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THE A&T REGISTER

"COMPLETE AWARENESS FOR COMPLETE COMMITMENT"

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Teacher Of Year Says Home Learning Crucial

North Carolina's reigning "Teacher of the Year" said here Thursday that one thing that the competency test proves is that all of the education is not done in the classroom.

Ruth Watkins, who teaches French and social studies at Richmond County Senior High school in Rockingham, made her remarks while in Greensboro to address A&T's annual education seminars.

"You saw who scored lowest on the tests and they were Blacks and the poor," she said. "This shows that any child who comes to school without a start at home is disadvantaged."

Watkins, a Black, said she doesn't think that Blacks should necessarily be against the competency test. "This test may make us understand that no child can be ignored in the classroom," she said.

"I don't think that the test should be used to determine who is going to graduate," said the veteran educator. "The 11th grade is very late. The testing should go on prior to junior high school and it should be diagnostic."

Watkins said the news media have focused attention on the education climate, and they have helped to set the climate.

"The public is not satisfied with the job the schools are doing, but I don't think the teachers are totally responsible," she said.

"There is going to have to be some remedial work, said Ms. Watkins, "and the governor has asked everybody to help. But I am leary of everybody becoming a teacher. We need to find persons who are qualified to teach and who are on the same wave length with the children.

Job Counselors' Role Expands

Career counseling at A&T is big business and it's not just placement anymore, according to Leon Warren, assistant director of the career planning and placement center.

Warren talks with special pride about the 400 A&T graduates who received job offers through the center last

year.

"The word has gotten out that we have a fine counseling and placement operation, here," said Warren. "We are even helpful to students from the other four colleges in Greensboro."

For nearly two years now, A&T's placement center has



If my friends could see me now.

Photo By Wardlaw

Competency Testing

Grads' Children Score Higher

Raleigh- Ninty-eight percent of students whose parents had

more than a high school education passed the reading test and 96 percent passed the math.

Among children whose parents had an 8th grade education or less, only 68 percent passed the reading and 60 percent passed the math.

Opponents of the tests said Tuesday the results showed what they feared - that Blacks and low income students would fare poorly.

"The students who are forced to pay for the inadequate education that North Carolina has had in past years are going

to be the Black and poorer students," said Charles Finch, head of the Durham chapter of the Coalition for Quality Education, a group opposed to the tests.

"These are students who have been denied educational opportunities in the past," he added.

Although state officials did not average scores by regions, generally higher failure rates were found in rural, low-income areas, often in the east.

Of the 145 local public
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A&T/Industry Cluster Asks Students, Teachers To Join

The one thing which Obrie Smith, Jr. will seek for the A&T/Industry Cluster during the coming year is more involvement by the university's faculty and student body.

"Work has to be done in getting these persons to be more active and to understand what the Cluster is all about," said Smith, who recently became industry co-chairman for the nearly 60 top firms which assist A&T in its development program.

An energetic young executive on the move, Smith

has joined the Miller Brewing Co. as manager of community relations. He spent 11 years with General Motors in St. Louis and Detroit!

Smith noted with pride that the A&T Industry/Cluster is now 10 years old. "It still stands as one of the better clusters in the nation," he said; "and this notion is based on my experiences with other similiar organizations throughout the country."

The Miller representative feels that the marriage bet-
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been housed in the renovated Murphy Hall, a former student dining hall, which has been converted into an ultra modern student services center.

The center has come a long way since it was housed in tiny quarters in the administration building, then later in East Hall, once used as a dormitory by the now defunct Lutheran College.

A&T's placement center today includes ample quarters, with 11 interview rooms, a placement library and an extensive area for parking.

Warren measures the center's success in terms of impressive statistics. He said more than 631 companies across the nation came seeking A&T students last year. This translates into more than 1,000 different individual recruiters. He said the recruiting season begins in October and runs through the end of April.

In addition to the everyday recruiting activities for students, the placement center
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New Lecture Series Focuses On Minority Business Life

A new lecture series, to explore issues related to business and the minority community in America, has been established at A&T State University by a national chain of restaurants.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor, said the Sam D. Battistone Lecture Series, will be initiated sometime after the first of the new year. He said lecturers will come from a variety of areas, including public service, communications, business education and religion.

"We are pleased to have been selected for this educational series, which will add immeasurably to several of our academic programs," said Dowdy. "We propose to bring to the campus, a number if outstanding businessmen and others who have contributed to the national life."

The new lectureship has been named for Sam D. Battistone of Santa Barbara, California. Battistone has been president and chief executive officer of Sambo's
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ROTC participates in Turkey Trot.

Cadets Sponsor Turkey Trot

A&T's ROTC Cadets sponsored their First Annual Turkey Trot -- (five mile run through Greensboro), November 30.

The event was open to the student body as well as faculty and staff. Approximately 30 participants competed in the grueling up and down hill run which started and ended at Campbell Hall, the campus ROTC building.

Cadet Ranger Quill Ferguson and Timothy

Crossin tied for first place prizes with a fantastic time of 30.01 minutes. Kenneth L. Smith received second place honors with a time of 33.21 minutes. Third place was captured by cinderman Michael Dyer; his time was 34.17 minutes.

Cadet Captain Carl Wiley responsibly planned and organized the event which was conceived by CPT Reginald A. Hill, assistant professor of Military Science. Track

Coach Joseph Buggs briefed participants on effective running skills and recorded times.

The intent of the race was to build esprit de corps while instilling a strong competitive spirit. LTC John D. Jones, professor of Military Science, extended his thanks and appreciation to the Greensboro City Police Department, the campus security and the track team for their assistance in making the event a safe and successful one.

Dowdy Appoints Twelve Administrators At A&T

Twelve administrative appointments at A&T were announced by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor.

The new appointments include Dr. Mary Moore, assistant professor and acting chairperson of the Department of Speech Communication & Theatre Arts; Dr. Daniel D. Godfrey, associate dean and director of Agricultural Research; and Dr. William E. Reed, director of International Programs.

Also included are Thomas Boyd, budget officer for Fiscal

Affairs; Dr. Alfonso E. Gore, director of Learning Assistance Center and professor of education; Ms. Dorothy I. Bailey, acting director of Student Activities; Dr. S.A. Welborne, Jr., dean of Students for Services and assistant professor of education; Roger N. McKee, acting director of the Memorial Union and instructor of physical education; and Dr. Sarah S. Nelson, director of University Self-Study and assistant professor of business education.

Educators Associations Make Effort For Students

Raleigh-The North Carolina Association of Educators has asked its members to make a special effort to keep students

who fail the state competency test from dropping out of school.

"It's a fact of life that we have too many borderline students, and failure on this first test could be the final blow for many of them," said Lloyd S. Isaacs, NCAE executive director, in a statement released Friday.

Students must pass the minimum competency test to get a diploma. The results of

the test, which was taken by 86,000 11th graders in November, were released this week. Those who failed will be given at least three more chances to take the test.

Isaacs said he was concerned that students who failed will become discouraged and drop out of high school. Other educators have speculated that a high failure rate could lead to increased vandalism and other kinds of anti-social behavior.

The NCAE represents about 50,000 North Carolina teachers and school administrators.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Black Cultural Cite

DURHAM-Fire Sunday destroyed two of three remaining Black-owned businesses on East Pettigrew Street, once a center of Black culture in the South.

Three other businesses suffered smoke and water damage.

There were no injuries in the fire which was reported at 4:54 a.m. Sunday. Assistant Fire Chief N.L. Thompson said the possibility of arson was being

investigated. "Usually when you find an unoccupied building that is without power, you've got to suspect something," said Thompson. Three vacant buildings connecting the businesses were destroyed in the blaze.

Fires have occurred in six other vacant structures in Durham during the past week.

"We've had a series of set fires over the past three or four days," Thompson said,

"and I don't know if this is one of them or not."

The Pettigrew Street blaze destroyed the quarters of the Carolina Times, a Black weekly newspaper, and E.N. Toole and Sons Electric Co. Service Printing Co. suffered smoke and water damage.

Vivian Edmonds, publisher of the Carolina Times, which is printed Thursday, said, "We will be coming out. I do not know how at this point,

but The Truth Unbridled has got to ride again this week."

"The Truth Unbridled" is the slogan of the paper, which has been in operation more than 50 years.

"I'm sure as soon as the other Black weeklies in North Carolina hear about this, they will rally around us," Mrs. Edmonds said. "We did it in 1972, when the Wilmington Journal was bombed."

Nat White, president and manager of Service Printing

Co., said his business had lost telephone and electric service. but "as soon as they are restored, we will be able to operate. We expect to be in operation soon."

Principals of all three businesses were critical of the manner in which the fire was fought. "There seemed to be a lack of understanding of the

value of what was in that building in terms of the equipment," White said.

Boardmember Quits In Contempt Of HEW Settlement

Richmond, Va.- David Peck, blasting Gov. John Dalton for his settlement of the state's college desegregation fight with the federal government, has resigned from Norfolk State College's Board of Visitors.

Peck, a Richmond businessman who has been on the board for seven years, Tuesday night charged Dalton with making a "political" settlement that won't get Norfolk

State students a better education.

The settlement announced Monday was designed to appease the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's claims that duplicated programs at mostly Black Norfolk State and nearby mostly white Old Dominion University constituted a segregated system of education.

Peck earlier had drawn considerable criticism by sug-

gesting the two schools should merge.

He said that would solve any doubts of a lingering separate education system and give Norfolk State students a better education.

But Norfolk State officials and alumni said the college's heritage as a Black school should be preserved and that it offered the best educational setting for many Black students.

Under the state-HEW plan, ODU will transfer three business and education courses to Norfolk State, and the two

schools will develop specialized courses in three programs and cooperatively offer two others.

With that plan, HEW is expected to give final approval to the Virginia college desegregation plan it tentatively approved in March.

Rickey's Notes

By Richard B. Steele

I FEEL LIKE BUSTIN' LOOSE is the cry from Chuck Brown & The Soul Searchers. The music world is booming with new sounds that are now reaching all time highs. What's new in '79?

The Gong Show sensation Cheryl Lynn has many stomping their feet to the beat of Got To Be Real. Donna Summer's MacArthur Park now jumps in the top ten record charts across the country.

One would also note the successful returns of such greats as Edwin Starr, Peaches & Herb and Gene Chandler to the contemporary sounds of today: DISCO.

Superstars 1978...Janis Johns (on base) and Hazel Payne (on lead guitar) have a lot going for them in concert. Better known as A TASTE OF HONEY, these talented ladies have beautiful voices, look good and a stage show that is simply fabulous. Hazel is the sister of singer Freda Payne.

Melba Moore has "stepped into the lives" of many with her current LP 'Melba'. She "loves the fact that people feel a freshness or resurgence in her career."

Upon recent interview with Disc & That magazine, Melba is delighted by the reaction of the people. When asked about the disco sound Miss Moore replies "Outrageously fabulous...the middle field or area between all our racial prejudices...and an extra outlet for all artists to present themselves to the fans, it should be around for another ten years at least."

The Broadway musical production of "The Wiz" will be playing in the Greensboro Auditorium on January 13, Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for the 3 p.m. matinee and \$10 for the 8:15 p.m. performance.

Campus Haps

A Memorial program in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held Monday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Come together to honor a great man and help make the dream a reality.

Tutoring Sessions for the Graduate Record Exam and the National Teacher Exam, will be held every Monday from 4-5 p.m. in Crosby 201 and every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in Crosby 201. Professors Robert Levine (Monday) and Marguerite Porter (Tuesday) will conduct the sessions, which are sponsored by the English Department.

Bible Study is held in the Union Ballroom at 9:45. Immediately following, will be Worship Service which is held at 11:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Student Cluster Activities Council will meet Tuesday, January 16, at 6 p.m. in the Career Planning and Placement Office located in Murphy Hall. Membership status will be discussed, so your attendance is mandatory.

The Student Alumni Council will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 213-214 in the Student Union. All members are asked to be present and on time.



"Hey man, I'm talking to you!"

Photo By Wardlaw

'Wiz' Contains Wondrous Things

At The Movies: The Wiz
By Bob Thomas, AP Writer

"The Wiz" contains so many wondrous things that you wonder why it isn't more satisfying. The dances are the best on the screen since "West Side Story"; the costumes are lavish beyond belief; playing the Oz legend against graffiti ghetto walls and the subways and sweatshops of Manhattan works surprisingly well; the cast is amiable, especially Dorothy's companions down

the Yellow Brick Road: Michael Jackson, Nipsy Russell, Ted Ross. So what is lacking? When Lena Horne as Glinda the good fairy stops the show with a brief song, you realize the film's lack of spontaneous excitement. The songs are predictable, the decor over-produced. Surprisingly, Richard Pryor fails to score as the bogus Wizard. Sadly, Diana Ross is miscast. A 24-year-old Harlem schoolteacher, no matter how

shy, cannot achieve the same gentle innocence of a Kansas farm girl of 13. The rating is G, but some scenes will scare impressionable children.

Bennett Becomes Acting Summer School Director

Joseph A. Bennett, who has served in teaching and administrative positions at A&T State University since 1960, has been named acting director of the university's summer school.

Bennett will succeed J. Niel Armstrong, who retired from the post last July.

Bennett's appointment was announced by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor.

A native of Edenton, Bennett has served as a teacher of history and economics at A&T. He directed the university's 13-College Curriculum Program and also served as director of Institutes designed to train teachers for the desegregation of schools.

For three years, Bennett served as a supervisor of education for the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Prior to coming to A&T, he was a high school principal in Reedville, Va. and in Liberty.

Bennett also directed a project for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to train equal Opportunity personnel.

He has written widely in the area of career education, and teaching in integrated schools.

Bennett holds the B.A.

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Heritage Center Receives Valuable African Artifacts

The African Heritage Center at A&T State University has received a gift of African artifacts valued at more than \$200,000 from the extensive collection of the Bronson brothers of California.

The 1227 pieces and 25 valuable books will be exhibited at the center beginning February 1.

"This is the largest single gift that we have received," said Mrs. Mattye Reed, curator of the museum. "We are pleased to be able to share it with the citizens of this state and the nation."

The Bronson collection was donated by Lee and Donna Bronson and Lee's brother, Robert, of Los Angeles, Calif.

The Bronson brothers are world renowned manufacturers of women's apparel. Lee Bronson said the African collection was acquired during the past seven years during extensive travel in Europe.

"Most of these pieces repre-

sent the old traditional art, which was collected many, many years ago and found their way to Europe," said Lee Bronson. "We are pleased to share this art with A&T because we are eager that Blacks in America know their heritage and what a contribution this art has made to civilization.

Bronson said much of his collection came from Zaire; but, in the collection, are pieces from Nigeria, Angola, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cameroon, Mali and Rwanda.

Included in the collection are masks, pipes, carved figures, rattles, helmets and ceremonial pits. The artifacts are of wood, ivory, brass, and bronze.

Bronson said the 25 donated books are some of the best publications on Africa to be found anywhere.

The collector also noted that one of the pieces which will come to A&T, a 16-inch

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Where Is The Hot Water?

"I have to get up at 5:30 in the morning just to get some hot water," responded one Cooper Hall resident. Where is all the hot water in Cooper Hall?

After the holidays and all the comforts of home, one would like to be able to return to her "second home" with some hot water at least.

This time of the year when the temperature is at the freezing point and below, heavy clothing is needed to stay warm. However, taking a cold shower and then going out into the cold is not helping the situation. It is just an open invitation to illness.

When the water does get a decent bathing temperature, it is mid-day when a large number of people are in class or are in the midst of doing other things.

A resident hall is one's home away from home; therefore, one would at least expect to have some hot water.

By Karen F. Williams



Have Fun But Be Careful

By Richard R. Steele

It's January; and, along with this wintry month is the joy of snow, ice and freezing temperatures. As the days progress the chances of a good winter storm draws closer and closer.

Nature has a way of acting up as we can remember last year's ice storm. Be prepared for this year. Stock up on non-perishables. Check those flashlights and pull out the extra blankets. One never knows when the power may be cut because of broken power lines and branches.

Motorists should take caution also. It's time to put those snow tires on and

chains in the trunk, just in case.

In the event of an emergency, many of us will be prepared, though the chances of another power failure are slim its not totally improbable. A battery operated radio is a good way to keep in contact with the outside world.

On a less serious note, snow has a way of finding its way in coats' faces and the like. Last year even the coats fired back all in fun. But icy sidewalks could cause accidents. Have fun but be careful and think before you throw. Remember that game is reserved for children.

You Must Solve The Problem

By Bonnie Newman

In the Greensboro Record's recent summary of 1978's top local news stories, the past woes of A&T were dug up once again by Record reporter Jim Schlosser.

Schlosser, in recounting many of the major news events that occurred in Greensboro in 1978 wrote: "It was a year of continuing desegregation struggles in higher education that leaves the future of two Greensboro universities (A&T & UNC-G) uncertain," and "It was a year which brought new trouble and some changes to A&T State University's business office."

The alleged negativism A&T receives from the press has been the topic of past A&T Register editorials more than once. The Register staffers as well as a large percentage of A&T students feel that once something unpleasant occurs on our campus, the surrounding media literally can't wait to attack, tearing the issue and A&T apart.

Well for those of you who have left all thoughts of A&T and UNC-G merging back in the year 1978 that's fine...because that is exactly where such thoughts should be left. They should instead be replaced with strong determination to see that these two institutions are not merged. Preparation should begin now to confront HEW

with reasons as to why a merger should not take place. Although the attention given to the plan has cooled down somewhat, it is by no means completely cold nor forgotten.

As for the likelihood of the controversies which surrounded the business office last year being settled, that may very well be so...but for how long? And how long will it be before problems, once settled in the business office, are replaced by difficulty in receiving due financial aid, decent meals and dining facilities in the cafeterias, and the ever-present student apathy.

It is time for an end to all the problems which have confronted A&T for so many years, but they can only be solved with the help of you, the students here at A&T. As long as students are enrolled at A&T, problems

with financial aid, registration and student apathy will probably continue. But, if these problems are to continue,

let it be on the campus of A&T State University, a predominantly Black institution, not UNC-G or whatever name which may be decided upon.

THE REGISTER encourages letters to the Editor, but reserves the right to edit them. No letter will be considered for printing unless it is signed. Names may be withheld upon request. All letters submitted to the Editor becomes the property of THE REGISTER and will not be returned.

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Bottom Pay Still \$2.50 Here, Despite Fed Hike

Raleigh, N.C.-State Labor Commissioner John Brooks said Thursday that North Carolina's minimum wage remains at \$2.50 per hour, despite changes in the federal minimum wage.

"Because of the Jan. 1 change in the federal minimum wage and the resulting phone and in-person questions to our Employment Standards Division during the past 10 days," Brooks said, "I believe we need to emphasize to North Carolina employees and employers that there have been no recent changes in the state minimum wage law."

Brooks said the state law was not affected by the change in the federal law, which raised the minimum from \$2.65 to \$2.90 per hour.

He said the \$2.50 minimum wage applies in the state to all non-exempt workers employed by businesses not covered by federal law.

"Any change in the state minimum wage law comes through action of the North Carolina General Assembly," Brooks said. He said a proposal will be made to the 1979

legislature to increase the state minimum wage.

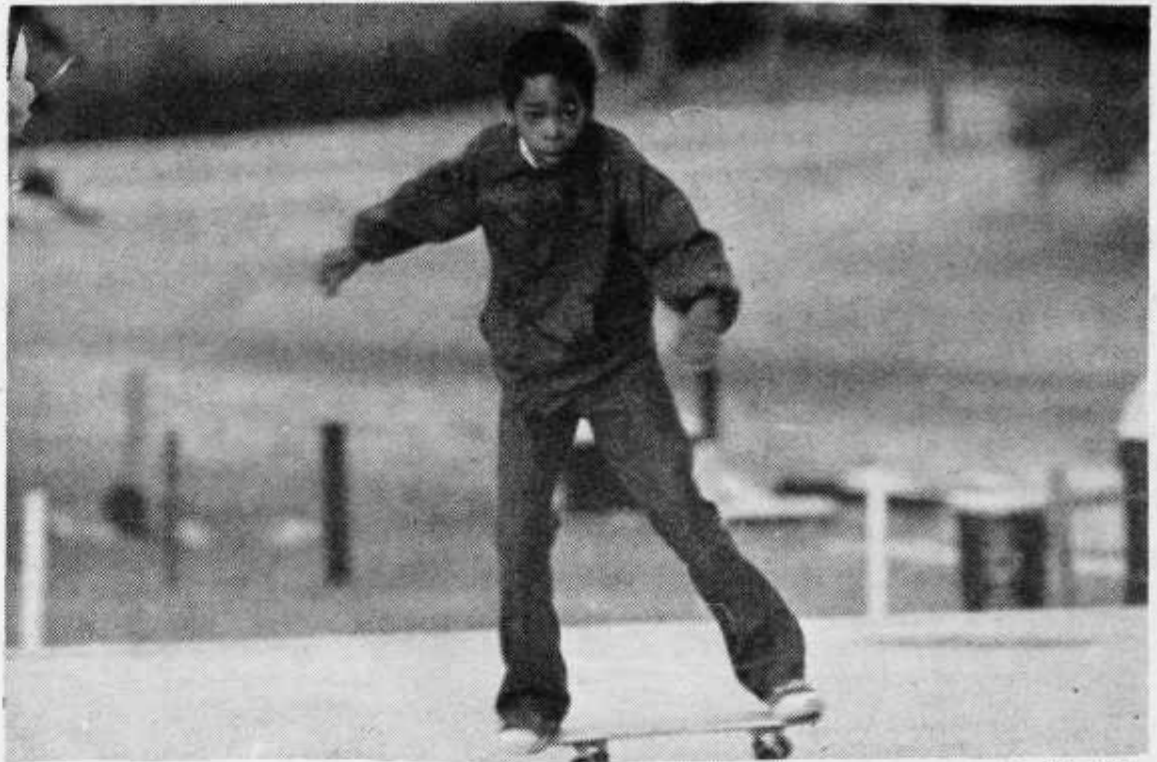
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yombe rattle, is now at the Los Angeles County Museum as part of a national touring exhibition. He said the piece should be delivered to A&T in September. Lee Bronson was recently appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to the North Carolina Arts Council.

The African Heritage Center was organized by a group of A&T students in 1968. The center at that time had only 25 artifacts. Today, the center has over 2,000 artifacts from more than 26 African nations and a special collection of art by American Blacks.

Mrs. Reed said that, in addition to the exhibition of the Bronson collection on Feb. 1, the center will unveil an exhibit entitled "Milestones of Blacks in North Carolina."



"No classes today, what a great feeling!"

Photo By Woody

Bennett to Head Summer School

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degree in history, English, and French from St. Augustine's College and the M.A. degree in social studies and administration and supervision

from New York University.

The new summer school director is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the National Council for Social Studies.

He is married to the former Eleanor Smith. The Bennetts have a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Payden of Brown Summit.

Asked about his plans for

the summer school program at A&T, Bennett said:

"We plan to bring more high school students to the campus and to offer more programs for inservice teachers. We have noticed that the summer sessions seem to be coming more for undergraduates."

He said A&T would also like to establish more liaison with the school administrative units.

Battistone Lectures

Series To Analyze Problems

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Restaurants, Inc. The lecture series is being made possible through a grant from the national restaurant chain.

In announcing the grant to A&T, James Mack, an official of B&C Associates of High Point, N.C., said "It is hoped that the new lecture series will present a series of lectures on

the central issues of public and private policy in contemporary America, as it relates to business and the minority community. It is hoped also that the lectures will analyze constructive solutions to present day problems."

Dowdy said that the annual lecture series could include several presentations or one

major presentation during the year.

Happy New Year!

Jiggles Replace 'Jingles'

Burlington, N.C.-The holiday jingles have faded away, but in their place have come the jiggles-that dreaded condition otherwise known as "fat," "plump," or "overweight."

The jiggles are a result of overeating turkey, stuffing, homemade pies and other dishes we eat in the name of celebration.

Now it's time for the jiggles to go away, too.

Although this excess flesh can be hidden beneath bulky sweaters and heavy outer gear in the winter, it reveals itself as conspicuous bulges in the summer. Doctors and dieticians have given some simple, practical advice on how to lose weight so well that it never finds it way back.

The power of dieting lies in the word "do," according to Annie Hines, regional manager for Weight Watchers of North Carolina, Inc. "Just do it," she says.

There is no substitution for willpower, agree doctors.

Dr. Robert Watson suggests eliminating the word "diet" from our vocabulary, as it is "something we go on and eventually go off, or most of us, eating habits are ongoing," he said. "We have to continually watch what we eat."

Rather than sticking to a fad diet, which deprives the body of a proper balance of protein, carbohydrates and fat, he recommends eating smaller amounts of regular meals.

"If people will lose weight

at a slower rate, this weight has a better chance of staying gone, rather than going up and down like a yo-yo," he says.

A body lacking proper amounts of fats and carbohydrates often plunges into ketoacidosis, a condition in which the dieter is angry and upset. The body needs sweets, but not concentrated sugars such as candy and jam. Natural sugars are available in fruits and vegetables.

Regular exercise is important but should not replace a diet. "You shouldn't think you can eat a good meal and then go out and jog it off. It doesn't work," he says.

Moderate exercise helps you tone up but doesn't help you lose weight that much, he says.

Campus Haps

All persons interested in joining the A&T Register, the school newspaper, come by the newspaper office Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. No experience is necessary.

Bible Study is held in Harrison Auditorium from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night, immediately following midweek services. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Pan-Hellenic Council will hold a meeting, Wednesday, January 17, at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room 100.

The North Carolina Fellows will hold its regular meeting, Sunday, January 14 in the Student Union at 5 p.m.

The Political Science Society will hold its first meeting Wednesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. in Room 305 Hodgkin Hall. All interested persons are urged to attend.

There will be a meeting for all interested persons who wish to become a member of the Organization of Broadcast Students on Monday, January 15, in Crosby Hall, Room 305 at 4 p.m. A copy of the Organization's constitution may be picked up in Room 326 Crosby Hall prior to the meeting.

There will be a meeting on January 17, at 5:30 p.m. for all young ladies who wish to pledge Sisters of the Brothers in Christ Sorority (SOBIC). The meeting will be held in the Campus House.

The Aggie Express Club will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby.



A&T registration is nothing but organized confusion.

Photo By Wardlaw

Winston Site of Opry Tryouts

The audition team from Opryland USA, music entertainment complex, will be in Winston-Salem, Tuesday, January 9, and Chapel Hill, Monday, January 15, holding auditions for the singers and dancers, instrumentalists, and technicians needed for the music theme park's 15 live music shows next season and their new resident theatre company.

The audition staff, which includes the park's choreographer, musical director, and show directors, will be looking for 450 singers, instrumentalists, dancers, dance captains, actors, and musical leaders/conductors. In addition to performers, they will be looking for experienced stage managers, lighting technicians, sound engineers, stage hands, follow spot operators and costume dressers.

Auditionees do not need to make any prior arrangements or appointments. Opryland will have a piano accompanist, record player, and a cassette recorder at the audition site. Microphones will not be used

and instrumentalists who want to audition with amplifiers must bring them and set them up. Auditionees must bring their own music, in the proper key, and all actors will be asked to sing. Instrumentalists will be required to sightread first. A typed resume is required for anyone auditioning as a leader/conductor, stage manager or technician.

"It is like going on the road with only three months to find the people to cast 15 new Broadway shows," says Bob Whittaker, director of entertainment for Opryland. "We've got as many different kinds of musical shows and we're looking for the same people--experienced Broadway type performers and instrumentalists and recent graduates from drama and music schools. Opryland has shows with 'Chorus Line' tap routines, Gay 90s extravaganzas, Showboat, and Rock 'n' Roll. Each show is fully staged and costumed.

"But we also have some advantages over Broadway. We have professional staff, and time to work with promising entertainers, or students, to develop their talents and give them that extra polish that turns them into great entertainers. We hold workshops

to show them how to write a resume, prepare an audition, work with agents, read contracts. They make extra money doing shows for conventions and travel industry events across the country. We did 300 of these last year, including a show for the National Broadcaster's Association in Washington and shows in Toronto and Amsterdam.

There are former Opryland performers in the Broadway productions of 'A Chorus Line,' 'Chicago,' 'Hello Dolly,' and 'The Magic Show.' Next spring we open a new theatre and will establish our own resident theatre company. So, we're not looking for performers that just want a summer job. Opryland is now a year-round entertainment center of live theatre and television production," Whittaker added.

The new \$2million, 1,600-seat theatre will be used for one of the Opryland shows during the theme park's operating season. From September through May, it will be used by the resident company for a series of Broadway plays and musicals. The fully-equipped, indoor facility will have a proscenium stage, continental theatre seating, full orchestra pit, 40-line fly loft and the latest and most complete sound and lighting systems.

Failure Rate 20 Percent

(Continued From Page 1) school systems in the state, 7 had a failure rate of 20 percent or more in reading, and 28 had that severe a rate in math.

James Gallagher, head of the Competency Test Commission, praised the tests for creating a "much more business-like attitude in our schools," but he said the failure rate was still too high.

"There are large numbers of students out there who need help," he said. "If this were Asian flu, we'd call it an epidemic."

Placement Activities Succeed

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also conducts several special projects during the year. For example, the center's annual Career Activities Program last September attracted more than 5,000 students, 84 companies and 187 recruiters.

"This had to be one of the most successful career days of its kind along the East Coast," said Warren.

As an additional feature of the program, A&T provided career counseling information for hundreds of high school students and guidance counselors.

Other successful placement activities include a Nursing Careers Day, sponsored jointly with UNC-G; and a Teachers Fair, scheduled this year for February 8.

In addition, to job informa-



Warren Placement Center

tion, students gain information in the A&T placement library about interviewing techniques, resume writing and they can peruse annual reports of companies from across the nation.

Warren said the placement

center has been greatly assisted by members of the A&T/Industry Cluster, 60 large corporations which have adopted the university in its development plans.

"We would like to develop a complete audio-visual center, where students can view a complete interview on tape," he

said. "They would also be able to critique their own interviewing techniques.

Cluster Seeks Skills Trade

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ween a university and a business organization can be a healthy one.

"The students and the faculty can become better acquainted with what business and industry have to offer," said Smith. "Business and industry representatives are not just coming to the campus for philosophical reasons. They are coming to get the best of the institution. The payoff tradeoff is the expertise which the firms have in a variety of areas which the college can utilize."

Smith said the industries can provide gifts and grants, equipment, scholarship assistance, internships for the students and professors and visiting on-loan teachers for the university.

A native of St. Louis, Smith holds a B. S. degree in mathematics and the M. S. degree in secondary education from Lincoln University in Missouri.

Smith has also participated in a management development program at Harvard University and served as an artillery officer in the U.S. Army.

Pres. Carter To Receive King Nonviolence Prize

(AP)ATLANTA-President Carter will receive the 1979 Martin Luther King Jr. Non-violent Peace Prize on January 14 in Atlanta, Coretta Scott King has announced.

"We are pleased to give this award to President Carter for his significant achievements in continuing my husband's efforts," Mrs. King, widow of the civil rights leader, said last Friday in a statement.

King, shot to death in Memphis, Tenn., in April 1968, would have been 50 on January 15. The peace prize ceremonies are part of a six day program in his honor.

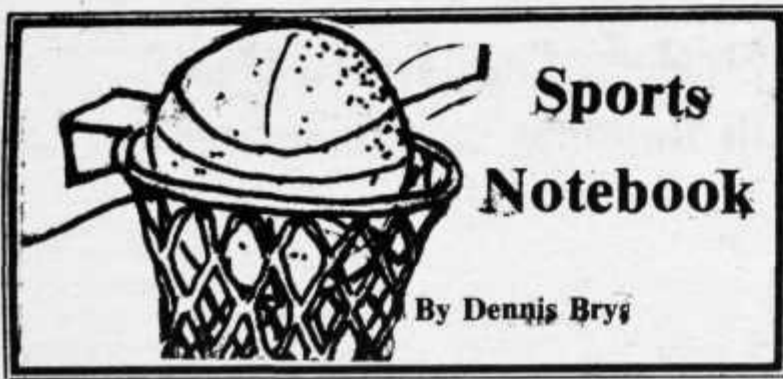
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Sports Notebook

By Dennis Brys

Another week, another game against a top power Division I team and another loss for the A&T basketball team. That certainly seems to be the pattern the team is going. A&T's basketball seemingly is upgrading its program by playing these teams. That may be true, but there are other things that should be considered.

First, it may be true that by playing these teams A&T is building up its program, but it can also be said that it helps to beat some of these teams. A&T's five losses have come on the road. The point spread of four of these games has been between 12 and 25. Good, but not good enough.

Second, in the Greensboro Daily News, one of the sports' writers said A&T was maybe playing out of its class. I disagree with Bill Hauss, and the rest. A&T isn't playing out of its class; it's only that in playing pressure games they know, if we win, we get recognition because we are playing Syracuse and Indiana State, and, if we play with these teams, we can play with anyone.

This may again be true; but, if we lose, we have the writers such as those on the Greensboro Daily News and Greensboro Record, who will put us down. When Syracuse wins by 25 at home and Indiana state by 19 at home, it only means one more victory in their win column. That only helps these teams get more recognition, and where does that leave A&T?

It is nice for the team to play against these schools, but this writer knows they also want to win at least one of them. Maybe, in the future, the Aggies will get first victory over a Division I powerhouse. But, as for right now, maybe the best way to gain respect is to start from the bottom and work to the middle and then go up; not to work from the top, fail, and then be forced to fall. If we must schedule a team at the top, play UCLA, North Carolina, or even Notre Dame. Losing to them is more or less expected.

The Aggies get back into the conference tonight and tomorrow night against Delaware State and Maryland-Eastern Shore, respectively. The Hornets are a much improved team with guard Charles Shealy leading the way with 18 points a game average. The team has some good freshman recruits and always plays A&T tough in Dover.

Saturday night A&T will travel to Maryland to battle the Hawks of Eastern Shore. The Hawks are led by All-MEAC guard Ken Simmons. This could turn out to be the spoiler team in the MEAC. Hopefully, A&T will come home with two victories.

Injuries have hurt the basketball team. Star forward L.J. Pipkin is out indefinitely with blurred vision. We can only pray and hope that he will get better. He has had a good career and deserves to be with the team. Senior forward Keith Davis will be back in action tonight which will give A&T some muscle on the inside. Junior center Melvin Palmer has been declared academically ineligible.

On a brief rundown as to the conference standings, Howard is on top, followed by Morgan state, then A&T, Delaware State, South Carolina State, Maryland-Eastern Shore and NCCU in the cellar. These positions might have changed during the week.

Aggies Travel To Maryland

by Dennis Bryant

The A&T Aggie basketball team will travel to Dover, Delaware, and Princess Anne, Maryland, with hopes of getting back into the winning ranks. After losing 83-64 to Indiana State Tuesday night, A&T will face Delaware State and Maryland-Eastern Shore. The Aggies were without star forward L.J. Pipkin in their Tuesday contest and fell behind quickly. The Sycamores, who have the nation's number-one scorer Larry Bird with a 33.6 average, are ranked ninth in the latest AP and UPI polls and look to go up with the victory.

Bird scored only 26 points in the contest, but most of those came at crucial stages of the game. Bird played only 30 minutes to manage his points. Leading the scoring for the Aggies was guard Joe Brawner.

Brawner scored 23 points with James "The Bird" Sparrow getting only 13. Sparrow's point total was his lowest output of the season. Other double figure scorers for the Aggies were Marvin Brown and Harold Royster.

Delaware State lost its first MEAC game to Howard Wednesday night. The Hornets were the only team to defeat the Aggies during A&T's winning string the latter part of the season. The Hornets defeated A&T 63-52 last year to break the Aggies' seven game win string.

Returning starters for coach Marshall Emery are guard Charles Shealey, Center Charles Maybin, forwards Robert Hunter and Larry Gainey and reserves Gilbert Armstrong and Joel Coppadge. The game will be played in Memorial Hall Gymnasium on the Hornets' campus.

NCAT's 'Sparrow' Dubbed MEAC Player Of The Week

Durham, N.C.-Garcia Hopkins of Morgan State and James "The Bird" Sparrow of North Carolina A&T share the honor of being named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference players of the week.

Ken Jackson was named the league's rookie of the week.

Sparrow led the Aggies over George Mason last Thursday 88-60. He scored 30 points, had 11 rebounds and dished out five assists. In that contest, he broke the Aggie career

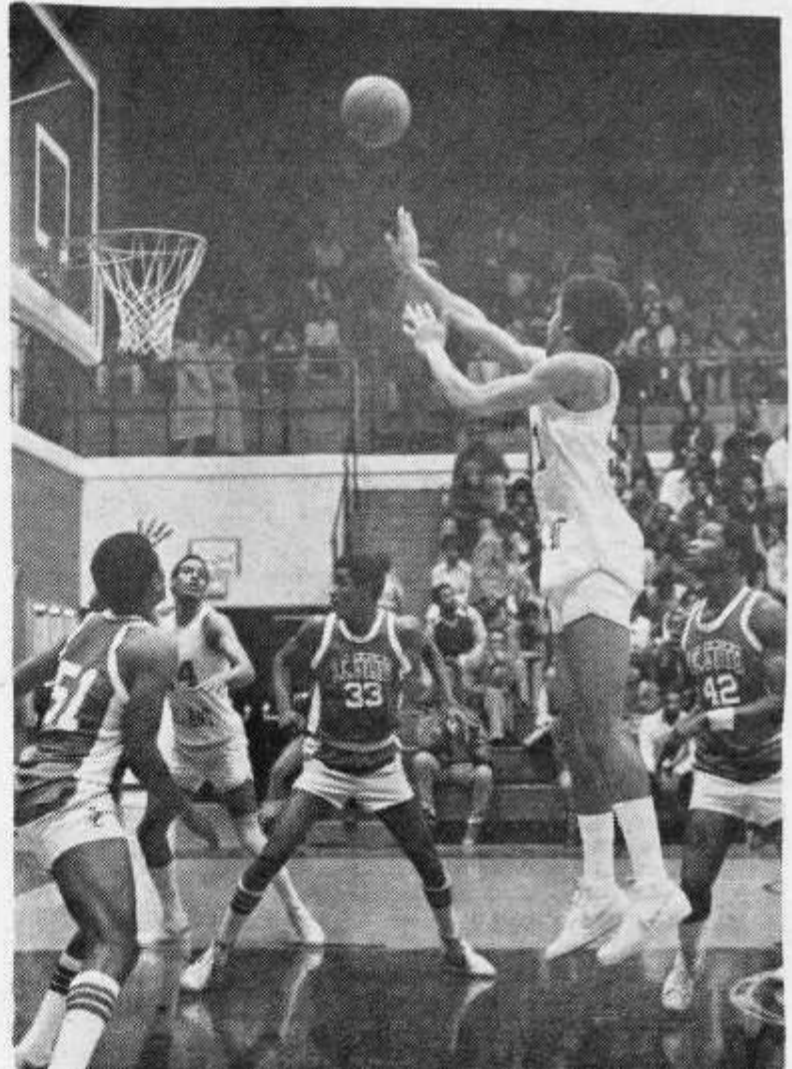
The starting five for the Aggies are Mike Hester (6-8, junior) and Harold Royster (6-8, sophomore) at the forward positions. At the center spot will be Marvin Brown (6-8, senior). The guards will be Joe Brawner (6-0, sophomore) and Sparrow (6-6, senior). Junior forward Keith Davis will be back in action against the Hornets.

The Aggies are still showing areas that need a lot of im-

provement on defense. It will take two good nights if the Aggies expect to come back home 6-5.

The Hawks of Maryland-Eastern Shore will start Kenny Simmons, Waymon Wilburn, Robert Dash, Ron Shelly and Steve Dillard. The Hawks have one victory to their credit and would love to make its next one over the Aggies.

Game time for both contests is 8:00 p.m.



Aggie player scores from outside.

Photo By Person

Intramurals Program Offers Varied Activities

By Dennis Bryant

With the basketball season

in the midst of another season, there are several activities to appear on the intramural sports program schedule. The activities will begin the middle of January and continue on thru April.

Entries for the males and females one-on-one basketball tournament are being taken now thru January 12. The tournament will begin January 15. Entry blanks can be obtained in the intramural office located in the student union.

A double elimination arm wrestling tournament will be held beginning January 16. Registration for the tournament will last thru Friday. A swimming-diving meet will take place February 5.

scoring record previously held by Joe Howell 1956-59.

Sparrow had 20 points, three rebounds and two assists against South Carolina State on Saturday when North Carolina A&T beat their conference foe 78-73.

Hopkins scored 18 points, pulled down four rebounds and was credited with three assists in a loss to the University of Maine 58-56. He came

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The winter air brings isolation.

Photo By Woody

Sparrow, Brawner Pour Points

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Sparrow poured in 20 points and Joe Brawner chipped in 18 to pace North Carolina A&T to a 78-73 win over South Carolina State Saturday night

in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

North Carolina A&T improved to 4-4 overall and 1-0

in the conference, while South Carolina State fell to 1-6 and 0-1.

Other players in double figures for North Carolina A&T were Marvin Brown with 16 points and Harold Royster with 10.

South Carolina State, down by only one point at intermission, 35-34, was led by Marty Lane's 16 points. Arthur Snipe and Greg Wilson each fired in 14 points for South Carolina State, Jonathan Robins added 11 and Ken Jackson contributed 10.

With 12:29 left in the hotly contested game, North Carolina A&T State reeled off eight unanswered points to go ahead 57-47.

Teams To Open Play In Holland Bowl

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Registration for the meet will begin January 22 and the last day to enter is January 30.

With the interest of softball growing, rosters for the spring league will go out March 12. Each team has a limited member limit. Intramural director William Sheffield said, "We hope to get a lot of students to participate. It would be nice to get twelve female teams."

During the middle of March, the teams will open play in Holland Bowl. Sheffield wants to have enough teams to form more than one league. "We hope to have three softball leagues with about six teams in each," Sheffield said.

When the warm weather approaches during the April month, there will be a singles and doubles, double-elimination tournament for both the males and the

females. Registration blanks will go out April 2.

Other activities to be sponsored are badminton, volleyball and a three-on-three basketball tournament. For more information on these activities, contact Sheffield in Room 103 in the Student Union.

Hopkins Collects Points In Morgan Victory

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back against Virginia Union Sunday, pouring in 32 points and collecting 12 rebounds as Morgan took a 75-67 victory.

Jackson came off the South Carolina State bench in the

final six minutes to keep the Bulldogs in the game against North Carolina A&T on Saturday night. In the final six minutes, he was four-for-four from the field and two-for-two from the free throw line.

Greensboro- The Atlantic Coast Conference lives up to its reputation this week as a well-balanced basketball league, with five different teams leading in conference statistics.

North Carolina is the only team to have the lead in more than one category, with the Tar Heels in first place in both

field goal percentage and scoring margin. Led by the shooting of Mike O'Koren and Al Wood, North Carolina has hit 374 of 678 field goal attempts for a 55 percent mark. Duke is in second place with 51 percent.

The scoring averages are on the rise, with Maryland holding the top spot. The Terps have scored 1,119 points in 13 games for an average of 96.1 points a game, just ahead of North Carolina State's 85.8. North Carolina is third at 85.

The Cavaliers are at the top in free throw accuracy, hitting 210 of 269 attempts for 78 percent. Clemson is second with 149 of 210 free throws for 71 percent. North Carolina is third with 68 percent, just ahead of Maryland

Steelers, Cowboys To Meet In National Championship

New York - The Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys, who meet to decide the National Football League championship on Jan. 21, placed a total of six players on The Associated Press All-Pro team for 1978.

The American Football Conference champion Steelers led all teams by placing four players - wide receiver Lynn Swann, center Mike Webster, quarterback Terry Bradshaw and outside linebacker Jack Ham - on the 25-player first team.

Free safety Cliff Harris and tackle Randy White represent the National Conference champion Cowboys on the team selected through voting by a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Pittsburgh's placing represented the trend in the first-team selections, as 18 AFC players and seven from the NFC were chosen.

Bradshaw quarterbacked the Steelers to 16 victories in the 18 regular season and post season games played on the way to their Super Bowl XIII meeting with the Cowboys at Miami. He finished the regular season as the leading passer in the AFC and had 28 touchdown passes - many of them to Swann, whose 61 receptions placed him third among AFC pass catchers.

The other wide receiver was Wesley Walker of the New York Jets, who led NFL pass catchers with 1,169 yards and a 24.4-yard average, while Dave Casper of the Oakland Raiders won the tight end voting.

Casper was second among AFC receivers with 62 catches

while Seattle's Steve Largent - AFC leader with 71 receptions - made the second team.

Running back Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers and defensive end Al Baker of the Detroit Lions - two players who enjoyed sensational rookie campaigns in 1968 - also were named to the first team.

Campbell, who gained 1,450 yards in his first season, is joined in the All-Pro backfield by Delvin Williams of the Miami Dolphins, who gained 1,258 yards and finished second to his running mate.

Blocking for the high-powered backfield on The AP's first team are tackles Leon Gray of the New England Patriots and Dan Dierdorf of the St. Louis Cardinals along with guards John Hannah of the Patriots and Bob Kuechenberg of Miami.

Dierdorf is the only NFC starter on offense.

Three Denver Broncos were voted to the team: middle linebacker Randy Gradishar, cornerback Louis Wright and kick returner Rick Upchurch. Upchurch led NFL punt returners with a 13.7-yard average.

The rest of the starting defense: defensive end Jack Youngblood of the Los Angeles Rams, tackle Louis Kelcher of the San Diego Chargers, outside linebacker Robert Brazile of Houston, cornerback Willie Buchanon of the Green Bay Packers and strong safety Ken Houston of the Washington Redskins.

The two other specialists were placekicker Pat Leahy of the Jets and punter Ray Guy of the Oakland Raiders.

ACC Lives Up To Reputation In Basketball

and Duke, both with a 68 percent mark.

Duke took the top spot this week for the first time this season in rebound margin. The Blue Devils are pulling down an average of 35 rebounds per game, while allowing their opponents only 27. Clemson, the previous leader, slipped to second, with 38 to their opponents' 31.

Maryland is the top rebounding team in the conference, snagging an average of 43 rebounds per game. N.C. State is second in rebound average at 42.

North Carolina is first in scoring margin, at plus 18. The Tar Heels are third in the league in both scoring offense and scoring defense. N.C. State, with one-sided wins over Tulane and Long Beach

State last weekend, jumped from fourth to second, with a plus 16 scoring margin.

In individual statistics, Virginia's Jeff Lamp is still in the spot as the league's leading scorer. Lamp is averaging 22 points a game, with Duke's Mike Ominski in second at 19 and Maryland's Ernest Graham third with 19.

N.C. State's Hawkeye Whitney is in the No. 1 position in shooting percentages, hitting 23 of 37 shots for 59 percent. Maryland's Larry Gibson is in second place with 59.3 percent, while North Carolina's Mike O'Koren, last week's leader, fell to 58.7 percent.

Virginia's Lee Raker is the leader in free throw attempts, hitting 29 of 31 for 92 percent.