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Summer School Adds Pre-Session

By Catherine Speller

This year A&T is offering a pre-session of summer school along with its regular six and eight week terms.

The pre-session has several offerings scheduled for a two-week period of intense study. This session gives students the opportunity to take one course before the regular summer sessions or before summer officially arrives. It will begin on May 17 and continue through May 28.

In a previous bulletin concerning summer school there was an error made on the final date to turn in summer school applications. The notice stated that applications were being

accepted from February 13 until March 14. The correct period is from February 13 until April 14.

J. Niel Armstrong, the summer school director, commented on prospective applicants. "There are advantages that come to the student who applies on time. If students apply on time, it enables the staff and administration to assess the needs of the students; and their request for extra courses can be considered." He hopes that students will apply early so that the administration can meet their request for this summer.

The expected attendance is between 2000 to 2300 and more than a thousand graduate students.

Summer school provides a wonderful opportunity for college students to carry a limited schedule and to improve an otherwise weak grade-point average, Armstrong said.

It also gives the student a chance to pursue courses outside his major for his own self improvement.

Each summer between 200 and 300 visiting students attend A&T. Summer school provides an opportunity for making new friends as well as vacationing, Armstrong pointed out.

A&T's location is unique to that of any other university in North Carolina in that it is equal distance from the mountains and the sea. A limited number of courses allow the student to take advantage of all the natural vacation spots in this area on the weekends.

Armstrong thinks that summer school offers many opportunities that students should consider. For further information, students should contact him in Room 202 of Dudley Building.

Unavailability Of Funds Should Concern Students

By Archie Bass

The students who have been awarded the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) as a part of their financial aid for the spring semester may show major concern over the unavailability of funds.

According to Edgar Shepard, bursar, the BEOG is government money that has already been approved to the students through paper work. He also stated that the signing of checks during spring registration only means that, when the money arrives, then it will be forwarded to the students' accounts.

Shepard went further to say that the state is paying the fees associated with the students, including boarding and lodging.

The concerned Shepard said, "I am here to help the students

whether personally or with financial difficulties." He concluded by saying, "I love to see the students come in and finish without problems."



Edgar Shepard

President Ford Intends To Stop In Greensboro

AP-President Ford plans to visit Greensboro Saturday, March 13, to take part in ceremonies commemorating the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

Gov. Jim Holshouser, Ford's southern campaign manager, said Wednesday he had been officially notified of the presidential visit on that date.

A spokesman for Holshouser said he hoped time would permit

Ford to make some official campaign stops in other North Carolina cities, but no definite plans had yet been made.

Ford's trip to North Carolina will fall just 10 days before the state's presidential primary which pits Ford against challenger Ronald Reagan. It will be the President's first visit to the state since last November's state Republican convention.



"Sandy" avoids a hit as she frolics in the noonday sun.

photo by LANCE

Director Of Alumni Affairs

Williams Discusses Objective

By Anthony Motley

In an interview with Joseph D. Williams, Sr. director of Alumni Affairs, a few of the many programs and objectives of the Alumni Association were discussed.

One of the major objectives of the Association is to provide scholarships to students. Williams commented that students are the most important products of A&T. He stated that they were the foundation of the Aggie family.

He continued, "The Association is trying to develop more effective relations with the undergraduates of A&T. Williams added that most of their support comes from the graduates and friends of the 40's and 50's. He commented that it takes about ten years for alumni to really become active in as much as they must first find jobs. Any student who attends A&T for a semester qualifies as a member of the Alumni Association. However, only the graduates or a person earning a degree of some type can hold a national office.

Some of the events and programs sponsored by the

Alumni Association are the Annual A&T Sports Hall of Fame, selection of Miss A&T Alumni Queen, the Aggie-Eagle Ball and activities during commencement.

Other weekend events are the Annual Alumni Awards Banquet, the Annual Alumni Luncheon, the Annual Alumni Mixer, an Incentive Program for Alumni givers and a formal class Reunion program.

In 1967 the Association stopped the concept of dues and developed a donation system. Williams expressed that the Association is above the national average in giving per alumnus, but as many alumni as could are not giving. He stated that those who are giving are doing an outstanding job but we need to increase numbers of givers and the amount of giving.

Williams noted, as in all institutions there are many actors, actresses, athletics in the pros, entertainers and other professional people who do not give. Many of these same people were at one time on some type of financial assistance. Therefore, they should try to help other

students now.

The Alumni Association was instrumental in the fight for the Vet school at A&T. The members donated much time and capital to the organization. There are 77 chapters spread throughout the country.

A&T's Alumni Association is also a member of the North Carolina Alumni and Friends Coalition which was organized in Greensboro but is now based in Raleigh. The coalition is composed of North Carolina Central, Fayetteville State, Elizabeth City State, and Winston-Salem State and A&T. One of its major goals is to assure that changes coming as a result of HEW's desegregation mandate do not have an adverse impact on the Black community and to work together in terminating the inequalities of funding to predominantly Black institutions.

Director Williams concluded that the Alumni Association is sending messages to all of its chapters in North Carolina to act upon the Bond Issue that will be coming up for a vote on March 23.

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I sure hope the Aggies go to the NIT. photo by Sims

Coretta King Criticizes Ford

ATLANTA AP—Mrs. Coretta Scott King harshly criticized President Ford's economic policies Wednesday, telling delegates to the National Council of Churches that it is "time to banish the present leadership."

"The Ford administration would have us believe that high unemployment is necessary to curb inflation," Mrs. King told delegates to the council's governing board, which is considering a policy statement on full employment.

"Even if it is true that unemployment is the the only alternative to inflation, this would stand as the most stunning and cold economic policy in the history of the country."

"The basis for this vile policy is proven wrong time and again," she added.

"Ford's program is a program for special interests, putting profit ahead of people," Mrs. King told the representatives of

31 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations.

Denouncing Ford as "more and more resembling Hoover" who was president during the Depression years of the early 1930's—Mrs. King called for bold new policies to make full employment a national priority.

"Anyone who lived through the Depression knows that not only the unemployed but the employed gained through the New Deal," she said. Mrs. King said the Ford administration "is appealing to meanness and spite.

We hear rhetoric against food stamps, against busing, crude attacks on New York City and by extension all other cities."

"We are emerging from a decade that has been absolutely devoid of leadership," she said.

"It's time we take back our government. It's time to banish the present leadership."

Mrs. King received a standing ovation after her speech. Delegates then debated the policy statement calling for full employment but returned it to a committee for revisions.

A&T Students Revive Secretaries Association

By Carlese Blackwell

The National Collegian Association for Secretaries (NCAS) has been re-organized here on A&T's campus. The original establishment of the association was made by Mrs. Dorothy Cameron and Mrs. Doris Gardner.

As a result of this reorganization, ten new officers were elected at the beginning of the semester. The purposes of the organization as cited by Sue Davis, one of its members, are (1) to encourage exchange of ideas and experiences among these students planning secretarial careers, (2) to provide opportunities for teaching

trainers in the secretarial area to expand their understanding of the secretarial profession, (3) to promote a spirit of fellowship among the students having secretarial or teaching careers, and (4) to provide opportunities for contracts between students and professional business men and women.

All members of the association are admitted on voluntary basis.

In addition, students averages are not important. Initiation is held yearly, and only in the spring semester. All person interested in joining the NCAS should contact its president, Glenda Currie.

Black To Run For Lt. Governor

Raleigh AP - Howard Lee, former Chapel Hill mayor, called for state tax reform Wednesday as he formally announced he will seek the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor of North Carolina.

Lee, 41, told a news

conference he believes repeal of the state's 3 per cent food tax "must be a goal."

He said he was looking at other commodities as a source of revenue to replace the food tax. He pointed to the tax on automobiles which has a ceiling

of \$120 per vehicle.

Alcohol and tobacco were others listed as a possibility. He added, "I would look at some areas that have been sacred cows."

Lee was the first Black elected mayor of a predominately white North Carolina city since Reconstruction days. He served three terms as mayor of Chapel Hill and is currently on leave from his post as Duke University's director of human development.

An enthusiastic group of about 150 supporters applauded when he announced his candidacy. On tax reform, he said, "It is imperative that a tax structure be designed which assures the state of North Carolina a strong financial base, while spreading the burden equitably among the taxpayers of this state. "I shall be presenting a comprehensive tax reform package in the coming months."

Lee said he would not like to make a commitment for or against a tax increase.

He is the seventh Democratic candidate to officially announce for lieutenant governor. Others are former state senator George Wood of Camden, state Rep. Herbert Hyde of Buncombe County, House Speaker James C. Green, Rep. John M. Jordan of Alamance County, E. Frank Stevenson of Murfreesboro and Waverly Akins of Fuquay-Varina.

Lee said that during the past several years, "We have seen our utility bills jump by leaps and bounds, yet each increase never seems to be enough. Rate increase requests must be scrutinized with the same care that our tax returns are."

Asked how much he plans to spend on his campaign, Lee replied, "As little as we possibly can, certainly not more than \$250,000."



These young ladies of Cooper Hall are enjoying the sun. photo by Sims

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Everyone sure is acting strange must be the weather. photo by Sims

"Fiddler" Director Says:

Criticism Has Good Effects

By Delores Mason

Joe Knox, submitted a review of A&T's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" to Wednesday's issue of that particular newspaper. In brief, Mr. Knox described the play as tiresome, inept, amateurish, and wanting in talent.

Dr. J. M. Kilimanjaro, director, was asked for his response to this degrading article. He began by stating that Mr. Knox did a hatchet job on the play.

"The effects," he continued, "were good on the students, townspeople, and faculty. People who seldom enter the theater came pouring in to purchase tickets and to inquire about the play. Perhaps they wanted to know if 'Doc' had lost his touch for directing."

Kilimanjaro admitted that some of the criticisms were legitimate though he had not expected such a hatchet job. Mr. Knox said that the play was "tiresome, inept, amateurish, and with a couple of exceptions, performed by people wanting in talent."

Kilimanjaro commented, "Amateurish it might be; but tiresome, inept performed by people wanting in talent it is not. Chances are that Mr. Knox was tired before he entered the theater. Or perhaps he is one

easily tired and easily bored and in such case he should consider retiring."

"Mr. Knox," continued the director, "appears to be the type of person who can't accept Black people doing anything except

something of the Black experience like gospel or pimp." He concluded by stating that the students of the theater are highly talented and with confidence, will, and devotion, they can all be 'tops'

'Hatchet' Job' Is Given To Players' Production

By Diana Anderson

While the axe was dropping, no neck was there for it to fall on. They were all busy rehearsing, getting out tickets, answering the phone, trying to respond to the long line that was trying to get tickets for the "stunning misadventure".

Meanwhile the man behind the scenes, Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro, was at his desk advising students streaming into the room for guidance. This did not look like an organization which reporter Joe Knox disapproved of in his review in the Greensboro Daily News Tuesday morning.

When asked what effect the

review had on himself, the cast, and crew Dr. Kilimanjaro said, "Hatchet job' on the play has had some good effects. Students and faculty have flowed in here as never before to see if Kilimanjaro has lost his touch."

"They always send the same man to review our plays. I got the impression Mr. Knox was tired from the beginning. I don't want to question his method of analyzing the play. Some of the things he said were legitimate, but one doesn't expect a hatchet job. I just don't think he can accept Blacks doing something that's not Black namely gospel, pimps, and so forth. It is unfortunate that he couldn't write the review the next day.

"Do people think it was overly ambitious? Perhaps so. Perhaps he is easily tired and easily bored. He should decline from doing our university productions. We always get the same person. Jerry Kennion, the entertainment editor, has never been to review our plays.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. I want the people to come out and see it," he concluded.



Political Awareness Poll Taken

By Anthony Motley

In an effort to analyze the political awareness of the Aggie family The Register staff decided to conduct a survey among students. The students participating in the survey were asked, "Are we politically conscious?"

Stephen Freeman, a junior psychology major from Wilson, responded to the question by saying that most of us are not politically conscious; rather we are caught up in a wave of conditioned helplessness. He went on to add that, if we don't wake up pretty soon, our dreams will become a night mare.

Dwight Howard, a junior agricultural education major from Murfreesboro, exclaimed that we are not conscious because we have been conditioned and do not take the time to see what's really going on

in the political world.

Delores Taylor, a junior business administration major from Durham, responded with a no. She commented that we are not informed and the SGA's problem last semester is an example, because the students wanted to know what was really going on but could not get all the facts.

James Lilly, a senior history education major from Norwood, added a no because, if we were, more of us would vote, know the issues and what's going on. He continued that we should stop crying about the decisions that others make because we have a chance and we don't use it in making decisions.

Clement Elton Barringer, an industrial technology major from Huntersville, stated that we are not politically conscious because we don't even participate in elections on campus which is due

to emphasis on our social life.

Tony Evans, a sophomore physical education major from Fayetteville, stated that we are not conscious because most of the people on campus don't see any person that is going to represent the Black people.

Paulette Clark, a junior psychology major from Scotland Neck, summed up the survey with a no also. She added, "I do

not think that we as adolescents are conscious of the political aspects of society because we do not fully participate in voting. We do not think that voting is important. We all have the attitude that our vote will not make the difference; and, when we get maybe ten thousand adolescents with the same attitude, it causes confusion and can play a very influential role as far as politics are concerned.

VA Sends Letters To Female Vets

In a continuing effort to reach female veterans who may be eligible for a special GI Bill payment, the Veterans Administration is sending letters to 75,000 women who attended school under the GI Bill between June 1, 1966, and October 24, 1972. They are being notified of retroactive allowances to equalize payments with male veterans who were married while in training.

VA Regional Office Director H. W. Johnson said, to receive the lump sum of about \$30 per month for each month she was in GI training, the veteran must furnish proof of marriage while in training.

A form is provided on the reverse of the letter which must be mailed to the VA regional office before July 1.

Women who trained after October 24, 1972, Johnson said,

have already been paid on the same basis as their male counterparts. The law does not allow the additional amount for husbands to be paid to women who trained under the World War II and Korean conflict GI

Bills.

Women veterans who proved to VA while they were in training that their husband were permanently disabled and incapable of self-support have already been paid the additional amount.

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We have several openings for people to work in a unique type of community organizing among the poor of Virginia and North Carolina. The hours are long and the pay is low but it is never boring. Kris Curtis, Field Director of the National Association for the Southern Poor, will talk with students on Tuesday, March 9 from 11 AM - 5PM at the Career Counseling and Placement Office; and show a movie at 7:30 PM in East Hall.

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Bond Issue Is Vital

The request of the passage of a \$43 million bond issue by the University of North Carolina has a great deal more significance to A&T than many of us seem to realize. A&T and the other minority institutions in the UNC system have always had a deficiency in funds and facilities and are likely to remain this way. It is quite certain that the passage of this issue will not bring us up to the level of the other institutions, but it certainly will be a giant step in the proper direction.

If the issue passes, A&T is to receive funds for the construction of a new social science building. This building is badly needed by A&T, since the Social Sciences are presently housed in buildings scattered around the campus, sharing facilities with other areas.

However, if the bond issue doesn't pass, it will push the request for a humanities building back by approximately two years.

The failure to pass this bond issue will also hinder or prohibit a salary increase for the faculty here at A&T. How can a school expect to retain or obtain top notch instructors if it can't give them a competitive salary? Without top notch instructors, how can we ever expect to offer a doctoral program?

So one can see that the passage of the bond issue on March 23 has a little more significance for A&T and the other minority schools that are a part of the University of North Carolina.

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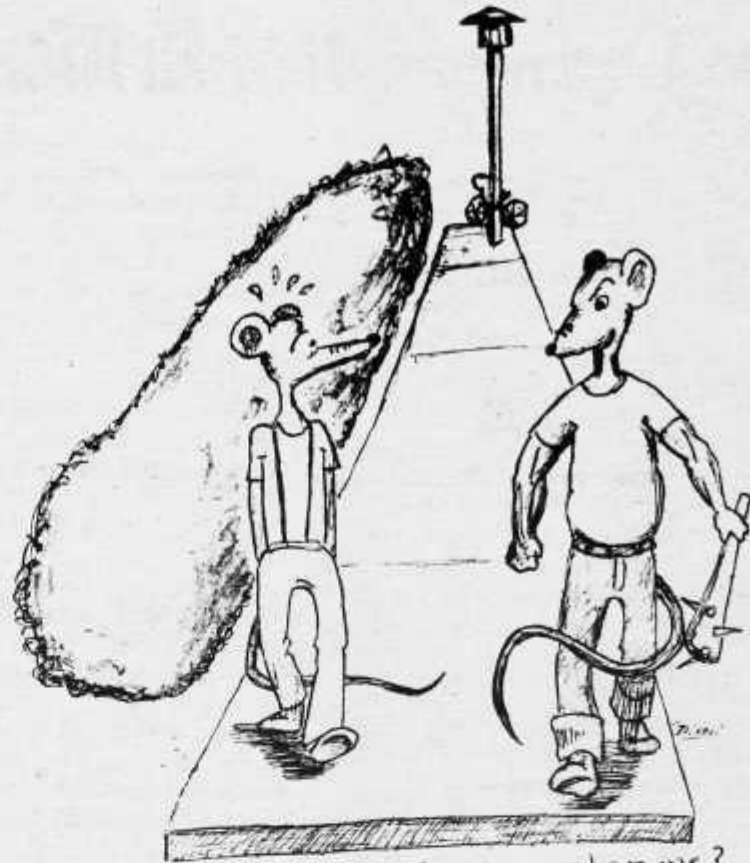
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Hey Bunk, you remember me? I'm the Dude you said you could beat with one hand behind your back.

Principles Of Freedom Prevail

By Daryl E. Smith

President Samora Machel of Mozambique has closed its 800 mile border to white ruled Rhodesia, and has asked his people to start construction of air raid shelters.

Mozambique has been a sanctuary for Black guerrillas fighting white Rhodesian colonialism and this action by President Machel is a clear indication of trouble for the white government in Rhodesia.

With the closing of the border to Rhodesia, their import and export lines will be seriously hampered, perhaps by 40%.

It has been reported that some three thousand Black Nationalists are poised on the western border of Mozambique, for guerrilla attacks inside of Rhodesia.

The closing of the border will have an economic effect on Mozambique; an estimated \$115 million yearly in gold payments to the Black workers in the gold mines, by its 100,000 miners will probably be forfeited.

South Africa and white Rhodesia have been exploiting Black Africans for too long, and the Black Nationalist movement has only grown stronger from their apartheid policies.

The United States is watching the developments in South Africa very closely, and already Dr. Kinsinger is warning Fidel and the Cuban government to think very clearly before they become involved in the developments within South Africa.

The forces against South Africa and white Rhodesia will not be curbed or pacified; only their will to struggle against these two countries will increase, until the principles of a free Africa prevail.

"Keep Up The Good Work"

By Daryl E. Smith

The unusual weather that has spread across North Carolina has brought about very pleasant changes to the surrounding scenery, to the warbling of birds in the morning, to the sighting of small pets being strolled on campus.

Classes have been escaping the man-made heat in the classrooms, to the cool of a summer breeze.

The reception of the students on campus has been that of smiles and pleasant attitudes, almost like summer school was in session already.

The conversation between the male students has been "wow did you see that", or "when hot weather arrives, the sap starts rising".

This writer has noticed an increase in women on this campus that have started to wear dresses, and several comments have been made which warrant commendations on their behalf.

Even though some women feel more comfortable in slacks or jeans, the sighting of a woman in a dress besides on a Sunday is very nice.

For you hardy and courageous women, I can only say on the behalf of fellow watchers, keep up the good work.

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At Council

Candidate Opposes Bond Issue

RALEIGH AP-Coy Privette, who is seeking the Republican gubernatorial nomination, Thursday said he was opposed to passage of the \$43 million educational bond issue.

Privette, a Baptist minister and president of the Baptist State Convention, stated his position in an interview with the Associated Press prior to his appearance before the North Carolina Merchants Association.

Privette became the first major public figure in North Carolina to speak out against the bond package. Dr. William Friday, president of the

University of North Carolina, says passage of the bond issue is vital to the continued growth of educational facilities.

The package would provide funds to build classrooms, dorms and offices at a number of university branches across the state.

Privette said he opposed the bonds because the state cannot afford further debt when it appears the current revenue shortfall may prevent teachers and state employees from getting a pay raise.

Privette also argued that the bond issue was not needed because

of the 7,000 vacancies in private and religious colleges in North Carolina.

He also argued that population experts had predicted a decline in the number of incoming freshmen by the mid-1980's.

"Why pay for buildings that we won't need? he asked. "I am for people, not for concrete."

Board Approves New Revisions

RALEIGH AP-The state board of education approved Thursday specifications for the development of a new test by which to judge prospective teachers.

The specifications will be sent to the Department of Administration, which will invite test makers to submit proposals for developing tests within the guidelines.

A three-judge federal court last summer ruled North Carolina's requirement that prospective teachers score at least 950 on the National Teacher Examination (NTE) was unconstitutional because it discriminated against Blacks and had not been "validated" or shown to separate good teachers from bad.

The judges indicated, however, that the state could require a minimum score on an exam if the cutoff were validated.

Although the legislature instructed the board to develop a replacement for the NTE, board member Mildred Strickland passed out a written statement opposing the development of a new test.

Mrs. Strickland said she did not believe that the state could guarantee that the teachers it certified were competent

"through a standardized test paid for by the taxpayer who already supports a large system for higher education."

Mrs. Strickland called on the board to set up a committee to draw up proposals to:

- Upgrade its assessment of teacher training programs by using computers to follow up the success or failure of their graduates. Teacher training programs must have board approval for their graduates to be eligible for certification.

- Require that teacher certificates be renewed after the first year, with the renewal based on on-the-job performance.

Certificates now are valid for five years.

- Provide a means for teachers to assess new teachers during their probationary period.

- Develop standardized forms for evaluation of new graduates by teacher training institutions.

Dr. Norman Johnson, a member of the Advisory Council for Teacher Education committee that drew up the specification, told the board he had no idea how much it would cost to develop the new test or how long it would take. He indicated that it might cost \$1-2 million and take two to three years to develop.

Careless Motorists Here Endanger Others' Lives

Editor of The Register:

Allow me space in your editorial to warn those careless motorists who endanger the lives of the student pedestrians that they are forgetting the ten cardinal commandments of driving. And to make matters worse, they fail to recognize, that this is a campus, but not a express or open highway where speeding may be permissible.

The common places where this speeding occurs are Brown Hall Street, between Scott Hall and Cooper Hall, the intersection near Holland Hall, to name only a few. And to this effect I

would suggest: (1) that more speed limit signs be posted on these streets, and, (2) the Campus Security Police keep a close eye on such careless driving if we are to avoid future fatal accidents on our beautiful campus.

I am sure that the would-be-culprits will take heed of this information, before any further precautionary measures are imposed on them.

Please do unto others, as you would like others do unto you. "Slow down!! Drivers".

Benjamin K. Soi

Veterans Should Take Note When Filing Taxes

Veterans preparing their 1975 income tax returns were reminded today that Veterans Administration benefits payments generally are exempt from taxation and need not be reported.

VA Regional Director H.W. Johnson listed the major tax-exempt benefits as compensation, pension, educational assistance and subsistence payments to vocational rehabilitation trainees.

Also exempt are grants to military service-disabled veterans for specially adapted homes and automobiles and clothing allowances paid service-disabled veterans whose prosthetic devices result in undue wear and tear on clothing.

Interest accrued on government life insurance dividends left on deposit or credit with the VA is not exempt, Johnson warned, and must be reported on federal income tax returns. Dividends and proceeds from these policies, however, are exempt from federal income tax, but the proceeds are subject to federal estate tax, Johnson noted.

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SPORTS NOTEBOOK

By Craig R. Turner

Anticipation is the key word in the Aggie camp this week as the A&T basketball team anxiously awaits to see if an invitation to the National Invitational Tournament is forthcoming.

After winning its fourth Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship in the league's five year history, A&T has little else to conquer except a national crown. It would be impossible for a team the strength of A&T to be disregarded for a bid. The current 20-5 record is the Aggies' best under the tutelage of Warren Reynolds.

In fact, Reynolds has established himself as the top coach in the MEAC in both championships and post season honors for his accomplishments. It would be difficult to argue against a coach that has won three conference titles in four years of service.

His conviction to experiment in several late season games proved to be one of the key factors in the three game sweep of the tournament. Aggressiveness, exhilaration, and hustle are not only characteristic of his style but of his team as well. Reynolds is a sign of the times in A&T athletics.

It will take a winner too in records, crowd favor, and good basketball sense to win a national title. A&T seems to be blessed in all three categories.

The present 20-5 edition of the Aggies is the best to see action in the MEAC. The crowd pleaser everyone loves is James "The Bird" Sparrow. He is a show within himself.

And last, but hardly least, is the fact that A&T has played before some of the largest crowds in the spacious Greensboro Coliseum. The Aggies have done equally well on the road attracting nearly 5,000 every night.

With the falling of attendance in last year's ticket sales, a North Carolina following of that size would be a welcome sight to Madison Square Garden officials.

Free Ice Skating Lessons Given

By Don Greene

Free ice skating lessons were sponsored by the intramural department in which more than 40 students along with some administrators participated.

These lessons were taught at the Piedmont Sports Arena, and the last lesson was Monday, March 1.

In preparing for the "olympics," participants suffered only a few minor injuries in

contention for the "gold, silver and bronze medals."

Students were asked to comment on how well they enjoyed the ice skating.

Sandra Dunn, a sophomore psychology major, said, "I really enjoyed it and wish that the lessons could continue. It was really a new experience. I wish that it could continue and maybe more would be able to participate."

Adrian Holt, a sophomore nursing major, commented, "I really enjoyed it and wish that the intramural department would continue the lessons."

Frances G. Fordham, a sophomore nursing major from Brooklyn, New York, stated, "I really enjoyed myself. I think they should sponsor more things like this to get the whole student body involved with some type of recreation."

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It's about time for Spring practice.

Commentary

Future Is Not Bright For MEAC

By Blannie Bowen

What would the MEAC Tournament be like without A&T? The only logical answer is "terrible."

Since its formation five years ago, only Morgan, Maryland-Eastern Shore and A&T have made any kind of respectable showings. The future does not appear any brighter.

First, the MEAC as a conference is divided. Several of the institutions belong to the NAIA small college group, and Morgan still has not declared itself a Division I NCAA school.

A&T is the only institution which has held firm to its stand of Division I by playing and winning. Howard went the same route as the Aggies, but the Bison have been "fishbait" for opposing teams.

Needless to write, but A&T has won four of the first five MEAC titles, yet the Aggies have not visited any post-season tournaments.

The real culprit, as far as the MEAC is concerned, is Morgan State University. The Bears won the 1974 NCAA Division II title; Marvin Webster was player-of-the-year and Nat Frazier was the coach-of-the-year.

In 1976, the Bears are playing in the NCAA Division II playoff again. The NCAA selection committee says it cannot tell if the MEAC is in Division I or

Division II; consequently, the Aggies must suffer again.

The MEAC champion, A&T in this case, would be going to Charlotte and, hopefully, back to the Greensboro Coliseum for the Eastern Regionals if the MEAC were well-organized. But, as it stands now, the MEAC's only hope for recognition rests with the NIT and New York (what a waste of talent!).

James R. Butts and Dr. James Younge, both from North Carolina Central, are the president and commissioner of the MEAC. Central's MEAC record has been so good that the Eagles won two games and lost only 10 this year. Over-all, the Eagles were only 8-20 this year.

The MEAC teams won 82 games and lost only 94 this year. The seven MEAC teams apparently follow their leaders very well.

The Tournament proved to be an elaborate social and

entertainment affair for the over-the-hill fans who could afford it because they were held in awe by the "Bird" because he was the "baddest thing" most of them probably had seen.

Some 22,000 witnessed the three-day affair, but it is hard to imagine how many more would have shown had the upper arena been opened at a lower price.

One's imagination must suggest that the MEAC is going to be a flop sooner or later because A&T is not going to win every year. Had NCCU not made it to the semifinals against A&T, that 22,000 may have done a disappearing act.

If UMES, Central, Howard, South Carolina, and Delaware begin to win consistently against outside teams, the MEAC will continue to grow.

Otherwise, the MEAC cannot rise any higher than the "Bird" chooses to fly.

Football Team To Begin Spring Training Soon

By Craig Turner

March 22 will mark the beginning of another year of football for A&T as the defending MEAC champion will open its spring drills.

According to Coach Hornsby Howell practices would be limited to only four days a week to accommodate the NCAA rule of 20 days of practice in a 30-day period.

"Right now our biggest problem is filling in some depth along the offensive line and putting together a secondary," explained Howell.

A&T lost three starters offensively and only two defensively from their 8-3 campaign in 1975. However the secondary lost both veteran Ralph Brown and Bernie Anderson along with reserve Charles Bell.

Howell pointed to some of his incoming freshmen to fill some of his depth problems in the defensive backfield.

Tony Currie (6-1, 180) and Earl Wicks (5-11, 175) will do a great deal and are Greensboro products.

Charles Fuller, a 6-3, 220 pound linebacker, is another local star that can double up on his role for the Aggies as a lineman.

The Aggies took some extra precautionary steps in assuring a strong nucleus for a viable offensive line.

Norman Jones (6-3, 250), a Johns Island, S.C., native, should fill in well behind present center Joe Bloomfield.

Willie Washington (6-3, 255) and Ralph Gaskin (6-4, 240) were teammates at Wilson's Fike High School in southeastern North Carolina.

James Rainey (6-3, 195) could be considered Howell's prize catch. Rainey was a super defensive standout in Red Springs.

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If you write poetry, why not share some of it with us?

The A&T Register will be publishing a poetry supplement this semester and we want YOU to participate. Bring your poetry to the newspaper office by March 31. The earlier you bring your poems the greater the chance we may take pictures to accompany them in print.

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Come on; don't put it off. Bring your poetry over today!

Track Season To Begin On March 12 In Florida

By Mitzi Reynolds

The A&T Track and Field squad, under the leadership of Coach Murray Neely, will start its successful season March 12 and 13 at Tallahassee, Florida.

The ritual of practice is held every day at 6:15 a.m.

The "engine of the train" consists of 12 returning Aggies as listed: Ernest Dicks, James Easter, Hubert Brown, Freddie Williamson, Lamont Taylor, David Blue, David Miller, Jan

Williams, Byron Kearney, Dwight Mitchell, Vincent Blackmon, Stanley Christian, and Earl Chestnutt. The trio consisting of newcomers are Edward Carter in high hurdles, Ruben McElrath in the shot putt and William Boone in the long and triple jumps.

Coach Neely feels that this year's squad is one of the most promising and well conditioned squads that he has coached in recent years.

Supreme Court Refuses To Grant New Decision

WASHINGTON AP—Over a dissent written by its one Black member, the Supreme Court has refused to grant Black defendants in criminal trials an automatic right to have prospective jurors questioned about racial prejudice.

In a 6 to 2 decision Wednesday, the court said it would be "the wiser course generally" to ask such questions if the defendant requests it but it is not constitutionally required. Justice Thurgood Marshall spoke for himself and Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. in dissenting.

The racial case involved the conviction of a Black man, James Ross Jr., on charges of assaulting a white man in Boston.

The defendant's attorney requested the judge to ask prospective jurors, "Are there any of you who believe that a white person is more likely to be

telling the truth than a Black person?"

The judge refused, but asked each jury panelist whether he or she could "render a fair and impartial verdict."

Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., speaking for the court in Wednesday's decision, said the question was whether this ruling "announced a requirement applicable whenever there may be a confrontation in a criminal trial between persons of different races or different ethnic origins."

The court said it did not. It said racial issues were "inextricably bound up" with the South Carolina trial especially since the defendant contended he was being framed for his civil rights activities. It said the fact that Ross was Black and his victim was white was, in itself, "less likely to distort the trial."



Ms. Hammonds decides to let her class break from the concrete jungle into the world of nature.

Black Schools To Recover Talent

ATLANTA AP—Predominantly Black Southern colleges weakened by Southeastern Conference recruitment of Black basketball talent are beginning to recover, Black recruiters say.

An Associated Press survey of 18 predominantly Black colleges revealed that most have experienced better teams, increased attendance at games and a renewed interest in the sport.

Some of the smaller colleges, such as Knoxville, Tenn. College and Tougaloo Miss. College, said SEC recruitment never affected their programs, anyway.

"The type of athletes the SEC is recruiting, we didn't get anyway...the blue-chippers," said Tougaloo Coach Jerry Lewis.

One weekend in January, 39 of these Black "blue-chippers," were among the 50 starters on SEC squads.

A spokesman for Southern University at Baton Rouge, La., one of the nation's largest Black schools with an enrollment of 14,000, commented, "We just

have to dig deeper and search harder," he said. "It's more difficult getting the quality Black athlete, because more people are interested in him."

The spokesman said predominantly Black Southern schools have an advantage over SEC schools because most of the 46 Black Colleges engaged in competitive athletics are in the South and many are practicing stronger conference scheduling.

"Four of our conference teams are among the nation's leading scorers," he said. "We're strong believers that a strong, attractive schedule is the key factor in recruiting good athletes."

Most Black colleges in SEC states are members of either the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference or the richer and more powerful Southwestern Athletic Conference, a league of state colleges which boasts Alcorn State University of tiny Lorman, Miss.

Alcorn led the AP's top 15 small college basketball poll for most of this season. The poll also has included other Black schools

this year, such as Grambling State University, Kentucky State College and Tennessee State University.

Grambling Coach Fred Hobby feels "the last three years have been very good for Black schools all over."

"Kids are beginning to come back to Black schools. The novelty has worn off," said Hobby.

"I predict in the next five or 10 years, the situation will be like it was before. Everybody wants to play and the large schools aren't going to get all those boys."

Skating Lessons Provide New Experience

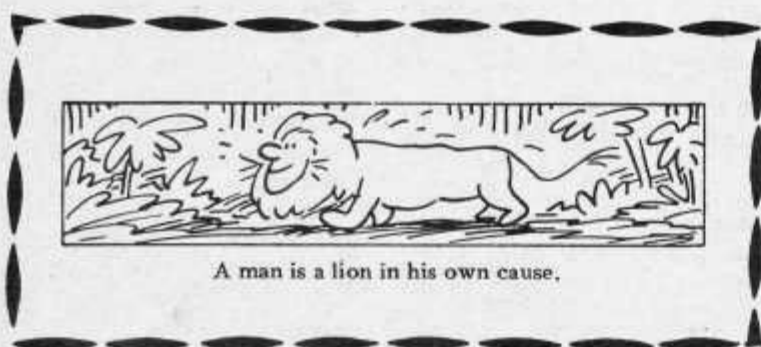
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Our final comment comes from a little young lady from the "Big Apple" of the south, Boston?

Wanda Brown, a sophomore early childhood major, announced, "This has been a new experience because I've never been on ice skates before. I also enjoyed myself and wish there could have been more than three lessons. These lessons were only there to introduce us to skating; therefore, now we need \$2.50 to further our ice skating experience."

Weather

Extended outlook Saturday through Monday: Chance of showers through the period with a cooling trend. Highs Saturday 60s mountains 70s elsewhere. Highs Monday 60s. Lows Saturday 50s and low 60s. Lows Monday 30s mountains 40

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