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# THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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Photo By Person

The Reverend Sampson Buie delivered the convocation address Wednesday morning in Moore Gymnasium. Reverend Cleo McCoy and Dr. William DeLauder are also pictured.

## Buie Speaks On Achieving

By Bonnie Newman

The 1978 Annual Awards Day Convocation was held April 19 in Moore Gymnasium. Students having achieved academic excellence in their various fields were recognized with awards and certificates.

Rev. Sampson Buie, an A&T graduate and community relations specialist at A&T, was guest speaker for the occasion. Introduced as a "very modest, unpretentious, unassuming, and people centered person" by Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student af-

airs, Rev. Buie gallantly addressed the sparse but attentive audience.

"Achieving excellence is difficult," stated Buie. His remarks focused upon the spirit which had led the university, the new types of students enrolled at A&T, and congratulatory remarks to the students being honored.

"Those of you here today to be recognized have a mountain top experience," said Rev. Buie. "We have students who know where they're going. We are proud of you and proud of your ac-

complishments," continued the emphatic Reverend Buie.

Charisma, intelligence, scholarship, dependability, (See Personality, Page 3)

## Dowdy Travels To Taiwan

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor of A&T State University and a former president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Col-

leges, is one of 15 nationally prominent educators who will spend a week visiting the Island of Taiwan.

The group of NASULGC executives from across the nation has been invited to visit Taiwan, the island province of China, by the government of the Republic of China.

Dowdy left Greensboro today for Los Angeles where he will join the tour group. He will leave Saturday by China Airlines for Taiwan.

Coordinating the trip to Taiwan will be Ralph K. Huitt, executive director of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

According to Huitt, the purpose of the visit is to lay the foundation for possible cooperative educational activities between the United States and Taiwan.

He mentioned such pro-

A, B, C, and D.

It was proposed that the results from Tuesday's election not be announced until Wednesday, but they were announced in many dorms that night. Freddie Stock, chairman of the Elections Committee, was notified by Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, to announce the results. Marshall was told to do so by Dr. Dowdy.

Many students have complained about the procedures of the election. Debra Michele Berryman, one of the candidates for vice president of the SGA, said that her name appeared on some of the ballots, while not on all of the ballots. Sullivan Welborne, acting advisor to the SGA, said, "It is possible that some ballots were incomplete." Plans are being made to look into this matter.

"We did have some people tampering with the ballots," stated Freddie Stocks, "but we don't know who it was." Stocks did confirm that some (See Candidates, Page 6)

## Banks Says

## Station Operates In White World

"We're a Black television station operating in a white world."

That's the way Dr. William Banks, president and general manager of the nation's only Black-owned TV station, sums up his experience in communications.

Banks will be a keynote panelist for the first annual Mass Media Careers Conference to be held at A&T State University, Friday and Saturday.

He will participate in a

panel Saturday on Federal Regulations and Minorities' Ownership of Broadcast Facilities.

In an interview from Detroit where his station WGPR is located, Banks said his major problem has been securing trained Blacks to operate the station.

"Over 60 percent of our staff is now Black," said Banks, "but we started two years ago with less than 10 percent."

"Our people know

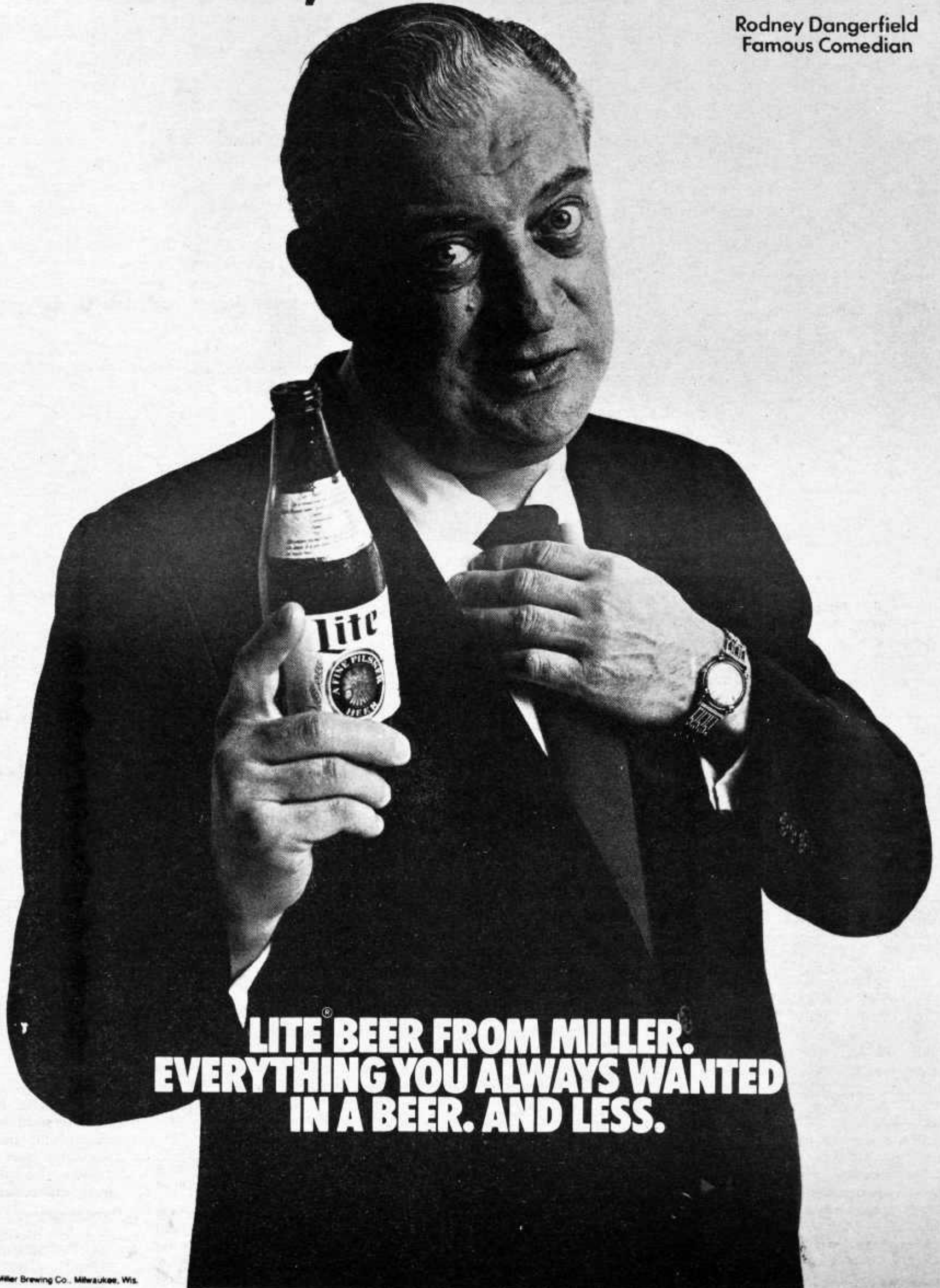
nothing about selling broadcast advertising," added Banks. "We have had to rely on white people, and white people are not anxious to train our people."

Banks said the station is getting along fine economically. "We are taking in over \$200,000 every month, and we expect to double that figure within the next two years," he said. "But the problem has been getting the right help."

(See WGPB, Page 5)

**"I USED TO HAVE  
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## High Energy Expresses

## ‘Moods Of Freedom’

By Margaret L. Brown

Bare legs, skimpy tops, the peasant-look, ruffles, lace, and t-straps are making the scene with the “Moods of Freedom,” a fashion show presented by the Home Economics Special Problems class.

It proved to be a big success by the audience's applause and the models accentuating the various outfits.

The Moods of Freedom consisted of five scenes. Scene one, “On the Move,” consisted of fashions for the active individual. The fashions were durable enough for trucking across campus to class or a causal night out on the town.

“High Energy” has clothes to help you burn up your energy and conserve natural resources by jogging in a pink satin gym suit. While staying in shape, try out a terry top with “knock around” shorts.

If the attitude is success, Scene three could be you with a classic, stylish, popular three-piece suit. For the lady with style and grace, come on the career scene with raglar and dolman sleeve in dresses, tops, and jackets.

For the city slicker, the plaid jacket with contrasting accessories made Randall Malichi the hit of the show. The sporty peg leg pants with full drawstring tops are a new different look on the spring scene. The white lace petticoat showing under a pastel print was a surprise to some.

Flowing quiana gowns highlighted the romantic perspective scene. There were many pastel colors in this scene such as peach beige, lavender, mint, and white. T-straps and spike heels really made their debut here.

## Black Art Festival Will Begin April 28

By Dorothy McLaughlin

The second annual Black Art Festival to be held on the campus of A&T State University will begin April 28 from 7-9 p.m. in Merrick Hall auditorium and will continue through April 29 from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

The theme of the festival is Black Art: Recognition, Nourishment, and Celebration. The festival will attempt to make the public aware of the need for Black art and Black artists to be recognized and the support of Black art through the celebration of Black art.



Sarah Brown models a two piece bathing suit during the Home Economics fashion show, Wednesday, in the Union Ballroom.

The models were Onita Burke, Anna Scales, Valerie Funderburke, Frances Mims, LaValle Adams, Donna Scott, Joyce Miller, Freda Wimbush, Lisa McCain, Sara Brown, Marvin Willoughby, Randall Malichi, Ron Johnson,

Monte Levont, Ann Hunting, Carolyn Gains, Angela Dunkett, and Sheila Lassiter.

The home leconomic students would like to extend a special thanks to Brook's, Casual Corner, Frankenberger's, The Limited, and J. Riggins for providing the fashions to

make the moods of freedom possible.

## Cafeteria Changes Procedures

By Richard Steele

Those of you who came to Williams Cafeteria around dinner time, yesterday, found changes in the usual day-to-day meal procedures.

It was Miss A&T's dinner, from her to you, the student body.

The menu, which was selected by the Men's Council, consisted of fried chicken or barbecued ribs, slaw, potato salad, lettuce and tomato salad, buttered corn on the cob, sesame seed rolls, sodas, and ice cream. Many ate on the lawn and surrounding areas, but the chilly breezes forced others inside.

The next event was the stepping of fraternities and sororities, which is always a crowd pleaser.

The highlight of the evening was the duo-disco freak line in Holland Bowl. A

freak line was formed across the bowl and then into a circle. This proved that Aggies can really get down. Later,

the crowd shifted to the front of Williams where Miss A&T, Debbie Richardson, announced, “This is only Part One, the rest will be held Tuesday.”

## Rickey's Notes....

By Richard B. Steele

For those of you who haven't seen the play “The Owl and the Pussycat,” you've really missed a treat.

The play, under the direction of John Kilimanjaro and technical director-designer J. Walter Forster, was a moving three-act comedy.

There were only two characters in the play, Arnold Pennix, the “owl” and Penny Herndon, the “pussycat”. The play deals with the interaction of a prostitute with an intellectual as they share experiences and learn from one another.

Though quite a bit of the language used in the play was profane, it was effective. The medium size crowd was extremely attentive and every word of the play was heard by all.

Hats off to Ms. Herndon and Mr. Pennix for such fine performances, and all staff and crew that made it possible.

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Even though the play was good, this writer feels that the director exhibited poor public relations when asked a simple question concerning the play. As a director, your duty, Mr. Kilimanjaro, is to greet the public, sell your department, and then see that the production is run well. How could one sit through a play with an open mind after being verbally insulted by one of its directors?

Not only was the insult appalling, but the issue that was being discussed was not accurate. It was said that **The Register** copies other newspapers play reviews. This is not true! Now on to better things...

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Chic's debut album “CHIC,” on the Atlantic Label, has been certified gold. Chic, a relatively new group, released in late September 1977 the single “Dance, Dance, Dance” which went gold this past February. Another single, “Everybody Dance” is well on its way!

## ...GROVE LINE...

## Personality, Courage Superlatives In Speech

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personality, and courage were only a few of the superlatives Rev. Buie chose to describe the students. “There is nothing more powerful than ignorance and superstition,” he stated.

Rev. Buie is a candidate for a doctoral degree from UNC-G. He is a recipient of

numerous awards, two such being the Silver Eagle Award 1978 for Boy Scouts of America, and the A&T Alumni Achievement Award. An associate minister at Providence Bap-

tist Church in Greensboro, Rev. Buie is also active in the community hosting membership in a long list of civic and fraternal organizations.

Following Rev. Buie's address, awards and certificates were presented to those students with the highest academic averages from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

These awards were presented by the dean of each school. The finale of the convocation was the presentation of a portrait of Dr. F.A. Williams, by the 1974 senior class president.

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# Let's Do It Again

Class officers and the queens for the school year 1978-79 have been announced, but the name of the person who will fill the office of SGA president still remains a secret.

There have been run-offs in the past to settle ties for office but never has this writer experienced case where the ballots had been tampered with before, during, and maybe even after the elections.

The reason this writer says before the election is that it was not officially decided until the night before the election who would be eligible to run for SGA president. The ballots had already been printed with most of the candidates' names on them. When they were corrected before the polls opened Tuesday morning, not all of the ineligible candidates' names were removed.

The name of one candidate who was eligible to run for an office was left off the ballot. It was later pointed out by that candidate during the day of elections that her name was not present. The voter has the right to see the names of all the candidates before voting so that that person can vote for the candidate of his choice out of the total number of people running in that election, not just a chosen few to vote for.

It was also illegal to remove a name from the ballot after the elections had already started. If someone had voted for that person whose name was removed (because it never should have been on the ballot in the first place) then he was cheated out of the opportunity of seeing how his candidate fared in the elections. Really his vote was wasted or not counted at all.

Excluding the other issues involved in this case, to have the elections committee chairman to admit that the ballots were tampered with during the election is enough. Right there you have grounds or reasons to have another election that should be closely monitored to see that no tampering takes place and that all candidates meet the proper requirements.

Whatever decision that Dr. Dowdy gives on the situation will be highly respected; but, if it does not favor the side of a majority of the students, it will be a long line in protest of the illegal and unconstitutional practices of the administration.

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# A New Struggle For Equality

By Sheila Williams

Recently this writer had an encounter with the food stores in the surrounding area. A purchase had to be made in one of the stores, but the manager stated that they did not accept checks that were not written in Greensboro. The other food chain stated that one could not overwrite a check except for the purchased amount.

This writer has never before encountered such an experience here since goods have been purchased in these stores during the course of the year. When questioned as to why the would not accept the check, or why could one not overwrite the amount, the reply was simply, "We don't accept checks from out-of-town."

It has gotten to the point that, this writer has become skeptical in pulling out one's I.D. card, or it could just be the year-round tan.

It is becoming harder day by day to accept the fact that things are still based upon the color of one's skin. And

also it is very important as to what kind of credentials back your name.

For example, two people were applying for a job; both were Black; both had the same qualifications; but one student was from UNC-G and the other student was from A&T. The A&T student had a little more experience to handle the job than his counterpart, but the UNC-G student received the job.

We all know that when anything happens at A&T, especially bad news, the Greensboro Daily or Record is more than happy to publicize the information. Even the SGA elections got its taste in the media, but this event was covered by one of our "fellow Aggies".

We are slowly regressing, or about to come to a brief halt, as far as achievement for Blacks in our society is concerned. And pretty soon we may be needing another leader to take affirmative action in a new struggle for equality.

# RESPECT!

By Lanita Ledbetter

This columnist recently witnessed a most unpleasant scene involving a member of the Williams Cafeteria staff and a fellow student. It seemed that all the student was doing was making an inquiry about an entree being served and was responded to in a very derogatory manner.

As students at A&T, we come in contact with various persons from the administration quite frequently each semester. It is most appalling to observe some of the attitudes one is faced with on some of these encounters. Anyone should realize that, in dealing

with the public, they will be faced with a variety of personalities; and, if it is such a hassle to show an ounce of kindness or some "professional courtesy" perhaps the field of work chosen should be given much consideration.

Understanding the fact that everyone has his "bad days" could excuse some of the attitudes, but everyday seems to be a bad day for some.

The whole matter can be condensed and looked at from the perspective of respect. Those who have respect show respect; and in most cases, receive respect. And the other? This columnist feels that question needs no answer.

## Third Party Recruiters Aids A&T Graduates

By Catherine Speller

"We are fortunate at A&T not to have to use the third party recruiters to place our graduates" were the words of Leon Warren, acting director of the Planning and Placement Center.

Senior education majors can obtain available job positions from the placement office any week day between the hours of 8 a.m. thru 5:30 p.m. Summer positions are also available, and registration with the placement office should be done before graduation.

A&T's full time placement staff located in Room 101 of Murphy Hall, is more than

ready, willing and able to help place students at all times," said Warren.

Job recruiters from all over the United States visit the Placement Center throughout the year looking for students to fill available positions with their companies. Over 600 companies are registered at the placement office as recruiters. At one time or another during the year, job recruiters in almost every area of study are on campus, said Warren, and he encourages students to come by and register with the center.

"It has been a banner year for the Placement Center and, at the end of this year, we will have placed more students than ever before," said Warren.

The average starting salaries that graduates have been offered this year for the following majors are Business and Industry, \$18,800; Engineering, \$17,200; Accounting

\$16,400; Industrial Technology, \$16,800; Business Administration, \$12,600; the Sciences,

\$14,900; Agriculture, \$13,700; and Education \$8,000.



Someday these little Aggies may be receiving awards during Honors Day Convocation. Photo By Person

## \* Local Announcers Coach Blue-Gold Game

When the North Carolina A&T football team takes the field for its annual Blue-Gold spring football game on Saturday, April 22, at 4 p.m., at the university's practice field, Aggie head coach Jim McKinley will be watching from the stands while two members of the local media will get their chance at college coaching.

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## WGPB Station Gets Criticism

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Banks said his station is criticized because the station is supposed to be Black, but yet has to depend upon white persons for so many services.

"We have to depend upon white persons for all of our movies and most of our programs," said Banks. "I don't know of any Black movies."

Other panels during the

conference will be concerned with employment opportunities, the new technology in the media, broadcasting and print journalism, advertising, public relations and newspaper and magazine publishing.

Friday evening's session at 7 p.m. will feature an address by Roger Wilkins, urban columnist for the New York Times. Saturday's luncheon

at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union will be addressed by Mal Goode, a commentator of National Black Network News, and the first Black to work for ABC Television.

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# Church Holds Area Forum

A community forum on "Black Business: Trends and Outlook For the Future" will be held on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the St. James United Presbyterian Church on Ross Avenue.

Sponsored by the Kappa Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the program will be the final program in a series on community-based problems.

Panelists for the program will be Atty. Walter T. Johnson Jr., president of Barjo, Inc.; Henry McCoy, the newly appointed chairman of the state's Human Relations Committee; Robert Chiles, vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company of Durham; John Duncan, executive director of the Midwest Piedmont Business Association and Otto Schenk, director of minority vendors for Burlington Industries.

Other participants will be Glenwood Allen, a Greensboro educator; and the Rev. Lloyd Green, minister of the church.

Following the panel, the fraternity will present its annual scholarships and "Citizen of the Year" award.

## Candidates Names Deleted From Ballot

(Continued from Page 1) candidates' names were not on the ballot at the beginning of the election. However, he stated that the problem was rectified as quickly as possible.

Melba Pridgeon, whose name appeared on the election ballots, withdrew earlier from the race and some candidates' names appeared on the ballot early in the morning, then were taken off the ballot, and then placed back on in the late afternoon.

With all these mishaps, students are signing petitions requesting a new election. Paulette Breeze, the elected Miss A&T, said, "I think that, if it's necessary and will clear up everything - yes, have the elections over." Ms. Breeze continued to say that students deserve to know what is going on.

It was announced that Dr. Dowdy will make a final decision concerning the election and proposed resolutions today at 12:00 noon.

## Letter Receives No Response

By Catherine Speller

"After I sent the letter to Tony Graham, SGA president, in February up until around April 10 there was no response to my letter or questions on the resolutions from any SGA official," stated Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice-chancellor for student affairs.

Many students have been wondering how the controversy arose over the qualifications for the SGA presidential office. Marshall explained that the resolutions had been proposed last November for a change in the requirements for the positions by the present SGA. He continued by saying that the application forms that should be filed with the vice chancellor for student affairs office before the elections had been changed to the proposed requirements. The SGA officials assumed that their

resolutions had been ratified, but in actuality the resolutions had failed to go through all the proper channels for ratification.

When this was pointed out to the SGA the issue arose that it did not state in the constitution that the resolutions specifically had to be ratified. It states in the constitution that it must be reviewed and/or ratified by the University officials.

Meetings with the student legislature, University Council, SGA officials, Dr. Marshall, and Chancellor Dowdy have been held to discuss the controversial issues of candidate requirements and the constitution.

The official SGA candidates who meet the requirements in the constitution who were on the ballot are John Heywood, Wesley Boykin, and Richard Gordon.

Dr. Marshall said that

the decision of announcing the winner of the election or if there will be a new election has been left up to Chancellor Dowdy.

Marshall also said that he had proposed earlier to the University Council that the present constitution be revised in a constitution convention this summer. The present constitution was written in 1968 - a decade ago. Plans on the revision of the constitution have not been formally made as of yet.

## Church Led The Way

By Sheila Williams

"Slavery was a divisive issue, and the church was a powerful institution which led the way in racial myths and racism," Dr. Bradford stated.

Dr. Ernest Bradford, an English Professor here at A&T, lectured Wednesday night on the "Influence of Religion on Black Literature", in Room 213 in the Student Union.

Bradford said the church influenced a double consciousness, with a conflict of realization that the church became a sanction for slaves in America.

There was no question that the church was the proving ground strengthening this



The Student Home Economics Association is presenting a Home Economics and A&T Alumni Home Economics Association Awards Luncheon, at the Cosmos I, April 22, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$4.25 and may be purchased from Wanda Hawkins in 333 Gibbs or Mrs. James in 205 Benbow.

The Veterans Association is sponsoring its Annual Spring Ball on Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at the Golden Eagle. For more information, contact the Veteran Affairs Office at 379-7765. Veterans with tickets, report to the Veteran Affairs Office Monday, April 29.

North Carolina Fellows Awards Banquet will be held April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Red Carpet. All old and new Fellows are asked to attend.

The Music Department will present an ensemble recital on Monday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. The Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Woodwind Quartet, and Woodwind Ensemble will be performing.

The School of Agriculture will sponsor a Youth Opportunity Day as part of its annual picnic, Saturday, April 29.

Attention: Animal Science Majors! It is very important that you attend a meeting at 6 p.m. on April 27 in Carver Room 168.

The ladies of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship are sponsoring an "Evening Eleganza of Soft and Easy Tones of Fashion and Variety" on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. An extra added attraction will be "A Loose Juice Raffle." Admission is .10 at the door.

There will also be a disco following the fashion show at the Cosmos I, from 10-2 a.m. for \$1. Be there!

### Weather

Extended forecast Saturday through Monday - Fair Saturday, with a chance of rain Sunday and Monday. Highs in the 60's Satur-

day, warming to mostly in the 70's by Monday. Overnight lows in the 30's to low 40's on Saturday morning, warming to the 40's and 50's by Monday morning.

## Festival To Include Variety Of Black Art

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past mistakes, the festival, it is felt will be a bigger success.

The festival will include a variety of Black art. It will present guests like jazz musician Jessie Suggs, theatre groups like NCCU and

Journey, Workshop from Guilford College, works of artists like Janice Davis and Shelia Baptise; craftsmen, dancers, literature, macramae, quilting, cooking, gospel singing, blues singing and visual arts.

**Happy Picnicking!!**

## In Times Of Slavery

cause.

He also explained the ironic case of how whites came to America in the 16th century seeking religious freedom. Since servitude was not forbidden in their eyes, it was looked upon as using slavery with Christianity to bring about efficient slaves.

In Bradford's lecture it was also stated that Benjamin Mays had said that the Negroes used the church as a means of survival to maintain strength.

Generally Blacks in America say that freedom and religion are no different, and to have one is to have the other. A development of spiritual awareness was need-

ed, for the Negro seized Christianity for the ills suffered in his experiences during slavery, in hope that his condition would be reversed in his afterlife.

Negro writers were also selective in their ideas of God, and they chose ideas which supported those needs, for they developed these ideas in trying to keep up with God and the social times.

Bradford ended his lecture by saying that King personified freedom and religion. He also stated that Malcolm X was the conscience of the North, and King was the catalyst "his own man, for no one did his thinking; he was our Moses."

## Sports

### Notebook

by Archie Bass

Wylie Harris may not have coached football this season, but he was in the middle of the Aggiette tracksters campaign when avenues opened up for him as head coach at Johnson C. Smith.

Now that Harris is a "once upon a timer" on the Aggie coaching staff, the same terminology can be labeled to duties as head Aggiette track coach.

Fortunately for Harris who has a promotion and unfortunately for the Aggiette track team they may suffer a demotion, the lady tracksters took a jog to the practice field Thursday afternoon with no coach to greet them.

As one came on the field after another, the look on their faces revealed a searching wonder wrapped up in a team that is determined to see their program survive.

"When you go to a meet, you need a coach to speak up for you," suggested one of the top lady tracksters. "They will not listen to students in a controversial issue during a meet."

Whether or not the athletic department announces a new coach, time can only tell. Still, in order to keep the university's athletic program status on a competitive basis with any other university in the country, the athletic department should have already announced by now a coach.

So, why haven't they? Let's examine the issue and maybe point the finger at whom the problem may rest with.

Officially, Joyce Spruill is the women's athletic director. And to take it to the top, Cal Irvin is in charge of all athletics.

"I've talked to her (Joyce Spruill) and she told me she had nothing to do with track," said a depressed second-year trackster. "Now, I'm going to talk to Cal Irvin..."

The astounding determination that the Aggiette track team has is a true tribute to the entire roster. It seems to this columnist if the team is willing to hang in there with a program that has not proved itself as of yet, the hierarchy officials should give them some backing.

There are only three meets left before the season and the program can be summed up as a hopeful or a "no no."

The assessment has been drawn; now the decision must be made by those that have so-called authority.

If there's no coach for the conclusion of this season--can we keep making false speculation that the total athletic program is progressing. Until a decision is made, let's level with true realities and say that things may be degressing.

## 'It Takes Total Team Effort'

Two years ago the North Carolina A&T football team entered the 1976 season with high expectations. However, the team struggled to finish with a disappointing 6-4-1 record.

Much of the blame focused on the secondary as the young Aggies fell constant victims to the long pass and were almost equally devastated by medium range aerials.

And, after last season's opening 33-14 trouncing by nearby Winston-Salem State, it appeared it would be another year of easy pickin' for opposing quarterbacks.

But the A&T secondary, paced by sophomore All-MEAC selection Gerald Johnson, came on strong after that first game to rank among the nation's best small college secondaries.

Johnson, Thomas Warren, and Anthony Curry picked off 19 passes of the team total 26. All three played their prepball in Greensboro.

"We knew that a lot of people blamed us for the losses during the 1976 season and we wanted to work hard to see that it didn't happen last season," said Johnson, who played his prep ball at Page. "If I had to single out any one thing that led to our success it would have to be teamwork."

"It takes a total team effort when it comes to pass defense. Most of the teams we face don't threaten us deep but try to complete the medium range or high percentage pass.

"With pressure from the line and good coverage by our linebackers on the short passes, we were able to come up with a lot of interceptions."

Johnson has been one of the hardest workers in the Aggie spring drills and he feels that the team is taking these workouts seriously.

"I know how much these practices mean to a lot of these players because I was a walk-on and the spring workouts give you a chance to show the coaches what you can do," he said.

"For the experienced players it provides a chance to work on improving your game and to work with new players coming into the system."

Johnson, who intercepted six passes last season and returned them for a total of 77 yards including a 42-yard return for a touchdown, plans to work hard this summer on certain phases of secondary play.

"I want to work on increasing my speed and on my

man to man coverage," he said. "We play a zone and don't get much work in man coverage which is one of the toughest things to do.

"I want to work on it so that I can be the best defensive back that I possibly can."

## A&T Track Team Makes 'Real' Improvement

By Archie Bass

For a season that started out with a rookie track coach with limited personnel to work with, the Aggie track team has made substantial improvement in every aspect except team spirit.

And now the quest to get the tracksters to be productive of a respectable showing is history with the conclusion of the conference regular season meets, Saturday at Dover, Delaware. The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship Meet cultivates a new season.

"We are hoping to represent the university as well as possible even though we are hurt with the lack of depth we have," speculated the headcoach, Joe Buggs, whose mile relay team ranks fourth in the state of North Carolina. "We'll be running against teams like SC State and Delaware State that have 45 to 50 runners."

The Aggie tracksters, who came off a strong showing at the Norfolk Relays last weekend, boast of the top quarter milers in the conference and three others that can run with any other opposition in the conference.

"There's no doubt that Stanley Jenkins is one of the top quarter milers in the conference and possibly the country," said Buggs.

"And, as a matter of fact, he could very well be one of the top athletes at the university."

Buggs speculated that SC State, Delaware State, and Howard would be the teams to beat this weekend in the conference annual commencement. "All three schools have talented runners with a lot of depth in every department."

Despite the lack of depth and a few nagging injuries, Buggs spoke words of optimism: "If we don't have any injuries, I hope that we can run right there with them."

Statistically, the tracksters are ranking near the top in the North Carolina Poll with the sprint medley team which is currently ranked fourth and the 880 relay team which also shares strong rank at the top.

"I've enjoyed this season working with the talent that I do have and I think all the student-athletes have the ability to be top track people in their perspective event," summarized Buggs. "We just need more students to take part in our program."

## Announcers To Coach Game

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Gil Harris, sports director at WEAL-Radio, and Jim Pritchett, who holds a similar post at WBIG-Radio, will be the head coaches for the intra-squad game. Harris will coach the blue team and Pritchett will coach the gold unit.

In the first Blue-Gold game played in Charlotte on April 8, the Blue team pounded the Gold squad 28-0 on the strength of three touchdowns by back Cleotis Johnson and the defensive charge of All-American defensive end Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board.

"I am very excited about coaching a team like A&T with the kind of talent available at the university," said Harris, a member of the A&T broadcast team at WEAL. "I just hope I can do the same splendid job on the football field that McKinley does when he comes on the radio."

"I am confident that I'll be 1-0 after my first college game."

The first game was comprised of first team members versus the second team. The upcoming game will have a different format as coaches Harris and Pritchett, along with the A&T assistants, will have a special selection of players in an effort to distribute the talent.

"This game will be played under normal game conditions with kickoffs, punt returns, and officials," McKinley said.

"I am very pleased with our progress to this point; and, with the addition of some very promising freshman players, we are anticipating a fine 1978 season."

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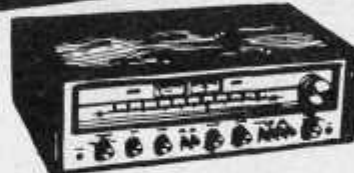
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