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 A&T 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, Dr. William Hunter and Dr. Martin L. King.

Community Development," will be held on April 16 in the Cleveland (Ohio) Transit Board. A nationally known consultant in the field of urban development, he is also a former executive vice president of the Ohio Public Transit Association and a member of the board of directors of the National Transportation Center in Pittsburgh.

Joining A&T in sponsoring the Urban Affairs Conference this year will be 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 Room in the Office of Continuing Education.

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Afro House Now Holds Arts And Crafts

It began as a project of "just helping out," for Mrs. William Reed, a former dental assistant, who first visited her black heritage museum in 1958, 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 sumptuousness of the place and the cool elegance of the exhibits. Mrs. Reed's creation.

What she has done is to transform the university's former dental lab into a place of hand-crafted beads, including some whose historic significance dates back 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 religious heritage.

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 with the help of a member.

"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 Mechanical Engineering Department, represented Judaism; and Rev. Peter Addo, chaplain at Bennett College, representing Christianity.

Dr. Tark, 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 Tark pointed out the fact that Judaism puts emphasis on life and what one does with his life.

Dr. Tark 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. 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.

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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 Rainers 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. Currier Hall has two broken machines; Curtis Hall has washing machine troubles.

Rainers said that someone had "tripped off" the bank box of one of the washing machines. He concluded 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, Rainers said students should participate in reporting the incidents when they occur.

By Mary Cropps

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The panel discussion on Mar. 26 dealt with the meaning and purpose of religion itself. The panelists were Mr. Charles Flint, a member of the Sociology Department; Dr. Hall Pattrick, 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. Pattrick 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.

Mr. Flint discussed religion in terms of society. 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.

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Our Political Peak

During the early 60's, A&T was in the "hubbub" 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.
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 in attendance enough to make a difference. 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 Chapel, Harriett Kerr, commented upon the unusual number of absences at the sessions, but she was not vague on the purpose of Religious Emphasis Week. The purposes of the activities were to convince students of the need to become involved in their personal and religious activities, and to have students experience the change that comes from participating in activities for themselves and for the school. As many of our students are under the impression that life revolves around their daily schedule, they would not be interested in participating in anything that does not affect their personal schedule. Therefore, it is necessary for the administration to lead the activity as a means of change.

Dorm Residents Have Forgotten Safety Measures

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 else's life in danger when you fail to practice safety

According to Chief Roosevelt Raines, head of security, there have been break-ins, break-ins, and break-ins in dormitories during the past few weeks. In some cases, the residents are responsible when they leave the dormitory after midnight and lock the doors. When these objects are left in the dormitories, there is no way of knowing who will enter and break-in the dormitory at that time.

Some acts jeopardize personal property and the safety of residents within. Chief Raines further stated, "There are many things which can be done to increase dormitory safety. I urge you to take responsibility for all that happens in your dormitory and to make it a safe place to live."
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 on the 4-6-1 record that caused much concern to many students and friends of A&T.

There were many excuse given for the Aggies' poor showing. Coach Howell pointed out that the team had suffered from a lack of senior leadership 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 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 were drafted in the National Football League draft that was conducted after the season and that helps to reinforce the coach's 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.

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 Gambling Tigers come to Greensboro. The world renown Tigers feature an explosive backfield 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.

Out, this is 1974 as far 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.

Jaking a grant-in-aid to play for the Aggies was Rachon 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 plans to shift Fuller to tight end.

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

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Howell also announced that the annual spring football game will be held on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m., on the Aggies' practice field.

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The dust must have been blown into the pitcher's 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 1-4 in MEAC action. Holland is 2-4 as a result of his being charged with this loss on Saturday.

The American League Senior All-Star Classic was held Sunday in Jamaica, New York.

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

The CIAA squad was expected to be joined at quarterback in the fall by Al Holland, unable to make spring practice because he is also a football star, and W. P. Johnson.

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