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Recently a problem developed in the Sociology Department when students walked out of a class refusing to take a scheduled examination. The rebuttal from this incident stirred quite a bit of controversy and The News Argus staff felt that the issue would benefit the student body.

The class, Contemporary Social Movements, had a scheduled test on February 25, but the majority of the class voted that the test be given the following Monday (assumingly because of the CIAA tournament). It was understood by the class that the test would cover the material assigned out of one book and three of these books were placed on reserve in the library on February 11. The problem reached its climax on Monday (February 28, the day of the exam) when the majority of the class walked out on the grounds that they did not have ample time nor the opportunity to read the assigned material.

However, this complaint on behalf of the students was not supported by the records obtained from the library. The records clearly showed the heaviest request for the books came two days prior to the examination. The records further revealed there were days when the books were not used at all. As a result of these facts the head of the Sociology Department passed down the decision that a make-up examination for those students who walked out on the original exam was not in order and therefore would not be given.

This problem could have been easily avoided if the students had assumed their responsibility as college students. It seems ironic first of all that the students would request that an examination be delayed on the grounds of a basketball tournament. There are things known as priorities and how well you establish these priorities will many times determine your success in any venture.

Some of the students who walked out stated they had read the assigned material but their classmates had not, and therefore they walked out in support of these classmates. The students who remained and took the test were later labeled "oreos." This act of immaturity was over played. In challenging a true friendship it is vital that an individual respect the goals of the friend in question. There seems to be very little genuine concern in any individual who would request that a friend jeopardize his academic standing because of his negligence. A true friend would have stood firm on his actions by confirming the fact that he or she simply didn't read and as a result would suffer the consequences.

It seems ridiculous that the students who took the exam would have to undergo such immature responses. As college students you have a contract to abide by. You owe it to yourselves and to those responsible for your being here to acquire the best education available. When you disregard this contract, it seems absurd that you would request your fellow Black Sisters and Brothers to do the same thing. The role of a college student is not one where you try to "beat the system" by going every easy route possible. It is your obligation to accept the challenge of a good education.

As students we should keep in mind our reason for being here. If you have in your mind that this will simply be four years of partying, going to CIAA tournaments (etc.), then Brothers you have the wrong conception of an education. Sure you can have a good time here but as previously stated, the establishment of priorities is vital.

In the future, Black people, let us keep in mind our purpose for coming to Winston-Salem State University and problems such as the one which developed in the Sociology Department can be avoided. Keep in mind the fact that a good education is a demanding thing.

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## NIXON: Sheer Politics

By Terry Howard  
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President Nixon's televised speech on Thursday, March 16, confirms my argument and the argument of many, that he is indeed the greatest politician in recent history. Nixon, as do all successful politicians, possesses certain uncanny abilities which make him so successful.

In order for an individual to be successful in the "dog eat dog" world of politics, he must be able to properly synthesize situations and human motives, and by this, determine what and what not to say at given times. This same principle must be applied to the politician's movements among human beings both on the national and international fronts as well. Not only must he know "when," to move, but also "where" to move. So in the final analysis a successful politician knows how to "time" himself in such a way that positive results will always prevail. This, Nixon has done very, very well.

For many months American people concerned by the confusion created by busing to achieve racial integration, have demanded that Nixon take a stand on busing. Until Thursday, March 16, the President had mysteriously refused to do so. Why? Simply because any statement on the issue would have been ill-timed. His anti-busing statement on that Thursday Night assured his serving as president of the United States for the next four years. I shall attempt to explain my reasoning.

First, anti-war proponents in the past few years have demanded an immediate withdrawal from Viet Nam and Indo-China. As expected, Nixon refused to bend. At least right away. Instead, our president set up a somewhat successful "gradual withdrawal" plan which resulted in complacency for some and appeasement for many. As a result, the war in Indo-China is no longer a major public concern. It now ranks among everyday minor concerns: pollution, racial strife, poverty, etc.

Nixon began making preparation for his return to office by carefully timing himself and his actions early during "Election Year '72". His trip to China a few

weeks ago appealed to many Americans concerned about the threat of Communism and world war. National coverage of his shaking hands with Chou and Mao assured many people that "things will be O.K." in the future. There will be no Communist invasions, world wars and other "horrid" things to come in the near future. Good. Smart move Nixon.

The Florida presidential primary moved our Chief Executive even closer to a return to the White House. Quoting Ed Muskie, "The demagogue" of the South, George Wallace, exercised his political muscles with an impressive victory in Florida. His victorious slogan was, incidentally, basically that concerning anti-busing. A few days later, on March 16, 1972 to be exact, Nixon appeared on national television and announced that he was against busing to achieve integration and would exercise his power to put a halt to it. As a result, white faces throughout the nation lit up. White faces which make up the major part of this country's populace and voting power. Smart move Nixon.

Not many people realize the implications of Wallace's victory in Florida, especially where Nixon is concerned. Wallace's chances of being nominated as Democratic candidate at the July convention in Miami, are admittedly very unlikely. But the important thing is that his power and support will undoubtedly provide a successful bloc of other Democratic candidates. As divided as it now stands, the Democratic party at this point cannot possibly survive any successful bloc of candidates. This Nixon knows and has known. Smart move Nixon.

On May 22, 1972, Richard Milhouse Nixon will once again go abroad in the role as world peace maker. This time to the United Soviet Socialist Republic. Some call it Russia. So once again we will have the opportunity to watch our brave leader spread peace and tranquility throughout an "uncivilized world" on the road back to the White House. Meanwhile poverty persists. The war continues. Black people continue to fight for justice. And the buses keep rolling on.

## EDUCATION PROBLEM SPREADING

By Terry Howard  
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SGA president Terry Howard sees a resemblance between our position in the restructuring of Higher Education and the school merger situation in Grambling, La. As a result, he asked The News Argus to print the Grambling article along with Howard's own article.

Does anyone recall "Black Monday?" Yes, that was the day we, students of the state's five predominately Black State Universities, went to Raleigh to protest the state bill to restructure higher education. Our showing in Raleigh indicated our concern for the preservation of our schools as well as all problems facing Black people in America today.

Even though the bill was passed, our efforts showed people throughout the state and nation that Black college students can unite around issues which directly affect us.

Regarding the bill, this Student Government Association, and hopefully SGA's in years to come, will closely watch the state's implementation of the bill and will act on any facet of it that we feel is detrimental to us and our schools. Thus, if necessary, we must prepare ourselves for many "Black Mondays" in the future.

Recently member schools of the Southwestern Athletic Conference have made known to us and all Black schools their problems regarding possible mergers with predominately white schools. Schools like Texas Southern, Alcorn A&M,

Jackson State, etc. comprising the conference, have joined together in a manner analogous to our own here in North Carolina in an attempt to avoid such mergers. What they are appealing for is nationwide support in their efforts to save their schools.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference is faced with a very unusual problem: The NAACP, our "Leaders" are making efforts to bring potential mergers even closer to SAC schools. Thus, our brother and sister Black schools are not only faced with individual state Boards of Education threatening them but also our "Black leaders" in the NAACP.

In a recent letter to this office (SGA office), Brother Howell Humphrey, SGA President at Grambling College, asked for our support in an all out protest against the merger of the predominantly Black institutions with that of predominantly white institutions.

Their plan is simply to set a date during the month of March in which all students in Black colleges will not attend classes and to set up programs of interest that will deal with Black awareness and Black relevance. Personally, I would like to see all of us support such an effort. What better way is there to show our interest in ourselves and our brothers and sisters throughout the nation than to support such an effort? Announcement of the proposed protest date will be made known to all students upon receipt of the date from the SAC.

## Black Profile

Kwame Nkrumah was born in Nzima (Nkroful) in 1909. He was educated in Ghana and later taught school there prior to journeying to America. In 1935 Nkrumah came to the United States where he acquired two Masters degrees, one in philosophy and the other in Intermediate Education. Kwame Nkrumah was very concerned about the conditions of his homeland the Gold Coast, (known today as Ghana). When he returned home in 1942, Nkrumah began the struggle which ended on March 6, 1957, the day Ghana gained its independence from Great Britain. The fight for Ghana's independence was not an easy one especially for Nkrumah. He was constantly jailed and harassed by the British officials who were occupying his homeland. This intimidation however, simply increased Nkrumah's determination and support. When the first election was held in Ghana, although he was in jail (on a scapegoat charge), Nkrumah won the office in his district without even campaigning. The British officials then recognized that this man Kwame Nkrumah was indeed the spokesman for a "New Ghana."

Today Kwame Nkrumah is in political exile. In 1966 while he was out of the country a military coup overthrew his government. Some supporters of Nkrumah believe that this coup was foreign supported and planned. Others, however, contend that Nkrumah's outside activities (mainly the United African Federation) occupied too much of his time and as a result of this he began to neglect his home government.

There is however a sizeable number of Nkrumah supporters in Ghana and it will be interesting to see if Kwame Nkrumah can return to head the country of Ghana. If he is successful in regaining the reigns of power, then not only England but the entire world will recognize the fact that Kwame Nkrumah is indeed the voice of a "New Ghana."

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## RECENT SCHOOL MERGER BIT BY GRAMBLING SGA

World Ruston Bureau

GRAMBLING — Saying that blacks will "turn this country out with any means possible to save and expand our culture as a Blackman in the United States of America," the Grambling Student Government Association Wednesday issued a statement critical of a recent merger of a black school with one predominately white, and, at the same time, vowed to oppose "any person or organization" attempting other such mergers.

The statement, signed by Grambling SGA President Howell T. Humphrey and Business Manager Calvin W. Allen Jr., offered sharp criticism of "so-called integration policies", and what it has done "to our grammar and high schools".

"It has fired teachers and administration members and turned those left into janitors and assistant to non-functional positions.

"Now with the problem of starting a merger of a Sister Black school, namely Arkansas AM & N, which is being directly assailed in every part of this non-abolitionist social system, we declare that we are strongly against any and all types of mergers," the statement read.

Describing mergers as the "most implicit problem that the predominantly black schools have today," the release resolved that mergers were "totally harsh, selfish, and have strong tones of a reinvocation of slavery."

Allen said that Grambling had combined with the SGA's of Texas Southern, Southern, Mississippi Valley, Alcorn A & M, Jackson State, Arkansas AM&N and Prairie View - all except the Arkansas school being members of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) - to oppose mergers with white institutions.