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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## Voting Controversy Almost Postpones 1978 Elections

By Anthony Boyd and Larry Jenkins

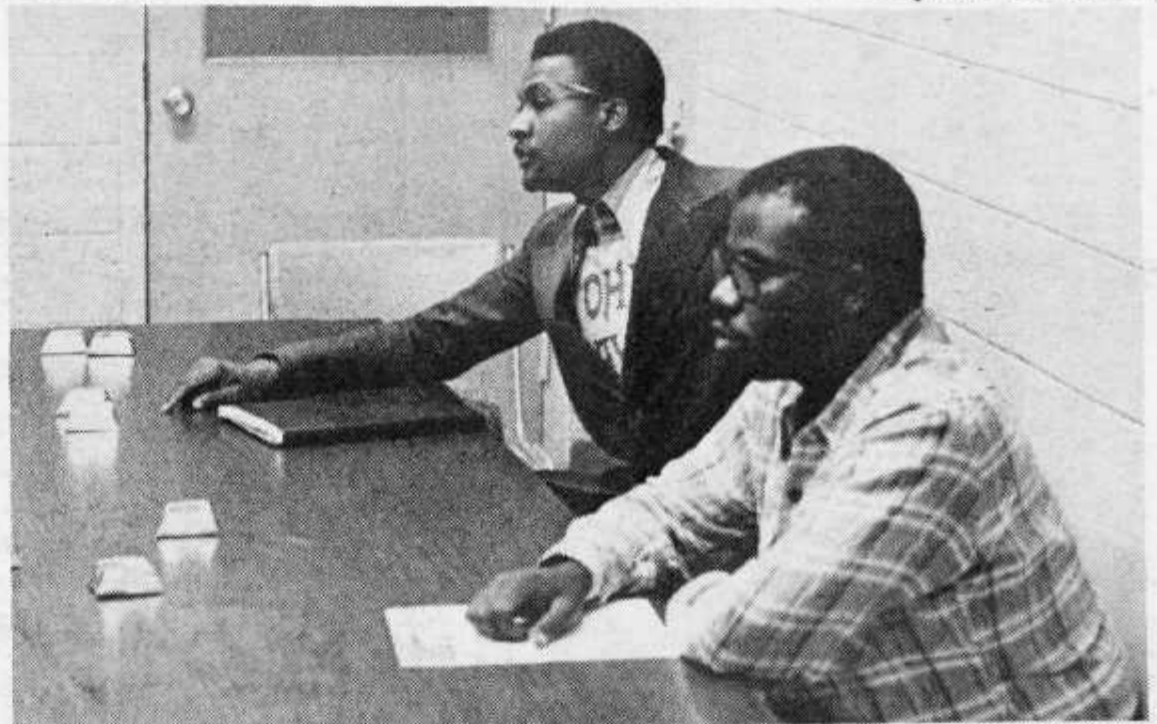
The controversy over Resolutions A, B, C, and D finally came to a head last night. SGA legislators voted to postpone elections until after the Board of Trustees meet on May 17. Their decision, however, was overridden in a later meeting.

Controversy erupted when it was alleged that the resolution did not go through proper channels for ratification. Resolutions calling for a change in the constitution must be submitted to the vice-chancellor for student affairs for his review. The resolution is then submitted to the University for consideration and review. The

faculty senate then reviews it after which it is sent to the Board of Trustees. Candidates affected by the ruling are Michael Davis (president), Larry Howard (vice-president) and Bob Henry (program coordinator).

Resolution A sparked controversy. Resolution A would have lowered the requirements for SGA president. Requirements in the resolution stated that potential candidates must be a rising junior, have 64 credit hours, a 2.00 grade point average, and one year of SGA experience.

Resolution B referred to the vice-presidency. The requirements stated in this resolution were the same as (See Resolutions, Page 6)



SGA President, Tony Graham, and Vice President, Warren Bryant met last night with student legislators to discuss some of the conflicts in today's elections.

## Student Opinions Vary

By Bonnie Newman

Many students are voicing their views and opinions to their expectations concerning the coming elections of new

class officers, queens, and SGA officers. In the past students have stated (off-the-record) how they felt most of the activities and organizations were conducted on A&T's campus.

In a recent survey concerning elections, a number of students were asked about their overall opinion of elections. Students feel that although a great deal of vigorous campaigning goes on with numerous promises made, the promises often diminish the following school term.

Seemingly students are examining candidates more closely this year in an effort to select the person they feel is best qualified for that par-

ticular position.

Millicent "Nokie" Norman of Asheville stated, "I am looking for a person that is sincere, one that really cares about the students, and not someone running just to have that title."

In reference to what he would like to see done by newly elected officials, Ronald Knight of Greensboro said "There is a need for more activities involving the community."

Some students feel that A&T is too oriented towards fraternities and sororities.

"Overall I would like the campus to be a social-study type campus rather than a fraternity and sorority at-

(See Poll, Page 7)

## IEEE Celebrates Achievements

By Margaret L. Brown

IEEE celebrated its second annual awards program in the Student Union Ballroom, on April 17. The purpose of this program was to recognize electrical engineering students who have ob-

tained academic excellence

Dr. Winsor Alexander, chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering and one of the speakers for the affair, said, "My goal is to build a quality electrical engineering program and

laboratories we can be very proud of."

Outstanding student awards were given to freshmen Jamie Jones of Waynesboro, Ga., Linda Smith, Greensboro; James (See 3.8, Page 3)



Freshman Jamie Jones (left) receives an award from Dr. Winsor Alexander (electrical engineering) for maintaining a 4.00 G.P.A.. Milton Tucker and Debbie Roberson assisted in presenting the awards.

Photo By Person

## Awards Convocation To Honor Students

Classes will be suspended from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, Wednesday, April 19, in order that students and faculty can attend the Annual Awards Day Convocation.

Awards convocation gives special recognition to those students who have achieved academic excellence during the school year.

Students with the highest cumulative grade point averages are chosen from each class, major and department to be honored in

assembly.

The speaker for this year's convocation is Reverend Sampson Buie, Jr., community relations specialist here at A&T

His speciality is overseeing the Adult and Community Education programs, and he is currently a doctoral candidate at UNC-G in the field of Administrative Education.

Buie possesses a long list of awards and achievements which include the Silver (See Buie Page 5)

# A&T School Of Nursing



## Capping

## And Chevron

## Exercises

Six students received awards at the annual capping and chevron services. Mrs. Juanita Dukes received the C. C. Stewart Memorial Award, presented by the Greensboro Medical Society for the highest academic average in the junior class. Mrs. Martha Pegram received the Moses H. Cone Hospital Auxiliary Award for professional promise. Miss Gwendolyn Fulton of Winston-Salem received the Sigma Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Award for service to humanities. Ms. Teretha Moore of New Bern received the Teloca Graduates' Clun award for academic achievement and participation in students professional organization. Ms. Cheryl Scott of Durham received the L. Richardson Hospital Auxiliary award for professional promise. Ms. Kay Collinton of Rockingham received the Greensboro Academy of Medicine's Medical Surgical Nursing Award for professional promise and exceptional clinical adaptation.



## Photos

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A freshman student, Alinda Williams, enjoys the warm sunshine and the spray of the fountain while preparing for a class.

Says Holland Hall

## Fashion Show Well Underway

By Richard B. Steele

A talent/ fashion show sponsored by Holland Hall is well underway according to program coordinator and president of the hall Ms. Beverly Murphy. The event will include such acts as dance routines, songs, a band, and the like.

The fashion show is

centered around spring, and fashions go accordingly. Thus the theme of the fashion show is "A Spring Affair." And a spring affair it will be with the ladies of Holland as models. Male models are from Scott and Senior dorms.

Recently, posters around campus foretold of the event and the turnout for

auditions went well.

"The enthusiasm is building as the day of the show approaches," said Murphy. The event will be held in the Memorial Union Ballroom on April 30th, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at Holland Hall, the Student Union, or see Ms. Murphy. Admission is \$.50.

## 3.8 Club Inducts Members

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Vincent, Reidsville; Patricia Armstrong on Co-op; and Terrence Franklin who is in the hospital.

Sophomores receiving outstanding awards were Annie Bullock, Norlina N.C.; and Kelvin Buncum, John's Island, S. C., Earl Mathis of Clarkton and Regional Withers of Charlotte were juniors to receive the awards. In senior rank Mehrdad Tabizi of Iran was given an outstanding award.

Dr. Alexander also commented, "When our students do well, it also means our department and faculty doing well in training them."

Tom Baker an electrical engineer from Hewlett Packard who has been teaching at A&T for this school year, told students, "when interviewing, select companies that will interest you in what you like and it presents a challenge."

Baker also urges students to pay more attention to what will reflect the future needs of society.

The presentation of athletic awards for participation on the IEEE Intramural basketball team were given to Jewel Dawkins, Angie Duckett, Camille Ethridge, Jamie Jones, Veatrice Jones, Gladys Ramseur, Deborah Roberson, Carlton Avant, Steve Cook, Andrew

Davis, Fred Debman, Donald Glenn, Larry Howard, Michael, Jenkins, Earl Martin, William McKoy, Lee Petty, Island Philips, and Willie Raeford.

New Members inducted into 3.8 club were Patricia Armfield, Terrence Franklin, Jamie Jones, Linda Smith, James Vincent, and Morris Carey.

Herman Hawkins, a member of the 3.8 club concluded with, "We feel that

these individuals are worthy of recognition because they have gone about the specific task of setting goals and achieving them."



What'shappening on campus this week? For those of you who have been complaining about nothing to do on campus, now's your chance to get involved.

Men's week is upon us with speakers, discos, and other activities and events to last the entire

Numerous work shops and banquets are underway to honor the hard workers of various organizations.

The Paul Robeson theatre opens with "The Owl and the Pussycat" starting tonight and running until the 22nd.

Unlike last year this time, numerous block parties were thrown in order to let students "get their stuff off" before examination week began. With the exception of oncoming events, not many have been held.

In the world of music, Rufus "Streetplayer" LP has become a certified gold album. Other hits include Heatwaves', Central Heating; Ashford & Simpson's, Send it; Roy Ayers', Let's do it; and Isley Brothers, Showdown; just to name a few.

Dancing anyone . . . freaking is here to stay . . . and 'it don't cost you nothing'. But are we taking it too far? At a recent disco two gentlemen and a young lady provided onlookers with a side show. During the course of the dance; the movements went out of hand.

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# AGGIES

## He's Not A Spokesman

After reading the article entitled "UNC-G's Black President opposes the HEW position" in Sunday's Greensboro Daily News, this writer wanted to let you know how a student felt about the situation of the UNC-system at another university other than A&T.

Ralph Wilkerson, SGA president of UNC-G, publicly announced that, if the HEW's plans are accepted, it "could set race relations back 10 years".

Wilkerson stressed quite a number of proposals that the average Black would not find favorable at this or any other university. It's good that Wilkerson has these ideas, but has he really been exposed to all of the things that he seems to be standing for, attending UNC-G which is a predominantly white university?

Another thing that caught this writer's attention was the fact that he is a transfer student to UNC-G, and that this is his first year at the university. And the fact that he was able to win an election over senior and junior white students already at the university, is truly just good campaigning or was it a token gesture?

The article does not say out of 91.1 per cent of the white students on campus how many actually voted for Wilkerson.

If their elections are anything like the usual elections held at A&T, it would only take a few votes to win the position.

For a newcomer to the system, he seems to be on the right track if that's what he is really saying. The opinion could be taken that UNC-G and other white schools in the university system really don't want to give Blacks or their schools a chance to reach equality.

Many Black students and Blacks in general disagree with HEW's action, but we don't whole-heartedly accept UNC's plan for desegregation either.

Until we are given a legitimate plan, our futures as students of Black universities are very uncertain. And, as for the first Black president of UNC-G, continue to promote Blackness on a white university if you can.



## Neglect To Take Precautions

By Lanita Ledbetter

Wonder what ever happened to Evelyn? She used to sit in front of the guy with the dreamy eyes in my psyc. class. She use to come to class every day. They were really tight.

Evelyn represents thousands of teenage girls who go off to college each year and from neglecting to take necessary precautions, never finishing.

Recently an article in the GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS "Out-Of-Wedlock Births Of Teens Epidemic Here" pointed out the

rising percentage of out-of-wedlock births even in the era when contraceptives and abortions are legally and readily available.

Today many are becoming freer in using or abusing bodies. Some regard intercourse merely as a form of enjoyment, while others enter into it with a deep sense of caution, and still others who wait until it is perfectly legal. Whichever route you choose to go, don't be influenced by others or words that sound pleasing to the ear. Do what you feel is right for you.

## The Struggle Is Still Here

By Margaret L. Brown

Many of you may not remember the early 60's consisting of sit-ins, marches, and boycotts. Yet, one has probably heard about these from others. Most of you know that some of it was started right here in Greensboro by A&T students.

"In some ways Blacks are worse off than they were back in the sixties, said Don Forney, community affairs director of WGHP-TV 8, in an address at the A&T Register's Annual Banquet.

True, some Blacks have nice jobs and are living decent lives. But that's nothing compared to the number of Blacks still living in project houses and ghettos without jobs. Then society looks down on them for having to live on welfare, food stamps, and

unemployment payments. In talking with many of these individuals; it is not their desire to accept these types of funds to live on. But with the economy the way it is and the cutting of Title XX many mothers had to quit work to care for their children. Advancements in technological knowledge which does away with the use of manpower. This takes away many jobs from unskilled laborers.

Some cities do not want industry coming into their community for idle reasons. But we the people can change this by standing up for what we believe and want. Not necessarily rioting but by using the purchasing power and one right to vote. If one wants change it can happen when we just work together as one.

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## Fate Of Brown Hall Goers Depends On Bee Growth

### Editor of The Register:

Those of you who dine at Brown Cafeteria, beware of the honeybees that have rested in and under the tree that leads to the main entrance of the dining hall.

Since springtime is here and the weather is perfect for the blossoming of new flowers, the bees have lodged in this area, basically because of the abundance of nectar to be found around this particular tree.

The tree is full of blossoms which not only supply those bees that are already there,

but attract other bees that may be in the vicinity.

The fate of these bees depends largely on their rate of maturity. If the bees happen to reach full growth and collect what they need before the maintenance department has a chance to exterminate them, then they will survive.

If the rate of their maturity is too slow, then they will be exterminated. Whatever the case may be, the bees will not be around long enough to create much of a problem.

Ricky Crank

## No Proof Of How Aggies Feel About HEW Position

### Editor of The Register:

I am writing concerning an article in the Greensboro Daily News Sunday, April 16, 1978, entitled "UNC-G's Black President Opposes HEW Position."

I, as an Aggie, am interested in one of the direct quotes in this article. It stated "and of course, the students at A&T feel the same way". The quote was concerning the merger of traditionally Black universities with white universities.

In reading this article, I found no direct quotes or statements from any Aggie in this entire article. It appears to me that A&T has been falsely represented by someone who is not even a member of the Aggie family. An assumption has been made and printed without

any proof of whether or not this information is correct.

A second point in the article that disturbs me is the statement concerning HEW's reason for transferring certain duplicate academic programs from white universities to traditionally Black universities being "strengthening traditionally Black universities. . ." There is no proof stated in this story that the academic programs in all Black universities are not up to par or in accordance with programs at white universities.

I suggest that people, especially our own people, stop throwing us all into a melting pot. Using the term "we" as a convenience based on the ideology that there is strength in numbers is no longer acceptable.

Charlene Middleton

## Conferences Delay Jury Selection

Closed conferences among attorneys and the judge continued today to delay jury selection in the Superior Court civil trial of Durham attorney Jerry Paul.

Paul is accused by the North Carolina State Bar of bad conduct during the 1975 trial in which Joan Little was acquitted of murder charges in the stabbing of a Beaufort County jailer.

The charges against Paul, who was Little's defense attorney, stem from public statements he made during the trial about the quality of justice that Blacks receive in North Carolina and about the trial judge, Hamilton Hobgood.

If the state bar wins the suit, Paul could lose his license to practice law.

(See Paul's Page 6)

## Buie To Speak At Convocation

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Eagle Award 1978 for distinguished service Youth, Boy Scouts of America, and the A&T Alumni Achievement Award.

The Awards Day Convocation will be held in Moore Gym from 9:30 a.m. till 12 noon Wednesday, April 19.



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# Resolutions Cause Concern

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those of Resolution A. Resolution C concerned the treasurer's office. This resolution resolved that potential candidates have six hours of accounting background.

A new position of program coordinator was proposed in Resolution D. The program coordinator is responsible for coordinating all activities of the SGA.

Tony Graham, president of the SGA, Warren Bryant, vice-president, and student legislators met with Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, in Murphy Hall, to discuss these resolutions. They presented to Marshall a unanimous decision to delay elections.

In the earlier meeting, Graham said that, on February 6, the resolutions

were brought before the University Council to begin the review and/or ratification process. Dr. Marshall decided that he should review the resolution personally.

The next meeting, February 20, was cancelled. Dr. Marshall, on February 28, wrote Graham saying that Resolution A should be put before the student body in a survey. The bill was slated to go before the board of trustees this month, but the meeting was rescheduled for May 17.

Graham also said that four presidents have attempted to revise the bill only to have it delayed by Dr. Marshall.

"We've got to get the constitution out of Marshall's hands to change it," he said.

In the tension filled meeting, legislators debated that all candidates completed an application form under the requirements of the controversial Resolution A. They contended this made all the candidates ineligible.

Marshall disregarded this fact saying the resolutions hadn't gone through the proper channels. "Tell them they are not to run," Marshall said to the chairman of the election committee. The position of program coordinator was eliminated.

Bryant said that he hopes that the, "SGA's to come are proficient in the concepts of dictatorship because democracy only goes as far as the vice chancellor of the student affairs office at this university."



The Home Economics Association is presenting their second Annual Awards Luncheon, April 22, at the Cosmos I Restaurant at 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Benbow Hall, Room 205 for \$4.25

Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. is sponsoring a free beer bust at the Cosmos I, Wednesday, April 19, from 10-2 a.m. Ladies .50, Gentlemen \$1 with ID, \$2 without.

There will be a cookout and disco, originally scheduled for last Thursday, on Wednesday April 19. Dinner will be served between the hours of 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the entertainment will follow inclusive of disco and live music. If it should rain on Wednesday, the activities will be held on Thursday, April 20. Please come and enjoy, for this is for you from me, "Miss T".

Company N-4 of the National Society of Pershing Rifles would like to congratulate the winners in our raffle. They are Ruby Harvey, first prize; and Tommy Brown, second prize. We would like to thank everyone who supported our raffle.

Dr. Ernest Bradford, a member of the Department of English at A&T, will speak on the "Influence of Religion on Black Literature," on Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 213 of the Memorial Student Union at A&T. Dr. Bradford's lecture, which is open to the public, is part of the lecture series sponsored by the English Department at A&T.

Dr. Bradford will trace how religion has applied to literature in the United States Black writing in particular, from the Colonial period to the present. Major authors and writers to be discussed include Jean Toomer, James Baldwin, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Throughout the history of the United States, Black writers have stressed the theme that true religion and freedom are inseparable.

The University Orchestra Concert will be held in Harrison Auditorium on Wednesday, April 19, at 8 p.m.

There will be a Lecture by Mrs. Judith B. Griffin, executive assistant to the deputy commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education, at 7 p.m. Room 213 Memorial Union; Topic: "Desegregation and Resegregation in Education".

All men interested in pledging Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. this fall, please meet in Room 107 in Hines Hall, Wednesday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is very important.

## Paul's Attorneys Meet Superior Court Judge

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According to Marvin Miller of Alexandria, VA., one of Paul's attorneys' lawyers for both sides met with Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon Jr. Monday and Tuesday to settle technical issues.

Before the jury can be picked, the judge will have to rule in open court on several pre-trial motions filed by Paul's attorneys' including a challenge to the validity of the pool of prospective jurors and the list from

which it was picked.

Paul's motion contends that the list "is not composed of the constitutionally required cross section of the community of Black persons, daily wage earners and younger persons . . ."

Paul won national prominence during the highly publicized Little trial, and his own troubles have won him the support of numerous attorneys from out of state, who contend that his conduct during the trial was entirely proper.

# Labree Announces Program

The Frank C. Munson Memorial Institute of American Maritime Studies will again conduct its summer graduate program at Mystic Seaport, this year from June 26 through August 4, announced Dr. Benjamin W. Labree, director of the institute.

The courses, for which credit is granted by the University of Connecticut,

include American Maritime History, a course about the development of American seaborne commerce and its relationship to the economic, social, political, naval and diplomatic history of the United States; and a research seminar in American Maritime Studies. Classes will take place in the G.W. Blunt White Library, located on the grounds of Mystic

Seaport, the outdoor museum of maritime history.

The courses are primarily intended for secondary and community college teachers, graduate students, professionals and qualified undergraduates. For application information, write: The Director, Munson Institute, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, Conn., 06355. Deadline for application is May 1.

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## Notebook

by Archie Bass

# Harris Looks Over Career

By Archie Bass

As Wylie Harris looked back over his coaching tenure at A&T which tallied four years as an assistant coach from 1967-1971 and five years as defensive coordinator from 1972-1977, his deep baritone voice trembled with mixed emotions and his eyes glossed from remembered incidents during his coaching span.

Despite some of his bitter feelings for many things that happened to him at A&T, Wylie Harris packed all of this in his suitcase on his way to taking over the job as head coach at Johnson C. Smith University.

"I felt lost," reflected Harris Monday in reference to not taking over as head coach at A&T when Hornsby Howell resigned. I was lost for something that was part of my goals...being a head coach."

He went further to explain: "In that quest, I knew that I was going to be slapped around. I read a book that suggested--If you don't succeed at first--try again and maybe it lies over the next hill."

In departing from his alma mater, the former Aggie football standout recalled some final bearings of not



Coach Wylie Harris

getting the position now under the belt of Jim McKinley.

"My relationship with students and just people in general regardless of their economic level and education, this may have hurt my chances in getting the post here," said Harris. "But a man is a man to me regardless of his background.

I like helping and communicating with people."

To say that a coach does not have for an idol another coach, well, for Wylie Harris this could be an understatement. "As I look back, I'll always look up to Coach Bert Piggott, Coach Mel Grooms and Coach Murray Neely," recalled Harris. "These men

are the three greatest teachers A&T has ever had. I respect them more than I respect my father."

Harris explained their philosophies: "They taught me how to become patient and work hard. I will carry their basics to the grave."

Ironically, for many former standouts in football who later become coaches, one would sense to believe that the greatest thrills would come on winning a championship as a star player.

For Harris his moment that will always stand out in his part of Aggie athletic was being name assistant coach under Bert Piggott. Secondly, Harris remembers being able to coach with Hornsby Howell in his quest to the top in 1972.

"I love A&T. When Coach Piggott lost his job as football coach, that hurt me more than anything," recalled the new Golden-Bull head mentor. "I worked four years under Coach Howell and didn't get paid anything."

As Harris' mind drifted back on Murray Neely, he began to wipe his eyes from old days of reminders. "He's been a father to me. Nobody says anything about him, but he's one heck of a man."

"I was taken out of the athletic program here at A&T completely," stated Harris.

"I was given the job as interim head track coach for the women.

"They put me out of the athletic community informally. I was in the middle of school trying to get my Ph.D and they told me I must take over the women's track program. And that made me kind of bitter."

And, in the final analysis, the old has-been for the Aggies and the new general of the Golden-Bulls, concludes: "I don't hate to leave. I'm leaving in order to rectify some of the pressures I have."

## Poll Indicates Students Into Their Own Bag

(Continued from Page 1) mosphere," said Tony Badgett, a Reidsville native. "More student involvement is needed. Everyone is in his own bag except for the fraternities and sororities," stressed Ray Jordan

Present student body officials were given credit in one instance. Paula Smith, a native of Gastonia, felt that a good job has been conducted during 1977-78.

## Harris Accepts Position

### As Head Coach At Smith

The A&T-Johnson C. Smith football series will have an entirely different flavor this fall as former A&T assistant Wylie Harris has assumed head coaching duties at Smith.

In a news conference Saturday in Charlotte, N.C., Harris was very deliberate in his assessment of the Golden Bull program which he now heads.

"I came here with one thing in mind. That is to go to the top. I don't like losers and I won't stand for losers," said the 38 year old A&T graduate.

Smith carries a 4-7 mark into this fall which has been the Bull record for the last three years. Eddie McGirt had been the Smith mentor for the last twenty years and compiled a career mark of 119-72-3 with his last championship in the CIAA coming back in 1969. He still retains the position of athletic director.

Harris felt the problem with the Bulls has been getting down certain basic elements. "We plan to get

back to the basic fundamentals and teach basics from step one. My philosophy as a coach is binding the everlasting commitment between education and athletics."

Harris will not be the only former A&T coach to turn up in Charlotte. Curt Gentry, last year's defensive line coach under A&T's Jim McKinley, will be Harris' new defensive coordinator.

It was Gentry who resigned back in March hoping to gain the head job at Maryland-Eastern Shore only to be disappointed when the Hawks came up with Joseph Redmond of Northern Illinois.

Charles Cox got the offensive post and was in the running with Harris for the head job. He was an assistant under McGirt and was the Bulls' swimming coach.

"With the people (at J.C. Smith), the community, and what I know about Charlotte, I didn't have any questions about taking the job. We have superior talent here, all we have to do is find it and use it," said Harris.

In the middle of the telephone conversation of congratulations and an overflow crowd of ex-gridders patting him on his back in his spacious office, Wylie Harris managed to talk to this columnist to what he basically summed up as a chance to get some bitter feelings off his chest.

"It seemed as though I was taken out of the athletic program," Harris started his low-pitched conversation. "I put a lot of time into this athletic program; and, now that it's growing, I was completely left out."

Why does a coach in the situation that Harris is in (head coach at Johnson C. Smith) leave his alma mater with distasteful roaring feelings?

"I got a dirty deal in my quest of trying to become the head coach here at A&T," Harris boldly recalled Monday. "And what makes it so bad was that I did not find out that I did not get the job until after I was invited to a reception for the elected coach."

Many Aggie fans felt that Harris was the clean-cut choice for the head-mentor job last April when Hornsby Howell resigned to take an administrative position in the athletic office.

In keeping up with and following the Aggie football team last season from day in to day out, many times I have overheard conversations from avid practice speculators that Harris was a much better defensive coordinator than Curt Gentry. Many based their rationale on the supportive grounds that Harris could get his point across to the players in a more heady fashion and still be respected by the gridironers in the highest.

On the surface a year ago this time, Harris was no doubt "the man." True, McKinley was a stiff competitor in his own rights that had qualities of any outstanding coach.

Still, one must speculate about politics as to possible chances why Harris did not get the job. Politics have been a persuader this year in the world of athletics from the Heisman Trophy winner to the NIT to the Spinks-Norton title exchange.

Meanwhile, Gentry will join Harris at J.C. Smith in their quest to rebuild a winning program that will bring recognition to the university and the coaching staff.

I can't think of two better qualified individuals to coach a program like the one at Smith. Harris, as the head coach, should do an excellent job without hesitation.

Says Harris when things were rough last year this time: "I am not afraid of tomorrow ...I've seen yesterday...And I love today.

Sure, Coach Harris for reasons you have always deserved--a head coaching job.

...Best wishes from the A&T Register sports department.

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