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SGA Meeting Addresses Visitation Rights Policy

By Richard B. Steele

The Student Government Association staged a meeting last night at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium concerning the termination of coed visitation. Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, discussed a three-fourths filled auditorium reasons leading up to the action taken against the entire student body because of an alleged incident that recently occurred. "It had to put a stop to chaos," stated Marshall, attempting to answer questions raised as to why students were given notices and not consulted. Marshall stumbled through the coed visitation policy which was adopted 7 years ago, but only to the extent that the university wanted it.

"There have been flagrant abuses of the policy," said Marshall to a displeasing crowd.

"There have been flagrant abuses of student funds," said one Aggie during the question and answer session. Applause and ovations were the support of the some 300 students.

A somewhat nervous Marshall said that there was "more heat and less light on the subject...I'm committed to doing a professional job; I don't hesitate to look at the right and wrong and how it affects other people (students)."

Marshall began to quote from the policies of coed visitation where he was interrupted by students wishing to state that the existing problem was not a misunderstanding of the policies. "We have read the policies; the point is what is going to be done about termination of coed visitation?" said one female resident.

"Two people have an argument; why punish the remaining 3,998 students for their actions?" questioned another student. Clarke Baldwin, SGA vice president said that not only should the students receive respect as students but also as adults. It was revealed during discussion and debate that the students had no warning that coed visitation was terminated indefinitely. Again, the student requested to know what was being done to reverse this decision made by the vice chancellor.

Using Curtis Hall as a defense or model, Marshall suggested that each dorm elect its residence hall officials if not already. These officials should meet with dorm supervisors and come up with better procedures that abide by the existing university policies on coed visitation.

Those proposals are to be in Marshall's hands by Tuesday and, if all the dormitories cooperate, the coed visitation ban will be lifted on Thursday, according to Marshall. (See Procedures, Page 2)

Dr. Marshall and SGA members entertain students' questions concerning suspension of coed visitation in Harrison Auditorium Thursday night. (Photo by Tyson)

McCorkle Battles 'Sexism'

By Andrew McCorkle

In her first semester as Student Government Association president Pam McCorkle spoke candidly about problems facing the university, goals of the SGA and her personal battle against sexism.

The SGA office is hot and humid. Phones ring sporadically as people wander in and out of the front office. McCorkle finds herself having many problems simply because she is a woman. However, she is no novice when it comes to student government work.

After spending three years under previous SGA administrations in various capacities, she has gained first hand experience realizing the problems of the university and avenues to go about solving them.

"Yes I am a woman," she said emphatically; "but, when I get down to business, I'm serious."

"But can she be an effective leader?" her critics have asked.

"Is she strong enough to cope with the pressures the SGA president has to deal with?"

The senior accounting major said she also faces barriers put up by members of A&T's administration.

"They are constantly reminding you you're a woman," she said. "They want you to lose your train of thought," and, then she added, as if to make certain her point was clear, "They don't come up and kiss Kevin Buncom's hand."

McCorkle said she has encountered administrators that openly wish once they find out she is head of the SGA.

"It's frustrating," but McCorkle shrugs the sexism off as a strategic play designed to cause her to "lose the battle."

The university is always plotting and scheming to stop anyone who is getting close to uncovering wrongdoings going on within the university. The administration is not beyond covert activity, she said.

"They look at your weakness," McCorkle explained, "and then devise different tactics to stop you."

A&T's problems are diverse and numerous; one of the basic dilemmas concerning students living on campus is the upgrading of the dormitories.

Amid cries of discrimination last year by Black college officials in the University of North Carolina system, representatives from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare visited the five predominately Black universities and ultimately allocated $40 million to be targeted for general renovation and updating of the campuses.

A&T State University, the largest of the other Black schools, is slated to receive $14 million, said McCorkle.

The monies will be spent on "the renovation of the library, the classroom buildings, educational equipment and other major projects."

At least $1.2 million will be spent on the resurfacing of Scott Hall, an almost legendary structure that houses nearly 1000 male residents.

McCorkle wants a "unified student body."

"It's pretty hard fighting for students when you don't know what they want," she said.

September 29th will be nationally recognized as Black College Day and McCorkle is issuing a plea to all instructors (See Black, Page 5)

University Takes Broad View

A&T State University's increased involvement in international programs is paying rich dividends for the university's development, according to the professor who heads that program.

"We feel that a university is supposed to take a broad view of the world," said Dr. William Reed, associate dean of the School of Agriculture and director of international programs. "We have established linkages, contracts and relationships with a number of developing nations. These are mutually beneficial."

Among the recent international activity sponsored by the university:

Two A&T faculty members left for Tanzania last month to train paraprofessionals to assist farmers there.

"Three A&T faculty members will be leaving next week for a second tour in Tanzania to assist small farmers with technology and marketing problems."

The university recently developed a new program in the master's program in (See 400, Page 2)
Parental Concern Bans Coed Visitation Rights

By Andrew McCorkle

Women being physically abused, and men taking showers in female dorms are a few of the reasons coed visitation has been indefinitely suspended said Dr. Jesse E. Marshall Wednesday night in Curtiss Hall.

Marshall told a jammed lobby that a crackdown was essential and that many parents were concerned about the safety of their daughters on campus.

In what he called an "emergency" situation, Marshall pleaded for the cooperation of male students to stamp out the "physical abuse" of their female counterparts.

If dorm counselors or other officials establish "physical presence" of the opposite sex in a dorm room then both parties will be suspended from the university. If one of the parties "is not a student on campus, then he will be charged with trespassing," warned Marshall.

Marshall said there will be agents who are not necessarily dorm officials who will have the task of enforcing the no coed visitation policy.

Coed visitation will resume on an individual dorm basis when a viable coed policy, written by students and their dorm counselors, is approved by Dean of Men, Col. William Goode, said Marshall.

Marshall cited an array of policy violations and gross misconduct by "either students or nonstudents" occurring in both male and female dorms.

Marshall had been traveling around campus to various dorms and his voice was weak, he said. However the crowd listened closely as he spoke.

"One girl was on the hall of her dorm," he explained. "A group of men entered on the hall and one of them said something to her."

A verbal argument ensued and ended in the girl's being injured.

"The man struck her in the mouth," said Marshall, "and knocked out three of her teeth."

He said coed visitation will be abolished until "halls can provide proof that coed visitation can be carried out with violation."

"If we have problems on campus, let them be in other areas not coed visitation."

Student Government Association vice president Clarke Baldwin accompanied Marshall on his tour.

Baldwin chastised students for the practice of leaving trays on cafeteria tables. He also asked for greater student concern and empathy for the cafeteria workers.

"There are people's mothers in there bussing tables," he said. "We graduated from high school physically but mentally our minds are still there."

Yearbook Staff Holds First Interest Meeting

By Trudy Johnson

"I'm glad to see all of you interested in working with the 1980-81 Yearante, but keep in mind that producing a yearbook requires hardwork...yet attendance of the first meeting is no indication of who is actually willing to work with us," said Sheila Snow, editor-in-chief.

The first Ayantee Yearbook staff meeting was held Tuesday, August 26, at 8 p.m. at the yearbook office in the Student Union Room 210.

Along with the executive staff, approximately 75 students attended this introductory meeting.

According to Snow, prospective members will be interviewed at a later meeting. Letters will be sent to all about upcoming sessions or notices will be posted throughout the campus.

A workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, from 9-12 a.m. and the final selection of staff members will be notified.

"You don't need a lot of experience to work with us, I'm not knocking it but if you are not willing to work," said Robert Clark, associate editor.

Other executive staff members are Sibon Cherry, managing editor; Carolyn Cobb, head typist; Vera Halfield, business manager; Anthony Johnson, photographer; and Ms. Dorothy Bailey, faculty advisor.

400 Foreign Students On Campus

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agricultural economics and rural sociology to improve the university's strength in development economics.

Three educational specialists spent much of the past summer in two African nations, familiarizing themselves with manpower and research needs.

"A&T recently conducted a special two-year program to train 15 Nigerians in building technology."

"Officials at A&T have had recent discussions with officials of Southern Africa and the Caribbean about international involvement. Reed said A&T is also providing education for many students and faculty members from developing nations.

"We have approximately 400 international students on the campus now," he said, "including a large contingent from the Middle East."

He noted that Dr. Abedu Jones, a sociologist and educational specialist, spent last year on the A&T campus, as a visiting teacher, and the past summer, an agricultural economist from St. Lucia in the Caribbean taught here.

According to Reed, A&T faculty members have been involved in international projects since the 1950s. More than a dozen of them have had this experience.

"I think that the reason for this international involvement is the fact that we have persons on our faculty who can contribute and who are interested," he said.

Procedures Request More Security Measures

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The improved procedures suggested briefly were requests for more security, a check-in system, no illegal trespassing and so forth. Other items of interest were the discussion of Homecoming shows which were still in the making; fall break has been changed but a date has not been set as of yet; and admission to the Winston-Salem State Game is free with an activity sticker on the student I.D. card.

Correction

Because of circumstances beyond our control pictures of Dr. Henry Cameron and Boyd S. Taylor appeared incorrectly in the "Dowdy Appoints New Administrators" story published August 26, 1980. We are sorry for any inconvenience that may have occurred.

Dr. Henry Cameron Boyd S. Taylor

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Cross-country touring appears to have been the summer’s Past-time, or at least as has been entertained by many of the Atlantic Records’ recording artists.

The Spinners, who are celebrating twenty-five years of making music, are currently in the midst of a massive headlining U.S. tour and also enjoying phenomenal success with the hit single, "Cupid Medley." It was taken from the LP, "Lovin’ Trippin'" which was produced by Michael Zager for Love-Zoeger Productions.

The Spinners consist of Henry Fambrough, Billy Henderson, Pervis Jackson, Bobbie Smith and John Edwards (the newest member who has filled in for ill members since 1975 and replaced Philipe Wynne in 1977). They have been with Atlantic since 1972, having been awarded by the Record Industry Association of America (RIAA) five gold albums and seven gold singles including the recent "Working My Way Back To You/Forgive Me Girl."

Another Michael Zager production, "Working," which was written by Denny Rendell and Sandy Linzer (of "Native New Yorker" fame), was recently certified gold by the RIAA for U.S. sales in excess of 1,000,000 (one million) units.

The Manhattan Transfer began a mammoth headlining U.S. tour schedule on August 6 in San Diego, California. It is scheduled to run until early September. The group’s current album on the Atlantic label, "Extensions," which was released in November 1979, yielded the hit singles "Twilight Zone" and "What in the world do you do about it?"

Thirteen-year-old angelic Stacy Lattisaw’s album, "Let me be your angel," is a much-talked about (and bought) item in R&B and pop circles.

Released on the Cotillion label (an Atlantic Records distribution), the first single from the LP, "Dynamite!" fared well on R&B and Disco listings. A second single from the "Angel" album, the title track, is also faring well on national surveys.

The album was produced under the care and genius of Atlantic recording artist, Narada Michael Walden, who co-wrote all the songs on the LP.

Hinderas To Open GSO Season

By Tony Moore

When the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra opens for its 1980-81 season later this month, it will be joined by the internationally acclaimed pianist Natalie Hinderas.

She will be featured in the opening concert of the Symphony’s new season on Tuesday, September 23, at 8:15 p.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum War Memorial Auditorium.

The A&T Music Department and its chairman, Jr. Ted McDaniel, will host a reception in honor of Hinderas. It will be held in the commons area of Williams Cafeteria. The reception is by invitation only.

Natalie Hinderas, a native of Oberlin, Ohio, was born into a gifted and musical family. She was a child prodigy offering her first full length recital when she was just eight years old. By the time she was twelve, she had performed with the Greg Concerto with the Cleveland Women’s Symphony. Since that time, she has performed with virtually every major symphony through out the United States. She has appeared in recitals throughout the world and with orchestras. Her concert tours include Europe, Asia and Africa.

Hinderas is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and has studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York and the Philadelphia Conservatory.

Hinderas has traveled under the Leonard Bernstein banner performing with major U.S. symphonies and was a recipient of the John Hay Whitney, Julius Rosenwald and Martha Baird Rockefeller Scholarships and Fellowships. Twice the State Department has selected her to act as an American cultural ambassador.

Gil Scott-Heron, Articulate Black Spokesman

Ever since the early 1970’s, when Gil Scott-Heron, with collaborator Brian Jackson, first started to put his songs and poems on record, he has been recognized as one of the most significant and articulate Black spokesmen to emerge during this decade. Angry when circumstances demand anger, sensitive and compassionate, with an alert sense of principle and immediate experience, Scott-Heron, with Jackson and the Midnight Band, has made music that explodes with energy and feeling. His most recent Arista album, "Secrets," continued in that tradition, exploring issues and emotions that confirmed his reputation as a major composer-musician, and yielding his biggest hit single, the cautionary "Angel Dust." Gil feels so strongly about the dangers of the drug that he also recorded public service messages on the topic for radio.

No matter what the political and social climate of the times, there is always need for the outspoken voice. For an artist with the courage of principle, with the command of language and creative integrity to write boldly and perform his work with the passion that the words deserve, Gil Scott-Heron is such a voice. As Audrean Ballard writes in the notes to The Mind of Gil Scott-Heron, "Gil has spent most of his life unmasking the Lones Ranger...he is committed to having us trust our instincts and take lessons from history. He asks us to see..." This is a very special album. Ballard continues, "The poetry included..."

Feared are performances of such classic Scott-Heron pieces as "Bicentennial Blues" and "We Be Easy Our Pardon," (See Gil, Page 6)
Write A Little Letter

For the "mad-as-hell, ain't-gonna-take-it-no more" crowd, this plea is just for you. Many times one submits an article to The Register and wonders why it never made print. The most frequent form is that of the letter to-the-editor.'

There are certain formalities that govern the acceptance of these letters. In accordance with our policies and the updated model taken from the Scholastic Editor Magazine there are certain guidelines for letters.

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There are no limitations on subject matter. However, priority will be given to letters dealing with current issues and campus developments. It is also preferred that letters be oriented to issues as opposed to personalities.

The editor has the right to reject letters that border on being libelous, obscene or in extreme poor taste. The staff will not alter the wording or meaning of a letter. However, it reserves the right to correct spelling, punctuation, grammar and edit the letter according to news style.

Most importantly, all letters should be signed and the authorship known to the editors. If the writer wishes his/her name be left off upon publication and insertion inserted such as "name withheld at the request of the writer" or "name on file at the newspaper office." All information is considered confidential and will not be disclosed without the permission of the author-provided that the letter is not libelous nor jeopardizes the newspaper.

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Not Sufficient Grounds

By Michael Fairley

Many students are unhappy about the edict handed down by the administration abolishing co-ed visitation until further notice. Even though a young lady was brutally beaten in her dormitory, some students feel this assault was not sufficient grounds to warrant cancellation of this privilege.

No matter how cruel or harsh the administration's position may seem, it was necessary and certainly a long time in coming. When young ladies cannot take a shower without being watched by males, something is dreadfully wrong with that man's mentality.

It is comforting to know that all Aggie men are not stricken by this sickness, but as a result, the majority has to suffer because of the errors of the errors of the unconcerned.

The problems afflicting our academic survival should be foremost on our agenda. There is no need to create other crises to accent our current ills. Hopefully, a system of visitation will be devised that will please the administration. But until certain members of the campus community learn to respect their neighbors, the administration will continue to monitor us with hawkish eyes. None of our action will go uncensored.

Save Black Colleges

By Trudy Johnson

Black colleges need to be saved from the merging of the Black institution into the white institution.

Debbie Allen, an actress who was featured in the Broadway hit show "West Side Story" has been promoting Black hair care products—Dark and Lovely brand.

She supports the Project '80 Coalition For Black Colleges also.

The official day for Black College '80 is Monday, September 29 which entails a march and rally in Washington, DC.

To further emphasize interest, Black College '80 T-shirts may be ordered at the following address: Black College Day '80, 1501 Broadway, Suite 2014, New York, New York 10035. The T-shirts are $5.00 plus $.50 with three weeks allowed for delivery.

Order blanks may be obtained from the August-September edition of the Black Collegian Magazine, on page thirty-eight.

You do not have to purchase a T-shirt to join the cause to save Black colleges but what you do today affects the future of the black college tomorrow.
SGA, Students Support Rally

By Tony Moore

SGA members an interested students appeared in front of Williams Cafeteria Thursday evening, Sept. 4, in an effort to evoke interest and support for the Black College Day March and Rally.

The event will take place in Wash., D.C. on Monday, Sept. 20.

Introductory inspiration was spawned by SGA president, Pam McCorkle. Also endeavoring to ignite the students on Black College Day were SGA Press Secretary, Aubrey Eaton; Special assistant to the president, Bobby Hopkins; acting president of the National Organization of Black University and College Students (N.O.B.U.C.S.), Kenny Miller; last year’s Secretary of Male Housing, Norman Jones; last year’s N.O.B.U.C.S. Historian, Preston Barnes; and WNNN radio personality, Ron Pinchback who announced that on his program "Kaleidoscope" a "N.O.B.U.C.S. Update" would be featured. The show airs at 9:00 a.m. Mon. through Fri.

Each speaker spoke to emphasize the importance of the preservation of the 107 predominately Black institutions in the U.S.; the revitalization of interest in the traditionally Black Schools; and the need to draw attention to the threat to their continued existence.

At the march and rally to be held during Black College Month (September) marching bands from the 107 predominately Black colleges will be competing for the title of Black College Day '80 Band. Three winners will be chosen.

"Miss Black College Day '80" and her court will be selected from the pool of Black College Queens.

According to an article appearing in the August/September issue of Black Collegian by renowned journalist, Tony Brown, "the rally will feature scholars, civil rights leaders, students and omission leaders who are experts, on the historical value of Black colleges and the details of the respective desegregation plans and governmental funding."

Black College Day To Unify Campuses

(Continued From Page 1) to "cancel classes on that Monday" and then she added "at least not give any tests."

"Black College Day is an effort to unify the campus for one common goal: 'the preservation of Black Colleges.'"

She is appealing to the Black businesses in the area for financial support in sending a caravan of busses to Washington, D.C. for the rally.

"If a church wants to donate a bus or two, that would be fine," she laughed while fanning herself with a yellow legal pad.

Only the fourth female president in SGA history, the Mt. Holly, NC native said she did learn some things from her male predecessors.

"I don't want to reveal what will make me explode," she said, referring to her dealings with the administration. "I have to remain monotone."

Disc Promotes Rice

US Air Force Captain

George M. Rice, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Rice of 209 Burritt Street in Greensboro, has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force at a special ceremony by Brigadier Supply Center (DISC) in Northeast Philadelphia, where Rice is a branch chief in the Center’s Directorate of Contracting and Production.

DISC is a key field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency and purchases, some 800,000 different industrial hardware items at the rate of $1 million per day for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces around the world.

Captain Rice received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 1975 and has earned a Master of Science degree in Management from Central Michigan University.

He was commissioned in the United States Air Force in 1975 and has served in a variety of interesting assignments at Williams AFB, Arizona, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, and abroad the U.S. Coast Cutter Southwind.

Captain Rice currently resides at 198 Thunder Circle in Bensalem, Pennsylvania.

By Billy Higgins, Jr. (manager of Campus Cleaners) returns an article of clothing to Connie Ferguson. (Photo by Tyson)
Gil Scott-Heron Explores Outlet Thorough Music

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and newer stories like "The New Deal" and "Joe Camel Too." Although Scott-Heron chooses to communicate primarily through his music he has also explored, and continues to explore, other media and educational outlets to get his message across. At age 19 he published his first novel "The Vulture." Another novel followed, The Nigger Factory and a volume of poems, Small Talk at 125th and Lenox.

Scott-Heron eventually went to Lincoln University, where he met Brian Jackson. They've been working together since 1969, and in 1970 were the nucleus of a group called Black & Blues. Within the next few years there came a series of albums for Flying Dutchman and Strata-East that called attention to an important new clarion voice: Small Talk on 125th and Lenox. Pieces of a Man, Free Will, Winter in America. Scott-Heron had his finger on Black frustration and fury, political corruption and repression, as well as on the unity and heritage of his people. On pieces like "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" and "B2Gone Blues" (on which he recounted five years of American crimes and called for Nixon's ouster; the piece is included also on The Mind of Gil Scott-Heron), he named names, got to the nub of a problem directly and deviously. Other songs from this period included "Lady Day and John Is," and "The Bottle", which deals with alcoholism and became his first chart hit. It has since become the Midnight Band's trademark performance in concert.

Upon signing with Arista Records as one of the first acts to be brought to the new label, Scott-Heron's music started to reach a wide pop, jazz and R&B audience. To date, he has recorded six albums for Arista, First Minute of a New Day, From South Africa to South Carolina (including the stunningly prophetic "Johannesburg"), which he sang on Saturday Night, hosted by Richard Pryor), "It's Your World" a double album that material, bridges, "Secrets" and The Mind of Gil Scott-Heron, which is both a departure—being his first spoken-word LP for Arista—and a continuation.

By making LPs like Secrets and The Mind of Gil Scott-Heron, Scott-Heron sees himself as continuing in the spirit of an ages-old Black heritage. "The African Griot was the person they put Alex Haley in contact with when he arrived in Gambia to find out about the history of that area and those people. That experience in terms of the oral tradition has transferred to me, in a way, through a lot of different times and spaces. It's a gift in terms of a way to use the language." In this case, it's a gift that helps us all to see contemporary society, its dangers and possibilities, through the very perceptible mind's eye of Gil Scott-Heron.

Student Manages Cleaning Service

By Michael Fairbairn

A dry cleaners has recently opened on campus to serve students, faculty members and employees of A&T. The cleaners is located on the first floor of the student union, occupying the area once used by the university print shop.

The cleaners is the brainstorm of Billy Higgins, a junior business administration major from Hamlet, NC. Higgins said the campus cleaners is a branch of Florida Street Cleaners, which he currently manages.

Having been interested in business since his youth, Higgins said a friend told him Florida Street Cleaners was for sale and he decided to see if he could manage it and gain more experience.

"Because I am a student, in addition to being a business major, I could easily see the need for this type service," said Higgins. "Anywhere there is a demand there is an entrepreneur who will find a way to supply that demand." Higgins said prices, at the campus branch are about 20 per cent less than those at the main office. Despite the discount business has been slow since the campus branch opened on August 18, but Higgins attributes this to lack of public knowledge about the cleaners.

Higgins said he did not know how much business the campus branch would receive because many people wash their own clothes. But he also said summer is the slow season for dry cleaners and that business would increase in winter due to the type of garments worn.

The campus cleaners offers a two day service but clothes must be picked up within ten days after deposit or they will have to be claimed at the main office on 815 West Florida Street.

In an attempt to acquaintance the university with this service, Higgins said the first 25 customers on Tuesday, September 9, will receive a half-price discount on cleaning services. The cleaners is open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5:30 pm.

Hinderas Oberlin Trustee

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Committee of the National Endowment for Arts, and a Trustee of Oberlin College. Recently, she had conferred upon her an honorary Doctorate of Music by Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Having built a reputation for pioneering the Music of Black classical artists in this country, Hinderas often includes works of Black composers in her recital programs.

Her record album, "Natalie Hinderas Plays Music by Black Composers", has been the object of critical acclaim for several years. It is available on Desto Records.

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The Sports Report

By Raymond Moody

N.C.-A&T's football team has been practicing hard in preparation for its 1980 opening game against Winston-Salem State. The contest is scheduled for September 13 in Winston-Salem.

A&T head coach Jim McKinley would like to start the season off with a victory, especially since A&T hasn't won a game since the seventh game of the 1979 season, when it trounced Howard University 29-0.

For the first time in a number of years, A&T's football team failed to win two games in a row. There were too many problems A&T had to adjust to. Injuries were occurring at least every game. And with its depth problem, A&T struggled and limped to a 4-6-1 record.

Many A&T fans are asking themselves this question: "How good is the team going to be this year?" The question deserves a lot of considering. But I'm an Aggiefan to the very end. I have confidence that Coach Jim McKinley and his staff will put together an impressive year. A&T may not win the conference crown, but it will provide S.C. State and Florida A&M with some stiff competition.

Whenever the San Francisco 49ers or the New York Giants are playing on television this year, watch for former Aggie football stars Dwayne Board and George Small.

Board is impressing West Coast fans with his aggressive style of play. San Francisco management was so confident in Board that they traded former All-Pro defensive end Cedrick Hardman. Barring injury, Board will become the leader of the 49ers defense in the future.

George Small's status isn't as secure as Board's. He hasn't officially made the team, but things look good for the Raeford, N.C., native.

Small, who originally tried out with the Pittsburgh Steelers before going to the Giants, has been shifted from the offensive line to defensive tackle.

Two Winston-Salem State former athletes have been signed by their respective clubs.

Runningback Timmy Newsome, according to Dallas Cowboy coach Tom Landry, has made the Cowboys. The Cowboys cut six-year veteran fullback Scott Laidlaw which undoubtedly means Newsome will be kept on the 1980 roster.

Reggie Gaines, a 6-8 forward who averaged over 22 points a game during his college career, has signed with the Philadelphia 76ers. Gaines will try out at the 76ers' rookie camp, which begins September 8.

Intramural football should be beginning soon. The intramural program is under the guidance of William Sheffield, who has been dedicating his services to A&T's students for about six years.

Getting back to intramural football, students should be preparing for this upcoming year. The defending intramural football champions are the Kappas. Last year, the Kappas broke Son-of-Som's four-year reign as champions. It's going to take a good, well-organized team to dethrone them.

By Raymond Moody

The 1980 football season in the MEAC promises to be the most competitive race in the history of the conference. In past years, S.C. State has dominated football play in the conference. A&T and Morgan State have supplied the Bulldogs with most competition although S.C. State has won the championship five out of the last six years. But with the addition of Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman to the conference, S.C. State's chances of winning the title are slimmer.


Now for a rundown on all six MEAC teams: S.C. State is a solid, well-coached team. It has been the most consistent team in the history of the MEAC. It has five All-MEAC first team players back from an 8-3 season: offensive linemen Leroy Robinson (T), Edwin Bailey (G), and Larry Warren (C), running back Chris Ragland and linebacker Angelo King.

The Bulldogs were hit hard by graduation in the defensive line, but Coach Bill Davis has enough good players to form another awesome line. S.C. State's defensive front wall will consist of John Alfred (6-2, 240) and Dwayne Jackson (6-5, 240). The tackles are and ends Zack Grate (6-3, 220) and Robert Geathers (6-7, 265).

Florida A&M enters the 1980 campaign with another outstanding football team. In 1979, Florida A&M defeated the Bulldogs in the last MEAC game, 27-3. The Aggies will return to action with 18 seniors. They have seven offensive and nine defensive starters coming back. Some of the seniors returning include tackles Ken Williams (6-2, 205) and Mike West (6-5, 250) and guard John Myers (6-2, 220), Alabama Vineyard (6-4, 275), and linebacker George Small.

The Bulldogs have the slightest chance to repeat as MEAC champions. Their opening game is against A&T, then they face S.C. State, Howard, and then a re-match with A&T before facing another powerhouse in Florida A&M. The Bulldogs' best chance of winning is to get off to a good start and beat A&T, which they have not done in several years.

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The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference isn't famous for its production of professional football players, but in 1980 the conference has more talented players, and the 1981 professional football draft should have numerous MEAC stars being chosen.

Bethune-Cookman, one of two new members to the MEAC, has two linemen that professional scouts are drooling over. The Wildcats have two giants in the offensive tackle Reggie Battles and defensive end Booker Reese. Battles, a 6-7, 245 pound native of Jacksonville, Florida, is a big man who has excellent speed and great upper body strength. Reece, listed at 6-7, 240, is fast off the ball and is an excellent defender against the rush.

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Ronald Wilson is the leader on offense at the quarterback slot. In 1979, Wilson completed 38 passes for 607 yards. The strongest unit on the team is the offensive line, where four starters return. On defense, the Bison lost some key personnel in the line, but three starters return in the secondary, which should give opposing quarterbacks headaches.

Howard's kicking game should be the MEAC's best with Howard Wall performing all the duties. Last year Wall connected on 23 of 25 extra points, made 10 of 22 field goals, and averaged 36.0 yards on 61 punts.

The Delaware State Hornets think they're ready to challenge for the championship. Their strength will be in the running game, which produced 1,413 yards and 14 touchdowns last year. Anthony Beamon was the team's leader, gaining 631 yards on 157 carries and five touchdowns. The quarterback spot is being contested by Rod Lester and Sam Warren. Lester is the position's leading candidate. In 1979 he threw for 365 yards on 26 completions.

Defensively, the Hornets are hurting in the line. But their linebacking crew is so strong they may go into a 3-4 alignment.

The Hornets aren't ready for the MEAC championship, but they may pull off an upset or two.

Delaware State has a speedy running back in Anthony Beamon. Beamon gained 631 yards on 157 carries and five touchdowns in 1979. The pros love Beamon's speed, but they're cautious about his size (5-11, 180).

The Florida A&M Rattlers have four professional prospects on their team just waiting for the football draft. Bobby Hawkins (WR) was the Rattlers' top pass receiver in 1979 with 15 catches for 304 yards. Quarterback Sammy Knight is an all-around athlete who is not pro-material at his current position. But experts believe Knight has the speed and durability to become a top-flight wide receiver in the NFL. Eddrick Johnson is a massive 6-3, 265 pound native of Tampa, Florida. Johnson may be big, but he usually surprises the opposition with his quickness and overpowering strength. Only one pro-prospect is on the Rattler defense and that's defensive back Gifford Ramsey, who made one of the 1979 All-American teams. Ramsey was credited with 23 tackles, which was second best on a tough Florida A&M defense.

N.C. A&T has one offensive performer who may wind up in the 1981 NFL draft. At 6-5, 225 pounds, "I'd like him to have the perfect tools for a professional tight-end. He's an outstanding blocker who caught 18 passes for 190 yards and four touchdowns in 1979, while making the All-MEAC's second team. Defensively, the Aggies have three professional candidates. Defensive back Eric Westbrook was an All-MEAC performer in 1979. Westbrook intercepted three passes, while playing the run from his safety spot to perfection. Gerry Green, a 6-3, 240 pound four-year starter, has been a dependable defensive performer for A&T. Green doesn't have the overpowering strength or the exceptional quickness that most professional linemen possess, but Green's desire and attitude have many pro scouts taking a second look at him.

A&T receives the services of Horton Majors (6-4, 250) this year. Majors transferred from Maryland-Eastern Shore. He possesses good speed and his size and experience make him a prospect for some professional team next year.

The S.C. State Bulldogs have a couple of offensive linemen who are two-year All-MEAC first team performers. Leroy Robinson (6-4, 240) is a quick and mobile tackle capable of playing with any college team in the country: Edward Bailey (6-4, 260) is the MEAC's premier offensive lineman.

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