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Grants $71,000 To A&T

The School of Business and Economics at A&T State University has been selected to receive a $71,000 grant from the General Electric Foundation in Bridgeport, Conn.

The grant was announced by W.A. Orme, secretary of the GE Foundation. He said the funds will be deposited with the A&T University Foundation for use by the School of Business and Economics.

"We are pleased to have been selected for this important grant," said Dr. Quister Craig, director of the School of Business and Economics.

The grant will enable us to maintain the standards of excellence in education that have been established for the future students of the university, he said.

The funds will be used especially for resource development and for faculty development in the areas of management and accounting.

Crawford said the grant will be used to strengthen the school's learning resources center which provides self-paced instruction, tutorial services and the quantitative management courses.

Crawford said the fast-growing School of Business and Economics currently has more than 1,000 students enrolled and graduates nearly 200 students annually.

"Most of these student graduates haven't had any difficulty finding gainful employment," added Craig, who pointed out that this year's accounting graduates are receiving offered starting salaries ranging to $13,500 annually.

"We want to continue to strengthen our programs to make them more valuable to the heavily industrialized Piedmont Crescent, and to make them available to all of the citizens of the state."

A&T To Host Aging Conference

By Daryl E. Smith

The second annual conference on aging will be held April 22 and 23 in the Student Union and Paul Robeson Theatre.

Samuel Baldwin, associate director for institutional research in conjunction with the N.C. Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging and the Guilford Coordinating Council on aging will be sponsoring the conference.

Baldwin said, "The emphasis will be placed on national and state concerns which affect the elderly and contracts, will and other legal business issues that they face daily."

Finally the conference will attempt to heighten awareness about vitalization and potential utilization of the elderly or a resource."

Ask how the conference went last year. Baldwin replied, "Extremely well, we thought the reception received was very good. According to the evaluation that we have concerning this year's conference, the financial commitments have already been pledged. With the financial backing, the structure and organization of the conference will run smoother."

Baldwin continued, "This conference will give the community a chance to re-evaluate its policies concerning the elderly, especially a time period we classify as forced unproductivity."

The training session was held during the Association of Technology (AECT) national convention on March 28-April 4. Dr. Wooden served as chairman of the affirmative action committee of that association. He also served on the accreditation committee to study the AECT's standards. The committee developed a policy statement for the AECT and also implemented procedures for enforcement of the policy.

When asked about being selected, Mrs. Hudgens stated, "If it is an honor to be recognized for one's talent and ability to perform on the AECT team of evaluators, I feel that I will be able to render valuable assistance to this university in its quest for national accreditation."

A team of evaluators is scheduled to evaluate the A&T program in November.

NCATE Selects Staff Members

Two university staff members have been selected and trained to be evaluators for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Dr. Ralph Wooden, director of media education, and Mrs. Eula Hudgens, director of the film library, were selected as experts in the field of media education during a training session in Anaheim, California, last month.

They will serve as media specialists on the NCATE evaluating team, when evaluating other colleges.

Presently A&T is seeking national accreditation for its Teacher Education Program.

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South’s Desegregation Policy Works Better Than North’s

ATLANTA AP—School desegregation in the South should be used as a model for the rest of the nation, the Southern Regional Council said in a study released earlier this week.

“The South’s report card in school desegregation is better than the North’s,” said the Atlanta-based research group.

“The overall direction is clear: The South is moving toward fairer and more effective education for all children,” the 51-page report said.

It noted, however, there has been an exodus of white students from some school districts, a disproportionate number of Black pupils in classes for slow learners, and more frequent disciplining of Blacks.

It said Atlanta, Houston, Charleston, S.C., and New Orleans have school systems in which “racial isolation...not only is the dominant condition in the present; it also apparently is the wave of the future.”

The report included the responses of school superintendents to a survey conducted by the Institute for Social Research at Florida State University.

According to the survey:
- 46 per cent said desegregation caused no disruption of the educational process;
- 54 per cent listed minimum disruption, and 10 per cent great disruption.

- 45 per cent said desegregation has a positive long term effect on the community;
- 45 per cent said no effect, and 10 per cent said the impact was negative.

- 22 per cent said desegregation caused many white students to leave their schools, while 74 per cent saw no effect.

The SRC said its report was based on detailed studies of rural Williamson County, S.C., and the counties which include Charlotte, Athens, Ga., Little Rock, Ark., and Tampa, Fla.

Studied in less detail were Anniston, Ala., Austin, Tex., Bogue County, La., Nashville, Tenn., Norfolk, Va., and Meridian, Miss., the SRC said.

Mythology Plays Role In Easter

By Carleen Sims

Have you often wondered how the Easter bunny got into the celebration of Easter. Easter Sunday which Christians usually commemorate as a day for the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Mythology plays an important role around the ever-present commemoration of the Easter bunny got into the celebration. Easter survives the annual spring festivals were given. For whom great, annual spring festivals were given.

Interestingly, the hare is the ancient symbol or figure of the moon. Easter is said to be governed by the moon; and, at Easter day is governed by the moon, the hare enters all Easter representations.

Surprisingly, it is said that hares as a species do not exist in the United States; thus, the closest thing to a hare is a rabbit.

Did you know that hares, unlike rabbits are born with their eyes open, and the moon is the open-eyed watcher of the night?

Easter Styles Are Expensive

By Melvin McLean

One of the most important questions on the upcoming Easter season is what will be in style for the Easter season?

This reporter went to a number of shops and talked to a number of fashion designers on the subject and they said the colors will be pastel; and, for women, the dress will be worn at knee length or slightly below the knee.

And what will the men be wearing this Easter? Most of the fashions for men will consist of the new European style look of three piece suits in the pastel colors such as light blue, yellow, lime green, orange, and pink.

Next is the price of these fashions. The average cost of men will be anywhere in the range of $160.00 to $200.00.

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Voters Should Withhold Support

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - The head of Alabama's major Black political organizations has urged the state's Black voters to withhold support from Governor George C. Wallace and really beat up. However, the state has put a freeze on the funds and right now things look pretty bleak.

Jesse Reed, president of the Alabama Democratic Conference, said there's "not a dime's worth of difference" between Carter's recent reference to the "ethnic purity" of neighborhoods and Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace's one-time defense of segregated public schools.

Reed's organization, the Black caucus of the Alabama Democratic Party, is in the midst of a political battle with Carter forces who have qualified Black candidates of their own in predominantly Black districts where ADC-backed delegate candidates are also running.

"I would think it would be hard for the Black Carter delegates to justify themselves supporting a man who believes in ethnic purity of neighborhoods," said Reed.

"People should have a right to live wherever they want."

Reed was referring to Carter's belting an audience in South Bend, Ind., last week. "I'm not trying to say I want any kind of government interference with the ethnic purity of neighborhoods; what I say is the government ought not to take as a major purpose the intrusion of alien groups into a neighborhood, simply to establish that intrusion."

The former Georgia governor has apologized repeatedly for the use of the term "ethnic purity," conceding it was a serious mistake.

Uncommitted Black delegates supported by the ADC are running in six of the 27 delegate districts in Alabama, but Reed said the conference will endorse other uncommitted delegates at its annual convention later this month.

Reed said he "respected" Carter's right to field a slate of delegate candidates in Alabama, "but they have to recognize my right to oppose his slate."

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By Maxine McNeill

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A Bunch Of Nonsense

There has been a great deal of talk during the past week about presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter's use of the phrase "ethnic purity". To this writer, it is all a bunch of nonsense. I see it merely as an attempt to discredit him. The only problem is that most of his critics scorn his statement, but support the same issue of which he was speaking. The only difference is that they say they would word it differently. Carter does say he should have said "ethnic heritage" or "ethnic character" instead of the phrase he used. Yet, they all seem to agree that the federal government shouldn't go out of its way to destroy this quality of a neighborhood by assisting minorities to move there for the sole purpose of ethnic mixture. This is really the same idea Carter was trying to express when he made his statement. Some of his foes have even suggested that Carter might have been trying to appeal to the Wallace supporters by making such a statement. If this were true, then why would he be so apologetic about making the statement?

When thinking about it though, it is not so unusual for the other presidential contenders to blow this event out of proportion. They are far behind Carter that they'll resort to any tactics they can devise. Since Ford has made it known many times that he would rather not have to run against Carter, it comes as no surprise that he is also jumping on the bandwagon of Carter critics while literally admitting that he felt the same as Carter feels about the subject.

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Applications Should Be Accepted

By Daryl E. Smith

The recent turn of events that have been exposed to the student body about early cut off dates has this reporter thinking about the possibilities of whether or not Black students graduating from high school this year will be able to attend universities in the state of North Carolina.

The higher education system in this state showed last year and in past years, that it is only concerned about the future generations of those children belonging to the ruling present status quo.

The decision by the Board of Governors and William Friday to close admission applications to graduating seniors coming out of high school only leads one to believe that the higher education system in North Carolina is not in favor of allowing continuous endorsement of human beings. Black or white, to justify progression to a higher level of academic life.

Once again A&T has become victim to the powers that determine the welfare and life style of future generations. When will the people of North Carolina stop and confront this monster of control?
Editor of The Register:

What is A&T's main function as a university—to educate or to harvest athletes? This question has been long overdue for an answer. By cancelling Awards Day Convocation, the Administration has failed to motivate its students academically.

The goals of many of the students were to win an honor award at the Convocation. After learning that the Convocation activities were cancelled, many students undoubtedly experienced a serious let down. Furthermore, the Administration passed the buck on the cake by using the cheapest and most played-out of all excuses—no funds.

It puzzles me as to how the university can obtain thousands for athletic facilities, but can't muster a less substantial sum for a more noble and worthy cause. It puzzles and antagonizes me even more, as to how the university can have an annual athletic banquet, but can't seem to be able to designate a day for the recognition of those who excelled scholarshipally during the course of the academic year.

Since A&T has been vigorously trying to establish itself as a top-level university, it should do the things that are necessary and within its power to achieve this goal. Therefore, it shouldn't try to upgrade its athletic functions, while neglecting its intellectually functions. A sound university produces both strong minds and strong bodies.

The Administration knows that the majority of students at A&T will never play professional sports; nevertheless, it still over-stresses the importance of athletics, while down-grading the intellectual minded students by failing to recognize or motivate them.

It's time for the Administration to take a more active role in motivating the students academically. The Administration can achieve this motivating effect by producing the "right intellectual environment." The only way for this type of environment to exist is by the Administration's showing more interest in the students' academic productivity rather than in the athletic results.

Students can excel without being good athletes; athletes can not excel without being good students. The only way for the students and the athletics to excel as good students in their respective majors is by the Administration's becoming more cognizant of the students' achievements, expressing overly that they are aware, and by honoring these students in some type of formal or informal fashion. The students need good leaders, not good excuses.

James Farrior

Tyson Expresses Desire To Unify Student Body

Fellow Students:

As you all know by now, "Unity Conquers All" is my theme for the 1976-77 school year. In order to crystallize this dream however, I will need full and complete support from the entire student body.

As your president, I encourage all students to feel free to contact me either in person or via the mail (Box 1011 Scott A), and inform me of your ideas, complaints, and suggestions for the forthcoming school year and this summer.

Again I would like to thank everyone who voted and those who would have liked to have voted but did not for whatever reason get the opportunity.

Together, I have every confidence that we will make 1976-77 the most profitable and successful school year ever. UNITY CONQUERS ALL!!!

Thank You,

Tony Tyson

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Easter Symbolizes Christ's Death

By Elizabeth Jones

"For generations, the dogwood tree has symbolized Easter and the crucifixion of Christ. Every Easter, the crooked little tree blossoms to remind man of his cruel judgment at Golgotha. Legend has it that Pilate sent one of his men to find a tall, straight tree to make the cross upon which Christ was to be crucified.

After hours of searching, Pilate's servant returned with the crooked, bent tree. In those days, the dogwood was the tallest and straightest of trees in the land.

After Christ was crucified, the dogwood underwent a drastic change and became the stooped, crooked, knotted tree we know today. Never again would the dogwood be chosen to perform such a heartbreaking task. Another change took place in the dogwood. The fragile blossom has four petals symbolizing Christ's arms and legs which were nailed to the cross. The tip of each petal is indented and stained pink as Christ's hands and feet were punctured and bloodied by the nails as he was hung on the cross.

In the center of the flower is a tiny cluster which is symbolic of Christ's crown of thorns.

The dogwood tree, once proud and tall like the pine, now is withered and bent-humbled in memory of its tragic role in Christian history.

Have A Happy Easter

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A&T Blue & Gold Marching Machine...
Students Oppose Tougher Rules

RALEIGH (AP) - Despite student opposition, the faculty senate at North Carolina State University has held firm on its proposal to tighten rules allowing students to drop courses without putting a bad mark on student records.

The senate initially proposed tougher rules to curb the high number of courses dropped and small course loads carried by students. One concern was that a large number of students were not completing enough courses each semester to graduate in four years. That is of particular concern because the university must reject otherwise qualified students because of crowded conditions.

Under the senate proposals, the time a student could drop a course without it hurting his record would be shortened from the current nine weeks into the 16-week semester to two weeks.

In the three years the liberal drop policy has been in effect, the number of courses dropped in a semester rose from 1,500 to 9,000.

A student boycott of classes was planned for Tuesday to protest the recommendations of the faculty but there was little support; student leaders admitted.

Also, the general administration of the 16-campus university system conducted a survey after the controversy erupted at N.C. State and found that the problem apparently does not exist at other campuses.

Few Attend Services Held For Martin Luther King

BOSTON AP - They sat in their academic robes - Rosa Parks, the Black woman who 21 years ago refused to move to the back of the bus, and Linda Brown Smith, whose father did not want her to go to the segregated schools of Topeka, Kan., 22 years ago.

They were honored by Boston University, alma mater of the late Rev. Martin Luther King on the eighth anniversary of his assassination.

But in this city torn by strife over school integration, fewer than 50 people came to pay tribute Wednesday to 15 heroes and heroines of the Civil Rights Movement.

Eight years ago, thousands of students, Black and white, brought together by the shock of the King assassination, attended memorial services at the university. But on this warm spring day, few drifted into the building, except on their way to class.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of the Atlanta Board of Education, told the youthful assembly that "integration will come completely only when racism is completely routed out. And human nature being what it is, it will not be in my time, and not in the time of any of you living now."

But, he added, "We cannot quit. This is what America is all about."

During an afternoon session on busing and its alternatives, George H. Eser, executive director of the biracial Southern Regional Council, said northern cities cannot approach the subject of school integration "without a package that includes busing."

He said he brought Boston a message from the South, adding, "The evidence is that the South, however reluctantly, has accepted the national mandate to integrate and that its achievements are encouraging."

Student crossword puzzle

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Answers

To Last

Puzzle
**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

By Craig R. Turner

By now nearly every Aggie sports fan has heard about A&T’s basketball schedule for next season. A&T will rub elbows with such top twenty powers as N.C. State, Oral Roberts, and UNC-Charlotte.

The Aggies’ nonconference schedule is something akin to scaling the sides of Mt. Kilimanjaro. It is not going to be a pleasant experience for a young, untested A&T ball club. There can be no argument there.

Coach Warren Reynolds seemed less concerned over the team’s future won-lost record than the effect such competition would do for the basketball program. He remarked that, at one time, the good record would have meant a great deal to him personally. But the former coach has said that he is willing to forego that to get his Aggies into that national limelight. Some sacrifice has to be expected.

A&T’s quest for national recognition on a major college level appears well on the way in conjunction with the completion of the 7,500 seat athletic complex on the eastern campus in 1977.

A&T Suffers Conference Loss

By Donav Bryant

On Monday, A&T was defeated in tennis play 7-2 by North Carolina Central. The victory marked the second straight conference loss for A&T, and also the first victory of any sort the Eagles have won over the Aggies.

In singles play, Cyril Quinn (A&T) lost 7-6, 4-6 to William Torres; Opdeen Harper (A&T) lost 6-4, 3-6, to Mike Miller; Bennett Taylor (NCU) defeated Stanley Reid (A&T), 6-1, 6-4. Leonard Lewis defeated Thomas Davis, 4-6, 6-4, 60; Waymond Blackmon (A&T) defeated Caleb Johnson (NCCU), 60, 6-4.

In doubles play, Torres-Lewis (A&T) defeated Harper, 6-4, 6-4; Taylor-Miller (NCCU) defeated Blackmon-Davis (A&T), 6-0, 6-1; The final set won by the Jackson and Johnson combination defeated Phil Wallace and Terry (A&T), 6-1, 6-3.

A&T is now 3-2 on the season and that includes a 0-2 conference slate.

**Aggie Track Team Improves**

The steadily improving Aggie tracksters brought back their first trophies of the season from the annual Johnson C. Smith relays. Without taking a single first place in a field of ten schools, the Aggies nichelked and dimed their way to 54 points with a strong third-place finish, to favored South Carolina State and Johnson C. Smith.

David Miller, coming off the injury list, was nipped at the tape to garner a second place in the 120-yard high hurdles. Sophomore Vincent Blackmon, who volunteered to try the javelin throw for the first time this year, was a surprising second place.

The quartet of Kenneth Smith, Jim Williams, Byron Kearnsey and James Easter scooted to still another second-place finish in the 800 relay. This same group with the exception of David Miller, replacing ailing Kenneth Smith, battled strong N.C. State and J.C. Smith for a trip to tape for a third place trophy. Third place hardware was also earned in the spring medley relay and 440 relay.

Other nickel and dimers were Stanley Christian in the shot put and discus throw, Lamont Taylor in the discus, Dwight Mitchell in the one mile run, and James Easter in the 880.

With the meet to bring improvements, the Aggies hope to continue at the Norfolk relays this week and then prepare for the MEAC Championships at Delaware State in early May to finish with a team high of twelve points. Vincent Blackmon also scored in the discus.

**N. C. State Will Battle The Aggies Next Year**

By Craig Turner

North Carolina State will highlight the 1976-77 basketball schedule next season for A&T as the Aggies face the toughest roundball slate in their history.

The Wolfpack and the Aggies will tangle in Raleigh on January 3, 1977, in a non-conference affair. A&T has added four other new foes to its schedule for next season.

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Tampa Drafts George Ragsdale

There has been a long time between the last A&T football game in 1973 and the pro draft of a few days ago.

There have been a lot of restless nights for A&T's running back George Ragsdale, who, like thousands of other senior football players across the country, had completed his eligibility with the final whistle in '75.

Ragsdale had always wanted to play pro football, maybe in his hometown of Baltimore, Md., with the Colts, but, as time grew nearer to the end of his college days, he just wanted to play.

Ragsdale's long wait to realize his football future received some bright news last week when he was drafted in the twelfth round by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL.

"I had no idea I was going to be drafted by them and right now I'm just glad it happened," said Ragsdale, who last season set an A&T rushing record for a single season with 920 yards. "The team that signed me was the St. Louis Cardinals, but I left them. I felt I could make the adjustment to running back position if necessary, but I'm comfortable in the backfield and that's where I feel I could make the best contribution to Tampa."

"I haven't met Coach McKay yet, but I am familiar with him through his appearances on national television."

Ragsdale has been a frequent visitor to the A&T spring workouts and has been working diligently since the season concluded in November.

"I'm going to Tampa on the 15th of April to get my contract in order and to workout with the other rookies," said Ragsdale, who will take part in the A&T commencement exercises on May 2. "All I've been doing is running to keep myself in shape. I haven't been doing anything really heavy like lifting weights."

"I feel that I'm in the best shape that I have ever been in my career."

There had been rumors that Ragsdale was "too small" to withstand the physical punishment of the National Football League. Some pro football scouts that visited the Aggie practices last season felt Ragsdale would stand a better chance as wide receiver.

"I don't think I would be going to wide receiver," answered Ragsdale.

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Dudley High Stadium Hosts Annual Track, Field Meet

By Daryl E. Smith

The first annual county Junior Track and Field meet will be held at the Dudley High School stadium on May 1.

The meet is being sponsored by the SGA, Veterans Association, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, Citizens United to Rehabilitate Ex-Offenders, and the Athletic Department.

The track and field meet, in conjunction with the President's Council on Youth Fitness, is designed to promote a spirit of understanding and human concern for the Greensboro community.

Roy Thompson, coordinator of the event, said, "The primary objective of the track and field meet is to acquire food for the less fortunate in our community. There will be no monetary price per admission; instead two standard cans of goods will be charged each participant and the spectators."

"The food collected from this meet will be distributed by various churches to the poor of our community. It is essential that students as well as all Guilford County residents support the principle of the meet."

"Ask who is eligible to participate in the meet." Thompson replied, "The meet is for all youth in the county, between the ages of 14-17 who are sponsored by any business or organization."

"Each participant will not wear spikes. Only jogging or tennis shoes will be allowed on the track."

Girls Track Team Participates in Duke Meet

For the first time in recent history of A&T athletics, women competed in track and field competition.

Last Friday, Rene Miller, Gail Bergeron and Donna Scott participated in the Duke Olympic/Meter Track and Field meet at Wade Stadium in Durham. This first outing was very rewarding.

In the 200 meter, Gail and Rene brought home the gold and silver, respectively. They trained again in the 100 meters to take first and second, this time with Rene leading Gail.

The stiffest competition came in the longer 400 meters where Donna Scott fought to a fifth place finish. The Aggies travel this week to participate in the annual Norfolk Relays.