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Nursing School Standards Rise

By Maxine McNeill

Because a large percent of A&T State University graduates fail the state board examination, the nursing program has been revised. Freshmen wishing to enroll in the School of Nursing must have achieved an overall "B" average in high school or a score of 750 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

In April, it was reported in a newscast by Bob Garner, a reporter with WFMF-TV, that only 10 percent of A&T's nursing students passed the state board exam in 1976 compared to 95 percent of the students from UNC-G. As a result of these figures, the Board of Governors has given A&T until 1981 to have at least 75 percent of its nursing graduates passing the exam.

According to Naomi Wynn, dean of the School of Nursing, the Board of Governor's decision was not the determining factor in the revision of the nursing program. She said the upgrading is a part of A&T's long range plan which allows deficiencies to be improved over a period of time.

"It's not a matter of 1981," said Dean Wynn, "with the criterion for improving enrollment, students must show progress to a certain percent each year." She said in 1981 the Board will examine the progress the students have made.

"It's not a new problem looking at the students' grades," Dean Wynn said. "Students just don't perform. Generally speaking, the performance of all students on campus is lower. I don't know why students are doing poorer. They come, I guess, with more deficiencies than before." She said that nursing students have not always been selected after the state board exam. According to her, the grades have fluctuated over the years.

Angela Watson Wins Black N.C. State Title

Angela Watson, a 21-year-old senior at North Carolina A&T, has been crowned Miss Black North Carolina and will represent the state in the national pageant scheduled for September 9 in Hollywood, California.

Angela, a native of Greensboro, was crowned Miss Black North Carolina Crown after a brilliant creative dance performance to the music, "I'll Believe."

"I must admit that there were times that I didn't believe I was going to win," said Angela, who is majoring in health and physical education with a concentration in dance.

"I am happy to be able to represent the state in the national competition, I feel very confident about my chances of becoming the next Miss Black America."

Should Angela be crowned Miss Black America in September, she will travel extensively around the country and the world. Also, she will receive a Hollywood screen test and several modeling offers.

"I have always been interested in acting and modeling," Angela said. "The opportunities made possible by winning the Miss Black America Contest would certainly aid my career ambitions."

SGA Has Introductory Meeting

By Catherine Speller

The Student Government Association (SGA) held an introductory meeting last night in Harrison Auditorium for the new freshmen enrolled at North Carolina A&T. Tony Graham, SGA president, introduced his staff for this school year and Miss A&T to the freshmen.

Graham and his staff encouraged the freshmen to take an active part in student government affairs. The cabinet officers explained their duties and the constitution in detail. Various committees which are open for the freshmen to participate on and the upcoming freshmen elections were also discussed.

"Freshmen may start campaigning for the position they wish to run Sept. 1. They will present the speeches to the freshmen class Sept. 8 and the elections are scheduled to be held Sept. 9. Before any student can begin campaigning, he or she must sign up in the SGA office, Rooms 216-218 in the Memorial Student Union.

Graham wants the entire student body to get involved in some part of the SGA. He said his goal is to familiarize students with the purpose of the SGA and how they can become involved in student government.

According to Graham, everyone should take a part in all elections and attend class meetings as well as SGA meetings.

This year, the SGA has created a special fund which will be available to campus organizations. The fund will be used as a profit-making program for the group. There will be at a meeting Sept. 1 for interested organizations. Any organization wishing to receive funds should contact any member of the SGA.

Before closing the meeting, Graham outlined the homecoming events scheduled for October 9 through October 15. The entertainment planned for the entire week includes such performers as Ronnie Laws, Melba Moore, Crown Heights Affair, Undisputed Truth, Mother's Finest and The Tramps, respectively.

Autograph sessions with the performers will be held the afternoon before the showings.

These shows will be broken up into four nights.

During the week of homecoming, bumper stickers, T-shirts and other souvenirs will be on sale two weeks before homecoming which will allow A&T students to purchase the tickets for all four shows for $5.00. This offer will be available to all A&T students who buy the package in advance.

Free movies and video tapes will also be shown in the student union during homecoming week.
Dr. Cannon Accepts Position As History Department Head

By Catherine Speller

Dr. Robert Cannon, a native of Sumter, South Carolina, has been appointed the new chairman of the History Department.

Dr. Cannon received his B.S. degree from Grambling University, his M.A. at Atlanta University, and his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Cannon is one sense is not a stranger here at A&T but a returning Aggie; he taught here during the 1973-74 school year. He has also held teaching positions at South Carolina State University and Augusta College.

"I would like to make the History Department an interesting place to study and I hope that students will feel free to come in and talk," said Dr. Cannon.

Dr. Cannon also commented on the "importance" of Blacks being educated at institutions with a Black characteristic and that Black students should be very serious about their purpose here at A&T or any Black institution.

Local Chancellor Disagrees With HEW Guideline

The chancellor at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro says there are not enough Black students available to meet the desegregation quotas set forth in the latest federal guidelines.

"I have reversed myself as a result of surveys of availability of black students," Chancellor James Ferguson said. "They are just not out there."

The latest guidelines from the Health, Education and Welfare department call for the predominantly white North Carolina universities to increase Black freshmen by 1,425, or 150 per cent over the next five years.

Ferguson earlier endorsed that guideline as "not unreasonable."

"Since I first made that statement, the figures have sunk in," Ferguson said. "They are not available. The number of high school graduates is becoming stabilized, even if one assumes an increase in the number of high school graduates going to college, there just are not enough to allow for a 150 per cent increase in the number of first-year students."

Ferguson said UNCG intensified its search for Black students as registration for the fall term got under way.

"We do expect total Black enrollment to go above eight per cent," he said. "It was 7.7 per cent last year," UNCG expects an enrollment of nearly 10,000.

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Entertainment

By Albert Leach

We have a treat coming to Greensboro this weekend in the form of the Commodores and the Emotions. The concert is being sponsored by the Greensboro Coliseum and Taurus Productions.

The Commodores have sold over a million copies of their album "Commodores" which includes the singles "Brickhouse," and "Easy" which charted among the top ten singles for this week.

The Emotions also have a million seller album which is "Rejoice." The album "Rejoice" and the single "Best of My Love" have both sold over a million copies. Tickets for the concert will be on sale at the Greensboro Coliseum box office for $7.00 in advance and $8.00 the day of the show.

You complained about not having enough activities last year so come out and enjoy the show.

King Wants To Broaden Blues

STATELINE, Nev. (AP) - B.B. King has been singing the blues for 31 years. Now he's on top in his field but wants more mass acceptance of the blues as "part of our culture."

King sings of love, jealousy, joy and the folly of people, with words that "don't dress it up—it's kind of in the raw." He punctuates phrases by "bending" notes on his electric guitar, producing a wailing sound from the strings.

The result is a driving, rhythmic sound that starts the audience clapping, stamping and even joining in songs like "Everybody Wants to Know Why I Sing the Blues," a King favorite.

King says he could play other types of music like jazz, but, "I'm comfortable doing what I do," he added. It's better to be a big hog in a little pond than a little pig in the big ocean."

And King says there's plenty of room to pigpave and expand within the musical form he has focused on since starting on the "chitlin' circuit" of Black nightclubs in the South in the 1940s.

King, 51, born Riley King on a plantation between Indiana, and Itta Bena, Miss., was taught by a preacher uncle to sing and play the guitar for church. In 1947, he got a job as disc jockey and singer on a Memphis, Tenn., radio station and eventually started playing one-nighters in clubs around Memphis.

He won early fame with a small, mostly Black audience, but it was not until the late 1960s, when major rock artists credited him for techniques they used, that King hit the big time. He has received many awards, including a 1970 Grammy for "The Thrill is Gone." Last May, King was one of 14 persons awarded honorary degrees at Yale University—the second musician from the Afro-American tradition to get an honorary doctorate from the school.

The late Duke Ellington was the recipient of the first. King says he thinks the blues will find a growing audience because music and people are like "a big wagon wheel, with the spokes running to the center."

"There's a need for all of it," he says of the blues and its place on the "wheel," adding, "People don't get as much of the blues as they do other types of music. I think there's enough room to squeeze me in there."

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Females Find New Complaint

In the past years, the most frequent complaint heard at the beginning of the semester was either concerning the long registration lines or the overcrowdedness of the dormitories. This year's dominate complaint stems from the decision to return Curtis Hall to a female dorm, however.

Though Curtis Hall was first occupied by females and then changed to a male dorm, the females who are living in that dorm this year do not agree with the change. Some of the freshmen living there said the dorm is not fit to be occupied by humans much less by females. According to them, the rooms lack the necessary space for them to store away their clothes and other items, some of the doors will not lock and the electricity does not always work.

Though some of the males who occupied Curtis last year said a number of improvements were made in the dorm while they lived there, the females said the only improvement, if any, made in the dorm could have only been the painting of the rooms. To substantiate her remarks, one freshman said that at least two mothers have already said their daughters are not living in that dorm.

These complaints may not seem legitimate to the males who lived in the dorm last year, but the freshmen are serious about their dislikes for Curtis. Anytime a person says Holland Hall, the female dorm beside Curtis, is beautiful compared to Curtis Hall, you automatically know that Curtis Hall needs a lot of improvements. It does not seem like anyone could exaggerate the comparison of these two dorms to that extreme if nothing is wrong. Some of these complaints have to be legitimate.

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Register Easy... Refund Slower

By Catherine Speller

Welcome back, Aggies and welcome freshmen to Aggieland and A&T. In general most students returning to school after summer vacation feel that the first couple of weeks aren't really that important and many can be seen hanging around the union and attending every party or disco dance there is.

Everyday of the semester should be taken seriously by all students and faculty in order to fulfill our purpose here at A&T. Soon football season will be started and all who are sports inclined will follow the Aggies progress in the conference. Then before you know it homecoming will be here and gone. After homecoming come midterm exams and you will wonder where the time went.

If we begin studying now at the beginning of the semester, we won't need to drop courses at the midterm drop period. Freshmen, we are sure that you are going to do well this semester and the rest of us should try to make this our best semester ever.

Congratulations! A&T for not having those long lines at registration this semester. It was indeed a pleasure to just walk in and be out in a half hour at the most instead of having to sit and sit on those hard seats in Moore Gym.

Now, A&T after solving one problem why create another one? Example - not giving students the balance of their check when paying their bills.

The reason given was that it was some students may be falsifying information and attempts are being made to crack down on them. These students can be forced to reimburse the school if they are given the money in cash. Instead of having to wait three weeks to apply for a refund, students should be given their balance. Applying for the refund is causing more paper work for the cashiers and business office workers. This may conflict with these offices keeping their records up-to-date and mixup the students' accounts. Think about it A&T, is it really worth it? If a student owes this university any money, the university will get it before this student graduates, believe ME!!!
Judge Criticizes Young For Statement About ‘10’

Wilmington, N.C. (AP)—A veteran North Carolina judge has criticized U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young for reportedly proclaiming the innocence of the Wilmington 10, and said Young “went off half-cocked” when he allegedly accused their attorney of incompetence.

Superior Court Judge Joshua James of Maple Hill, acknowledging that his decision to speak out could be open to question, expressed dismay at the “continuing litany which threatens to drown out any voice of reason arising from the Wilmington 10.”

The 10 defendants, led by the Rev. Benjamin Chavis of the Church of Christ's Commission on Racial Justice, were convicted in 1972 on charges of arson and conspiracy in connection with racial violence in Wilmington.

They began serving sentences ranging to 34 years in January 1976 after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal.

James, who presided at an early hearing for the 10, commented in a letter to the editor published in the Wednesday edition of the News and Observer of Raleigh.

He said if convicted persons are sentenced or set free “depending solely upon, their wealth or prominence, or ability through influential friends and sympathetic organizations to mount a massive campaign of vilification and political pressure, then the guarantees great danger for this state and nation.”

A campaign to win freedom for the 10 mounted in intensity last year when three witnesses against them recanted their trial testimony, Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain, ruling after a lengthy hearing earlier this year, denied a new trial motion on grounds that there was no evidence to indicate the 10 were convicted on prepared testimony.

James said he was prompted to speak out after reading a report from Caracas, Venezuela that quoted Young describing the 10 as innocent and blaming their conviction on inadequate preparation of defense attorneys.

The defense team, funded by the United Church of Christ, was led by Black attorney James Ferguson of Charlotte.

James said it was the first time anyone had suggested that Ferguson “goes into court unprepared or lacks ability and professional capabilities.” He said those who have watched Ferguson in court “know the truth is quite to the contrary.”

“Neither does Ambassador Young know whether the Wilmington 10 are innocent or guilty,” the judge said, “Neither Ambassador Young nor anyone of many others who have so presumptuously spoken really knows whether the jury was right or wrong.”

“Surely somewhere in the heart and minds of the great mass of our people of all races there must linger the thought that possibly, maybe even probably, the evidence upon which the jury convicted the Wilmington 10 was truthful evidence, that the jurors were honest, fair-minded men and women of both races who deliberated carefully without bias or prejudice before returning the verdicts,” James said.

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Mark Twain

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A jewelry store uses a tarantula as a guide, along with a sign in the store window noting “This area is patrolled by a tarantula”. Break-ins have declined dramatically.
A&T's Campus Has First Detective

By Anthony Boyd

Lt. Lynn Winston, a three year veteran with North Carolina A&T campus police force, has been appointed the first detective in the force’s history. Winston will be handling some of the excess police work.

Winston said the need for a detective became apparent when cases began to pile up last year. Some cases were not followed through and contact with some victims was lost. As detective, Winston will follow up on cases dealing with complaints, burglary, drugs, and disputes.

Since he was appointed to the position of detective, Winston has introduced a new Crime Awareness Program to the force. The guideline for the program was gathered when Winston conducted a tour to four other college campuses to view their methods of police procedures. While touring these campuses, Winston learned that, though A&T is small in size, it ranked with the top four colleges in the state with regard to larcenies reported during the last school term.

Winston said the Campus Awareness Program was designed to make this university family more aware of crimes and their causes. "Making you aware will make you help prevent crimes, Winston feels. "You will be more careful and there will be less crime." He urges all students who know of any criminal acts being conducted to contact the campus police immediately.

This Campus Awareness Program will be communicated in several ways. Posters depicting actual crimes will be circulated around campus. Public announcements will be aired on radio stations WOJU and WEAL. Lectures will be conducted by campus police officers and ads will be printed in student publications.

"I can't do this alone," Winston said. "The university community is going to have to work together. The purpose of the Campus Awareness Program is to combat crime. If the program is a success, it will make A&T a better school, a better place to go to school and a better place to work and live."

Freshman Wins Presidential Scholarship

One freshman was the recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to attend North Carolina A&T this year. James Vincent, an engineering major from Reidsville, was awarded the scholarship.

To qualify for a Presidential Scholarship, a student must maintain a "B" average through high school and achieve a combined score of 1,000 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The student, then is selected to receive the scholarship by a committee.

Vincent said winning the Presidential Scholarship made him realize how good A&T is. He said, "I think it's nice and I'm going to do everything I can to keep it. I'd hate to lose it now."

Recipients of Presidential Scholarships have their college tuition paid for their years of studying at A&T in that they maintain a cumulative grade point average which equals at least a "B."

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The Business Administration Club will meet Tuesday, August 30, at 4 p.m., in the Merrick Hall auditorium. All business majors are asked to attend.

The Student National Education Association (SNEA) is now accepting applications from interested education majors. Those interested are asked to go to Hodgin Hall, room 213. For further information, see Estell Harper, Dr. Frissell Jones or Mrs. Daisy Walker in Hodgin Hall.

Free engraving. Students and faculty members join Operation Identification, Engravers will be in your dorms throughout the year. All item descriptions and serial numbers will be kept on file in the campus police office. Contact the university police at 379-7626 or in case of emergency 379-7675.

North Carolina A&T University Choir rehearsals for all freshmen wishing to join the choir will be held Friday, August 26, from 9-12 noon in Frazier Hall.

Upperclassmen wishing to join the University Choir should meet for rehearsals Saturday, August 27, from 12-2 p.m.

All old members of the University Choir will have rehearsals Saturday, August 27, at 2 p.m. in Frazier Hall.

Any organization wishing to receive funding from the SGA for 1977-78 should report to the SGA office in Room 217 of the Memorial Student Union.

Singer Ray Charles will perform in A&T's Moore Gymnasium September 9 at 8 p.m. Student admission will be $3.00. General admission will be $5.00.

The A&T and Winston-Salem State SGAs will sponsor an "Agie-Ram Classic" Saturday, Sept. 3, following the football game at the Triad Arena, Undisputed Truth, Brain Storm, Funkhouse and Electric Fudge will be featured. Admission is $5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the student union information desk.

**Weather**


**Answers**

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2. Having a label
3. Gorgeous
4. Attractive
5. Ascended
6. Class
7. Feet's partner
8. Jazz plant
9. Happen
10. River
11. Schoolroom
12. Short, smallness
13. Actor Victor, and family
14. New Jersey river
15. Relief sheet

**In The Next Edition**
**SPORTS NOTEBOOK**

By Archie Bass

Welcome to Aggieland where the name of the game is sports. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer and I hope that you are ready to launch another year of Aggie athletics.

Now that we know each other, let's talk some Aggie football. After watching several workouts this week, the gridironers looked awesome on offense and murderous on defense.

Head mentor Jim McKinley spoke highly of his young squad this past week but noted that the secondary is still questionable because of several transfers who left the tough-rough action.

Twe distinct factors stand out in this young team as compared to previous teams: self-motivation and enthusiasm. I've never seen a group of guys before who are so motivated to win a position that they can actually show each other how to improve themselves.

The enthusiasm that is displayed on the gridiron by both the players and coaches makes me wonder if a perfect season isn't possible. But...time will tell!

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For the benefit of the new students, A&T is a member of the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). The MEAC is composed of seven predominantly Black schools.

They are South Carolina State of Orangeburg, S.C.; North Carolina Central University of Durham; Howard University of Washington, D.C.; Delaware State College of Dover, Del.; The University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (UMES) of Princess Anne, Md.; Morgan State College of Baltimore; and of course, A&T.

Anytime any of the MEAC powers bump together, you can be assured of a dazzling performance, especially when the Aggies are involved.

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We certainly invite you to write letters to the sports editor whether they are in the form of a complaint, a criticism, or a compliment regarding Aggie athletics.

So once again on behalf of the entire sports department we would like to greet you with a most cordial welcome and we hope that your year at the “Big ‘T” is enjoyable and productive.

**NU GAMMA ALPHA**

We, the brothers of Nu Gamma Alpha, Gents, Ltd., would like to extend a warm welcome to the administration, faculty, staff, and students of A&T STATE UNIVERSITY for the fall semester of 1977-78.

To those who are not familiar with Nu Gamma Alpha, we can simplify our meaning with one word, Brotherhood! As a functioning social fellowship, we feel it our privilege to enhance your social life on campus whenever possible.

As the year progresses, you will hear more of us and from us. We trust that this year will bring you much productivity, both academically and socially.

We, the Gents of Nu Gamma Alpha, hope to meet and get to know many of the incoming freshmen and transfers. To know a Gamma is to know Brotherhood.

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