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# New Center Opens

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—A new Martin Luther King, Jr. Action Center, the first of many planned nationwide to meet the needs of the poor, opened here Thursday on the sixth anniversary of King's death.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference said the centers are planned to be "what Dr. King would have called the tools for death on crime."

A daily soup line, free to those without money, will be one part of the four-pronged program of the new center.

"No longer will poor people have to snatch pocketbooks and commit petty thievery because they are hungry," said Hosea Williams, president of the local SCLC chapter.

"Others have claimed the literary and pacifist legacies of Dr. King," he added. "We will be the custodians of his action legacy, his primary legacy."

Other programs planned for the centers include:

A poor people's bonding company to secure bonds for those in jail who have families and jobs;

An eviction auxiliary which presently is a rented warehouse

to store the furniture and possessions of those evicted. Williams said most evictions occur in a high crime area and, if someone is not on guard, many possessions are stolen in the first half-hour;

A poor people's clothing

center from which the poor can get clothing donated by others. The Atlanta center, which thus far has the money to operate for 30 days, will depend on corporations and middle class people for funding.



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## Candidates Present Their Platforms

By Rosie A. Stevens

The campaign trail ended Monday night in Harrison Auditorium as the candidates for class and SGA offices and for the position of Miss A&T spoke before the students gathered.

The auditorium was packed with supporters of the candidates, supporters who listened fairly quietly with applause from time to time as the candidates spoke.

Bennie Glover, one of the candidates for president of the SGA, stated his platform. In brief, his platform included communications, executive policy, social activities, student rights and visitation. Glover elaborated on the points and said these things did not, by any means, cover all of the things he plans to accomplish.

Robert Perry, also running for president of the SGA called for more student body meetings, distribution of questionnaires to

the student body to discover their feelings, and better university-community relations. He also discussed in his platform campus needs and the need for publication of the SGA budget and monthly expenditures.

Most of the candidates for Miss A&T expressed concern

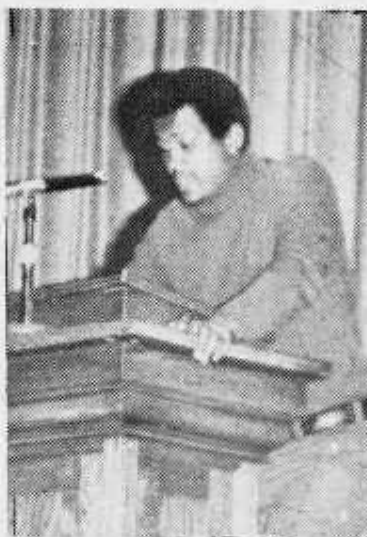
over the issues confronting students and the desire to represent the students and present an image of Miss A&T which represents a change.

One candidate stated that she felt Miss A&T should carry responsibility commensurate with the qualifications for the

position. She noted that those qualifications were equal to those of the SGA president.

Another candidate for the position said she wanted only to be known as herself even after she assumed office.

The other candidates were for the most part without platforms.



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## A&T Graduate Seeks Supreme Court Office

An A&T graduate is seeking the office of Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. Judge Elreta Alexander is the first Black woman graduate of the Columbia University Law School.

The following information is reprinted in part from THE CAROLINA TIMES:

When asked why she decided to run, Judge Alexander replied "I am qualified and it is my duty to offer my services to the people of North Carolina.

Even though one of the other candidates is a woman, the fact that Mrs. Alexander is also a woman did not influence her decision. The only influencing factor she considered was her "service to the people of North Carolina." She feels that "the quality of justice affects the quality of life" and that "out of justice comes order."

In speaking of the post, Judge Alexander says that, she (Mrs. Alexander), is "running for a vacant seat." The seat will be vacated upon the retirement of Chief Justice William H. Bobbitt.

In reply to a question concerning winning the election, Judge Alexander replied, "You can't win a race unless you run." She relays the opinion that the citizens of the state should not be denied a choice in the

election. If only one person runs, there is no choice.

*It Was  
Your Choice*

**For Project Relief:**

## Skiping Meals Will Save Lives

On Wednesday, May 1st, students on colleges and high schools across America are organizing the FAST TO SAVE A PEOPLE. Co-sponsored by Oxfam-America and Project Relief, the FAST is aimed at helping the six to ten million people who face death from starvation as a result of the ongoing African drought, which has been called "the worst ecological disaster of the century."

The FAST united a massive fund-raising effort with an attempt to develop awareness of both the crisis situation in sub-Saharan Africa and

impending food shortages in other parts of the world.

On May 1st, students are urged to skip one or all of the day's meals and to donate the money thus saved to help the people of the drought-stricken area. Students will also solicit financial sponsors to underwrite their fast. Funds raised in this way will be used immediately for food, family planning and medical assistance.

In addition, they will be carefully channeled into such long-range projects as agricultural training programs, well drilling and water resource management, credit cooperatives to aid small

farmers in the purchase of seeds, fertilizers, and insecticides; in short, to help build the kind of sound and sustainable agriculture so urgently needed in these developing nations.

Even in the best of times the countries south of the Sahara desert are among the poorest in the world. Now, in Mauritania, Senegal, Niger, Upper Volta, Mali, Chad, Sudan, and Ethiopia the rains have failed for six to eight years. Scientists estimate that, as a result of the drought, the Sahara is expanding into these countries at the unprecedented rate of 30 miles per year. If the process is not

halted soon, significant amounts of agricultural land will be permanently removed from production at a time of increasing world-wide food scarcity.

News coverage of this insidious disaster has been scanty. These countries have no oil, no strategic location, and now, no exportable agriculture. They are isolated from the larger world by distance, a forbidding climate, and a lack of adequate transportation routes. Despite well-meaning governmental relief efforts, the need for food stuffs and agricultural development increases.

# No Gripe Policy

Since Sunday, you have heard the bull horns snatching your attention from whatever you were doing—whether reading, looking at television, studying or just talking.

During the past weeks, the signs have gathered on almost every bulletin board and latched themselves to doors and walls. Campaign season is here and almost over, but we hope it doesn't leave without your having taken a part in it.

Every year about this time, someone fills this space in the paper by urging you, the student body, to rid itself of apathy and go to the polls and vote.

By the time you read this paper, the election will probably be over anyway and the elections committee will be tallying the votes. So, it's too late to tell you to vote in this issue of the paper.

But there is one little suggestion that we just had to make to the silent majority that characteristically fails to vote.

No doubt some of you went to church once upon a time, and some of you still go. From the Bible there comes a passage which we feel might be applicable in the aftermath of the elections. We are referring to the passage which says more or less, "he without a fault cast the first stone."

However, we are extending this idea to setting rules for putting forth criticism in regard to those holding campus offices.

We feel that there just needs to be a standard set of rules for criticism. Perhaps, we should institute a "no vote, no gripe policy" in which students who had no valid reason for not voting would not have the privilege of criticizing.

The only obstacle to establishing such a rule is that it is impractical. But we thought we would throw it out to

you anyway, for, we believe that any student body which has done the impractical thing of not voting for so many years, and justifying it with rather impractical excuses, would have no trouble working out a plan to make our rule work.

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# Question Of Realistic Goals

By Rosie A. Stevens

Both Glover and Perry have some positive ideas for the operation of the student government of next year. The need for communication with the student body has only too well been documented from the last administration.

However, both of the candidates have some different means of going about accomplishing that aim.

Glover would appoint a press agent to work with the campus press in getting information to the student body. He would also have more student body meetings and a "Face the Student Body" program for students to ask questions of the administration.

These things definitely have merit. However, the emphasis is upon output of the student government rather than the input of the student body. The most positive aspect, in terms of input, would be the "Face the Student Body" programs. Student body meetings are notorious for their lack of attendance.

The same may be said of Perry's proposal for more student body meetings. One may have more meetings or fewer meetings, but unless the working relationship with the student body is a good one, the turnout at meetings will be small.

Perry has also proposed surveys to be responded to by members of the student body. This idea is indeed a splendid one for finding out what is on the minds of the

student body.

However, the use of questionnaires has one very serious drawback. One has to know some of the things which concern the student body before the questionnaire is designed.

If the SGA president is not in contact with his student body, then he runs the risk of presuming that the students are interested in a) co-ed visitation, b) more movies on campus, c) higher parking fees, when actually every one thinks that these are not matters of importance and would like to have a blank space at the bottom of the page to fill in his or her real interests.

Unlike Glover, Perry seems to be unaware that the constitution itself is full of outmoded procedures to conduct the business of the SGA. Many of the problems of the student government stem from the structure of the constitution.

No real effort has been made to incorporate needed changes into the document.

Perry also seems to ignore that the vital place of decision making does not find its home in the student government, but in the faculty and staff who run the university. He does not recognize the need to work closely and determinedly with the administration in seeing that students gain a larger voice.

Glover recognizes this. His program is more of a concrete, achievable set of goals and objectives.

# Sports Editor Cites Opinion

Editor of the Register:

After reading the April 5th edition of the A&T Register, I feel deeply compelled to respond to the most important article in the edition. This article entitled, "Glover seeks to Eliminate Apathy", is an article that should cause all Aggies to be concerned.

First, let me make it perfectly clear that the Register is a fine collegiate newspaper as evident of the recently acquired "first-class" rating. But, the above mentioned article was slanted and extremely biased, not in terms of grammatical construction, but in the lay-out of the article. The article was supposed to have been about the two SGA presidential candidates and it was a well-written article.

The major area of complaint is that 17 inches of the 20-inch section of the article concerning Bennie Glover was on the front page and the 12-inch section about Robert Perry was placed in the sports, or last page eight, whichever you choose to consider it.

It must be pointed-out that Glover is a reporter for the Register and it is very easy to see how and why his information was on page one of the edition.

It must be also pointed-out that many of the articles written about Miss Marilyn Marshall's SGA administration were written by Glover. There is nothing wrong with the Register or WANT endorsing a candidate, but the proper place for endorsement is the editorial page and not the front page.

Surely there were pictures of both candidates on the front page, but it would have been doing justice to both candidates to have read their articles on page one.

The Register's articles do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire staff; and, as the Register's sports editor, I feel that I should express my dissenting opinion regarding this particular article.

I have great respect for the Register and its editor, Miss Janice Smith, Mr. Glover, and Mr. Perry. Win or lose, no matter which candidate wins, I feel that either will do an excellent job as the SGA chief executive.

But, before that long list of criticisms and crucifixions come from my Register colleagues, I

must admit that writing sports for three years is different from writing politics. And, furthermore, even in reporting political articles, there is a certain amount of fair play that must exist if the game is to be played any way close fairly.

Blannie Bowen  
Register sports editor

## A&T Register Seeks

# No Subtle Attempts

As a policy for the past three years, THE A&T REGISTER, has chosen not to endorse political candidates seeking student government offices. The topography of the last issue was in no way an indication of a subtle endorsement of any candidate.

Although we cannot fully explain it, there are some pages in a newspaper which are read more often than others. In THE

REGISTER these pages, include the front page, page three, and, odd as it may seem, also the back page.

It would be otherwise negligence on our part if we omitted one more fact in this note. Not only does Blannie Bowen serve as sports editor of THE A&T REGISTER, but he has previously stated that he is a campaign worker for the Perry campaign.

# Library's 'City Of Books' Needs Help

Editor of the Register:

Bluford Library is not without criticism, sometimes valid, sometimes unjustified. Effective criticism depends upon knowledge of the problems.

Suppose we turn our library to a city—the books become people and the library itself becomes a city government. What do we have here? A city of more than 350,000 people, a city larger than Greensboro itself.

Suppose you had to keep accurate, cross-referenced files on every one of these people: name, address, birthdate, physical

description, occupation, and near relatives. This city does. It also keeps track of these people, when they leave town, how long they will be gone, where to reach them in case of emergency. It also has to provide up-to-date directories, city maps, street signs and current location files so that visitors from out of town can locate any one of them in less than ten minutes.

These people don't have telephones. At a given moment many of them are out of town, many are moving and changing addresses, many are walking the streets and will be home tomorrow. If no one is home when you arrive, check at City Hall. You can usually find where they are except for the street walkers.

This city faces the problem of population explosion. This city is not pretty. It is clogged with traffic. The City Government desires a new City Hall.

The number of crimes in this

city needs to be controlled. Constant burglaries and willful destruction of property as well as the assault on its innocent 'book people' should be reduced. If this

library 'city' is destroyed, our university 'nation' suffers irreparable loss.

John T. Thomas  
Reference Librarian

## Deadline For Contest

Deadline for the poetry contest is 3 p.m., Thursday, April 11. Competition is open to students and faculty members.

All interested persons should submit the one poem they wish for consideration in an envelope with their name on the envelope. Persons submitting a poem should not write their names on the poem.

Poems should be preferably typewritten, but handwritten poems will be accepted.

THE A&T REGISTER is in search of a campus poet in cooperation with the Adult Education Department. The person who is selected as campus poet will receive a \$50 cash award and will be given the opportunity to read his poems at the Fifth Annual Urban Affairs Luncheon.

Two nationally known Black poets, Julia Fields and Gerald Barrax, will participate in the poetry reading at the conference to be held April 16 in the Memorial Student Union.


The poem for consideration should be submitted to the Register's office which is located directly across from Graham Hall on Nocho St. The selection committee will consist of three students and two faculty members.

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# Director Starts Soccer Team

By Blannie E. Bowen

What kind of team has 11 players that includes five forwards, three halfbacks, two fullbacks and one goalie?

Any average American sports fan would say that it is not a single team, but a combination of basketball forwards, football backs and a goalie that is borrowed from a hockey team.

This is one of the situations that exist in America because fans don't understand the game of soccer because it is not played that regularly in these parts of the country, at least.

Louis Attah is in the process of starting an A&T soccer team. Attah is serving as the director of the team and S. Adewole is serving as the coach.

The same idea of a team turned out to be a flop last year because the team had no coach said Attah. This year is different as far as Director Attah is concerned.

"We have received good responses from Chancellor Lewis C. Dowdy and Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice-chancellor for student affairs, this year," stated Attah of his success thus far this season.

"Coach Cal Irvin in the Athletic Department and football Coach Hornsby Howell have also responded well and have said that they will co-operate with us," remarked Director Attah.

Registration for the team was conducted Mar. 25-29 and there are now 29 students trying out for the team. Most of the students are from African nations, but Attah emphasized that he wants any student who is interested in soccer to participate with the team.

Practice sessions are conducted Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays from 3-5:30; and Sundays from 3-5:30 p.m. on the university athletic field.

Director Attah is in the process of securing the boots, balls, nets and other equipment necessary before the team can compete against other schools on the 100 by 50 foot field.

"Players attempting to make the squad include Henry Ewa, Vincent Nkadi, Ibiyoa Boyd,

Etim Ebiana, Yesewlik Ayalew, Dawit Kassa, Theophilus Natter, Joshua Kanigboro, Tete Ka and many others that I can't name at this time," remarked Director Attah.

The team is planning to play

an exhibition game later this spring. Plans are also being formulated to join a conference with Shaw University, North Carolina Central, UNC-G and Howard University, which won the 1972 NCAA soccer title.

## Aggies Avenge SCSU Loss; Holland Loses Shut-Out

By Robert Brooks

The Aggies avenged their loss to South Carolina State Friday with a 3-1 win behind Al Holland's five hitter.

The Aggies scored one run in each of the first two innings. They scored their final run in the fifth inning to wrap up the win.

In the last of the first inning Ernest Gaskins walked to open the game. After Artis Stanfield sacrificed, Aaron Ball lined a single to right to drive in the first run of the game.

In the second inning, Larry Dye was wild high and walked Kirk Groomes and Keltz Summers. He recovered to strike Anthony Black for the second out, but again walked Gaskins and Artis Stanfield, to force in the second run.

Holland was smoking his fast ball by the Bulldogs and keeping them off stride with the curve ball while Dye regained his control and settled down also.

In the fifth, the Aggies scored their final run on a two out single by Raymond Perry after Ball led off the inning with a double to right field.

Dye pitched a good game after the fifth but Holland had to pitch out of several jams with key strike outs in crucial situations.

Holland lost his shut-out in the ninth inning when he momentarily lost his control. Ben Samuels opened with a walk of a 3-2 pitch and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Ellis Meredith followed with a single to right with Samuels advancing to third base. Holland uncurled his second wild pitch and Samuels curved with Meredith advancing to second base. Holland retired Moses Geddis on a grounder to the box. Edward Miles walked on off full count

but Holland rose to the occasion again by striking out Dye and South Carolina's bread-and-butter man, Eugene Richards, to end the game.

Holland's record is now 3-1, plus the added 12 strike outs to increase his total to 67 in 44 innings pitched while Ball had two hits in three attempts.

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## As The Games Get Hotter, Tennis Team Gets Tougher

By Michael Hailey

"When the going got tough Earnest and Allen got tougher." Coach Matt Brown was referring to his two undefeated players as they led the tennis team past South Carolina State 5-4 here, Friday.

Waymond Blackmon, Chris Allen, and Willie Earnest were winners in singles as were Thomas Davis, Blackmon, Earnest and Allen in doubles.

According to Brown, "he will know next week how we should fare in the tournament because by then, we would have played everyone one at least once."

It was Earnest who won the match with his wins. When the score was tied, he came through in the clutch.

The tennis team is now 4-0 in conference play with its next home match Friday against the bears of Morgan State.

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