Curriculum Attracts Minorities

By Maxine McNeill

There are a number of reasons why A&T was so successful in its desegregation plan, said William Gamble, the director of admissions here. One reason is that A&T has a variety of subjects to major in which attract minority students. Some of the courses he mentioned were nursing, industrial technology, and engineering.

Also, the department deans are offering evening classes so people who work during the day may attend. This allows them to work and attend classes.

The grants being offered to these students are another reason the number is increasing. Gamble pointed out that 59 grants were awarded to minority students this year. He said some would not have been able to come if it had not been for those grants.

The driver education program has attracted many minority students. A&T has established a number of off campus centers in different cities in North Carolina. The highest number of minority students in graduate school here are in the driver education program.

Also, a large number of students who limited technical institutions and community colleges are coming here to take courses. Gamble said this is because they have found that A&T has the quality teachers and education, too.

Gamble revealed that students enrolled here are acting as recruiters on their own. He said they are telling their friends about A&T's program. That accounts for the increase.

Gamble wants it understood that, when people normally speak of minority race, they are talking about blacks but on A&T's campus the whites are the minority. He explained that there are exactly 476 minority students on this campus. They include, basically, whites, Chicanos, and Indians. The Board of Governors' report speaks mainly of whites, added Gamble, because they make up the biggest minority here.

He said the recruiting program has been in existence since 1960. A&T, according to Gamble, has never gotten any kind of pressure to recruit more minorities. The minority program has always been good.

Most of the minority undergraduates are commuting students; but Gamble said he is sure a few live on campus. Also, the minority students in undergraduate and graduate school are mostly in-state.

Besides the minority program, Gamble revealed that A&T also has an active program to recruit high school students.

Office Of Development Releases New Calendar

By Anthony Motley

The Office of Development and University Relations through the courtesy of the A&T Industry Cluster has released the annual Aggie pin-up calendar.

This year the calendar is a bit different because it is entitled, "The Biennial Edition of the Aggie Action Calendar 1976." It consists of information from 1891 to 1976. The cover is composed of the six presidents and a beautiful photo of the original Dudley Building which we lost due to a fire in 1930.

Upon opening the calendar, one can observe bicentennial greetings from our chancellor, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy. The calendar has most of the upcoming events and issues.
What Is The Significance Of Nixon's Trip To China?

On last Saturday, former President Richard M. Nixon made his second institutional visit to China. This visit took place exactly four years after his first visit there, and 18 months after his resignation from the presidency. This time he is supposed to be returning as "private citizen Richard M. Nixon."

According to the Associated Press, the official reason for the Chinese invitation to the Nixons was "to mark the fourth anniversary of their historic visit to China exactly four years ago."

However, it has been rumored that the Chinese hope that during his eight-day visit the former President will say something critical of the current White House policy of detente with the Soviet Union. The Chinese fear a U.S.-Soviet nuclear agreement that would give the Russians more freedom to move against China along the joint frontier of the two countries.

The White House seems to be trying to convince the general public that the Nixon trip is of no significance by repeatedly disassociating itself from the trip. No ranking U.S. government officials were present to bid Nixon farewell when he left Friday.

President Ford had said that Nixon's trip had no significance for foreign policy since he was traveling as a private citizen without power to negotiate for the United States. According to Ford, Nixon had been given no special briefings for the trip.

Yet, on Saturday, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told a news conference in Brazil that Nixon is expected to talk with Hua Kuo-feng, a former public security minister who is presently the Acting Premier of China. This is in spite of the fact that the White House had previously indicated that there was no plan to get a report from Nixon on his return.

All of these conflicting statements concerning the significance of Nixon's trip to China leads this writer to conclude that one of two possible situations exists: (1) the U.S. government still doesn't trust Nixon and is concerned that he might sell us out, or (2) Nixon is not traveling merely as a private citizen with no powers of negotiation.

The A&T Register

Published twice weekly during the school year by students of North Carolina A&T State University.

To receive THE REGISTER, please send $7.50 to THE A&T REGISTER, Box E-25, Greensboro, North Carolina 27411 to cover mailing and handling costs.

Member: Associated Collegiate Press.

The United States Supreme Court has denied Jesse Fowler the opportunity for his appeal arguments to be presented before them.

The state of North Carolina argued against Fowler last April, and the fate of every death row inmate was hanging while his case was before the Supreme Court. The sudden decision not to listen to Jesse Fowler's particular case, has left this writer with mixed emotions. Even though Fowler was convicted under a judicial interpretation, instead of the existing death law penalty, arguments had already been presented before the court on his behalf, and for the present court to say, I care not to listen to the arguments about Jesse Fowler, is a tragic occurrence of misjustice.

From April to June of last year the United States Supreme Court heard arguments, both sides speaking their minds, and they were unable to reach a decision about Jesse Fowler.

Jesse Fowler's case has a historical significance, he represents the majority of minorities that compose the North Carolina statistics of death-row inmates, and he also represents the unfortunate antiquated existing state laws which have not been able to implement a constructive program for those imprisoned in this state.

Jesse Fowler may be one man among many on death row, but those people who are familiar with his situation can not forget that the highest court in America dealt Jesse Fowler a joke, and it's no joke to be sitting in Central Prison death row, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Supreme Court Denies Appeal

By Daryl E. Smith

Playing Catch-Up Is Not Easy

By Benjamin T. Forbes

Playing catch-up is not easy when one is millions of dollars behind in improvements for higher education. Playing catchup is exactly what the five predominantly Black universities are doing. Black schools have been playing this game for quite some time now and the only thing they receive for their efforts is a token.

The four Black schools that will receive money if the March 23 bond issue passes are only receiving small portions of the money. Fayetteville State will receive the greatest amount of money of any of the Black schools ($4,380,000).

Now that the nation and state are in an economic slump, the General Assembly has decided to limit funding to the most needed buildings on 13 of the 16 University of North Carolina campuses. The General Assembly certainly limited the amount of money the Black institutions would receive.

Black institutions know they need more money and the General Assembly knows it too. Yet Blacks should not vote against the upcoming bond issue because it would hurt more than it would help in the long run.

Because Black schools do not receive as much as or anywhere near as much money as white schools, they have to rely on the federal funds from different government agencies. White schools complain about this too.

A few months ago, the Greensboro Daily News and Record published a series of reports discussing the amounts of money A&T received from the government as opposed to UNC-G. Even though A&T receives more federal assistance than UNC-G, $8,158,000 will go to UNC-G if the referendum passes. A&T will only get $2,127,000.

Black schools have done without for too long. It is high time that the predominantly white institutions learn to do without. The Black institutions are the ones in real need of the money, not just hand-outs. We can not catch up with mere hand-outs.

Get out and vote because playing catchup is very hard to do.
Council Makes Changes

By Anthony Motley

There have been several organizational changes made in the pledging procedures this semester. One can observe no pledge lines during class hours, no loud speaking, no swear words, and no degrading acts at present.

Sheldon Southener, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council, was asked as to the nature of the changes. He stated that the initial change was brought about last semester. It was brought to the attention of several organizations that the pledging period was supposed to consist of only a week.

At that point the administration stated that they would give the organizations a chance to work out a proposal that could be honored by both the students and the administration. The Council came up with the workable plan and it was initiated this semester.

Dr. J.F. Marshall, vice-chancellor for Student Affairs added that the plan would be followed by all organizations that had a pledge or probation period of similar stature. He commented that it would bring about some type of uniformity. Marshall was then asked why the non-Greeks were not informed about the initial changes and proposals. He responded by saying that the non-Greeks had committed most of the infractions and misconduct, therefore, it did not concern them.

Pledging period will remain the same length of time, but the strictness and complete procedures will not be carried out until the last week. Southener closed by saying, "If a proper attitude is established with the university a lot can be accomplished."

Lyceum Programs Get Little Attention

By Lynelle Stevenson

The reasons are many according to Jimmie J. Williams, chairman of the Music Department and producer of the lyceum series.

"The material is out, letters are sent, the newspapers are notified, brochures are printed and posters are put up prior to the performance, yet only a handful of students show up. It seems like there is a lack of interest," he said.

Williams feels that at a university like ours, the students need to be exposed to the fine arts from total cultures. "Students need opportunities to develop tastes and appreciations that they didn't bring here. If they never give themselves the chance, then they'll never see what other things are about. It's the university's responsibility to expose them to the arts," he continued.

When asked if the lack of attendance could jeopardize the continuation of the program, Williams stated, "There's no danger of losing the program because we can't shortchange those students who do come."

Williams attributes the major cause of lack of attendance to the conflicting schedules around the university. "Sometimes there is competition from other attractions on campus. National and international attractions can't just change their dates when something is scheduled elsewhere on campus."

When asked if there was a solution to the problem, Williams said, "The schedule for next year is being completed this spring, so that no one will be allowed to be scheduled at the same time."

The next lyceum program will be March 1, in Harrison Auditorium at 8 p.m. Miss Margaret Tyson, a soprano, who is also a graduate of A&T, will be in concert. Students and faculty alike are urged to attend.

4 Out Of 5 Ain't Bad

"BEAD STORE"

Opens this Wednesday 25th

Areas largest variety of Beads

Individual Selections - Lower Cost

It's Fun - Unique - Rare Finding

Jute - Wax Laced Linens Goat Lace Beads - Beads - Beads

We're New - Stop In

906 Spring Garden
Fairleigh Dickinson Defeats A&T

By Craig Turner

It had been anticipated by many persons that A&T would probably have a rough go of things this past weekend at Fairleigh Dickinson. But few thought that a variable "slug-fest" would take place on the hidden campus at Rutherford, N.J., hence of all A&T.

That was the case as the Knights overcame a five-point deficit to outscore the Aggies by a 59-52 count last Saturday. The 52-point production by the Aggies was a whole lot better than their entire basketball season. A large portion of that sub par effort was due to the physical nature of the contest.

A&T took a quick 6-0 lead barely four minutes into the game but the Knights battled right back on the shoulders of 6-7 John Gorgenson. The rugged senior delivered seven of Dickinson's first ten points and rebounded well throughout his short stay.

And short his stay was as he was ejected for fighting at the 9:26 mark in the first half. This didn't slow down Dickinson as they ran their badge to 17-10 some two minutes later.

Neither team could connect with any great deal of accuracy from the floor. However, several near-shoving incidents were encountered as the officials allowed for loose body contact. Whether it was a hindrance to A&T was not really evident as it trailed 23-21 at the half.

The Aggies were supposed to get on the road with the cars, the Aggies now had seven guys to travel by bus but due to some things this past weekend at Fairleigh Dickinson.

But few thought that a variable "slug-fest" would take place on the hidden campus at Rutherford, N.J., least of all A&T.

That was the case as the Knights overcame a five-point deficit to outscore the Aggies by a 59-52 count last Saturday. The 52-point production by the Aggies was a whole lot better than their entire basketball season. A large portion of that sub par effort was due to the physical nature of the contest.

A&T took a quick 6-0 lead barely four minutes into the game but the Knights battled right back on the shoulders of 6-7 John Gorgenson. The rugged senior delivered seven of Dickinson's first ten points and rebounded well throughout his short stay.

And short his stay was as he was ejected for fighting at the 9:26 mark in the first half. This didn't slow down Dickinson as they ran their badge to 17-10 some two minutes later.

Neither team could connect with any great deal of accuracy from the floor. However, several near-shoving incidents were encountered as the officials allowed for loose body contact. Whether it was a hindrance to A&T was not really evident as it trailed 23-21 at the half.

The Aggies were supposed to get on the road with the cars, the Aggies now had seven guys to travel by bus but due to some things this past weekend at Fairleigh Dickinson.

But few thought that a variable "slug-fest" would take place on the hidden campus at Rutherford, N.J., least of all A&T.

That was the case as the Knights overcame a five-point deficit to outscore the Aggies by a 59-52 count last Saturday. The 52-point production by the Aggies was a whole lot better than their entire basketball season. A large portion of that sub par effort was due to the physical nature of the contest.

A&T took a quick 6-0 lead barely four minutes into the game but the Knights battled right back on the shoulders of 6-7 John Gorgenson. The rugged senior delivered seven of Dickinson's first ten points and rebounded well throughout his short stay.

And short his stay was as he was ejected for fighting at the 9:26 mark in the first half. This didn't slow down Dickinson as they ran their badge to 17-10 some two minutes later.

Neither team could connect with any great deal of accuracy from the floor. However, several near-shoving incidents were encountered as the officials allowed for loose body contact. Whether it was a hindrance to A&T was not really evident as it trailed 23-21 at the half.