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THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

VOLUME XLVI NUMBER 42 NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO FEBRUARY 21, 1975



Students are finding it hard to get financial aid early or late.

Northern School Systems

Minority Teachers Sought

The prospects for teaching positions for this year's college graduating classes are good if the applicants are majors in industrial arts, chemistry, earth science, reading or are minority applicants.

That was generally the word being put out Thursday by 50 recruiters from school systems in North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Ohio during a Teacher's Fair at A&T.

"We have about 15 applications for each job we might have," said J.M. Turner, director of personnel for the Roanoke (Virginia) County Schools.

The lagging economy has definitely caught up with the hiring of teachers, most of the recruiters admitted.

"We'll hire a few teachers in every field," said Turner, "but fewer than in past years." He said the system generally hires around 250 teachers, but hired just 136 last year.

Robert A. Newton, personnel director for the Greensboro schools, said, "It would be very unusual if we don't hire at least a few people."

"We're interested in good people," he said; "but we are getting something like 3,000 applications." He said the systems has 1,500 employees, with just six of them scheduled for mandatory retirement this year.

"Reading was a very good field for teachers in Greensboro last year," said Newton, "because of some new federally-funded programs."

"I just don't know what will happen this year," he said.

Several Northern school systems said they were especially looking for minority teachers for urban communities.

"We haven't hired a lot of teachers," said Al Fortune, principal of Devotions School in the Boston, Mass., area; "but we are out to increase the number of Blacks because th area is now inundated with Black."

Dr. Robert Evans of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, said basically the same thing.

"We'll do less hiring than last year," he said; "but of the 40 teachers we do hire, about half of them will be minorities."

W.I. Morris, director of the Teacher's Fair, said more than 2500 interviews were conducted during the day.

Group Of Students Aid Low Income Families

A group of engineering students at A&T State University have taken for an out-of-class project the task of helping residents of low-income houses figure out how to cut down on their fuel bills.

"We are extremely proud that our students are getting involved in a community project which could mean so much to persons who need help," said Dr. A. V. Sharma, acting chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at A&T.

The 10 students, all members of the university's chapter of the Pi Tau Sigma, national mechanical engineering honorary fraternity, are participating in the project supervised by the Winston-Salem Engineers Club as a community service.

Directing the A&T project in Winston-Salem, N.C. will be Dr. David E. Klett, an associate professor of mechanical engineering.

The students are concerned about how the low-income residents can save energy and reduce their heating expenses.

What the students will actually do is to evaluate 50 low-income houses in their study. Half of the houses were winterized by the installation of weather stripping and plastic storm windows. The other 25 houses did not enjoy these advantages.

By carefully monitoring the temperatures and fuel in both sets of houses over a four-week period, the students hope to arrive at conclusions which could

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Tuba Music To Be Presented

David Lewis, an instructor in the School of Music at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will present a program of contemporary tuba music Tuesday, February 25.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Richard B. Harrison Auditorium and is open to the public without charge.

Lewis will open the program with Florian Mueller's "Concert Music for Bass Tuba." This will be followed by "Impromptus for

Solo Tuba" by Robert Muczynski and Halsey Stevens' "Sonatina."

After intermission, the tubist will play "Two Moods for Tuba" by Donald Swann and Gordon Jacob's "Tuba Suite."

Accompanying Lewis will be Miss Deborah Overton, a UNC-G senior majoring in piano.

Lewis holds the bachelor's degree from UNC-G and the master's from the New England

Conservatory in Boston. He has formerly been a band director for the Natick Public Schools in Massachusetts and brass instrument teacher at the Brookline Music School, Brookline, Mass.

"Trojan Women" Will Be A Thought Provoking Show

"The Trojan Women," a classic Greek drama by Euripides, will be presented by the Richard B. Harrison Players at A&T State University Wednesday through Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in the Paul Robeson Theatre.

Directing his first production at A&T will be Jim Forster, technical director of the theatre. Costumes will be by Catherine Clifton and the technical musical director will be Ty Miller.

Reservations for the play may be secured by calling the box office at 379-7852.

"The Trojan Women" is based on a day immediately following the fall of Troy, when the Trojan males have been killed and the women are about to be sent into slavery.

"We believe that this will be a thought provoking show," said Forster. "It has some universal themes which are relevant such

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ROTC Program

Experience And Money Offered

By Sidney Marable

A&T's Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) offers its participants experience and money. Many students may shy away from ROTC because of the obligatory military service after graduation.

Air Force Major Duffner, admissions counselor for North Carolina, said the attitude he runs into is the want of something guaranteed after graduation but without being committed.

However, with the state of the economy now, the ROTC program may be just what the college student needs, especially the Black college student. A junior or senior enrolled in ROTC receives \$100 per month, tax free. This is true of both the Air Force and Army ROTC. Also, scholarships are offered for four, three, and two years.

Scholarship recipients receive \$100 a month plus cost of tuition, books, and fees.

Besides the financial aspect of it, ROTC is also beneficial in other ways. Colonel William B. Neal, professor of Military Science, stated that the ROTC program provides young Black men and women with the opportunity to develop management and leadership skills at a very early age. "It (ROTC)," said Neal, "also keeps Blacks in the mainstream of the Armed Forces and the country."

Major Duffner compared the advantage a senior business major, graduating through ROTC, has over another who graduates with the same major and the same or slightly higher grade point average. Duffner pointed out that the cadet would begin at approximately \$10,000 a year and would be promoted twice as fast as the civilian.

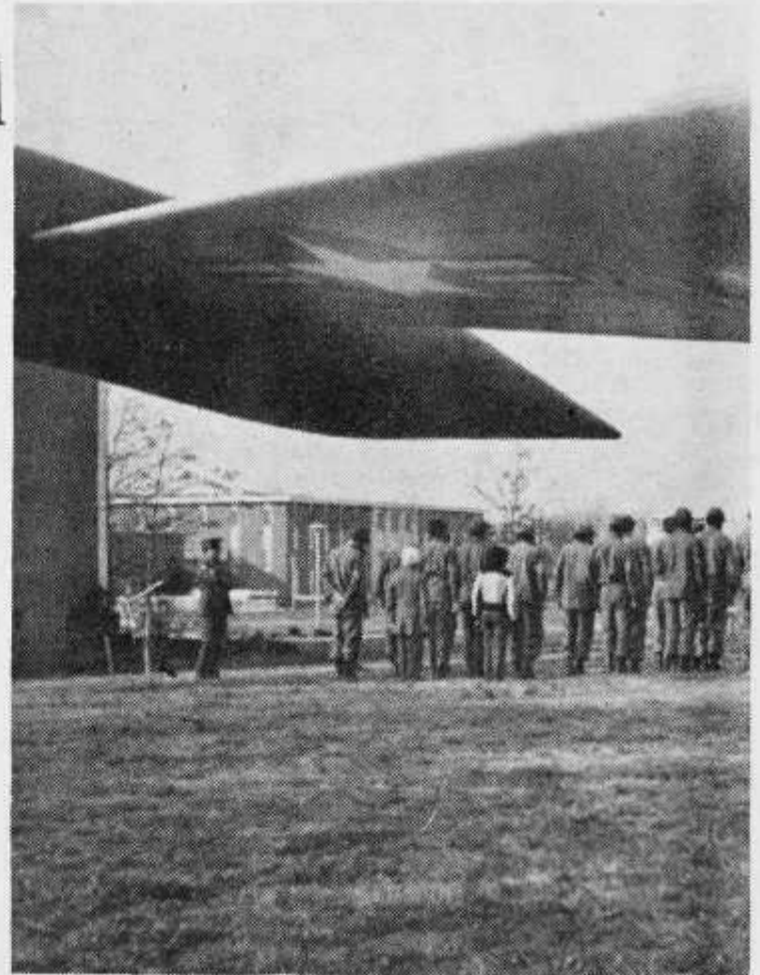
Also, the civilian may be handling an account of \$20,000 after 10 years; the officer would be handling an account of perhaps \$40 million and supervising a large staff.

In addition, if the officer decides to terminate his service, he will have training and experience in supervising and handling large accounts. Thus, his credentials and trustworthiness will be much better than that of the civilian who graduated from the same class, Duffner said.

Although the military service has more rules and regulations than any other government institution, Major Duffner pointed out that the service tries to make a real attempt to bring about equality and unlimited job opportunities.

However, he remarked, the uniform does not rid prejudice, but suppresses it. On the other hand, Col. Neal pointed out, "ROTC gives Blacks an opportunity to get what everybody else is getting."

Both officers emphasized the fact that freshmen and sophomores who were not enrolled in ROTC many attend summer camp for six weeks before their junior year. In their junior year, if successful at camp, they will return as advanced cadets.



A-A-A-tent-Hup! Army ROTC, A good investment in time, experience and money. photo by Lance

Cheryl Grissom To Play Leading Role Of Hecuba

(Continued from Page 1) as the tragedy of loss, be it loss of life or loss of freedom." Playing the lead role of Hecuba in the play will be Cheryl

Grissom, a sophomore theatre major. She had a major role in the Richard B. Harrison Players' production of "A Raisin in the Sun."

The other Trojan women will be played by Anita Manley, Paula Richardson, and Venessa LaGarde.

Members of the chorus will be Debbie Hawkins, Angela Robinson, Barbara DeVeaux, Mary Logan and Afrique Kilimanjaro.

The Greek soldiers will be Avery Verdall, Charles Sales and Stephen Mack.

Students Receive Nothing For Their Efforts

(Continued from Page 1) be useful for low income residents.

Sharma said for their efforts, the students receive nothing except transportation to Winston-Salem.

He said that findings of the study might be helpful in obtaining federal funding for the winterizing of low income housing.

Funding for the A&T project is being provided by the Winston-Salem Experiment in Self-Reliance Problem Center.

Recruiting Schedule

February 24	Control Data Corp. GTE Sylvania John Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory Montgomery Public School Procter & Gamble
February 25	Burlington Industries Carolina Eastman Co. General Mills, Inc. General Public Utilities Service Corp. Mallory Timers Co. Procter & Gamble
February 26	Alexandria City School System Eli Lilly & Co. General Telephone Company of Southeast North Carolina State University Northern VA Police Minority Recruiting Office Xerox Corp.
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Dance Company

Group Beset By Problems

By Paula Mohamed

As the A&T Dance group enters its second year of existence, it is still plagued with growing pains.

The group is constantly combating the problems of limited funds and the absence of a permanent place for practices and rehearsals.

Because of the lack of funds, Mrs. Eleanor Gwynn performs the Herculean task of director, costumer and choreographer among her other duties. Despite these setbacks, she describes the group as enthusiastic and hardworking.

Although the dance group was seen only in the production of "Purlie" during the first semester, the group is still very active. Plans for this semester include a concert, participation in the Bethune-Cookman Black Arts Festival and a performance in Greenville, South Carolina, for Delta Sigma Theta. Other trips and shows are still in the planning stages.

Preparation for this round of events is being made by the 30-member group and rehearsals and

technique practices are attended every night except Friday.

There are three male members of the group and more are expected to be recruited shortly.

Mrs. Gwynn is pleased with the addition of male dancers and hopes to be able to recruit more as she has developed dances to include male performers.

The curriculum for the group is flexible. The dancers are exposed to many art forms and dances are executed to music that includes composers like

Mozart and Mandrill.

In addition to rehearsals and performances, the group attends the performances of other accomplished dancers to provide a depth of experience.

Recently they visited Raleigh to see Alvin Ailey.

Mrs. Gwynn stated her need for an assistant instructor, not only to help with her numerous tasks, but to provide the participants of the group with other points of view and ideas.

Bell, Rogers And Jones Attend FFA Luncheon

Three representatives from the Department of Agricultural Education at A&T were among some 85 guests at a North Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America luncheon held in Raleigh, Monday, February 16.

Dr. A.P. Bell, chairman, I.C. Rogers, associate professor, and Cedric Jones, Ag-Ed Association President, attended

the affairs.

The purpose of the luncheon was to honor the many sponsors and friends of the FFA and to solicit their aid for the coming year.

Entertainment in a musical manner was furnished by various FFA and N.C. State University groups.

A skit was presented to show the sponsors the importance of their financial assistance in the promotion of the FFA and agriculture education. It was performed by the 1974-75 slate of State FFA Officers.

Other guests and sponsors included members and staff of the State Department of Public Instruction, FFA Alumni and representatives from Carolina Power and Light Company, the Lt. Governor's Office and the Federal Paper Board.



Joseph Bennett

photo by Lance

13-College Curriculum Changes Direction

Mary E. Cropps,

The 13-College Curriculum program at A&T has been turned to new directions. According to Joseph Bennett, director of the program, the curriculum has been diverted from emphasis on first-year general education to that of the upper levels.

Although the basic program is still evident in the Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics departments, it is not as strong in English and history.

The program is now involved with graduate study, Bennett

said. It can make direct recommendations for students on the graduate level to such institutions as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, American University, the University of Pittsburgh, Howard and certain schools of Harvard.

Bennett pointed out that A&T is a member of the 13-college consortium. The members of the consortium have an agreement with the Institute for Service to Education to admit a certain number of students and faculty to their institutions.

A&T acts as a liaison between the university and the consortium, Bennett explained, and can recommend any student to a member institution.

Although this opportunity is available to students, not many take advantage of it, Bennett

said. "Dissemination of information is a problem," he explained, "although it is sent to the departments."

Another part of the new directions deals with the initiation of a program of career education at A&T.

YES WE CAN

The PI OMEGA PI, the National Collegiate Association of Secretaries and the Business Administration Club are now in the process of sponsoring an essay contest for Junior and Senior high school students within a radius of 200 miles round trip. We are asking all members of each of the three organizations to participate in order for this to be a success.

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- Each winner, Club Advisor, officers of the club and chairman of trip to NORTH CAROLINA A & T STATE UNIVERSITY. Also, the winners will be eligible for a scholarship if they plan to attend NC A&T STATE UNIVERSITY.

All papers for the contest must be received by March 14, 1975. The topic is "How the Public Benefits If I Get the Right Job". This project could bring Recognition to A&T STATE UNIVERSITY as well as the different participating organizations within the communities of North Carolina.

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In the February 18 edition of the A&T Register we asked our readers to let us know if they knew of ill use of money within the Alumni Association. This week we have had some responses. During October of 1974 the Gate City Chapter of the A&T Alumni Association asked for businessmen to buy ads, that would, according to the chapter, appear in a booklet that the chapter would publish during or before A&T's Homecoming. As of this writing that booklet has not been published.

According to the president of the association, he did not know about the booklet but the money was given to the Association.

It was said that Mr. Joseph Williams, the executive director of the National Alumni Affairs, didn't know of this booklet, but he should have.

A&T is in need of money but, if this type of act keeps happening it will be even harder for the Alumni to give.

Mr. E.H. Preston, Jr. and Mr. Joseph Williams should have been on top of this before now. They should let individuals know what their money will be used for. If you are going to publish a booklet, then publish a booklet; if the money is going to be used for scholarships, say so; if you don't know how the money is going to be used, then say so. This act by the Gate City Chapter is an ill use of funds and should be looked into now. The Register will keep its readers posted as to what is happening with the Alumni Association, and with your help we will get to the heart of the matter.

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Labor Party Speaks Out

Editor of the Register:

FOOD, TRACTORS, FERTILIZER—NOT WAR!

As the world economy crashes into the depths of its worst depression, food production is being destroyed, farmers driven off the land, fertilizer factories stand idle while unemployment soars. Forty million persons starved to death or died of diseases due to starvation last year worldwide—and while the threat of death by starvation endangers over 100 million this year, 500,000 unemployed auto workers stand idled by auto factories which could be mobilized to produce tractors. Rockefeller openly calls for the genocide of one billion people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, saying that "food triage" is an unfortunate necessity.

The dollar is collapsing on the international money markets while trade and production grind to a halt.

The ruling class can no longer rule! With his forces in disarray, Rockefeller pushes all out for a new war in South East Asia, a new war in the MidEast, a new oil hoax... His last desperate hope: to quiet the growing ferment among workers, farmers, and their allies with a massive red scare, to create McCarthy-type hysteria under which a paralyzed working class will submit to the militarization of the economy and genocide worldwide.

No worker, no student, no farmer, no scientist can stand idle for a moment. We can and must stop world wide starvation immediately by providing 30 million tons of grain to starving countries. The Emergency Agricultural Production Act (EAPA) must be passed by Congress within 45 days—to cancel for one year all farm debt and provide by a 1% tax on banks and life insurance companies the \$55 billion in credit at 2% interest for food production in the United States this year. Also, while fertilizer industry must be expanded by an additional capacity of 50 million tons and

the shut-down auto industry converted to produce 2 million more tractors per year.

This is the only alternative to war, starvation, and disease. While millions of workers and farmers worldwide have joined in the battle for expanded production, even mayors, state legislators, city councilmen, trade union leaders, church leaders, scientists have been moved to support EAPA and publicly endorse it.

In Europe the Communist Parties of France and Portugal are organizing around expanded production following successful long-standing programmatic debate with the European Labor Committees. In the industrial

heartland of the Ruhr, workers are joining the European Labor Party "to hook up with American workers in the USLP fighting Rockefeller." And pro-Soviet Iraq has announced plans for doubled oil production to pull the rug out from under the artificially high OPEC oil prices dictated by Rockefeller.

Who are these timid children who warn you not be human...that you might get hurt?

THE QUESTION IS TRACTORS OR TANKS, FOOD OR WAR?

Marion Porter,
U.S. Labor Party candidate
for Mayor of Greensboro



Is Justice Just?

By Rosie A. Stevens

The Kenneth Edelin case seems to illustrate the point that justice is sometimes so strange that it hardly seems just at all. It is very difficult to believe a doctor could receive a sentence for performing a legal abortion fully and in an uncovered manner consented to. Stranger still is the charge brought against the doctor-murder.

The case before the courts last week revealed a bit of motive so sinister it is hard to accept it. Why should anyone be concerned about murder when the act was legally mandated? The situation is somewhat analogous to trying the executioner for murder when a state has specified that a prisoner must die. While one may deplore the act of execution or abortion, one does not scapegoat the executioner or the abortionist.

But then, a highly complicated question of ethics seems to enter into the picture. Doesn't a doctor know when a child is alive and when the child is only a foetus? Apparently not, because the U.S. Supreme Court found it difficult to make such a decision after hearing not only the doctors in the land, but also reading the great books on ethics—including the Bible.

By being handled in such a manner by a lower court, a number of questions are being raised by the case of Kenneth Edelin. Many of these problems rearing themselves should not be problems at all. After all, how can one cry murder with the original intent to kill anyway? Yet only time will tell what the state decides. It is, after all is done, the power of the state to decide the definition of murder, and whether again to call it abortion.

' First In Freedom Only On License Plates '

The most pronounced of America's problems may very well be her economic woes; but, if she is serious about even economic recuperation, she must stretch beyond economics for a solution.

Yes, Richard Nixon's two-year old lie caught up with him and destroyed him politically.

Now it seems that, instead of

lied to her, products (students) by disguising indoctrinated training as an education. Even from a historical perspective, this country speaks with all greatness and pride about the "Great American Expansion, "Westward", "The Conquering of the Frontier". But the truth will have the Indians speak of it as "the Great Indian Massacres" or the "Great Sacrifice of the

two hundred years, the truth about economic progress is translated by Black people to mean slavery or death.

The cost of early economic expansion and maintenance in this country was African lives. But the American Lie only computes dollars and cents.

And if there is such an animal as "American Justice", it remains unknown to the racial minority and economic (less-than-rich) majority in this country. Any time one tenth of the population can constitute nearly one half of those in penal institutions, it leaves this as the most obvious of America's two-hundred-year supply of lies.

Politically the denial of truth to herself has caused America millions of her sons and daughters over the course of years and wars. America's plastic concepts have been "majority rules", "freedom to choose our own Destiny", "making the world safe for (should have been from) democracy".

How can one talk of democracies while supporting dictatorships like Thieu in South Vietnam and Park in South Korea? How can one speak of the right of majority rule, while supporting South Africa where a twenty percent white minority rules and suppresses and eighty percent Black majority? Fact is

that had America allowed S. Vietnam to choose her own government, S. Vietnam would have been Communist as of 1956. But, after all, this lie only cost her about 50,000 lives—chump change to her.

Moreover, what further complicates America's recovery economically and politically today is that the rest of the world is waking up to the American truth. No longer do countries allow American corporations to determine their GNP's or the collapse of their economies. Countries the world

over are leaning towards socialism and forcing America to "pay for what it gets". Hence, international "windfall profit" (exploitation) cannot be counted on to bail America out of her present economic dilemma.

And, surely, if the past, to a great degree, determines the future, then this country is indeed in trouble beyond economics. If America continues to lie, then lies will be the death of America.

After all "First in Freedom" only exists in North Carolina and in America on license plates.

CRISIS

By Ted L. Mangum



a 200th birthday celebration, America's two-hundred-year-old lie has begun to destroy her. The irony is that America has been lying to herself for so long that she doesn't realize it and thus is somewhat incapable of correcting it.

America's educational institutions have traditionally

American Indian"; for they were forced to sacrifice a whole race of people for America's growth pains.

Then there's the lie about rapid economic growth in America which in itself is not a lie—but, when you have an entire nation of slaves or unpaid workers to build on for almost

OPINION

What Is It All About ?

By Michael Blakeney

At the conclusion of the funeral services for Martin F. Holt which was conducted February 13, 1975, in Harrison Auditorium, I was fortunate enough to observe a part of the service that few people fail to notice, the very ending.

I noticed the fear in the faces of the relatives and friends as they shook their car keys as if impatient to leave. There appeared to be a question in their minds—who's next?

There was much shaking of hands as old friends met again seemingly to question each other, what are you here for? They even brought their children. Why? Maybe subconsciously they were saying here is your replacement. A fresh new life in exchange for one gone. Perhaps hoping to impress upon that young mind the importance of living a full productive life.

As the funeral procession left the campus escorted by police officials, I questioned myself. Why the police escort? Was it an exhibit of respect or just a plain show of the natural order of nature's law? Noting also, there were now smiles as if saying, "well that's over with." This made me wonder if they felt it a duty to attend. Why?

I then slowly entered the auditorium feeling the stillness. I felt a friendliness even though I never knew Mr. Holt. I sat on the front row knowing that a mother had sat there waiting, sensing that a son had sat there listening.

The custodian, lean and strong, began to perform his job with a rattling of chains. I heard the clicking of locks. I listened as he slammed doors as if locking us in or was it to keep other people out?

I could imagine faces as the minister presented the eulogy asking that unknown and feared question, "Is he bound or freed? Can you tell us that secret that only he now knows?"

The custodian paused at the speakers' stand for a moment

and looked at me silently as if giving me my last respects. I heard as he switched off the lights on stage. I watched as he pushed the piano into its corner as if saying, "I'll hear you again tomorrow."

I noticed one petal that was left behind. I still have it as a reminder that I can hopefully leave a flower in the minds of people who knew me.

As I left, I felt as though I could answer the question of who was next. This was the dress rehearsal.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Tournament time is showing its face again and there are some surprises, as always. The biggest surprise has centered around A&T this year.

The Aggies have established themselves as favorites for this year's MEAC Classic in Baltimore. This surprise is number one.

A&T is now 9-2, pending the Central game tonight in Durham. Many felt the Aggies would win the Tournament first-round bye with a win over the tough Eagles, but S.C. State took care of that Wednesday.

Central is rough in Durham, but A&T has been awesome the last five games. The Aggies got the berth and prevented Morgan State from receiving a rest during Thursday's opening session of the Tournament.

Everyone figured Morgan would easily win the MEAC this year since only two players are missing from last year's NCAA Division II championship club. Everyone except Warren Reynolds and 14 other people thought this would occur.

But, Reynolds and his players might know something they are not telling everyone else. At any rate, A&T is the surprise favorite and many fans are still not convinced the team can win the title.

This brings us to the second surprise. In talking with Dick Moore and Joe Faust of A&T's sports information service I found an alarming item of interest.

Fans are not believers in the Aggies yet. Only four or five persons had expressed interest in securing bus transportation to Baltimore for the Tournament.

This is very strange since A&T is normally the drawing card for any tournament it plays in. Some prefer to think economics have hurt the bus situation. Many claim they do not have the money for the trip.

The decision is yours as to what you want to think, but I am certain the Aggies are going to be hurting in Baltimore without some fans to cheer them to victory.

Finally, the third surprise may come later should A&T beat Central and then proceed to win the MEAC Tournament in two games.

The Surprise could come in the form of a berth in a post-season tournament of some sort. There are two possibilities: NCAA Division I and the National Invitational Tournament (NIT).

Realistically looking at the situation, you can forget the NCAA Tournament since it will field 32 teams this year and still permit conferences such as the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) to send its winner as well as another runner-up team.

Teams from conferences such as the MEAC will not even be considered for a berth unless a school has a won-loss record of say, 26-0 or better.

The NIT is the only hope for this season since Morgan and A&T have lost seven games, respectively. There is a slim - I mean a slim chance one of these teams can get into the NIT.

Maryland-Eastern Shore was invited last year, but the Hawks were 22-1 when they were invited. UMES broke the barrier as a little-known school and it might be easier for the NIT to select from two better known schools, Morgan (Webster) and A&T.

All of this remains to be seen, but we cannot forget how surprises have been happening this year. Anything is possible and some surprises are going to come from the MEAC. Don't be surprised.

ON A MORE CONFIDENT NOTE A&T's wrestling and girl's basketball teams just keep on winning. Coach Mel Pinckney could not find any teams to beat last week, so he had an intra-squad match.

Congratulations are well-deserved for the Aggies. They proved this by stomping and ringing the Bennett Belles twice. Aggies now have priority over Aggies as well as the basketball courts and railroad tracks too.

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Slumping FSU Broncos Are Aggie Victims

By Craig Turner

A&T entered the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium Tuesday in Fayetteville licking its wounds from a successful road trip last weekend. The Aggies needed only half a head of steam to polish off slumping Fayetteville State 72-64.

A&T played the contest

Annual Golden Glove

Alexander Wins Championship

Willie Alexander continued his winning ways this past Saturday by capturing the heavyweight boxing title in the 43rd Annual Golden Glove State Championships in Charlotte.

Alexander won his second state title (he is also State AAU champion) when he defeated Irving Taylor of the U.S. Marine Corps by a unanimous decision.

He won Friday's round by virtue of a forfeit. This win will advance him to the Golden Glove finals in Knoxville, Tenn., to be held the latter part of March.

Since Alexander is the North Carolina Golden Glove as well as Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) champion, he has an excellent

chance to move to California for the Olympic trials.

Prior to the Taylor fight, Alexander injured both legs while sparring with fellow boxers. He said his opponents out-weighted him by 20 pounds.

Although he won a trophy

and a Golden Glove jacket with an emblem, Alexander remarked, "None of this would have been possible without God."

He claims, "The Lord has assured me of success and victory."

Allen Spruill Is Named Player - Of - The - Week

By Blannie Bowen

After scoring 127 points in five straight games, four of which A&T won, Allen Spruill said he is not satisfied with his performances.

Although Spruill is not content, the Sports Information Directors of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference were satisfied that Spruill had been the best player in the conference this week.

The writers have selected Spruill as player-of-the-week based upon his performances which have yielded a first-round MEAC Tournament bye for the 9-2 Aggies.

James Sparrow of A&T was the top MEAC player last week.

Spruill said he is not satisfied because "I know I can do better than what I have been doing. I am not satisfied with our record (15-7) either."

Although he could not pin-point his problem exactly, Spruill said he has not "been myself. We have had to adjust to a team-type system this year. It has taken more time than anyone anticipated."

He mentioned that his team has to win, and the only way this will occur is by playing together as a unit. "In other words," Spruill explained, "we must play like we are number one."

From a personal point of view, the New Bern senior said he has "to put out this year, so I can reach my goal. This is my chance and I must make the best of it."

Number one is exactly what the 6-4 guard has been in the hearts of students and fans alike the past four years.

"I like to see good ball and (See Fans, Page 8)



Does he wear an "S" on his chest...No it's O...only Allen Spruill.
photo by Sims

Wrestlers Bound For Tourney

By Nicie Cannon

Howard University in Washington, D.C., will be the

scene of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Wrestling Tournament this weekend.

Coach Mel Pinckney and the wrestlers ended the season 12-2 overall and 4-2 in conference competition. A forfeit to Delaware State and a controversial loss to South Carolina State accounted for the two defeats.

Presently, the team is not as strong as Coach Pinckney would like for it to be. As has been the case all season, the team is plagued with injuries.

"It is amazing that we have the record we have now," stated Pinckney speaking in terms of injuries.

Pinckney further commented

that Morgan is a very strong team and should take first place in the tournament with Delaware State taking second. He said Howard and A&T should be battling for third.

However, Pinckney stated that A&T has a chance for first place if three Aggies can take first place and if A&T wrestlers can win consolation rounds.

It shouldn't be too hard for A&T to get three first place wins with Charles Simmons at 118; Rodney James at 126, and Roosevelt Hilton at 134. Pinckney expressed hope that the other wrestlers would at least place third with the exception of 167 and 177 divisions which he

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Fans Get Into Spruill's Act

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 there isn't a player around I pattern after. I take the best of each great player and, that way I do not have an idol," Spruill related.

An adept ballhandler, Spruill has left many defenders spell-bound, dazed and, at times, watching from the floor as he uncorked; his repertoire of spectacular moves.

Students get into his act as well. When Spruill attempts a 20-25-foot jumper, students yell, "sho-o-m", in hopes his shots

hit nothing but nets. When he misses, his fans only respond with "ah!ah!"

Although he is averaging 18 points a game this year, things were not always as pleasant his other three years. "I got hurt a lot and for some reasons, I did not play as much earlier," Spruill remarked.

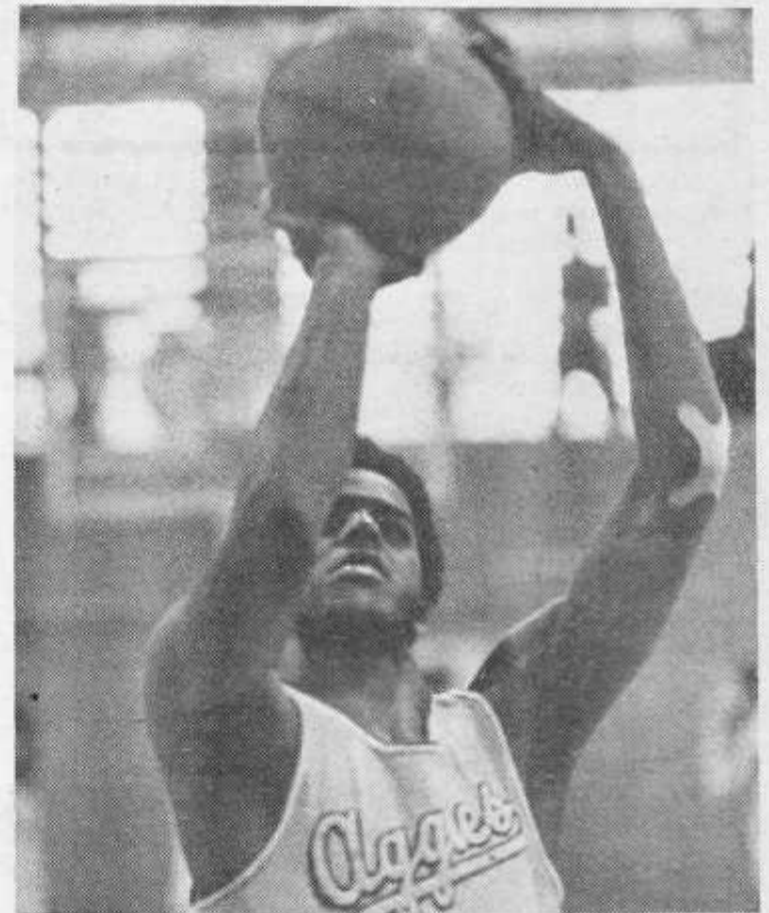
The fifth of six children, Spruill said he is ready physically and wants to try professional basketball somewhere. He explained he will go to every camp to get his opportunity.

Four years ago, the top high school player in the state was not David Thompson or Ray Harrison as most people care to think. The elite player was a skinny senior from New Bern, who is now a senior recreation major here.

Offers came for Spruill to play at North Carolina State, Carolina, South Carolina, Nebraska, Clemson, Shaw and about 110 other schools. But, he chose A&T.

Spruill let instant fame, prestige and, possibly, money get away to play at A&T. He is finally getting his due accolades. Concerning basketball, Spruill said there is no such word as "can't." Would he do it all again for A&T?

Spruill said calmly and confidently: "I can't answer that."



Allen Spruill

photo by Carter

Sparrow And Spruill Lead Aggies Over FSU

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 The physical FSU team slipped inside off backdoor cuts and controlled the boards on its end of the floor.

A&T began to use guard Allen Spruill to help spark offensive movement. The New Bern senior began to penetrate down the lanes on the weak FSU backcourt.

Spruill put A&T in front 20-19 with 14:39 to go and the Aggies began to pull to the 37-30 margin at intermission.

Fayetteville got back into the contest by pulling up 37-34 with over 16 minutes remaining. Reynolds decided to go to his "Diamond" offense and instituted a 3-2 zone defense.

This zone really cut off the Broncos' offense altogether as Fayetteville went scoreless for the next eight minutes.

By this time, the trio of Spruill, Stan Parham, and James Sparrow had run the three-point lead to a 15-point advantage, 68-53 with 7:34 to go. From here, the Aggies cleared the bench and coasted to their 10th victory in their last 12 games.

Spruill led the winners with 18 points; Sparrow added 17, and Johnson chipped in 10. James Cobham scored 16 points for the Broncos' effort. A&T also collected 49 rebounds in the

game with Sinclair Colbert grabbing 15 of the total.

Matmen May Come

Home With First Place

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termed as "very shaky."

The MEAC Tournament this weekend is very important to coaches and wrestlers because all first and second place winners will qualify to go to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

As usual, Pinckney is very optimistic about the event and said he plans to "come back with first place." With the enthusiasm and competitiveness that Pinckney generates among the wrestlers, it is very likely that A&T will come back with first place.

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