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## Male Students Protest As Administration Changes Curtis Hall

By Margaret L. Brown

The decision to return Curtis Hall to female students is no longer a rumor but a fact.

When males began to protest Tuesday on the steps of Dudley Building, a meeting was arranged with Dr. Jesse E. Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs; Mrs. Lucille Piggott, dean of women; Colonel William Goode, dean of men; Mrs. Shirley Frye, assistant vice chancellor for development and university relations; Sullivan Welborne, SGA adviser; and Richard E. Moore, director of information services; and 17 interested students.

Dr. Marshall said, "The 104 room assignments made to female students in Curtis Hall have been redistributed according to the halls of their choice."

The young men living in Curtis Hall will be put in Scott Hall C.

Dr. Marshall said, "Existing facilities are being renovated to house 124 students." The

facilities are Kent and Lutheran Court which are supposed to be ready by August for the athletes. This plan isn't complete, but the commitment has been made, said Dr. Marshall.

Dean Piggott said, "The 104 females, who were assigned to Curtis can now request the dorms of their choice immediately."

Revealed in the discussion was the fact that incoming freshmen must live on campus. This is a university policy so freshmen have to be guaranteed rooms.

Some students said guaranteeing rooms for freshmen was unfair to upperclassmen. They said upperclassmen should be given priority since they are already here, trying to get out.

Colonel Goode said, "Any students dissatisfied with their room assignments have until June 15 to apply for a refund of their \$50."

Dr. Marshall concluded, "I knew housing was going to be a problem. I'm not afraid to face it. I'm willing to face it."



Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, listens to male students as they air their housing grievances. Photo by Forbes

## In Black History

### Libraries Are Useful

By Maxine McNeill

Libraries have played an important role in the history of Black people, said Dr. E. J. Josey, chief bureau of specialist library services at the New York State Department in Albany, N.Y. Dr. Josey spoke in Bluford Library Thursday in honor of National Library Week.

"Libraries and the Liberation of Black People" was the topic from which Dr. Josey chose to speak. He said it is important that Blacks celebrate the usefulness of libraries in their lives for several reasons.

One reason Dr. Josey cited was the unemployment situation among Black people. He said it is evident that job discrimination exists in the United States. According to him, Blacks and women have not been awarded jobs as individuals but as classes. He said the gains Blacks raised in the past are being erased.

As far as the education of today's Black children is concerned, Dr. Josey stated that Black children are not receiving encouragement in the schools

and the children are not being allowed to advance because they are all being placed together.

Dr. Josey said that, according to the NACCP, Black people are (See Get, Page 2)



Dr. E.J. Josey speaks in Bluford Library in honor of National Library Week. Photo by G. Marrow

## Trustees Act On Housing

The A&T State University board of trustees in its spring meeting Wednesday authorized the university administration to investigate the feasibility of renovating Kent Court as possible housing for students for

the next term.

"We want the students to know that we are aware of their housing problems and we want to do whatever we can to alleviate these problems," said Dr. Otis Tillman, acting chairman of the board.

The board's resolution came on the heels of recent concerns by students of a shortage of on-campus housing for the fall term.

University officials said that Kent Court, if renovated, could house up to 56 students.

They also estimated that it will take around \$50,000 to correct deficiencies in the

facility. The board urged Dr. Dowdy, the chancellor, to study the situation. Dowdy was out of town and did not attend the meeting.

In other action, the board approved the appointment of Clinton E. Gravely as architect for the construction of a new student dormitory and for the renovation of Scott and Cooper halls.

The board also approved the Aggie Club, formerly the Aggie Booster Club, as the official external athletic support organization of the university.

In a report for the chancellor, (See Admissions, Page 2)

## Office Files Response About Release Of Ten

RALEIGH (AP) - The state attorney general's office agreed to file its response Thursday with the state Supreme Court on a petition for release of the Wilmington 10 on bail.

Defense attorney James E. Ferguson of Charlotte had the petition flown to Raleigh Wednesday, following the state Court of appeal's denial of a bail request.

The Supreme Court was asked to review the Appeals Court ruling and expedite its decision and the attorney general's office agreed to the quick response, said Supreme Court Clerk John R. Morgan.

Ten days normally are

allowed for a response.

Nine members of the Wilmington 10 are lodged in eight separate prisons as a result of their 1972 convictions on arson and conspiracy charges.

The bail request, pending a May 9 post-conviction hearing, was prompted by attorneys' needs to confer freely with their clients, Ferguson said.

It may be several weeks after the hearing before Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro before a decision is made on whether to grant a new trial for the defendants, said Al Cole of the attorney general's office. Ferguson has said he will call as

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# Get Into The Habit Of Reading

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denied housing. From the three areas that were surveyed, employment, education and housing, Dr. Josey stated that he agrees with Roy Wilkins, head of the NAACP, that 1976 was a year of deprivation for Blacks. However, he said Blacks did make some gains in 1976. This was proven because Dr. Josey said over 5,000 Blacks were in elected positions last year.

Dr. Josey feels, because of the situation Blacks are in, they need to get back into the habit of reading. He feels reading is a way of understanding the past.

"The present is not the only

important source of things," Dr. Josey said. "Not only what we are and where we are but our past is important as well as our present." He continued by saying that we should not forget our past.

In Alex Haley's book "Roots" and the movie, Dr. Josey revealed that Blacks were seen as real people for the first time. He stated that the "happy darky" image usually portrayed on television was disproved through the television version of "Roots."

Though he congratulated the Blacks who viewed "Roots," Dr. Josey said they should not stop there. He said Blacks should read the book also.

According to Dr. Josey, there

seems to be emerging among young Blacks a tendency to forget the past. He said some young people are taking their "small measure of freedom for granted."

Leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X should not be forgotten, he stated, Dr. Josey said, however, that there are Black children who do not know who they are.

Dr. Josey stressed the importance of education for Blacks. He said even Malcolm X realized his education was inadequate when he was in prison and took the initiative to educate himself. According to him, all the Black leaders who have been influential to Blacks are those who were educated.

## Campus Haps

If you are graduating and have received funds from the National Direct Student Loan Program and/or Nursing Loan Program but have not received notification of a scheduled appointment for an exit interview, contact the Student Financial Aid Office.

The N.C. Academy of Science will hold its annual meeting at A&T State University today and Saturday, April 22-23, in Barnes and Merrick Halls.

Mu Psi Chapter Of Omega Psi Phi presents "Moon-Lite Disco" at Cosmos I, Friday, from 9-2 a.m. Admission is \$1.00 with ID and \$2.00 without. Dress to Impress.

The Children's Literature 661 class cordially invites the public to attend "open house" in Crosby Hall, Tuesday, April 26 from 6-9 p.m.

The movie "SSS sss" will be shown Friday in Harrison Auditorium from 6-8 p.m. It is sponsored by the SGA.

## Females Will Not Live In Scott

By Anthony Boyd

Monday females were allowed to sign up for rooms in Curtis Hall which is presently a male dormitory. William Goode, dean of men, said he was not aware of this move until Wednesday, two days after the administration's decision went into effect.

The decision to move females to Curtis Hall was prompted by a protest which some females began after finding that they did not have rooms earlier this month although they had paid the \$50 room deposit.

Dean Goode stated that he was in disagreement with the administration's decision but that the plan will still be carried out. The males presently residing in Curtis Hall will be moved to Scott Hall.

The rumor that females will be moving into Scott Hall is completely false, Goode said.

When asked about coed dormitories, Dean Goode said that he could not see it happening in the next few years at A&T, but it is possible that it could happen in the distant future.

## Admissions Are In Line With Rating

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Dr. Glenn F. Rankin, vice chancellor for academic affairs, noted that approval to plan some 29 new programs has been requested from the General Administration.

Rankin said that admissions to A&T for next year are in line with last year's rate. He projected that around 2,250 students will be admitted by August.

In another matter, the board approved the naming of Senior Hall for author, Alex Haley; Kent Court for the late public relations director, Ellis F. Corbett; and, the staff headquarters of The A&T Register as the Register House. Several streets were also named on the campus.

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Fashion is everywhere on A&T's campus

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Entertainment;

Nelle's Corner



By Lynelle Stevenson

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Dexter Gilman Wansel went to Gillespie Junior High School, where, at the age of twelve, he received his first initiation into music.

After mastering the flute and cello there, he furthered his studies at Roxborough High School and the Settlement School of Music. Dropping out of high school to enter the armed services, Dexter was stationed two years in Taiwan, China.

During his army tour, however, Dexter found he had endless time on his hands and invested it in developing jazz piano techniques. Dexter's separation from the service brought him home to Philadelphia in 1972. It was during this time that he met drummer Karl and his guitar-playing brother Roland Chambers.

Back in the mid 60's, they had been members of the Philadelphia group known as Kenny Gamble and The Romeos. They formed the group Yellow Sunshine in 1972 for which Dexter Wansel became featured keyboard player.

Although Yellow Sunshine experienced only a mild success, Dexter's musical prowess was recognized by a montage of Philadelphia producers. Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff regarded him highly as a writer/arranger, and so came Dexter's first MFSB compositions "Morning Tears" and "When Your Love Is Gone." Bunny Sigler endorsed his proficiency with strings and horns by assigning the Carl Carlton album to him for arrangement.

These early projects made way for Dexter's rapidly developing career at Philadelphia International; and, in the

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Students Present Fashion Show

By Shelia Williams

The Fashstep Models from A&T State University will be sponsoring a fashion show and disco on April 29 in Moore Gym. The directors of this program are J.C. Pressley and Ms. Christine Thompson who are both from the Psychology Department of A&T. There will be a .50 admission charge to cover the cost of expenses toward the gowns and suits.

The program starts at 8 p.m. and will consist of clothing from formal attire to campus wear.

This is the only show planned for this semester. They plan to expand to perform for civic organizations and clubs.

Pressley says that these students who are involved are participating on a voluntary basis. He wants to get the students accustomed to facing crowds and to get acquainted with groups of people and maybe even to prepare some of the students for this type of work as a career.

The Advisory Board for the fashion show consists of Audrey

Anderson, Pat Stover, Marvin Willoughby and Gerald Vaughn who are all sophomores.

They have worked to bring a program for your enjoyment. Next year they plan to do charity work for rest homes and the handicapped in the name of A&T State University.

Three Witnesses Recant Testimony Against Chavis

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many as 40 witnesses and Cole said the hearing could last two weeks.

Meanwhile, Rep. Stephen L. Neal, D-N.C., said Wednesday he had asked the attorney general's office why it opposes a new trial for the group.

"They indicated that they did not want to reveal any plans they might have for the post-conviction hearing," Neal

said.

He added he did not see "how anyone can say serious questions have not been raised about this case. I know serious questions have been raised in the mind of many of the people in my district."

Three prosecution witnesses at the 1972 trial have since recanted their testimony against the Rev. Ben Chavis and the other group members.

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## Why Won't Wynn Comment ?

More than 70 per cent of the nursing students at predominantly white schools in this state pass the state board examination to become licensed nurses each year. Approximately 50 per cent of the nursing students at predominantly Black institutions pass the exam each year. These statistics were released yesterday in a news report by WFMY-TV's reporter Bob Garner.

Also in that report, the reporter said that UNC-G has the best record of passing nursing students in the state. Last year, A&T, according to Garner, had the worst record of all state-supported schools. UNC-G has a 95 per cent passing rate compared to A&T's embarrassing 17 per cent.

Naomi Wynn, dean of the School of Nursing, has refused to talk with reporters from both the print and electronic media. This is nothing new to members of *The Register* who have failed to speak with the dean.

Last year this reporter made numerous attempts to seek Dean Wynn. At that time, the nursing students were complaining about the conditions of the Nursing School. They protested to the chancellor, but to no avail. They then aired their complaints with *The Register*, *Greensboro Daily News*, and WFMY-TV. All of that happened last year.

To this date, nothing of considerable importance has taken place to beef-up the nursing program. Money has been blamed for the poor condition of the school. Statistics released by WFMY show that A&T received only \$10 less than UNC-G this past year. This raises some serious questions.

And where is Dean Wynn? The students and the public at large have a right to know what is happening within the Nursing School. Why hasn't she come forth with some type of explanation? Could it be that she doesn't even know what's going on herself? It could be a possibility. And the administration—why hasn't it looked into the problem? Many of the problems confronting it now were there over a year ago.

Pressure from students and public officials is needed to answer many of these questions. Let's hope the questions are answered soon.

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## KKK Organizes In New York

NEW YORK (AP) - A chapter of the Ku Klux Klan has been organized in New York City for more than two years, the first known operation of the secret society here in more than half a century, the *New York Post* said Wednesday.

The *Post* said the chapter had at least 50 members and operated in the Rockaway section of the city—a spit of land south of Kennedy Airport across Jamaica Bay. The *Post* said existence of the group was uncovered by investigations by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and its own staff.

The existence of the group here was confirmed by Earl Schoonmaker, Jr., who is grand dragon of the Independent Northern Klans Inc., a state order of the KKK, The *Post* said.

The *Post* said the leader of the local chapter, or klavern, is

Michael Donohue, 27, of Far Rockaway, an unemployed ironworker with a police record, the *Post* said.

It said nearly all the members were Irish Catholics, a group that traditionally had been a target of the Klan, along with Blacks and Jews.

Schoonmaker, however, said nearly half the state klan members were Catholics and he said that the "WASP thing" was part of the Klan's "old ways."

Donohue was quoted by The *Post* as saying his klavern had been working through civic and governmental channels to halt what he called decay of the neighborhood.

He said the Rockaway have been made into a dumping ground for low-income housing and Blacks were driving out whites.

"Black and white, that's the issue," he said. "We think Blacks

have their place in America, but we don't think we should be forced to live with them... We're not just needed in Far Rockaway; we're needed all over."

Police have been informed of the existence of the group by the ADL, but membership in the Klan is not illegal, said detective James Finnegan.

"If there are any illegal activities, we'll take action," he said.

Donohue said the group uses a number of meeting places in the Rockaways and in nearby Long Beach on Long Island. The members wear hoods and robes at its monthly Monday meetings.

Donohue's police record includes a 1973 jail term for assaulting a Black man. He had an attempted murder charge placed against him in 1969, but it was dropped.

## Have A Nice Life

By Maxine McNeill

Well, graduating senior, it's all over for you. This was your last week of classes.

That knowledge your instructors have been pouring into your heads for the past four or five years will become a practice for you after May. That is, if it has not already.

Last year, the attitude of leaving A&T and never returning was heard expressed by many seniors. That idea has not been heard expressed this year to the degree it was last year, however.

It is hoped that A&T will always be looked upon as a part of your "roots" in a sense. Surely, you have experienced hardships while being enrolled here but let's face it, your stay here would have been meaningless otherwise.

When some of those unpleasanties occurred, you probably thought of quitting school or maybe transferring. We all have at one point or another. You should be commended, however, because you saw that neither of those was a solution to your

problem. Since you stayed, you became a bigger person.

Next year another class of freshmen will enroll here. They will be as immature about some facets of life as you were when you first enrolled here. They will share some of the same hardships as you did.

One day in their career at A&T, some of them will stop and take a long look at themselves. They will have to decide whether they are the individuals they want to be or persons they became to gain popularity.

These problems might seem minute to you but some of you went through them at one point. Those freshmen who are strong and really want to succeed will develop to the same end you will be facing in May.

There is nothing to become alarmed about. The problems they will face, as well as those you were confronted with, are all a part of the growing up stage at A&T.

Congratulations, graduating seniors. You won this race. Have a nice time in life.

# Groups Refuse To Perform

By Albert Leach

Many students here were expecting a treat last Sunday in the form of Deniece Williams but the show was cancelled.

SGA President Tony Tyson said the performance was cancelled because Miss Williams was going on tour in Europe. However, this show is not the first to be cancelled here.

"One reason for cancellation of shows is because of the delay of the purchasing order so that the groups can be notified at least four weeks before the date of the show," said Tyson.

Many groups refuse to perform at A&T because of the

hot and crowded conditions in Moore Gymnasium, which is probably the same reason for many students' not attending the activities, Tyson said.

"Poor security is also a reason for groups' refusing to perform," Tyson explained. "One group said that after performing in Moore Gym, \$12,000 worth of equipment disappeared which resulted in the SGA paying for it out of its budget." Tyson said "The SGA cannot have programs at the coliseum because it would have to provide transportation for every student on campus which would have to

come out of the SGA's already small budget."

This year the SGA could only sponsor three activities which were Homecoming's pre-dawn show, Mother's Finest, and Fun Day. "We only had \$20,000 in the budget that was filed under social and cultural affairs," Tyson explained; "\$30,000 went toward postage and mailing, and repairs and alterations."

In closing Tyson said, "If the SGA of 1977-78 receives just a \$50,000 to \$55,000 budget for next year the student body can expect another boring year."

# Nelle's Corner

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span of one year, he had become involved with the completion of a dozen albums, and had cut his own LP, "Life On Mars," as producer/writer/arranger.

"Life On Mars" owes its unique sound to Dexter's expertise on the keyboards, moog and other synthesizers. The album addresses itself to a universe of music, rather than to a category of music, and can be appreciated by a variety of listeners.

Now, prepare for Dexter's new album: "What the World Is Coming To." It is on the same line as his previous album. Check it out; you'll find it truly enjoyable.



The poetry supplement scheduled for April 26 has been changed to May 3.



## ARMY ROTC



Dianne Fisher talks about Army ROTC.

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# Dean Webb To Speak At Alumni Banquet

Dr. Burleigh C. Webb, dean of the School of Agriculture at A&T, will be guest speaker for the annual A&T State University National Alumni Association's awards banquet on Saturday, May 7, at 7 p. m. in the Holiday Inn, Four Seasons.

Presiding at the banquet will be Mrs. Shirley E. Frye, assistant to the vice chancellor for development and university relations.

Webb has served as dean of the School of Agriculture at A&T since 1961. He formerly taught at Tuskegee Institute, and Alabama A&M College in Huntsville.

He holds degrees from A&T, the University of Illinois and Michigan State University.

A gala weekend of reunion and other alumni events has been planned for May 6-8, and a record attendance is expected for the festivities.

Highlights of the weekend will be the annual national meeting

of the A&T National Alumni Association, the baccalaureate-commencement exercises, the annual Alumni Awards Dinner and the election of national alumni officers and the reunions of the classes of 2's and 7's.

Headquarters for the alumni events will be the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons at 3121 High Point Road in Greensboro.



Dean B.C. Webb



These two Holland Hall residents find time to look through a window.

Photo by G. Marrow

# Allison Speaks At Sports Banquet

Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, director, North Carolina Health Manpower Development Program, will be the featured speaker at the annual All-Sports Banquet at North Carolina A&T on Tuesday, April 26, in Moore Gym on the university campus.

Dr. Allison earned degrees from Hampton Institute, New York University, with additional study at North Carolina Central University and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Before accepting her present post with the Manpower Development Program, Dr.

Allison was employed at NCCU as associate professor in the Department of Health and Physical Education. She also held physical education posts at J.A. Whitted Jr. High, Druid Jr. High, and the Central Consolidated School.

Dr. Allison is a member of numerous professional organizations including the N.C. State Advisory Committee on Optometry, Medicine and Denistry; Health Sciences Consortium, and the National Black Alliance for Graduate Level Educators. She is also a life

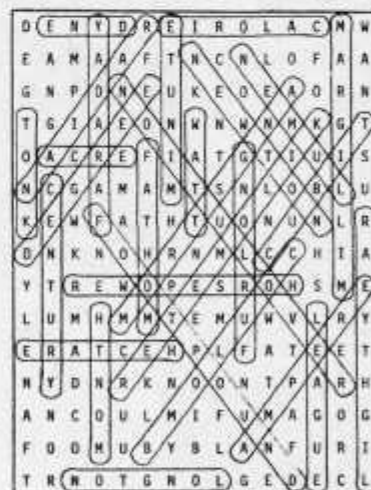
member of the NAACP and serves on the Steering Committee, National Black Caucus of Democrats.

The highlight of the annual banquet will be the awarding of The Philadelphia Award symbolic of the university's outstanding athlete.

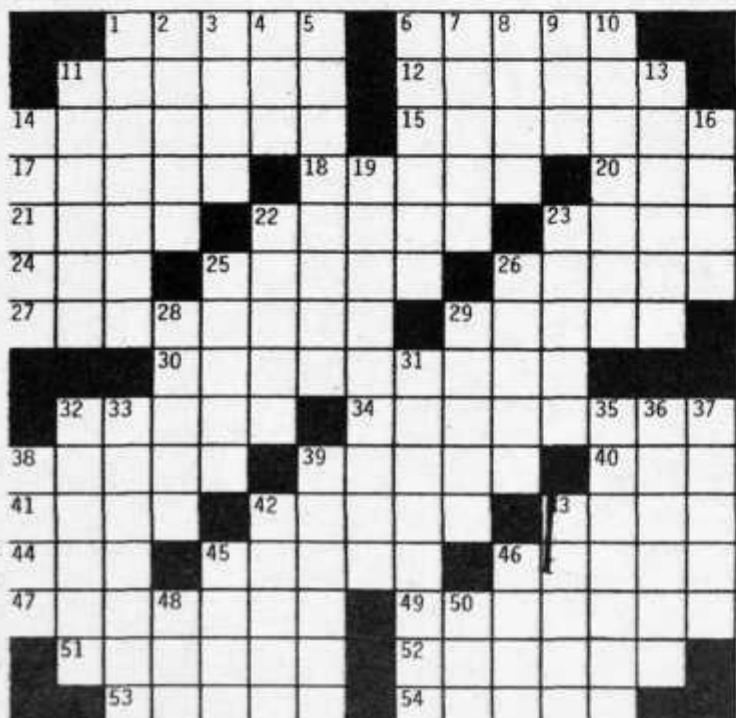
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  - Prepare to publish
  - Methods
  - Weaving apparatus
  - Than: Ger.
  - Attack from all sides
  - Adagio or allegro
  - Torn, ragged clothes
  - Literary devices
  - Optical illusion
  - Trucked
  - Concerns
  - Wild animal track
- DOWN**
- Phonograph recording
  - Tree seed
  - Move suddenly
  - "— Blue?"
  - Make anew
  - Circus poles
  - Ebbs
  - Malt brews
  - Mal de —
  - Meantime
  - box
  - Princeton's football team
  - Cod and May
  - "Rock of —"
  - Mediate
  - Chesterfields
  - Babe Ruth's number
  - One of our presidents
  - Electrical units
  - Anticipate
  - Items for a magician
  - College subject
  - Wild uproar
  - Controversial
  - More spacious
  - Ran off to Gretna Green
  - Public exhibitions for short
  - Gist
  - Foremen
  - Amalgamate
  - Slow, in music
  - Declining market
  - Spanish bull
  - Syllable in music
  - Converse

## Answers To Last Puzzles



# SPORTS NOTEBOOK

By Craig R. Turner

Now that the academic year is about to come to an end, the sports season stands ready to be reflected upon for what it's worth.

A&T hit its poorest year athletically in the span of 1976-77 than at any other time in its history. The football team rampaged its way to a 5-1 mark midway through the season only to lose or tie three of its last four encounters.

Hopes again ran high at the sound of dribbling basketballs in November. This is an event that the Aggies had dominated four of the MEAC's first five years of existence. Ten opening season defeats, a pair of 60-point losses, and the frustration of losing several games in the closing minutes did not help the 3-24 record.

Only a yeoman performance against eventual conference winner Morgan State helped an otherwise futile effort. The wrestling team had its troubles as well with youth, depth, and injuries which knocked it from its defending champion pedestal.

The really bright spot at the end of the storm was the emergence of women's basketball. Joyce Spruill's club ran through the season with a 16-5 mark to claim second in the state in the Division III playoffs with a predominant freshman squad.

Then came the air of a brewing storm revolving around the basketball program and the athletic department in general. Rumors of changes ran wild for nearly two months concerning the future of Warren Reynolds and A&T.

The controversy continued to mount until March 2 when Reynolds and Head Football Coach Hornsby Howell resigned. Howell assumed the role of assistant athletic director under head man Cal Irvin. Those were troubled days.

Later that month the new faces appeared and A&T was back on the track to winning again. Gene Littles now seeks to return A&T to its glory days from a couple of years back on the basketball court. Jim McKinley may not admit it, but he possesses one of the best teams in the MEAC this spring on the gridiron.

A&T also kicked off the drive to place a 20,000 seat football stadium on this campus next fall (1978). The new athletic facility located behind Moore Gym will open this fall and 7,700 loyal supporters will occupy those spots in December.

From so-so, to disaster, to new life, to future dreams. A&T came all the way around the circle this year. It will do me some good to sit back and watch it all take shape. You too.

# Aggies Will Enter NCAIAW

By Dennis Bryant

The A&T Aggies will enter the NCAIAW softball tournament in Graham. The Aggies presently 7-10, will face Winston-Salem State in the first round. A&T will face some other stiff competition in the tournament.

North Carolina State is the top-seeded and pre-tournament favorite. The State team is coming off first place finishers in the NCSU-Invitational and the Appalachian State Invitational. The Aggies placed fourth in the ASU tournament.

A&T lost twice to UNC-Greensboro, in the first and third rounds. They knocked off host Appalachian 9-3 in the second round. The loss was only Appalachian's second of the tournament.

The Aggies started the season on a good note. They won five of their first eight games. In the last nine games, they have come away with only two victories. A&T will have to play its best in the tournament.

The Aggies are loaded with talent. The 1975-76 all-starter, Peggy Capehart, is one of the few. Capehart was the all-state pitcher. Next is Evelyn Boykin, sophomore from Clinton, and Mamie Jones, freshman from New Bern. These two hold the left field and second base positions respectively. They are also great hitters.

The outfield consists of Boykin, Deborah Clement, from Salisbury, Charlene Henderson, a freshman from Dudley, and Susan Marshall, a junior from Ramseur.

These starters are backed up by Deborah Richardson, junior from Willingboro, N.J., and Joyce Walker, freshman from Charlotte.

The infield has Alice Lyons, a sophomore from Bertie Co., at first base; Jones, second base; Valerie Capehart, a freshman from Merryhill, at short stop and

Frannie Williams, a freshman from North Wilkesboro, at third base.

Two other outstanding players are Elmira Hall back-up first baseman, Tammy Garner, a freshman from Greensboro, at catcher, and Lillie Pratt, a back-up pitcher from High Point.

The other teams participating are N.C. State, NCCU,

Methodist, UNC-Chapel Hill, Elon, UNC-Charlotte, Appalachian State and of course A&T.

The Aggies are coached by Joyce Spruill and Debbie Bowman. The coaches have put the team together in a fashionable order. The team consists of nine freshmen, three sophomores, and two juniors.

# Aggie Track Team Prepares For Upcoming Championship

By Archie B. Bass

Coming off a bitter meet at Norfolk with key injuries, the Aggie track team prepares for the upcoming MEAC championship at South Carolina State.

According to Murray Neely, head-coach, "We ran into some ailments and key injuries up at Norfolk that really hampered our success."

Earl Chestnut, the 220-yard dasher, had an unexpected asthma attack and we had to withdraw him from two relays," said Neely.

The talented Kenneth Smith was forced into cancellation because of a severe muscle-pull.

There were some bright spots produced by the tracksters. Ruben McElrath finished third in the shot-put, and Vincent Blackmon finished sixth in the javelin throwing.

"Vincent Blackmon showed an excellent amount of determination in ranking because the talent in the javelin throwing was the finest in any part of the country," stated Neely.

The winner in the javelin throwing was a former Norfolk State javelin thrower who is currently in the army. "He threw 280 feet, which is the best throw

in the world for this year," declared Neely.

With the conference championship coming up Saturday, Neely noted key individuals who had to produce. "We're looking for scoring from Stanley Jenkins in the 440-yard dash, Earl Chestnut in the 220-yard dash, William Boone and Keith Holmes in the long and triple jumps, Reuben McElrath in the shot-put, and Vincent Blackmon in the discus," stated Neely. He said, "With Blackmon's performance at Norfolk, I'm sure he will score points for the upcoming MEAC championship."

Asked about the conference crown, "On paper South Carolina State, Delaware State, Howard University, and Morgan State should finish in the top

four, but on the track, we hope to make our presence known," said Neely.

A&T journeys to Bulldogland this weekend with the odds against it. But, talking to the tracksters themselves, one would have to think they have already won the championship.

Freddie Williams' ideas hold true for the entire squad. "We've got our work cut out for us, but we'll be ready to go."

# Over \$95,000 Is Raised For Football Stadium

The campaign to raise funds for a new A&T football stadium has reached nearly \$100,000, according to Dr. Albert E. Smith, vice chancellor for development and university relations.

Smith said that, as of Friday, April 22, the university had received pledges or payments totaling more than \$95,000. The official campaign kickoff dinner was held on Mar. 26.

"We are especially pleased with this initial response," said Smith. After just three report periods, we have nearly reached our first milestone. This effort speaks of the great dedication of our captains and other campaign workers."

The initial fundraising effort for the new stadium is being conducted among the university's alumni, faculty and staff, and friends. The fundraising team meets each

Monday evening in the Cosmos Club.

Smith said the goal of this phase of the fundraising effort is \$300,000 with the solicitations scheduled to end June 30.

The ultra modern A&T stadium will be built on the 37-acre athletic field on the northeast side of the campus. The initial seating capacity will be for 15,000 to 25,000 fans, but the stadium will be expandable to accommodate up to 50,000 spectators.

The stadium was designed by W. Edward Jenkins, Greensboro architect and graduate of A&T.

Persons interested in making a donation or a pledge to the stadium fund are asked to contact the Office of Development and University Relations in Dudley Building or contact a member of the fundraising committee.

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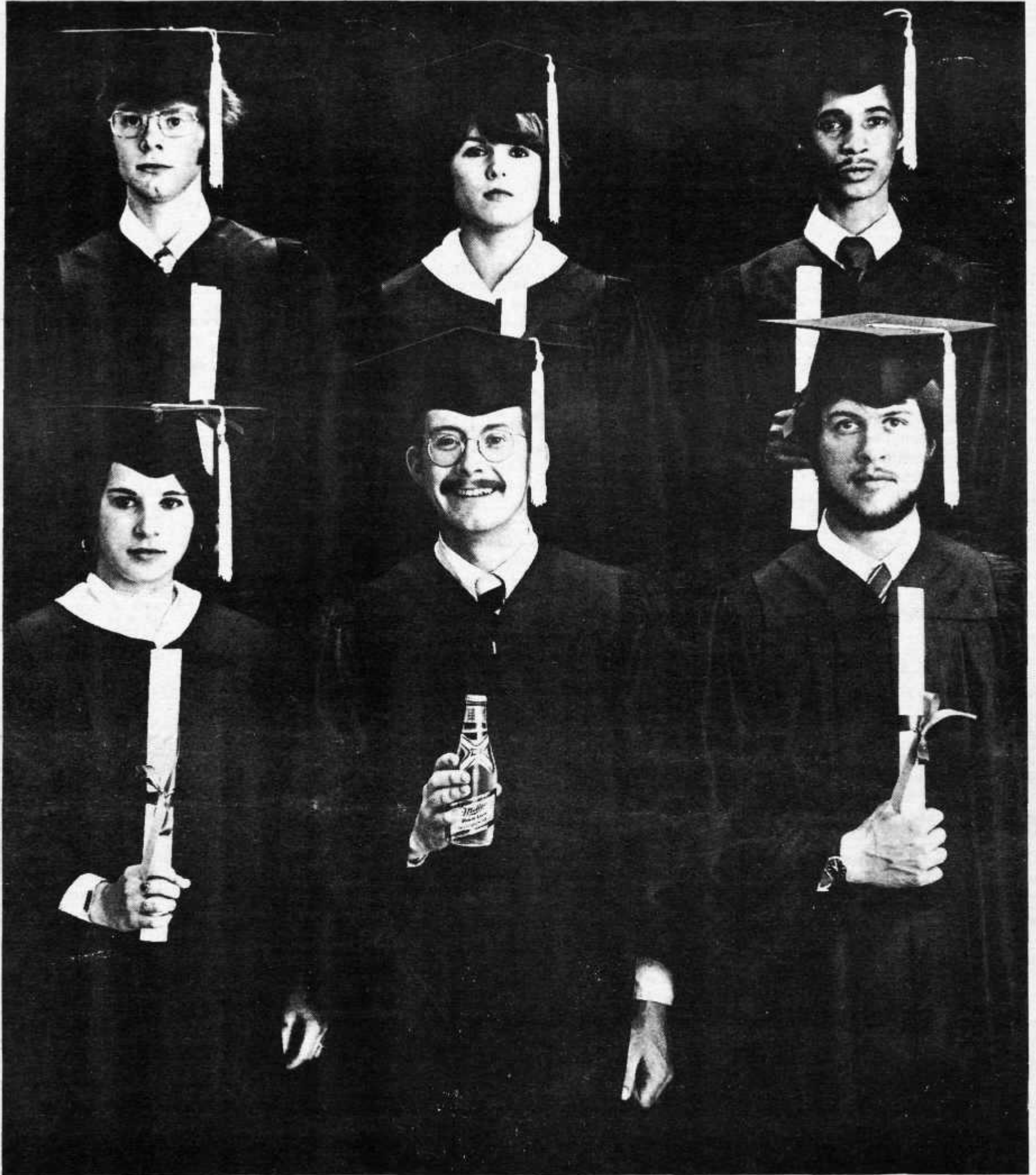
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