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This is the dining room of the North Carolina College for Negros, now North Carolina Central University, in 1926.

Award winning writer Gloree Rodgers speaks

By Evelyn Gatling

The award winning recipient of the Carolina Wren-Obsidean II Minority Book Contest for North Carolina, author and writer, Gloree Rogers of Durham, gave tips to faculty and students on writing techniques and publication on January 25

during a program sponsored by the English club.

"A serious writer will keep in touch with everything that's going on," she said. She advised students interested in writing to get their articles in print "because if your articles are printed, this will let you know that society is giving you positive feedback," she said. Rogers also stressed that to become a good writer, one must write. "A serious writer lives the writing life and is efficient with time," she said.

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What a GAME!

Long time rivals NCCU Eagles and A&T Aggies battle it out during fiery uproar at basketball game in Greensboro

Terri Rowland Staff writer

With 8:04 remaining, the traditonal basketball game between North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T was suspended due to a 15 minute riot involving fans and players. A&T was leading the 60 year basketball series aganist the NCAA Division II Champions 39-38 before fights broke out in the stands and as a gym packed with 7,500 fans witnesed the riot that began on the floor.

The riot started when players from both teams participated in a shoving match after a foul was committed. The riot was the worst brawl in the two schools' history and hasn't been as intense since Feb. 4, 1967 at McDougald Gymnesium

Several people were injured due to the riot, and many were taken to

the hospital. Security officers, fans from both schools and a member of A&T's pep band were taken to the hospital after the brawl and released early Friday mornig. Many were injured because of self-defense reactions; Victor Talor, a freshman from Charlotte, N.C. was "jumped" by 8-12 A&T fans as he was trying to help break up the riot. "I had on a NCCU sweatshirt and they riped it off my body, I then had to defend myself." Talor's hospital diagnosis was: a ruptured spleen, pinched nerves in his back, and a slight con-

Head coach Michael Bernard conteneds that he likes getting national publicity but not in a negative way, "It was an ugly sight and nothing to be proud of. I think it was disgusting."

Speaker Helen Edmonds urges students to keep King's dream alive

By Kimberly Thornton and Laureece Woodson Staff writers

"I shudder to think what Dr. King would have thought about us, now that we have come to a decade where greed has overcome America" said Dr. Helen Grey Edmonds, Chairman Emeritus of History at NCCU, and keynote speaker at the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday celebration held in the B.N. Duke auditorium Monday, January 15, 1990. Senior Melvin Parker began the processional with a powerful ren-

dition of Dr. King's famous speech I Have A Dream. Following Mr. Parker, Chancellor Tyronza Richmond, as well as over 100 school officials, organizational, and class representatives participated in the candlelight processional. The music was provided by Miss Rosetta Breeze andthe group L.I.F.E. Ron Brinson, a senior and business manager of SGA, read the proclamation from Mayor Chester Jenkins, declaring January 15 Martin Luther King Day in the city of Durham.

Dr. Helen Grey Edmonds speech was "Not By Choice But By Destiny Are You Keeper's of King's Dream." She felt she was no stranger to the subject, since she had met Dr. King on three different occasions.

"In the course of your stay here at North Carolina Central University," said Dr. Edmonds, "You've got to be prepared educationally, artistically, morally and in a literary way (to be keepers of King's dream)".

"To prepare you for keeping King's Dream, if I were a college President, I would es-

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Students receive bills for long -distance calls

By Laureece Woodson Staff writer

Students in Baynes and Eagleson dormitories were surprised this month to find long-distance phone bills in their mail for calls made to Chapel Hill and Raleigh in August and September.

In December, dormitory residents found they could no longer forward calls or receive the call-waiting signal.

All the cutbacks in the new inroom phone service are due to limitations in the university's contract with GTE, according to Shirley Green, director of Residence Operations.

The contract between the university and the phone company includes a block on long-distance calls, including Raleigh and Chapel Hill, Ms. Green said.

At first, dorm residents were able to place calls to these cities; however, GTE considers the calls long-distance. Therefore, persons who made those calls are now receiving a GTE bill. The cities have been included in the long-distance block-out since September.

Call waiting and call forward-

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