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if I don't, it's all right," said Sinclair. "Some schools aren't as fortunate as NCCU."

Bishops offers some specifics. "I'm happy to be here. It's a nice environment. I think I can get a degree here at this school. And at the time, I'm just comfortable to be playing at a black school."

Bishop and Sinclair will go all out in the CIAA tournament beginning Thursday, they say. They want their friends to know, as Bishop says, that they are "happy to be here."

And they haven't given up on the NBA. It isn't unknown, as even the Herald reporter pointed out, for CIAA players to sign with the pros.

Morris listed Earl Monroe, Bob Dandridge, Ricky Mahorn, and Carlos Terry as CIAA graduates who played pro basketball. NCCU alone can add four to the list, starting with Hunter.

Sam Jones, of course, was one of the all-time greats for the Boston Celtics. Other pro players from NCCU were Lee Davis in New Orleans and Ted Manning in Detroit.

The Harlem Globetrotters too have liked the looks of NCCU players. The history of the Globetrotters, who may still be the single best known pro team in the world, includes such players as Charles "Tex" Harrison, Harry "Trees" Taylor, Milton "Little Buck" Buckner, and Robert Little, all from NCCU.

Football has drawn more NCCU players to the pro ranks: John Baker, "Bobo" Hinton, Ernie Barnes, Douglas Wilkerson, and Atlanta's Reggie Smith may be the best known of the 43 NCCU athletes who have held pro contracts.

NCCU is more inclined to point to other achievements, achievements that make Bishop's comments about his degree more relevant.

"In addition to athletes who have played professionally," said University Director of Public Relations Alex Rivera, "many former Central athletes have distinguished themselves in the broad spectrum of endeavors."

"Clarence Lightner became the first black mayor of Raleigh and later became a State Senator. H. M. Michaux, Jr., was elected to several terms in the NC House of Representatives and appointed U. S. Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina.

"Lee Calhoun, U. S. Olympic title holder in back-to-back Olympics, was head track coach at Yale University and is now head coach at Western Illinois University. Ed Roberts is track coach at Temple University.

"Dr. Roy Moore is head of the physical education program at North Carolina A & T State University.

"Other former Central athletes who have distinguished themselves outside sports include Louis T. Randolph, member of the UNC Board of Governors; Dr. Samuel B. Whitefield of the Howard University School of Medicine; Ernie Barnes, nationally famous artist; Dr. Charles Cobb, theologian; and Charles Barrett, principal of Pasadena High School (California).

"Here in this area, outstanding citizens who formerly played at NCCU include Willie Bradshaw, athletic director of the Durham City Schools; "Bumps" Elliott, coach at Durham High School; Leonidas Williams, coach at Hillside

High School; John Baker, Sheriff of Wake County, and Dr. Joseph Battle, Duke University professor."



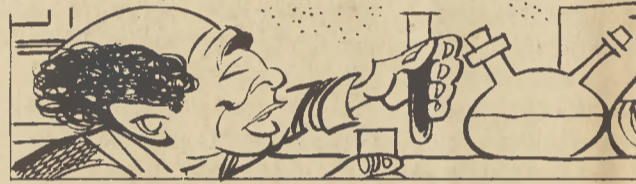
**Role Model**

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process should they disassociate themselves from the "if syndrome" that seems to roost deep within the mind acting as a negative reinforcer when challenging or reaching out is involved. "If" is a small two lettered word with tremendous implications that spurs indecision and have defeated many before they have started. Yes, Afro-Americans fell into this category, but black history proves that more Afro-Americans than not, refused to succumb and allow this uncertain word to become a mental block deterring them from seeking the goals they aspired. Instead of letting "if" dictate the Afro-American youth way of thinking, let Black History Month serve as a precedent that turns the indefinite and indecisive "if" into a constructive conducive confidence builder which in turn pushes young Afro-Americans on to height that are unlimited.

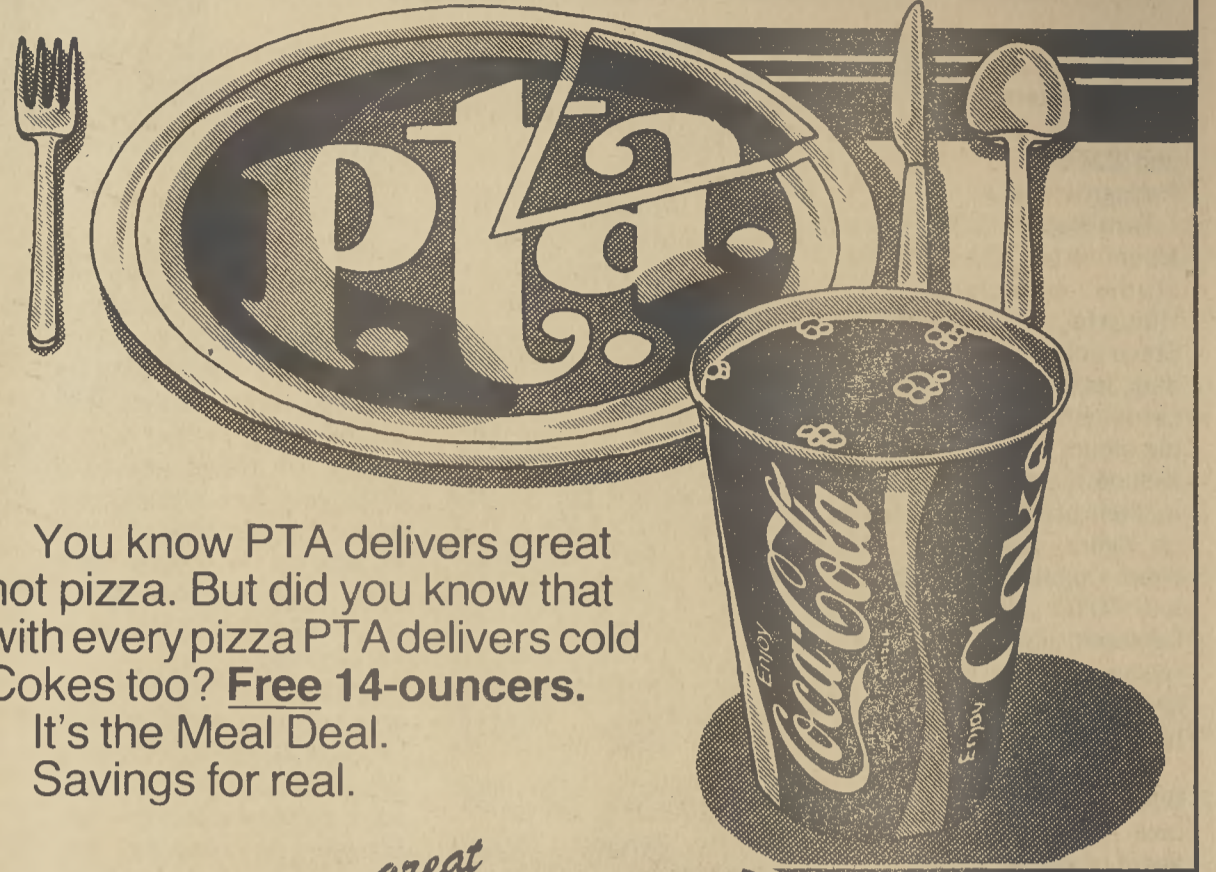
The celebration of black history month is slowly beginning to receive the attention it has justifiably deserved since its conception. The reasons why it has taken so long are questions and answers concerning the past, present, and future plight of the Afro-American youth are now just being touched upon. Positive responses from these questions are enlightening and causing increased interest among the Afro-American youth. This enlightening and interest along with the initiative to break from the mold of conformity keeps the Afro-American youth heading in a productive direction. Through the years success has been the distinguishing factor that has aided Afro-Americans in attaining their lofty goals. The future leaders will need to resort back to this ideology in order to further enhance the successfulness of Afro-Americans. Black History Month serves as the role model for youth by identification, awareness, and education about Afro-Americans by Afro-Americans. These three concepts should awaken a sleeping ethnic group with unlimited potential to the fact that accepting "no" is no longer admissible. Instead the "no" must be used as a catalyst by the Afro-American youth to signify change, for "no" now represents a new optimistic beginning rather than an old pessimistic ending.

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Percy Julian, a Black chemist, in 1935 developed physostigmine, a drug for treatment of glaucoma.

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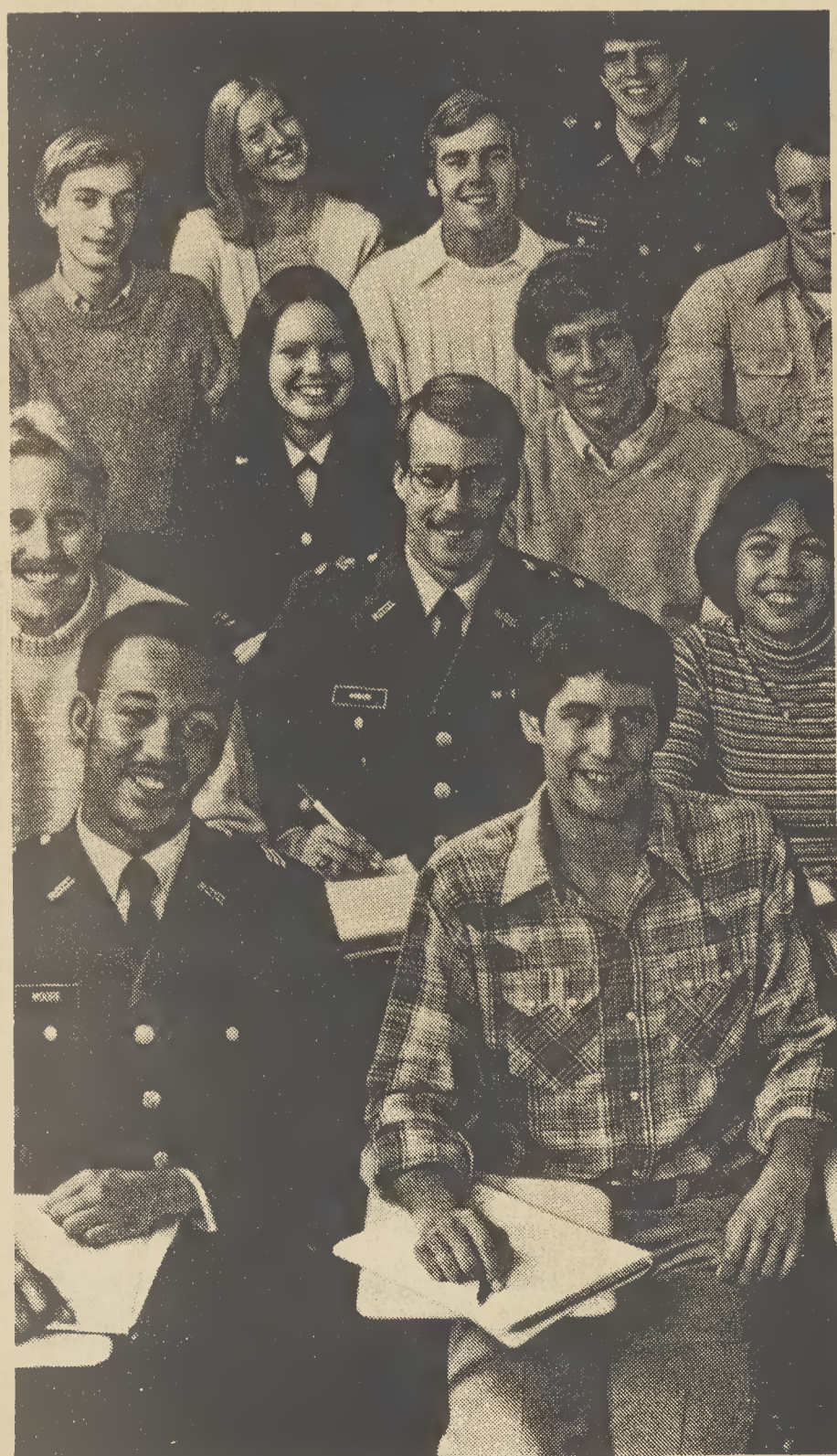
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