By LaRonda Gore

The design class of the Electrical Engineering Department has started the enormous task of building a computer from the ground up. The computer system has a capacity of 72 different functions.

Robert Copeland, one of the engineering students that have been in on the project explained, "The computer can be programmed to do simple functions, such as sorting, testing and logic. Some things that are done by people, the computer can do, such as comparing zip codes in the post office."

This program was started in late November and there are nine engineering students that have been in on the project. It is felt that the computer will be given since the system is still in an experimental stage. Copeland continued, "Dr. Gray has helped enormously and is a dedicated teacher that always has the theory of a learned and gained insight in the state of the art of computer technology."

The main idea of the program is to provide undergraduate engineering majors with an insight in the state of the art of computer technology.

Jesse Johnson, also an EE major, states "A&T has no computer science department and, with this computer, the students have a better chance to learn more about circuit design."

Price approximations could not be given since the system is still expanding but a small idea goes like this: Memory boards cost $600 a piece and this model holds 16 of the cards. The two racks inside cost $1400 and the teleprinter that was installed was also $1400.

When asked about the future of the system, Copeland stated, "We did all the wiring between Graham and Cherry Hall; this past summer and later on we will install a second computer into Cherry Hall with the memory center located in Graham. By then we will enable the two systems to be programmed and to carry out functions that are asked for from A&T folks."

"Dr. Gray has helped enormously and is a dedicated teacher that always has the theory of a learned and gained insight in the state of the art of computer technology." the President responded by saying, "I've known "Bo" Calley for a number of years, and I have full faith in "Bo" Calley. On a personal basis he is a man of integrity."

The President was then asked if he felt that he would suffer from any kind of Watergate residue, and the President responded by saying, "The volume of testimony taken by the House and the Democratic Senate which voted the Watergate affair."

President Ford was then asked about unemployment and inflation.

"The President said, "Every person who wants a job can get a job."

Continuing he said, "Five out of 10 jobs are in private sectors." The opportunity for the private sector to employ more is there. We have to continue the pressure. The trend is right and the policies that we are following will reduce inflation."

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Is Gov. Holshouser Looking Too Far?

North Carolina Governor James Holshouser seems to be doing everything in his power to assure himself of some type of governmental position in case President Ford is elected President.

It has been rumored that the governor may be up for some major position if Ford gets back in office. It was first rumored that he would be offered a cabinet position, but according to Ford, Holshouser may be up for a position of higher stature-like the vice-presidential nominee.

Being Ford's campaign manager of sorts, Holshouser has raised lots of controversy over the use of state-owned materials. Republican Senator Jesse Helms has openly criticized Holshouser for allegedly using a state-owned airplane which was used in Asheville for campaign purposes. Helms just happens to be supporting Ronald Reagan. Reagan has not won a primary yet and North Carolina is a critical testing point for Reagan.

At present, it seems that Holshouser is only interested in personal gains and has forgotten about the business that he was elected to attend to. It has always been this writer's opinion that the business at hand should be taken care of first before going on to other things.

Holshouser, as stated before is working hard for a position in Washington in the up coming year, but one may wonder, what will happen if Ford should lose his first battle to be elected to the country's highest office?

The governor had better do some hard thinking before his luck runs out.

Benjamin Forbes

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Who Really Holds The Key?

By Daryl E. Smith

The Presidential election this year will have both parties going into their respective conventions with a sizable group of undecided delegates. The traditional image of candidates battling for control of state delegates, will be neutralized by this third group which will hold the key to the final outcome in the Presidential election.

In North Carolina there are 165 million registered Democratic voters and 538,600 registered Republicans. That breaks down to 54 Republican convention votes and 61 Democratic delegates to be shared by the candidates in proportion to their popular vote showings.

The question then arises concerning the power of the 'electoral college versus the undecided delegates. The unusual characteristics about the electoral college, is based on the popular vote of the people with each state being represented by their particular population, and the number of Electors of a state is judged on the state's population. This means a state the size of California will have more Electors than a state the size of North Carolina.

The Electors are not required by any law to follow the popular vote, but the rule is supposed to be that the electoral college select the President based on the popular votes cast for a particular candidate.

The electoral college placed Kennedy in office, but not Johnson; placed Richard Nixon in the office for two years, but not President Ford. He was recommended for the job.
Dance Company Gives Lectures

The Rod Rodgers Dance Company of New York is spending a week as artist-in-residence at A&T State University. A highlight of the company's activities here will be a public concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

In addition, Rodgers will lecture and conduct workshops for students from humanities, music, theatre and dance classes at A&T. He will also conduct a master dance class for A&T high school students.

One of the few modern dance companies in residence at A&T is the Rod Rodgers Dance Company. A native of Greensboro who studied at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he has performed with the Phyllis Young Dance Company and the Alvin Ailey II Dance Company.

A member of the dance company is Erick Hodge, a Company.

Aggie Drill Teams Perform Throughout This Semester

North Carolina A&T State University has its drill teams two of the finest drill teams in this part of the country.

The dedicated members of both Army and Air Force teams have been busy this past semester, and it seems time for a small break.

The spring semester is sometimes quiet and gives all a little bit of time for relaxation and perfection of a good thing. The Army ROTC team appeared at the Hayes-Taylor YMCA on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Y membership drive. There is also a request for the teams to appear at Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., on March 26 for the annual Blue and White drill meet. This competition is open to ROTC drill teams from the eastern part of the state.

The Army team has been requested to appear at Elon College on April 10 for their Bicentennial celebration. The advance for the team is Major Bobbie Chavis.

Air Force ROTC has been known to give outstanding performances wherever they have been requested to perform. On March 27 the drill team will travel to Durham to participate in a parade. The big event for the 14-member blue and gold team is their invitation to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival to be held in Washington, D.C., on April 10 of this year.

Membership for the Air Force drill team are Captain Leslie Davis and Staff Sergeant Billy Leake. Membership is open to any interested person.

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**In Football**

**Offensive Unit Returns Nine**

The Aggies ended a two-year drought last season as the team finished with an 8-3 record and tied South Carolina State for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship.

The long and illustrious tradition at A&T has been defense, however, last season it was the offense which had the fans in an uproar.

Returning from last season’s league leading offensive unit are nine regulars. The two losses will be major ones, however, in All-America George Ragdale (920 yards rushing) and tight end Walter Bennett.

But Aggie fans have a lot to smile about. Quarterback Ellsworth Turner, perhaps the most gifted thrower in the South, returns along with his favorite receiver Dexter Feaster. The A&T offensive line will be major ones, however, in the conference last season and, with the improvement of the Aggie running game, the pair should enjoy an even more spectacular season.

For eight games last season, little was heard from junior running back Glenn Holland. Holland had been playing in the shadows of George Ragdale and just wasn’t getting the game time.

Ragdale was injured against Grambling and Holland stepped in to gain 100 yards. He gained another 100 against Delaware State and was named "MEAC BACK OF THE WEEK." Holland will be the workhorse of the Aggie backs this season.

Other backs that fill prominently into the Aggie plans include Ron Scott(6-2, 210), Cal Hawkins(6-1, 180), Larry Barham(5-10, 200), and James Crowder(6-2, 190).

Handling the punting duties for the Aggies will be Horace Howell. Howell averaged 35.7 yards a kick at a freshman last season.

The offensive line will be anchored by center, Joe Bloomfeld(6-1, 250), guard Ron Aiken(6-1, 235), and tackle Wheeler Brown(6-3, 250).

The biggest question surrounding the 1976 A&T football season is the defense. Only All-America defensive back Terry Bellamy returns in the secondary, Coach Horsey.

Howell recruited heavily in this area and it is possible a freshman will occupy one of the vacant areas.

The Aggie linebackers, rated by some as the best in the MEAC, return intact with Joe Crosby(6-2, 210), Jerome Simmons(5-10, 170) and Louis Atchison(5-10, 220) leading the way.

The defensive line will be led by James Merrick(6-3, 250), Ron Morgan(6-3, 245), and Floyd Holland(6-3, 235).

**Pyramid Club Performs Several Service Duties**

By Eleanore Davis

The Pyramid Club of Delta Sigma Theta, a public service organization, performed several duties this past week to improve community relations.

The organization had a campus clean-up organization and served as hosts to the International Extravaganza Affair held in Moore Gym, March 6.

The Pyramid Club is a group of selected girls by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority pledges to become future Delta. The Pyramid Club strives to improve cultural enrichment through public service. Delta Sigma Theta heavily stresses excellence in scholarship and individual character that typifies sisterhood.

The Pyramid Club would like to receive any type of suggestions for service projects.