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# THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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## A&T Receives Money For Tutoring Program

A&T State University has been funded \$109,957 for a special program in which some of its students will aid underachieving Guilford County students with their school lessons.

Announcement of the new experimental program was made Saturday by officials of the Agency for Volunteer Service in Atlanta.

In essence, said Dr. B. W. Harris, director of adult education and community services at A&T, the college students will be volunteering a year of their time to work with the underachievers.

"They will spend an eight-hour work day with the youngsters teaching reading, mathematics, and English, and counselling the parents of these youngsters also," said Harris.

For their efforts, said Harris, the college students will be paid a small stipend and

will earn 24 credit hours for their year's service.

Harris said the volunteers who will be majors in social services, education, and psychology, will be trying to encourage the parents to improve their children's home learning environment.

"We believe that the volunteers' lives will be enriched as they render this much needed service," said Harris.

He added that, as the students work on real problems in the community, they will be expected to bring this experience back to be shared in the classroom.

Harris said students must volunteer to be in the program. The grant to A&T was made by ACTION, the federal government's agency for volunteer service. Harris said about 35 students will be in the program initially.



Monday night the SGA held its first student body meeting, before a small group, in Harrison Aud. photo by Love

## SGA Discusses Student Issues

By Carla Walker  
"We can no longer

tolerate these incompetencies to our student body." These were some of the words Tony Graham used in a letter to Dr. Dowdy concerning the cafeteria conditions at the first SGA meeting this semester Monday night. This letter also contained the various deficiencies of the cafeteria such as inadequate food preparation and the lack of an efficient personnel.

The letter recommended to Dr. Dowdy that a catering system be installed or the present system be improved. It was decided to give Dr. Dowdy until Friday, January

20, to respond to the letter. "There will be a total of 65 washer and dryers in operation by January 30," according to the information given by Graham. If these washers and dryers are installed, the students must work together to keep them functioning properly, Graham said.

Three possibilities were voted on concerning the washers and dryers. They were to have free washers and dryers, to improve the present system, or to convert the laundry room into a laundromat.

(See Student, Page 6)

## A&T Graduate Chosen To Be Black Astronaut

It was a very proud and honored moment for Ronald E. McNair, a 1971 A&T graduate as he was chosen as one of the first Black astronauts.

McNair, a Lake City, S. C. native, who now lives in Marina Del Rey, California, was among the three Black astronauts selected along with 32 other candidates Monday. They will be flying on the nation's space shuttles in the next decade. It was the first time members of a

minority group had been selected by the U. S. space agency.

McNair graduated from A&T with a bachelor of science degree in physics in 1971. "He was a very good student," said Dr. Tom Sandin, an A&T professor of physics. "He received a Ford Foundation fellowship to MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). He achieved his Ph.D. in laser physics from MIT in 1976. (See McNair Page 8)

## Humphrey Dies Of Cancer

Referred to as "the most beloved man" Senator Hubert Horatio Humphrey died last Friday night after

a long battle with cancer.

Humphrey was known as a man willing to assist others in any possible way.

He believed in and fought for human rights when it was not a major issue. Humphrey became popular with Blacks when he supported civil rights legislation during the 60's.

With his major concern centering around politics, Humphrey served as the Senator from Minnesota for 16 years.

Humphrey ran on the Democratic presidential ticket with Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. He was unsuccessful twice in his bid for the presidency. Humphrey was re-elected to the Senate in 1970.

When it was announced that Humphrey had terminal cancer, a special vice president for Pro-ten job was created for him.

Hubert Humphrey, 1911-1978, was one of the few Americans who died

with the warm feeling of knowing that people loved and cared about him.



The photo

Hubert Humphrey died Friday night of cancer, at the age of 67.

# Alston Succeeds King As New Fiscal Officer

Plummer Alston, Jr., A&T's new vice chancellor for fiscal affairs, has a motto, which he says has helped him through life.

"First you find where you want to go. Then you set out to climb the ladder, one step at a time," he said.

Alston was approved by the North Carolina Board of Governors last Friday morning to become the chief fiscal officer at A&T. He succeeds Matthew L. King, who resigned last Tuesday to go into business.

Alston has made some giant steps since he left A&T with an accounting degree eight years ago.

Since then, he has picked up an MBA degree at the prestigious Harvard University School of Business, served as director of finance for the city of Rocky Mount, worked in the President's Office of Management and Budget in Washington, and operated his own investment and real estate business in Winston-Salem.

He has also worked for Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and R. J. Reynolds.

Alston's climb hasn't always been smooth and easy. He once dropped out of college for several years.

"All I could aspire to in those days was teaching, and that was not attractive to me," he said. He left school, drove a taxi for awhile in Rocky Mount, worked in the post office before joining the Army in 1961.

When he entered the accounting program at A&T, it became all business with Alston and he finished the program with high honors.

A&T chancellor, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, was high on Alston's appointment.

"He is an outstanding young man with fine training and experience," said Dowdy. "He should provide a lot of leadership for the university."

"I view this appointment as a sterling opportunity for service and for growth," he said. "I am grateful that Dr. Dowdy and the board of trustees have expressed confidence in my ability to ac-

complish the mission of this fine university."

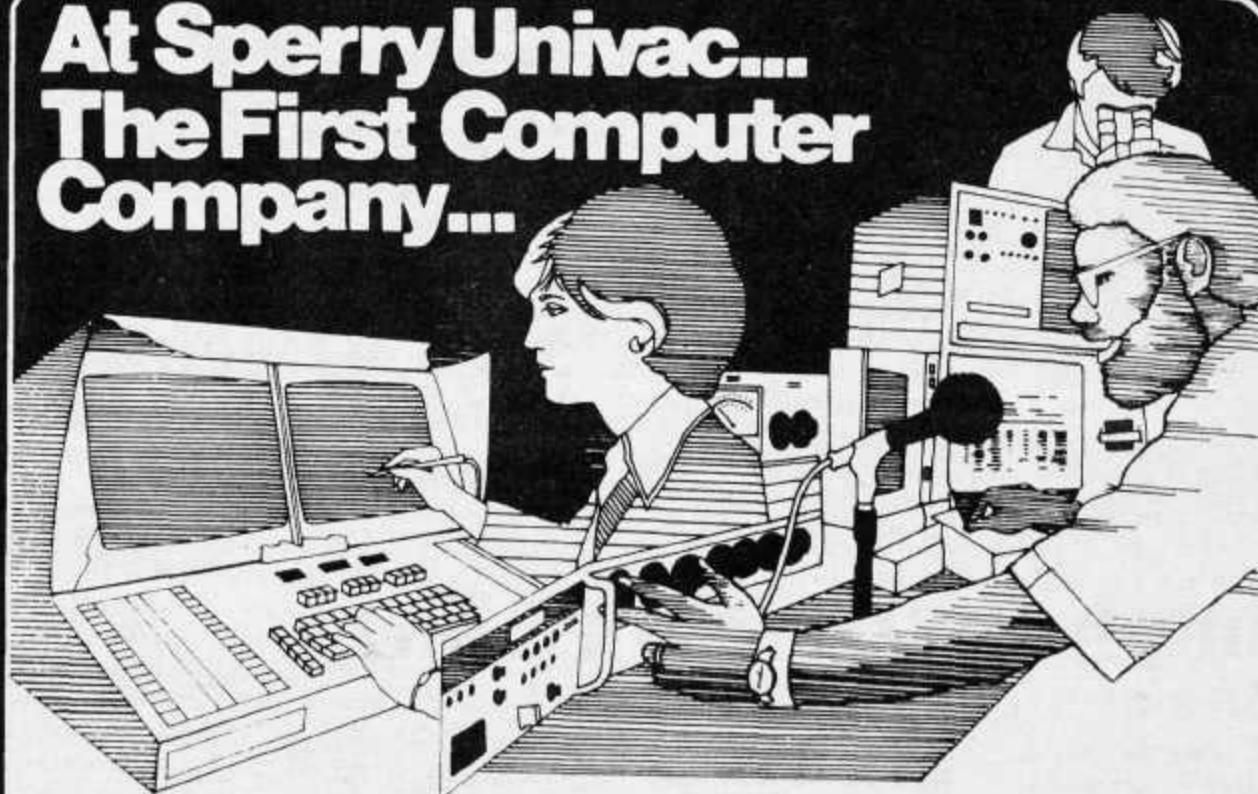


Plummer Alston, Jr.



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### Weather

Extended outlook Thursday through Saturday - Cloudy throughout, with a chance of rain Thursday and again Saturday. Highs mostly in 40's, except 50's on the coast. Overnight lows 20's in the mountains and 30's elsewhere, except mostly 40's on the coast.



When will the pep band start playing again?

Entertainment

# Lanita's Rap

Lanita Ledbetter

I often wonder why many of us feel that entertainment is limited to concerts of famous rock and blues singers or sports. Entertainment covers a variety of things.

There are various plays presented at the Paul Robeson theatre throughout the year. Often you will see signs posted for auditions, but have you ever been present? Also, the Lyceum Committee presents concerts from time to time in Harrison Auditorium.

A&T doesn't offer everything, so sometimes you may have to seek a little further.

For many of you who constantly complain about having nothing to do, get involved. The Greensboro Arts Council offers a variety of things in which to participate.

It offers classes in the various arts; symphonies for your listening, art exhibits, and plays.

Some of the plays showing this month are Belle of Amherst and Hamlet. If you are interested, contact Ray Shaw at 274-9081 for more information.

The Greensboro Historical Museum, located on 130 Summit Avenue, is opened to the public Tuesdays-Thursdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays 2-5 p.m.

If any of you wish to volunteer your services; you can call either of the following: Margaret Faison at Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, John Deadmon at Greensboro Arts and Crafts Association, Maynard French at Community Theatre of Greensboro, Louise Glover at Greensboro Civic Ballet.

There is always something to do, but it is up to you whether you take advantage of it or not.

## Music Dept. Plans 32 Events

The A&T State University Department of Music has announced 32 public music events for the remainder of the second semester.

The programs will get underway Friday, Jan. 20 with a 3 p.m. seminar lecture in Frazier Hall by William Smiley.

Other public programs will include a recital by Mrs. J. Prinnix, mezzo-soprano February 27; recital by Mrs. Sheila Carver, soprano, February 14 at 8 p.m.; a lyceum series concert, "Black Magic," by the Na-

tional Theater Company, February 21; a concert by the A&T Percussion Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium on February 23; clarinet recital by William Smiley at 8 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium, March 1; the annual Opera Workshop at 8 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium, March 17; and the annual Easter concert by the University Choir, March 19 at 6 p.m. in Harrison.

Other programs will be a lyceum series concert by the Symphony of the New World, March 21 at 8 p.m. in Harrison and a Symphony Band Concert March 29.

Other events will include a lyceum series concert by the Philadelphia Ambassadors April 4 at 8 p.m. in Harrison; concert by A&T brass, woodwind, percussion ensembles and the Male Singers on April 24 at 8 p.m. in Har-

rison; and, a concert by the Symphony Band April 30 at 6 p.m. in Harrison.

Special music lectures will be held January 20, February 3, February 24, March 3, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 14, April 21 and April 28.



William Smiley

### More Singers Move Away From Background

By Lanita Ledbetter

More and more recording artists are coming out of the background and being seen. Individualism is very important for many reasons, whatever they are.

Patti Labelle, formerly of "Labelle" has proved to the world that she can hold her own. She combines many different tunes and produces a unique sound of her own.

Patti Labelle has performed at many night clubs and recently appeared in concert

(See Ashford, Page 6)

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# We Salute You, Dr. King

A professional singing group had a hit record a few years ago in which these words can be found, "don't forget where you come from, don't forget Where You Come From."

That is a very popular phrase today. It is not unusual to overhear a conversation where a person who has forgotten his heritage is the main topic of discussion.

Sunday was the 49th birthday of a former Black leader who it can never be said forgot his heritage. He lived and died for the freedom of all Black Americans and white. That leader, of course, was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Though it has been said that Dr. King's dream has been lost, this reporter does not believe it has. Dr. King's dream was, in a sense, the American dream. In order for his dream to have been forgotten, the American dream would have to have been forgotten. That has not happened as of yet. It if ever does, then America will as Dr. King once said, "cease to be a nation."

Just as Dr. King's soul lives with us today, so does his dream of equality and justice for all people. Maybe this nation has not progressed to the point that Blacks and whites are walking hand-in-hand as brothers and sisters. Our political arena has matured to the point that we have a Black Ambassador to the United Nations. That is progress.

Next we should strive to have a Black President. We are still trying. It is too bad that Dr. King did not live to have an eyewitness report.

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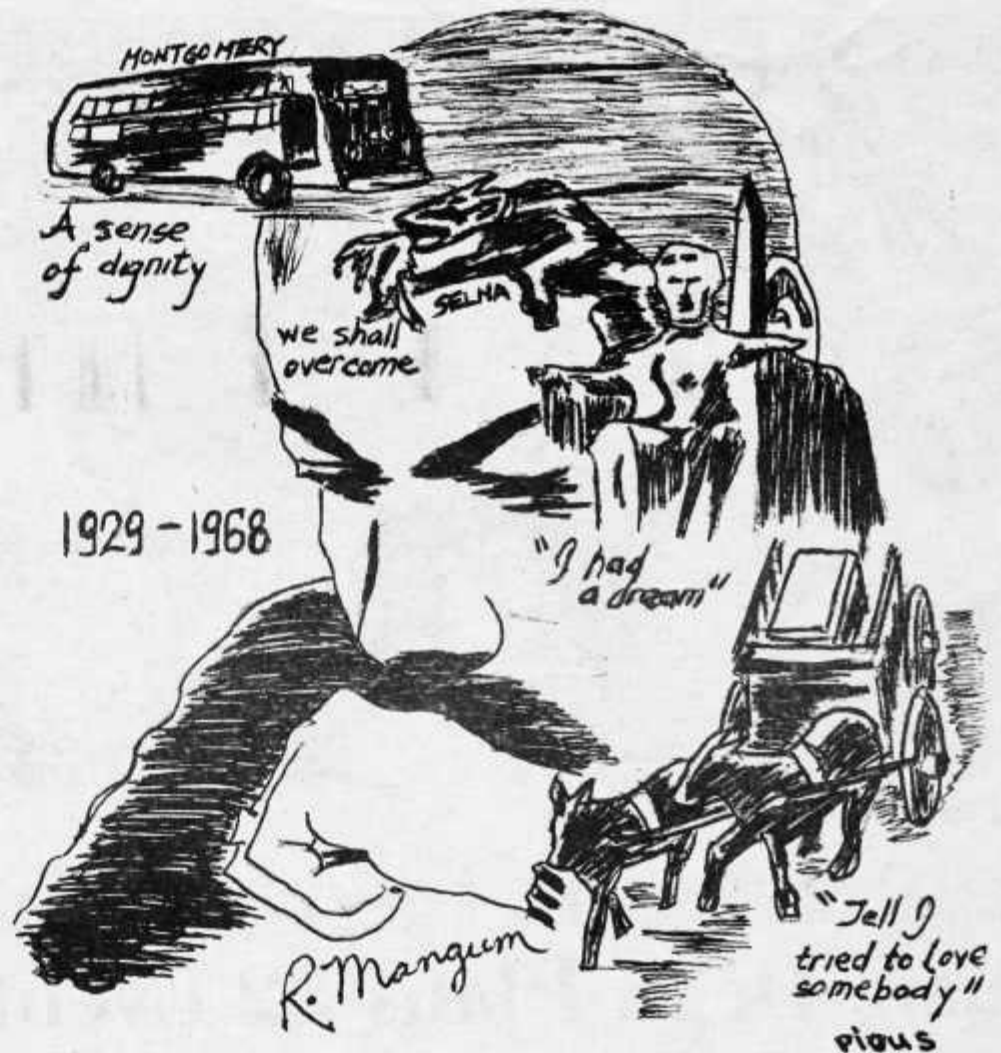
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# Let Your Voices Be Heard

By Catherine Speller

If you were looking for campus excitement last Friday and Saturday nights, Moore Gym was the place. There was definitely excitement in the air as "The Bird" began to fly before a capacity crowd.

The Aggies were alive and participating with the "togetherness" that many believed had been lost with the end of the CIAA for the Aggies in the 60's.

Many students who attended the game were amazed by the turnout because they had been told of Aggie apathy and absenteeism from scheduled events.

This writer feels that the reason there was such a good turnout was that the games were on campus.

Student activities have gotten away

from the heart of campus and a majority of the students find it hard to attend activities in the Greensboro community.

There was a time when all college students lived on campus and attended dances, games, movies, picnics and church together. Then, when students began to move off campus and the home game started to take place at the coliseum, a part of the college life was lost never really to be regained.

Faculty and administration think back to the days that you spent on campus during your college career. Remember those early days at A&T. Oh, what nostalgia you all must be imagining. Wouldn't it be nice to give us just a little of what you enjoyed on campus by attending our various functions and letting your voices be heard?

# Man Shouldn't Play God

By Margaret Brown

After reading an article in Greensboro Daily News Sunday paper entitled "421 on Death Rows In USA," it's hard to believe a country that believes so highly in justice for all and democracy would have 421 persons waiting to be put to death by electrocution, gas chamber, hanging, mandate lethal injection and firing squad.

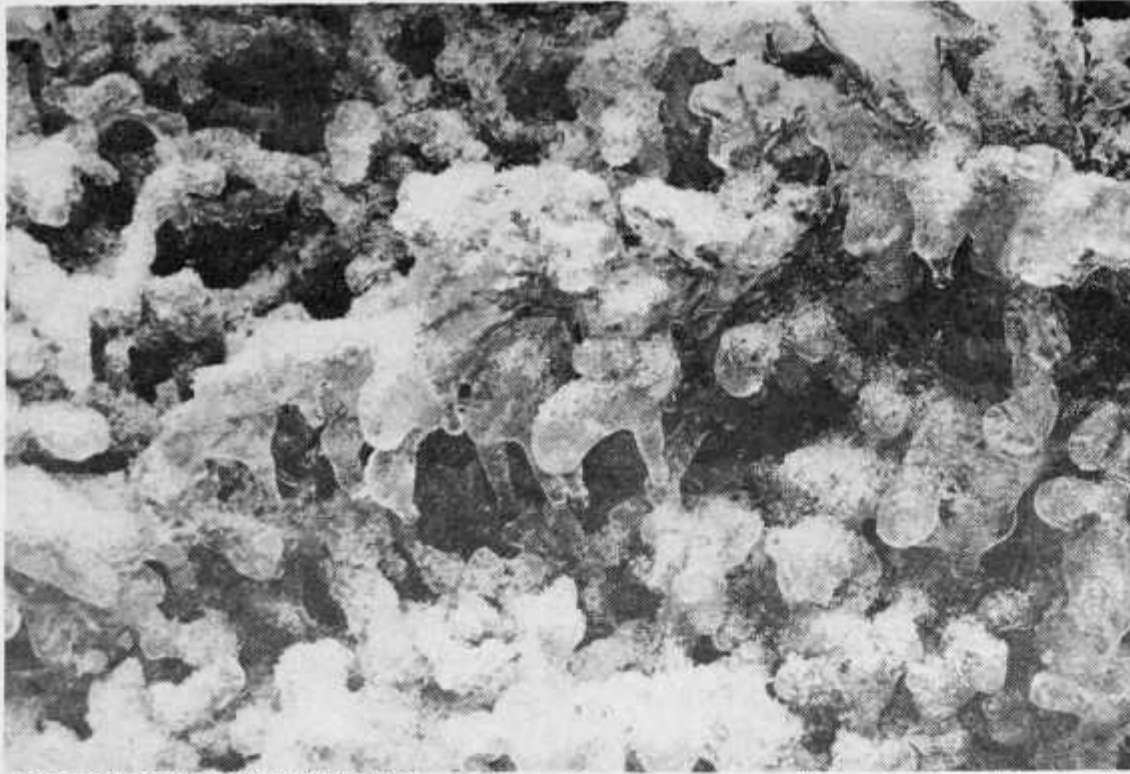
This brings up the issue is capital punishment justifiable? Should another man take another life to equalize the crime he did? If one thinks about it, killing one doesn't bring the other back alive.

Will God be pleased about this? No;

remember one of the Ten Commandments says "Thou shalt not kill." More Americans believe in some type of religion or God. So man shouldn't play the role of God.

By having capital punishment man is saying he's perfect, all convictions are correct. There have been cases where the person was convicted, killed, and later found innocent. If there wasn't capital punishment, this person could have been acquitted.

Out of 50 states only 32 states use the death penalty. The leading state is Georgia with 96 to die by way of electrocution.



The most precious jewels of winter.

## SGA Presents Three Movies

By Carla Walker

The movies "The Three Stooges," "Blazing Saddles," and "Fritz, the Cat" were very entertaining. These movies were shown in the Student Union Ballroom Saturday, January 14, at 1 p.m.

The pre-show, "The Three Stooges" with Curly, Larry, and Moe put us in the mood for the movies to follow. The Stooges were in what was supposed to be a haunted house, when actually there were no spooks at all. Moe had fallen into a bucket of what seemed to be cement. He really did look like something from the great beyond. He was believable because the actors and actresses in the movie were afraid of him.

Although the sound went out halfway through "Blazing Saddles," the silent movie was just as good without the sound track.

Cleavon Little really had the crowd of about 200 people "rolling".

When Little first came into town, the town's people had prepared a grand welcome, but when they found out he was a "nigger" they were ready to kill him. Luckily he escaped death by drawing a gun on himself and threatening to pull the trigger. Of course, this frightened the town's people so they dropped their guns. This was hilarious!

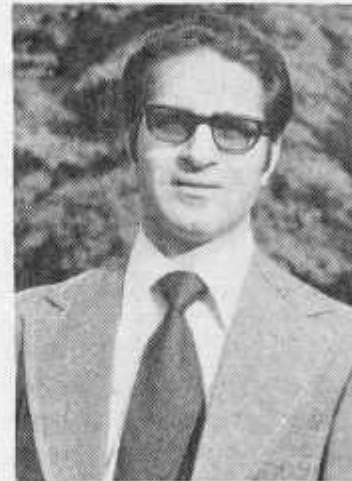
"Fritz, the Cat" was equally as good. Basically, all Fritz did was use his usual amount of vulgar language and have his various affairs. There was one incident which left room for thought. This was the scene where Fritz had met some Black people. Fritz started a revolution and the Blacks joined. The police came and killed all the Blacks.

The movies were hilarious and good too. After all, they had to be good; otherwise, why did the students continue to watch a movie sound difficulty?

**Snow!**

## Stefanakos Gets Grant To Attend Conference

Dr. Elias K. Stefanakos, a professor of solid state engineering at A&T State University, has been awarded an international travel grant by the National Science Foundation in order to attend the International Solar Energy Congress which opened January 16 in New Delhi, India.



Dr. Elias K. Stefanakos

During the five-day conference, Stefanakos, also a researcher with the Rockwell Solid State Electronics Laboratory at A&T, will present a paper on "A Demonstration Plant for Solar Heating of a Building."

Stafanakos collaborated on the paper with several members of the Greek Atomic Energy Commission.

The project is based on the heating by solar collectors of a part of a new administration building located at the Nuclear Research Center in Athens, Greece.

Results of the first year of operation of this unique plant will be reported in the paper.

## Program Works With Industry

By Sheila Williams

A new program is forming on campus, which will be working with industries to acquaint students with various companies.

The A&T/Industry Cluster's purpose is to involve more students on matters involving placement, and providing available job opportunities and interviews.

Out of those present, or received letters, only 25 members will be chosen for the organization. The remaining students will be associate members who will take the place of those who drop or leave the program.

Ms. Louise Grandison, an

administrative secretary for the office of University and Development Relations, has been working with the cluster since 1969. This is the first cluster of this type formed on A&T's campus and in the nation.

Approximately 51 companies out of the top 500, work with this program and A&T to produce a product we can use. This product, Ms. Grandison said, is the student. "Our main purpose is for you, to help you so that you can compete with anybody.

Ms. Grandison said, "We are here to assist, initiate, and develop, to work with

A&T and the agencies to put out the product - 'the student', and, if the student is prepared, the purpose will be accomplished."

Joseph D. Williams, Sr., director of alumni affairs, who conducted the meeting, said the student is the foundation of society. "And our students are here to perpetuate this philosophy."

Dr. Meda Gibbs, the chairperson of the Department of Business Education and Administrative Services, was also present at the meeting. She felt that this is a way to recognize minority colleges, and she wanted the students to be around for support.

## Co-op Plans Job Fair With 250 Summer Jobs

A summer job fair, exposing area high school and college young people to the possibilities of more than 250 summer jobs, will be held Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at A&T.

"We anticipate at least that many real jobs as a result of this conference," said Lt. Col. Harold Lanier, director of cooperative education at A&T.

The summer job fair will be held in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

Lanier, director of the project, said the emphasis during this job fair will be on finding positions for the non-technical students. "The technically trained student generally has no problem finding meaningful employment," he said. "But the major in political science, history, home economics, and social sciences sometimes runs into serious problems at job hunting time."

Lanier said the job fair is being sponsored in connection with the university's career planning and placement office.

He added that more than 50 potential employers, including some of the major corporations and federal installations across the nation, will participate in the project.

Lanier said the job fair will focus on such summer work as internships, faculty exchange, summer fellowship programs, and other forms of work-study programs.

He said area high school and college teachers are invited to participate in the program. The visiting corporate and government representatives and faculty will be honored during a dinner and reception Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Hilton Inn.

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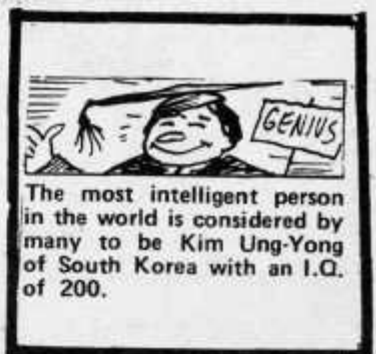
The Sabre Foundation has announced that it will fund a program to aid investigative reporters. Selected reporters will receive \$1,500 to conduct investigation into governmental processes.

The fund insures upcoming journalists the chance to work with small periodicals. Budgets for these political magazines have been hard hit with rising production costs.

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To apply for a research grant, writers should be interested in journalism as a career and have some experience in reporting. Applications should contain a brief description of the article idea, three samples of previous work, and a resume covering past employment and education. Application deadlines are February 1 and July 1 of this year.



# Carter Reaches End Of Year

Washington (AP) - As Jimmy Carter reaches the end of his first year in the Oval office, the American people give his work the lowest marks of his term, an Associated Press NBC News poll shows.

Even Carter's seven-nation foreign tour failed to improve his showing, except for a slight increase in the rating of his foreign policy work.

About 57 percent of those interviewed rated his overall job performance "only fair" or "poor," the poll taken last week showed.

Only 41 percent rated Carter's performance as excellent or good. The remaining 2 percent were undecided.

The rating of Carter's performance, as measured by NBC News polls, began at a high level in his first weeks in office, only to slide by last April.

Then Carter's trip to England and a summit conference of Western leaders in early May helped boost his positive rating to 61 percent, while 37 percent of those questioned gave him negative marks.

Even Carter's nine day, seven nation tour that opened 1978 did not boost his overall rating, as foreign trips often do for American presidents. His January marks were slightly below those registered in an AP NBC News poll in late November. In that sampling, 43 percent rated his performance excellent or good while 54 percent said his work was only fair or poor.

The seven-nation journey apparently did give a slight boost to Americans' opinion of Carter's performance in the foreign arena, especially his role in the Middle East peace negotiations.

About 55 percent of those

questioned rated Carter's foreign policy performance negatively, versus 39 percent who gave him positive marks.

Those figures are more positive than the 56 percent negative, 36 percent positive ratings found in the November AP NBC News poll.

In the Middle East peace moves, half of those questioned rated Carter's performance as a negotiator excellent or good, with 43 percent giving him marks of only fair or poor. The remaining 7 percent were undecided.

In November, the situation was reversed. Half gave him poor marks, with only 45

percent rating his role positively.

Three quarters of those questioned this month said that their opinion of Carter had not changed because of the trip. Only 12 percent said their opinion of his job performance had improved, while 9 percent said their opinion of him had slipped. Three percent were not sure.

As with any sample survey, the results of the AP NBC News poll can vary from the exact opinions of the American public solely because of chance variations in the sample. For a poll of 1,604 adults, the difference due to such chance variations is three percentage points either way.

## Ashford, Simpson Duo Release New Album

(Continued From Page 3) at Largo, Md. with Jimmy Castor and Parliment.

Ashford and Simpson are on the move. With the second renowned album "Send It" the couple sing their songs with a deep sense of emotion sensual and unselfish love.

Ashford and Simpson, started out writing music for other recording artists, but the couple have successfully managed to write and sing their own songs with unlimited success.

The Pips, another group who are proving themselves have released their first LP "At Last...The Pips". The Pips, who have most often been thought of as Gladys Knight's back-up have become an all-male group. Experimenting with new sounds, The Pips are on the verge of success with no end.

Teddy Pendergrass, who

branched off from Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, is showing his great capabilities of the solo trend.

These artists and many more are proving that making it on your own requires only patience and determination.

## Student Majority Votes For Free Washers

(Continued From Page 1)

The majority voted to have free washers and dryers. If free washers and dryers are installed, the tuition for boarding students will increase.

There were some changes in the constitution discussed also. Any person running for the office of president of the SGA must have an overall GPA of 2.00.

## Campus Haps

Wallace Peppers, instructor of English, is seeking people fluent in the languages of Italian, Latin, Danish and Swedish. All interested applicants should see Peppers in 102 Crosby Hall or call 379-7468.

The A&T Register will have its weekly meeting Wednesday night at the Register office at 7:30 p.m. All reporters are asked to attend.

The last day to register for spring graduation is January 20. Apply in office of Registration and Records.

The Griot Society will meet Wednesday, January 18, at 7 p.m., in Room 313 Hodgin Hall.

Any student interested in working with the Student Finance Committee of the SGA please sign roster in Room 216 of the Student Union by Wednesday, January 18.

Person's interested in the Collegiate Civitans are invited to attend the meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m., Room 100, Memorial Student Union.

Attention, Nurse Majors: The Student Nurses Association will have its first meeting of the year Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m., Noble Hall's Reading Room. All nursing majors are encouraged to attend.

Men's Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 23, Scott A, second floor lobby.

There will be an Attorney Generals Council meeting Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., Room 100 in the Student Union.

ATTENTION: Women's Council Officers there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. on January 25, 1978, in High Rise.

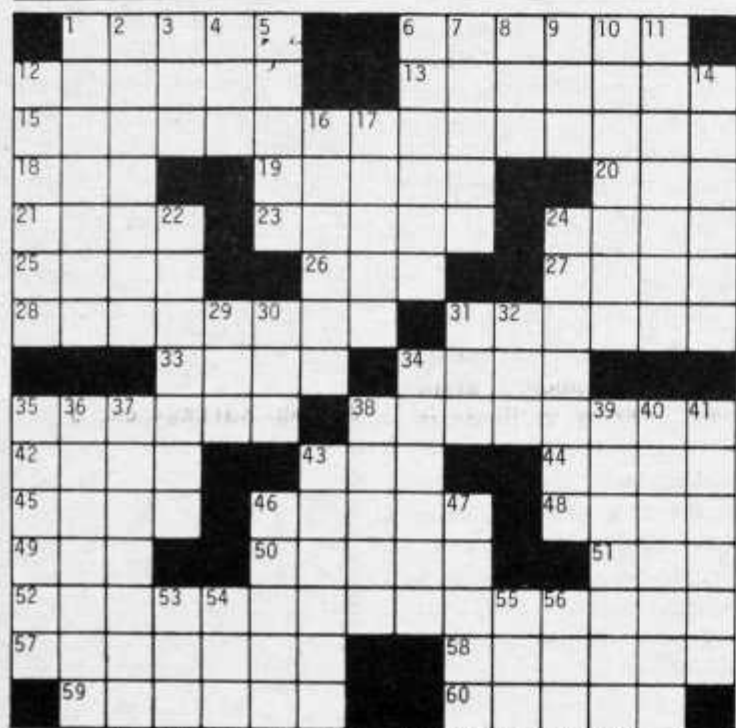
The Animal Science Club meeting has been cancelled for tonight. We will meet on January 30 at 6 p.m. in Carver Hall, Room 168.

Director of Housekeeping, Mrs. Mary Dalton, will speak in Scott A, Second floor lobby, Thursday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m. Topic of discussion is "Housekeeping Problems".

Students-The last day to register and add or drop courses is Thursday, January 19, 1978.

A Special Alumni Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, in Carver Hall at 8:00p.m. Everyone is invited, including those in the community.

ICARE will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Room 213. All interested persons please attend.



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- 12 Well-balanced
- 13 — grounds
- 15 Notorious queen (2 wds.)
- 18 Small demon
- 19 Mends
- 20 Japanese money
- 21 Spanish rivers
- 23 Proverb
- 24 Sneaker part
- 25 Speed unit
- 26 Slang diamonds
- 27 Roman road
- 28 Hygienic
- 31 Tourist accessory
- 33 Fathers
- 34 Distort
- 35 College lecturer
- 38 Free from impurities
- 42 Words of determination
- 43 Trigonometry abbreviation
- 44 Japanese monastery

### DOWN

- 45 — antique
- 46 Makes the first bid
- 48 Half of movie team
- 49 Mr. Whitney
- 50 Part of a carpentry joint
- 51 Suffix for real
- 52 Well-known general (3 wds.)
- 57 Having floors
- 58 Those beyond help
- 59 Sweet
- 60 A great number of
- 1 Endurance
- 2 Barbed spear
- 3 Part of a kimono
- 4 Fermented drink
- 5 You can — horse...
- 6 — cake
- 7 Get up
- 8 — vivand
- 9 Suffix for attract
- 10 Potassium —
- 11 One who allures
- 12 Certain smiles

- 14 Biological classes
- 16 Points opposite to the zenith
- 17 "Best Actor" of 1938
- 22 Salary
- 24 Marine mollusks
- 29 Suffix for simple
- 30 Likely
- 31 College in L.A., Southern —
- 32 Pianist Tatum
- 34 Sift, as grain
- 35 Olympic entrants
- 36 Spotted cats
- 37 North American deer
- 38 Wicked person
- 39 Laid a new floor
- 40 Pencil parts
- 41 — "Inferno"
- 43 Alka Seltzer's mascot
- 46 Fine fur
- 47 Becomes tangled
- 53 Work unit
- 54 Inlet
- 55 Bird of Mythology
- 56 Watson and Crick discovery

## Answers

### To Last

### Puzzle



# Sports

## Notebook

By Archie Bass

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference was initially thought to have been a strong basketball conference; but, for the past two years, football has shaded the interest of the spectators of the seven-team conference.

From the initial formulation of the MEAC, A&T was considered by many as the team among teams in the so-called quality basketball conference.

There are both negative and positive assumptions that can be drawn from A&T's dominance.

Negatively, A&T was halted last year by the misjudgment of talent on the team and some of the players who made the team. The Aggies suffered through a dismal 3-24 record and an opening round defeat in the tournament.

After this opening round defeat, enthusiasm was lacking from the three-day affair and, more importantly, attendance.

On the other hand, this year, the Aggies could be on their way to avenge the humiliation of a year ago with two solid victories over conference foes this past weekend.

Even though the MEAC tournament is more than a month away and especially since A&T will serve as the home institution, many outside of A&T's system are already hoping that the Aggies will bounce back and be in the thick of the tournament.

Why?

Reasons are quite obvious from a spectator point of view. The CIAA has completely captured all the "once upon a time" MEAC tournament fans mainly because of the lack of talent, if not for the sake of no excitement.

If A&T gets by the first-round, then the MEAC tournament of '78 could blossom again as a result of the spirited crowd that paraded into the coliseum. If A&T does not avenge into semi-final action, then who would spend their money to watch UMES and Delaware State?

Not me...

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In the Sunday sports section of the Greensboro Daily News, it was very interesting, but not surprising that one of the prep writers couldn't believe that A&T's grid coach Jim McKinley could recruit a "big time" prospect.

Of course this writer was referring to Darrell Nicholson, a highly sought-after linebacker from North Forsyth Senior High School in Winston-Salem.

The prep writer writes: (I would be surprised if he plays one down of football for A&T. It's just that the young man from the Winston-Salem area can name his school-any school. He's that good).

From the writer's column, this writer derived two obvious conclusions. First of all, he can't make himself believe that playing at A&T is "big time"; and, secondly, since Nicholson has great talent, he is considered a primary prospect. Since he is talented, then he should sign with any of the ACC teams or other national football powers.

A&T has established itself as having a solid football program to equal any team in the state.

And, the Aggies had or still have players that can play at any school in the ACC. A&T figures its pro-

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# Aggies Blow Past Hawks

By Archie Bass

Moore Gym has been the stage for several years of fantastic heroics ranking from the days of Al Attles to James Outlaw, and the latest years of Allen Spruill to James Sparrow.

Of the four prominent standouts in the history of Aggie basketball, only James "The Bird" Sparrow with a new addition to the club, Harold Royster, could celebrate the last game ever to be played in the archaic Moore Gym.

Prior to the fast moving game Saturday night, there was a French Connection and a Chinese Connection, but Saturday night A&T introduced its own version of the New York Connection featuring Sparrow and Royster as they paced the Aggies to a devastating 95-74 victory over hapless Maryland Eastern-Shore in Moore Gym.

The Hawks started the game with no indication of their 2-9 record as they were able to trade basket-for-basket with the Aggies in the early goings.

Meanwhile, the Aggies were able to pull away on two three-point plays at the 6:04 mark, and never did the Hawks appear to be in the game after this spurt.

Royster, who equaled his career high in the first half with 23 points, carried the load in the first half for the Aggies with strong board play and incredible shooting that gave the Aggies a 51-33 half time edge.

"It was a great team effort," said Gene Littles in a postgame interview. "Any time you win a conference game, it has to be a great victory."

In the second half, the second player of the New York

Connection was introduced. Of course, he was no stranger to the enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 as he provided similar fireworks Friday night against Delaware State.

The Aggies started the second half like a ball of fire that was keyed by sensational dunks by Sparrow only after the Hawks had narrowed the

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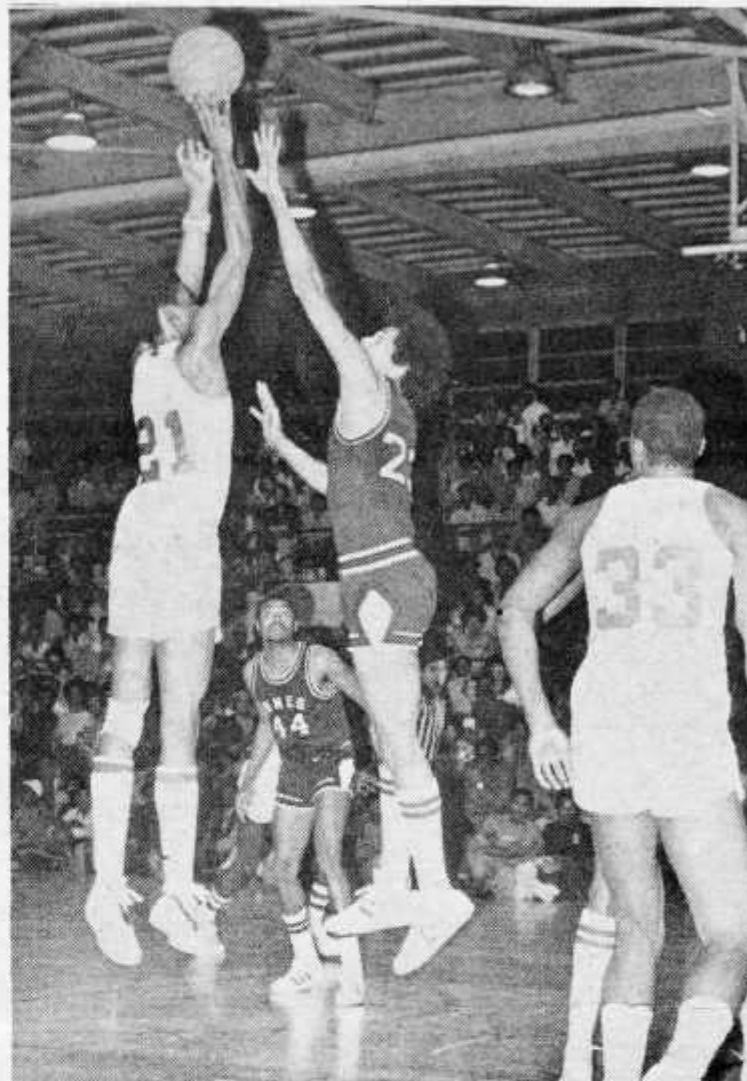


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Harold Royster shoots over Maryland Eastern-Shore player. The Aggies defeated the Hawks, 95 to 74.

## Aggies Roll Past Hornets With 82-55 Victory Friday

By Craig R. Turner

It never was really a contest. Most of the 2,000 or so onlookers in Moore Gymnasium would attest to that Friday as A&T rolled past

Delaware State 82-55.

The Aggies, hot from victories over S.C. State and Western Carolina earlier in the week, wasted little time in disposing of the Hornets.

The visitors stayed in a man-to-man defense for only a small stretch but it was enough to give A&T plenty of fast break opportunities as evidenced by its 10-0 lead with 16:41 left in the first half.

From there on, A&T rushed to a 23-5 margin on the full court passes on the inbounds play or off a rebound. Both James Sparrow and Joe Brawner broke loose on uncontested layups. The scoring barrage ended at 18-8 in the next seven minutes for a 43-25 halftime mark.

In the second half, the rout took shape as Sparrow was posted at the forward. He, along with 6-8 Harold Royster, destroyed the

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## A&T Hosts Wilmington In Nonconference Clash

A&T will be hard pressed to keep its four game winningstreak alive as UNC-Wilmington comes to the Greensboro Coliseum tonight in a nonconference clash.

Wilmington is presently one of the hottest teams in the state after losing to Wake Forest by a single point in its opener.

The two squads met earlier with the Seahawks taking a hard earned 80-66 overtime win over A&T. The fortunes for A&T have changed since then with a shining 3-0 record in the MEAC and 6-7 overall.

The deliberate Seahawks will use a pair of twin brothers, Billy and Bobby Martin. Both 6-1 guards are quick and have exceptional ballhandling talents.

The frontcourt will rely on 6-8 Denny Fields, one of the nation's best shooters, in the pivot. Others to figure in Wilmington's quest are 6-5 Delaney Jones and 6-2 Lonnie Payton. All three are deadly shooters in close.

Coach Mel Gibson has two newcomers to a veteran squad in 6-8 Chuck Verba, and 6-4 Glenn Morgan.

Gametime is set for 8 p.m. today in the coliseum.



# Aggie Players Stop Maybin

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Hornet tandem of talented Charles Maybin and Mark Coppadge. Maybin was held to just two points.

Royster consistently controlled the offensive board and slipped inside as Sparrow riddled the Hornet's 2-3

## Sparrow

### Scores

#### 14 In First Half

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lead to 13 points.

From this point on, it was all "The Mr. Sparrow Show" which he built to his first half total of 14, with 16 points in the second half.

"A&T is an entirely different team from a year ago," said Hawk Coach Kirkland Hall, whose team has only been the recipient of one victory since taking over the job of Dan Jones.

The run-and-gun Hawks were paced by Ken Simmons with 27 points and Robert Dash contributed to the cause with 16 points.

The Aggies who commenced the last games played in Moore Gym this past weekend with back-to-back wins over conference foes were led by James Sparrow with 30 points, and Harold Royster added 29.

The win left the Aggies on top in the MEAC with a 3-0 mark and 6-7 overall.

## McNair

### Outstanding Student

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Sandin remembers McNair as much more than an outstanding student. "He's also a blackbelt karate champ, Sandin said. He published and presented papers on the technical aspects of laser. He lectured to the American Association for the Advancement of Science on the physics of karate.

McNair, 27, works in the physics department at Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, Calif.. McNair had the honor of being approached by Atlantic Records for a recording contract because of his excellence as saxophonist.

zone with his patented drives to the basket. Coach Gene Littles substituted freely in the last seven minutes as the Aggie lead grew to 33 points at 72-39.

It was Royster who led the victors with 22 points, sixteen in the second half. Sparrow knocked in 20 points and had five assists. Joe Brawner added 16 and

L.J. Pipkin put in ten points, four blocked shots and ten rebounds for the night.

The win increased A&T's league first place status to 2-0 and 5-7 overall. The win coupled with a win over Maryland-Eastern Shore would set up a battle with defending season champion S.C. State next weekend in Orangeburg, S.C.

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gram is building and has come a long way thus enabling Jim McKinley to recruit any prospect.

Time has long passed where A&T has to settle for left-overs, and now the Aggies figure they can land even Darrell Nicholson.

In conclusion, this writer leaves this pointer with the Greensboro Daily News sports writer: Top recruits have accepted A&T as a state football power, and recognize the potential that A&T has nationally. Has the Greensboro Daily News sports writer?



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