



JOE JOHNSON

STUDENT QUESTIONS GRE

By MICKEY FLOWERS

You don't often hear about a student challenging the legality of a test, especially a test taken nationally and required by approximately 85% of all graduate schools. However, this is what Joseph Johnson, a senior political science and history major from Dunnellon, Fla., is planning to do.

Joe is challenging the fact that the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is presently mandatory for seniors intending to graduate from WSSU and this requirement is not a state-wide policy used by other state institutions. The GRE is an overall exam in each major comprised of material studied during the four years of work in that major.

There is no top score a student taking

the exam can make because the GRE is a comparative test. Scores are compared only with the scores of students who took the test on the same day across the nation. Students in non-teaching programs at WSSU must take both parts, the Aptitude GRE and the Advanced Test of the GRE. Students in teaching programs must take only the aptitude part of the examination.

The fact that students with a double major must take the Advanced Test in both majors plus the Aptitude GRE got Joe started on his investigation of the legality of the test in the manner WSSU uses it. Joe said that after he had taken the Advanced Test in political science he "started to question the true basis for the test."

He went to Dr. Lafayette Parker, the Academic Dean, and asked why the GRE was required before graduation. Dr. Parker informed Joe that the accreditation agency of which WSSU is a member insists that the university have some type of outside means to compare State's graduates with graduates of other schools and the GRE is the means of comparison.

Joe became interested in why this particular policy is peculiar to Winston-Salem State. So, Joe consulted Dean Pasco Bowman, Dean of the School of Law at Wake Forest University and Dr. Ronald Sealey, a visiting lecturer who is in the department of education at Southern Illinois University and also the school's consultant for student rights.

He also went to the Legal Aid Society who, he said, was eager to take the case. Everyone advised Joe that the school was taking away an individual's property (his degree) without due process of the law. The court's only problem would be in classifying degrees as property.

Other than that, Joe said it wouldn't be difficult to prove that the school is making students comply with a rule that is the school's total responsibility. "If the school must use the students for its purposes," Joe said, "it should seek another means of accreditation."

Joe has decided not to take the GRE again although it means giving up his degree in history. Joe must drop history as his second major, although he has completed the necessary semester hours, and add it as his minor. Joe is planning to attend law school and does not need this second test to enter.

If Joe decided to take the case to court, he could sue WSSU and the State of North Carolina.

Joe does not want to go to court because he feels that "WSSU has really done a lot" for him. Instead Joe is in the process of writing up all of his findings in a proposal which he will present to the Administrative Counsel. The proposal will "reveal the vulnerability" of WSSU in a lawsuit concerning the legality of the GRE.

In addition, Joe plans to put a copy of the proposal in the archives just in case some student in the future decides to take the case to court.



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McGill Scholarship Fund

Journalism Scholarships Are Available

ATLANTA, GA. — Aspiring young Southern newspapermen and women in need of financial assistance to attend the last two years of college have until May 1 to apply for Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund grants for the 1973-74 academic year.

The Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund was created to honor the late Ralph Emerson McGill, publisher of The Atlanta Constitution.

The Fund's advisory committee has stipulated that grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$1,500 for a full academic year of college for each re-

ipient. Awards will be based on journalistic interest and aptitude, plus need.

Jack W. Tarver, president of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution and chairman of the Fund's advisory committee, said the group agreed that the amount of each grant would be based on the individual's own financial requirements.

Grants are available to qualified young men and women whose roots lie in the fourteen Southern states. Tarver said the Advisory Committee also will act as the selection committee. He said applicants must show an "abiding interest" and aptitude for newspaper writing and editing

and successful applicants must convince the committee that they are determined to make a career of newspapering.

Other members of the committee are: Herbert Davidson, editor and publisher of The Daytona Beach News-Journal; John Popham, managing editor of The Chattanooga Times; Sylvia Meyer, editor of The Miami News; and William H. Fields, vice president and executive editor of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Ralph McGill Scholarship Fund, Box 4689, Atlanta, Georgia 30302.

Ms. Tucker Is Guest Speaker For Honors Day Program

Ms. C. DeLores Tucker will be guest speaker for the annual Honors Day Program at 10:00 a.m., April 4, in the gymnasium.

Ms. Tucker is Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the highest ranking black woman in state government in the country. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee, National Women's Political Caucus; Vice-Chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, and served on the 15-member Arrangements Committee for the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

A graduate of the Philadelphia School for Girls, Ms. Tucker studied business administration at Temple University, attended the University of Pennsylvania, and holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Villa Maria College. Before becoming Secretary of State, she was president of C. DeLores Tucker Associates, a Philadelphia public relations firm,

and served as a member and secretary of the Philadelphia Zoning Board of Adjustment.

In addition to numerous awards and positions held in her home state, Ms. Tucker has received the Afro-American Woman of the Year Award and the Best Dressed Woman of the Year Award by Ebony magazine.

Honors Day is designed to recognize those students who have made outstanding academic achievements at W-S State. Fifteen students will be honored for having the highest averages in their departments while a great deal more will be recognized for having a 3.0 or better cumulative averages.



MS. C. DELORES TUCKER

NEXT DEADLINE:

APRIL 10

SICKLE CELL TESTS

Given Every Thursday

9:00-11:00

WSSU Infirmary

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Be tested!