, "I see great things happening for the class of '96."

The final sophomore vice-presidential contender, Franchellie King, said that the office demanded versatility, adding that "no matter what time of day, I will be available."

Sophomore secretarial candidate Erica James ran unopposed. The class treasurer is scheduled to be elected during the fall semester of 1993.

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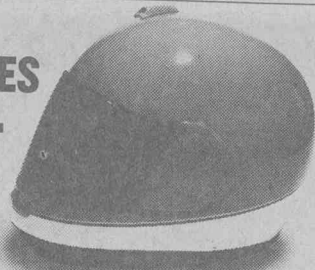
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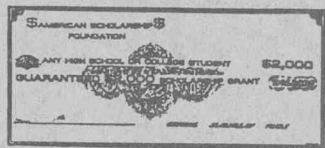
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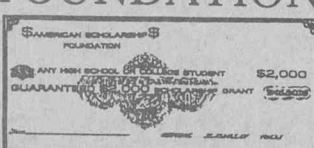
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# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## Police round-ups

by Scottie Holloway  
Staff Reporter

Monday, Mar. 22:

- A student was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly attempting to take a vehicle tow ticket without permission from a traffic administrator, police said.

Arthur Ball, 36, 2912 Martinsville Rd., Greensboro, was transported to the Guilford County Magistrate's Office where he was released on a written promise to appear by Magistrate Betty Brown.

According to police reports, the traffic administrator was not physically harmed.

- A resident of Morrow Hall reported being attacked by two other students while studying in her room with two friends, police reports stated.

The victim said the two suspects allegedly entered her room uninvited and started an argument. The quarrel led to both suspects assaulting the victim by hitting, pushing and scratching her, said police.

Police reports said the victim stated the argument was based on an ongoing dislike which both suspects felt toward her.

One of the suspects allegedly scratched the scab

of a prior sore on the victim's forehead; however, the victim refused medical attention.

The victim said she intended to prosecute both suspects.

Wednesday, Mar. 24:

- An A&T police officer reported that while his vehicle was parked in the Coltrane parking lot, an unknown person vandalized his Ford Bronco, police reports said.

The officer stated that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot at 2:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, and discovered scratches upon his return at 3 p.m. the same day.

Police reports said the vehicle had long scratches on the driver's side which started at the front bumper and extended to the left rear quarter panel.

The officer stated he had no suspects.

Monday, Mar. 29:

- Derek Duke, 18, a resident of Scott Hall, was arrested and charged with assault after allegedly striking a visiting non-student from Charlotte, police said.

The victim said that while he and a friend were waiting for a ride to return to Charlotte, Duke accused him of taking a shirt out of his room that belonged to a

friend. Duke then allegedly struck him with a closed fist in the face, police reports said.

Police said the victim was later taken to the police department where pictures of his injuries were taken. Details of the injuries were unavailable.

Tuesday, Mar. 30:

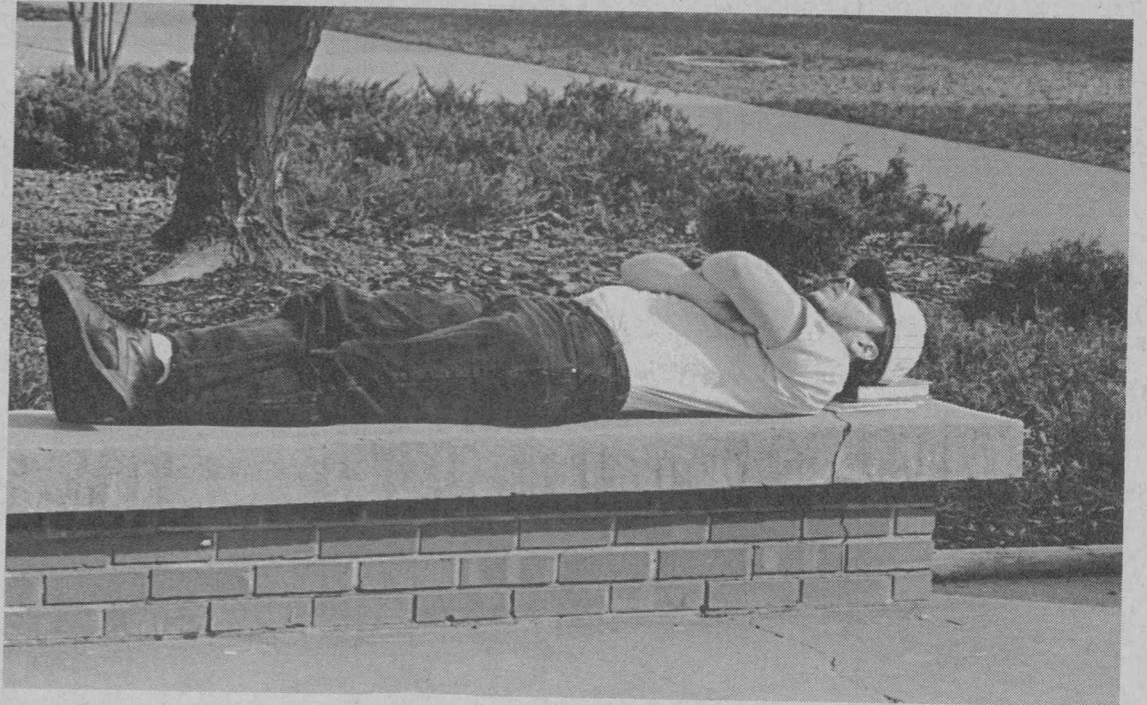
- A quarrel between three men and a woman led to a fight in Williams Cafeteria, police said.

According to police reports, statements given to officers indicated that a male approached a female and engaged in conversation. The male allegedly touched the female on the chest with his index finger. Another male seeing this but not hearing the conversation apparently sensed trouble and pushed the male away. A friend of the male being pushed saw this and immediately began fighting with the man who pushed the other.

A Shaw Foods assistant manager identified one of the suspects as having thrown persons over tables and as having been asked to leave when he attempted to enter the cafeteria with beer in a cup.

The manager declined to press charges until he was able to speak with the director of the food service.

## Cool in the shade



Taking advantage of the warm weather, an unidentified aggie decides to slip in some rest in between classes.

## Professor recalls life in Vietnam

by Meeka Jackson  
Correspondent

For most Americans, the televised images of the end of the Vietnam War and the fall of Saigon to North Vietnamese troops are indelible: thousands of South Vietnamese citizens clamoring at the gates of the U.S. embassy for exit visas; desperate diplomats and soldiers literally pushing army helicopters off rooftop helipads to make room for more choppers ferrying evacuees to safety.

Among the lucky ones who got out was Phung Nguyen, a former first Lieutenant in the South Vietnamese Army who has been teaching political science at N.C. A&T since 1977, two years after Saigon fell to the communist government of the north.

Nguyen, who was a researcher and professor of politics and economics at the

National School of Public Administration in Vietnam, had participated in the drafting of South Vietnam's constitution. As a well-known citizen, he and his family were kept under close watch.

He said he fled from Vietnam to America shortly before the war ended; he was later followed by his wife and daughter.

His family has since grown to include two daughters, 21 and 19 years old, and a 10-year-old son.

"They are very Americanized," Nguyen said. "They talk and dress just like they were born here."

He said he had tried to instill in his children their Vietnamese culture and values, and pushed them to be competitive in school and whatever else they did.

Although he and his immediate family enjoy a comfortable lifestyle in

America, he said, he is saddened by the thought of family members left behind in Vietnam. He said the hardest adjustment he has had to make in America was living without his mother, sister and brother.

Nguyen's original plan was to become a student when he arrived in America. He began studies at Duke University, receiving a master's degree from the Institute of Policy Studies, which involves statistics, and a Ph.D. in political science.

After sorting through a number of offers from schools inviting him to join their faculty, he said he chose A&T because it offered him the kind of position he was looking for and access to facilities that would enable him to continue his studies.

He said that he enjoyed living in Greensboro because of the sense of community and the fact that the weather allowed him to enjoy the outdoors.

## Counselors prepare for stressful exam season

by LaTonja Fant  
Staff Reporter

As the spring semester winds down and stress among students mounts in the face of exams and job-hunting, counselors at N.C. A&T's Office of Counseling Services have their doors open and are ready to help students with personal and academic problems, a counselor said.

The service provided by counselors is confidential, said Tammy Dixon, a

member of the staff.

"We service a large number of students, approximately 3,000 a year," she said. "The areas of counseling for students are academic probation, personal problems, career counseling, time management and testing for students with undecided majors."

The counseling center also sponsors four major seminars, Dixon said, which faculty and students may attend. The first is on study skills for freshmen,

followed by skills for student success. The remaining seminars focus on stress management and campus relations.

Each of these seminars is geared toward promoting all-around success among students, she said.

The center features five counselors and one clinical psychologist ready to assist in any capacity, Dixon said. Students interested in further information can contact a counselor at 334-7727.

## Alumni Association appoints new director

by Donna Price  
Staff Reporter

Photographs of her husband and son, Octavius and Octavius II, and her daughter Mia sit perched amid the paperwork on the huge oak desk in Juanita Murphy's office.

Murphy, who was recently named N.C. A&T's acting alumni director after the departure of Buie Sampson, said she liked to bring the same dedication that she showed her own family to her "A&T family" as well.

"I am definitely honored to have been appointed as acting director," she said. "It makes me feel honored that the chancellor and alumni have the confidence in me and my abilities to carry out the progress that the Alumni Association has initiated."

Murphy is hardly a new face around the A&T alumni office or campus. She received a master's degree in adult education at A&T in 1985, and has worked in the alumni office for 12 years.

She began as alumni assistant director and was later promoted to alumni program coordinator. Her duties have included planning and coordinating alumni activities,

representing the director at various meetings, designing brochures, financial records and developing strategies to increase alumni contributions.

"Basically, I was Dr. Sampson's right-hand person," Murphy said, smiling. "I've been lucky to work under two directors. The other director was Joe Williams. Working under these two directors, I learned a lot, and was able to develop my skills, abilities and creativity."

"I was doing the majority of work behind the scenes," she added.

Murphy stated that her new position allowed her to act not only behind the scenes but in the limelight as well, a fact that can have its drawbacks. "If anything goes wrong, the fingers are all pointed at me, now," she said.

The most fulfilling part of her job is the diversity of people she meets, Murphy said. "Also, I am glad that I am in a position where I can provide service to our alumni."

Murphy added that although she did try to keep her job on an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule, on occasions she did have to take work home, especially when alumni events took place.

"My day can turn into an 8 to 12 a.m. job then," she said. "That is one of the things I hate; there is never enough time to do everything."

Asked if she had any future goals, a look of astonishment passed over Murphy's face. "I have been so busy I really haven't had time to think about it," she said.

"I really like this position," she added. "It is really challenging, yet I am familiar with its duties. I already knew the situations that evolved behind the scenes. Now I am experiencing the actual problems that occur."

Murphy said she was sure that many people would be applying for the alumni affairs director position. The new director will be announced July 1. "If I do not get the position, I will happily return to my former assistant position," she said.

A native of Troutman, N.C., Murphy said she enjoyed traveling, playing tennis and watching movies in her spare time.

She volunteers with the Heart Association, her church, a pregnancy crisis line and the N.C. Alumni Directors Council.

## Memorial service held for professor

From Staff Reports

A memorial service was held in McNair Hall auditorium Wednesday for an N.C. A&T assistant professor of engineering.

Yong Hoon Kim, 37,



Dr. Yong Kim

died in an automobile accident March 26, 1993.

A native of Chung Nam, Korea, Kim was a graduate of N.C. State, Han Yang University, Korea, and a deacon at his church.

# SPORTS

## Aggies start season with new coach

by Nicole Trotter  
Staff Reporter

When Keith Henry stepped up to the plate as N.C. A&T's new men's head baseball coach this season, he quickly learned he had his work cut out for him.

The team started the year with a 2-9 record. "Our pitchers are young, our team is young, but it is important to keep them focused on and off the field," Henry said.

A graduate of Catawba College, Henry had won numerous awards in football and had been selected as graduate assistant coach of A&T's football team.

He had held several previous coaching jobs — all at the assistant level — when A&T Athletic Director Willie Burden asked him to take the baseball position.

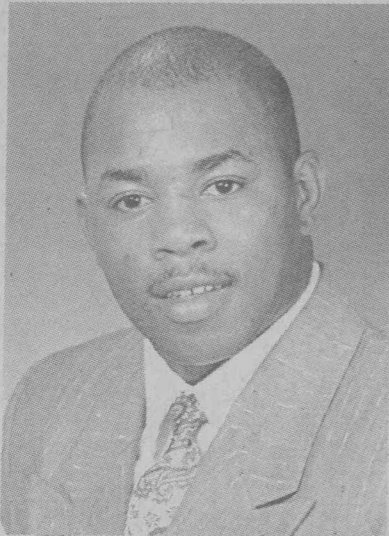
While Henry had a year's experience as an assistant baseball coach, for his first year as a head coach, he has had to make some changes, Burden said.

"Not ever having any head coaching experience, Henry is doing better than I anticipated," Burden said.

"He has a lot to offer the team and I see them playing

more like a unit." The players agreed.

"This season has been a more disciplined year with a lot harder work demanded," said Chris Leonard, a sophomore marketing major from Louisburg and a two-year



Keith Henry

veteran of the team.

"But through the hard work, coach Henry has maintained a good player-coach relationship, with mutual respect between us," Leonard added.

Reflecting on what has made him get so involved with his players, Henry said the death of his two first cousins gave him a rude awakening on what was happening with today's

Barry and Willie Holloway, with whom Henry was very close, both died within two years of each other.

Barry died first, in 1991, from a drug overdose, and since then, Henry said he hasn't been the same.

Just when he had pieced himself back together after Barry's death, Barry's brother Willie died in Feb. 1993.

"The two deaths of my cousins have motivated me to get more involved with as many youth as possible," Henry said softly.

"If I can put one kid back on the road to better their lives and prevent this from happening to them, I try to do so."

Henry also cited his assistant coach, Richard Watkins, as a real asset to the team.

Watkins, who has only worked with Henry for a few months, said Henry was a football coach who had been given a position as a baseball coach and had surpassed many people's expectations.

"Henry is still young in experience, but he is learning with just experience and not just standing around passing out meal money," Watkins

**"Our pitchers are young, our team is young, but it is important to keep them focused on and off the field."**

Keith Henry  
A&T Baseball Coach

said.

Henry is working on his master's degree in physical education.

From there he plans to go on and find a permanent job as an assistant coach in football on a college level. But he said he was enjoying the experience of working with the baseball team.

### For the Record:

An article about the N.C. A&T Intramural Basketball All-Star game in the Mar. 26 issue of the A&T Register misidentified Michael Sanders, one of the intramural program's directors. The Register regrets the error.

## Team looks for victory

by Brian Caldwell  
Staff Reporter

The Aggie baseball team started off a tough week Tuesday with a 5-11 loss to Duke University, followed Wednesday by a 1-15 thrashing by Elon College.

The team will be looking to improve their 6-13 season record today when they face Appalachian State in a doubleheader.

Coach Keith Henry, who is in his first year as head coach (see accompanying story), said he felt that the team's win-loss record would improve by conference tournament time in mid-April.

"With a good recruiting season, along with this team's strength on defense, the team will progress steadily," Henry said.

Henry said the team

looked to assistant coach Richard Watkins as a positive role model, adding, "with a role model like Watkins, the team has the leadership to have a winning program."

Members of the team will head into the conference tournament believing they will win, Henry said.

The conference tournament will be held in Tallahassee, Fla., Apr. 14-17. All teams from the Northern and Southern Divisions will participate in the tournament.

If the four-game split with South Carolina State and the two-game split with Florida A&M are any indication of the Aggies' ability to compete, the team should do well in the upcoming tournament, Henry said.

**Good Luck Aggies!!**

## 1993 MEAC Conference Standings

	W	L
<b>North Division</b>		
Delaware State	4	2
Coppin State	3	3
Howard	2	2
Maryland E-S	1	3
<b>South Division</b>		
Florida A&M	7	1
North Carolina A&T	3	3
Bethune-Cookman	2	4
South Carolina State	2	6

### Upcoming Games

April 2nd-- NCA&T at Appalachian  
April 4th-- NCA&T at Longwood

Seeding for the 1993 MEAC tournament will be based on team records using a North-South format. The top team in the North will play the bottom team in the South (and so on) to begin the tournament. The tournament will be held on the campus of Florida A&M beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday April 15.

## Endowment named for tennis legend

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)— A \$1.25 million pediatric AIDS research endowment named for tennis legend Arthur Ashe will be established at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, officials have announced.

The hospital was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas and opened in 1962 to treat catastrophic children's diseases. The announcement came during the Kroger-St. Jude International tennis tournament.

Ashe, the only black man to win Wimbledon and U.S. Open championships, died Feb. 6 of AIDS-related pneumonia. He had worked for increased AIDS awareness and helped raise funds for AIDS research programs.

"One call to Arthur and he was quickly on board," said J. Wayne Richmond, executive vice president of the IBM-ATP Tour. "He



Arthur Ashe

worked up to 48 hours before his death to make this happen." IBM-ATP was previously called the Association of Tennis Professionals.

The Racquet Club of Memphis, site of the tournament, Kroger and the IBM-ATP Tour Charities have committed to raising money for the \$1.25 million endowment, said club owner Mac Winker.

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**Elections from page 1**

Roderick Wright in the contest for SGA vice-president for external affairs 591-464. Brooks had stressed a "back to basics" approach to student government during his campaign.

Wright had promised to make mandatory black studies a reality. "I will support black studies, I will make it happen," he said during the candidates' forum Tuesday.

Leathers in the race for SGA secretary, 649-366. Tanya Boone became the new SGA treasurer with 368 votes and Tonia Wellons, who ran unopposed, was elected SGA attorney general with 967 votes.

In the contest for Miss A&T, Tangular Felice Graves easily outdistanced her five competitors with 542 votes. Her closest runners-up, Ginger Jenkins and Olivia Boone, had 180 and 139

votes respectively.

Graves drew a positive response from students at Tuesday's speech forum with her motto "What's up, cuz."

Machelle Cato, who served as Miss A&T this past year, stressed Tuesday

that "a queen must have beauty on the inside as well as the outside. You need someone who is a leader." Graves will be formally crowned at a Homecoming ceremony next fall.

**Officers from page 1**

Students appeared to be uninterested in political races outside their own classes, and sophomores and juniors left the forum once their candidates had spoken. By the time the seniors, the last to speak, took the stage, only about 15 students remained in the audience.

**Escorts from page 1**

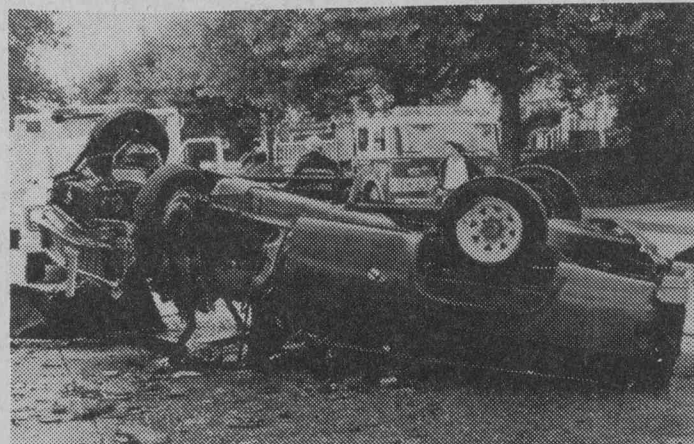
"I think that it would be beneficial," said Valisa Thomas, a resident of Haley Hall. "I would use it so that I would be able to go to the library at night and feel safe walking to and from my dorm."

The SGA provided payroll for the escorts and the administration provided additional funds to begin the service.

**Results from page 1**

SGA Student Judiciary Council	Sophomore Class
Thomas Barksdale, II.....Chairperson	Aquaris S. Moore.....President
DeWuan L. Booker	Jabbar R. Bennett.....Vice President
Benita C. Byrd	Erica James.....Secretary
Garland B. Dunlap	(Vacant).....Treasurer
Troy A. Elbert	Traci Raleigh.....Miss Sophomore
Richard D. Gordon, Jr.	
Rayshawn R. Hayes	Junior Class
Akbar Majeed	Akwokwo Hines.....President
Nicole McIntosh	Keisha D. Battle.....Vice President
Kara McKoy	Keisha Y. Bames.....Secretary
Latashia C. Satterfield	Sheryl Harrison.....Treasurer
	Nicole Y. Allen.....Miss Junior
Elections Committee	Senior Class
Vanessa Robinson.....Chairperson	Gregory Bush.....President
Corey M. Curtiers	Torey Powell.....Vice President
Alex Davis	Allan C. Johnson.....Secretary
Shawn Lilly	Melva D. Peed.....Treasurer
Travis L. Lucas	Ingram Land.....Miss Senior
Bernard Morgan	

**Ever Get A Pal Smashed?**

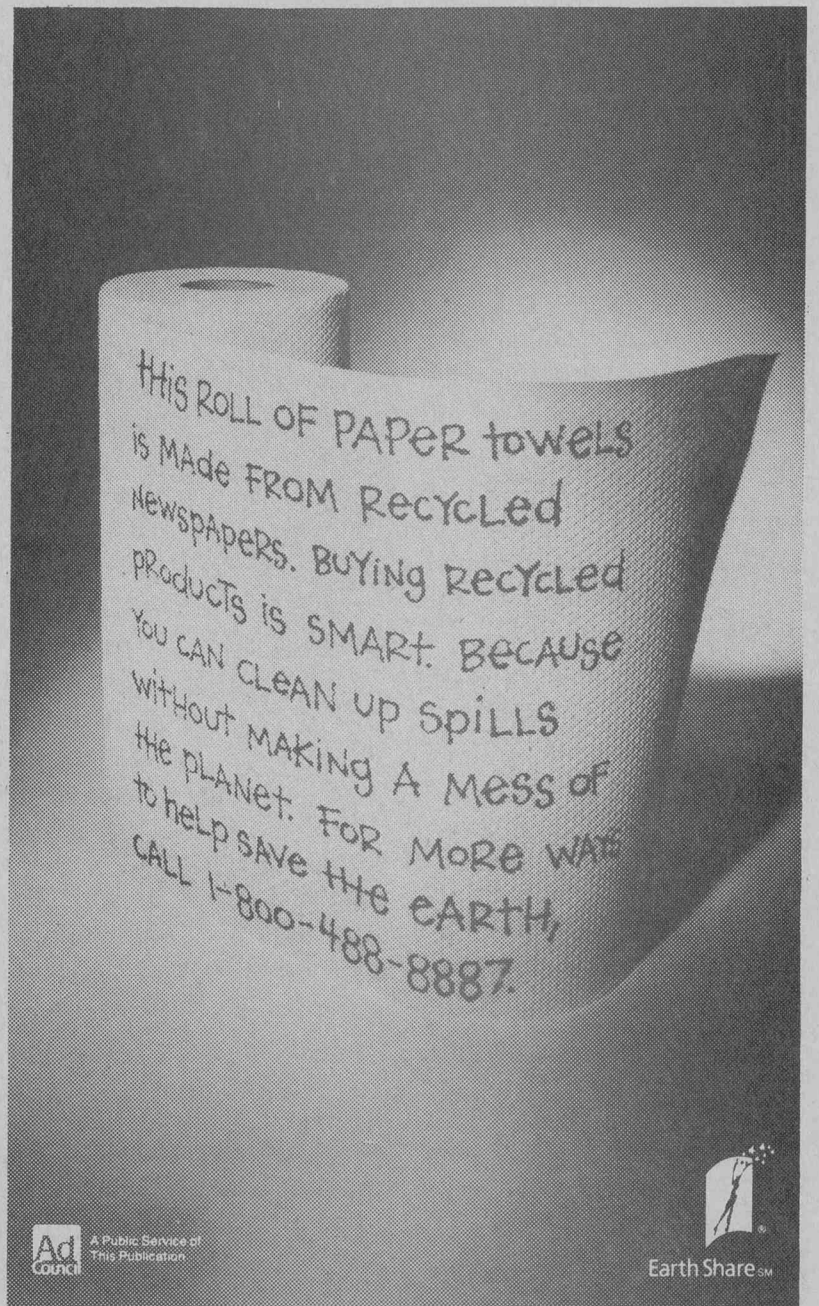


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**Son of martial arts great dies**

WILMINGTON(AP)- Film actor Brandon Lee's death followed a series of mishaps during production of an action-adventure movie he began filming here last month.

Lee, son of the late martial-arts movie legend Bruce Lee, died Wednesday after being struck in the abdomen by a projectile believed to have come from a prop gun on the set of "The Crow." He was 28.

Emergency personnel were trying to revive Lee when he arrived at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and he was in surgery for five hours, hospital spokeswoman Cathy Painter said.

He died when his heart stopped at 1:04 p.m., about 12 hours after he arrived at the hospital, Ms. Painter said.

An autopsy was conducted in Jacksonville today to determine the cause of Lee's death and its findings were scheduled to be released later in the day.

Police are considering it accidental but will investigate the possibility of foul play, Police Chief Robert Wadman told the Morning Star of Wilmington.

"The Crow," is an action-adventure film based on an adult comic book of the same name. Lee played a rock star murdered by a gang who comes back to life with

supernatural powers to avenge his death and reunite with his fiancée.

Executive Producer Bob Rosen said the accident happened during filming of a flashback scene, which was not considered dangerous. "After doing incredibly difficult stunts on this movie, we were doing something incredibly simple," Rosen said.

When a blank is fired, a piece of soft wadding normally comes out of the gun, Rosen said. "I've never heard of anything like this before. I don't know how it got in there."

Other accidents have plagued the production since filming began Feb. 1. Worker Jim Martishius, 27, was shocked when a crane he was operation brushed power lines on the set. Martishius, who suffered burns on his face, chest and arms, is in fair condition at the University of North Carolina Hospitals burn center in Chapel Hill.

The April 2 issue of the magazine Entertainment Weekly described other problems during the eight weeks of production: a disgruntled employee drove a car through a studio shop; a construction worker injured his hand with a screwdriver; a storm damaged sets; and a publicist was injured in a minor car accident.

Dr. Warren W.

McMurry, the surgeon who operated on Lee, said his intestinal and vascular injuries were consistent with a bullet wound. The entry wound was about the size of a silver dollar and the injury extended in a straight line to the spine, McMurry said. X-rays showed a metallic object lodged against the spine, but it was not retrieved during surgery, he said.

"I was doing all I could to repair the injury and get his off the table," McMurry said.

Witnesses told police that during the filming of the scene, Lee walked through the door and another actor fired a shot at him from approximately 15 feet. Lee was carrying a bag of groceries which contained a small explosive charged used to simulate gunfire.

McMurry said he saw no signs of injuries that might have been associated with an explosion. Wadman declined to release the name of the person who fired the gun until the investigation is complete.

Lee's father died in 1973 at the age of 32. Though the cause of death was listed as a brain edema, or swelling, the coroner described it as "death by misadventure" and rumors circulated that drugs or other factors were involved.

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# OPINION

## Commentary: Stand up for your rights

by Martin Anderson  
Guest Columnist

Today's university students seem to be a forbearing, forgiving lot. Subject to callous exploitation and victims of one of the biggest rip-offs in America, they are remarkably silent. And perhaps for good reason, for if they speak out and protest, they are all too vulnerable to retaliation from faculty and administrators.

The victims of the rip-off are the undergraduates, especially freshmen and sophomores, the ones who are often taught and graded by other students—teaching assistants as they are euphemistically called. In a variation of the old bait-and-switch game, the universities entice potential students and their parents with tales or exceptional teaching by erudite and sometimes world-renowned professors. But when the checks are written for \$5,000, \$10,000, or sometimes over \$20,000 for

a year's education, and the students are safely enrolled, the reality they find in the classroom is not exactly what the catalog describes.

These hopeful, expectant young men and women all too often find not a professor standing in front of them but a graduate student (sometimes an undergraduate student). While these pseudo-professors rarely lecture in the large halls, they often lead the smaller class discussions where the real teaching should occur. They grade examinations and courses; they even counsel students about some of the most important choices in their lives. Is this a university education? Is this what students and parents pay tens of thousands of dollars for? Is this why students studied so hard—to be taught and counseled and graded by men and women who have not yet earned their degrees, who are not yet qualified enough to be hired by the university as a professor?

The consequences are serious. Undergraduates are cheated of the quality education they have bought and paid for. Grades lose much of their meaning, for no one cares very much for one student's view of another, and this may be one factor in the rampant grade inflation that makes a mockery of everyone's grades. The bottom line is a cheapened educational experience. As long as few people catch on to the fact that university students are taught and graded to a significant extent by other students, and that high grades are commonplace, the value of the degree will hold up. But as the word spreads, and it will, the value of many college and university degrees will become more and more suspect.

Perhaps the worst news is that it now takes the typical undergraduate close to six years to earn this quasi-bogus degree. The four-year

bachelor's degree has become a relic of the past, largely due to the unavailability of courses when needed and inept counseling and guidance.

Graduate students may not be cheated, but they are exploited ruthlessly. Many of them are coerced into either teaching or performing research tasks for their professors. Approximately 44 percent of all financial aid to graduate students comes in the form of "teaching assistantships," an additional 38 percent is available for "research assistantships." When economic coercion fails, an increasing number of universities resort to making a certain number of semesters or quarters of teaching a requirement for the doctoral degree. The problem with all this is that teaching, even badly done, takes much preparation and time, and the time a graduate student spends teaching a professor's classes or doing a professor's research is time stolen from

the pursuit of the Ph.D.

The results are predictable, tragic, and little spoken of. The normal, accepted time to earn the Ph.D. is three to four years. Today, after one has received the bachelors degree, the median time it takes to earn a doctoral degree is 10.5 years. For women the time is 12.5 years. For African-Americans it is 14.9 years. The typical student is middle-aged before completion of the requirements for the doctoral degree.

In one sense, these statistics are the good news. Half the men and women who struggle through the Ph.D. gauntlet take longer and some of them are old when they finally receive their degree. It gets worse. We worry about the fact that the dropout rate today for our doctoral degree candidates, many of the brightest young men and women in this country, is 50 percent, with most of them dropping out after spending five, six, seven, or more years

in pursuit of the Ph.D.

There is a way to stop the cheating of undergraduates and the exploitation of graduate students: simply prohibit the use of students as professors. "Impossible," the universities will say, "we couldn't afford it, and besides, the graduate students need teaching practice for the day when they become professors."

But the universities could afford it, by providing the same level of financial aid to graduate students, with no strings attached, if only they required their professors to teach more than a few hours a week.

Do medical students practice surgery? Do law students practice in court with real clients?

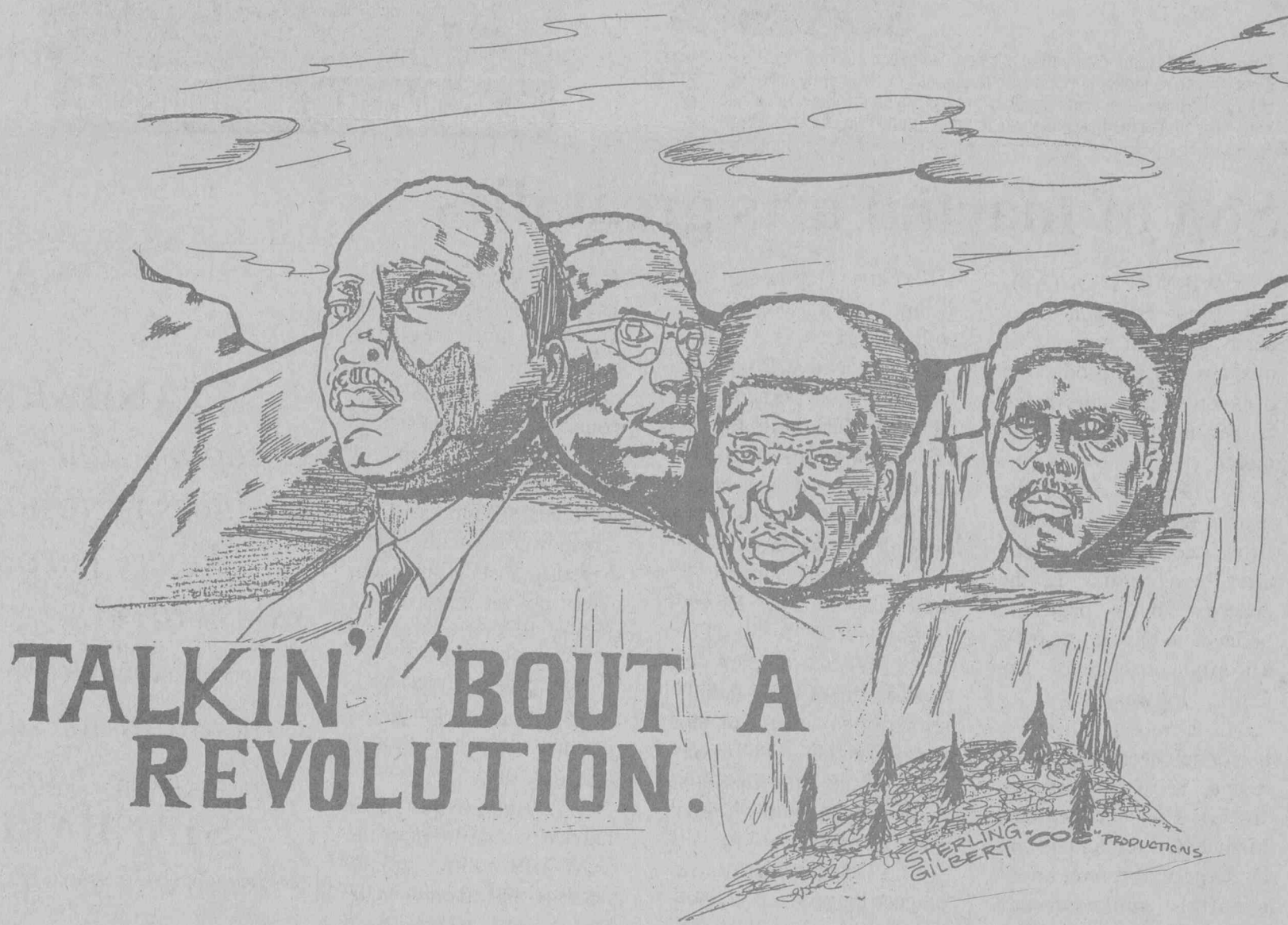
Some politicians have called for putting God back in the classroom. Think how much we could accomplish if we just put the professors back in the classroom.

From those on the other side.....

### ROOTS RISING

Days to come, soon to be  
A common Unity of Life, truly  
Inside the Seal the secret hides  
Within our Hearts the Truth resides  
What we say is not the way  
If what we do does not display  
Eyes don't lie unless we're blind  
Eyes reveal the use of Time  
You, me can see what is, and what needs to be  
The people ask; which way? Which way?  
The Sun still shines on gloomy days  
Your Life of death creates a MAZE  
Of Down and out, Up and in  
Only to return and start again  
Roots Rising, Sun shining  
Still dark within  
You see the Roots feed the tree  
and Trees produce the Fruit  
Divinity in you and me  
is worth the Life Pursuit  
Obstacles turned Stepping stones  
Highlight our cluttered path  
The Birth of life, the gift of life, an everlasting  
Bath  
To cleanse and wash, and purge, and purify  
To learn of Life after we Die  
The Roots will Rise.....

PEACE.....ERIC SHORT



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Students, do you understand the meaning of progress? You obviously don't, because unity is a characteristically fundamental foundation of progress—a characteristic currently unexemplified by you. A more drastic and genuine effort is needed by us all to influence the improvement and

development of unsatisfactory and intolerable policies currently adapted at the University.

Take, for example, the students and teachers in Soweto, South Africa. They organized sit-ins and strikes to protest the deteriorating conditions of their educational system. "An injury to one is an injury to

all," said one member of the South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU). "They got arrested so we all got arrested."

This is the kind of unity, involvement and support we need from each other to enhance our progress. Unless we consolidate, tuitions will keep increasing, African-American studies

will never be mandatory and facilities will keep deteriorating. "They" are obviously relying on our seeming disenfranchisement. Wake up and exercise your power as a student body!

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