The Fourth Annual A&T—Mass Media Caree Conference here Friday and Saturday will feature participation by some of the nation's outstanding minority leadership in the field of communications.

CBS correspondent, Dr. Lee Thornton, will be a keynote speaker. Other workshop participants will include Barbara Moran, deputy chief of the minority enterprise division of the Federal Communications Commission; Pluria Marshall, chairman of the National Black Media Coalition; Washington, D.C.; and Nate Boyer, executive director of the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters.

Executives will include Jim Black, manager of the popular WGGV radio station in Charlotte; Murer Evans, the first Black owner of a commercial radio station (WAAA of Winston-Salem); Jay Harris, assistant dean journalism at Northwestern University; and Ernie Pitt, editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle. The workshops will get underway Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Memorial Student Union, followed by the conference luncheon at which Thornton will speak at 12:15 p.m. in the union ballroom.

All A&T students and faculty members are invited to attend the workshops without cost. Persons wishing to attend the luncheon may register at the conference.

Key roles in the conference will also be played by Gerald Garcia, assistant to the publisher of the Kansas City Star; Walter Rugaber, executive editor of the Greensboro News-Record; Eugene H. Bohi, president of WGMP-TV; Asa Spaulding, vice president of Durham Life Broadcasting; Ronnie Corley, general manager of WXII-TV; Carl Step, metro editor of the Charlotte Observer.

Also, Bob Brooks, managing editor of the News and Observer of Raleigh; Bernie Bookbinder, senior editor with Newday; William Trent, former assistant personnel director with Time, Inc.; Joe Doster, managing editor of the Winston-Salem Journal; and Tom English, managing editor of the Fayetteville Times.

The conference is being made possible with grants by the Kellogg Foundation and the Greensboro News-Record.

By Mary A. Brown
Some interesting changes in admission's procedures here are currently taking place, according to William H. Gamble, director of admissions.

One major change that has already taken shape is the admission requirements for students in the School of Nursing. Gamble said that because of the difficulties many nursing majors were having passing the Nursing Exam, acceptance into the School had to become more strict. According to Gamble, students with a high school average of "B" or better and those with SAT scores ranging in the 700's will be accepted. He added, however, that A&T's Nursing School is the only one operating this way. Gamble said, a "C" grade is acceptable for all other schools.

Admission of students began last October and, so far, 1075 students have been admitted. Gamble stated that this was exactly the same number of students admitted the same time last year.

Another change which will go into effect June 29, 1981, is

Convocation Recognizes Academic Achievement

By Michael A. Fairley
Acting Chancellor Cleo Thompson addressed the annual Honors Day Convocation held Wednesday in Moore Gymnasium.

The convocation is held each spring to recognize students with a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

But before Thompson spoke the audience was motivated almost to the point of pandemonium by Student Government President Pamela McCorkle. In her greetings to the audience McCorkle said that some members of the administration called the S.G.A. "rebels, troublemakers and destroyers" of A&T.

McCorkle pointed out that the S.G.A. often had to perform the duties of administrators who were neglecting their responsibilities. She challenged administrators to stop "being elite" and urged them to look in retrospect to where A&T has come and where A&T has to go.

McCorkle's remarks brought a standing ovation from the student body.

In his speech Thompson congratulated the honorees and told them that "hopefully your efforts will motivate your fellows." Thompson explained that students who strive for academic excellence are usually called "apple polishers," "cheese eaters" and "brown-nosers" by their

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Students May Earn Credit

Students with backgrounds in the humanities or government and international relations have the opportunity to earn credits and hands-on experience this summer while working for government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and political organizations through the American University’s Summer Internship Programs.

Seniors and graduate students may earn three to six graduate credits during the six-week programs, June 8-17, in Washington.

‘Success Is Not A Sin, It Is Wholly’

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friends. He quickly added that one cannot be concerned with labels given by friends. He said students must set their own course for the future, but not at the expense of others.

Using as his topic “Success is not a sin. It is wholly,” Thompson used the letters in the “wholly” to describe the elements of a successful life. He said those elements are Work, Home, Organization, Loyalty, Limitlessness and Yeoman.

Thompson pointed out that this is a good and bad time in history for A&T students. He listed low cost education, affirmative action and well trained faculty at A&T as positive factors that students have in their favor. On the negative side Thompson said the New Right and the Bakke decision show that “they don’t want us any more.”

But, despite the gloomy outlook for the future, Thompson told students to maintain hope for a better tomorrow, and to serve (community and school) beyond commitment.

The Humanities.

Applicants whose major study background is in American studies, history, literature, art or music history, philosophy, history, religion, will work at selected Washington agencies and businesses. In the past, humanities interns have served in positions at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Library of Congress, U.S. Senate Historian’s Office, Museum of African Art and the American Film Institute.

Their jobs have included historical research, editing, preservation and museum work.

Government and International Relations.

Students, with majors in government, political science and international relations will find positions in a variety of public and private sector domestic and international agencies and organizations. In the past, interns have worked for groups such as the Republican and Democratic National Committees, HUD, Congressional Budget Office, Common Cause, National Rifle Association, Sierra Club, Women’s Lobby Inc., Americans for Democratic Action, National Urban League, Woodrow Wilson International Scholars, Middle East Institute, Organization of American States, Japanese Embassy press office, NASA, Office of International Affairs and the Center for Labor and Migration Studies.

Interns who qualify for these programs will work a 35-hour week at the agency in which they are accepted and will attend weekly seminars on campus with the director of the programs. Selections of applicants for the unpaid positions will be based upon recommendations by the agency supervisor and the assessment of academic performance by the internship director.

Application deadline is May 1, 1981. Tuition will be based on the number of credit hours to be earned.

The American University, located in a residential area of northwest Washington easily accessible by public transportation, is four miles from downtown.

Fully air conditioned dormitory housing will be available on campus at the specially reduced rate of $43 per week and students will have access to all university facilities including the Bender Library, tennis courts, indoor swimming pool and free films.

Meals may be taken on or off campus.

A free weekend orientation to Washington is available to students accepted into the internship programs.

For information about the humanities internship contact Linda Benachen, American University Special Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, The American University, Washington, D.C., 20006, (202) 686-2676. For information on the government and international relations internships contact Thomas Thompson, 185 Ward Circle Building, The American University, Washington, D.C., 20006 (202) 686-2368.

Happy 52nd Birthday

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Biology Dept. Receives Science Foundation Grant

By Laurel Lewis

A&T’s biology Department is one of 13 minority institutions to receive a three-year grant awarded by the National Science Foundation to start its first graduate traineeship program, which will come into effect on April 1. The award is for $47,400 and will be used to train two of the best qualified minority students in the department.

Other institutions to receive the award in various other fields of science are Atlanta University, Florida A&M University, Howard University, Jackson State University, Meharry Medical College, Tuskegee Institute, University of Puerto Rico and City University of New York. A&T is one of five minority institutions that will offer a graduate biology program. The others are North Carolina Central University, Texas Southern University, Long Island University and Hampton Institute. The first two graduate students are expected to be brought in during the summer of this fall semester and will pursue courses of study leading to a master’s degree in biology. These students will benefit from the most competitive students at A&T and other universities.

The National Science Foundation will provide a $4,500 per-year stipend for each graduate student, and an annual cost-of-education allowance to the institution of $3,400 per student. “This award shows us that we are capable of research, and that we’re good enough for the federal government to invest money into,” said Dr. A. James Hicks, Biology Department chairman.

The graduate students will have the option of doing a research thesis in animal behavior, environmental biology, cell physiology and biochemistry, developmental cell biology, immunochemistry, microbiology, parasitology/entomology, or experimental plant taxonomy. Emphasis is being placed on qualifying minority students who must be U.S. citizens.

As of yet, Hicks does not know if Ronald Reagan’s proposed federal budget cuts will affect the Biology department, “I will have no way of knowing about federal cuts in the department until June or July, but I hope it will not affect us very little, if at all,” said Hicks.

The proposal for the graduate program was written by Hicks, associate professor, and Dr. E. Williams, biology professor and graduate studies committee chairman.

Interested graduate students should contact Williams.

By LaYonne McCall

Blacks have always been a part of America, but America has not always remembered.

Through the years Black people have eagerly sought lost pages of their history.

Last Summer, Black members of the United States Navy’s Unit Band on One were shocked to find no existing record of their service during World War II.

Walter F. Carlson, music professor and director of bands at A&T for more than 30 years, was a member of Unit Band One.

More than three decades later, Carlson and other surviving members of the band received honorable degrees from the Navy’s School of Music in Little Creek, Va. The degrees were conferred February 14, at the school.

Carlson is proud of the degree which makes him an officer member of the Navy.
The 53rd Annual Oscar Award presentations, will air this Monday over the ABC Television Network at 8 p.m. Johnny Carson will host the Oscars, sponsored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Los Angeles Music Center.

Nominations were announced mid-February in Beverly Hills by Academy president, Fay Kanin. Brothers: Academy members selected the nominations in their respective fields except for Documentary and Foreign Language Film awards, which were made by committees. All members voted in the Best Picture category by secret ballots, which were mailed directly to Price Waterhouse & Co. International auditing firm, for tabulation.

Nominated pictures' screenings were held at the Academy in the Samuel Goldwyn Theatre beginning Saturday, February 21, to enable Academy members to view the nominees before casting final ballots.

Winners are selected by the Academy's entire voting membership.

The list of nominations includes the following which received 2 or more nominations:

- The Elephant Man . . . . . 8 nominations (Paramount)
- Raging Bull . . . . . . 8 nominations (United Artists)
- Coal Miner's Daughter . . 7 nominations (Universal)
- Fame . . . . . . . . . . 6 nominations (Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer)
- Ordinary People . . . . . 6 nominations (Paramount)
- Tess . . . . . . . . . . 6 nominations (Columbia)
- Empire Strikes Back . . . . 3 nominations (20th Century-Fox)
- Melvin And Howard . . . . . 3 nominations (Universal)
- Private Benjamin . . . . . . 3 nominations (Warner Bros.)
- The Stunt Man . . . . . . 3 nominations (20th Century-Fox)
- Altered States . . . . . . 2 nominations (Warner Bros.)
- The Competition . . . . . 2 nominations (Columbia)
- The Great Santini . . . . . 2 nominations (Orion Pictures)
- Kagemusha . . . . . . 2 nominations (20th Century-Fox).

By Rosalind Stimson
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented its 1981 Pageant, Saturday, March 21, in Harrison Auditorium. The pageant has been presented nationally by DST to raise scholarship funds for the pageant winner.

The Jabberwock pageant is to introduce young ladies from area high schools and their talents to society. The purpose of the 1981 local Jabberwock, which was sponsored by the Alpha Mu Chapter of A&T and Greensboro Alumni's Chapter, is to bring cultural enrichment and academic excellence to the contestants. It is also designed to bring before communities, the knowledge of what the founders envisioned when DST was founded in 1913 at Howard University.

The first Miss Jabberwock Pageant was held in 1964. In 1981, the theme was: "Deltas—A Difference You Made In My Life," brought out the poise, beauty, and talent of sixteen young ladies.

The pageant began with the Jabberwocky Dance Prelude by the Dudley High School Dance Co. The introduction of the contestants and their events was a focal point of the agenda. The contestants wore white gowns, draped with red banners and white "mums" were presented to the contestants' parents. The talent of the contestants was the next exhibition, which was composed of songs, poems, and dances which displayed each young lady's creativity.

The crowning of Miss Jabberwock 1981, Rosalie Roberts, heightened the pageant. Roberts was also named "Miss Outstanding." Stephanie Womack and Robin Martin were first and second runner-ups respectively.

A tribute was paid to the queen in song by Marcus Stewart of A&T, in his rendition of "You're So Beautiful."

Closing the pageant ended with a presentation by the Smith Sixteen Performance Troupe of E.E. Smith High School, Fayetteville. The Smith Sixteen is a performance group composed of interested, dedicated students who have exceptional vocal, instrumental, dramatic and dancing talent. The group has been in existence for two years and their repertoire consists of one hundred songs varying in style. Their performance was done in three movements: Exposition, Developement, and Recapitation.

The Smith Sixteen medley consisted of such songs as "Never Have I Been In Love Before," "This Way Again," "Reach Out and Touch," "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Misty," "The Man In The Moon," "One In A Million," and more. The group performed as the exparte of song and dance. The Symphonic Band was directed by Soror Ruth Stokes and ended the pageant in harmonious sound.

By Ronald Johnson
The yellow brick road has widened for the Paul Robeson Little Theatre and the Richard B. Harrison Players. "Producing only the finest in Black Theatre" is the motor for the devoted actors and actresses striving for excellence. The musical "Rain," will be on the road again. This time the play will be presented at E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg. Visitors: The Players and crew will depart Saturday, March 28, for a 7:30 curtain. "Rain," has given the Players a golden opportunity to exhibit their talents. They will also be attending the 45th Annual National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA) Conference at Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana.

The members competing in the conference are: (in Dramatic Monologe, actor Junious L. Leak, alternate--Jannie Jones; Oral Interpretation, speaker--Emily Bailey, alternate Anthony Johnson; Extemporaneous Speaking, speaker--Junious L. Leak, alternate Danny Harris; acting Duo--"Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe?" actors--Junious L. Leak and Cythina Bailey, alternates--Jannie Jones and Anthony Johnson.

The conference will broaden the horizon for the actors and actresses of the theatre and show the talent of N. C. A&T State University.

The Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Sorority Raffle was held March 20 and the winner was Mrs. Helen Nelson from Clemmson, N.C.

Going Home? Don't load the car the night before.

Lock your bike in your room. For more information call the University Police, 379-7675.

Those persons who are interested in becoming contestants in the Annual Oratorical Contest to be held on April 24, at 7 p.m., have until Tuesday, March 31, to sign up in Room 212, Crosby Hall. The contest is sponsored by the Department of Speech and Communications and Theatre Arts and is under the direction of Dr. Lois B. Kinney.

Two Films, "Burning Hell" and "The Grim Reaper" will be shown in Harrison Auditorium, Saturday, March 28, from 7-11 p.m. Admission is free.

Karen Bryant was the television raffle winner. The raffle was sponsored by The United Christian Fellowship.

Bible Study will be held in the basement of Cooper Hall, Monday at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited.

The Brothers of Lambda Mu Psi Fraternity are having an Interest Group meeting, Thursday, April 2, in room 212 of the Student Union. Activities concerning the pledging period will be discussed. All young men interested are invited to attend. Neat attire is required and refreshments will be served.

Annual Picnic for the School of Agriculture is Saturday, April 25, 1981, at A&T Recreational Park. Faculty and staff with guest $5.00; students with guest $3.00. Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, March 30, 1981, in all departments of the School of Agriculture.

Delta's Present Jabberwocks

By Tony Moore

Campus Haps

‘Honor’

“Do you know where you’re going to? Do you like the things that life are showing you?”...are the immortal words of Diana Ross, superstar. But, it is also a message that is being relayed to another breed of superstars: Aggies.

The 1980-81 annual Convocation salutes those Aggies who have achieved the “honors” of academic indulgence as opposed to indulging in the other areas of the college experience. It is commendable that so-called “rebels and destroyers” appear as a part of the cream of the Aggie crop.

It is also commendable that one student government association president, Pam McCorkle, challenged the administration to stop “being elite.” With the knowledge we gain a little cooperation from the “elite” (the backbone of A&T), this university’s future would not be a gloomy one. Think about it!

The acting chancellor, Cleon Thompson stated that students must set their own pace for achievement, but not at the expense of others. One cannot be concerned with the hecklers and clowns that, unfortunately, are also a part of the college experience. Reaching one’s academic goals is the main priority. As for those who would discredit others by such immature acts, in the words of a certain instructor: “The parade will pass them by.”

The servants of community and school will always endure the wrath of extra-curricular activities, insensitive peers and social pressures but usually are the successful individuals with the better education and the better jobs.

However, these same “blessed” individuals are often the very ones who become victims of the “elite” group of sophistication, the acquiring of tenure, and the like. Meanwhile, they forget their yester-years and overlook today’s future.

Although the issues change year to year be it fair treatment or senior privileges, coed visitation or accreditation, the “rebels” tend to remind us just who we really are: one body working towards the same mission of a great university.

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**Spring Fever**

By Julian C. Williams

Spring is here. The sun is shining brightly and the favorite hangout spots are being claimed.

Spring Fever is hanging in the air like smog in Los Angeles. Many students, who are otherwise good students, find themselves becoming slack.

To men of A&T, I would like to say that the removal of winter coats and bulky pants is not an invitation to drop your books and chase women.

It becomes very hard to keep your mind on math or history when just outside your window ladies are sitting on blankets wearing their new spring attire.

To the ladies on campus, give us a break; please wait until the late afternoon before you stroll across campus in your shorts and sunnies.

You have been dieting all winter, but Christmas dinner made it impossible for you to get into that pair of jeans now. Please have mercy on the men; save them for winter (the jeans)

To all Aggies, there are traps to keep you from making it to class: the Student Union parking lot, the trees at the corner of Cooper and Scott-B, Holland Bowl, or even the plots of the various fraternities.

Getting out and enjoying the sun is fun, but we must remember that our goal is to get an education. Rain seems to come during the week, so you can save all the showoff and enjoyment for Saturday.

**Absent**

By Trudy A. Johnson

On Thursday night, the junior class supposedly met in the Quiet Games room of the Student Union. The reason for saying this is because about 10 people showed up.

Class officers have nothing to look forward to when the class members fail to attend their meetings. The meetings should be semi-formal reunions of friends and associates and should hold the possibility of meeting some new people.

The main topic of discussion was the planning of a class picnic. Nevertheless, a picnic cannot be planned successfully without more input from members of the class.

Class officers who leave money in their treasury are only leaving the funds for the next sophomore, junior and senior classes.

If members of the junior class did not successfully unite during the fall semester, remember that the spring semester is coming to a close. We have only a few weeks left in the 1980-81 year. Enjoy the remainder of it.
In Appreciation Of Your 'Hooray'

Editor of the Register:
The Attorney General's Advisory Council and the Student Judicial system expresses a sincere thank you to Ronald Mangum for the big 'Hooray' that he gave the Judicial Branch of the S.G.A. in paragraph five of his March 24th letter to the editor. Since Mangum has held the position of Attorney General in the past, it is certain that he must realize the difficulty of activating an entire branch of government. Of course an even more difficult task arises when it comes to informing students of their rights, privileges and restrictions, especially when they are not given Student Handbooks.

The lack of knowledge about what the "do's" and "don'ts" of A&T are, has always been and may continue to be, a situation that plagues this campus. Extensive examination of the problem compound questions that must be taken into consideration to insure a majority satisfaction. Thus, rules and regulations have been designed to keep everyone in "check". The compound questions that now arises is "who makes the rules and how do you fit into the game?"

The student legislature is the Supreme legislative body of students and therefore many rules and regulations pertaining to student government, should, or would have been made by that branch of the S.G.A. There are, however, other legislative bodies at this institution namely the University Council, the Faculty Senate, the Board of Trustees, etc. They too, have a great deal (and more than most students realize) to do with what rules and regulations shall govern the student. In fact our present co-ed visitation policy was established not through the student legislature, but by higher administrative forums.

As stated by Mangum in his previous letter "the burden of making leaders accountable must fall on the shoulders of the community". In the A&T State case the students should make their elected, appointed, self-acclaimed and administrative leadersanswerable to the question "what are you doing for the welfare of the student body?" If one finds the response unsatisfactory, then it is no one's fault but his own to try to promote a change for the better (and this includes leadership).

It seems noteworthy that many people throw stones from glasshouses. As a sophisticated student body we should analyze all situations carefully. When we learn to make our own decisions about life, then we will begin to master most of the games people play, including "leadership shuffle". At any rate, once individual scores have been tabulated, undoubtedly the stones will fall where they may.

Michael Eure
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Commissioner of Student Rights-S.G.A.

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Adm. Ass't. to Attorney General-S.G.A.

Carlson
Excels In Navy

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Band. "It's definitely late, but it's beautiful," he said.

The most exciting and emotional part of the program occurred when Carlson, with trumpet in his hand, was granted the opportunity to join the orchestra in playing the number "Anchors Aweigh." Carlson said, "It was a thrill just to be seated amongst the old and new members of the Navy Band after such a long period of time."

In the Navy Band, he participated in both the marching band and dance orchestra. While overseas he was the camp bugler, and he was required to practice at least four hours a day.

Carlson, a graduate of A&T State University, joined the Navy as a musician because the alternative left for Blacks at that time was dish washing.

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Many black Americans are learning more about their health because of a helpful pamphlet which answers many questions about cancer.

Recent medical studies show black Americans are getting more cancer of some forms than before, and a black American is more likely to die from cancer than is a white American. Black women, however, are not getting cancer as much now as in the past. According to the pamphlet "How Black Americans Should Know About Cancer," there are basic reasons for the higher incidence of cancer in blacks:

- Environmental and social factors are a major cause of increased cancer among blacks. More blacks than whites live in cities and crowded industrial areas which have a greater pernent of cancer-causing pollutants in the air.

- In general, says the pamphlet, "Blacks have had less access to regular medical care, and have not taken advantage of medical facilities that are available."

The pamphlet, published by the Public Health Service, says the finest defense point is needed by black Americans to pay attention to their bodies and see a doctor when they suspect they may be developing cancer. Here are some of the warning signs listed in the pamphlet:

A persistent cough or long-lasting breathing problem; a lump or thickening of the breast (in women); sudden weight loss; change in bowel habits and bleeding from the rectum or blood in the stool; difficulty urinating or blood in the urine; unusual bleeding or discharge from the vagina, a sore in the mouth or throat that doesn't heal; hollowness, or difficulty in swallowing; indigestion that won't go away.

The pamphlet's "What Black Americans Should Know About Cancer," "Progress Against Breast Cancer," and "Clearing the Air" and others concerning cancer are available free of charge from the Public Health Service. Write to: Office of Communications, Dept. E, National Cancer Institute, Building 31, Room 10A18, Bethesda, MD 20205.
By Tim Graham

Theoretically, hell is not all fire and brimstone; it is also mental anguish and physical torture.

This idea was discussed by Dr. John Crawford, professor of English, at a lecture sponsored by the English Department Wednesday in the Memorial Union.

Crawford's topic was "Milton's Hell: Physical Torture and Mental Anguish," and he used poet John Milton's "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Regained" as two of his references.

Crawford talked about Milton's view of the power of the individual, and he pointed out that Milton suggested that an angel, a man or a nation could either do much good or much evil. Milton further explained that Satan, once called Lucifer and once a loyal angel who was driven out of heaven, led thousands astray.

Many scholars believe Satan was the hero in "Paradise Lost," but Crawford, who is sometimes categorized as a "Milton scholar," indicated that Satan experienced defeat on several occasions.

According to Milton, after Satan was driven out of Heaven, he was unable to engage in sexual activities. As a result, Satan was envious of Adam when he saw Adam embrace Eve's naked body; he was struck by defeat.

Satan tried to tempt Jesus but was unsuccessful, and again defeat weighted heavily upon his shoulders. According to Crawford, this situation can be compared to those experienced by humans and they can be seen as physical torture and mental anguish.

In "Paradise Lost," Satan said the mind can make a heaven of hell, or a hell of heaven. Satan realized this after he fell from heaven and discovered that the place where he landed was much different from the place from which he fell. Crawford said.

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**Now comes Miller time.**
SPORTS REPORT
By Raymond Moody

Football Practice? But this is baseball season. It sure is. But, if you’re a college football player, the time has come to put on your shoulder pads, helmet, and the rest of the equipment needed to play football. It’s Spring Practice.

Coach Jim McKinley should be a happy man. After all, he just completed a successful 1980 season and he won more games in a season than any other Aggie coach. Also, he signed a new contract, which undoubtedly made him happy. Last, and maybe least, McKinley returns with the nucleus of his 1980 team in 1981. Let’s take a quick look at next year’s team.

The first thing McKinley must do is find a replacement for quarterbacks William Watson and Roland Myers. Watson had a spectacular year in 1980, and when he wasn’t available, Myers entered the picture and Watson wasn’t missed, much. But McKinley won’t have them next year, so that ever important position is up for grabs.

The backfield remains the same. Call them what you want: Mercury Morris and Larry Cosanka, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Wayman Pitts and Charlie Sutton can run. Pitts runs outside. Sutton inside. Sometimes Pitts runs inside, unless the Aggies are playing S.C. State.

The offensive line played about as well as any unit on any team in the country last year. The line, which was nicknamed “Operation Push”, consists of guards Mike West, Maurice Bryant and tackles Corey Junkins and Thomas Boone.

The defense will be led by the linemen in 1981. Four men will return, but three played the tackle position and it is not known if McKinley will convert one tackle into an end. The end is massive James “Frog” Williams, who is an intimidating individual at 6-8, 250 pounds. The three tackles are John Ogburn, who played extremely well in 1980 after replacing the injured Leon Byrd. Byrd returns to action in 1981, along with Randal Ponder, a 6-5, 250 pound Georgia native.

The linebacking position was a strong suit on the team last year. The Aggies lose the services of Frankie Chesson, who was named the team’s outstanding defensive player. But, the player who will make Coach Ron Beard smile next year will be Mike Jayner and Roy Sheppard, a pleasant surprise in 1981.

In the defensive backfield, the Aggies must rebuild. They lose All-MEAC Eric Westbrook and could possibly lose Joe Clyburn, who was one of the conference’s leaders in interceptions. Clyburn is a fourth year senior this year, but one year he didn’t play, so it is up to Coach McKinley to have Clyburn cleared of that year.

The Aggies will be good and entertaining in 1981, but duplicating the 1980 season won’t be easy for McKinley and his staff.

Aggies Lose First Eight Games

By Raymond Moody
North Carolina A&T’s baseball coach, Mel “Big Ten” Groomes, has had an unusual start in 1981 with his Aggie squad. The Aggies began their 32-game season by losing their first eight contests, but they’ve come on to win their last four outings.

“We’ve come back nicely this year; and, at this point, the attitude on our team is great,” stated Groomes Thursday afternoon. “We’ve played pretty good ball but it seems as though we always run into breaks during the season that throws us off rhythm.”

Groomes explained that this season consists of four “little” seasons. During his pre-season strategy, Groomes felt the Aggies had to deal with only two seasons.

“I figured the Tuskegee tour would be one season and the remaining games would be the second season,” the veteran coach said. “But, we were plagued by the snow and that stopped our season. Then spring break comes along and our season is cut off again. If only we could play on a regular basis.”

After their shaky start, the Aggies have come back with four wins, including a double-header victory over CIAA opponent Shaw University 11-1, 13-3. Groomes cited the performance of freshman Frank Drumwright, who is the younger brother of Aggie star and captain Mike Drumwright.

Groomes stated: “Frank Drumwright is a super ballplayer right now. If he can continue to improve until he reaches his sophomore year, the pro scouts will be spending quite a bit of time in Greensboro. The Aggies travel to play Pfeiffer College Friday and Saturday host UNC-G’s intramural team at War Memorial Stadium. Gametime for Saturday’s contest is scheduled for 10 a.m.

Mid-Eastern Athletic Con: Follows’ Dream Come True

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference’s fathers, founders, and followers finally had their dream come true after ten years of waiting, watching, and hoping for an MEAC team to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Tournament.

Through the efforts of Commissioner Kenneth Free and the MEAC Delegate Assembly, the Conference was granted an automatic berth last September, and it was decided that the Tournament champion should receive the opportunity to make history.

The berth would not have been possible if another step had not been made two months earlier to establish Division I status as a conference. That goal was accomplished when the NCAA declared new member Bethune-Cookman College as a Division I institution.

Florida A&M University had been voted into the MEAC at the same time as BCC (October 1979), but was already Division I. The two joined original members Delaware State College, Howard University, North Carolina A&T State University, and South Carolina State College.

Morgan State, NC Central, and Maryland-Eastern Shore; all original MEAC members, opted to remain Division II.

Morgan and UMS are presently independents, while NCCU rejoined the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The Howard Bison won their second straight MEAC championship and boasting rights as the first MEAC team to play in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The Conference’s brilliant history continued to shine when regular season champion and Tournament runner-up NC A&T was selected to play in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Howard was placed in the West Regionals where they lost in the first round March 12 to W. Youning 78-43 in Los Angeles’ Pauley Pavilion. NC A&T was matched against Duke University on the same night in Durham, NC and dropped a 79-69 decision to the Blue Devils in Duke’s Cameron Indoor Stadium.
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