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Colston Gives Views On Veterinary School

N.C. A&T State University here is intensifying efforts to land the state's proposed school of veterinary medicine, with an appeal being made to prominent business and civic leaders for support.

The site for the school is to be made by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors at a Dec. 18 meeting. The choice for the site involves a battle between A&T and N.C. State University at Raleigh.

Marshall Colston, vice chancellor of development and university relations at A&T, said response from business and civic leaders to assist in A&T's efforts to have the school built here has been "tremendous."

Colston said that personal letters have been sent to many prominent people asking them to "enlist your people in prominent positions to call or write Gov. James Holshouser Jr., legislators and other friends of the university" and projects an economic impact of $41 million a year. Colston noted.

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A&T officials believe their school should be considered by the Board of Governors before a site location decision is made. It also points out that A&T already "generates through its programs and projects an economic impact in excess of $41 million a year." Colston noted.

These "friends of the university" are being asked to call or write Governor James Loshelser Jr., legislator, and the Board of Governors to support A&T's position in the controversy which exists with N.C. State.

Colston said that use of a point system in evaluation whether A&T or N.C. State should be the site for the veterinary school in unfair, and is not the proper criterion or site selection. Faculty members from the Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine rated the N.C. State and A&T campus facilities available and assigned point values in several categories. N.C. State received A&T 1,051 to 499 and was recommended by the Ohio State Ombudsman to be the site of the proposed veterinary school. But Colston contended that the consultants' report only accounted for two points in the A&T campus, and A&T officials were not aware of a point rating system being used.

"It is incorrect to say that a point system was used at all," Colston said. This system, he added, was "obnoxious and greatly complicated the situation. The only thing that should have been considered is whether A&T could implement a veterinary school of veterinary medicine. It can."

Colston explained that either school selected for the veterinary program will have to staff it and build facilities. This will have to be done with additional personnel and additional buildings regardless of which of the universities gets the program.

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A&T would be a good site for the school because of its location in Piedmont North Carolina, which has the state's heaviest population concentration and because of the area's proximity to the new N.C. State Zoo in Raleigh and Randolph College. Animal species are being kept, and because of the emphasis on the cattle and dairy industry in this area, a school of veterinary medicine will have to be built "from the ground up" wherever it is to be located. The school should be constructed, he said, where it can best serve and already there is a concentration of major state programs in Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

"If this type of point system is to be used in measuring for programs, then Appalachian, Western Carolina and East Carolina—all of these schools—would have to use the system."

"This way of all the schools would always be compared to N.C. State and UNC (at Chapel Hill)," he said.

Even the idea of considering A&T as a possible site for the veterinary school.

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Larry Shelton
Senior To Perform Recital

By Daryl E. Smith

On December 9 at 7:30, Larry Shelton will perform his Senior Recital in Harrison Auditorium. The music will be played on an alto sax and will be representing the classical, Romantic and Baroque periods.

Shelton also plays the baritone sax with A&T's jazz ensemble and concert band.

Shelton is an active member of the Music Educator National Journal along with his other musical activities.

Asking what his plans would be after graduation, Shelton replied, "I'm thinking about going to graduate school after I finish here."

Shelton continued by saying that the Music Department is a good department. "We have some very talented students as well as instructors in the Music Department."

"A Senior Recital is a very important factor in graduating," he said. "I'm thinking about going to graduate school." In responding to how long it has taken him to prepare for his recital, Shelton said, "I've been practicing for this recital ever since October of this year."

Rod Rodgers Dance Company Gets Standing Ovation

Monday night The Rod Rodgers Dance Company performed before an appreciative audience in Harrison Auditorium. The audience greeted the dancers with standing ovation.

The second portion of the program, "dedicated to Soledad Simpson, the dancers glided to Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson's "Feline Feelings", "To Say Goodbye", and "Need No Help". The audience responded emotionally to "Feline Feelings" which was performed by Shirley Rushing of the Dance Company. This vignette was choreographed to Aretha Franklin's " Ain't No Way".

The members of the dance company, physically and beautifully, communicated feelings to which the audience showed its appreciation with a standing ovation.
An Administrator Takes
-- A Definite Stand

Mr. Marshall H. Colston, vice chancellor of development and university relations, has put to rest all of the questions about the School of Veterinary Medicine in one extended statement.

And as you can see, not only should we ask for the school of veterinary medicine but we should demand it. It was unfair for the Board of Governors to attempt to put this university "through the mill," for as Mr. Colston has said "We want the school here on merit and merit alone," and we do have a track record of university development that would warrant a reconsideration.

This is not a Black-white issue. It is the same type of problem that East Carolina has had and is having a school of medicine.

The stage is set, the showdown is coming. The December 18 meeting of the Board of Governors will show the other schools, such as East Carolina, Appalachian and NC State by using this point system.

The staff of the A&T REGISTER would like to thank Mr. Colston as well as others that have once again stood up for the rights of Blacks and pointed out to those that are in control, that we don't stand for just anything that they are willing to give. But are demanding what we must have.

All leading editorials are written by the Editor of the A&T REGISTER. Such editorials will not carry a byline and will not put this university "through the mill," for as Mr. Colston and university relations have put to rest all of the questions.

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Hope Is Expressed

Dr. Suresh Chandra has made explicitly clear the plans of the School Of Engineering with respect to long range planning. It is my hope that this description also reaches the Board of Governors. They may have the same problem the writer had in reading the Long Range plan.

Rosie A. Stevens

Open Access Maintained

By Rosie A. Stevens

The impact from the law recently passed giving the individual the right to inspect and to challenge certain kinds of information has not had very much repercussion here. Most of the lack of impact can be attributed to the open access that has been maintained with respect to one's examination of one's own record. This has not been a problem.

The question, then, might very well be raised why pass the law at all. This question may be answered by a drawing on a broader perspective.

While most people have no fear of permitting others to examine their records, this lack of fear is based on the need that the record is accurate. The ease with which one can make a passage of the law show that accuracy is not always a part of the files gathered for various purposes. They also show that inaccuracy can and does hurt in some very critical situations. One does not, for example, wish to be denied a job because a careless instructor confidentially confidentially tells a potential employer that one has such profound emotional problems that one could not function in class.

This kind of information could be thrown out of a court of law as evidence if stated by some other who could not, strictly speaking, be an expert witness. It could become a good case for libel if a reporter wrote such in a newspaper without expert authority to quote. Yet, until recently, such information could be and often was entered into one's records without reference to the qualifications of the person who did it and without one's knowledge and used to bar opportunities.

With respect to this situation, the law is not timely at all: it is very much behind the times when it comes to protecting the privacy of the citizens of this society, one that is fast becoming the society of Dr. Gordon. Brother of the book that sold twelve million copies as an expert witness. It could become a good case for libel if a reporter wrote such in a newspaper without expert authority to quote. Yet, until recently, such information could be and often was entered into one's records without reference to the qualifications of the person who did it and without one's knowledge and used to bar opportunities.

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Aggies Suffer Defeat
With Season's Opener

By Blannie E. Bowen

Major colleges in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) play smaller basketball teams each year to start the season. The big schools play the small teams to pad their records and gain national recognition.

Smaller teams have only some prestige to gain by beating one of the larger teams. This type of activity has been going on for years; but, for the Aggies of A&T, it is a new experience.

There is only one problem with the Aggies. When you are one of the major college teams, you are not supposed to lose to one of the smaller teams.

Some genius forgot to tell Coach Warren Reynolds and his Aggies that they were supposed, yes, supposed to beat tiny St. Augustine's College Saturday night.

The Aggies lost what may be termed an unforgivable game when they were beaten 68-67 in Raleigh. This was the season opener for the Aggies and, possibly, the only reason which might conceivably be used as an excuse.

Calvin Preston sank two free tosses with 30 seconds on the clock to seal the Aggies' defeat. Preston's tosses made it 68-65, but freshman James Sparrow sank a lay-up to cut the margin of defeat.

Lon Smith and Ron Johnson did not help the Aggie cause much in the second half as they received their fourth fouls at 11:35 and 15:44, respectively, in the last half.

Allen Spruill was the big gun for A&T as he netted 24 points, while Johnson got 12 and Sinclair Colbert hit for 11. Addison Ingram and Calvin Rand got 18 each to lead the home team.

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M.E.N.C. Dance will be held in Moore Gym Thursday, December 5 at 9:00 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble Concert will be held in Harrison Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

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Veterinary School
Is Not Simply A
Black-White Issue
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veterinary school appears to have been belated, Gill said. The school here was given "only a short period of time" to prepare its application. "We did it and got it in (to the people in Chapel Hill) in sufficient time so that it would be a part of the deliberation of the subcommittee of the Board of Governors.

"It seems to me this was a belated thought (by the subcommittee) and there might be questions of legal and ethical character." The request from the subcommittee to A&T came only 10 days before the subcommittee was to meet to consider a site location, Gill said.

Gill said A&T officials were not invited to see the report from the Ohio State consultants. "We didn't even know what was in it until we read it in the newspapers and we could not respond until we received a copy of it several days later... and the debate on this program already was in high gear."

Even now, he added, A&T officials do not know "how the points were weighted" in the consultants' evaluation.

A&T has been criticized for not having planned ahead for the possibility of getting a veterinary school while N.C. State "has been planning this for some time," he said.

The state made A&T a six-year school and not an institution to grant doctorates and there was no reason for A&T planning for a doctorate program that was not authorized, Gill noted. "We should not be penalized for this."

Gill said that A&T does not plan to be involved in a lawsuit concerning the site location, but noted that the N.A.A.C.P. is watching the controversy with the possibility of implementing a court suit.

There also is an indication that the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is taking an interest in the controversy, and already the U.S. Office of Health, Education and Welfare has asked that a "racial impact" study of the vet school site be made.

Those interested in the veterinary school being located here are not simply responding to "black-white" issue, Gill said, because both black and white leaders are responding to A&T's appeal for assistance in landing the school for the Piedmont area of the state.

Rather than N.C. State "trying to work something out" that would benefit both schools and the state, Gill said, "we tried an end run to take the whole thing. There is no need for us to be at odds and arguing."

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