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Dowdy's Last Address
Sets Mood For Homecoming

By Trudy Johnson
Greeted with a standing ovation, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Chancellor, addressed the annual fall convocation held Wednesday morning in Moore Gymnasium.

The program, presided over by Chaplain Ralph Ross, director of religious activities, set the mood for a homecoming celebration. It was complemented by selections from the A&T University Band and Fellowship Gospel Choir.

Pamela McCorkle, Student Government Association president, said, "I am no expert on the greatness of this university, but, as students of a traditionally Black University, we will seek unity-no left turns, no right turns, only upward bound."

She added, "As true Aggies, we will march to victory."

Mrs. Angeline Smith, a member of the A&T Board of Trustees, introduced Dowdy with an extensive list of credentials. "Over a span of 29 years, Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy has been director of student teaching, acting chancellor, and chancellor. He has contributed to a 21 million expense for major projects of 13 university buildings; improvement with student/faculty development."

Smith added, "Dr. Dowdy has served A&T with 26 national organizations. Also he was the first Black to become the president of the National Association of Land-Grant Colleges and the first Black to work with the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce."

Dowdy thanked Mrs. Smith for the elaborate introduction. "All achievements must be seen..."

Shaw Presents 'Coronation'

By Tony Moore

"Something out of the Blue...and Gold -- a coronation?"

A coronation presented a totally inconceivable and unimaginable challenge to the structure of Corbett Sports Center on Thursday night.

President Friday Announces Thompson As Interim

By Trudy Johnson
Dr. William Friday, president of the UNC System, announced Monday evening at an A & T Board of Trustees' meeting that Dr. Cleon Franklin Thompson, Jr. will be the interim chancellor.

Franklyn Thompson, Jr.

"I am glad to have this opportunity to meet with you, and I have asked Dr. Thompson to fill in for Dr. Dowdy," said President Friday.

According to Friday, the selection constitution committee will be meeting relatively soon to come to a final decision about "The nomination of the chancellor for the A & T family. I am trying to make this decision as open, carefree, and communicative as possible," Friday said.

"It will be a tremendous task to come in after Dr. Dowdy, said Friday, as he commented on Dowdy's administration.

Friday said that this is the sixteenth time that he had participated in selecting a band featuring Jimmy Person. The executive officers of the Student Government Association were introduced by Anthony Johnson and Denice Gross; following the introduction, the band performed an instrumental version of the A&T Alma Mater adding a contemporary flavor.

The coronation was divided into three acts. The first act included Alicia Croston and Kevin Smith revamping the Billy Preston and Syreeta Wright success, "With You I'm Born Again." Croston was garbed in a blue gown and Smith in a ginger-colored tuxedo.

The first group of organizational queens and their escorts were presented by Johnson and Gross to music rendered by Jam-a-Ditty. Two skits were prepared but only one was performed. It appeared that the late start would not allow the presentation of both.

The skit performed "Aggie Atmosphere," revealed campus life during homecoming in the 1920's, 30's, and early 40's.

Participants included Arnold Pinnix, Kevin Smith, Mitch Williams, Bernice Stanton, Alicia Croston, and Cynthia Bailey.

Greta Shaw (center) gleams as she prepares to be crowned Miss A&T. Attendants and escorts flank her stairways. (Photo by Miller)

Dowdy pauses for a brief moment as he delivers his last convocation speech as chancellor. (Photo by E-Man)
Fyre Family Honored
By Guys & Dolls, Inc.

North Carolina Rep. and Mrs. Henry E. Fyre and their two sons, Henry Jr. and Harlan, were honored as the “Family of the Year” recently by the Alpha Chapter of Guys and Dolls Inc.

The Fyres were honored during the Chapter’s Annual Founder’s Day Observance at the Admiral Benbow Motel in Greensboro.

Guys and Dolls is a national family organization, founded in 1965 by Mrs. Eula Vereen of Greensboro. The organization, with chapters in 10 cities, promotes family development, unity and achievement.

The Fyres were cited for their outstanding contributions to wholesome family life and for their participation in a number of civic, religious and social activities.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was James Wright, director of the Greensboro Human Relations Commission. He called for maintenance of strong Black families as necessary for the survival of this nation.

Rep. Fyre is the first Black since Reconstruction to be elected to the N.C. House of Representatives. He has served six terms and he is currently a candidate for the N.C. Senate.

Mrs. Fyre is assistant vice chancellor for development and university relations at A&T State University. The Fremont, North Carolina, native taught in the public schools of Greensboro 11 years and served as coordinator of special education at Bennett College. She is a member of the national YWCA board and the North Carolina Humanities Board.

Dowdy Salutes Victories Of Growing University

shared as a family. You also will share the glories of the victories of this growing university. I take my hat off to you at this growing institution. You shall take credit to carry on this university—especially the students with a desire to learn,” said Dowdy.

He emphasized, “Some of the problems of the twentieth century are of our minds, not our race. The 1940’s and 1950’s, the problem was race discrimination; in the 1960’s, it was public accommodations; in the 1970’s, it was the denial of our Blackness.”

“This is a homecoming week for all returning students, alumni, and others-to- testify to the greatness of our Alma Mater.” Dowdy said.

Following Dowdy’s speech, Jim McKinley, head football coach, and players presented Dowdy with a signature football from the Johnson C. Smith-A&T game which was dedicated to him.

Drill Team Wins Top Honors

By Thomas E. Harris

The A&T ROTC Drill Team won top drill honors Sunday, October 12, in Baltimore, Maryland. The Aggies brought back first place honors as the Best ROTC Unit in the Mayor’s Annual Commission Columbus Day Parade. More than 175 units participated in the festivities.

The Drill Team is a joint effort that is co-sponsored by the Departments of Military Science (Army ROTC) and Aerospace Studies (Air Force). This is the second year that the drill team has been combined.

The drill team is co-commanded by Cadet Captains Thomas Harris, Army ROTC and Stanley Marshall of Air Force ROTC. Capt. Marshall was also co-commander last year.

The drill team is an actively registered campus organization that is composed of about 30 students most of which are enrolled in either the Army or Air Force ROTC programs. This elite unit practices daily and serves as the official representative of the university for drill exhibitions and competition.

During the fall semester, trick drill is used for parades and exhibitions, but fancy drill with weapons is used for intercollegiate drill meets.

Some of the upcoming commitments include Reidsville Senior High School Homecoming Parade—October 24, North Carolina Central University Homecoming Parade—November 8, Williamsburg, Virginia Christmas Parade—December 6, Oxford Christmas Parade—December 7 and the Raleigh Christmas Parade on December 13.

Invitations for the spring semester consist fo the East Tennessee State University Drill Meet in Johnson City, Tennessee, the Annual Blue and White Weekend sponsored by the Pershing Rifles of Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia and the Guilford County Bicentennial Celebration in Greensboro.

Survey Reveals Student Concern

By Kevin McEachin

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Chancellor of A&T, devoted 15 years of outstanding leadership. Dr. Dowdy announced his resignation on Wednesday, October 1, 1980.

A wide range of questions and comments arose from the administration and students.

The Register conducted a survey from a few concerned students in response to the earlier retirement.

Cathy Jackson, a junior—“My opinion is there is time for a change. Dowdy has been here for a long time and really has to release all his pressures. So he made his decision to retire was done in good judgment.”

Diane P. Williams, a junior—“I don’t want Dr. Dowdy to resign. I feel the white man is trying to force Dowdy out of office. The Black students don’t realize that A&T will be in trouble if a white man will succeed his position. Now is the time for us as students to pull together.”

Vivian Jackson, a senior—“My opinion is that Dr. Dowdy is a good administrator, but we all are student body are due for a change, so that we can start a new day.”

Shirley Hall, a junior—“I feel that it may do the university a lot of good. I also feel that the white man wants to have complete control of the university. I want Dr. Dowdy to stay head of this university, so that it will remain a Black university.”

Donna Wilson, a sophomore—“I feel that Dr. Dowdy was under a lot of pressure as far as the financial situation is concerned. I think he was forced out of office.”

Sidney Bullock, a junior—“My opinion is Dowdy felt that it was time for him to free himself of all the pressures that were upon him. I guess he felt he wanted a little freedom in life.”

Natalie Dunn, a junior—“I really can not give a full opinion of Dr. Dowdy. All I can say is he’s been in office for such a long period and he deserves the change.”

Dr. Dowdy’s resignation is shown to have many approvals and disapprovals. There is still one essential element present through the controversy; the very presence of his image portrayed will be deeply missed.

Homecoming activities included a visit from the James Madison Marching Blues Band, the truck parade, the A&T-Mississippi State football game, and a party for students.

As Dowdy said, “The Bicentennial Parade—October 10 was dedicated to Dr. Dowdy. It was an exciting show! It is the first time that an individual has been honored in this way.”

Dowdy also said that the Bicentennial Parade was a success. He said that he is looking forward to seeing the parade again next year.”

Co-commanders of the drill team, cadet Captains Stanley Marshall and Thomas Harris exhibit first place trophy won in Baltimore. (Photo by Tyson)
The Pan Hellenic Council will present a Greek step show on October 18, immediately following the game in the parking lot of Harrison Auditorium. All visiting greeks may participate. The public is invited to attend.

The Alpha Phi Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., would like to welcome all sorors, alumni and friends to homecoming 1980. We would like to extend to all sorors an invitation to attend our annual reception which will be held on October 18, 1980, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union Room 100.

The A&T NAACP Chapter will have a meeting Tuesday, October 21, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. Room 212 of the Student Union. All those planning on attending the North Carolina State Conference are asked to attend.

The James B. Dudley Chapter of the Student National Education Association (SNEA) will hold its second meeting Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. All members or aspirant members are expected to be present. November 5 is the deadline for SNEA dues.

All class officers' pictures will be taken at 11 a.m. Sunday, October 19, in front of the Dudley Building.

All persons interested in Photography are asked to attend an interest meeting concerning the formation of a Photography Club, Thursday, Oct. 23, in Room J06, Price Hall at 6 p.m.

"I'd like to help, but I'm just one person."

Do you really think God will accept that?

Maybe you can't help others all by yourself. That's no excuse for doing nothing. Join with others at your local synagogue or church. There's plenty you can do together. Example: In Wisconsin, one religious group set up a halfway house to help women parolees fit themselves back into society. The God we worship expects us to seek out those who need our help, and to help them.

Start treating your brothers and sisters like brothers and sisters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)
You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be progressive. You lie a great deal. On the other hand, you are inclined to be careless and impractical. Causing you to make the same mistake over and over again. People think you are stupid.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)
You have a vivid imagination and often think you are being followed by the CIA and FBI. You have minor influence over your associates, and people resent you for flaunting your power. You lack confidence and are generally a coward. Pisces people do terrible things to small animals.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)
you are the pioneer type and hold most people in contempt. You are quick tempered, impatient, and scornful of advice. You are not very nice.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
You are practical and persistent. You have a dogged determination and work like hell. Most people think you are stubborn and bull-headed. You are a Communist.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
You are a quick and intelligent thinker. People like you because you are bi-sexual. However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are cheap. Gemini's are known for committing incest.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)
You are sympathetic and understanding of other people's problems. They think you are a sucker. You are always putting things off. That is why you'll never make anything of yourself. Most welfare recipients are Cancer people.

LEO (July 23 - August 22)
You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leo people are bullies. You are vain and dislike criticism. Your arrogance is disgusting and unfounded. Leo people are known thieves.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22)
You are the logical type and hate disorder. This nit-picking is sickening to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and sometimes fall asleep while making love. Virgos make good bus drivers.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)
You are the artistic type and have a difficult time with reality. If you are a man, you are more than likely queer. Chances for employment and monetary gain are excellent. Most Libra women are good prostitutes. All Libras die of Veneral Disease.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)
You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You shall achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics. Most Scorpio people are murdered.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21)
You are optimistic and enthusiastic. You have a reckless tendency to rely on luck since you lack talent. The majority of Sagittarians are drunks or dope fiends. People laugh at you a great deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)
You are conservative and afraid of taking risks. You don't do much of anything and you are lazy. There has never been a Capricorn of any importance. Capricorns should avoid standing too long as they tend to take root and become trees.
Out Of The Blue... And Gold...

Our minds have all focused on the mood of homecoming as the week’s events took place. Webster defines homecoming as “a coming or return to one’s home; an annual celebration attended by Alumni.” Our Aggie family returning to see what we have accomplished.

This “place with challenge,” our alma mater teaches one well. Strong and wise to the ways of the world and determined enough to see it through is what makes A&T a home to return to with anticipation.

Challenge yourself to make this homecoming the greatest. Challenge yourself to be one of the great Aggies that step out of the blue and gold.

The Register extends a warm -- Welcome to all alumni, friends and family.

In hopes that all enjoy a safe and memorable homecoming, take a portion of the blue and gold, an reveal to an unsuspecting, disillusioned world that “something” exists at A&T. The something out of Aggieland is you, the product of four years of ups, downs, highs and lows. When meeting the challenges of life’s “blues”, realize that the golden opportunity exists within the perfected Aggie. Life is not a matter of degrees, coarseness or sophistication, but, more importantly, the individual Aggie - and how he/she carries him/herself in places with challenge.

As we reminisce, let us also contemplate the future and plan our course to aid this university towards the goals of its mission.

Leading editorials are written by the editor of The A&T Register. Such editorials will not necessarily carry a byline and will not necessarily reflect the opinion of the University or the entire staff. Staff members are free to write dissenting opinions.

The Dedicated Few

By Michael Fairley

They’re lurking behind bushes and trees, waiting to trap key administrators and students beneath the ink of their pen. Who are these creatures? The notorious local media representatives and they would squeeze a story from chicken eggs if law of nature would permit such actions.

Administrators spent a great amount of time trying to avoid these human annoyances but their efforts are often futile. However, an avenue of truth does exist for students and weary administrators: The A&T Register.

Some folks may not think of us as a legitimate newspaper because of our size. But size does not affect our continuing search for truth throughout the university and Greensboro community. The Register is not burdened by the need to increase circulation; therefore our writers do not resort to sensationalism in order to keep the presses rolling.

The Register staff is dedicated to the pursuit of truth, accuracy and fairness and these standards will not be sacrificed to protect anyone in high office who is found guilty of foul play.

So the next time members of the faculty and administrators are approached by the local media for interviews, remember that you have a qualified news team in your own backyard, who will someday join the ranks of the local media and show them what fair reporting is all about.

Blind Ambition

By Howard J. Love, III

There exists in our society a common goal referred to as success, to become dominant, powerful, and productive in the inner circle of an established organized unit. Also in our society there exists a common obstacle called contradiction which may prevent the grasping of success.

As this University has tried to move into the inner circle by becoming a landmark for education, research, and productivity, we have almost allowed ourselves to be consumed by contradiction—contradiction within the administration, marked by unpaid bills, faulty record keeping and poor business like procedures; contradiction within our faculty who profess to teach subjects nobody learns; contradiction within our student body accused of widespread vandalism and theft.

Too many times this institution has tried to move into the inner circle through accreditation, renovation, reassessment and reclamation only to allow those actions to be contradicted through the affairs of some.

No longer is it good enough to say that you are an Aggie; become an Aggie. Be proud of this institution and work to remain involved and aware of the proceedings of this University. If we do not, we will leave ourselves vulnerable to be kept out of the inner circle to be kept docile and be controlled.

Have faith in this University and soon we will rise to our feet and once again resume our drive to become a dominant Institution as we are so capable of being.

When this does happen, will we allow ourselves to be masked by contradiction, again, through blind ambition and greed or will we assemble ourselves into a well-organized and working body and become a part of the inner circle to become powerful, productive, and dominant?

Let’s not turn our back on this institution. Let’s stand united to correct our deficiencies and preserve N.C. A&T State University.
SGA Pleases Majority, With Complications

As a member of the Student Government, I would like to relay this message to the many readers, "In the course of human events, success comes sooner to those who try not to do extraordinary things at once, but to do ordinary things extraordinarily well."

The SGA worked very hard to make Homecoming 80 a success. We cannot please everyone, but we try to please the majority. We have tried to maintain a trustworthy relationship with the SGA’s creditors, administration and students, but it is very hard to do that when telephone calls are made from certain officers to our creditors. We wonder why these acts are committed.

Why do telephone calls have to be made to the cafeteria (in reference to the SGA) so that the SGA is not able to obtain services unless certain obligations are met? The same applies to even our Black Strikers who receive telephone calls in reference to the SGA.

We have had to deal with incidents such as Homecoming 80’s budget of only $15,000. Is this tampering of SGA funds?

We usually succeed in bypassing the administrative snags and other barriers, but will this continue? If, as much work were put in jobs on this campus, as is put in preventing the SGA from carrying out its job more work could be accomplished.

Communication lines need to be established between students, government and the administration about trivial problems, but if our doors are closed in our faces, not only the student body is heard. So my point is that our responsibilities, obligations and priority are the student body. We support you as a student body, and we ask for your support in return in all of our endeavors.

Don’t scrutinize Homecoming 80 or any event, but join in and form a solid unit so that this institution will continue to be a mountain amongst valleys, a lighthouse to misguided ships and a path in the thickened forest.

We are all Aggies under a solid roof that can collapse only if we fall among ourselves. We are strong and free, but subject to temptations. Remember that we will resist any temptation to give our responsibilities and obligations to others because we know that by doing so, we are also giving them our freedom!

Bobby R. Hopkins, Special Assistant to the SGA President

Students Victims Of ‘Homecomingitis’

Editor of the Register:

Aggie Homecoming 1980, like all others is an event thought of from the beginning of fall semester up until the week before. It is during this time that many students of the Aggie family come down with the dreaded disease of “homecomingitis.”

Homecomingitis is not a newly found disease although it is relatively rare. To date, there is no known cure and attacks no specific group or race of people. Symptoms may vary in number and effect and will strike at least three out of 10 students on this campus. To see if you have or may be coming down with the dreaded disease, you can check your symptoms against this list to be sure: infrequent or no class attendance, late hours than usual at night, later hours than usual in bed, an acute case of “unionology,” (hanging out more in the union and parking lot than usual) and taking more than an occasional social drink.

If, in checking your list against this and you come up with more than two of the five symptoms, you can consider yourself a case of homecomingitis. There is no need for alarm if you have contracted this disease, in no known cases was it found to be contagious.

Keeping in mind that A&T is a learning institution and homecoming is only one of the many activities put on the calendar to offer your entertainment, always remember your purpose for being here and that is to learn.

If you keep this in mind, you will be able to carry on after homecoming.

Terri Knight

Poor Audio Systems Hamper Gospel Choir Concert

Editor of the Register:

Also student body, Student Government Association, faculty, the whole Aggie family; I am upset with the organization we have on this campus. I went to hear our Gospel Choir in Concert Sunday night and I could not hear them. The equipment was not functioning properly and that killed the whole program for me. I enjoy gospel music very much and it makes me feel good, and I can speak for others, also. We have one of the best Gospel Choirs around and they are internationally known and we can’t even provide them with properly functioning equipment for a concert.

What does this say to us? I know that the lead singers were upset about the equipment, but they continued anyway. The show would have been much better if everything had functioned properly.

This is not the first time this has happened and this isn’t the first event that this happened at. It happened at Convocation when Ronald McNair was here last Fall.

When are we going to stop these things from happening? This is one reason that students don’t come out to the activities that take place on campus; they can’t hear what is being presented to them.

Another major problem we have here now is we never start anything on time! We would not start on time even if we were each given a million dollars. Nearly everything A&T has on this campus starts from a half-hour to an hour late.

We’ve got to start somewhere and stop these two things from happening. This weekend is our homecoming.

Let’s start now and begin our activities on time and have all the equipment functioning.

One last word, we have one of the best, if not the best, gospel choir around and we as a family need to get together and listen to what our gospel choir has to offer, and we will see why it is important for us to have the equipment functioning properly and to begin our activities on time.

David Battle

a concerned student

Strikers Appreciate Support

Editor of the Register:

We the striking employees of the Hilton Inn, 830 W. Market St., do appreciate the support given toward our

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ing Of Jesus Christ Is Even
Bigger.

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Friend to Friend

We also wish to take this opportunity to wish all Aggie fans, friends, students, faculty, and alumni a very successful Homecoming.

We hope that we will have this strike settled by the end of this week; then we can attend the homecoming festivities also.

James C. Kesb

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WNAA's 'Sunshine' Brightens Student Night Life

By Andrew McCorkle

When it comes to radio stations most folks on A&T's campus probably listen to WQMG or WEAL; but, for those who wish to escape that basic R&B route, there's FM 90.5, WNAA "your listening alternative.

Staffed almost entirely by students, WNAA operates with 10 watts of power. It doesn't sound like much, but it's enough to blanket the entire city of Greensboro or a radius of about 12 miles. The station is scheduled to start transmitting with 10,000 watts within a year.

When you tune into 90.5 FM, you tune into jazz: 60 percent mainstream; 30 percent progressive; and 10 percent fusion. At least that's what the station policy is, but few announcers stick to that rigid canon and few are required.

Station manager, Gary Flanigan has worked at two previous university radio stations in administrative positions. He claims WNAA is "second to none," at what they do (public radio). And that's compared to "Black or white" operated stations, said Flanigan.

He credits the staff at the station for "having some of the best talent" he has ever seen.

"We treat students as professionals here," explained Flanigan. "We present an atmosphere for students to be creative."

According to Flanigan, 35 of the 42 people who work the station are considered "on-air announcers." These non-professionals do everything from spinning records to writing and producing community affairs programming.

"Nowhere else do you find students getting this type of practical operation experience," said Flanigan. WNAA is funded strictly by A&T State University and by private donations. Though facilities at the infant radio station are not only adequate but modern, Flanigan said they cannot be a "full service station without increased financial backing."

"We don't have the economic support that most other public radio stations have." The announcers' backgrounds and musical tastes are as varied as the people who listen to their shows. However, they all seem to share a common denominator:

pleasing their listening audience.

One announcer, Valerie Gerald, probably put it best when she said, "Our best advertisement is a satisfied listener."

What follows is a list of many of those announcers and some insight about them and what they attempt to transmit through the air waves when they're behind the microphone at WNAA.

Yvonne Anderson from New York, N.Y., a senior professional English major whose music is not only national but international. "What I try to do is project the world into my music," she said, "to generate a little understanding of life." Her list of favorites includes the music of Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America.

Her show is called "Vaima". It airs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Wayne McNair, currently between schools, his music reflects the struggles of the oppressed. He's partial to "untraditional gospel music up tempo gospel."

"You wouldn't hear the gospel music I play on a Sunday morning gospel radio program," McNair admitted. "Magic Garden" is on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Valeria Gerard: "I'm older than most of the other people working here," she said. At 42 years of age, Gerald, a Greensboro wife and mother of two teenage children. She boasts a recently acquired graduate degree in media.

With her sensuous voice and mellow music, WNNA announcer in Aggieland much more bearable, (Photo by Tyson)

Carol Curtis: Often times, before even the sun has risen "Sunshine makes cold nights C.C., as she is known across the airwaves of the city, is on her way to WNAA.

She is the early bird of the crew and has the distinction of shining the first light on Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. And, even those wee hours of the morning, her voice has been described as soft and inviting.

"Sometimes I feel like I just can't go on anymore," she conceded, "then I'll get to the station and somebody will call me up. It makes me feel confident. It lets me know that there is somebody out there listening and I feel like I'm doing a good job."

She was recipient of the Announcer of the Month Award for September.

Anthony Johnson: A native of Rosell, N.J., he first came to A&T to study architectural engineering. He left the program after three years disillusioned.

"I was more interested in design," said Johnson. "I'm not knocking it (A.E.); it's a good program. I just didn't get what I wanted out of it."

"A speech and theater arts major, Johnson seems at home behind a microphone as he does brandishing a drawing pen or on stage.

On his show from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Johnson changes from mild-mannered mass communication student to Captain Anthony Paul, commander of the "Mystic Voyage," the controller of an extraterrestrial trip through the outer boundaries of space. The music is sometimes different, but the pattern is always the same, "love music...slow dance music," coupled with a trip with the captain through the universe.

Deborah Hefflin: She's called "Sunshine" but ironically her show is from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays through Fridays. Often times after a night's work at WNAA she doesn't get into bed until 5 a.m.

It's so crowded in here during the day," she explained. "When I come in here at night, I can do most of my office work and produce, and leave my nasty little notes."

Sunshine is not a student; she holds the job title of music director and is a paid full-time employee.

According to Sunshine, she was drafted into the ranks of radio broadcasting by Flanigan while she was in Atlanta emceeing fashion shows among other things.

As she relates the story, a friend introduced her to Flanigan while Flanigan worked at Clark College's WCLK. He asked her if she would like to see the station. She agreed. While at WCLK, Sunshine looked at the maze of electronic gadgets and equipment.

"Let me put your voice on tape," suggested Flanigan.

She sat being a microphone and the "on the air light went on."

"I started working that night," she remembered.

After a six-month stint at WCLK, Sunshine joined Flanigan at A&T. She has been here for more than a year.

All of her music is mellow. "If I get someone in a mellow mood, I don't want to come in thump'en!" she said as she raised and lowered her head to illustrate.

She has a genuine concern for her listeners and, at age 23, her voice has been termed: "mature and sensuous."

On the night of her interview, it was nearly 2 a.m. She carelessly threw an album from the stack nearby and placed it on one of two turntables in the studio. She adjusted her headphones, lowered the volume on the control board and gently slipped into the microphone, "Take a kiss from me, Bye, bye, I love you!"
Carn Becoming Known By Many

By Galen Stevens

This week North Carolina A&T is celebrating its homecoming.

For entertainment, the Aggies have as guests, the Fatback Band, the S.O.S. Band, Tom Brown and Jean Carn.

"Jean who?" "What does she sing?" These are questions that have been asked by many people ever since the announcements of the groups a week ago.

Carn is a talented young lady from Washington, DC. Her inimitable vocal style has been heard throughout the country and is rapidly becoming known to music lovers.

Most of Carn's material consists of ballads (slow tunes), but her faster tempos are equally satisfying, thereby demonstrating her versatility.

An earlier album "Happy to Be With You," produced by Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff on Philadelphia International Records, contains songs such as "Together Once Again" and "Don't Let It Go to Your Head."

Her latest album, "When I Find You Love," has yielded two singles, "My Love Don't Come Easy" and "When I Find You Love."

People familiar with Tom Brown's "Funkin' for Jamaica (N.Y.)," from his "Love Approach" album, may be surprised to learn that his musical style is not disco oriented. It is really concentrated in the area of progressive jazz.

Brown's album "Browne's Sugar," released prior to "Love Approach," is thoroughly entertaining to jazz lovers. Songs on the album include "Throw Down," "Never Was a Cowboy" and "What's Going On?", an instrumental version of the previously released Marvin Gaye recording.

Govan Wins Council Crown At Third Annual Pageant

By Charles Ingram

Patricia Govan, a senior from Harrisburg, was crowned Miss Men's Council during the Third Annual Miss Men's Council Pageant, by the 1979-80 queen, Wesley Ann Carter.

The pageant was held Tuesday, October 7, in the Student Union Ballroom at 8:30 p.m.

The contestants - Patricia Govan, Darlene Carlton, Sonya Carr, and Kathy Taylor (first runner up) were judged in the categories of poise, questions, and personality.

Their own selection of casual and formal wear for the competition produced a variety of styles and designs. Milton Grady acted as the master of ceremonies for the pageant.

The program contained a welcome from each contestant, introduction of the eight judges, entertainment by AYA Modern Dance Group and another dance group, Lisa Whitaker and Company, and Win Henderson of Master Fee Productions, who provided the music for the pageant.

Goocharan Crowned Queen

By Carla Fleming

Ina Goocharan, a senior majoring in business education, from Guyana, was crowned Miss International Student. Representatives from other countries on campus are as follows: Mrs. George Aissa - Lebanon, Mrs. Cathy Eastmond - Bermuda, Mrs. Nester E. Duncan - Liberia, Ms. Willette Crawford - Horace - Liberia, Ms. Dorothy Namu Chimba - Zambia, and Joyce Kanyarwanda also from Zambia. This exciting event took place on Oct. 14 in the Student Union Ballroom and began promptly at 8 p.m.

Stephanie Hughes, chairperson to the minority affairs committee of the Student Union Advisory Board (SUAB), said that the purpose of the Ms. International Student Coronation is to make the Students from other countries feel more welcomed to our country. Hughes also stated that the international students feel they are not as involved in school activities as they would like to be.

Mrs. Margaret Faust, program director of the Student Union Memorial, stated how Ms. International Student is chosen. Faust said that the international students pick the queen themselves.

The decorations of the Ms. International Student Coronation were different from any event. The event was decorated like that of a Ms. America Pageant, with unusual flowers and lights blinking "on and off" like that of a fancy disco. The atmosphere was pleasant and the ballroom was full to its extent. This too, made the international students feel more at home and that is what the Ms. International Student Coronation is all about.

There was a wide variety of international entertainment. Poetry, song, dance and drama. To top it all off, there was a little disco after the coronation featuring NC Dove.

Ina Goocharan, Ms. International Student 1980-81 was also Ms. International Student 1979-80. In her acceptance speech she stated that she was honored she was asked to reign again this year. She said that she was delighted to know that the students had faith in her to want her to be the queen for the 1980-81 term. She was speechless and all she could say was "Thank you."
Taylor Explains Students' Work-Study Hours

By Audrey Williams

Boyd Taylor, the new food services director, said, "Students who are assigned work study in the cafeteria will get a maximum of five to fifteen hours a week according to what they owe. We don't人次 or abuse students." This statement was made after several students complained of long hours and overtime in Williams

Taylor explained that students are assigned to the cafeteria because it is capable of handling a lot of students. "Our main goal is to render service for students," said Taylor. "When you take that away, you don't have anymore service."

Necessary changes are being made in trying to repair equipment. "We are trying to promote better communication between students and employees," said Taylor.

According to Taylor, a Student Food Service Committee will soon be formed to enable students to have input on their menu. Taylor said, "Food service is operated on a strict budget. We are willing to change the menu from time to time."

Sanitation has greatly improved in both cafeterias, said Taylor.

The cafeterias are state-of-the-art and operated. A catering service would create financial loss because of its system which deals with the ultimate dollar, said Taylor.

The quality of food can be debated. "There was a catering service here a couple of years and there were more complaints and food throwing than," said Taylor.

Taylor explained that there would be certain menu changes. Hot chocolate, soup, and sandwiches would add more variety to the menu.

Also on his agenda for new changes would be displaying some type or printing or mural design to make the atmosphere more conducive. This mural would display the Aggie Bulldog over the serving line.

"I'm willing to try to do for students, but they have to take pride in their facilities. I'm also working on trying to cut down on time in the waiting lines," Boyd said.

Taylor explained that students complained to remove more by removing their trays from the tables. Taylor said he was glad to be done as director because "the students present me with a challenge."

Taylor said during October menus will be posted for lunch and dinner.

Taylor also commented that they will try to have outdoor activities in dining this spring.

Freshman Has 'Special Talent'

By Audrey Williams

Who is Eric Dixon? He's a typical 20 year old freshman, with a special talent. Dixon is an accomplished magician and ventriloquist from Wilmington, NC majoring in professional English.

Dixon has appeared on the Today show, performed for the Carolina-Yale game, and appeared on the CBS Evening News and ABC's American Dream. Dixon has been featured in Reader's Digest, and is the author of a book on magic and ventriloquism.

Dixon's magic and ventriloquist skills have been featured on national television, and he has performed for presidents and celebrities. He is currently touring the country, performing for various audiences.

Thompson Interim Until July

Dr. Thompson will be the interim chancellor until July 1, 1981. Nevertheless, the Search Committee for the chancellor will narrow the list of prospective down to two names—and the final decision process will take five to six months, according to Friday.

The interim chancellor did not meet with the general administrators of A & T before the announcement because Friday said, "It is best for him to announce the news, meet with A & T officials before the new administrator does."

Friday dismissed rumors that A & T will be headed by the General Administration of the UNC System because of Dowdy's retirement from the chancellorship. He said Dr. Thompson will be the same caliber as the chancellor, will have the same duties.

Even though our interim chancellor did not meet with President Friday and other administrators Monday, he had this to say about A & T:

"I am looking forward to working with the students, faculty and administration of North Carolina A & T University in continuing to carry out the responsibilities of the Institution."

He added, "I consider this indeed an honor and a pleasure to serve during this interim period. I do not wish to make any statements about any particular concern of A & T, for it will be necessary for me to truly become a part of the community and the campus before making any assessments."

Who's on the Search Committee?

Dr. Lacy H. Caple, (Chairman); Robert A. Kraay, Elizabeth W. Cone, David Morehead, C. C. Griffin, [Board of Trustees]; Dr. Velma Speight, [National Alumni Association]; Dr. Arthur P. Bell, Dr. Katie White, Nan P. Manuel, Dr. Sullivan Wellborn, [Faculty]; and Pamela McCorkle, [Student Government Association President].

Dr. Thompson has a long list of accomplishments which include being an A & T biology instructor, 1966-61. His most recent position is that of being the vice-president for student services and special programs at the General Administration in Chapel Hill, from 1976 to the present.

Improperly working sound equipment substantially hampered the fall's progress, and, depending on where one was seated, visibility was grossly obstructed making enjoyment difficult for many.

The coronation continued with the presentation of the first organizational queens which included Miss North Carolina Central University, Kathy Price, and Miss North Black Society UNC-G, Shiv Rudolph.

Other guests included parents, alumni and Miss A&T 1977-78, Debbie Richardson.

The coronation concluded with the presentation of the queen and her court. The court consists of Freshman attendant, Sheila Forte who was escorted by Randy Hadden; Sophomore attendant, Forcheta Buss who was escorted by Tyrone Smith; Miss Junior attendant, Cathy Jackson who was escorted by Keith McCadden; and Miss Senior attendant, Fran Joyner who was escorted by Jamaica Mangol.

The court appeared in strapless blue glittter gowns that gathered at the waist and their escorts were gray tuxedos.

Miss A&T wore a glittery gold gown accented by the blue train beginning at the waist, her escort, John Wright, wore a gray tuxedo.

The two appeared from behind a blue and gold stage while Miss A&T, wearing a white vocalized Larry Graham's "One In A Million." "Three Times a Lady," a Commodores' classic, was a song of dedication for Miss A&T performed by Tony Linzy.

Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy praised Greta Shaw for a successful coronation and presented her with a $100 check.

Miss A&T 1979-80, Joyce Walker, offered endearing words of encouragement to the new queen. Viewing her own reign retrospectively, Walker commented, "As I eased on down the road and stepped into the real world, I realized...there's no place like home."

Thus, ended the 1980-81 coronation of Miss A&T which was truly "something" out the Blue and Gold.
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Miss North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
1980-81
Cameron To Speak At Hall Of Fame Banquet

Dr. Henry Cameron, chairman of the A&T Department of Administration, supervision and post-secondary education and a former football player and coach, will be keynote speaker Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Downtowner Motor Inn on East Market Street.

Ten former outstanding Aggie athletes will be inducted this year.

A native of Lake City, S.C., Cameron, played football at Morris College and at S.C. State College, before an injury cut short his career. He later coached football and basketball at Newnan and Thmoston, Ga.

Cameron earned the B.S. degree from S.C. State, then earned the M.S. degree at Fairfield (Conn.) University and the Ed.D. degree in educational administration from the University of Massachusetts.

He has taught at Fisk University, S.C. State College, and Tennessee State University.

Reservations for the Hall of Fame banquet may be secured from the A&T Alumni Office in the Bryan House. The price is $12.50 per person.

A press conference for the inductees will be held on Friday at 1 p.m. in the Downtowner. They will also be honored at halftime of the A&T versus Delaware State football game on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Greensboro Memorial Stadium.

The inductees will be Elvin Bethea of the Houston Oilers, Mel Phillips, Tommy Day, Allen Lynch, Joe Howell, Joe Cotton, John W. Dillard, Harold Bruce Green, Curt Caesar Griffin. The late Mrs. Rosa Sowell Parker of East Orange, New Jersey will be inducted in the special category for being the first female cheerleader at A&T.

Watkins, First In Landscape Arch.

By Thomas Harris

George L. Watkins is the first student to graduate from A&T’s School of Agriculture with a bachelor of science degree in Landscape Architecture. He is now employed by Townsend and Associates Landscaping firm here in Greensboro.

The Townsend firm was commissioned by A&T to come up with a suitable plant plan for landscaping Corbett Sports Center as well as provide an overall developmental plan for the University. Watkins is the supervisor of the project.

“Five months ago I was a student at A&T and I always wanted to do something for the school to improve the learning environment,” Watkins stated. “I feel that this is a great opportunity to apply what I’ve learned back to A&T.

In relating some of the problems he sees at A&T, Watkins indicated that the campus is too vehicular oriented. One can drive to any place on campus which cuts down on space that could be more constructively used. He feels that cars should be taken from the inner campus and relocated on the perimeter.

“A&T has plenty of room for parking on its perimeter, but there is a need for a restudy of parking facilities,” Watkins said. “Just because a building is erected does not mean that a parking lot has to come with it.”

A&T is the only institution in the state that offers degrees in landscape architecture and it is also the only Black university in the United States that has an undergraduate L.A. program.

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Welcome, Aggies. It's now the time of year when the air is filled with laughter and celebration. Why? It's homecoming time on the Aggie campus. Annually, alumni, students, and friends come to Greensboro to take part in the festivities.

Homecoming 1980 is a joyous period for the Aggie football team. The Aggies got to "show up" in front of alumni and friends. A&T's victims this week will be the Delaware State University Hornets.

This is a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game featuring the Aggies, 1-1 in league play and 4-1 overall, playing Delaware State, which enters the contest with an overall record of 1-5.

The Aggies play over the past few weeks has been impressive and equally impressive on occasion have been the Hornets. Delaware State gave S.C. State its biggest score of the season before bowing to the Bulldogs 21-20 in a game played in Dover, Delaware.

A&T has never lost to Delaware State and currently leads the series 8-0-1. The Hornets rallied late in last year's game to tie the Aggies at 21.

If you haven't heard about the Aggies' win over Mississippi Valley State last Saturday, I'll tell you about it right now.

A&T barely left Mississippi with its victory. The Delta Devils and their referees (excuse me, please) tried to steal the game in the final minutes.

Can you believe the officials allowed Mississippi five downs to score its last touchdown? It's true the Delta Devils had a first-and-goal with under a minute remaining to play when they ran off five plays. Their "buddies" in stripes apparently lost track of the downs.

Groove Phi Groove sponsored a North-South basketball game Wednesday in Moore Gym. The North was coached by Eugene Walker and the South by player-coach Jerry Perry.

The North came out of the game with a 41-37 win. Larry Bonner hit 16 points for the winners, while Jerry Perry connected on 14 points for the South.

After the game, Perry commented, "It was a good, close game. We were just outcoached." Perry's team was outcoached by the North's Eugene Walker, who had his team using a well-disciplined attack.

"It's hard to teach in these types of games", Walker said. "It's even tougher when you haven't had any practice."

It's prediction time and, for the homecoming crowd, I must be accurate this week. Of course, A&T will win, but the question is by how many points. Since the Aggies don't have to play against the officials and since it's homecoming, I look for the Aggies to put on an outstanding exhibition of football at Delaware State's expense.

There's talk that the Aggies will score 45 points before halftime. That won't happen. But the Aggies will still win going away. A&T by 27.

A&T @ Delaware State 13.

Three professional football players are among the 10 former North Carolina A&T State University athletes who have been selected for induction in the university's Sports Hall of Fame on October 17.

Defensive tackle Elvin Bethea of the Houston Oilers, Mel Phillips, currently an assistant coach with the Detroit Lions, and Tommy Day will be inducted at a banquet in Greensboro on Friday, Oct. 17.

The other inductees will be Allen Lynch, a football star from 1935-38; former basketball players Joe Howell of Philadelphia and Joe Cottom of Weldon, N.C.; John W. Dillard, a football star in the 1930's; Harold Bruce Green, an Aggie baseball star from 1947-50 and Carl Griffin, Concord, N.C., a football player in 1933-34.

Mrs. Rosa Sowell Parker of East Orange, N.J., the university's first female cheerleader in 1939, will be inducted in the special category.

Bethea, a native of Trenton, N.J., has played with the Oilers for 13 years and has earned All-Pro honors eight years. While at A&T, he was an All-American lineman in football and an NAIA All-American in track.

Day, a native of Washington, D.C., played pro ball for 12 years with the Buffalo Bills and one year with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was an All-CIAA lineman for the Aggies in 1956. He earned All-Pro honors in the American Football League.

Phillips spent 14 years in professional baseball with the San Francisco 49ers. He was an All-CIAA performer at A&T in 1964-65. He is a native of Shelby, N.C., native.

Cotton and Howell both starred on A&T basketball teams coached by Cal Irvin in the late 1950s. Their 1958-59 team was the first predominantly Black team to play in the NCAA post-season tournament.

Howell, a native of Philadelphia, still holds five basketball records at A&T. He earned All-CIAA honors two years. Cotton is a native of Garysburg, N.C. He was named to the All-NCAA Tournament team in 1959 and the All-CIAA team one year, and was a four-year starter.

Green, a school principal in Louisburg, N.C., starred in baseball from 1947-50.

Dillard, a retired school principal in Madison, N.C., was born in Greensboro. He was an Aggie football star from 1931-1935. Griffin, a retired principal and corporation official, lives in Concord, N.C. He starred in football and A&T in 1933-34.

He was born in Chatham, Va. Lynch, an All-CIAA halfback in 1938, is a native of New Jersey. He also played on the 1937 A&T basketball team which won the university's first CIAA championship.

Mrs. Parker is currently a teacher of special education in East Orange, N.J. She joined the previously all-black A&T cheerleading squad in 1939 and served for four years.

McKinley Establishes Attack,
Early In Football Game

By Raymond Moody

A&T's Jim McKinley is experiencing his finest year at A&T this season. The Aggies are currently 4-1 after returning from Greenwood, Miss., with a 17-16 win over Mississippi Valley State.

The Aggies were in total control of the game at the 10 minute mark, in the fourth quarter, with a comfortable 17-0 lead. But A&T followed a recent pattern by letting Mississippi Valley score 16 points before stopping them on a two-point conversion. "I'm still hoping the team can play a full game," McKinley commented.

"Lately we've been playing in spurts. We seem to ease up in at least one period.

Regardless, A&T has been winning consistently. Saturday, the Hornets of Delaware State will attempt to spoil A&T's Homecoming.

Regardless of its record (1-5), Delaware State always seems to play the Aggies tough. Last year, Delaware State rallied late in the game to tie the Aggies 21-21.

"Traditionally, we haven't played well against them," McKinley said. "They always come up with a good effort against us."

McKinley said his Aggies must come up with a better effort this week against the Hornets. According to McKinley, the MEAC comes up with the better competition. He said Mississippi Valley was tough, but he expects Delaware State to be tougher.

McKinley is rather concerned about the Hornets' Greg Lee and Anthony Beamon. Lee is currently
Aggies Romp Mississippi
With 'Operation Push'

By Wade Nash

When the Aggies entered Bulldog Stadium in Greenwood, Mississippi, against the Mississippi Valley State Delta Devils, there were two questions in the minds of many. How would the Aggies' 16 hour bus ride affect them? And would they get a fair game from the Southwestern Athletic Conference officials? Both answers came at the same time; and, what appeared to be a cakewalk, turned into a heart stopper.

The Aggies began to go in to the Mississippi Sun and bus ride with 7:59 seconds remaining in the game and the officials waited till then to go blind. MVSL tried such tricks as sending receivers from the brench, behind the Aggie secondary, or just straight out starting receivers on the field. They were caught only once. The big call was the fifth down after the Devils ran eight plays in 52 seconds with no time outs.

The Aggie defense played a stellar first quarter, denying the Delta Devils a first down for their first three possessions. The Devils gained only 10 yards during these possession. The Aggie linebackers and secondary caused four incomplete passes, while the defensive line forced MVSL quarterback Lloyd Farmer to rush passes, and stopped their runs against the Aggies.

The Aggie specialty teams were playing too cautiously on punt returns and allowed two punts to land in the zone to lose field position.

After playing an outstanding defensive series, Cornerback Ralph Brown chose to let a punt roll into the endzone, but Valley players downed it on the Aggie three. What looked like a break for the Delta Devils only got "Operation Push" opening holes for Charlie Sutton, and Danny Thomas for back-to-back first downs. Quarterback William Watson then passed to Frank Carr for a first down. The drive chewed up over six minutes before finally stalling.

Aggie punter James Jenkins punted to the Valley 7 for a 45 yarder that reversed field position.

The Aggie defense again proved superior in limiting the Devils to only one yard inside of their own 10. Mississippi Valley punter John Curtis Cakewalk got off a 65-yarder from his own end zone, again aided by a roll of over 30 yards this time. Eric Westbrook's misjudged line-drive punt and had to play it safe.

The Aggies failed to move the ball, but punter Jenkins kept them out of serious trouble. For the day Jenkins punted 7-299 yards for a 42.7 average.

The next Valley series defensive back Joe Clyburn picked off a Devil pass at the 33-yard line with 8:20 remaining in the second quarter. The Aggie backfield, composed of Charlie Sutton, Waymon Pitts and William Watson, ran 33 yards in six plays with Watson getting the score on a 7-yard hook completion, sealing the Valley defense. Aaron Herring added the crucial point after touchdown.

The Aggie defense gave the offense one more chance to score in the second half, but back-to-back five yard penalties forced Herring to attempt a 44-yarder that was just wide.

The Aggie defense played an outstanding first half as it gave up only 33 yards rushing on 16 carries. The Aggies picked off two of the 12 passes the Devils attempted allowing only three to be caught for 19 yards. Offensive, the Aggies rushed for 151 yards on 31 carries and added 23 by the air.

The Delta Devils' Larry Harmon argued the "Valley" crowd with a 43-yard second half kickoff return, half to have the Aggie defense shut them up. Roy Freeelow missed a possible score when he dropped a screen pass. The Valley back had a wave of blockers in front of him, but the Aggie defense had totally intimidated their SWAC opponents with some vicious hitting.

Aggie defensive coach Ralph Brown said, "This team shows up to play on Saturday, and they'll hurt you," smiling proudly.

Waymon Pitts fumbled on the Aggie first offensive possession and the Aggie "D" fense was put to the test.

The Valley's drive started on the Aggie 30, and five plays later the Devils were faced with a fourth and 25.

The Aggie offense continued to struggle, but the "D" fense more than supplemented it. Frankie Chesnon recovered a fumble on the Valley's next drive, giving the Aggies outstanding field position with only 8:09 remaining in the third quarter.

Danny Thomas scored five plays later, but the big play of the drive was an 18-yard pass from Watson to Billy Mims. For three quarters the Aggie defense gave up only four first downs, and they were giving up.

Frankie Chesnon intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble, and sacked Valley QB Farmer for a 10-yard loss when the Devils were faced with a third- and-two situation.

Aaron Herring kicked a 30-yard field goal with 12:17 remaining to give the Aggies a 17-0 lead.

The Valley offense inspired by a roaring crowd and the running of freshman Ron Jones, against a defense that had been on the field the majority of the second half, moved downfield in 12 plays.

The Aggie defenders made contact with Jones, but somehow he kept his balance for runs of 9,7,9, and 10 yards. The drive was also aided by a 9-yard pass from Farmer to Carl Goodly. The Devils converted a swing pass for the 2-point conversion from QB Farmer to Ricky Carson to make it a 17-2 contest.

The Mississippi sun and bus ride were definitely giving the Aggies a rougher time than the Devils, but things continued to get worse.

The Aggie offense was unable to move the ball after Danny Thomas returned the ensuing kickoff to the Aggie 15. Four plays later Jenkins' punt was blocked out of the end zone for a safety that made it a 17-10 game.

The Aggies chose for Herring to kick from the Aggie 20, and Herring had to make a saving tackle on the elusive Ron Jones.

The Valley crowd was screaming as the Aggies appeared to be in a mild shock. Only stellar performances from Kevin Robinson, Joe Clyburn, and Leslie Blackburn would deny the Devils a score. After nine plays, Valley punter Otis Culiver got off a 43 yarder that landed on the Aggie 20. With 12:26 the Aggie offense had to at least get one or two first downs; and, with "Operation Push," that was a mere formality, in two plays.

Wade Watson had gained five yards, but the Aggies were caught with a quick delay of game penalty. 1:08 remained when Frank Carr slipped making a cut and William Watson's pass was picked off by the Devils' Sam Washington on the Aggies' 20 yard line.

The Aggie defense now had 52 seconds to hold the Devils and the lead. The Devils were out of time out and could only stop the clock by side line passes or incomplete passes. The Aggie defense gave ground grudgingly, and the clock was just as stubborn. Valley QB Farmer scrambled for a gain of two, and the next play he threw the ball out of bounds to stop the clock. On third, 3-8, Farmer passed to Tony Baker for a first down at the 10.

On first and second down, Farmer threw incomplete passes. The clock now showed 28 seconds and the Devils were on the Aggies' 10. On fourth and goal, the Aggies sacked Farmer for a loss, but Coach Jim McKinley was on the field talking to SWAC Referee Paul Holley. On fifth down and five, Farmer scored to narrow the gap to 17-16.

Leslie Blackburn rushed Farmer and batted away what surely would've been a touchdown.

Aggie grad assistant Freddie Freeman said, "When the defense had to play, it played."

The Aggies did prove that, when the going gets tough, they get going.

Aggies To Face Hornets With Current 4-1 Record

leading the conference in receiving as far as yards per catch are concerned. Lee caught touchdown passes of 88 and 93 yards in their season opener, 21-20 loss to S.C. State.

McKinley said Beamont isn't having his usual outstanding year but "he can come out of his slump anytime."

N.C. A&T enters the contest against the Hornets with four athletes out for the season. The Aggies have lost the services of linebackers Kelvin Davis (ankle), Charles Hester (leg), defensive tackle Leon Byrd (knee), and wide receiver Lonnie Harris (knee). Harris and Byrd have been redshirted so they won't lose this year of eligibility.

McKinley has been pleased with the play of defensive tackles John Ogburn and Horton Majors. They entered the starting lineup after Leon Byrd and Randall Ponder were struck with injuries.

"I've seen some bright spots in the game," McKinley said. "Hopefully, they'll continue to improve as the season progresses."

More Bounce to the Ounce
Rocky Mt. High Produces Big Names On College Scene

In recent years Rocky Mount Senior High School has produced some of the biggest names on the collegiate scene. Phil Ford, 1980 Olympic Buck Williams, and University of Maryland receiver Mike Lewis, all attended the eastern North Carolina school.

Although North Carolina A&T junior linebacker Dennis Coit may not have received the publicity of the aforementioned as a prepster, he has certainly gained the respect of opposing coaches and players in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

An all-league selection a year ago, Coit has returned to lead the Aggie defense, which has become one of the toughest in conference.

"The reason we’ve had so much success this season has been the fact that we’ve all been together for two years and some of us longer," said the 6-1, 195 Coit.

"We understand the concept of our defense; but, most of all, we communicate. We know what to expect from each other and we understand our responsibilities. It’s been a team effort."

Coit, who played the strong safety for Coach Walt Williams at Rocky Mount High, was recruited by Carolina, East Carolina, North Carolina Central, as well as A&T his senior year.

He decided on A&T because he felt comfortable with the coaching staff and felt he could help the program.

He became a starter the third game in his freshman season. An injury in the first game of 1978 season side-lined him for the remainder of the campaign.

"Until that point I had never been seriously injured, and I had a lot of time to think," Coit said. "I worked hard on the weights and conditioning to get back in shape. I also studied more and became more serious about my studies."

"Last season I felt I was quicker than ever before, and presently I feel pretty good about the way I’ve been playing."

Ready to celebrate the Homecoming week and what should happen but car trouble. (Photo by E-Man)
A&T Coaching Staff

Coach Jim McKinley
Head Coach

Coach Jim McKinley has the 1980 Aggie football team off to a great start. Currently, the Aggies are 4-1 and are still shooting for an MEAC conference championship. McKinley is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a 1966 graduate of Western Michigan University. McKinley began his coaching career as an assistant on the high school level in Allegan, Michigan. The next season he was appointed head football coach and guided the team to a state-wide top-ten ranking the next four seasons.

From Allegan, he went to Eastern Michigan University for two years and then moved on to become head coach at Central State University in 1974. He guided Central State to its first winning season in 12 years and led the team to a berth in the celebrated Orange Blossom Classic in Miami, Florida. He took over the A&T head coaching job in 1977 and guided the Aggies to a second-place MEAC finish.

Assistant Superintendent

Ronald Beard
Linebackers

Beard coaches the Aggie linebackers with a personal tradition of winning in mind. As a prep athlete, Beard was quarterback and linebacker on Detroit's Mackenzie High city championship team. Beard was outside linebacker on the undefeated Eastern Michigan University team which played in the first Pioneer Bowl in 1971.

Keith Jones
Defensive Backfield

Jones is a native of Charleston, S.C. Helettered one year at The Citadel. Jones holds a Bachelor's Degree in physical education. Jones coached three years at Bishop England High School and served as a graduate assistant at S.C. State University. Jones lists his hobbies and racquetball and traveling.

After EMU, Beard joined the Jim McKinley staff at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio assisting in the effort which took that school to the 1976 Orange Blossom Classic. He was asked by Coach McKinley to join the staff in 1977.

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Corbett To Improve Last Year’s Basketball Record

By Raymond Moody

With the start of basketball season, A&T’s head basketball coach Don Corbett hopes his Aggies can improve last year’s 4-19 record. If the Aggies fail, it won’t be because Corbett didn’t do his part.

After inheriting last year’s team from the departing Gene Littles, Corbett found a major rebuilding job ahead of him. “We’re now in part two of our rebuilding stage,” implied Corbett. “We need a big man who’s a good scorer.”

Although A&T came from one game of losing twenty games in the 1979-80 season, Corbett saw some encouraging signs.

“The team never gave up in any of these games,” Corbett stated. “We were competitive all year. Only four games were blown out.”

Corbett thinks A&T will do well this year. He said, with experience, his Aggies can’t make the same mistakes they did last year.

“We can’t make those same mistakes again,” the second-year Aggie coach mentioned. “In some games we called timeouts when there were no timeouts; we fouled the wrong man in certain situations. We also weren’t a serious team last year.”

Corbett is emphasizing the seriousness of the situation at A&T. He has the Aggies wearing practice jerseys with the words “Serious Aggie” written on the chest.

“I want A&T to return to its tradition of outstanding basketball,” said a determined Corbett.

Bringing A&T back to its championship form in the past wasn’t an enviable job. But, Corbett realized what he had to do, and he made his move after the Aggies lost a one-point decision to North Carolina Central University in the first-round of the 1980 MEAC tournament.

“Recruiting was the first stage in rebuilding,” according to Corbett. “I wanted big men who were strong rebounders.”

Corbett emphasized rebounding in his recruitment plans. He’s pleased with his recruiting effort.

“We will be stronger under the boards this year,” he said.

“I signed five big men who will be factors under the boards.”

According to Corbett, the Aggies should be very deep.

Corbett said he doesn’t need or want any superheroes. He wants 10 players who’ll work together. Corbett said no one player should provide the bulk of the scoring. He feels certain players will score more than others, but the other players who don’t score as much should play other roles on the team.

Corbett also thinks being able to play in the NCAA tournament will motivate his players and also help with recruiting.

“I can’t speak for my players, but the possibility of an NCAA bid excites me,” Corbett said. “No other Black conference can say this. A&T can now expand and go out into the world. I think we can play with those schools in the NCAA tournament. We’ve been playing these caliber teams on the road. If they had come to Aggieland, those losses could have easily become wins.”

Spruill Never Had Losing Season

By Raymond Moody

Aggiettes basketball coach Joyce Spruill has never had a losing season at N.C. A&T. But the 1980-81 season brings about a challenge to Spruill’s winning streak.

The Aggiettes have three returning lettermen from last year’s 16-17 team. Returning are sophomores Marsha Simmons, Gloria Johnson, and senior Shirley Hall.

Coach Spruill expected more returning people but four former players were lost for different reasons.

Spruill lost key players to academics, marriage, the armed forces, and to another school (transfer).

Spruill said she also lost a talented player because the athlete had to have surgery and the doctors don’t know yet if she can return.

The athlete is Gladys Armstrong, a 6-3, Williston, S.C., native, who transferred from the University of South Carolina.

According to Spruill, A&T had a good recruiting year. Trying to work their way into the starting as freshmen will be Gloria Board, Lillington; Glenda Rose, Virginia Beach, Va.; Stephanie Wallace, Williamsburg; Janice Willis, Burlington; and Bonita Lowe, Madison.

Aside from these recruits, Spruill has five walk-ons, who want to contribute to the Aggiettes’ success. The walk-ons are Carmen Sidbury, Vanessa Lashley, Michelle Barber, Kim Harris, and Yvette Webster.

Spruill’s practice sessions are different this year compared to last year’s. When a team returns with experienced players, a coach doesn’t have to spend as much time teaching because the players basically know their jobs.

“We’ve been working on fundamentals,” said Spruill. “Some (players) came in pretty fundamentally sound, but there is a lot of inexperience out there. Most of the time has been spent on re-ouring techniques, the outlet pass, and court balance.”

Spruill said her team is improving daily but, when the season starts, the team will be at the disadvantage.

“We’re a small team,” said Coach Spruill. “We can’t go in against tall teams and play them straight up.”

Spruill said the Aggiettes are going to have to play deliberate basketball, which simply means working for the good shot.

“We have to know when to run and when not to run,” concluded Spruill. “We won’t be as fast as past A&T teams, but we certainly can’t be considered slow.”
Saluting the Seniors

By Raymond Moody

7-Eric Westbrook
Defensive Back
6-0, 174
Charlotte
A good solid defensive back...very smart player and good thinker. Doesn’t have great size but is a fierce competitor. Could be the finest in the MEAC.

12-William Watson
Quarterback
6-2, 195
Detroit, Michigan
Came to A&T with a great background. Great veer quarterback who possesses outstanding quickness. A threat opposing coaches must key on.

17-Archie Hart
Quarterback
6-0, 165
Monroe
Has natural talent...has made progress since joining the Aggies as a walk-on. Hart has shown leadership ability and adds depth to the A&T quarterback corps.

25-Frank Carr
Wide Receiver
6-0, 174
Charlotte
When A&T needs a clutch pass reception, it goes to the “Superstar.” Carr, without a doubt, is the MEAC’s number one receiver. Has great concentration, moves and his hands are super. Definitely a pro prospect...pound for pound A&T’s strongest athlete.

23-Frankie Chesson
Linebacker
6-0, 200
Chesapeake, Virginia
A tough Aggie defensive in 1980. Has good strength. Chesson is an experienced performer with a lot of talent.

36-Johnny Alston
Running Back
5-11, 191
Siler City
Hard worker...he is capable of playing any running position in A&T’s I attack. Has great desire to succeed. Tough and hardnose player who’s a strong runner with good balance...More effective as an outside runner because of his speed.

5-Roland Meyers
Quarterback
5-10, 175
Hallandale, Florida
Came to A&T with a great background. Great veer quarterback who possesses outstanding quickness. A threat opposing coaches must key on.

32-Cleotis Johnson
Running Back
6-0, 206
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
An outstanding man who has contributed to A&T’s running game. Also adds great depth...picks up things such as techniques and concepts quickly. Johnson is capable of getting the through short yards. Has tools and attitude to be a great player.

58-Mike Quarles
Offensive Guard
6-1, 240
Chesapeake, Virginia
Fine aggressive player in A&T’s line...provides help as an important back-up player. Works hard on and off the field. Very coachable. Has good football sense.
Saluting The Seniors

63-Charles Hester
Linebacker
6-2, 225
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Hard-hitting player...starter this season until sidelined by injury...plays the run exceptionally well. Could be prospect for the pro ranks.

64-Clifton Britt
Guard
6-5, 250
Corapeake
Mentally and physically tough. Good steady ball plays. Coaches feel he is one of the outstanding linemen in the conference this year. Has been a starter for three years. Great attitude.

78-Andre Hyatt
Offensive Tackle
6-1, 224
Detroit, Michigan
Very hard working athlete who gives it all he has. Has game experience and provides good back-up help. Has good football sense. Very coachable.

80-Billy Mims
Tight-End
6-4, 233
Jacksonville, Florida
One of A&T’s better athletes. Mims has no physical limitations...could also play basketball for A&T. Has become one of MEAC’s finest tightends. Great blocker...gives superior effort in every game.

93-Joe Clyburn
Defensive Back
5-10, 175
Camden, S.C.
Clyburn has shown improvement in his play in the Aggie secondary...has great attitude and a great will to succeed. Small, but Clyburn is a sure tackle. Plays well on specialty teams also.

Moody and Nash’s Black College Poll

1. S.C. State 6-0-0
2. Grambling 4-1-0
3. N.C. A&T 4-1-0
4. Alcorn State 3-1-0
5. Tenn. State 3-1-0
6. Va. Union 4-1-0
7. Jackson State 4-2-0
8. Morgan State 4-1-0
9. Alabama A&M 3-2-0
10. Florida A&M 2-3-0

91-Norton Majors
Defensive Tackle
6-4, 250
Cape May, N.J.
Transfer from UMES. Was used as backup until injury to Leon Byrd. Strong player who loves to make contact. Extremely hard hitter. Also plays well on A&T’s specialty teams.

90-Leslie Blackburn
Defensive End
6-5, 240
Detroit, Michigan
Improved tremendously from last year...transfers from J.C. in California...blocked a pass to secure Aggie win over Miss. Valley State. Plays the run extremely well. Also good strong pass rusher.

62-Billy Mims
Tight-End
6-4, 233
Jacksonville, Florida
One of A&T’s better athletes. Mims has no physical limitations...could also play basketball for A&T. Has become one of MEAC’s finest tightends. Great blocker...gives superior effort in every game.

93-Gerry Green
Defensive End
6-3, 235
Jacksonville, Alabama
Green is a hard hitter and covers his territory with authority which has enabled him to maintain his outstanding play of a year ago. Super athlete. Has great strength and excellent quickness. He has unlimited potential.
Aggies Lead Nation In Rushing, Praise For Work

By Raymond Moody
The last two years N.C. A&T’s football team has been talked about enough on paper to win the majority of its football games. But, there was something missing. A&T’s line was often blamed for the Aggies lack of offense. This year the Aggies currently lead the nation in rushing, and the line has been praised for its fine work.

However, there’s one individual whose performance has been outstanding and many Aggie followers believe he’s the key to the success of A&T’s rushing attack. His name is Maurice Bryant, and he’ll be playing right offensive tackle (number 73) for the Aggies Saturday.

Bryant, a native of Petersburg, Virginia enrolled at A&T during the spring of 1980. He transferred from the University of Arkansas, where he played two years under former N.C. State coach Lou Holtz.

Just being recruited by a school like Arkansas (traditionally ranked in the top ten of the AP and UPI Polls) is a very high honor. But getting playing time is a whole different story. Things didn’t work out the way Bryant had anticipated so he opted to leave Arkansas.

“Let’s just say for personal reasons I decided to leave,” Bryant noted.

When Bryant looked for a school to transfer to, he thought of Maryland, UNC, NCCU and fortunately, N.C. A&T. “I chose A&T because I wanted to come to a place I felt I could play regularly,” Bryant said. “I had previously signed a letter of intent to come here, but I chose Arkansas.”

Bryant said he picked Arkansas as a college because “they offered me more than the other schools.” It’s no wonder the Razorbacks outbid the other schools for Bryant’s services. While playing football his senior year, at Petersburg High, Bryant performed at a very high level. At the seasons conclusion, he was awarded almost every individual award an athlete can receive. A few of Bryant’s awards were All-American, All-State, All-City, and Most Valuable Player awards. His high school team recorded a 20-2 record during his junior and senior campaigns.

“I didn’t start playing football until my junior year in high school,” Bryant stated. “It took me a little while to adjust to the game.” Opponents of Bryant now wish the Sociology major from Petersburg, Virginia, had never adjusted.

Junkins ‘Holds Own’ On Field

By Raymond Moody
When Corey Junkins was recruited by Aggie football coach Jim McKinley, A&T followers couldn’t believe he was recruited as an offensive lineman.

Junkins entered A&T at 215 pounds, which is small for a lineman. But he has more than held his own on the football field. Since his freshman season, Junkins has increased his weight to 235 pounds.

Junkins, now a junior, is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and is a 1978 graduate of Morgan Park High School where he received All-City and All-State honors. Junkins has been a three-year starter for the Aggies at offensive tackle.

A small offensive lineman like Junkins must rely on quickness and speed to block the much bigger defensive ends and tackles.

“I know I have to be good at pulling, running, and pass blocking because of my size,” Junkins said. “I especially enjoy trapping those big defensive linemen.

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Cross-Country Meet Runs 5-Miles Around Campus

By Quill Ferguson

The course is set for this Saturday's first annual A&T cross country meet which will be run on a five-mile route through the campus.

The strong A&T harriers who are paced by Christ Woodard, Tim Nixon, Quill Ferguson, Eric Beam, Danny Fritz, Rufus Brown, Carl Blake, Charles Richardson, and James Canady will set out to bring in a victory on their home turf.

Visiting teams will include Averett College from Virginia, Guilford College, and Elon College. Averett College will probably give the Aggies the most trouble; however no great threat is expected by any of the visiting teams, according to scouting reports.

This week's training has been geared to accomplish what the Aggie harriers feel may very well be a shut-out. Mel Pinkney, coach, said, "Our runners are getting stronger every week, and I feel we should definitely put on a strong showing in front of our fans this Saturday."

Last week the Aggies had the weekend off; however, three runners-Eric Beam, Quill Ferguson, and Rufus Brown-decided to test their strength against the 26-mile 385-yard Greensboro Marathon. All three survived this grueling task and finished with times of 3:11, 3:28, and 3:38, respectively. Beam's time of 3:11 got him 11th place; Ferguson, 28th place; and Brown, 45th place. There were over 150 runners.

The remainder of the team stayed home, but put in an equally demanding workout. Starting time for the meet will be at 9:00 o'clock in front of Corbett Sports Center.

McKinley Establishes Attack Early In Football Game

By Raymond Moody

A&T Coach Jim McKinley believes in establishing a solid running attack early in his football games. But sometimes the Aggies have trouble moving the ball on the ground. When the Aggies have to pass, they usually look for their version of "Mr. Chuck", whose name is Frank Carr.

Carr, a native of Charlotte, played his high school football at West Mecklenburg High, where he played a key role in the success of West Mecklenburg's program.

During his senior year, Carr became known as the Charlotte area's premier wide receiver. Carr was a part of 23 receptions and 11 touchdowns. He was also named the area's Player of the Week three times.

Carr is now looked upon as running the best patterns and owning the best pair of hands in the conference. Carr attributes this to his early start in the game he loves.

"I've been playing football since the sixth grade," Carr said. "I started playing organized ball when I went to Northwest Junior High School."

Carr said this season was kind of special to him because of a number of reasons. The Charlotte native said he was dedicating this year to his mother who is deceased.

Carr noted that he intends on being the very best wide receiver in the MEAC. "That's basically my individual goal," Carr stated. "I want to be the number one wide receiver in the conference. I also would like to be named All-MEAC. The title, All-MEAC, has eluded the talented Aggie receiver in his first three seasons at A&T.

Carr is currently well on his way to being named on an All-MEAC team. In five Aggie games this season, Carr has totalled 13 receptions for 158 yards and four touchdowns.

Carr receives more respect than any other MEAC player. He's almost a cinch to be named to all the conference's All-Star teams. But Carr wants more.

"Another goal I am interested in is playing in the post-season game in New Orleans."

"That's where the Black College All-Star game is being held," Carr said. Many followers of the MEAC believe Carr will be wearing a uniform of some professional football team next year.

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Pitts’ Advance Ability Problem For Opponents

By Wade Nash
In 1980, Waymon Pitts’ ability to move the football could lead to major problems for Aggie opponents. Pitts is blessed with 4.3 speed in the 40-yard dash; and, with “Operation Push” (offensive line) opening holes, 1,000 yards for Pitts is a possibility, barring injury.

Pitts had been playing football for 10 years without injury. But all of that changed against Winston-Salem State.

“The injury occurred on a sweep when a Ram player fell on my shoulder. I was going for 200 yards before that happened,” Pitts stated. The injury Waymon suffered, was a first-degree shoulder separation, that has resulted in Pitts’ not playing a complete game for the Aggies.

Playing with pain has become just another day’s work for the Sarasota, Florida, native. Aggie opponents hold their breath when they touch the ball. The swift sophomore is averaging 4.2 yards every time he touches the ball.

In high school, Waymon earned All-County and All-Conference, but recruiters weren’t knocking his door down. It seemed that his height of 5’6” didn’t make him a power back, and, as Pitts puts it, “Nobody Wanted Me.” That was until a former Aggie student, Phil Peterson, showed Aggie assistant coach Darnell Valentine films of th Rearview high school star and all that changed.

The Aggies offered Pitts a scholarship without ever visiting Sarasota, nor did Pitts see A&T before he enrolled in 1979. Pitts said, “A&T was the only school that wanted me, and I intended to give them my best. For homecoming, I’d like 100 yards and two touchdowns. Running behind the Aggie offensive line gives me three yards from the start.”

Pitts realizes his injury kept him out of the J.C. Smith game and has plagued him in every contest. “This is the first injury I’ve had in 10 years, but I’ve learned a lot. I know I can play with pain because I do it now every Saturday,” Pitts stated.

Beamon Gains Respect From Tracksters

By Quill Ferguson
Eric Beamon, a sophomore agriculture major from Sarasota, Florida, is rapidly gaining the respect of all runners that he comes up against.

A member of the cross-country team, Eric started running competitively only a year ago. Already he has blossomed into one of MEAC’s top distance runners.

The reason for Beamon’s late start was that his high school did not have a track or cross-country program.

“My high school was a football oriented school so I never had the opportunity to really test my running ability against anyone until I came to A&T.”

It was here at A&T that he really found out that he had great running potential.

One day Eric decided to run with one of the members of the track team just to see how he would do. To the surprise of both Eric and the trackster, he maintained a steady six-minute mile pace for well over six miles.

From that point on Eric has steadily improved, making him one of A&T’s most valuable point getters. Just this past weekend, Beamon decided to run the Greensboro Marathon.

“All I wanted to do was to finish it because I needed a good workout,” stated Beamon.

Not only did Beamon finish the marathon, but he came in second in the 19-29 age category which is the strongest running group.

Asked if he was surprised with his performances, Beamon said, “I was a little surprised when I got to the 21-mile mark; and, instead of weakening, I felt stronger than the first six miles.”

This kind of strategy has really aided Eric’s performance. His unique style of starting slow and coming on strong at the end has caused opponents to fall prey to his tremendous strength.

Outdoors Eric will compete in the 800, 1500 and 5000 meters.

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