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# THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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## Students Appraise Class Attendance Under Non-Compulsory System

By Judy Harrelson

Presently A&T is under its third year of noncompulsory class attendance. The first regulations concerning the system appeared in the 1970 catalog.

When asked if there was any significant difference in the failing or drop-out rate since the system had been adopted, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Glenn Rankin, stated "There has been no significant difference; yet, there has been an increase in the proportion of students who find themselves in scholastic difficulties.

Dr. Rankin also observed, and stated, "The students pursuing

majors in the natural sciences tend to attend class in a greater proportion than those of other areas. On the whole, senior and junior attendance is much greater.

Students confronted with the question were quick to defend their ideas of being responsible adults. The majority agreed the non-compulsory system was a good thing, yet their comments were diverse.

Toni Jones, senior of Greensboro, commented, "I love it! If you feel you'd gain more by staying in your room studying instead of attending class that particular day, why not? I see no disadvantages at all."

Sophomore Judy Taliaferro of Newport News, Va., said, "It

eliminates pressures."

Freshman, Burleigh Webb of Greensboro said, "It's an advantage to some and a disadvantage to others; those who take advantage of it will benefit, yet those who have not yet developed self discipline and the motivation to succeed in life will be at a disadvantage."

The greatest level of attendance being on the junior and senior level sights a possible amendment. Dr. Rankin says some faculty members and students look at the feasibility of the University Senate changing this system for freshmen and possibly sophomores, though it hasn't yet been properly proposed.

### Christian Education

## Foundation Launches Program

By Sybella Ferguson

The Wesley Foundation has launched a campaign to provide Christian nurture and Christian education opportunities for

those students who desire to grow and mature spiritually and religiously.

The project is the brain-child of Rev. Earl Wilson, Jr., director of the Wesley Foundation. Rev. Wilson explained, "Pastoral

psychology is a personal interest of my own. Since I am fresh out of divinity school, I can identify with many of the personal problems faced by the students."

Although the academic and social aspects of the university are not religiously oriented as such, there may be many students who desire counseling or referrals related to family relations, premarital concerns, abortions, social concerns, or religious concerns. There may be others who just want an attentive listener or conversationalist.

Problems of these types are the ones that Rev. Wilson is eager to help individuals resolve and combat.

The requirements for receiving such services, as stated by Rev. Wilson, are "that a student come to a realization that there is a personal problem of some sort and that the student trust me as a friend." All sessions will be held in complete confidence.

The schedule for the pastoral counseling sessions are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (2:30-4:30 p.m.) and Tuesday and Thursday (9:00-11:30 a.m.).

Personal enrichment seminars featuring guest speakers and films, will be offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:30-8:30. A seminar on sex, love, and marriage is planned for the near future.

The Coffee House Devotionals offered on Thursday evenings at 7:30-8:30 feature study, meditation, and refreshments.

## Black Studies Program Needs More Discipline

Obviously, besides the traditional academic critics of Black studies, there has been a lack of discipline for Black studies programs. A poll of students on several campuses indicated that the courses should be taught in high school since college students already know much of the content. It appears that what is needed is innovation in the Black studies programs of the schools.

Dr. Frank White, interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, explained that African studies have a valid place in the curriculum as do other studies. "However," he added, "the same rules of discipline and logic must apply to African studies just as in other fields."

Bertha Miller, an instructor in the History Department, visited Africa this summer under a fellowship grant from the Afro-American Institute in corporation with the State Department of Cultural Affairs in New York. She visited four

African countries, including Ghana, Nigeria, Togo and Dahomey.

The trip was basically to get some first-hand information about the educational and cultural habits of the motherland.

Mrs. Miller said that in Nigeria and Ghana the British educational system is used and there is very careful screening of the students who enter the universities. Only the very best are allowed, and the average age upon entrance is 21 or 22 years.

One amazing fact about the Nigerian and Ghanaian school systems is that the government pays for the education of all who enter schools of higher education. Mrs. Miller observed that Nigerian college campuses have excellent landscaping and the architectural styles are unique.

Culturally, the African countries are very much

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Dr. Jesse Marshall discusses the issue of co-ed visitation.

## Co-ed Visitation May Start Oct. 25

By Ruth Allen

After two meetings of the Student Affairs staff and the Student Government Association coed-visitation has been passed by the faculty, according to Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

The document was studied by the Committee on coed-visitation which was appointed by Dr. L. C. Dowdy, chancellor. It was submitted on April 10 and served as a reference in planning for implementation of the policy.

"I am very much interested in the coed-visitation program," stated Dr. Marshall. "I sincerely hope that it will serve the purpose for which the students claim it will serve. The implementation of this policy will in no way diminish the image of this institution as has been predicted," he said.

Dr. Marshall went on to say that coed-visitation on this campus will begin and be maintained only to the extent that students cooperate literally in observing the guidelines and implementing the features of the policy. "Student involvement in the enforcement of rules and regulations of this policy is assured," he said.

The essential mechanism for the promotion and continuation of coed-visitation will depend directly on student volunteers as monitors of the program in each residence hall.

To assure that there will be a minimum of problems in the implementation of this policy, SGA president Marilyn Marshall, along with other SGA officials will conduct in-depth discussions with dormitory residents Oct. 1-5.

Voting for coed-visitation will take place Oct. 15-16 in each dorm by secret ballot. It will be supervised by the resident director in cooperation with the SGA. If approved by two-thirds of the residents of a dorm, it will go into effect Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6 p.m.

"I have faith and confidence in the Aggie student body that they will make this program function in a positive manner so that it contributes to and becomes a part of a true educational experience," concluded Dr. Marshall.

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## Earl Butz To Speak At Nutrition Conference

United States Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, is scheduled to speak at a dinner meeting of the National Nutrition Conference Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The four-day conference hosted by A&T convened Monday and will attempt to examine the role of the land grant college in solving the problems and concerns of human nutrition.

Sponsors of the workshop include the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Nutrition

Foundation of New York City.

With the continuous increase in food prices, Butz's name has constantly been in the news. According to an Apr. 9, article in Time Magazine, Butz is quoted as telling a group of North Dakota wheat growers last year, "You won't get me to apologize for high meat prices. I'm spending money like a drunken sailor."

Some 250 educators, nutritionists, researchers and physicians are expected to participate in the conference. The opening session was held 2 p.m. Monday, in Carver Hall.

# Traffic Jam

"Hey man! What's happening?" That's when it begins. A car stops in the street and someone runs to the car, starting up a conversation.

While the conversation continues, the line of cars backs up behind the stopped car. But the driver often fails to be attentive; he must be constantly looking ahead because, if he turned around, he might be confronted by a dozen pair of angry eyes and 12 impatient faces.

Irritated drivers may whack on gum, light a cigarette, or stomp on the gas pedal; the conversationalist looks up, grins, and continues to "yak."

Or, in an alternate pattern of reaction, the conversationalist might wave for you to go around as if he or she did not see traffic coming in the opposite direction.

If the little story above sounds familiar, in all probability you are a driver on A&T's campus.

Along with other acts of politeness, there is also driver courtesy and, if it were used just part of the time, the campus situation might improve.

Cars themselves do not bring traffic almost to a stand still, it is the person who takes his social time out of his driving time; whether he be student, faculty member or administrator sometimes we deserve that very loud honk from a car horn which might make us want to curse.

# Safe And Sound

A&T's Super Black folks hang out on corners and rap long, loud, and tirelessly 'bout what whitey done done to us- and, not really thinking 'bout what whitey is planning to do- or, what we're doing to ourselves.

A&T's Super -Black folks occasionally let their minds flicker to last semester's sudden images of the newly-paved parking lots, the new sidewalks and the full-grown, somewhat-foolish-looking, transplanted trees, all of which hinted to former students of phased-out Black high schools that "the white folks may be coming over to completely take over our University.

A&T's Super-Black folks, having nothing in particular to be concerned about, will simply lean back into their favorite profile and exhale several lungfuls of rhetorical exhaustions 'bout what whitey done done to us- then, will smile, feeling safe, sound and secure 'cause A&T ain't been taken from us - yet.

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Assistant News Editor

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# The Language Of Astrology

By Rosie A. Stevens

What's your sign seems to be a popular expression around here these days. Are you a Virgo? Are you a Libra, Leo, Aries, Pisces, Cancer? All of this is part of the language of astrology, the science or pseudo-science which seems to be invading us, and actually has been around in a noticeable way for the last few years.

There has been considerable doubt as to the scientific nature of astrology. Those who have these doubts have, for the most part, been members of a recognized branch of science. Their chief criticism is that the methods of astrology are not scientific, that these methods do not follow the traditional scientific method developed by Bacon. Others find it simply impossible to believe that, by tracing orbits, one can learn about the personality of the individual and that significant events of the person's life may be determined by this method. Their contention is that astrology is simply an applied psychology.

At the same time, the history of

astrology seems to indicate that the body of information we call astrology is very different from the science the ancients knew. The ancients interpreted a different meaning from the word itself. To them, it was the physical and chemical effects of the planetary movements upon the earth. Since the human species is an integral part of the earth chemically, it seems logical that human beings would be affected by the other planetary bodies the way the inanimate portion of the earth is affected. The study of the influences is what they called astrology.

In light of this, it is to be wondered how the science came to be corrupted into the

commercialized tool of the entrepreneur of today. It is not to be wondered why it exists on a college campus, however. On the college campus, it is simply one more passing fad like all the other passing fads which have existed on college campuses. It is not a matter of serious intellectual discussion, not here anyway.

## Faculty Evaluate Black Studies

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enriched, Mrs. Miller noted. The African rhythmic dances, leatherwork, and textiles are a work of art, she explained. At present there is a Renaissance in African art and the people are trying to preserve African art and their way of life. Consequently, one would be amazed at how the past and present stand side by side in African countries.

Mrs. Miller concluded that the role of Blacks should be incorporated into the world of Europeans and Americans as well as being dealt with separately. She added, "More of us should go

to Africa."

Anne Graves, associate professor of education and advisor to foreign students, also visited Africa. The striking thing she discovered about Ethiopian education was the natives' reverence for education. The schools are very competitive and selective in their choice of students. Education is a rare privilege in Ethiopia where the schools are very well equipped, Mrs. Graves said.

Mrs. Graves observed that Ethiopians are very proud of their cultures, both past and present. They are known for

their unique art work and Coptic churches.

In contrast to Ethiopia, Kenya is more aggressive in its industrial and technological advancements, Mrs. Graves observed. She said it was obvious to her that both

Kenya and Ethiopia are highly populated by Europeans, Asians, and Indians, who own much of the business operations. However, she said there is a revolution occurring in African nations which should eventually give the natives more control of the economic and power base.

## Campus Haps

The Sociology Club will meet Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. at 1606 Salem St. All Sociology majors are asked to be present.

Interested English Majors, Come to the Organizational Meeting of the A&T English Club Thursday, Oct. 4, in Crosby Hall Room 109 at 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wooten, Jr. wish to thank faculty, staff, and students for their kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the sudden deaths of his mother and his sister. Mrs. Wooten is secretary for Mrs. Lucille Piggott, dean of student affairs for organizations and student development.

## Proposed Policy Procedures And Guidelines Regarding Co-ed Visitation

### Introduction

Coed visitation is acceptable, by North Carolina A&T State University, in the living areas of a residence hall upon the approval of the same by two-thirds of the residents. This is the only condition whereby coed visitation will be permitted in the living areas of a residence hall.

### Procedures and Guidelines for Implementation

#### Procedures

1. The residents of each residence hall will vote, at the beginning of each Fall Semester and at the beginning of each Summer Session, on whether to participate in coed visitation for the academic year or Summer Session respectively. Voting shall be by secret ballot and shall be supervised by the dormitory director.

2. If coed visitation is not approved by two-thirds of the residents of a residence hall, the same shall be publicized by various communicative media.

3. The policy of coed visitation may be reconsidered at a meeting of the residents of a residence hall if a petition is signed by one-tenth of said residents. The policy may then be changed by a two-thirds vote provided that a majority of the members of the hall are present and voting at the meeting.

#### b. Guidelines

1. Coed visitation shall be operated on an honor basis in each participating residence hall.

2. Coed visitation is scheduled and shall be in effect only as follows:

Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	6:00 p.m. - Midnight
Saturday	3:00 p.m. - Midnight
Sunday	3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

3. Each participant will be limited to two guests. Exceptions may be accorded in special cases by the residence hall supervisor.

4. First semester freshmen are exempt from participation in coed visitation. Exceptions are to be accorded first semester freshmen who are veterans, married, or twenty-one years of age or older.

5. Study lounges are to be installed in each residence hall if at all feasible.

6. A standing committee on Coed Visitation shall be established for the purpose of implementing guidelines and policies regarding the same.

7. The University reserves the right to reject, at any time, the policy of coed visitation where flagrant and repeated violations occur.

#### Specific Rules and Regulations

A. Each participating residence shall utilize a "card" system for signing guests in and out of the residence halls. The cards shall reflect the name of the guest, name of the host or hostess, and room being visited. The card shall be destroyed within a reasonable time after the guests' visit.

B. Each guest shall enter and leave by the front door of the residence hall. The guest shall be accompanied by the host or hostess while in the residence hall.

C. Doors to rooms will remain unlocked and lights will be kept on at all times.

D. At least one rest room in each residence hall will be designated for guests.

E. All visitation schedules shall be prominently and permanently displayed in appropriate areas of participating residence halls.

F. A mechanism for enforcement of the rules and regulations involved in coed visitation shall be in operation in each participating residence hall. Such a mechanism will involve the appointment of assistants (monitors) to cooperate with the residence hall supervisor and to give assurance for effective enforcements.

G. The host or hostess is to be responsible for the actions of the guest except for instances determined to be beyond the control of the host or hostess.

H. All University rules and regulations in the Handbook for Women Students, The Residence Guide for Men, and the University Student Handbook will apply.

#### Penalty Assessments

All violations of these policies will be referred to the judicial system of the University.

**A&T Loses 11-15**

**Aggies Try For Last Minute Win**

By Blannie Bowen

Johnson C. Smith University jumped off to a quick 15-3 lead in the first half against A & T but had to withstand a furious fourth quarter A & T rally to win 15-11 Saturday.

With the score 15-0 and one minute 45 seconds remaining in the game, A. & T. had the ball on the Smith three-yard line, but Aggie quarterback Paul McKibbins fumbled the pigskin away to the Golden Bulls.

A & T received a safety when the Smith punter was tackled in the endzone for two more points. Two quick A & T passes proved fruitless as the final 12 seconds ticked away quickly from A & T.

Smith scored in the first period when quarterback Luther Carter hit the endzone on a quarterback keeper from one yard away. This touchdown was set-up when Carter hit split-end Stanley White for a 39-yard pass with Aggie defender Ralph Brown clawing all over him.

Carter faked the extra point while holding for the kicker and connected to White for a two-point conversion and an 8-0 Smith lead.

With 12:56 remaining in the first half, Carter and White continued their harassment of the Aggie defensive backs by completing a 65-yard T.D. pass play. Curtis Leak followed with the P.A.T. and the Golden Bulls led 15-0.

The near-capacity crowd at Memorial Stadium looked with uncertainty about their hometown Aggies, but quarterback Len Reliford stopped some of the confusion when he began to crank-up his arm.

Reliford found Curtis Gooding for 19 yards and then

he spotted Dexter Feaster at the 11 for 30 more yards.

But, as was the situation most of the night when A & T got close to a touchdown, the Bulls would not budge one solid inch. Pressed into action by a fourth down from the 11, Dwight Nettles kicked a 29-yard A & T fieldgoal.

The Carter-to-White combination continued to demoralize the Aggie defensive backs when Carter dropped a sure touchdown pass with both Aggie backs looking at each other and giving a sigh of relief as Carter dropped the ball with a

four-step lead.

Just as the rain helped to slow down the speedy Bulls, it also helped to cause the Aggie defeat.

After recovering a fumble on their own 44-yard line, Reliford consecutively hit Feaster with 18 and 38-yard passes, with the latter going for a touchdown with 6:36 showing on the clock.

The rain started to come down very heavily after the Bulls failed to moved the ball, but even a 32-yard pass from McKibbins to Gooding was not enough as the Aggies fumbled the game away on the next play with McKibbins doing the honor.

**They Call Him Scooby-Doo**

**7'-1" Player Makes People Look Twice**

"Because of my size, the students look at me sharply and they look twice. I just like that. I especially like for the girls to do that," stated James Wilkins about his first days at A&T.

Wilkins is a sight to see unless you are accustomed to seeing a 7' 1" student everyday. He is not a stringbean because he packs 245 pounds onto that skyscraper frame of his.

Upon arriving at A&T, he found that his bed was not exactly in proportion to his body and now he sleeps on a bed that has been extended a foot in length.

His mattress will not fit the frame of the bed properly and he uses a pillow to fill the empty space at the head of the bed.

"People ask me how I got so tall and they think that it was something I ate. I don't eat anything special, but I do enjoy eating corn and hamburgers," said Wilkins.

"I really started growing good in early 1972 when I was 6'6". I went from there to my present height in a very short time; and, in my senior year at Boiling Springs High School, I developed tendonitis," continued Wilkins.

He eats in Murphy Hall Cafeteria just like the other underclassmen and receives no special diet from any of the cafeteria workers.

While sitting around Murphy Hall one day, some of his fellow students started talking to him and they eventually nick-named him "Scooby-Doo," a cartoon figure.

That name has really taken on to him and, as Wilkins says it with a big smile, "Many of the students don't even know my real name but they do call me "Scooby-Doo."

"All of the students treat me just like I am a part of one big happy family and up to this point, I have not experienced



Coach Hornsby Howell has some choice words with the referee during the first period of the game with Johnson C. Smith.

any real big problems," injects Wilkins while assessing his short stay on campus.

He continued by stating, "My clothes seem like a problem at times, but I guess I am a little large for my age." He does have plenty to worry about with his size 17 shoes, 36 inch waist, 42 inch length pants and a 16 1/2 shirt.

Wilkins sat out his senior year at Boiling Springs; but, at his Spartanburg, South Carolina,

home, he was trying to recuperate from his fast growth. He had led his team to a 20-2 record and a regional championship the previous year.

"I have kept up with A&T for 18 years and I really like it here. They have a good team around here and should win the MEAC," remarked Wilkins.

"If I do good," added Wilkins, "I want to major in recreation and play professional basketball with the Bucks if it is all possible."

**Constitution To Be Ready In A Month**

Do you have a copy of the A&T Student Constitution? "You may pick up your own personal copy within a month," said Clarence Jones, Attorney-General of SGA. "The Constitution is an important document which should be read

by all students."

"Nothing can be cut from the Constitution, but amendments can be made," explained Jones. Outside the provisions of the Constitution, a student may find, included in the booklet, procedures which are beneficial for legislation: How a New Bill Can Be Made and Introduced.

Jones further added that "many of the statements found in the Constitution may be found in the Student Handbook which may be picked up in Dean Lucille Piggott's or Dr. Jesse Marshall's office."

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