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Students Feel Curriculum Inadequate For Career

By Darlene Staton
Several Mass Communications-Option majors met Tuesday, April 17, to discuss a new curriculum so that the students will be adequately prepared for careers. The group, headed by Jerome Stinson, stated that persons interested in the broadcast aspect of the media are currently being denied the proper courses needed in order to pursue a career.

The group compared their curriculum to those of other universities in North Carolina and expressed feelings of being deprived and cheated. They agreed that they should not have to merge with predominantly white UNC-G in order to obtain their necessities.

Stinson said that the program also needed more instructors. "The Mass Communications program here at A&T needs to be a department in itself," he said, "not an option under the Speech and English departments." He explained this as one of the main reasons for needing more instructors.

The students also expressed concern about the curriculum being unfair to the teachers as well as the students. Some instructors say that they receive students, namely broadcast majors, who are not adequately prepared for a course simply because the prerequisite is not offered. Therefore, the whole semester is spent giving background information instead of studying the original course.

The broadcast students complained of having to take too many print journalism courses and not enough broadcast courses. "There are only two broadcast courses offered in the whole program," stated one student. "I just can't go into the broadcast field with a radio and TV course as my only experience."

The group said it will continue to meet and discuss improvement proposals and has even drawn petitions and written letters which they will send to top authorities.

Black Students To Attend Annual Conference

Black college students will enjoy a unique educational experience at the National Black United Fund's Third Annual Public Policy Conference, June 28th through July 1, 1979, in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference theme is "Public Policy and Economic Democracy: Strategies for the 21st Century-Will the Black Masses of the African Diaspora Survive?"

Issues of merit to Black Americans involving economic democracy, urban priorities, culture and international coalitions with the brothers and sisters of the Diaspora, will be platformed in the 20 seminars scheduled.

Leslie Harriman, Ambassador of Nigeria and chairman of the United Nations Committee Against Apartheid, will keynote the gala Awards Banquet on June 29, 1979.

Minister Louis Farrakhan will address the conveners at the Conference Breakfast, June 30th, and Congressman Parren Mitchell will keynote the Conference Luncheon, June 29th.

Although, six Special Events are slated, one of which will be a Celebrity Disco to highlight and enjoy the sociability of the notable personalities who will be on hand.

The three-day event will be chaired by such distinguished Black Americans as Marcia Gillespie, editor of Essence magazine, and actor Louis Gossett, Jr., only two of the eight Chairpersons who will host the ceremonials.

This Conference of renowned black scholars and professionals promises to be

Fellowship Choir Organized In 1969

By Yvonne Fields
The Fellowship Gospel Choir was organized in 1969 by Albert Smith, the director of athletics, and Vernon Hatley, who was President of the Baptist Student Union[BSU]. It was conceived as an avenue through which A&T students could maintain intimate contact with the Black religious experience.

The aim was to keep alive on this university campus those great religious traditions and spiritual experiences which are our heritage and which have been the life blood of our people since they first arrived on these sacred shores and which have been most profoundly expressed in our music, the spirituals and the gospels.

From its inception, the choir has sought to be a witness to the truth of God, to His providential care and concern for mankind, to His saving grace most wonderfully expressed in the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to the eternal salvation which He offers to men and women who believe on His name. As such the choir has added dimension to the religious life of the university and to the city of Greensboro. Those who live outside of the city of Greensboro, who have had the opportunity to hear this Choir in concert, have been "truly blessed."

S. Kaplan Review Courses
To Help Grads With Tests

If "logical diagrams" or "major factor (principle) sets" ring a bell and you have to take one of the standardized tests necessary for admission to most graduate programs, you might think twice about how you're going to prepare for it at all.

The effectiveness of courses designed to prepare students for tests like the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is in much dispute among those who run the review courses and those who develop the tests.

Tens of thousands of students take these courses each year, paying between $100 and $300, depending on the length of the course and the amount of material covered.

For the most part, they learn test-taking strategy. They are taught what to expect on the tests -- the type of questions asked and the concepts behind the questions. They are also given the chance to take a sample test under conditions similar to those they will be facing the day of the actual exam.

Stanley H. Kaplan, founder of the centers bearing his name, claims that students who take a Kaplan review course after a disappointing first score, will improve their scores on the second test by an

On April 21, the Army ROTC sponsored a raft trip down the Yadkin River. Between the serious rowing and maneuvering were the water lights and races. This turned eight hours into more than just fun, but a real "trip".
Finklestein Advises Students To Study For LSAT

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average of 100 points. And Janet Finklestein, coordinator of an LSAT preparation course at Adelphi University in New York, says that, while they don't guarantee test scores, "any qualified student who is really serious about going to law school should be able to score at least 600 points (out of a possible 800) after taking the course. If they don't, and they choose to take the LSAT again, they can take the review course for a second time, free of charge."

Finklestein says that although the Educational Testing Service, developer of the LSAT, you can, and should, prepare for it. Finklestein explains that her course familiarizes students with the test and, teaches them short cuts so they can finish each section in time. Ed Deupola, assistant to the administrative director of the John Sexton Test Preparation Center in New York City, says their LSAT review course teaches students to understand and define the terms ETS uses in the make-up of the exam. "If you don't understand the terms and how they are being used, even an intelligent person could be in trouble," Deupola says.

However, ETS disagrees with the score-improvement claims of Kaplan and the other coaching schools. Jeene Brittle, executive director for program planning and consumer affairs for the Princeton, N.J., firm, says their research shows that "coaching does not make a significant difference." Anyone, Brittle contends, taking an ETS test for the second time will improve their scores by about 60 points because they are more familiar with the test format.

Tom White, vice president and director of the tester's law program, says ETS is "unaware of any evidence that would indicate that study courses are any more effective than a person diligently going through the materials that are provided free (by ETS) to prepare for the test. "People should not be advised to take the test cold. It's foolish of them to wait until there and expect to do their best by not knowing what they're going to be asked or what the routines are."

"If students want the test to best reflect their aptitude," White says, "they should get that information and study it in a way that would not be haphazard."

Prof. Millard Ruud, executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, agrees with White on the effectiveness of preparation courses. "I don't have any evidence," Ruud says, "that cram courses provide an applicant any advantage over a person who carefully reads the sample test provided free in the bulletin of information for the LSAT."

Jim Straford, president of New York's Hofstra University's pre-law society, says he thinks the review courses are actually a waste of money because you can learn the same things in a review book costing only about $6. Straford says he used the LSAT review book published by Arco Publishing Co. to study, and that, as far as he could tell, it covered everything the review courses offered—tips on how to take the exam, examples of the different kinds of questions, an explanation of why each answer was right or wrong and facinulies of the exam.

Dr. Robert Beran, associate director of the educational measurement and research division of the American Association of Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C., says that early information obtained by his office indicates that "students do improve when they undertake any kind of review."

By "review," Beran means either college-based review courses, commercial review courses or a study of other efforts at reviewing pertinent material.

But, he says, the various methods of reviewing are hardly different at all. "If the test is an achievement test, it is not important whether the material covered on the test, you should improve your score.

Cults Use Line By Line Thought Reform Methods

Dr. Margaret Thaler Singer, a noted authority on cults, stated, "One of the largest and most established cults in the U.S. today uses almost line-by-line 'thought reform' techniques that were used by North Koreans on United Nations' prisoners during the Korean War. While cults don't generally hold a gun to your head and threaten to execute you, that is not necessary because social and psychological persuasion techniques are far more effective," the University of California psychology professor said.

Ms. Conway also revealed, "In our research, we came across numerous reports of cults that were arming themselves. Two of the larger organizations we found have been given instructions by their leaders that, in case of what they consider to be blaspheming by members, they should try to kill those people. And, if they are unable to do so, they should kill themselves.

In the article, Dr. Singer urged that cults be legally mandated to fully describe their identity and the nature of their activities. As they approach schools or communities. The psychiatrist asserted in the JOURNAL: "The whole question of the First Amendment and what it does and doesn't protect bears closer examination as the results of the cults. Many of our most prominent legal philosophers are already beginning to take a look at the issues involved and are considering what are the legal rights of families within our society.

"If unethical cults are permitted to proliferate unchecked," Dr. Singer stated, "more families could be threatened and we would have more people accepting totalitarian and totalitarian methods of group thinking without being aware of exactly what they are involved in."
Two top female vocalists have emerged as disco queens to be reckoned with. Supposedly, Donna Summer is presently the "Disco Queen," winning several Grammy awards for her prolific tunes. In the midst of so many talented entertainers, Ms. Summer may have to step aside for the likes of Amii Stewart and Gloria Gaynor. Ms. Stewart whose first album and single, "Knick on Wood" is currently rising on the disco charts, presents an energizing sound that has already won her many fans. Gloria Gaynor, unlike Amii Stewart, has had much success with her third album "Love Tracks."

Three years ago trendsetting albums, "Never Can Say Goodbye," and "Experience," this fabulous lady rising on the disco charts, presents an energizing "Say Goodbye," and "Experience," this fabulous lady this year with "I Will Survive." Look for Gaynor and Stewart to rise to greater heights in the future.

Now in paperback form, the researchers who discovered the pattern of the life cycle now present a book of great importance, "The Seasons of A Man's Life". This book is the first full and authoritative report from the team that actually mapped the patterns of adult development. Surprisingly, the book says that, like children and adolescents, adults continue to change throughout their lives according to a predictable age-linked timetable. And now the top ten:

1. Ain't No Stoppin' '....McFadden and White
2. You're In Need Of Love Raydio
3. Freakin's Fine Mandre
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5. Disco Nights (Rock Freak) GG
6. We Are Family Sister Sledge
7. Ready Or Not Herbie Hancock
8. Good Good Feelin War
9. I Got My Mind Made Up Instant Funk
10. Music Is (My Way of Life) Patti Labelle

The Miss Alpha Phi Omega Blue & Gold Pageant will be held Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Donation: $.25. See any brother or jewel.

The Political Science Society will hold an urgent interest meeting Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m., in Room 100, of the Student Union. All men interested in pledging Iota Phi Theta Fraternity will meet Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in Rm. 211, in the Student Union.

The Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity interest group meeting will be announced at a later date.

Up With People, a musical production will appear on campus Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the New Gym. Tickets are $1 for A&T students, $2 for non-A&T students, $5 for general admission. Up With People is being sponsored by the senior class. For more information contact Mrs. Bailey, Student Activities or the Student Union.

D.M.P. Tries To 'Free Minds' By Johnny Thompson

D.M.P. attempted to "free the minds" of the curious spectators. Billed as a 'new experience', the intriguing "elements," as Matthews calls his band, began to percolize the audience at the start of the show. Poetry, music and thought were integrated in what appeared to be slight derivatives of George Clinton of Parliament/Funkadelic fame.

The musicians were very talented in all due respect, with the more than twenty instruments with which they played. In addition to the music, arrays of lights: colored, strobed and flashed were used to their full extent. The nine members of D.M.P. provided the crowd with what they wanted to hear, good music. But without a doubt it was Matthew's poetry that was the most impressive. A poet/musician who was discovered by Nikki Giovanni, Matthew's excerpt from his second book, "Time" got a warm response. Undoubtedly though, his award winning poem, recited above the motions of the band, received lucrative ovations compared to the rest of his performance.

The poem is called "Bicentennial" and depicts how Black people have overcome the white society in different aspects of life. Unsurprisingly, the band played Parliament's ancient hit "Swing Down Sweet Chariot," as well as their own brand of hard rhythm and blues. D.M.P. continued to try to get the audience involved. Not only did the onlookers act as a church congregation, but they also were told to light matches which were written, "The New Exposure (To Poetry)." Also the author of the book "The Feel of Feeding," Matthew's presented a vocative and talented lady who did a creative dance to Peter Brown's "Do Ya Wanna Get Funky With Me," referred to as C.R., her dancing was very entertaining and original, as was the rest of D.M.P.'s performance.

A&T Jazz Ensemble Plays Jazz, Blues In The Bowl

consisted of numbers by such artists as Miles Davis, Quincy Jones, Stanley Turrentine, Ray Noble, and other jazz greats. The ensemble consists of nineteen members and is directed by Dr. Ted McDaniel. The audience seemed to enjoy the concert despite diversions of poetry, legs, backgammon boards, a snake, and the numerous bugs that fluttered around. Relaxation was the tone that the admirable musicians had set with their mellow, soothing renditions. The band also demonstrated that they were not limited to strictly blues music as they injected up-tempo selections as well.

The Jazz Ensemble is not fixed entirely to A&T. They have had engagements at Bennett College, Fayetteville State University, and they also entertained at the Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival at East Carolina University in Greenville. The group's next engagement is in Raleigh. This was their first concert out-of-doors this year. Some of the songs that were played at the concert were "All Blues," "Scrapple From The Apple," "Straight No Chases," "Sugar," "Green Dolphin Street," and "Cherokee."
Up With People

Looking for a temporary 'change of direction in life'? Well, your answer could be just around the corner.

Up With People, an independent, non-profit, educational corporation, will be here Friday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the New Gym. The show will be something you might not want to miss. Three of the members from Up With People have been here approximately four weeks campaigning for the show. Each year approximately 117 people are accepted to perform with the Up With People cast. You are not chosen for your dancing or singing ability; your talent is based upon personality. The show consists of vigorous choreography (singing and dancing), costumes, and audience involvement. This is why personality plays such an important role in the program.

Up With People is a scholarship study where you pay about 4500 for tuition, general spending, per year. But most of the money is raised (if you can't raise it yourself) through various sponsors and 60 to 70% of the members go through sponsors. Not only that, but you can receive up to 30 credit hours for traveling. They are also looking for musicians who would like to participate in the program.

This could be just the opportunity for those of you who are looking for a breath of 'fresh air', traveling all over the United States as well as abroad, learning and experiencing things that you may never get to see or do in your entire lifetime.

But, like anything else that you may do, you must have the initiative to work and be willing to accept the routines that go along with this educational experience.

If you would like to talk to Jackie Richards, Janice Ward or Chuck King, members of the Up With People show, they can be contacted in Room 204 of the Memorial Union. This writer is sure they would be happy to talk to you about the program and what is expected of you if you decide to join.

So, if you feel that what you are getting out of college life is not what you particularly want right now, maybe Up With People is the answer for you.

Cafe Rights?

By Richard B. Steele

Dear Parents,

Starving to death, need some spending change. Love, Students.

Many parents wonder why they receive weekly letters and visits from their sons and daughters. This writer will attempt to explain to a bewildered generation, what's going on in our universities cafes.

The staff of the cafeteria are doing their best with what they have to work with and we all know the same sad song about the 'price' we pay for meals as opposed to "cafe rights" we pay for in tuition. We pay dearly for the two inch cafeteria cafes. "Cafe rights" are a bargain compared to "cafe rights".

Next semester prices soar as does tuition and the food is going to get better, right? Ha! Once one gets used to the "mixed-food and drinks", one is only given enough to remain alive until the next food feeding period. Again, this is not a knock on the food system but on the food itself. If the feds and state officials had to digest the "bull" they'd give us filet mignon daily, with white wine for a chaser.

Studying Is Up To You

By Fiorina Byrd

With final exams fastly approaching, have you ever wondered where would be a quick place to study other than the 'not so quiet campus library'? You're in luck. There is a nice quiet place on campus that allows for male as well as female students to study.

The place is the area that is connected to section A of Scott Hall. The building was annexed to this dormitory to provide ample and adequate study hours for students. The area may also serve as a lounge for co-ed visitation.

The lounge or study area is open daily to students. The hours are Sunday 1 p.m. to 12 midnight, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 midnight, and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 midnight.

The building was connected to the dorm approximately five years ago, according to Phillip Boone, dorm counselor of Scott Hall. Students desiring to use this area as a study room may do so without special permission from the on-duty dorm counselors. If the area is locked, a counselor will open the building.

Now that you are aware of a sufficient place to study, why don't you take it upon yourself and take advantage of this area to apply yourself to your studies? After all, students, this area is a part of the university so why don't you do yourself a favor and use this building for constructive purposes and studying?

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There has been a central theme during A&T’s spring football practice--offensive consistency, especially within the interior line.

That particular area was nearly devastated last season by a rash of injuries and the coaching staff spent each week looking for replacements.

The Aggies concluded spring practice with the annual Blue-Gold intra-squad scrimmage Saturday with the belief that the offensive unit will be more consistent.

"The coaching staff was very pleased at the way spring ball went," said A&T coach Jim McKinley, "and we are excited about our prospects for the 1979 season."

McKinley led the Aggies to a second place finish in the MEAC last season and a berth in the Gold Bowl.

"Our interior offensive line was one of our biggest concerns," he added, "and we had the opportunity to work with a lot of players in an effort to get the combinations we wanted." "Clifton Britt was especially impressive. At 6-4, 250 he has the physical tools necessary to become an outstanding lineman; and, during the past few weeks, he has shown the kind of consistency that will make him the kind of player you can count on in crucial situations."

"In our offensive backfield we have runners like Charlie Sutton and Bill Joyner, both starters last season, who will be returning. However, Sutton did not participate this spring that much because of an injury and we had the opportunity to work with other players."

"With backs like Cleotis Johnson, Clifford Maxwell, Perry Forge and Kareem Cunningham, we have fine depth in the backfield."

No official score was kept at the scrimmage, as points were awarded for first downs, broken up passes and tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Although the concentration may have been on offense, the defensive unit, led by sophomore Leon Byrd (6-5, 250) enjoyed considerable success in the scrimmage and, according to McKinley, played well all spring.

"We always felt that Byrd would be an outstanding lineman but his progress has been tremendous," McKinley said, "and if he continues to make this kind of improvement, he could develop into one of the best defensive linemen in the country."

"Ulysses Thompson, Gerry Green and Roger Ridgeway have performed well all spring and should provide us with the kind of upperclassmen we will need this fall.

"Overall, we seem to be more consistent on offense but we won't really know until game time."

Drumwright Dreams Of Playing League Baseball

By Raymond Moody

Mike Drumwright is a man with a dream. His dream is to play major league baseball.

Drumwright leads the team with nine homeruns and is batting close to 325.

Drumwright played high school baseball for Central Regional High, located in Berkeley Township, N.J. Beginning his career as a pitcher, Drumwright's pitching arm was injured. His high school coach, Alfred Kuneman, later moved him to first base and eventually to the outfield.

Drumwright's high school statistics were rather impressive. His sophomore season, Drumwright was used basically for defensive purposes.

"We had a great outfield that year," stated Drumwright. "I was only a sophomore and the other outfielders were seniors and had more experience." Drumwright tied his school's records in doubles with five and triples with 10 during his senior campaign. He batted a very consistent .316 his junior season and during his senior season Drumwright's average rose to .365.

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Pinckney Named To Board Of Directors

Melvin Pinckney, head wrestling coach at North Carolina A&T for the past nine seasons, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Freestyle and Greco Roman Wrestling Association USA.

The association is the ruling body of the organizations and acts on the direction the sport will pursue in the future, according to Pinckney.

Pinckney will be in charge of representing the association's interests in North and South Carolina. In 1977 he served as President for all open tournaments in two states.
Saturday evening, the A&T football team held its spring Blue-Gold scrimmage game. The game, played on the old practice field, saw some of the potential candidates to start next year, the brightest slot being the play of quarterback William Watson. Watson directed the gold team to victory with his timely completions. It was seemingly a different Watson from the one we saw last season. The guy that was supposed to replace Watson in the lineup, Roland Myers, was in Greensboro this past weekend. Myers, and another recruit were at the game.

Another recruit, a wide receiver, was also a visitor on our campus. It looks as though the Aggie gridders are getting ready for their opener against Winston-Salem State. Hopefully the Rams will run into a brick wall this year. If A&T expects to be that brick wall, we have to start now.

Coach Jim McKinley said he was proud of the Blue-Gold game. He said all the Aggies played great. The only difference in the outcome was the defense eating hotdogs and the winners, steaks.

The Blue was coached by four members of the coaching staff with the remaining three coaching the Gold.

The A&T baseball team closed out its 1979 season with an 18-11, 9-0 sweep of a doubleheader. The victories came over the Bears of Shaw University. The victories upped A&T’s record to 15-14. The team won seven of its last nine games.

The A&T Aggiettes held a softball tournament this weekend at Levette Field in Greensboro. The team won six of seven games in the tournament, winning first place. The tournament featured Barber Scotia and NCCU. The only loss was 6-5, to the Eagles.

The victories upped A&T’s record to 11-12.

One of the Aggiettes, Alice Lyons, was a second team All-American on the NCAA All-American team. Miss Lyons, a senior from Bertie County, was the only Black player on the team from any Black school.

The A&T Aggiettes defeated Lansing Community College 9-7 to win their second straight national tournament.

The MEAC Track and Field Championship Meet will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, the weekend of April 21-22.

Drumwright Seeks Career In Baseball

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325. The surprising statistic of Drumwright’s career was his homerun production in high school.

“I hit nine home runs during my high school career,” Drumwright stated.

“There was no fence and everyone always played me deep. That really hurt my batting average, too.”

Drumwright eventually picked Virginia State.

“Virginia State won the championship in 1976,” stated Drumwright. “There coach wrote me and told me they wanted me to play for them. They sent me all kinds of information about their team and their stadium. Then, when I went down to play, their baseball program was cut.”

Fortunately, for A&T, Drumwright chose to play with the Aggies.

“A&T is a good school,” Drumwright remarked. “Most of the people are friendly. But I do think our baseball program should receive more money.”
Head for the mountains.