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## Memorial Tribute To King Held In Harrison Auditorium

By Catherine Speller

A memorial tribute to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was held Monday evening in Harrison Auditorium.

The program was sponsored by the Office of Religious Activities in conjunction with many other student organizations to honor Rev. King's struggle for peace and civil rights for all people.

Several students read poetry by Black authors that told of the struggles that Blacks have endured since slavery times in this country.

Spirituals such as *Amazing Grace* and *Precious Lord*, along with excerpts from some of his speeches and of the Eulogy, captivated the audiences attention throughout the program.

Rev. Ralph M. Ross, director of religious activities, spoke of Rev. King as a prophet, a person who spoke inspired words, received from God through dreams and visions. He told of how Rev. King prepared in early life for

the life that he led.

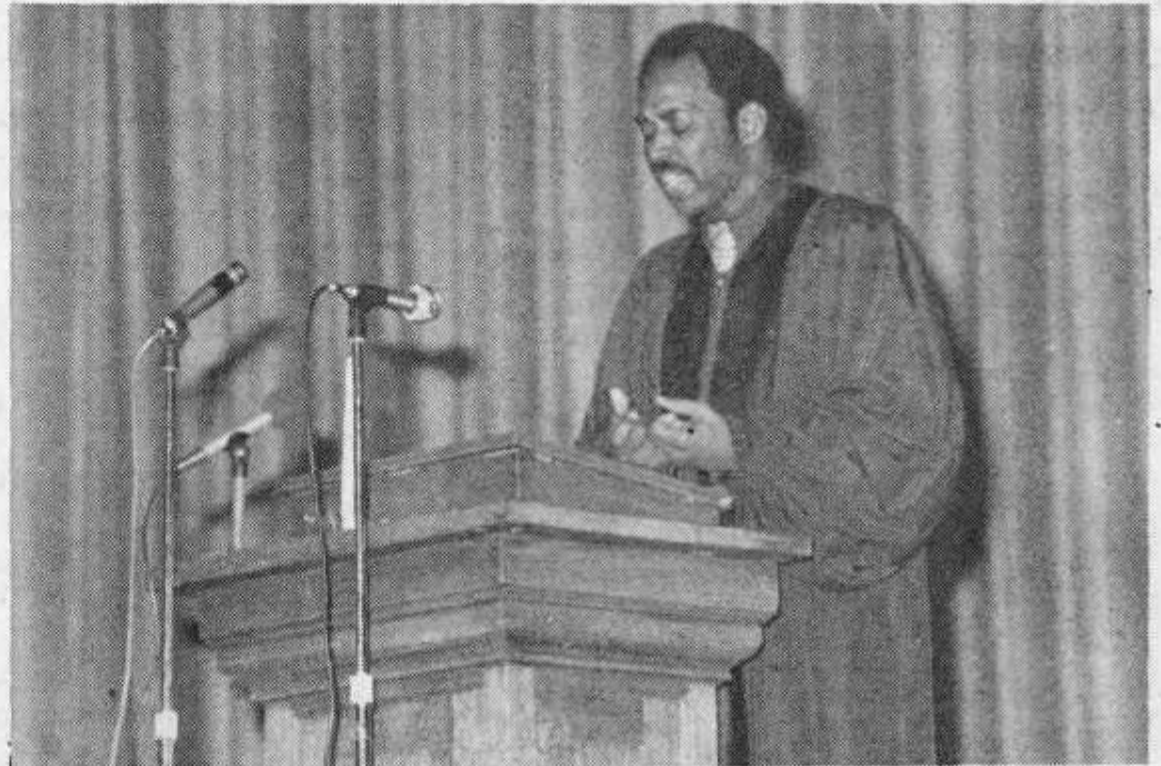
He spoke of the social injustices racial discriminations, and the war and peace that still exist in the world today.

His closing phrases were that surely Rev. Martin L. King was a prophet who preached about love in a time of alienation.

Dr. Dowdy stated that "the dream of Rev. King has not yet been fulfilled and that we should be aware of things like competency testing, the Bakke case, and the end of affirmative action programs in his remarks to the audience.

Student government president, Richard Gordon, told the audience of two new resolutions to be proposed before the Board of Trustees next week. One will be the proposal that classes be suspended starting next year on January 15, in honor of Rev. King's Birthday; and

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Rev. Ross addresses the student body during the Memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Monday night.

## New Wage Reports To Save Time

For the first time this January, American wage earners will know the exact

amount of their earnings being reported to the Social Security Administration without having to ask for the information, C.H. Myers, manager of the Greensboro social security office said today.

In the past, an employee never saw the quarterly reports sent by his employer; instead he had to mail a postcard to the Social Security Administration in order to get a copy of his earnings history. Now each worker will have a current record of each year's earnings through his W-2.

It is extremely important that a worker check his name

and social security number on the W-2 form, as well as the amount of earnings shown, Mr. Myers stressed. This is especially true if the worker had several employers during the year or if he worked for only part of the year.

If the worker finds an error on the W-2 he should report it immediately to his employer. The employer will send a corrected W-2 to the Social Security Administration. When the worker files his income tax return, he should use the corrected information.

Because of the change in reporting social security information, 6 million employers will have less paperwork when reporting wages for social security and Federal income tax purposes.

For the past 40 years, most employers have had to report employees' wages to the Internal Revenue Service every three months. In addition, all employers completed a Form W-2 at the end of the year for each employee which showed total wages for income tax purposes.

Since the W-2 form now has information for both IRS and the Social Security Administration, employers must complete only one wage report a year, rather than five. They still must send summary wage and tax liability information to IRS once a quarter.

## Army DI Faces Assault Charges

FORT JACKSON, S.C. (AP)- An Army drill instructor has been charged with assaulting and mistreating three recruits last month, a Fort Jackson spokeswoman said.

Sgt. George R. Ross was charged Wednesday with three counts of maltreatment and abuse. A special court-martial will be held but no date was set, said Col. Mae Pomeroy.

Col. Pomeroy said Moss was accused of hitting the three men with his hand. She said none was hospitalized.

"It happened in the barracks and over what I don't know," she said.

If convicted, Moss could get a six-month prison term, lose two-thirds of his pay and allowances for six months and be reduced in rank.

Two Fort Jackson DIs were convicted in December in the heatstroke deaths of a recruit in June. Sgt. I. C. Lawrence Chapman was found guilty of negligent homicide, maltreat-

ment and dereliction of duty. He was fined \$500 and reduced one rank.

Sgt. Willie Alexander was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and dereliction

of duty. He was sentenced to six months in prison, loss of two-thirds of his pay for six months and reduced in rank to private.

Both were acquitted of charges in connection with the death of another recruit the same night.

## Movie-Star Comedian

## Ajaye To Perform Thursday

By Bobby O. Henry

Franklyn Ajaye, comedian, recording artist and comic actor will appear on A&T's campus this Thursday at 8 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Marked by his outstanding role as T.C. in the hit movie, "Car Wash" or by his hilarious album, "Don't Smoke Dope, Fry Your Hair," Ajaye captivates audiences wherever he appears.

Born in New York, but raised in Los Angeles, Ajaye creates his comedy from everyday street life -- the kind of

humor that others can see themselves in and have a good soul chuckle.

Besides "Car Wash" Ajaye has also appeared in "Dandy," (See Comedian Page 2)

## Kilimanjaro Says Play To Be Held In January

Dr. Kilimanjaro announced today that the former Broadway play "Golden Boy" will be presented starting January 24 through Saturday January 27 by the Richard B. Harrison Players.

Dr. Kilimanjaro also stated that an orchestra has been secured for the play and will be conducted by Dr. William McDaniel, chairman of the Music Department. The choral director will be

(See 'Golden' Page 3)



From all of nature's fury comes one of her most delicate sculptures.

Surgeon General

## Releases Report On Smoking

RALEIGH (AP) - The sudden release of the surgeon general's report on cigarette smoking caught most North Carolina officials off guard Wednesday night.

Spokesmen for both Liggett & Meyers and R.J. Reynolds tobacco companies refused to comment on the report, saying they wanted to wait until they had seen it.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham attacked

the release of the report, which was due Thursday but released late Wednesday after the embargo on its release had been broken.

"It was unfair the way they handled it," Graham said. "I don't care what U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare Joe Califano says about tobacco. I know what tobacco did for this state yesterday and I know what it will do for it tomorrow."

Referring to one portion of the report which said women who smoke during pregnancy give birth to smaller babies and expose their offspring to numerous risks, both before and after birth, Graham snorted: "What about women who ski during pregnancy? Have they studied that?"

The commissioner said Califano was "showboating" in his release of the report and said he was "trying to put one over on the good Christian people who work hard here."

Cutting back on smoking would "hurt the tobacco industry and the North Carolina economy," Graham said. "People will be smoking long after old Joe Califano is gone."

Gov. Jim Hunt and his press spokesmen were unavailable for comment Wednesday night.

Earlier Wednesday, tobacco industry spokesmen and state officials indicated they did not expect to change their long-held position on tobacco once the report was released.

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### Association Premieres

## 'Song Of The Canary'

The Carolina Brown Lung Association will give premiere showing of the film "Song of the Canary" on January 22 at 7 p.m. at the Wings Theater on Tate St. The film is a documentary about occupational disease which focuses on the health problems of cotton mill and chemical workers.

"Song of the Canary" takes its name from the old coal mining practice of taking caged canaries into the mines to warn of bad air. By falling

sick and dying they would warn that a crisis had struck. Today workers have become the canaries. Over 100,000 American lives are lost each year to industrial disease.

The film builds its story around those most affected. The problems of chemical workers at a California plant that makes pesticides and cotton mill workers of the Carolinas are explored. Through these two dramatic situations, the film probes the

complex issues of government regulation, medical research, worker's compensation, and the actions of employers, unions, and workers themselves when confronted with the life-threatening hazards on the job.

Featured in the film are Greensboro Chapter CBLA members Lacy Wright, Allan Poteat, and Naomi Poteat.

The CBLA is an organization of retired and active textile workers who are trying to get compensation for those with brown lung disease and are trying to get the mills cleaned up so that no one else will get sick.

The film was made by the Film Fund with funds from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. It lasts 58 minutes.

Tickets are available at the door and from CBLA members. All proceeds from this showing will go to continue the work of the CBLA.

## Summer Study Program Planned For Summer

### Editor of the Register:

Each year for 5 weeks of the summer, a program is offered to students in the U.S. and Canada to travel and study in Spain. Last summer, 98 students from 28 states, departed from Kennedy Airport in New York and flew to Madrid. The group was bus-

ed to the campus of the Ciudad Universitaria. Each class met five days a week and courses ranged from Elementary Spanish to Literature and Culture. Students toured La Mancha for two days, visiting all the interesting places related to Cervantes and Don Quixote. Some students had the opportunity to take advantage of the optional side trips to Paris, London and Rome arranged by the program, or trips independent of the program itinerary. Once or twice a week a group was scheduled to visit such historical places as Valle de los Caidos, El Escorial, Segovia, Avila, Toledo, Museo del Prado, Palacio Real, etc.

Students found that they had also more than enough time to do, see and learn whatever they chose.

As part of the program, a trip was taken to Southern Spain, visiting famous cities as Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada, Malaga, and three days were spent in the beautiful Torremolinos Beach.

Plans are already in progress for the 15th Summer School Program in Spain 1979. Students may earn 9 quarter college credits.

All persons interested should write to Dr. Doreste, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. 61201 as soon as possible. Space is very limited.

Dr. Arijibay Doreste  
Director

### Herdsmen Rescues

### Bionic Bovine

GREENSBORO (AP)—After surviving a head-on or rather, horn-on-collision with a car, tranquilizer darts fired by police, and a leap from a

bridge, "Bonnie the Bionic Cow" finally convinced somebody she shouldn't end up as 800 pounds of hamburger.

J.B. Tucker was taking the black Angus to a slaughter house Nov. 14 when she escaped. After eluding police, who said they shot her with tranquilizing darts, the cow

showed up on Interstate 85 near Greensboro, damaged a car and later jumped over the side of a bridge when cornered by police. Authorities immediately dubbed her the "bionic cow."

She showed back up in S. Clyde Dixon's herd Dec. 18. Tucker, who said he still wanted the animal slaughtered, finally gave in to pleas from his neighbors, and said he would spare her.

## Comedian, Ajaye's Secret Desire

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the All-American Girl."

"I had never wanted to be an actor," Ajaye admits, "I always wanted to be a come-

dian." Obtaining an exclusive contract with NBC, Ajaye will soon co-star in a comedy series with Della Reese.

Ajaye's appearance, which

is being sponsored by the Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB) is inviting all students to attend the event. Admission is free.

# Sullivan Wants Challenge

ATLANTA (AP)- At a rally Thursday night, the Rev. Leon Sullivan of Philadelphia urged participants to "once again be imbued with the challenge" set down by King in the early days of the civil rights movement.

"We have come a long way since then, but we have a long, long way to go," said Sullivan, founder and chairman of the board of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers.

The Philadelphia-based group encourages Blacks to pool financial resources and become economic powers in their communities.

"We can't wait for our white liberal friends to help us," Sullivan said. "I want friends sure. I want brown friends, yellow friends, white friends, rich friends, and poor

friends.

"But in the final analysis, I want to stand up like a man and help myself," he said.

Sullivan also said it was time for Blacks to demand governmental payment for their voting support, especially

from President Carter.

"We must let Brother Carter know that, if it hadn't been for Martin King and Black folks around the country, he would not have been elected president," Sullivan said.

## 'Golden Boy', Play Cast The Same

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Samuel Barber, director of the university choir, and the choreographer is Robin Dixon, a senior art major, and Paulette Fleming, technical designer and stage director.

The cast will remain the same as previously announced.

Tickets for the show will be available for the public on Tuesday, January 16, and

students will be able to pick up their tickets starting January 20. "Students remember that there is only a limited number of tickets for each show and that you must have your I.D. to pick up tickets," Kilimanjaro said.

Dr. Kilimanjaro who is the director of the play, said that there are still places available for back stage help. If anyone is interested in working back stage, contact Dr. Kilimanjaro between 9-5 in the theatre.

"Curtain time is 8:15 each night," Kilimanjaro concluded.

### Name For New Building In Proposal

two, that the new administration building be named after Rev. Martin Luther King to honor the work of a great civil rights worker.

### Edmond Gray Poli. Sci. Major Dies In Winston

Edmond De' Waine Gray a 23 year old, senior political science major, died early January 15, 1979, in a Winston-Salem hospital.

Gray was seriously injured in an automobile accident on December 18, 1978.

He was born in Bad Constatt, Germany, at 1914 Rayston Drive, on December 7, 1955.

He attended Page Senior High in Greensboro, and graduated from Hayfield Senior High in Alexandria, Virginia.

Surviving are his parents Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jack Gray of Ft. Belvoir, Virginia; sisters, Misses Yvette and Joanna Gray; brother, Kevin Gray; maternal grandparents, Mrs. Annie Mae Leverette, Asheville; and Eddie Leverette, Sr., Detroit, Michigan.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 19, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church on Haywood Street in Asheville.

The body is at Wilkins-Hart Mortuary in Asheville.



Happy Birthday Capricorns!!

Atlantic Records and custom labels have released their January disco promotion campaign "You're Never Been Hit So Hard . . ."

Midnight Rhythm, a disco thriller, is a combination of many artists including the brand new Hodges, James, and Smith on vocals.

For the supers disco Herbie Mann's (Superman) LP is the latest in disco/jazz combination.

Atlantic favorite's Chic; producers Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers are producing a blast from the past known as Sister Sledge. These "four dynamite sticks", Debbie, Joni, Katie and Kim Sledge have released their new album entitled "We Are Family". The ballads "Somebody Loves Me" and "You're A Friend To Me" have that clearly defined Chic touch.

The High Point Theatre is presenting the Cathedral Quartet and the Rangers Trio in a program of gospel music, on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. at the theatre.

Reserve seats are \$3.50 for adults, \$3.00 for students and senior citizens. All tickets are 50 cents more the day of the show.

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## Campus Haps

There will be an Alpha Chi meeting Wednesday, January 17, at 6 p.m. in Room 100 of the Student Union. All members are asked to attend.

There will be an Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society meeting Wednesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. in Merrick Hall

Tickets for the UNC-Charlotte game are now on sale for \$3 with ID, in Campbell Hall. Tickets for the bus trip to the game are .50 at the Student Information Desk in the Student Union. They will be on sale until Friday, January 19.

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.

The Organization of Broadcast Students will meet Wednesday, January 17, at 4 p.m. in Crosby Hall Room 305.

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

Enrich your knowledge of the word of God by coming to Wednesday night Bible studies, held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of Harrison auditorium. Following this, mid-week services will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.

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.

All persons interested in pledging Angel Flight are asked to attend the Spring 79 rush, Wednesday, January 17, at 5 p.m. in Room 140, or Thursday, January 18, at 4 p.m. in Campbell Hall. ROTC is not a requirement to pledge this organization.

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.

# Your Last Semester

Seniors, this is it, what you have been waiting for, your last semester at good ole A&T State University.

Now that our last semester is finally here we realize that it really didn't take long and college life wasn't as bad or even as good as we thought, it was going to be.

After three and a half years of struggle, one semester, the last semester at that, should not keep us here.

Let's all apply for graduation this week and double check the college handbook to be sure that all the qualifications for graduation have been met, while there's still time to add some courses.

Sooner or later during this semester you are going to find yourself remembering many different experiences of your college life spent at A&T.

You'll think about the time you left the room early in the morning and there wasn't a cloud in the sky; then you got caught in a rainstorm after your class.

Of the times that you were locked out of your dorm after a night out at the Cosmos or the time that you thought that you were failing a tough course and in the end you wound up with an "A"

The years spent in this institution will become your most talked about period in your life, so make the best out of the time you have left. Work hard in order to graduate and never forget the years that were spent at such a great university.

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# King Supporter Of Equal Rights

By Jacqueline Pender

Yesterday was the birth of the greatest man who ever lived, besides Jesus Christ. He was known as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To some whites, Dr. King was known as a racist, but to many Blacks he was the backbone supporter for their equal rights.

Dr. King dedicated his life in serving others. Remember in his speech the "Eulogy", King wanted people to know that he tried to love somebody.

King tried to feed the hungry and clothed those who were naked. King, even in his life time, visited those who were in

prison. Most of all, he tried to love and serve humanity. Dr. King was just an all-round person.

This man became one of the most leading forces in the civil rights struggle during the 60's. King was the impassioned voice of the oppressed people in upholding the philosophy of non-violence.

King had many dreams. One of his dreams concerned freedom and justice and equality for Blacks by the way of non-violent actions. Dr. King is no longer with us in flesh but he remains in the hearts and minds of many Blacks as a man that left a committed life behind.

# It Takes a Phone Call

By Sheila A. Williams

Drastic measures must be taken, and one step forward for the humane treatment of students was solved last week when a couple of parents decided to go into action.

There had been several complaints about no hot water in the dorms; and, after a parent made a phone call to the administration, there has not been any problem since then.

So what is this writer trying to say? Well, if a couple of parents can get hot water, then maybe about 20 parents can get better living conditions. Or maybe even better still, about 50 parents can do something about the food conditions.

Seemingly, the administration does not want to hear the voice of the student: They say such things as, Oh, what does the student know? But somewhere

in the back of their minds what should click is that the parents could start pulling their sons and daughters out of the university. Therefore, there would be no A&T, no jobs for the administration, and no students to hassle.

Maybe the only way for us to get any voice at all is through the parents. For some, if not most of the students here, the money for tuition is coming out of a great number of the parents' pockets. If they really knew the state their children had to live in or go through just to get a decent meal, or a warm shower, or a little heat then they could become very dissatisfied. If their children aren't happy, then the parents can become very unhappy.

So it's up to us to take the first step. Do we just sit around and wait? Or do we take drastic action? All it takes is a phone call.

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**Guards Score In Clutch**

**Cliffhanger Victories Boost A&T Into MEAC**

**By Dennis Bryant**

A&T used a pair of victories over conference opponents to gain first place in MEAC standings. A last second shot by Joe Brawner and a pair of last minute free throws by guard James Sparrow were the deciding points in the Delaware State and Maryland-Eastern Shore games respectively.

In Dover, Delaware the Aggies fought off a ferocious Hornets attack to defeat Delaware State 61-59. The Hornets, despite being young and unused to MEAC pressure games, gave the Aggies all the trouble they could have asked for.

Last year the Hornets, behind guard Charles Shealy, handed A&T its only conference loss 63-52 in the Delaware State Memorial Gymnasium. Shealy and forward James Maybin kept the score close in the first 35 minutes and, at one stage of the game, it looked as though the Aggies were doomed.

Delaware was led by Shealy and Maybin, both double figure scorers. Joel Coppage, a letterman from last season came in to give the Hornets a little extra power. The Hornets have a brilliant pair of freshmen who gave them some inside power.

Harold Royster led the Aggies with 20 points. Brawner and Sparrow also scored in double figures. The victory upped the Aggies' record to 5-5 overall, 2-0 in the conference. Delaware dropped its second conference game.

A&T fought the Hawks of Maryland-Eastern Shore to the wire Saturday and it took two free throws by Sparrow to ice the game. It was the second tense game for the Aggies in as many days and it took A&T 46 minutes to pull out the game.

The first regulation ended with both teams tied at 70 all. Each team scored four points in the first overtime. A&T gained the upper hand when Sparrow hit two free throws in the last few seconds. Sparrow led the Aggies with 22 points.

The victory upped A&T's overall record to 6-5 and 3-0 in the conference. The Hornets

dropped to 2-7. The Aggies took over sole possession of first place with the victory. The Aggies will meet the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Wednesday night on A&T's campus, before getting back into the conference Saturday night against South Carolina State.

The Trojans of Arkansas are head coached by Happy Mahfaouz. Last year the team finished 9-13 in its first year of competition. The Trojans are an independent team and have a continuing series with A&T beginning this year.

The Trojans have two starters returning from last

year's squad. They are I.C. Greenwood and Michael Greenwood. Other remaining starters are David Moore and John Blackman. Arkansas will enter A&T's new gym to face the Aggies, where A&T has not lost a game.

The Aggies will face UNC-Asheville before the

men's game. The women's game will begin at 5:30 p.m. The men's contest is 8 p.m.

Coach Gene Littles will start Marvin Brown, Joe Brawner, James "The Bird" Sparrow, Harold "The Hawk" Royster and Mike Hester. L.J. Pipkin is expected to see limited action in the contest.

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# Surge In Games Due To Front Court Players

One of the primary reasons for North Carolina A&T's surge in recent basketball games has been the overall acceptance of the frontcourt players to play a particular role for the benefit of the team.

Second year Aggie head coach Gene Littles has eight

very talented players on his roster 6-7 and above. In this group are some fine ballhandlers outside shooters, as well as defensive players.

And as the Aggies prepare to defend their Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship, Littles now believes that his frontcourt players are

finally settling down and doing what they must in order for the team to be successful.

"In our early games most of our forwards wanted to shoot the ball and concentrate on the offensive end of the floor rather than the defensive end," Littles said. "However,

in our recent games we have been getting some real good play inside and after a few more games I feel we be even stronger inside."

When Littles speaks of players designated to do certain jobs on the court, the first name that comes up is that of 6-7 junior Keith Davis, the

team's designated "Leaper."

In a recent conference game against the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, Davis came off the bench to block four shots and it was his followup of a missed foul shot that provided the Aggies with the margin of victory.

"Keith is the kind of player that might not show up well in the stat sheets but he does a great job for us coming off the bench, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds," Littles said.

"In the UMES game he was only credited with two rebounds but he was jumping so good that he got his hands on at least eight balls which created a lot of things for us. He plays good defense as evidenced by his four blocked shots; and, if he improves on his foul shooting, Keith could be a serious offensive threat."

"I played tight end and safety at DeWitt Clinton High School and, although I used to go to a lot of knick games, I was more interested in playing football.

"Clinton at that time had over 8000 boys and the basketball team had players like Steve Sheppard and Butch Lee. Basketball tryouts were going on at the same time we were practicing football and I didn't want to loose my starting position just to tryout for basketball."

But the summer after his senior year at Clinton someone observed Davis leaping over much taller players in one of those now infamous New York schoolyard games. Davis later went on to star at Lauringburg Institute before enrolling at North Carolina A&T.

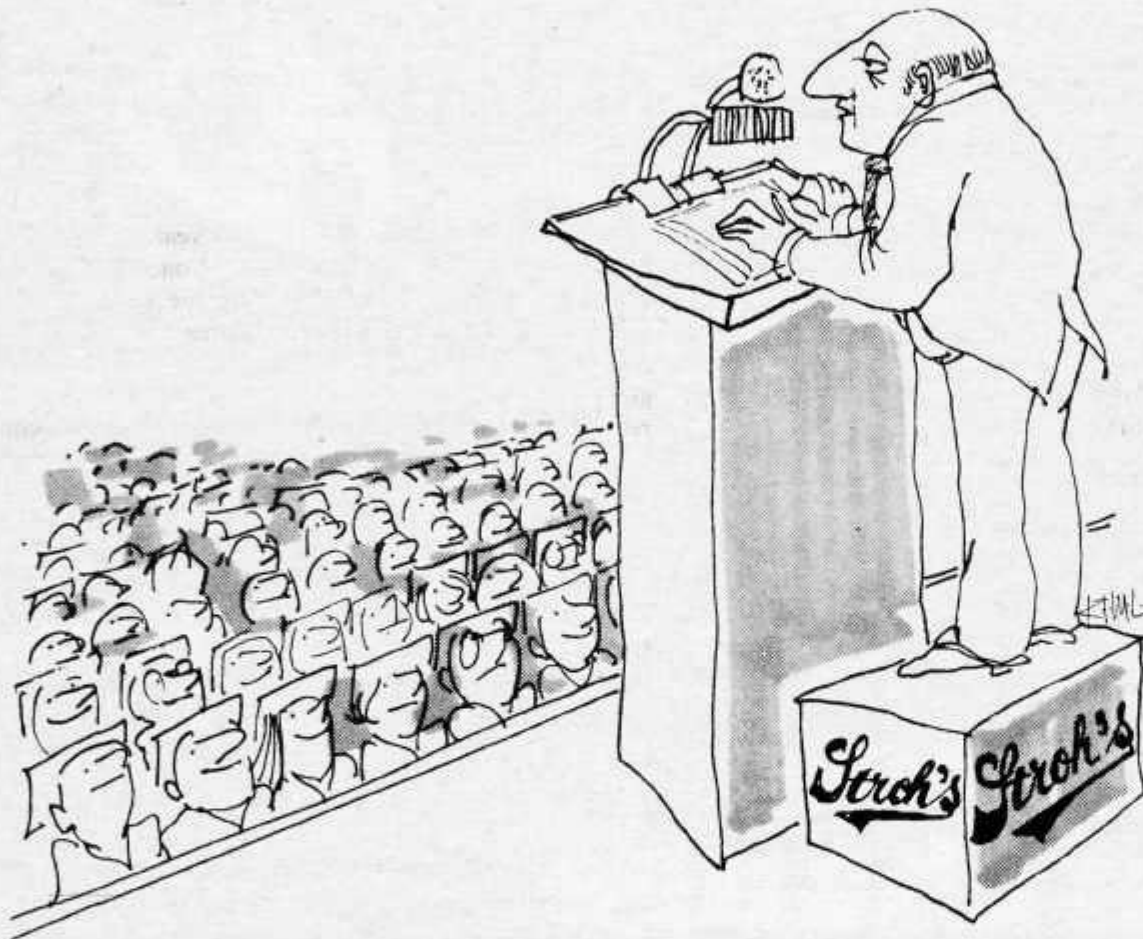
"I really like my role of coming off the bench blocking shots, rebounding, and picking up the action inside," said the 6-7 Davis, a junior Industrial Technology major.

"I have a God given talent to jump high, but mostly I feel my biggest asset is desire.

"I like to challenge and be challenged by the other players to jump higher for a rebound or block a shot. To be a good big man you've got to have pride and not accept that somebody can jump higher than you and let them beat you to a rebound or block your shot.

"I have played against guys 6-11 and 6-10; if they don't go after the ball with intensity every time, I'll beat them to it."

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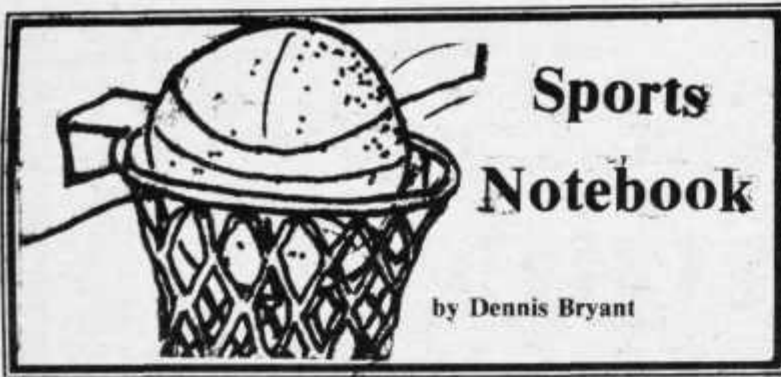


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# Sports Notebook

by Dennis Bryant

Coach Gene Littles' basketball team won its first road game Friday night and it could not have been at a better time. The encounter just happened to be with a tough Delaware State team that entered the game with a 7-5 record.

While the most of us were complaining about really cold temperatures in Greensboro, the Aggie basketball team got more than its share. Last Tuesday night the team went to Indiana and escaped with frostbites. This past weekend it was even colder, but only this time the oppositions got the bites.

The basketball team has to be glad to know there are always some alumni to support you wherever you travel. With the students' being unable to attend the games, the team got most of the support from alumni.

Guard Joe Brawner scored a basket with only five seconds remaining in the game against the Hornets to give A&T the victory. The game stayed close most of the way with the lead changing hands during the first half. Forward Harold Royster led the way with 20 points.

Saturday night the Aggies played two overtimes before finally defeating the Hawks of Maryland-Eastern Shore. The game played before a sparse crowd of about four hundred was a real thriller if you like overtimes.

Both teams had the chance to win in regulation, but the game went into extra periods. The regulation's score ended with both teams knotted at 70. The first OT, both teams managed to score four points in a deliberate stall type play. A&T was able to pull the game out in the second OT with two key throws by James Sparrow.

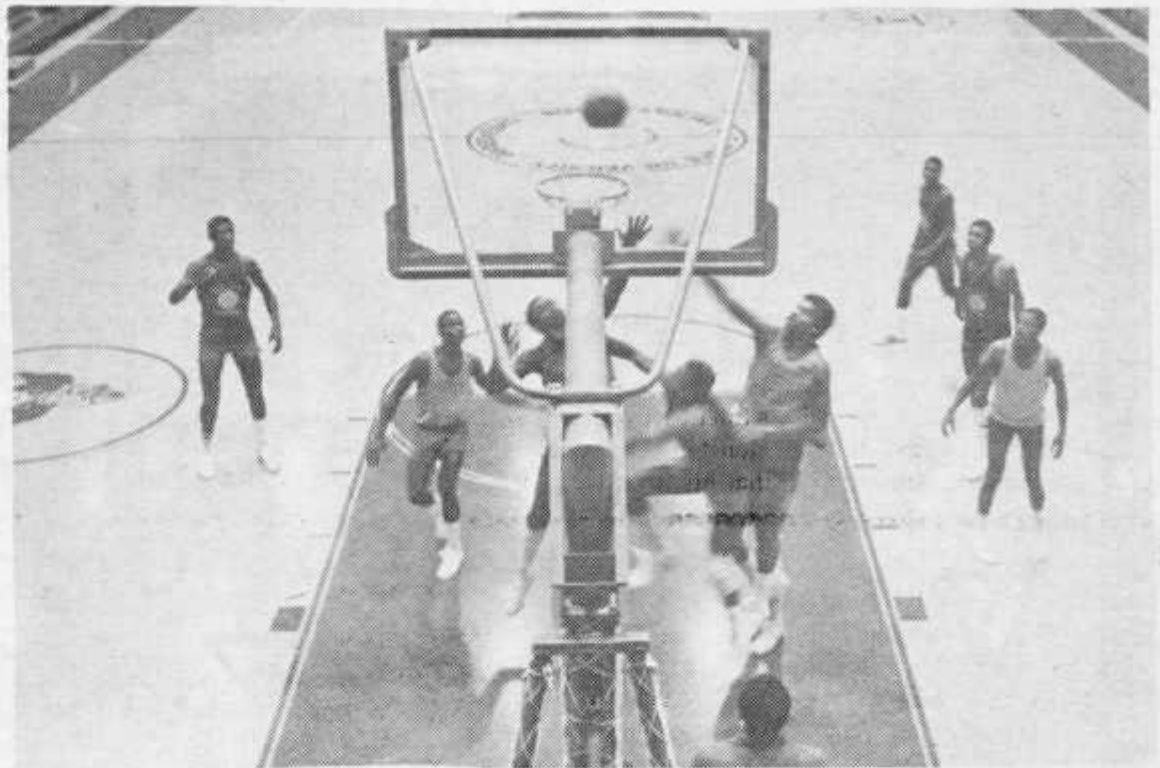
A&T stands on top of MEAC standings with a 3-0 league mark. The Aggies are followed closely by Morgan State with a 1-0 league mark. The Bears support a 10-3 record with a four-point victory over Howard in Washington, D.C. These three teams are expected to battle for the league championship.

Star forward L. J. Pipkin is expected to be back into action this week. He will see some action this week against the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and South Carolina State. Pipkin still is having a little blurred vision. He should be back to full action before the Aggies battle Morgan State and Howard in February.

Don't forget the MEAC tournament will be held February 22-24 in the Greensboro Coliseum. It promises to be more exciting this year with all the teams virtually improving. Tickets are still onsale at the Coliseum box office. Let's have at least a 30 thousand turnout for the four game tournament.

The Aggiettes, currently 1-3 will get back into action Wednesday night before the men's contest against UNC-Asheville. The women's team is led by guards Charlene Henderson and Mamie Jones. The game will begin at 5:30. Don't forget to have your tickets and ID's to get in.

In summary there is one thing that should be brought forward. There isn't enough support going to the women's athletic program. We have an enrollment of three-fifths females and that should be enough to have equalization in sports. Support Coaches Spruill and Sue Kascher's programs. They have brought the women's athletic program at A&T a long way.



The Aggies are getting ready for Wednesday's game against Arkansas.

## Guard Shows Physical Attributes

At 6-4, 193 pounds A&T freshman Brian Graham has the perfect physical attributes to be an outstanding big guard in the changing game of college basketball where it is not uncommon to see a player 6-5 or taller moving with the grace and speed usually reserved for below six-foot.

Aggie head coach Gene Littles, who recruited Graham after watching him during his senior year at Baltimore, Maryland's Dunbar High School, feels that young Graham has unlimited potential in the college ranks after he completely makes the transition from high school to college basketball.

"Brian played mostly forward in high school because he is an extremely physical player and doesn't mind going inside and mixing it up with the big forwards and centers," Littles said. "He has good hands and speed, but what I like about him is his aggressiveness on the court."

"We've used him in several key situations and he's responded real well. In practice we usually match him up against 6-6 James 'The Bird' Sparrow, who has some excellent individual skills."

"In a game situation, I don't think Brian will face many players who are 6-6 that can do the things that Sparrow can."

Graham was named the most valuable player on the Dunbar High team which finished 24-3 last season capturing the city and state championships.

He averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds per contest and received scholarships from schools like Texas, El Paso, Morgan State, Gardner Webb, and A&T.

He handled his selection of a college under the watchful eye of his parents, Ernest and Mary Graham. The Grahams had a lot of experience, both good and bad, with the recruitment of their older sons 6-9 Kevin, now a star on the perennial national NAIA power Gardner Webb team, and high touted 6-7 Ernest, one of the leading scorers in the Atlantic Coast Conference, who plays guard for the University of Maryland.

"I am really close to my brothers and we are very close as a family so when the recruiting of my brothers was taking place we would all sit down and talk about it," Brian said. "We would talk about things like education, social life and just how hard it would be to get back home or to keep in close contact with each other."

"Our house was always busy with coaches and scouts. Lefty Drisell used to come by, Larry Costello, who was coaching then with the Milwaukee Bucks, and others, I was real proud of what was going on and I paid attention to what was taking place."

When it came time for Brian to make the decision he did not have much difficulty.

"I wanted to go to a school where I felt I would have the best opportunity to play and make a contribution to the team," he said. "I also wanted to go somewhere where I could handle the academic part and still be close to home and my family."

"Kevin is playing at Gardner-Webb which is in North Carolina and I keep up with Ernest because a lot of Maryland's games are on television plus the Terps play three games in North Carolina

this year.

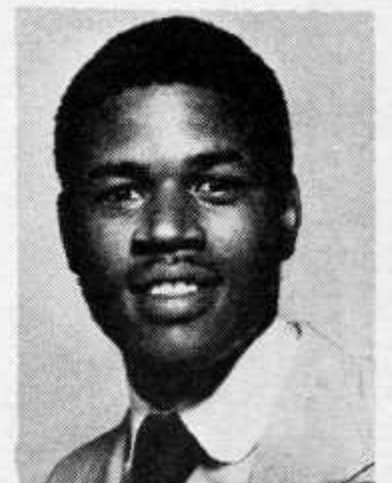
"Coach Littles has been using me a lot more in recent games and I do feel that I am contributing to the success of the team."

Graham, who compiled a 3.1 grade point average last semester, is currently averaging 3.1 points and 2.3 rebounds per game. He feels that the biggest transition he's had to make is following around little guards.

"I feel comfortable playing taller guards but some schools still play with two little ones and following them around is tough," Graham said.

"When I started playing basketball I was a guard but as I moved up I was one of the tallest players on my teams so the coaches moved me up front."

"It may take awhile to get used to playing in the backcourt but I think I can make the adjustment."



Brian Graham





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