First Black Astronaut Visits Campus Tuesday

No doubt, when we were small dreams of space voyages filled our heads. And, somewhere between here and there we lost those dreams. Those dreams, most likely reappeared when Air Force Major Fred Gregory visited A&T's campus Tuesday.

Major Gregory was chosen to be one of the first Black astronauts. Gregory said he was always interested in being an astronaut. "It was kind of a goal that was always out there," he said.

This major achievement will take any one's breath away, but one still wonders - why now? "There were no Black test pilots (a prerequisite for any astronaut)," Gregory replied.

"In the last generation everyone was oriented away, but one still wonders why now? "There were no Black test pilots (a prerequisite for any astronaut)," Gregory replied.

Gregory is one of the first Black astronauts. Gregory said he would not consider himself a token. "If I'm sitting by a person who is a token, I'll be upset. We don't consider ourselves as tokens. It's not NASA's policy to choose on tokenism," the Air Force academy graduate concluded.

Nursing School Confusion Ends

By Anthony Boyd

The confusion that surrounded A&T's School of Nursing has finally died. All that is left from the criticism, investigations, and recommendations is a strengthened program, according to Dean Naomi Wynn, dean of the School of Nursing. "I'm fairly pleased with the progress," said Dean Wynn. The progress is due to a new admission policy. Upon being accepted to the university, the prospective nurses are classified as pre-nursing majors.

During their first year, students areadvised as to what courses to take. They are also given seminars weekly.

After their first year, students are allowed to take nursing courses but only if they have at least a 1.8 grade point average. They must also have had a "B" average in high school or a score of 750 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

In April, it was reported that only 17 percent of the nursing students passed the state board examination. Since those tabulations, Dean Wynn said, "There has been an improvement but not as significant as we had hoped."

Forum To Deal With Testing Program

A community forum on North Carolina's new comprehensive testing program for public school students will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. in the Bethel AME Church, 200 Regan Street. The forum will be sponsored by the Kappa Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and will be open to the public.

The theme for the forum will be "The Comprehensive Testing Program: Its Impact on the Minority High School Population."

The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Thelma C. Lennon, director of The Division of Pupil Instruction. She is also President of the National Guidance Association.

Rep. Frye Speaks in Union

By Sheila Williams

Representative Henry Frye spoke in the Student Union Ballroom on the significant developments in the country as they relate to the history of Blacks.

First, there was the Freedom Journal, the first Black newspaper in the country. The Niagara Movement in 1905; the NAACP in 1909; the Urban League in 1919, and the founding of the National Negro Business in 1909," Frye said.

According to Frye, there are three kinds of power, economic, social and political. He said that the key for Blacks is to try to achieve economic power, "for this will back you up in political and social power."

Representative Frye is a 1953 biology graduate from A&T where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. He was a member of the debating team, president of the American Chemical Society, and a member of the Richard B. Harrison Players.

Frye who was also the first to receive the A&T Alumni Excellence Award in 1972 is the founder of the Greensboro National Bank.

Since this problem was the major thrust of the criticisms, the School of Nursing has provided test-taking seminars. Dean Wynn, however, said attendance is poor.

In order to meet the 1981 deadline set by the UNC Board of Governors to raise 75 percent of the number of graduates passing the state board examination, the school of nursing has sought federal grants. The money has been used to purchase needed equipment, teaching aids and extra personnel.

Other requirements added to the program include a new progression policy, a full time counselor and tutoring sessions.

About her new standards, Dean Wynn said, "We are not a separate entity with ourselves." She added the fact that other departments are.
Scott Residents Learn Evacuation Procedures

By Larry Jenkins

Counselors of Scott Hall held a meeting Tuesday night with male students to discuss fire evacuation plans. Last Tuesday, trash bins in Scott Hall were set on fire and many students have complained about the lack of warning systems and evacuation plans in Scott Hall.

"No alarm will be possible because there is no fire alarm system," stated Joe Williams, counselor of section A. Williams said that students can only be notified by other students and by the intercom system.

Andrew Small, fire and safety officer at A&T, told the male students about ways of preventing fires in the dorm. "Stairway doors provide a smoke free exit and prevent fire from traveling," stated Small. He encouraged all students to count the number of doors on their hallway to the nearest exit. If a fire does occur and smoke builds up, then the students can "feel" their way out of the dorm.

Small emphasized that students should not overload circuits, put cigarettes in trash cans or leave appliances plugged in while home on weekends.

Governor Hunt Appoints Bonner To Committee

By Archie Bass

Mrs. Catherine Bonner, administrative assistant to the athletic director at A&T, has been appointed to serve on the John Motley Morehead Memorial Commission by Governor James B. Hunt.

The Morehead award is presented annually to high school seniors with high academic averages and outstanding leadership potential. However, the only stipulation of this prestigious award is that the students that are elected must attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I feel highly honored to be selected for this Commission," Mrs. Bonner said. "I think that they should put more Blacks on state boards and commissions."

Mrs. Bonner, who has been employed at A&T for more than 30 years and has participated in numerous campus and civic activities, will be the only Black on the Motley Commission from Guilford County.
Shelia Carver To Sing Recital

By Wilbert Ingram

"My Man Is Gone Now," "Summertime," and "Take, O Those Lips Away," are a few of the numbers that Mrs. Shelia Carver will sing during her recital Tuesday, February 14.

Mrs. Carver, a member of the music faculty since 1974, holds degrees in music from Eastern New Mexico University and the University of Iowa.

Mrs. Carver, a soprano, has performed on the concert and operatic stage. Her accompanist will be Dr. Michael Greene, assistant professor of English and Humanities.

Dr. Greene has accompanied other faculty members in recitals and he is organizer for New Garden Friends Meeting.

Because the program is on Valentine's Day, it will emphasize love songs, both classical and popular tunes.

"I would hope to present a program which will be of a pleasure nature, but also an experience of becoming familiar with the music culture written to show the feeling and reactions of the world's most favorite pastime," said Mrs. Carver.

The program will take place in Harrison Auditorium.

Ms. Farr To Speak In Harrison Sunday

By Eric Howell

Miss Margaret Farr, 1977 graduate of A&T, will be the guest speaker Sunday, February 12, at the University Chapel Service in Harrison Auditorium at 11 a.m.

Miss Farr, who was a nursing major, is from Rocky Mount and is serving as a registered nurse in a hospital in her home county.

Miss Farr had a rewarding student career academically and religiously. She was a member of the Fellowship Gospel Choir for three and a half years and served as its secretary two years. She also served one year as director of the Campus Community Church Choir.

Miss Farr was founder of the United Christian Fellowship which currently sponsors the mid-week devotional services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

She has been guest speaker for Youth Day programs in the annual sessions of the General Baptist State Convention and the North Carolina State Baptist Convention of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While attending the university, Miss Farr was one of the students' favorite MC's for gospel music concerts. She will MC the Sunday session of the 6th annual anniversary of the Fellowship Gospel Choir in Harrison Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Jackson, Armstrong Music Lives On Even After Death

By Eric Howell

Mahalia Jackson, Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong and Billie Holiday may have died, but their music still lives in the new hit musical, "Feelin' Good," the National Theatre Company's sold out national tour.

"Feelin' Good" is a musical, tracing Black music from the middle of the 20th Century to the present.

Black Magic picks up where "Feelin' Good," the National Theatre Company's sold out hit for the last three seasons. This musical gives laughter, dances, songs as well as an educational background of the musical roots of Blacks in the recording business.

Miss Sue Lawless, director and writer of this musical, is an authority on the art of musical revue.

This musical extravaganza will take place in Harrison Auditorium on February 15 at 8 p.m.

Boogie Celebrate Black History

In Honor Of Black History Month, We Bring You:

Blacks In The News

By Denise Brown

Not too long ago, there was an unknown candidate running for a seat in Congress. After many years of fighting to make life better for all Americans, the name Barbara Jordan has become a household name.

Rep. Barbara Charline Jordan, the daughter of Ben and Arlyne (Pattern) Jordan, was born on Feb. 21, 1936 in the metropolis of Houston, Texas. She received her B.A. in History and Political Science from Texas Southern University in 1956.

Rep. Jordan was elected in 1972 to the House of Representatives by the 18th Congressional District in Texas. She was the first Black Congresswoman to come from the deep south. On Nov. 5, 1974, she was re-elected to the House for a second term.

Barbara Jordan came from a poor background. She maintained a straight A average in school due to the high goals set for herself. Barbara Jordan never wanted to be run-of-the-mill; she wanted to be unusual.

That (unusual) is what she is.

This dynamic lady is a very articulate spokeswoman and surprised many of her colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus by announcing shortly after taking office that she would restrict her role to that of lawmaker. She has continued to surprise many people by working efficiently and effectively for all of her constituents.

Barbara Jordan has a simple approach to life. It is "Respect the humanity of everybody." She has always set goals for herself and managed to reach them. This very outstanding Black lady in the field of politics has made many people look up to her. She is definitely a forceful and charming woman.

PUT YOUR SCIENTIFIC OR ENGINEERING DEGREE TO WORK

If you had a degree candidate who would like to embark on a future-oriented career, consider the United States Air Force. It is one of the best opportunities in the nation.

The United States Air Force trains officer candidates and also has a program that provides leadership training for candidates with associate degrees. It is a great opportunity for you.
What Is 'Middle-Class'?

The financial aid situation at A&T has dwindled to the point that some students were not able to return to school this semester. With the $107 increase in tuition the Board of Governors voted in for the fall semester, a larger number of students may not be able to return next year.

President Carter has announced a program which will provide $1.2 billion worth of financial aid to "middle-income" families. This might or it might not be the solution some students at this school and other Black schools in the area have been awaiting.

What does President Carter mean when he says this program will be geared toward the "middle-income" family? The "middle-income" level for Blacks is well above $10,000 a year. Does this "middle-income" program exclude Blacks?

Without the aid that is afforded yearly by the federal government, most Black students could not attend college. This may be something that most of us do not want to admit but it is the truth. We depend on the money from Basic Grants, work-aid and loans and the money from other such programs.

As it stands, if the financial aid money is further decreased for A&T students, there is a strong possibility that a she, along with a lot of her peers, will not return to any college next year.

President Carter's program sounds as if could be very helpful. The only question this writer has is regarding the criteria for "middle-income." What "middle-income" level is Carter speaking of? Does he mean the overall "middle-income" level or the "middle-income" level for minorities? Who will receive this money?

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Idealism or Sadism?

By Catherine Speller

We all are familiar with the movie entitled, "The Spook Who Sat By The Door" and the roles that Blacks are generally stereotyped into by society.

There was a time when it was necessary for Blacks to play these roles in order to hold a job and gain any kind of recognition as a person at all.

The Civil Rights Act that many worked hard for and died for, gave Blacks the courage to stop playing roles and the ability to say that "I am somebody" out loud, without fear of the Klan or losing their jobs.

All of this is good; but, if it is not put to use by all of the Blacks, what have we gained?

We are still classified as the chosen few, selected for positions just to meet federal guidelines, not for our true worth, or abilities and our skills.

Most of us say that "I'm Black and I can't beat the system so why should I speak up? My voice won't be heard either way."

Your voice alone may not make a noticeable difference right away; but, in the hearts of others, it will start a long- ing to join.

There is a man on line who pledges a fraternity; and, in the middle of a fraternal initiation ritual, he collapses. This is what happened to a 20-year-old student from NCCU who died after a fraternity hazing episode.

The idea of fraternal brotherhood and sisterhood is all well and good, but where is the connection between ideals and sadism? True, they may say hazing those who go through a fraternity, sorority or fellowship is just a part of pledging. But let's think about it; hazing is against charter rules, but why is it still continued?

There are time and place for almost anything, but never a time or place for brutality. In no way is it to be justified, no sane purpose for beating on another to be a part of an organization.

The case at NCCU was probably an accident, and this incident is not exclusively a part of the fraternity involved, or any other type of fraternal organization. This would probably happen to anybody, anybody who would allow such an animalistic behavior.

It's been theorized that hazing supposedly tests how badly you really want to be a brother or a sister. But is any man-made cycle worth a person's self-respect, his dignity, or even in this case, his life?
AFROTC Drops Barrier- Allows Women Pilots

Another barrier has fallen for women college students who would like to become Air Force pilots.

Air Force ROTC is now accepting applications for pilot flight training from women cadets in their final year of Air Force's on-campus commissioning program.

Women cadets selected for pilot candidacy will be scheduled for flying training at one of the Air Force flying training schools after graduation from college and commissioning as second lieutenants.

According to Air Force ROTC, 11 women cadets will be selected for the pilot candidacy initially. Six will be scheduled to enter flying training in September 1978 and another five in February 1979.

Dean Wynn
Seeks Support
From Community

(Continued From Page 1) on campus must teach the students the basics (reading, biology, math and so forth) before they enter the Nursing School. Dean Wynn said she is looking for support from the university community.

When Dean Wynn was asked if she felt the needed assistance was rendered during those April investigations, she said, "not to a degree that it made any difference."

A&T Personnel
To Appear
On Forum

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The other panelists will be Dr. W.J. House, professor of Education at A&T and former Greensboro School Superintendent; Sullivan Welborne, director of the Memorial Student Union at A&T; Atty. Walter T. Johnson, Jr., chairman of Greensboro School Board; and Dr. Harold Mazyck, chairman of the Department of Home Economics. Moderator for the program will be Dr. Marion R. Blair, assistant to the dean of the School of Education.

Young Female looking for female to share apartment with. Call Miss Jenkins at 299-0462 after 5pm

Will be on campus interviewing February 21, 22
Contact Placement Center
Employers Notify Co-op Office

By Richard B. Steele

The office of Co-operative Education is receiving notification from various companies, daily, concerning summer employment.

The Student Job Fair held in the Student Union, January 19, was co-sponsored by Career Planning and Placement Center, the Office of Co-operative Education in conjunction with the personnel committee of the University Industry Cluster. Approximately 55 representatives from 35 companies participated.

As a result of the job fair, approximately twenty students have been offered summer employment as of this writing. Each day the co-op office receives applications and resumes of interested students to various employing agencies.

Faculty members are being looked at for summer positions as well. These do not include co-op or permanent positions, but strictly the results of the summer job fair.

“We are hopeful that many more students will be offered positions and we are waiting for companies to notify us of students they will offer summer employment,” said Loreatha Graves, administrative co-ordinator, office of Co-operative Education.

Brenda Dowdy handles the engineering department of co-education. Positions open for the summer include all of the liberal arts.

Areas of employment include the Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, N.C.; TRW, Inc., Redondo Beach, California; U.S. Steel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sperry-Univac, St. Paul, Minnesota; National Park Service, Atlanta Region; and John Deere Corporation, Moline, Illinois.

“Thanks to all faculty, deans, chairpersons, and students for making the summer fair job fair successful,” said Jeanne L. Rudd, administrative assistant, and Loreatha Graves.

Veterans Special Group
On A&T’s Campus

By Denise Brown

There is a special group of students at A&T State University who are increasing in number each semester. These students are known as veterans.

Disabled veterans have their tuition, fees, books and supplies paid for them. They receive approximately $313 a month or $28,000 annually for a nine-month period, which is equivalent to one school year. Those veterans who choose to live in a dorm save approximately $1,200 for themselves, and they are free to spend it any way they choose to.

Loans are also available to the veteran. They can amount from $2,500 a year not to exceed $10,000 for the entire time the veteran is in school. Work for veterans is limited by the space available.

Eddie Hargrove, Veterans Affairs director, said, “Veterans have a difficult time readjusting to civilian life and therefore the government allocates about $780 for each veteran’s tutorial services if they need help.”

Their medical benefits include treatment at any VA Hospital and several outpatient clinics, such as the ones in Fayetteville and Salisbury.

The office of Veteran Affairs’ purpose is to process the Veterans’ Papers on time, contact the VA, and to act as liaison between the VA and A&T.

Hargrove’s job is to monitor the veteran’s academic progress and class attendance. He must report all of the aforementioned information to the Regional Office in Winston-Salem.

If the VA feels the veteran failed due to non-application he gets a warning, counseling and then he’s sent back. If the failure is due to a lack of college aptitude, it is in a mandated that veteran get on the job training or attend a trade school.

Dependents are children of deceased veterans and wives disabled veterans. NC has a special program with the VA that qualifies any dependent in their tuition, fees, room and board paid if he has attended a VA college. They can also receive social security benefits.

If the parent was killed in service, they’ll receive a scholarship for the amount of time they are in school. If a veteran is 100 percent disabled, his wife can use his educational benefits. Both veterans and their dependents are served by the Veteran’s Affairs Office.

Attention: Any veteran who has not turned in a yellow class card to the VA office will be terminated on Feb. 15, 1978.

The Student Alumni Council will be selling popcorns at the Morgan and Howard games for $.50. Support a worthy cause!

Pep Band members! There will be an important meeting Wednesday night at 7 p.m. Interested students should contact Walter F. Carlson or Odell Shoffner in Frazier Hall.

Every Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. in Room 210 Crosby Hall there will be a tutoring session for the NTE and the GRE.

Anyone interested in participating in the “Gong Show,” sponsored by the NC Fellows, should sign up in Dr. Parker’s office in Murphy Hall before February 17.

The Alohaem Society will meet Thursday, Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. in Room 129 in Merrick Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Lady’s wristwatch found in Dudley Building. If described to Chief Raines, it will be returned.

There will be a Food Science meeting on Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

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**Aggies Repel Scrappy Eagles**

By Craig Turner

A&T defeated Morgan State 94-85 in overtime last weekend at the Greensboro Coliseum. The voting is conducted for these honors by the conference's seven-member institutions.

Joe Brawner goes up for a lay-up. A&T defeated the Eagles of NCCU 76-70.

A&T Takes Both Honors

In MEAC Player-Of-Week

For the second time this season, A&T has taken both Player-of-the-Week honors in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

James Sparrow, a 6-6 All-American guard from Brooklyn, NY, was named the top performer in the league for his outstanding performances against Howard and Morgan State last weekend.

The junior connected for 23 points and 11 rebounds in A&T's 94-85 double overtime victory over the Bison in Washington, D.C., put in a superlative effort against Howard with 19 points and helped lead a stretch drive against the Bears that saw the Aggies pull away in the last five minutes.

Brawner also is a prime choice for All-MEAC honors and could be the first freshman to do so in three years. The last person to do so was John Harrell of NCCU who is now a starter for Duke University.

The voting is conducted for these honors by the sports information directors of the conference's seven-member institutions.

“Bird”

**Aggies Meet MEAC Foes Again**

In one of the most exciting college basketball games of the 1977-78 season, the Aggies rallied to tie Howard in regulation then went on to defeat the Bison in double overtime 94-85 before a sell-out partisan crowd in Washington, D.C., last Friday.

The Aggies didn't have much time to catch their breath as they battled Morgan State in Baltimore the next night. Again the Aggies won a close game 70-68 and now sit alone in the first-place seat with tournament less than two weeks away.

This weekend at the Coliseum A&T will again be tested by Morgan State and Howard. Friday, Morgan, with a 5-2 conference record, will take on the Aggies.

On Saturday, the Bison will challenge the Aggies in the second game of a doubleheader.

The opening game will stage UNC-G and Virginia Wesleyan at 7 p.m.

“The doubleheader was setup to give the local fans the opportunity to see two fine college athletic programs in action and we are hoping this joint venture will help boost attendance and the spirit of cooperation between the schools,” said Cal Irvin, A&T athletic director.

Some of the top performers in the MEAC will be in town when the Bison and Bears play the Aggies. Howard's Gerald Glover, a three-time MEAC performer, and Ron James both picked up four of their foul. A&T used it to good advantage by bringing Central out of its sticky defense.

That freed Sparrow down on the baseline and the Aggies were off and running. The 6-6 All-American banged in a long jumper; Pipkin hit a layup and later canned a short jumper on the break to put the Aggies up 58-48 with nine minutes to go.

A&T built the lead to as many as sixteen points from there before substituting freely in the last two minutes. Central cut the score down to its final count of responsibility.

“I'm real proud of the way we played this weekend,” said Cal Irvin. (See Little’s, Page 8).

By Archie Bass

Sometimes a team that sits alone in the cellar of a conference can scrap enough to overhaul the visage of a rapidly geared crowd.

If you found yourself daydreaming during intervals of the Aggie-Eagle scheduled event as a result of no excitement, don’t feel like the lone stranger.

What happened to the traditional rivalry of the two schools?

The Aggie basketball team was not at full strength because several of the players have been sick with the flu since facing the “haw” from the north last weekend. As a matter of fact, several of the players were just released from the infirmary.

Whether or not the gusting wind last weekend affected NCCU, besides getting blown away on the scoreboard, this was the waited anticipation by many from the head coach as an escape for the conference setback.

In a game of that caliber, bringing rights mean success of that season regardless of the record scored.

In the past meetings, both the Aggies and the Eagles, in the event of limited talent, were forced to play out of pride and honored dignity.

Despite Central’s record, to say that the team does not have any talent would be an understatement.

This writer can remember a few years back when the Aggies lost to the Eagles by 53 points.

In the 1977-78 season, the Aggies never really appeared to be overly concerned with the Eagles although they trailed by as many as seven points in the first half.

A&T decided to forget the outside shooting and rested the 6-9 forward L. J. Pipkin.

The Laurinburg junior worked inside of the Eagle tandem of Ed Roper and Glen Duncan virtually un­op­posed. Central continued to lead up until the buzzer when guard Joe Brawner found Keith Davis alone for a slam dunk underneath and a 33-32 halftime lead.

The key moments came early in the second half when point guard James King and Ron James both picked up their fourth foul. A&T used it to good advantage by bringing Central out of its sticky defense.

That freed Sparrow down on the baseline and the Aggies went up 54-42 with seven minutes to go.

The Laurinburg senior was on a mission that night. He scored 17 points in the second half and helped lead a stretch drive against the Bears that saw the Aggies pull away in the last five minutes.

Joe Brawner goes up for a lay-up. A&T defeated the Eagles of NCCU 76-70. Photo by Marables.
Little's Proud Of Team Play In Second Half

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we got after them in the second half. All things considered, we didn't play badly. Our kids are so young and relaxed going in that they accept things. They never lose touch with the game. They are a fun group to coach," said Littles.

L. J. Pipkin led all scorers with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Joe Brawner pumped in 15 while Harold Roper accounted for 16 points. Central was led by Robert McCelland with 19, and Ed Royster and James Sparrow added 11. Kim Butler chipped in 10 points.

A&T took undisputed control of the MEAC with an 8-1 mark and 14-8 overall while Central is alone in the cellar at 2-7 and 5-15.

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