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Welcome, Freshmen, To Aggieland!



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Dr. Fort To Serve As Seventh A&T Chancellor

Dr. Edward B. Fort, a 49-year-old Detroit native, has been elected the seventh chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University.

Fort, currently chancellor of 14 two-year colleges in Wisconsin, will assume his position at A&T September 1. He will succeed Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, who retired as A&T chancellor last October. Serving as interim chancellor has been Dr. Cleon F. Thompson Jr.

In recommending Fort to the Board of Governors for the A&T chancellorship, Dr. William Friday, president of the University of North

Carolina, said that "Fort has a reputation as an exceedingly effective administrator. His enthusiasm and strength will enhance A&T." Fort received unanimous support from the board.

"I accept this chance of a lifetime because it is precisely that--a singularly unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the students who come to this historic campus to prepare for careers," said Fort, shortly after his selection. "I accept this chance to pursue the building of a viable team of administrators who are



Dr. Edward B. Fort

committed to the thesis of quality for A&T."

Fort added that he will seek program growth in A&T's

programs in industrial technology, business administration, computer science and veterinary animal science, as well as in the critical areas of counseling education and the teaching of reading.

"My wife and I plan to serve this university community as a team, and with our two teenagers, bring to the chancellor's residence a sense of openness and receptivity to new ideas and new trusts designed to promote mission accommodation for this historic institution," added Fort.

Fort holds a bachelor's degree in history from Wayne State University, the master's degree in educational administration from Wayne State and the doctorate in educational administration from the University of California at Berkeley.

The new A&T chancellor has gained a national reputation as an educational consultant, having participated in the President's National Conference on Education of the Disadvantaged, the National Teacher Corps, the Urban Coalition in Washington, D.C. and the Center for Urban Education in New York City. Fort has published more than a dozen articles in professional and scholarly journals.

Fort is married to Mrs. Leslie Fort, who holds a master's degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley. They have a son, Clarke, 17, who will enter Yale University in the fall, and a daughter, Lezlie, 15, who will enroll in a Greensboro high school.

In addition to his career in higher education, Fort formerly served as superintendent of schools in Sacramento, California and Inkster, Michigan.

He has taught at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, and he served as a school administrator in Detroit, Michigan, and Berkeley and Palo Alto, California.

Stadium To Open Sept. 12

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By Wade Nash

A&T will unveil its new 2.8 million dollar Aggie stadium when they host their biggest rival Winston-Salem State University. Athletic Director Bert Piggott commented, "It's something! We looked at a hole in the ground for so long and all of a sudden the stadium jumped up.



Dr. Bert Piggott

"Now we've got a stadium that has the potential to turn our whole athletic program around. Seats are comfortable, the view is great, and the newness will be attractive to our fans."

Aggie stadium was Vice Chancellor of Development and University Relations Al Smith's chief project and after numerous changes due to increase in cost, non-payment

of pledges, A&T still has a structure that will be the envy of most schools.

J. Edward Jenkins, stadium architect, said "it's not the original stadium but it's what we paid for. Little things changed the appearance of it. The press box is too small but there's room to add a second level."

Piggott said there's a general feeling that it may not be large enough, so we'll put visitors on the roof. Traditionally the chancellor gets VIP seating and his reserved seating area was in the original plans."

Piggott said, "Parking should be a major problem with a large crowd. Normal spaces will be available but we may be faced with 2,000 extra cars. We're concerned about the extent of parking away from campus. Merrick Hall, Moore Gym, Holt Hall, and normal parking areas at Memorial Stadium may be used. He also said the Hornets should be finished playing baseball by September 2."

Piggott added, "I'm hoping for a beautiful day so the fans can come earlier than normal. Fans should park away from stadium streets and leisurely walk to and from the games."

Jenkins stated, "There is room for 1,140 cars on campus and it would be great if people carpoled to the game."

A&T owns four acres of land behind the stadium and this area is scheduled to become another parking area. Piggott said, "The first game will be crucial but it will show us what we need to improve. The parking area behind the stadium should be ready in a couple of years."

Smith said, "The stadium scoreboard was purchased by Greensboro National Bank, Coca-Cola, Burger-King, and WFMV-TV and it should be in place by game time."

MEAC Commissioner Ken Free said, "A scoreboard is not a necessity because the official time is kept by the field officials, and the official scorer in the press box."

"The contest will be played in Aggie stadium regardless of the conditions," he said.

Dr. Piggott added, "The field itself is not up to par yet but it should be ready by game time."

The public address system is being designed by Western Electric and it should be ready on opening day.

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Housing No Problem For Women But Male Students Need Rooms

By Audrey L. Williams

In past years A&T has been bombarded with housing problems. But, according to Dr. Lucille Piggott, Associate Dean of Women Students, and Col. William Goode, Associate Dean of Men Students, housing is a minor A&T problem this year.

"More students notified us about room cancellations this year, and it was the assumption that they realized they wouldn't be able to meet tuition costs," Piggott said.

She also explained that women's housing was running smoothly, and there are a few vacancies.

"We have about 15 spaces, and from those we will soon begin to make transfers for students from one dormitory

to another," she said.

There is a waiting list that develops as soon as these spaces are taken. But the waiting list isn't reliable Piggott said because students fail to contact her office when they find housing off campus or cancel their rooms.

Goode said, "the women who haven't received their loans have gone home, but there are men who are still hanging around who haven't registered. But we will catch up with them within the next three weeks when the computer print-out comes in."

He suggested that the \$50.00 room deposit be paid at the beginning of the semester to alleviate the housing problems.

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SGA Presents Agenda For School Year

By Rosalind E. Postell

"Wake Up! We are here for a reason," SGA President Stephen Kirk said as he addressed the student body. The meeting was Wednesday night August 26 at 7:30 in Harrison Auditorium.

The meeting opened with Kirk recapitulating SGA's summer activities. He read the SGA statement concerning the UNC-HEW dispute. It said the decision to give the state full control was unacceptable. Kirk read, "North Carolina claims to be first in freedom when the state is the last in educational equality."

The SGA sponsored a statewide conference of Black institutions that met to prepare a state agenda. The SGA presidents, queens and organizational leaders planned a Black college Day for September 25 to be held in Raleigh and a Solidarity Day in Washington, D.C., on September 19, as a show of unity against Reaganomics.

"We do have a catering service. It started Monday," Kirk told the surprised student body. Kirk said the adoption of catering is a wise administrative move, for it acquits the university of its responsibility. He continued that it does not necessarily mean improvement for the students. He cautioned students to withhold judgment until the caterers have time to prove themselves.

Next, Shawn Jenkins, acting vice-president of internal affairs, listed the tentative outline of activities for the year.

A fun day is scheduled for August 29 and Fred McCree, a Wilmington historian, will speak, Sunday, August 30, at 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium.

During the month of September, tryouts will be held for Miss A&T's Court. In addition, there will be a movie, an SGA open forum and dance with Maze as entertainment.

Garrett A. Morgan Lifesaving Inventor

A turn-of-the-century tunnel explosion some 200 feet below the surface of Lake Erie trapped a number of workers. Lives were saved, thanks to Garrett A. Morgan. He, his brother, and two other volunteers were able to descend into the smoky, gas-filled tunnel. They did so wearing "gas inhalators" invented by Morgan.

Orders for the Morgan inhalators soon began to pour in from fire companies all over the nation. As soon as it became known that Morgan was black, however, many of them were cancelled. In some places, Morgan had to use a white man to demonstrate his invention.

During World War I, however, Morgan's invention really began to save lives. It was transformed into the gas masks used by our combat troops.

Born in Paris, Kentucky, in 1877, Morgan's first invention was an improvement on the sewing machine. He sold it for \$150. In 1923, having established his reputation with the gas inhalator, he was able to command a price of \$40,000 for another life-saving invention, the automatic traffic sign.

Morgan died in 1963 in Cleveland, a city which had awarded him a gold medal for his devotion to public safety.

A gospel concert, fall convocation with guest speaker Benjamin Hooks, home-coming activities, an evening of jazz, a lecture and a Halloween party are activities for October. Entertainers discussed for the pre-dawn show included Cameo, Gap Band, Cheryl Lynn, Skyy, Destiny and several others.

In November, there will be a canned food drive, a winter

ball in December, a birthday celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January along with another speaker.

The sit-ins will be commemorated in February in addition to an essay contest, a Black Odyssey History Exhibit and Dick Gregory. There will be a speaker in March and a fun day and, finally, April's

Spring Fling. There will be monthly SGA meetings.

Kirk told the student body that money from student activity fees was spent this summer and last summer on freshman orientation which is not an appropriate expenditure. SGA is working on a proposal concerning student activity monies. Presently, this money is (See SGA Page 3)

NEWS

OF SCIENCE

POSTERS HONOR BLACK SCIENTISTS

A poster series has been created to acquaint more people with the accomplishments of black scientists and to encourage more black men and women to pursue careers in science and medicine.

The Exceptional Black Scientists Poster Program was created in 1980 by CIBA-GEIGY Corporation, which commissioned noted black artist Ernest Crichlow to paint the scientists' portraits.

The initial series honored chemist Percy Julian and physicians Charles Drew and Jane Wright.

The 1981 poster series honors Dr. W. Montague Cobb, an anatomist and medical educator; Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, a physicist; and Dr. Ernest Everett Just, a biologist.

A true Renaissance man, Dr. Cobb has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a teacher, anatomist, physical

anthropologist and scholar. Born in 1904, he served on the Howard University Medical School faculty for 51 years and was editor of the *Journal of the National Medical Association* for 28 years. He has served as president of the NAACP since 1976.

Dr. Jackson, born in 1946, was the first black woman to receive a Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Cafeteria Under New Food Program

By Julian Williams

"A brand new catering service and the same old taste." These are the words coming from students as they leave Williams cafeteria.

When students heard that a caterer would handle food service, they expected a complete turn around in the cafeteria.

"There will be new food added to the menu," according to Donald Ayers, a representative of Esquisito, the New Orleans, based caterer now handling food service on campus. When Esquisito took over the service, they purchased the food that was already in stock and they will deplete that supply before using new suppliers.

Boyd Taylor, director of food service, said A&T has a two-year contract with

Esquisito; but, to make it work, students must cooperate. On Monday there were trays stacked on the cafeteria conveyer belt, on the tables, and in the chairs. This condition was caused by a lack of staff according to Taylor. The Financial Aid office had not sent enough work study students and it was necessary to hire temporary help. There is now an adequate staff on hand and he said increases are forthcoming. Taylor said it was student concern and influence that prompted the decision to use a catering service.

The catering service will be cheaper for the university Ayers said but he was not ready to reveal the exact cost. Cal Williams, an Esquisito representative, will be on campus next week to monitor the operation.

Freshmen Quickly Adjust To Aggieland

By Laurel Lewis

"At first, I didn't like A&T, but now I just love it," said Gloria Lewis, an early childhood education major. "I find the people very nice and friendly and the instructors very helpful. To be frank, the only problem I've had is with finding a place to park. Everything else seems o.k.," she added.

August 16 was the day that all new incoming freshmen and transfer students were to report to A&T. Some had toured A&T's campus prior to their arrival on that day; and, for others, this was their first time seeing A&T's campus. But, for the majority of them, it was a frightening experience being away from home.

Connie Jones, an accounting major from Washington D.C., found herself very lonesome. "I didn't like it at first. I was very lonesome and bored, but now I'm meeting new people, and, therefore, getting more adjusted to living on campus. I've found the people to be fairly friendly and the faculty and staff helped a lot in registration," Connie said. Although she has some complaints about the

cafeteria's food, she hasn't found it to be as bad as the rumors that she's heard. "I've heard terrible rumors about how terrible the food is, but it isn't that bad. I just think that we need a larger variety in foods," she added.

"A&T is all right with me," said Dennis Coleman, a physical education major. "I've been here many times because I had a brother to graduate from here a couple of years ago. Because I don't live on campus, there are a lot of things I can omit complaining about, such as the food, the housing, and so forth. But from my point of view, the school is o.k. with me," he said.

Jeannine Covington, an accounting major from Denver, North Carolina, came to A&T because of its accounting program. "I have been told that A&T has a very

good accounting program, so that's basically why I chose to come here. I was scared at first because it was my first time really being away from home so long, but it's getting better everyday," Jeannine said.

Fredrick Owens, an industrial engineering major from South Carolina, has found A&T totally different from what he expected. "For one thing, registration was the pits. I had to run around everywhere." Although he found the faculty helpful, he says it just wasn't enough. "The staff and faculty were very nice but I still had problems. My financial aid really messed me up and the way things look I might end up going back home," said Owens.

Tammy Worth, a political science major from Salisbury, wanted to attend Bell and

Howell to become a technician, but changed her mind and decided to attend A&T. "When I first got here, I wanted to turn around and go back home. It was so lonesome and boring but now things are better." Although Tammy has very few complaints about the school, her major complaint is the food in the cafeteria. "I have eaten in the cafeteria two times and that was enough," she said. Tammy has found the library to be a very helpful and quiet place. "The library, the librarians, and especially the reserve room, are very nice and convenient."

Leslie Swann, an accounting major from Washington, D.C., chose A&T because of its accounting program. "I had been told that it had an accredited accounting program, and I thought it would be a nice place to

come." Because she did not receive any financial assistance, she will probably transfer next year. "I didn't receive any money; and, being out of state, I was told I couldn't get a loan so next year I'll probably transfer to Howard or the University of the District of Columbia," Leslie said. Leslie finds everyone friendly although she was lonesome when she first arrived. "I knew of one upperclassman who attends here and I came down with a cousin who's also attending here. But I was really lonely and was ready to go back home when I first arrived," she said. "My first impression of A&T was very negative, because of the food, which is not too bad but could be improved, and also the dormitory rooms which were all dirty and ragged. But now I'm getting used to it, and I like it just fine," she added.

Housing

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"The system needs to be revamped," he said.

Holt Hall, which formerly housed athletes, is now filled with other male students. Holt (and Vanstory Hall) is without hot water because of a faulty boiler, which won't be repaired until September 4.

Roger Williams, a Student Government Association Executive Board member, who is secretary of housing said "at first there were about a hundred or more (students) without rooms, but as the

week went on, it dwindled down to about 30.

"There are quite a number of students staying in the dorms who haven't paid their bills, which makes it bad for those who have," he commented.

He added that rooms should be distributed to the remaining male students with the next four days: "I can almost guarantee this."

But according to the office of men's housing, no rooms are available until further notice.

SGA

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handled by the Budget Allotment Committee. This committee allots money to SGA, SUAB, the AYANTEE yearbook and the A&T Register. Money is then distributed to the other campus organizations. The SGA proposes to eliminate the Budget Allotment Committee. "We would like to see SGA get all student activity monies to directly fund organizations." According to Kirk, this will mean more student activities.

During the elections last spring, Charles Conrad was elected internal vice-president. However, Conrad was in default of the constitution because he was not properly registered on election day. Shawn Jenkins is serving as acting vice-president of internal affairs. However, there will be a re-election in September.

Questions raised by the student body concerned co-ed visitation, the Holland Bowl, campus construction and the stadium. One student inquired about the 25% cutback in workstudy money that the student is responsible for but was not notified about. Kirk promised that SGA will look into the matter.

Campus Security Lists

Vehicle Registration Rules

In welcoming you to A&T with the sincere hope that your stay with us is most enjoyable, we wish to call to your attention the importance of vehicle registration and parking.

If you have an automobile in your possession, it must be registered immediately in accordance with the rules and regulations governing campus traffic, parking, and the registration of motor vehicles. You may complete registration of your vehicle/vehicles in the Security Office located in the Clyde DeHuguley Service Center, corner of Benbow Road and Sullivan Street, on North Campus between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays, and at other times during registration.

Vehicles that are not properly registered are subject to the Campus Towing Ordinance.

Rules governing parking on campus have been enacted to establish orderliness. Upon the third violation that occurs within 12 months of the first violation, a person loses his privilege to operate and park a vehicle on campus for the remainder of the year involved. If the vehicle is parked on campus following the third violation, it will be towed to a place of storage at the owner's expense. We solicit your cooperation for adherence to these rules and regulations.

If you have any questions concerning parking, feel free to call Campus Security at 379-7675 or ask any of the security personnel.

CAMPUS HAPS

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity will sponsor a carwash, Saturday 9-a.m.-5 p.m. at the Montgomery Ward Auto Center near Carolina Circle Mall.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity will sponsor a 2-6 Jam, Saturday night at the Trevi Fountain. Admission is be \$2.

Esquire XIII Fraternity will sponsor a Sickle Cell Anemia fund raising disco Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Moore Gymnasium.

There will be a reporters meeting Monday night at 7:30. All interested reporters please attend!

The Bad Mama Jama's are stepping out! We're here to cheer and pep up all the Aggies for the year. We would like to see your face at the place with our pep club for the year. Try to come to the next meeting. It will be posted, so keep your eyes open.



Historians believe the phrase "bring home the bacon" was coined by the mother of 1910 heavyweight champion Joe Johnson who defeated the "Great White Hope", Jim Jeffries in 15 rounds at Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Johnson said of her son: "He said he'd bring home the bacon, and the honey boy has gone and done it."

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There was a communications breakdown concerning the showers in the lockerrooms. Jenkins said, "The showers were eliminated because of money." Dr. Piggott said, "Showers were not included in the stadium because it's partly an educational facility. There are no seats in the locker rooms but folding chairs will be used

during the games. The physical plant is making benches for the field only."

The stadium is being enclosed to make sure fans can't watch the game from Sullivan Street. Piggott said, "An effort is being made to put up a 20 foot wall and it will leave room for expansion."

This year A&T will not have any night games but lights are in the future plans.

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Make Some Noise!

It seems like the spring semester ended only yesterday. And before we could enjoy a breath of summer relaxation another school year stands before us. Let's face it: Summer was a weekend that ended much too soon. But fret not thyself because of evil registration hassles. Nor be envious of friends with nine hour course loads. As Aggies have endured past trials, so shall you survive.

This year shall be dubbed the "Year of Research" because many events occurring around us require more than just a casual glance. Headlining this list is the UNC-Department of Education settlement in which Washington and Chapel Hill bureaucrats decided that nothing was too good for the state's predominately Black institutions-hence, they gave them nothing.

Aggie stadium, a dream sought by many for years, is now a reality that chases some people with visions of an invisible scoreboard and a track unfit for MEAC events because a curve was omitted from the inside lane.

On the positive side, our flagship has a new captain in the guise of Dr. Edward Fort. At a meeting held a few weeks ago, Dr. Fort introduced his plans for A&T and he is determined to take the university to new heights.

A&T has experienced some rocky moments this year and more will surely come, but students hold the key to A&T's success. Numerous people have said that the administration only listens to students and no campus problems will disappear unless students voice their concern. Aggies, A&T's future lies in your hands. If you want some positive changes, MAKE SOME NOISE!!!



Every-Day People

By Tony Moore

No two people are alike.

Trite and cliché, but the statement conveys the essence of a situation that prevails on A&T's campus.

No private rooms are in any of the dormitories on campus. Each is occupied by two persons, and in such close quarters different habits, attitudes, surface, and possibly generate contention.

Many students, coming to college experience living away from home (and mom and dad) for the first time. Probably accustomed to unlimited freedom, they expect sanction of those same privileges and become distraught over ungranted wishes.

Sacrifices and compromises appear as outrageous requests that do not merit honor.

Little do the fledglings realize that any sacrifices or compromises asked of

them now are mere child's play compared to the many demands that the future will thrust upon them.

Many times they will be forced to make decisions that will not always appeal to their psyche. But this need not be the case. One does not have to sell his soul to achieve certain ends. He must, however, learn how to treat and deal with other individuals, giving them the selfsame earned respect that he himself must earn in order to deserve and receive it.

A college campus serves as excellent training ground for life in the "real world" because, to a lesser degree, on a college campus one experiences many of the same headaches (inflicted by many of the same individuals) on a smaller scale.

But, in the "real world": different folks--same strokes.

'Burn-Out Blues!'

By Audrey L. Williams

Well, freshmen, you've survived a week of registration, classes, Williams Cafeteria and all other chaos. Congratulations!

It takes a lot to be an Aggie; and if you can endure this stuff, you're definitely, "Aggie born and Aggie bred."

What you've been through is an experience within itself, on which you can reflect. Reflect? Yes, on what's to come. This is only the beginning. Just wait till the "burn out blues" hits and you'll think you've been hit by a crane.

"Burn out blues" is yet to come when you begin to feel that this is an unnecessary waste of time. Burn out is also just being tired and sick of school!

Don't get discouraged, freshmen, to your avail await rewards. The reward is knowing you can withstand pressures and function at a normal level, which can be difficult at times here in Aggieland.

Someday you'll be able to give some other terrified, discouraged and lonely freshmen this same advice.

If your hair hasn't begun to shed or your nerves haven't splattered all over the floor by the end of this semester, you'll survive another three years in tact.

This is Aggieland, freshmen; welcome to it. It's all yours!

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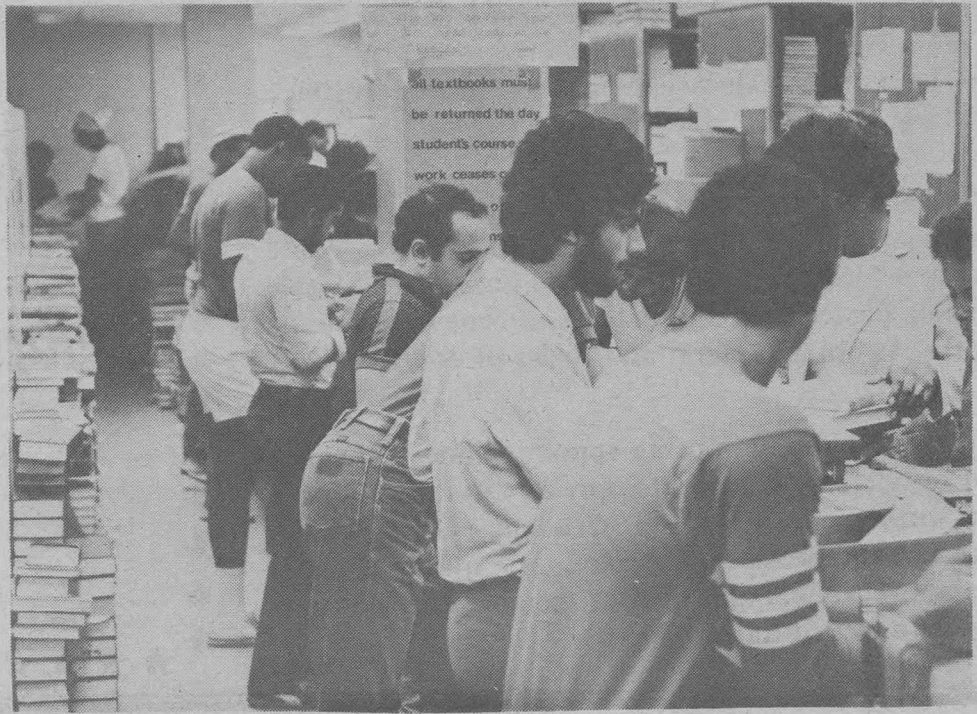
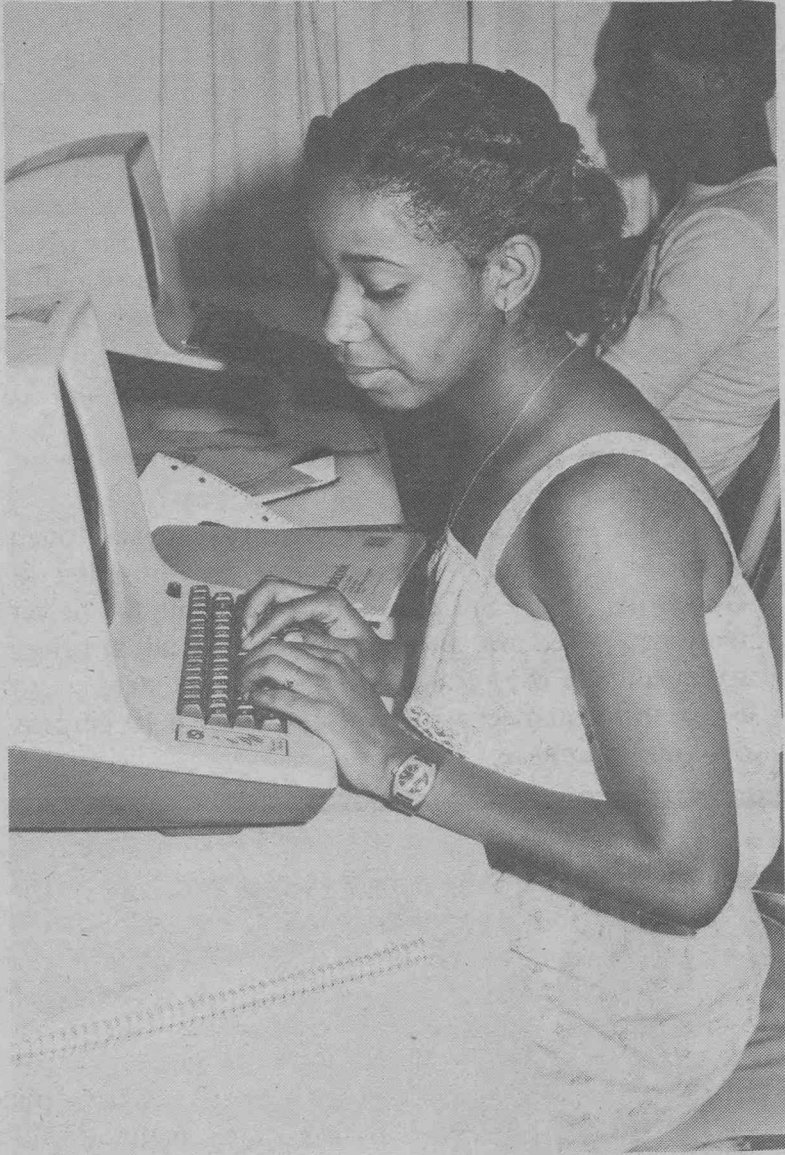
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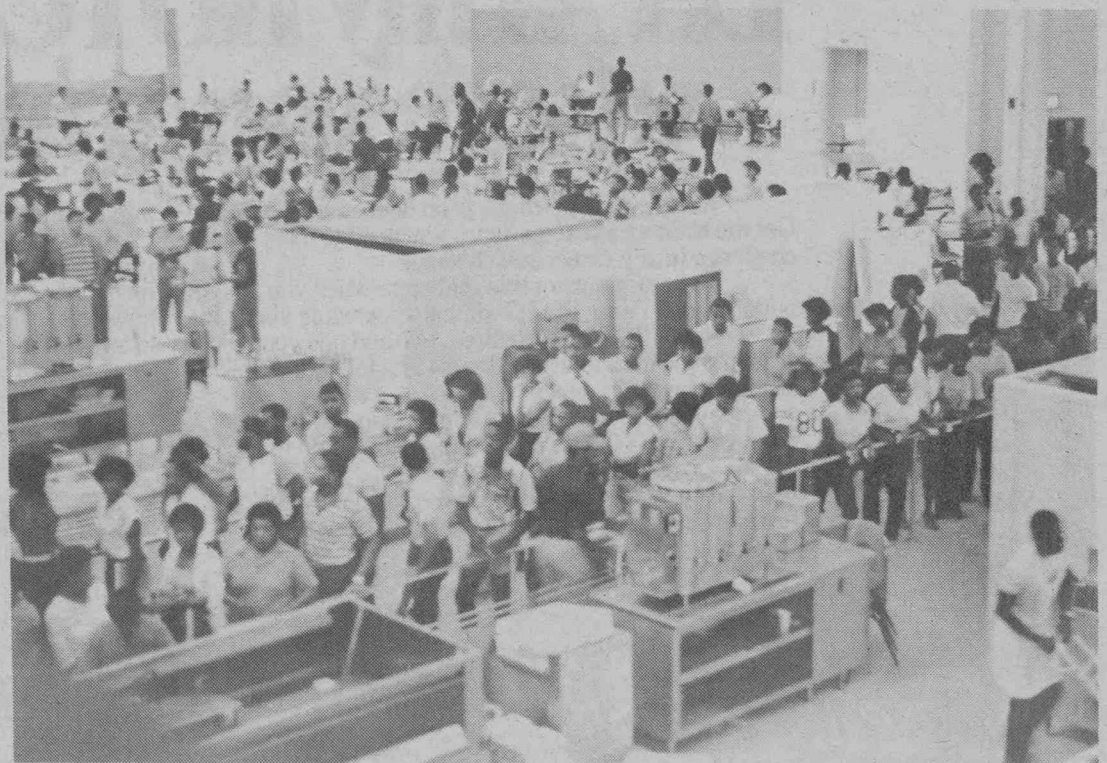
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Fred McCree, noted Black historian from Wilmington, will give a free lecture Sunday, 7:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium on the topic "Why We Are Here" and "The Meaning And Purpose Of Black History."

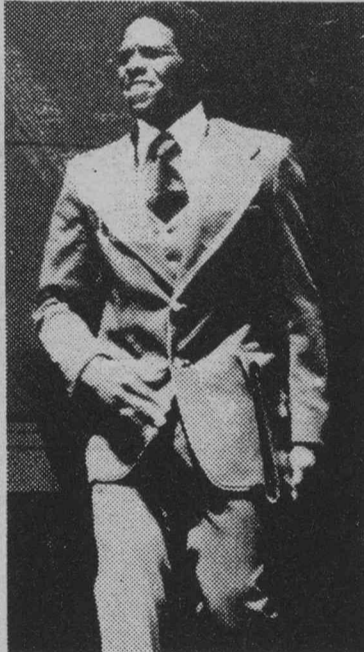
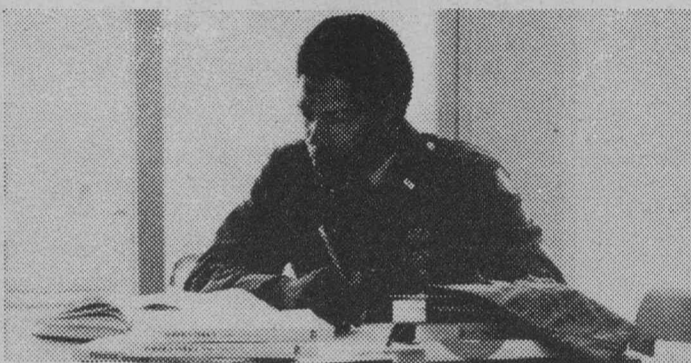
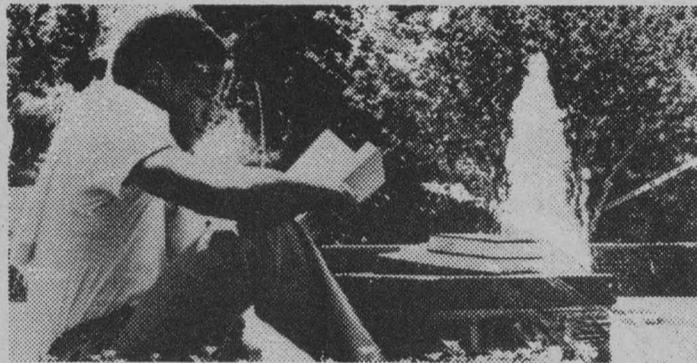
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Tutoring sessions for the National Teacher Examination (NTE) and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) will be held twice a week throughout the academic year (except when there are no classes) on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Crosby Hall 201. These sessions, which are sponsored by the English Department, will be conducted on Mondays by Dr. Robert Levine and on Wednesdays by Dr. S. H. Ferguson.

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Sports Report

By Wade Nash

The new Aggie stadium doesn't have a bad seat in it, but I advise you to get to the Winston-Salem game early if you want one. Last year's contest drew 23,000 fans and Aggie stadium will on seat 17,500. A standing-room-only crowd is anticipated for the 1:30 kickoff Sept. 12.

Last season the Aggies rolled up 505 yards rushing against the Rams and this year's game will be an instant replay. The only major change will be the quarterback and freshman Stevan Lynn has a slight edge over Thomas Johnson.

The pair will be protected by "Operation Push," featured in Sports Illustrated Magazine Aug. 31 edition. All-America 6'5, 282 lb. guard Mike West said, "We're ready to prove last year's record-setting offense was for real and every contest will be blow outs." Joining Mike up front will be veterans Donald Spicely, Corey Junkins, Maurice Bryant, Thomas Boone, and Allenton Silcott.

Wayman Pitts and Charles Sutton will be seeking 1,000 yard seasons and the pair can score from any yard line. Pitts runs a consistent 4.4 forty and you won't see many defensive players catch him. Sutton is a bruiser with speed, but he'll have to stay healthy for the crucial contests this season.

Danny Thomas is our no. 1 reserve running back but Thomas could start for a lot of teams. Thomas led the country in kickoff returns last season, and the return of Lon Harris will mean double trouble for most teams. Harris has the ability to turn every punt or kickoff into a touch down.

Kicker Aaron Hering is booming forty yarders with ease and he's also a pre-season All-MEAC candidate.

Head Coach Jim McKinley added Ken Schoolfield to his coaching staff and chances are the Aggies max 90 to the air this season.

The Aggie defense is ahead of the offense and that means trouble for opponents. The front four composed of Leon Byrd, James Williams, John Ogburn, and Cullen Cook handle "Operation Push" with ease and only S.C. State slowed down A&T's freight train offense.

Dennis Coit, Mike Joyner, Roy Sheppard, and Robert Strickland could be the MEAC's best linebackers.

The secondary was hit hard by graduation, but the experience of Kevin Robinson and some talented veterans and freshman will solidify this position.

Punting could be a problem, but don't look for the Aggies to punt often.

The Aggies will be tough in non-conference games with the biggest challenge coming from Tennessee State University. The Aggies should blow out J.C. Smith, WSSU, and the NCCU game will be a joke.

Coach Jim McKinley and Tommye Brown, Miss A&T, will be on straight Talk, channel 12, Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

In the MEAC anything can and probably will happen. The MEAC champion draws an automatic playoff spot so look for conference games to be thrillers. A&T, Florida A&M, and Bethune-Cookman have an excellent chance to unseed the S.C. State Bulldogs, but it won't be easy. The Bulldogs' big games will be in their pit, so that gives them the slight edge at the crown. The Sept 19 "Dogfight" between the Aggies and Bulldogs will give one of these clubs the early season edge.

A&T Ready To Challenge MEAC

By Raymond Moody

North Carolina A&T's football team hasn't won a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship since 1975 when the Aggies and South Carolina State tied for the conference's crown with identical 5-1 records.

Since Jim McKinley's arrival at A&T, the Aggies have placed second three times (1977, 1978, and 1980) and third once (1979).

In 1980, the Aggies played championship caliber football at times, but they still remained second best behind South Carolina State, who has dominated the MEAC scene in football for the past seven years, winning six championships in that seven year span.

But, 1981 could be the beginning of a new era in MEAC football. The Aggies, on paper, stand their best chance this year of dethroning S.C. State, the league's perennial champion.

What makes this year any different from previous ones? A&T has 14 returning starters, seven offensive and defensive, off last year's record setting club.

"We're going to be an improved team," head Coach Jim McKinley said. "We have the nucleus of our team back from last year."

"The team is definitely improved," tri-captain Donald Spicely said Thursday morning. "We're looking to win the National Championship this year."

Spicely is a member of A&T's famed offensive line, which is nicknamed "Operation P.U.S.H." This unit is big and strong and, quite frankly, it does more than just push. The unit's members usually crush the opposition's defense.

A perfect example was last year's encounter with Winston-Salem State University in Groves Stadium. Operation P.U.S.H. opened holes even Jim McKinley could stumble through. And, by the course of the evening, A&T's rushing attack totaled an unbelievable 505 yards.

Supporting Spicely on the line is another tri-captain, Maurice Bryant, a 6'3, 265 pound guard who has a personal vendetta against defensive tackles and line backers. Then there's All-American guard Mike West, a 6'5, 280 pound junior, who often resembles a "mack truck" when he's pulling on sweep plays. The tackles are consistent Thomas Boone, a 6'2, 220 pound native of Durham, who was a former Parade High School All-

American, and Corey Junkins, a 6'4, 245 pounder from Chicago, Illinois.

"The offensive line will be even better this year because they all have another year's experience," McKinley said. "Junkins went home this summer and put on about fifteen pounds and that'll certainly help the unit even more.

Enough about Operation P.U.S.H., there's more to the Aggies.

Returning is the starting backfield and a key substitute.

In 1980, Waymon Pitts rushed for 936 and four touchdowns. The little scatback from Sarasota, Florida, gave opposing defensive players nightmares with his darting moves and 4.4 speed in the forty-yard dash. The fullback is senior Charles Sutton, who bulldozed for 500 yards in 1980. The "super-sub" is Danny Thomas, who gained 472 yards rushing. Thomas also led the nation in kick-off returns with a 25.3 average.

Surprisingly, Thomas will lose his job as A&T's deep kick-off return specialist. Wide receiver Lonnie Harris, who returns to the Aggie lineup after knee surgery will inherit Thomas' spot.

"Danny Thomas did a tremendous job for us last year," Coach McKinley stated. "But, when you have a Lon Harris, who is a threat to score anytime he touches the ball, you have to play him. Thomas will still be back there, but Lon will be the deep man."

The flanker position will be handled by Bryan Macon, who caught only five passes in 1980 in a year the Aggies understandably didn't have to pass the ball.

The defense should be even better than last year's unit. In 1980, the defense limited its opposition to 2856 yards, which was an average of 259.6 yards a game.

Leading the defense are two pre-season All-MEAC stars Dennis Coit, who is also a tri-captain, and Mike Joyner, who recorded 101 tackles for A&T in 1980. Both are linebackers who are big, quick, and strong. Supporting them are Dave Peterson and Robert Strickland who both saw limited action in 1980. The back-ups are Brian Davis and Roy Sheppard, who started last year before an injury eliminated him for the season. According to Aggie defensive coordinator Ron Beard, Davis and Sheppard are pressing hard for starting positions.

"Right now Peterson and Strickland are starters, but we

don't know how long that'll last," Beard stated. "It's very competitive out there," he continued. "I think Strickland has the edge over Sheppard because Sheppard wasn't able to play spring ball."

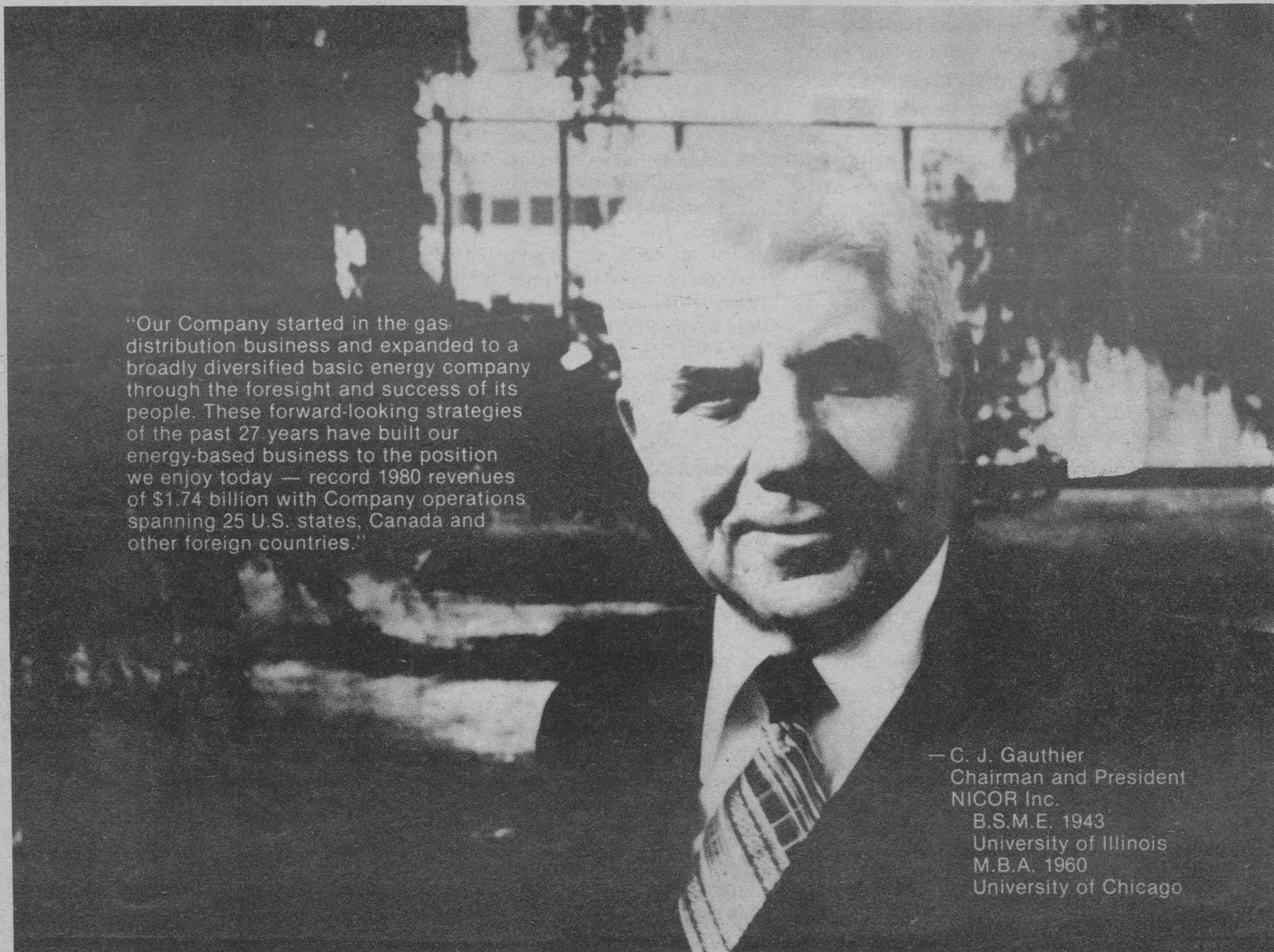
On the defensive line, the Aggies have an awesome array of size and bulk. Returning after a year on the injured list is defensive tackle Leon Byrd, a 6-4, 255 pound terror. And if you think he's big, beside him is James Williams, who's listed at 6-8, 270 pounds. But the size doesn't stop there. Along side Byrd is John Ogburn (6-5, 250), who registered 61 tackles in 1980. The "little" man on the line is Cullen Cook, a 6-2, 230 pounder who recorded just seven tackles a year ago.

The Aggies do have their weak spots. They have a secondary that's filled with inexperience, excluding All-MEAC Kevin Robinson, who intercepted one pass in 1980. Joining Robinson is Perry Foggie, a former running back and wide-receiver, and Keith James, who was the Aggie placekicker in 1979. With all the question marks in the secondary, McKinley doesn't appear worried.

"We won't have any problems with our secondary," the optimistic veteran coach said. "They're all good athletes back there. They'll be just fine."

The quarterback situation is undecided. The two athletes vying for the number one spot are Steve Lynn and Thomas Jefferson. Both have never played a down of college football.





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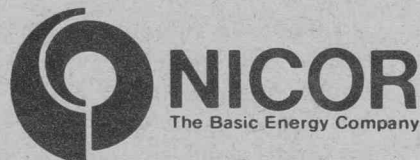
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