

WHAT'S IN A NAME

by Sandra Hill

During the late 60's an atmosphere of Black awareness and pride caused a tremendous decline in the use of the words 'colored', 'nigger', and also Negro.

The same atmosphere stimulated the use of "Afro-American", and "Black American". And even the white man and elderly blacks, those most accustomed to using the other terms, were pushed on the band wagon and compelled to drop the old racial adjectives.

With the rise of the new terms came slogans of 'Black is Beautiful', soul power, right on -- all shouted by brothers and sisters wearing afros, dressed in dashikis, and giving the power sign.

Then came the 70's. The slogans are still here, but where is the awareness and pride that first compelled us to stop saying 'colored', 'nigger', or Negro? Where is the awareness and pride that told us that we as a people could make our own decision as to what we were called? What happened to the mental revolution that allowed us to see ourselves with dignity and strength, and do away with the slave mentality that answered to Tom when our names were Lawrence, the mentality that says "I'll do and be what you want me to, huh"?

Where did blackness go, I wonder as I hear the old phrases coming back: "This colored lady that cleans up for me" or "That's the way niggers are". Where did blackness go, I wonder as whites dare

again to describe my people as colored, and as my own people, young and old, resort to describing each other as colored or nigger. If he's a nigger or colored, what does that make you?

Perhaps what disturbs me most is that when I was younger and the "revolution" was taking place, there appeared to be a real sense of unity among blacks. We had been called colored because we were not white, Negro because we were not Caucasian, and nigger, just because the white man desired to do so. The awareness movement in the late 60's presented us with a chance to be called something on the basis of what we were rather than what we were not.

Thus, we began calling ourselves Afro-Americans because we were African

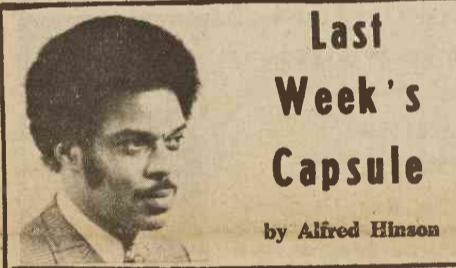
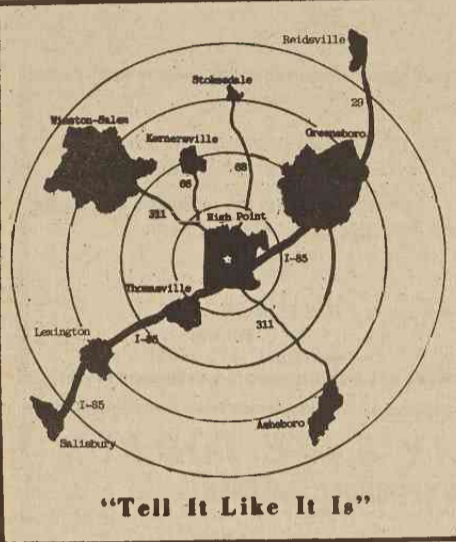
first and American second; and this allowed us to reclaim our heritage. We called ourselves Black Americans thus emphasizing the similarities of our people unlike colored which itself suggests numerous possibilities. Whether high yellow or the darkest tan, we all joined together and became Blacks. A giant step toward unity was made as we realized that whether we were of the lightest or the darkest of our race, we were all alike in the eyes of the white man.

But then I guess what really disturbs me is those words of a Spanish philosopher that says something about he who forgets his past may be forced to repeat it.

Bluntly put, that means if we let down our guard against oppression, and

inequality, if we don't watch constantly for signs of these, we may lose completely our recently gained rights. It's just like remembering the symptoms of a disease, so if you see the symptoms, you can diagnose the disease, and begin to do something to prevent it from spreading.

What does all this have to do with saying colored or nigger or Negro. What's in a name you say? Well, it's also a common belief among psychologists that the way a majority of people see a person is the way he sees himself. So we really can't afford to create a whole bunch of niggers and colored people, if we want to progress. Those are creatures from the past, and the last thing we want to do is go backwards. Remember how bad the past was, and I'm sure you'll agree.



Last Week's Capsule

by Alfred Hinson

NATIONAL

On last Thursday the Senate approved a bill that would provide loans up to \$300 per month for as long as three years as a means to protect the mortgages of jobless homeowners. The House had proposed a similar bill but had limited the loans to \$250 per month. It is felt that the proposed bill could help as many as 300,000 or more families from losing their homes.

It is speculated that President Ford will veto the bill in its present form.

President Ford recently asked Congress to extend the federal revenue sharing program for six years and to transfer \$40 billion to state and local governments during that period. He also urged state legislative leaders to express their support of the program to the Congress.

Though Ford calls the present revenue sharing program a success, he has suggested the following changes in its implementation: (1) Citizens should be given a chance to make an input into how the funds will be spent. (2) Provide a means whereby greater amounts can be granted to hardpressed jurisdictions. (3) Have the Treasury secretary to cut off funds and demand repayment of funds spent on programs found to be discriminatory.

STATE

A few weeks ago, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram ordered credit insurance companies to reduce their rates from \$1 per \$100 to 54 cents per \$100. The credit insurance is paid by the consumer to ensure repayment of the loan should the borrower dies. According to Ingram, very little of this premium money is used to settle claims and banks are usually the ones collecting the profits.

The reduction in credit insurance rates will now be delayed past the June 2 starting date. The credit insurance industry appealed Ingram's decision and Wake Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey ordered to halt to the rate reduction.

Trooper Charles H. Johnson of Winston-Salem was fired from the State Highway Patrol last year because he refused to shave off his mustache. A ruling by the 4th federal Circuit Court of Appeals over-ruled a decision made by a three man patrol committee which has now resulted in the reinstatement of Johnson.

Col. E.W. Jones, patrol commander, stated that he was informed by the attorney general's office that if Trooper Johnson were not reinstated each of them would be personally accountable for their actions.

North Carolina Republican party chairman Tom Bennett called for a break between the state and national organization at a fund raising dinner in Forest City on Saturday. It was stated that President Ford was

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220 Students Honored At Livingstone College

SALISBURY - Two hundred and twenty students were honored recently at an Honors Day Convocation at Livingstone College.

The student receiving the highest honors was a senior, Miss Emma Louise Lilly, a distinguished S.E. Duncan scholar and business administration major. Miss Lilly has a cumulative average of 3.24 on the 4.00 scale. A native of Albemarle, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Lilly of Route 2.

Receiving highest honors from Salisbury were Miss Margaret Ellis Caple, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Caple of 414 Wilson Road; and Miss Jylla Dean Moore, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Moore of 1416 West Horah Street.

Others were juniors

Gerald Lee Burton, Baltimore, Md.; William Cornelius Scales, Winston-Salem; and Calemex Carl Walker, Syracuse, N.Y.

Sophomores were Miss Joyce Ann Ingram, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and Kelfala M. Kallon, Kenema, Sierra Leone.

Seniors receiving high honors were Miss Denise Martella Blackwell, Chicago, Ill.; Benny Joe Patterson, Lenoir; and Miss Mary Lou Williams, Pine Level.

Juniors were Miss Genie Arvesta McDonald, Fayetteville; Arthur Henry Sass, Charleston, S.C.; and Miss Lela Thompson, Asheville.

Sophomores were Miss Karin Alexander, Groveport, Ohio; Stan Bain, Fayetteville; Clifford Barnette, Rockville, Md.; Leon

Hence, Tappahannock, Va.; Larry Logan, High Point; James Edward McJunkin, Cleveland, Ohio; James E. Walls, Arlington, Va.; and Sheryl White, Jamaica, N.Y.

Salisbury seniors receiving honors were Louis Chambers and Miss Linda Cheryl McEachern.

Twenty-five students received scholastic awards, 11 received drama awards, and 8 athletes were recognized. Twenty-one students received certificates for having been named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Mrs. Emily H. Harper, registrar and director of admissions, introduced the honorees. Dr. Betty J. Verbal, acting academic dean, presented the awards.

The convocation speaker was Mr. Samuel E. (Ida) Continued on Page 2



SALISBURY -- HONORS DAY CONVOCATION was held recently at Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C. Mrs. Samuel E. (Ida) Duncan (right) featured speaker at the occasion is pictured presenting trophy to Miss Margaret Ellis Caple, who was cited as

one of two Salisbury juniors having the highest cumulative average. Center is Emily H. Harper, registrar and director of admissions at the AME Zion Church supported institution. [L.C. Photo by Kelsey]

Scholarships Awarded To WSSU Students

WINSTON-SALEM - William McCarty Ardrey, a senior and David Lee Gaston, Jr., a junior at Winston-Salem State University have been awarded a Board of Governor's Medical Scholarship for the academic year 1976-76. The scholarship program represents an effort by the Board

of Governors of the University of North Carolina to expand medical educational opportunities in North Carolina. The scholarships are subject to review and renewal throughout the recipients' four years of undergraduate medical study. There are only fifteen initial

scholarships awarded annually. Both Ardrey and Gaston are enrolled in Project Strengthen at WSSU. Ardrey, an R.J. Reynolds Scholar, has been a summer research student with the Atomic Energy Commission at Oakridge, Tennessee and is currently

listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He has been awarded a scholarship for doctoral study in microbiology at Ohio State University and has been admitted to Meharry Medical School. He plans to enter UNC-Chapel Hill in the Fall.

Ardrey, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, graduated with honors from Olympic High School. He is the son of Mrs. Louise Ardrey of 3100 Ross avenue in Charlotte.

Gaston, an academically talented biology major, has attended the Biomedical Summer Research Project at Meharry Medical Col-

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Plans Announced At WSSU For May 11 Commencement

WINSTON-SALEM -- Winston-Salem State University will hold its 83rd Annual Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 11 at 3:00 P.M. in the Benton Convention Center. To date there are approximately 350 degree candidates.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Frank T. Bannister, Director of Personnel, Paterson Public School System, Paterson, New Jersey. Bannister is also Sports Director for the National Black Network.

Frank T. Bannister, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, received his M.A. degree in Administration

and Supervision from the William Paterson College, Wayne, New Jersey and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts. His dissertation was "Student Teaching in Urban Schools".

Bannister's achievements encompass both the area of academics and the athletic arena. He has served as a lecturer in the Louisville, Kentucky Public School System and as a staff member with the Urban Education Center at the University of Massachusetts. He now served as the Director of Personnel for the Paterson, New Jersey Public School System. A former player with

the New York Mets. Bannister, is the first black sportscaster with a sports show that is broadcast coast-to-coast and that is carried by the American Overseas Armed Forces. Bannister in addition to his administrative position, is the Sports Director for the National Black Network.

Robberies In Schools Jump 117 Percent

WASHINGTON—Citing "alarming" data on the increase of school violence and disruption, the president of the

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