



1LT. EDWARD BEST

Deacon — 1 Lt. Edward Best dressed in Deacon's robes after receiving his deacon orders from the German ministerial authorities. The orders came from the German conference as a courtesy after Best's conference bishop in North Carolina requested them. Best believes that this is the first time that these orders have been extended to a black Army officer. (Photo by Al Addington)

7th Army Special Troops Officer Studies To Become A Minister

Heidelberg, Germany: How many infantry officers do you know that are on their way to becoming a minister? The answer for those in Company A, Special Troops Group, is one.

The officer is 1Lt. Edward Best and although he is an infantry officer he plans on becoming a minister and perhaps a chaplain. Currently he is one and a half years away from becoming an ordained minister in the Methodist Church.

Recently Lt. Best came a little closer to becoming a minister. He received his deacon orders from the German ministerial authorities. The orders came from a German conference as a courtesy after request from Best's conference bishop in North Carolina. The deacon orders as Best explains "are a stepping stone to becoming an ordained minister." He believes this is the first time that these orders have been extended to a black Army officer.

The son of a Baptist deacon and the grandson of a Methodist minister, Lt. Best first became

interested in becoming a minister in 1960 when he was a high school senior. He had his first trial sermon in his own church (St. Matthews United Methodist Church) during the pastorship of Rev. John Corry, and later Rev. Peters. His present home church pastor is Rev. Joseph Bethea who he said has helped him greatly to realize the receiving of the Deacon's orders from the German Ministerial authorities.

Lt. Best attended Barber Scotia College in Concord, on a basketball scholarship and graduated in 1969. He then went on to attend Gammon Theological Seminary before entering the army.

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Pulpit Aid Anniversary

The Pulpit Aid of Bethel Church will observe their 19th Anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m. An interesting program is being planned for your entertainment. Come and bring a friend.

Garden Tea And Fashion Show

The Nu Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Pi Omega Sorority held a garden tea and fashion show in the beautiful flower garden at the home of Soror HESSIE HAYES, 1012 Eastside Drive.

Refreshments were served buffet style and the chapter colors of white and light blue were used in making the floral arrangements for the tables, canapes and cake.

Models in the fashion show were: Miss Gwendolyn Roberson of High Point, N. C. wore a acetate outfit with black accessories, rust colored sport outfit and for evening wear wore a pink and silver dress. Miss Gracie Setzer of High Point, N. C. wore an after five tiger evening dress with velvet velour wrap and head African geto. This outfit was designed by Miss Setzer, an instructor at G.T.I. school in interior decoration. Miss Lillie Belle Jones of High Point, N. C. wore green crush velvet hot pants with white leather boots. Miss Anita Dickens of High Point, N. C. wore a sport and formal outfit. Miss Sharon Tucker, student at Smith Senior High wore knit top with long puff sleeves, nickers and boots. Miss Tanya LeGette student at Lincoln Jr. High wore a two piece suit navy with yellow figures and white top, patent shoes. Miss Chiro Carr, student at Proximity school wore a Ethiopian costume black patent shoes. Miss Debbie Carr student at Greensboro School of Beauty Culture wore an Ethiopian costume, black patent shoes and a long curly wig. Miss Harriett Smith modeled afon and shay wigs and long African pattern dress. Ishmail Whitfield wore back to school wear, brown sport shirt and pants with patch pockets, toast brown sweater, brown shoes and socks. Chester Jones wore back to school wear, striped shirt, blue pants with patched pockets, a brown leather jacket and brown boots. William Wayne Pettiford wore a beige suit, hand made green and beige tie and boots. Mrs. Ruby Reid wore a black jump suit trimmed in gold. Soror Elizabeth Charpe modeled a gray pant suit with the long vest.

Soror Lillian Snipes acted as mistress of ceremony and Soror Carrie Pettiford was chairman.

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"BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL AND MORE"

Lovely Miss Pat Thompson of Charlotte, N. C. is the reigning "Miss A&T State University." Pat and her court will be crowned at a special coronation during the forthcoming Homecoming Weekend. (Photo by Dick Moore)

Multi-Million Dollar Building Program Signals 'College Boom' at A&T State

To say that dynamic A&T State University is caught up in throes of the "continuing education explosion" is almost understatement.

But the ballooning enrollment figures speak for themselves. As of this date, more than 4,300 students have been admitted to A&T, more than 1,300 of them new students. Both figures represent records. A&T is also expected to enroll 300 students in its graduate programs.

The dramatic influx of freshmen students sent University officials to state budget officers in Raleigh in an attempt to secure additional funds for extra teachers and laboratory assistants.

William H. Gamble, director of admissions at A&T, said the increase in enrollment can be attributed to a new recruitment program instituted last year and to new programs in engineering and other areas.

Reinforced by more than \$7,000,000 in funds for capital improvements from the recently convened North Carolina General Assembly, the University has already moved into a busy era of construction and renova-

tions. The new state money was appropriated for an ultra modern health, physical education and recreation building (\$3.4 million), the installation of an underground electrical system on the North Campus (\$500,000), the conversion of the A&T power plant from oil to gas (\$300,000), campus improvements (\$200,000), further renovation of Noble Hall (\$50,000), the construction of a warehouse maintenance building (\$345,000), and \$120,000 for the air conditioning of Frazier Hall and Sebastian Infirmary.

Already underway on the campus are other needed improvements. The primary electrical system on the main campus has just about been converted to an underground system at a cost of \$500,000.

Other work being completed includes the paving of Luther Street in front of the new men's dormitory, the paving of parking lots behind Vanstory Hall and the new High Rise Dormitory, and the paving of parking lots behind Merrick Hall and the Crosby Communication Cen-

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