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A&T Students Assemble To Protest Tuition Hike

It was the probable picnic scene, with a bright sunny day with hundreds of students lounging on the grounds.

But the issue facing the A&T State University students Tuesday were serious ones, a matter of whether or not many of them would be enrolled at the university next fall.

Faced with the possibility of a $300 to $300 tuition increase, they had assembled in mass to show their displeasure.

"Is there a master plan to phase out Black institutions?" asked Bennie Glover, president of the Student Government Association.

"A&T has already raised its own fees by $229 and a $200 increase by the state would make this $429. I feel that we, as students, with our right to vote, must make our positions known."

They must make their positions known.

"They may admit more, but it is like a revolving door," said Dowdy. The Blacks don't graduate from those colleges.

Another student, Claude Barnes, blamed the capitalistic system for a number of conditions in the world.

"Everywhere you look, the mass of people are running into trouble," he said. "Wealth is built on the exploitation of the world's people. The main obstacle is the capitalistic system."

Other speakers at the rally were Joseph D. Williams, director of alumni affairs, and Ted Mangum, incoming president of the Student Government Association.

The rally was one of 16 held at state-supported colleges across the nation to protest fee increases.

Dowdy Says:

**Economic Unity Is Necessary**

By Sidney Marable

"If we are to become independent to the extent that we can control large amounts of property (including buildings, dwellings and commercial outlets), it is necessary for us to develop economic unity." These are the words of Chancellor Lewis Dowdy in his proposal for economic unity.

Dr. Dowdy further stated that "Economic unity can be utilized to free us from a great oppression, which is chronic poverty."

Dr. Dowdy has devised a plan whereby small Black-owned businesses would unite and form a single corporation. He suggested that the corporation be named Afro-Enterprises, Inc., but more importantly, this parent corporation would have several subsidiaries complimenting each other.

The subsidiaries would form such a cycle that the funds would continue to circulate in the community. That is, the expenditures of the businesses and consumers would remain in the Black communities instead of going out.

Included in the subsidiaries, but not limited to (1) banking and finance, which would support (2) manufacturing, which goods would require (3) distribution, tracking and storage prior to (4) wholesale to (5) retail outlets for sale to the public. Real estate development may be ventured.

Secretary Receives Top Honor

Mrs. Shirley Turner, secretary to Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs at A&T, was named "Secretary of the Year" Thursday in annual friendly competition of the university's more than 100 secretaries.

Mrs. Turner was honored at the luncheon in the new P. A. Williams Student dining center.

|No Free Day This Year Says Library Director|

By Nicie Cannon

If you are one of those people who check out books from Bluford Library and do not return them on time, then be prepared to pay a fine because it does not seem very likely that the library will sponsor a free day this year, allowing students to return their overdue materials without charge.

Bluford Conley, director of Library Services, while not totally ruling out the possibility of having a free day did express feelings that it did not produce positive results for the library of the students.

Conley further elaborated that a free day punishes the student who observes the library rules because he had returned an overdue book before free day and then that student was assessed a fine.

In addition, Conley made it clear that he was very much in agreement with modifying and changing regulations when it was justified and for this reason he was not altogether closed to the idea of a free day. However, it seemed apparent that Conley did not feel that a free day was appropriate, and that it would be unfair to some students while being favorable to others. He commented that if regulations were justified they should be enforced, and, if not justified, they should be done away with.

The library charges a fee of five cents a day for overdue books.
Infirmary Locks Doors At 9:00

By Mike Hailey

The infirmary is open 24 hours for the use of the students although after 9 p.m. one has a harder time getting in. After this time, there is only one nurse on duty. The door is usually locked at that time, and it is up to the nurse on duty to use her judgment as to whether or not she wants it locked.

If a student wishes to enter the infirmary after 9 p.m., the Student Health Policies states that "all students who visit the infirmary after 9 p.m. should be accompanied by a security officer or a male dormitory counselor." According to Mrs. Thelma Vines, supervisor of the infirmary, the reason the door is locked goes back a few years. She said that the nurses used to be harassed by students late at night. When you are the only one in this building at night, you get scared," she said.

She also said that, if enough money were in their budget, they could afford a male orderly to work at night along with the nurse.

Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor, also agreed with Mrs. Vines. He said that drug addicts need medical attention. He would need medical attention in that case, the nurse on duty would use her judgment and, if need be, would call for an ambulance.

"I don't see why there can't be changes made," stated Norwood McMillan, director of campus security. "An emergency only has to happen once and if think it would be open," he further stated that the students can do something about the doors being locked at night.

Changes may be able to take place, but one should keep in mind that once a nurse is alone at night with all types of people roaming the streets.

Dowdy's Plan Calls For Stock

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into with profits. According to the proposed plan, each of the subsidiaries would have a board of directors from which each would have one representative on the Board of Directors of Afro-Enterprises, Incorporated. Final decisions about overall operations would be made by the board of directors of the parent corporation.

Dowdy proposed that the Enterprise sell shares to finance it. Each share would sell for $12.50. Black Students would be requested to purchase two shares per year during their college careers. Shares would be limited to the number one person may indipently purchase. Dowdy, to keep the financially well off or a small group of individuals from owning a large portion of the Enterprise. Shares would be limited to ownership of a $20,000,000, which is made for the upcoming fiscal year during their college careers.

Dowdy suggested that a pay-as-you-go policy be formed to help students from having to pay $12.50 at one time. Extended to all Black colleges, a share in Afro-Enterprises, Incorporated would have $20,000,000 to operate on from investments. The entire amount of money invested in Afro-Enterprises, Incorporated, would represent investments by the students, on which they would receive dividends or income once the subsidiaries began to make profits.

"We stand ready to make the concept of Economic Unity a reality. Leading to economic independence, a real part of the Black Experience," said Dowdy. Continuing, Dowdy proposed that "the students of A&T State University take the leadership role in establishing this corparation, since A&T students have traditionally played a leadership role in matters related to uplifting and unifying the Black community."
CURE Renders Support To Local Ex-Offenders

By Michael Blakeney

The Community United to Rehabilitate Ex-Offenders is an organization located on campus with meetings held in the student union. C.U.R.E., as it is better known, was conceived by Jasper Ormand, a senior studying Community Mental Health. His assistant is Cleveland Sellers, a graduate student studying administrative education at UNC-G.

C.U.R.E.'s basic goal is to aid ex-offenders and ex-inmates (youth, women, adults) with readjustment into respective communities. The organization provides support which the desired ends may necessitate, and acts as a liaison between the ex-offender and his or her family, immediate environment, and the overall community.

Current Chairman of C.U.R.E. is Jasper Ormand. He is from Snow Hill, and has had first-hand experience with the problems encountered by the ex-offender, knowing how he had to deal with them himself. He is also involved with other community-related organizations, one as head advisor to the Drug Action Community Council (DACC).

Sellers is a native of Denmark, S.C. He has had eleven years of experience working with the equality of men. He gained much of this experience during the sixties and has done work in several southeastern states. His work with C.U.R.E. began last July.

Ormand and Sellers would like to invite volunteers to help with the growth and development of C.U.R.E. Meetings are held each month, and there are many facets in which talents can be utilized. The experiences that can be gained from working with C.U.R.E. will prove to be invaluable.

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To jump or not to jump, my mother says, I don't have a dog house anyway.

Contact With And Helping People Are Joys Of Being A Secretary

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Black Literary Supplement

We are compiling a Literary Supplement for the final edition. If you have any poetry essays, short stories or tales, please contact Lance VanLundingham, Box E-25, Campus, or come by the office-the "little house" across from Graham Hall.
"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

How many times have you heard the expression, "united we stand, divided we fall"? To be sure, we have all heard it countless times. It seems that either the members of the Aggie family don't believe this, or they are out to prove true another expression we hear quite often, concerning Black's not sticking together.

In view of this, why wouldn't we have wanted to present a united front to the public Tuesday at the rally? I can not understand why the instructors did not show up for the rally. Nor can I understand why many students wouldn't do such a simple thing as signing a petition, which would have shown that they were in complete opposition to the proposed tuition increase. It seems as though these students and instructors are willing to accept whatever is thrown towards them.

Another incident which took away from our united front was a portion of a student's speech which depreciated the administrators' role in our opposition to an increase in tuition. Surely, it is possible that we can win the fight without the support of the administrators, but the probability of our success without their support is extremely minute.

The most ridiculous thing that happened during the entire rally was for the campus security officers to start bringing the students tickets for parking alongside the road and threatening to have the cars towed away. How much more disdain can be shown by us! True, one of the speakers made a few derogatory remarks about the security officers, but why should they show their ignorance by trying to get revenge?

If we, as Aggies, are to win this fight against the increase in tuition or any other struggle against the oppression of our people, we had better regroup and present a more united front to the public. Believe it or not, but truly "united we stand, divided we fall."

John E. Williams

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Academy Encourages Research

Students to participate in some type of scientific research. The N.C. Academy of Sciences is open to all physics, biology, mathematics, chemistry, engineering, food science, and psychology majors with a grade-point average of 2.0. The North Carolina Academy of Sciences is a state-wide organization. This organization was a predominately white organization until a year ago. A few of our students have presented papers at the state meetings.

The Slogan May Soon Apply

By Benjamin Forbes

It is hoped that the rally against tuition increase was a success. As of now it is impossible to tell just how much of an impact it had on students, faculty, administrators, and legislators.

A good crowd was on hand for the rally. There were however, a number of students who did not show. There were some who probably had previous engagements which made it impossible for them to attend, and there were those who just didn't care to come. It seems that the latter of these really don't care for their future. The problem facing us won't go away if we ignore it.

There were also a number of instructors who didn't show. I'm sure that more of them could have come. The problem facing the students also faces them. If we can not afford to pay the increased tuition, then we are out of school, and they may as well be out of a job. Jobs are hard to come by, as most of us can see. If Black schools are phased out, Black instructors will have a hard time getting jobs at a predominantly white institution. If they have Ph.D.'s, it will help some, but not much. (More and more people are getting them today.)

The city government of Greensboro should have shown more concern than they did. (Their representative did not show up.) For a school that pours millions of dollars per year into this city's economy, everyone of the city council members should have been there. It looks as if the senate subcommittee which perplex many scientific minds, such as studies on cancer or studies in agriculture.

We, as Aggies in the scientific field, can help solve some of these problems. You see, it is only through small scientific endeavors that major breakthroughs occur.

Gretchen T. Beck
President of the A&T Chapter of the N.C. Academy of Sciences
Student Apathy Exists Here

By Steve Allen

In the midst of the conflict and controversy surrounding the recent Veterinary School decision and the subsequent proposal by Senator Ralph Scott to merge and eventually close A&T, this reporter took time out to interview several A&T students on a very significant topic: "Student Apathy." The students addressed their opinions to four questions related to the topic:

1. Do you think student apathy exists?
   
2. If yes, why does it exist?

3. What can be done about student apathy?

4. Do you think students will become more politically active in the future?

Michael Poteat, a junior political science major from Beckley, West Virginia, feels that student apathy does exist and that the students' failure to participate in campus activities is an indication of it. He says, "The events that substantiate his contention.

"They refuse to put out any effort, whatsoever." Poteat thinks that the students should be made more aware of what's happening on campus, not only by posters but also by interpersonal communications. He believes the students will become more involved if they are aware of what's going on. Mary Ann Logan, a freshman early childhood major and from New Virginia, believes that students are apathetic, but that the primary reason is the lack of qualified leadership. She feels that examples need to be shown, and leaders must be the ones exemplifying Mary Ann said, "Leaders are always telling you what needs to be done but not how to do it." She asserts, "Students are told that they are appreciated in order to stimulate action."

In answer to the question concerning the students' roles in tomorrow's politics, Mary said, "I think all Black students will be more politically active because they will feel the need to communicate with the world." Reginald Brown, a sophomore business administration major from Washington, D.C., said student apathy exists and cites a personal experience with it. "I was asking students to support the drive to save A&T and I felt that they refused to do so because they didn't see a serious threat to the institution." Brown sees politics as the chief concern of many A&T students, rather than A&T's survival as a great Black institution. Brown contends that a lack of information and an unwillingness to face reality are the main causes of student apathy.

The only remedy Brown sees for the current student apathy is a continued exposure to the students of relevant and urgent matters. He feels that many students will become more involved in politics; but the majority will not.

We Are Determined

By Daryl E. Smith

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**Judge McKinnon Denies Motions For Dismissal**

WASHINGTON, D.C. AP-Supreme Court Judge Henry McKinnon denied Thursday two more defense motions to dismiss the first-degree murder charge against Joan Little, a young Black woman, who was found dead in a white Buccaneers County jail.

McKinnon said the defense had not shown that the state acted improperly before the grand jury, as one of the motions alleged. The other sought dismissal on the grounds the state acted in bad faith by not granting Miss Little a preliminary hearing.

On Wednesday he denied an earlier dismissal motion which challenged the jury selection process in Beaufort County.

Defense attorneys claim the state agreed to a preliminary hearing for Miss Little, 20, as one associate conductor and director of the Tarrant Marching and Pep Bands, Williams is a native of Winter Park, Florida, and is completing his first year at the University of Florida. He is a trombonist and instructor of A&T faculty member, will present the symphony band in "Overture To A Fanfare," by Harry Spross. Williams is a native of Winter Park, Florida, and is completing his first year at the University of Florida. He is a trombonist and instructor of A&T faculty member, will present the symphony band in "Overture To A Fanfare," by Harry Spross.

**A Commentary**

**Ebony Features Black Queens**

By Sidney Marble

Often, the beauty of the cover of a book is enjoyed without knowing the labels which took place in producing it. This is to refer to the April issue of Ebony Magazine. The cover had the pictures of beautiful young ladies commonly called Homecoming Queens. Ebony, being a Black owned magazine, it is not surprising to see pictures of Black Homecoming Queens on its cover. What is shocking, will you see pictures that we are familiar with, black women from the surrounding colleges and universities in this area. More specifically, I am speaking of our dear and lovely Miss A&T, Michelle Buney.

What most students are unaware of is that Dr. Dowdy questioned John Johnson, publisher of Ebony, on his outlook of the Black University on the east coast. Johnson spoke at A&T's commencement services last year, where he was approached by Dr. Dowdy.

**Soprano Will Give Recital Saturday Evening At 8:00**

Mrs. Sheila Goshen, soprano and A&T faculty member, will present a recital Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. in Cincinnati Auditorium. The program will be open to the public without charge. The Cincinnati recital will include works of Beethoven, Debussy, Granados and Verdi. A native of New Mexico, the hall is the bachelor of music degree from Eastern New Mexico University and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Iowa.

The soprano has sung with the Cincinnati symphony, the Lexington Philharmonic, the Santa Fe Opera Company, the Saint Louis Municipal Opera Association and the Houston Grand Opera.
Majette Prepares For Tourney

There will be no MEAC-CIAA combined basketball tournament next year as originally proposed. Conflicting stories are now being told as to why negotiations supposedly broke down.

From reports I am able to piece together, neither league actually got down to do basic homework. Anyway, charges and counter-charges are being thrown between the two leagues and Greensboro officials.

Personally, I am glad the proposed tournament fell through. The MEAC is major colleges; the CIAA is small college. Relations with small colleges hurt the MEAC's chance for advancement.

The 1975 CIAA Tournament drew an estimated 30,000 fans to the Greensboro Coliseum. The MEAC Tournament in Baltimore supposedly topped 20,000.

Three days of tournament competition with capacity crowds at the Greensboro coliseum would yield about 48,000 fans. The amount of revenue generated would be split more ways; thus, our cut would not be increased too much.

According to reports from CIAA officials, Greensboro Coliseum officials will negotiate with them for only one-year contracts as opposed to the multi-year pact the conference desires. The CIAA has been here for 10 years now.

Officials of the CIAA are also claiming that A&T is pressuring Coliseum officials to give the MEAC a contract to hold the 1976 MEAC Tournament here.

So what? This is Aggie Country. There are no CIAA schools in Greensboro. The MEAC, not the CIAA or ACC, should be here since this is an MEAC city.

It is high time the CIAA should try Hampton, Richmond, Norfolk or another CIAA city. Greensboro is not the only city which has a large basketball arena.

I am not sure if the reports are true concerning Aggie officials. If they are not true, something is wrong with A&T. Our officials and MEAC representatives as well should pressure Coliseum officials until they ask us to hold the MEAC there.

And why shouldn't our representatives do this? This is Aggie Country. The CIAA should shape-up or ship-out. The courts are already under construction and should soon be completed.

A&T's proposed $1.2 million football facility is scheduled to be built by next year. It remains to be seen if the facility will be ready by then.

The proposed stadium will seat around 20,000 persons and it is scheduled to be built across Barnes Hall on the athletic field. A&T's gymnasium was originally scheduled to be completed in 1975 with a seating capacity of close to 6,000 persons. It will take a miracle to finish this facility on the site between Moore Gym, East, Senior and Campbell Hall before the year is over.

When these facilities are eventually completed, it is hoped the Aggies will have football, basketball, track and wrestling facilities right here on campus. This must be completed soon as we all get rid of quarels and petty arguments over locations for tournaments.

The Reward of a Thing Well Done Is to Have Done It

Although the track team has its troubles over the years, there have been bright spots and outstanding individuals who seem to make the team a bona fide contender whenever it participates in a meet. One such individual is Ricky Majette. Majette is a tall, slender speedster from Washington, D.C., who serves as captain of the team. In each meet, the senior biology major, who attended school in Rich Square, demonstrates what a captain should do as he practically always captures at least a third-place finish.

As a freshman, majette made the team as a walk on, but his performance has netted him a scholarship for his four years on the team. Majette said he was most disappointed with his sophomore year and most pleased with his junior year. Incidentally, during his sophomore year he was injured.

When asked how he felt about the team's performance, Majette said, "With what we have to work with, I'm satisfied. Most of the guys don't have scholarships but they do well.

I'm not going to beat the band with the Aggies. There are no CIAA superstars. Majette himself is a little too high.

Majette, who runs the 880 and anchors the sprint-midley and mile relay, illustrated what he meant by trying harder when he put up a spectacular performance in Winston-Salem Tuesday. Going against a Ram favorite, the 880-yard dash, Majette turned on the speed and showed Ram fans that their runner was no match for the inspired Aggie.

In the mile relay, Majette and his teammates once again displayed what trying hard can do. In this event the closest challenger was 20 yards away, but the band of Aggies posted one of their fastest times ever to take first place.

Needless to say, Majette is not gloating over his past success. Already, he is looking to May 3 in Delaware and training hard for the MEAC carnival. Being a middle-distance runner, Majette says he sometimes runs "three and four miles in the morning" because preparation is the key.

In addition, he also has to work out with the team every afternoon.

The MEAC Carnival will mark the end of Majette's collegiate track career and he is expecting Delaware State to provide some tough competition for him in his last events as an Aggie Star.

When asked how he feels about the team and whether Majette will stay in Delaware, Majette replied, "The team should do well comparatively and I hope to be ready.

Judging from recent performances, Delaware State is probably the toughest team Majette and the other tracksters will have to compete against.

The track team may not be one of the strongest teams on campus, but that is certainly not due to a lack of dedication by the linemen. Majette said the team's record "speakers" to him sometimes because it makes him feel as if he has "let the coaches and the school down but it makes me try harder the next time.

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