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Urban Affairs Confab To Be Held April 16

A&T's annual Urban Institute, which has attracted a total of more than 8,000 persons in four years, will be held on April 16 in the Memorial Student Union.

The regional institute, which was initiated by students and faculty members of the Sociology Department, promises two outstanding innovations this year.

For the first time, the institute will feature on culture in the urban setting. The session, entitled "The Arts in Community Development," will feature presentations by two nationally prominent Black poets, Gerald Barrax and Julia Fields.

The writers, along with the student winner of a campus wide poetry contest, will present readings during the institute luncheon at 12:30 p. m.

The keynote speaker for the conference this year will be Gerard A. Anderson, a former head of the Cleveland (Ohio) Transit Board.

A nationally known consultant in the field of urban development, Anderson was formerly executive vice president of the Ohio Public Transit Association and a member of the board of directors of the National Transportation Center in Pittsburgh.

Also new to the Urban Affairs Conference this year will be the presentation of the annual Carolina Peacemaker's award to the person contributing

significantly to the area of human relations.

The award will be presented during the luncheon by Dr. John Marshall Stevenson, publisher of the weekly Carolina Peacemaker.

The morning sessions will include a panel on "A Public School Dilemma: Dropouts and Pushouts," and will feature an address by Leon Hall, program officer for the Southern Regional Council; a session on "Group Relations in the Urban Community," a panel by A&T students; and a panel on "Self-Help Programs," featuring an address by Dr. Joseph Himes, a professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and "Manpower and Revenue Sharing," featuring a talk by L. M. Wright, administrator of the N. C. Manpower Council.

The afternoon session will include panels on "Urban and Rural Transportation," with an address by Anderson; "Criminal Justice," with an address by John Patterson, director of Police Community Relations in Greensboro; and the panel on the arts.

Joining A&T in sponsoring this year's institute are the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Persons and organizations interested in attending the conference are asked to contact Sampson Buie in the Office of Continuing Education.



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Views Of Religion Expressed

By Mary Cropps

Religious Emphasis Week was held at A&T, Mar. 24-28. The week's activities included singing, preaching and panel discussions.

The panel discussion held on Tuesday, Mar. 26, dealt with the meaning and purpose of religion itself. The panelists were Ms. Charley Flint, a member of the Sociology Department; Dr. Hall Partrick, professor of history; and Rev. Earl Wilson, director of the Wesley Foundation.

Rev. Wilson looked at religion from a philosophical point of view. He said that religion was a dominant characteristic of man. He defined religion as man's relation to that which he regards as holy.

Dr. Partrick gave the audience a view of religion from a historical standpoint. He said that historians tend to study and teach religion in terms of its origin by consulting sacred

scriptures and searching for its founders. He concluded his statements by saying that the historian is not concerned with the truth of religion and it cannot verify or discredit it. Ms. Flint discussed religion in terms of sociology. She said that the sociological view could be related to the philosophical view and the historical one since sociology deals with the origin of a phenomenon and its relation to culture. She defined religion as man's attempt to explain the unknown.

After the panel discussion, the audience posed questions to the panel concerning the distortion of religion today and good and evil and other timely topics.

The panel discussion on Mar. 27 dealt with religions from other parts of the world. The panelists were Rabbi Arnold Task, representing Judaism; Dr. Anar Datta, a member of the Mechanical Engineering

Department, representing Hinduism; and Rev. Peter Addo, chaplain at Bennett College, representing Christianity.

Rabbi Task, in discussing Judaism said that it was one of the oldest religions yet one of the newest. Judaism is represented in practically every country of the world and has undergone many changes. Rabbi Task pointed out the fact that Judaism puts emphasis on life and what one does with his life.

Dr. Datta told the audience about the beginnings of Hinduism. He pointed out that Hinduism has no working definition of God; it only describes what God is not. Hindus believe that, perhaps by cultivating detachment, one may reach the truth.

Rev. Addo began by saying that Christianity changes people and he cited the work of missionaries as examples of this. He said the real meaning of Christianity was to become a different person. A Christian separates himself from himself to become what the Creator wants him to be.

When the panel discussion ended, the audience asked questions and commented upon what had been said.

Afro House Now Holds Arts And Crafts

It began as a project of "just helping out," for Mrs. William Reed, but five months later, she had developed one of the unique museums of Black culture in the nation.

Visitors to the African Heritage House on campus are immediately awed by the sense of history and art generated by Mrs. Reed's creation.

What she has done is to transform the university's former drab Afro House, with just 29 relics into a Black cultural center with more than 500 artifacts representing the achievements of more than 21 African nations, New Guinea and Haiti.

"This is not just the usual museum of Black history," said Mrs. Reed, who is in constant touch with the large museums such as the Smithsonian Institute.

"Usually their holdings consist mainly of art works and sculpture," said Mrs. Reed, "but our museum hasn't just gone that route, and we are far out in front of anything I have seen so far."

As an example, the A&T Heritage House contains, in addition to paintings and sculpture, outstanding collections of ceramics, masks, weapons, bracelets, coins, fabrics, and cooking ware.

The museum's holdings include a valuable collection of

hand-crafted beads, including some whose historic significance dates to the days of the ancient slave trade.

Another eye-catching display is her collection of Egyptian crosses, including hand crosses, neck crosses and praying sticks, all steeped in that nation's Coptic religion.

Mrs. Reed's extensive collections belie the actual amount of work that has gone into the creation of the museum.

Armed with only an idea suggested by Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy, she began to assemble the collection last November.

"I soon found out that we didn't have very much to work with and not even one display case," she said. But Mrs. Reed corralled the university's carpenters, begged some assistance from the A&T University Foundation, and the conversion was on.

Today the museum's two floors of holdings are accented by brightly painted walls, plush carpeting and showcases fitting to a quality museum.

The Heritage House also contains a combination reading-dining area, to be used for monthly Black heritage dinners and teas, and a small but growing library.

Mrs. Reed's interest in African history and culture can be traced

to 1946 when she first accompanied her husband to Ethiopia, where he served as an official with the Agency for

International Development. Subsequent tours of duty took the Reeds to Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia over a period of 13 years.



Mrs. William Reed, curator of the African Heritage House (right) shows Veronica Johnson a Liberian masque used to ward off smallpox in that African nation.

Broken Machines Cause Problems

By Benjamin Forbes

Most students know how frustrating it can be when you have the "munchies" and can't find a vending machine that works because someone else has taken his frustration out on the machines.

Chief of Security Roosevelt Raines listed four of the

buildings on campus that have broken vending machines. He stated that Graham Hall, Gibbs and the Placement Center at East Hall have one broken machine each. Carver Hall has two broken machines; Curtis Hall has washing machine troubles. Raines said that someone had "ripped off" the coin box of one

of the washing machines. He stated that most of the persons breaking into the machines were after money.

When asked what could be done to alleviate the problem of broken vending machines, Raines said students should participate in reporting the incidents when they occur.

Our Political Peak

During the early 60's, A&T was in the "hubub" of community affairs and involved with concerns superseding those of the campus. This is not to call back an earlier period, to make it serve present function; for, if you indeed learn from history, then you realize also the fallacies of history.

We merely wish to look at the repercussions of the 60's on the present image of the University.

At this particular political peak in its history, there was much interaction between the university and the community. Students participated in volunteer programs in the Black community and interest in crucial issues facing the Black community flourished.

But, since the 1969 riot, there has been a detectable wall of isolation between the community and the university. And we cannot really place the blame on either side for the barrier, but we can distribute the lack of action to dissolve the wall on both parties.

It is not a blatant type of isolation; it is rather complacent co-existence between the two.

Since 1969, some persons have said that apathy has reigned on the campus. But some others have taken this lapse of time to mean a reorganization of priorities and commitments.

We realize that the riot left a scar on the university, and maybe even a bigger scar on the community. But we must refuse to let that scar remain, for it can result into a lingering stereotype on the students who attend A&T.

At this time we offer no solutions because we frankly just don't know. But we ask, that, if you feel this is the case, to please voice what ideas or disagreements you might have with our definition of this as a problem and possibly help us come up with an answer.



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In Arabia, camels with ten offspring were considered sacred and could not be ridden!



Germans and Norwegians don't miss a trick. They celebrate April Fool's day on the first and the last days of April!

Bikers, Be Kind

As warm weather makes its presence known, there will be an influx of bikes on campus. With this ever increasing number of bikes the problem of bike riding grows.

The main problem with bike riding is where to ride a bike. Many bike riders feel that they have the right to ride anywhere, at any speed. True, if he hits something or gets hit, he's hurt. But, if a person walking on a sidewalk gets hit, it's going to hurt more. How can you consider a 27-inch bike a sidewalk toy?

A bike must follow the same rules and regulations as a car. It should have reflector mirrors and a light. For nighttime riding a light is a necessity. To be seen is to live at night.

Bike riding these days is not the fun game it was when you were a kid. A bike now is the same as a car. More and more it is becoming a serious mode of transportation in this country.

With the price of gas these days it wouldn't be a bad idea for the four-wheeled vehicle owners to carry a non-polluting two-wheeled vehicle in the trunk.

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Destructive Criticism Is The Easiest Way Out

By Ted L. Mangum

During the two years that I've been writing for the student newspaper, I've been asked by members of the student body as well as fellow staff members "Why don't you criticize the (Larry) Hinton SGA administration in your column?"

The same has been asked this year concerning the present SGA administration. My answer is that for two years I have watched the student body elect fellow students to serve them and their school; yet that same student body fails to deal with the fact that selection of the correct personnel is only 20 per cent of the job and that the other 80 per cent also rests with the students in the form of support.

I have watched two student administrations attempt to 'trick' students into being concerned about themselves. But when you consider how obvious the need (physical and mental) for concern is (five useable washers and dryers in Scott Hall, yet 900 plus students; lack of sufficient washers and dryers in all dorms and a lack of phones as well, etc.), then you wonder why Hinton had to advertise 'free movies' then jump on stage immediately after the movie and beg students to remain for the SGA meeting.

'Destructive Criticism' is always the easiest program to build because all that is necessary is the ability to criticize.

'Constructive Criticism' is seldom dealt with because it calls for suggested improvements

along with criticisms.

And, when complaint is the beginning and ending of the discontentment on this campus, then we're seeking the easy way out by shifting the blame by way of 'destructive criticism'.

No one was on the bandwagon supporting or promoting the concept of 'toys for kids' for the Ohio Players dance; but, when it fell through, the bandwagon was full going in the opposite direction.

Some of the most frequent complaints against the last two administrations are the failure to eliminate or minimize apathy on this campus; lack of social entertainment (with the present administration); and the failure to help create an academic atmosphere conducive to learning on campus.

The logical solution to these three legitimate complaints is a balance of social entertainment, political concern and activities, and the creation of an academic climate. But this is only the logical solution or the look-good-on-paper solution. It comes closer to impossible in real life because of you and me, the individual student.

You see, we're asking for changes in essence; yet we are unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices in the form of support or involvement to see these changes take place. We must realize that, to say that A&T needs to shift its emphasis towards an academic atmosphere, is to say that a shift in the attitudes of each individual student must take place first.

How can we be serious about making A&T academic and political when the average student will pay from \$2 to \$5 to attend social entertainment, yet won't attend political and cultural events that are FREE?

How can this balance take place before the individual student takes it upon himself to change towards this balance? A&T isn't about to change because you put ANYBODY into office; it can only change when you change and also SUPPORT that person in office.

But even if we decide to change for the sake of creating the type of campus environment that we want, there are things about change itself that we must keep in mind during this transformation period. Firstly, change is a transformation from the known way of doing things, giving known or expected results, to the untested way of doing things giving unknown or uncertain results.

Then it stands to reason that change is rarely, if ever, smooth. Results might prove change as being wrong; but then we'll just change again until we get it right.

Dorm Residents Have Forgotten Safety Measures

By Rochon Kearney

Dormitory safety on this campus has been forgotten about by many of its residents. Have you ever stopped to realize that you are putting someone's life in danger when you fail to practice safety

According to Chief Roosevelt Raines, head of security, there have been vandalism, larceny, and break-ins in girls' dormitories during the past few weeks.

In some cases, the residents are responsible when they leave rocks, bottles, cans, coat hangers, and spools in the doors after curfew. When these objects are left in the doors, there is no way of knowing who will enter the dormitory, he said.

Such acts jeopardize personal property and the safety of residents within. Chief Raines further stated, "Items such as wallets, checkbooks, and jewelry have been stolen. During the early part of the year, televisions, radios, and clocks were stolen."

To insure further safety within the dormitories, residents should not turn off lights in the halls and stairways or leave objects in the doors. These practices will allow unauthorized persons to enter the dormitories.

"It is pathetic that a tragedy must occur before any precautionary steps are taken to prevent situations that can be avoided by residents of their dormitories," he said.

Chief Raines urges all students to put forth an effort to prevent further occurrences of this type, and promote safety in all dormitories.

I've heard negative remarks about 'Miss Marshall's' administration in the same context as I've heard negative remarks about 'the football team'. But I only have to remember back to the preceding year when the record was 8 wins and 2 losses to remember when they were "OUR" football team.

Our administration is in trouble; our school is in trouble; destructive criticism only tells us

what we already know; we're in trouble. Constructive criticism means that our support and efforts seek an end to that trouble.

It's easy to stomp a horse when it's down, the real trick is to make or help it to rise to run again. The internal changes manifested in the form of constructive criticisms, will hopefully produce just that, a winning product.

Sports Commentary

Automatic Berth

By Blannie E. Bowen

To be a Division I University level basketball team, 75 per cent of A&T's schedule must be with Division I institutions in order to attain a possible automatic berth in the NCAA tournament next year.

While glancing over the Aggies' 1974-75 basketball schedule, it is of my opinion and the coaching staff as well, that A&T is involved in too many non-conference games with Division II schools.

In keeping with the Aggies' progressive move toward Division I, 75 per cent of the schedule MUST be with Division I institutions. This progressive move cannot be accomplished by playing 14 games with CIAA institutions.

Taking into consideration certain rivalries that have developed over the years, A&T could play those institutions single games on an alternating yearly basis.

It is the coaching staff's opinion that playing those teams not only hurts the Aggies as far as Division I is concerned, but usually the games are scheduled at times when they physically interfere with MEAC game preparation.

It is imperative that A&T make up its mind as to what course of action the school will take. This action must come immediately and A&T can ill afford to wait to see what will develop.

Aggies Outscore Gobblers

By Robert Brooks

The Aggie kingpin captured

UNBEATEN

By Michael H. Hailey

"I am well pleased with the advancement of the team," according to A&T tennis Coach Matt Brown. This was said after they defeated South Carolina State 6-3 Saturday.

Willie Earnest, Chris Allen, and Stanley Reid were all winners. Ron Platt, captain, won in singles, but failed to succeed in doubles. Chris Allen and Willie Earnest remain unbeaten thus far.

Sophomore Ogden Harper and junior Waymond Blackmon were unable to make the trip because of a minor car accident they were involved in just prior to departure.

Although they were kept for observation at a local hospital, Coach Brown anticipated that they should be ready Friday for the game against this same South Carolina team here, which will begin at 1:15 p.m.

the Southern Intercollegiate Bowling Conference Region I championship Saturday with a 62-28 win over the Gobblers of Virginia Tech.

Knowing they needed a win for the championship, the Aggies came out smoking and outscored the Gobblers 14-2 after the first series of matches, and after the fourth set of matches they held a commanding lead of 50-14 going into the final match with the championship wrapped up.

In the final matches the Aggies had an emotional let down and were out scored 14-2.

After the total pins were added the Aggies collected 10 more points to complete the rout of the first place Gobblers.

Chester Morrison was the big man for the Aggies with four 200-plus pin games.

The Aggies walked away with all the honors with James Correll having the high game of 226 pins while Morrison had the high set of 1063 pins and the high average of 212.6 pins.

The Aggies now will travel to South Carolina Friday to participate in the SIBC tournament.

Few Students Attend Religious Activities

As I attended all of the religious activities that occurred during Religious Emphasis Week, it was no surprise to me that only a couple of students were inquisitive enough to come and check it out. It took tremendous effort and time on the part of the guest speakers and sponsors to present this informative, interesting and rewarding seminar.

The chaplain of Bennett College, the Rev. Peter Addo, commented upon the unusual number of absences at the sessions as students being vague on the purpose of Religious Emphasis Week. The purposes of the activities were not to convert, brainwash or change anyone's attitude or view of life and religion. The main objectives were for students to learn by asking questions and, therefore, broadening their knowledge and sense of values and satisfying their curiosity concerning life and religion.

That is, if they are curious, if they do have questions and then seek answers. Some people

probably assume smugly that they have all the answers to life and its problems. Their answers are to block out all reality and seriousness and, under pretext, they smoke, drink and be merry by the consumption of reefers, wine, and liquor.

For this cause, they will remain in their low estate, never to really emerge above the white man, never to obtain that total liberation and equality that some Blacks have dreamed of and died for.

Yet, some of them, in the future, will feel bitter because they are not be successful in life. When it was time to learn they will have thrown the chance away. They were busy trying to get over, cheating on tests and being merry.

We can learn and then satisfy our souls and, through this process, reach genuine happiness and success. So as a current record says. "Get Up, my brother; get up, my sister, and see what can be done."

Debra Daniels

Coach Suffers A Very Unimpressive Season

By Blannie Bowen

Coach Hornsby Howell had one of his worst seasons as the head coach of the A&T football team in 1973. The Aggie Mentor is out to improve upon the 4-6-1 record that caused much concern to many students and friends of A&T.

There were many excuses given for the Aggies' poor showing. The one excuse that so many people used was that the team had so many injuries that it caused a unity conflict among the players.

After the season was completed, Coach Howell said that, at that very moment, he could put a better team on the field than he had during that

entire year. He pointed out that the team has suffered from a lack of senior leadership among the graduating seniors.

None of the senior members of the team was drafted in the National Football League draft that was conducted after the season and this helps to re-inforce the coaches' point about a lack of leadership on the club that won one, lost four and tied one in the MEAC race. Only Delaware State College could boast of having a poorer record in the seven-team league.

Now that the seniors are out of the way, the public's eye is carefully drawn on the Aggie practice field. The 1974 edition of the A&T football team is in the process of trying to rectify

the situation just a little before the season actually begins.

The spring practice session is now going on and there are many determined players on the field who have vowed that the same situation will not exist after next fall is finally over.

Coach Howell has instituted an extensive recruiting program and he is optimistic about the coming year. But the Aggies play 10 games this season and there is no way that they can lose more than 10 games.

Only Elizabeth City is missing from last year and that was one of the games that the Aggies won. The highlight of the year will probably come on November ninth when the Grambling Tigers come to Greensboro. The world

renown Tigers feature an explosive team that can literally destroy an opponent on a minute's notice.

The Aggies can attest to the strength of the Tigers because they got blown every way except back to Greensboro by a 62-6 score last year in Louisiana.

But, this is 1974 as for as A&T is concerned and once the spring Blue-Gold game is over, the Aggies will have the entire summer to think about the upcoming year. Next fall is just around the corner, and the whole world will be waiting to see if the Aggies can put A&T back in the winning attitude.

Howell Announces Signing Of High School Fullback

Hornsby Howell, head football coach, took time out from rugged spring football drills to announce the signing of an outstanding Greensboro high school fullback.

Inking a grant-in-aid to play for the Aggies was Rathon Fuller, who starred for Page High School here.

Fuller is 6-2 and weighs 220 and Howell called him "an athlete with tremendous possibilities."

Howell also said he plans to shift Fuller to tight end.

Howell also was buoyed by the return of beefy defensive back Morris McKie to the Aggie camp. A premiere defensive back, McKie was declared ineligible just before the beginning of last season and his loss really hurt A&T.

McKie is 6-3 and 190 and has tremendous speed and hitting power. He is a native of Columbia, S. C.

Howell also announced that

the annual spring football game will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. on the Aggies' practice field.

He said the Aggies are spending a lot of time on individual skills and fundamentals. "We are also planning some changes in our offensive patterns," said Howell.

Assuming the role of a team leader during the spring drills has been quarterback Paul McKibbins, who will be a senior next season.

McKibbins is expected to be joined at quarterback in the fall by Al Holland, unable to make spring practice because he is also a baseball star, and two freshman prospects.

Howell said his recruiting this year has been mostly large and swift linemen, "Some of these young men are going to have to come in ready to play," he said.

The Aggie coach said his team should be pretty respectable in defensive backs, offensive backs and wide receivers.

SCSU Bulldogs Dent A&T Aggies Baseball Record With A 9-5 Win

By Blannie Bowen

The South Carolina State Bulldogs put the first dent into the A&T Aggies' 1974 baseball record when they captured a 9-5 win Saturday in Orangeburg. This contest was played on a wind-swept field that caused numerous delays in the game because of dust being blown across the diamond.

The dust must have been blown into the pitchers' eyes because A&T managed to collect 10 hits as compared to the Bulldogs' 13. Ben Samuels provided the biggest hit of the day when he cracked a three-run homer off Aggie ace Al Holland in the seventh inning.

A&T led 2-0 for the first four innings and appeared to have the game well in hand until State tied the contest with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

State exploded for the three runs in the seventh and added four more in the bottom of the eighth to seal the win. Aggies erupted for three runs in the top of the ninth, but that was not enough to prevent the first A&T loss of the year.

A&T is now 1-1 in MEAC action. Holland is 2-1 as a result

of his being charged with this loss on Saturday.



AL HOLLAND

'Big Earl' Captures Valuable Player Award

Big Earl Williams of Winston-Salem State University grabbed 24 rebounds and scored 22 points to lead a team of senior all-stars from the CIAA over a team of MEAC seniors in the first annual Moorish American League Senior All-Star Classic held Sunday in Jamaica, New York.

"Big Earl" captured the most valuable player award in the contest which fans bought over 10,000 tickets to see. The CIAA players won the contest in over 112-111 after the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore's William Gordon had tied the score with a last second shot at the buzzer to end regulation play.

A&T's James Outlaw contributed 10 points while

Willie Daniels threw in eight more. Joining Williams on the CIAA squad were Harold Kitt, Glen Windley, James Sanders, Walter Martin, Linwood Johnson, Alton Cogdell and Peter Mitchell.

MEAC all-stars included Archilles Carroll, Tommy Nelson, Alvin O'Neal, Mike Williams, Ed Searcy, Bobby Goodwin and the MEAC Tournament most valuable player, Talvin Skinner.

The MAL Classic was to provide 20 of the nation's top seniors with an opportunity to improve their athletic skills as well as to promote physical fitness and team sportsmanship.

"Youth betterment through sports and education" was the theme of the affair. The idea for the classic was drawn-up by the treasurer and chairman of the fund-raising committee, Joseph Jeffries.

A&T Coach Warren Reynolds serves on the all-star committee.

In the preliminary game played also on the campus of St. Johns University, the MAL High School seniors defeated the Laurinburg Institute Tigers 85-84.



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There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 4, to formally organize the Campus chapter of the AAUP. The meeting will be in Room 311 in Merrick Hall on campus. All interested faculty members are invited to attend.

Ad-Ed Association meeting, Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in Room 268, Carver Hall.