Fort Presents Goals For Week As Chancellor

By Audrey L. Williams

Dr. Edward B. Fort outlined recruitment, retention, the Nursing School, and a screening committee for a new vice chancellor as his priorities during his first week as chancellor, before an informal press conference held Tuesday afternoon in the Dudley Building.

Fort explained that a Marketing Task Force, headed by Dr. Lucille Piggott, presently acting admissions officer, will be related to student recruitment and "woo" minority presence. Fort also said, "There is a concurrent need to bring in more Black students from in-state to our campus." Fort said that this comprehensive recruitment program was to ensure enrollment.

"If a university pulls all its eggs into a basket of student recruitment, then the university will fall flat on its face," said Fort as he emphasized that student recruitment was not his number one priority.

The appointment of the Student Retention Task Force, his second priority, will be directed toward freshmen and sophomores. "There's no use to continue to bring students in if they can't get out," Fort said, after explaining that dropouts are the major cause of the decrease in enrollment. The Task Force was directed to see why students leave the university.

"Thanks to Marietta Raines, acting Nursing dean, 'Fort continued, 'I intend to articulate the nature of compliance adherence actions to the State Board of Nursing', he said. He added that he was making sure that the final report to be reviewed by the Nursing Board would be a "good fertile effort."

Fort and Raines met Thursday at East Carolina University with the Nursing Board.

The screening committee for a new Vice-Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs is presently reviewing applications. Fort said he hopes to have chosen a new vice-chancellor by the last week in September.

Fort placed strong emphasis on academic systems. "I intend to urge the Retention Task Force in beefing up academics," he said. It is presently in the process of proposing a $15 million grant.

"I am very pleased with enrollment," he said. The head count is presently at 5,200. He said he expected enrollment to increase to 5,400 by the end of registration.

Fort explained that the School of Engineering, headed by Dr. Daniel Baker, is" This year a team of engineers reviews the school", he said. He also added that an $8 million chemical and mechanical engineering building has been promised to A&T.

In his final statement Fort said that he would review the Animal Science building, to be completed in 1982; the School of Nursing, the School of Education, the Learning Center and the Industrial Technology Department.

SGA Wants Control Of Fees

By Michael Eure

More control of Student Activity Fees is a major objective sought by this year's Student Government Association. According to SGA President Stephen Kirk, "This will help the student body have more of the activities they want, when they want them!"

Presently student activity fees are disbursed by the Budget Allotment Committee, which is appointed by the chancellor. The SGA president and the vice chancellor for Student Affairs as ex-officio members. After reviewing budgets, the committee prepares recommendations to be sent to the Vice-Chancellor of Fiscal Affairs and the Student Senate for final approval.

What the SGA Executive Board is proposing could change the number of organizations that apply for direct Student Activity Fee Funding. Most organizations are in favor of this change because it will give them an opportunity to provide campus-wide activities.

Kirk said, "Any group interested in sponsoring activities for the entire student body should be given a fair chance. Some organizations have very good ideas but limited funds."

He added that the SGA supplements many organizations through the student Senate, but if we could have more student input in activity fee expenditures, then we could really work more efficiently.

"The Budget Allotment Committee is composed of a nice group of people, but the question remains, 'What is the purpose of the Legislative Branch of the Student Government?' Hopefully, we (the student body) won't let it become a group of mere functionary rubberstampers," said Kirk.

Shawn Jenkins, acting SGA vice-president of internal Affairs said, "Personally, I think that total student control of activity fees would most definitely increase student input, morale and participation. The objective behind the proposal was to give the Student Government legislative branch the experience of total budgetary review."

"After all, who knows how to decide what the student wants better than students," he said.

Grant Reduction Affects All Students Who Receive Aid

By Deborah Boney

Enthusiastic faces slowly turned into frowns, as students realize they didn't have enough money to enter school this year.

This was the look of students patiently waiting in line to get into the financial aid office. They had no idea whether they would be helped or if they would return to their dorm rooms with luggage and return home.

Many, if not all, A&T students were affected by the increase in tuition and fees this year.

There was a $62.00 increase in tuition, and $234.50 increase in fees.

Fees were increased by an additional $100.00 in board, $100.00 in lodging, $35.00 in reserve for construction and renovation of dormitories, and $2.50 in Health Services.

All students with a 2.0 or better average with records on file in the financial aid office were helped by office personnel.

There were 239 loans given out during registration. Three hundred ninety-seven work study slots were filled for the fall semester.

"The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant was about $80.00 per student," said Alberta Dalton, financial aid office director. Along with BEOG, there was a cut in Supplementary Education Opportunity Grant. Not as many notes were sent out saying students did not qualify for aid," Dalton said.

A&T Professors Present Papers In England

Dr. Julian Benjamin and Dr. Arthur Saltzman, researchers of the Transportation Institute at A&T State University, presented papers at the recent Second International Conference on Mobility for Elderly and Handicapped persons in Cambridge, England.

Benjamin, who teaches in the A&T Department of Human Resources, presented a paper on transportation of handicapped individuals in rural areas of the United States. His report was co-authored by Dr. Lalita Sen and Erskine Walther.
Nat’l Guard Announces Loan Repayment Program

Washington -- Students returning to classes this fall will discover a new way to finance their college educations. The Army National Guard announces that its Student Loan Repayment Program is now available to college students.

This new program, which may be coupled with either the Educational Assistance Program or the Enlistment Bonus Program, makes an attractive reason for a student to join the National Guard while completing his or her college education. College students are advised to consider these programs before September 30, 1981 due to changes that could occur after that date, pending the outcome of current legislation.

The Student Loan Repayment Program will pay off a student loan at the rate of 15 percent of the balance or $300, whichever is greater, plus interest, for each year of satisfactory service in the Guard. Loans that qualify for this program are the Guaranteed Student Loan and the National Direct Student Loan. The loan must have been made after October 1, 1979. A student must be a high school graduate. While in college, he or she can enlist in the local Army National Guard unit for either three or six years. Local recruiters can provide students with up-to-date information on available openings and skill specialty areas that qualify for this program.

Students who are approved for the Guard’s Student Loan Repayment Program can also apply for one of the following programs while in college.

In the Educational Assistance Program, a college student can claim up to $1,000 per year to cover educational expenses during four years of college while studying for his or her undergraduate degree. After the student completes military training, the first payment will be made to cover expenses such as tuition, books and lab fees. The maximum payment is $1,000 per year and a total of $4,000. A student must enlist for six years in a qualifying specialty area.

Anyone, students included, can apply for the Enlistment Bonus Program. The National Guard will pay a total of $1,500 over a period of 12 months. To qualify, one must be a high school graduate, have no record of previous military service and enlist for six years. All enlistees are required to attend initial military, or basic, training. Then Guard members attend an Advanced Individual Training Course in one of 400 specialties. To accommodate students’ class schedules, the National Guard can arrange for the student to take this second round of training a full year after basic training, and during summer vacation. The Army National Guard is a “smarttime” military service. The Guard pays its members for the one weekend of training per month and two weeks of training they are required to attend annually.

Students must pass mental and physical examinations in order to qualify for any of these three incentive programs. Bonus programs can vary slightly between states and some states offer additional incentive programs.

Since program terms, payment amounts, and eligibility requirements are subject to change, students should contact their local recruiter for up-to-date information.

For more information regarding the Army National Guard’s financial assistance programs, students should contact their local Army National Guard recruiter, their college financial assistance officer, their high school guidance counselor, or call the toll-free number (800) 638-7600.

Interns Honored At Luncheon

By Trudy Johnson

If mass communication students ever wanted to be the guests instead of the audience, then Wednesday they had the opportunity.

A luncheon meeting honoring summer media interns was held Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Treti Fountain, which the mass communications faculty were impressed with its observation.

Ten of the fourteen interns attended the luncheon and were honored. Dr. Richard E. Moore, director of the program, said the purpose of the meeting was “to have the interns share their experiences.”

The highlight of the meeting was when each former intern briefly detailed his or her experiences and others compared theirs.

The intern’s locations ranged from Greensboro to Norfolk, Virginia. Locally, Michael Fairley worked with the Greensboro Daily News; Trudy Johnson worked with the Office of Information Services at A&T University.

Others worked at various locations. Ella McMullan worked at WVOE Radio, Chadbourn; Joan Russell, WVSP-Radio, Warrenton; Annette Baker, with WDBJ-Radio, Windsor; Tony Moore, with the Wilmington News-Star; Sharon Colson, with WADE-Radio, Wadesboro; Aquilla Parker, with WTVD-TV, Durham; Debbie Harris, with WVEC-TV, Norfolk; Virginia; Deborah Sanders, with the Wilmington Journal-News.

Moore noted that two of the summer interns are presently with the Greensboro News. They are Tony Moore who was promoted from editorial assistant to writing obituaries and Michael Fairley who was asked to work as a weekend reporter.

Dr. Jimmy Williams, chairman of the English Department, commented that, with the revision of the curriculum, a junior internship along with the senior internship should be included.

“I’m very proud of you and hope you actively seek a job or attend graduate school in the following year. I’ll be glad to help you anyway I can,” said Dr. Mary Moore-Tuggle, chairperson of the Speech Department.

Moore also honored Luther P. Jackson, new mass communication faculty member. Moore said, “He’s on loan to us from Columbia University. A&T is fortunate to have him. He’s an Aggie. He took off his Columbia University stickers to place on A&T stickers.”

Dr. Albert Smith and Mrs. Shirley Frye of the Office of Planning and University Relations, both gave positive feedback on the Mass Communications program, calling it one of the most important programs on campus.

Unfortunately, stacked soil dishes and trays are not an uncommon sight in Williams Cafeteria. (Photo by Nick Reid)

Sept. To Be Sickle Month

September has been proclaimed National Sickle Cell Month by the US Congress and locally by Governor’s own Mayor Len Melvin. The purpose of a Sickle Cell Month is to concentrate public awareness and fundraising efforts in a 30-day period across the nation. It represents a designated time frame for a planned, coordinated effort, resulting in a more enlightened community, state, and nation.

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease that affects Blacks predominantly. However, it can occur in other races as well. To date there is no cure and victims of this disease usually suffer a multiplicity of problems throughout their lifetime.

Sickle cell anemia, an autosomal recessive disease, affects 50,000 Black Americans. A sickle cell is a diseased red blood cell that resembles a sickle or half moon. A healthy red blood cell looks like a donut.

Sickle cell anemia specifically affects the hemoglobin inside the red blood cell. Hemoglobin picks up oxygen in the lungs and releases it to all parts of the body. The hemoglobin in sickle cells releases too much oxygen and, if oxygen is reduced enough, the cells will change from a round to a sickle shape. Also, sickle cells die quickly and leave the body without a sickle red blood cells to supply the needed oxygen. This accounts for the chronic anemia experienced by people with this disease.

Sickle cell anemia is not contagious. You cannot catch it from someone nor can it be passed on in a blood transfusion. Sickle cell anemia cannot be cured. This disease can be controlled. Drugs, surgery and medicines can help most sickle cell sufferers, yet most victims don’t receive needed treatment and information. The symptoms of this disease include ulcers, painful joints, slow growth, jaundice, and periodic pain episodes called sickle cell crisis.

Sickle cell trait is a related condition often confused with sickle cell anemia. A person with sickle cell trait is healthy, but the hemoglobin in his blood is different from most people’s. Although this condition usually causes no problem and requires no medical treatment, persons with this trait are at risk of having a child with sickle cell disease. Children of people with the trait should be tested. Even if one child does not have the trait others may. It is important that all Blacks be tested for sickle cell trait because it usually has no symptoms. It is important that the existence of sickle cell trait be part of a person’s medical history. It could make a difference in treatment.
Around 1820, George Moses Horton, a Northampton County slave, gained fame by composing and reciting poetry for the students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The life of Horton will be re-created in an outdoor musical drama, "A Man Named Moses," to be staged on the front steps of the

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or diagnosis of some medical problem.

Locally, Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation was formed in 1972 to provide education, testing and counseling services. The areas now served include Alamance, Randolph and Guilford counties. This month’s campus activities include a Kappa Alpha Psi sponsored sickle cell testing project; September 9, in the Student Union Ballroom. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later that evening the Kappas will sponsor a college disco at Side Effects with proceeds going to the Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. Also, tennis buffs are encouraged to participate in the Third Annual Sickle Cell Tennis Tournament. Entry fees are $5 and $7. Call 274-1507 for more information. In addition the Esquires XIII Fraternity, Inc., sponsored a campus wide donation for the Sickle Cell Foundation.

Esquire XIII Fraternity is a social fraternity that strives to serve the campus and urban community.

Dudley Administration Building at A&T State University Sept. 11-13.

Arnold Pinnix, a senior theatre arts major at A&T and artistic director of Star Child Productions, will produce, direct and star in the play. Pinnix is a native of Burlington and has appeared in a number of productions at A&T and UNC-G.

"A Man Named Moses" was written by Dr. Mildred Payton. In the play, Pinnix will play the role of Horton. Other characters will include Matt Miller, Janet Flynn, Ronald McGuire, Juan Fernandez, Jannie Jones, Mary LaBossiere, Shere Golden, Cynthia Bailey, Donna Baldwin, Leroy Samuels, Leval Jones, Artissa Baldwin, Mildred Payton, Greg Mims, Omar Khalil, Emanual Kearney and Jerome Abram. The play is being sponsored by Star Child Productions and the Richard B. Harrison Players at A&T. Tickets are on sale at the Hayes-Taylor YMCA on East Market Street. A free preview performance will be held following the A&T, Winston-Salem game and there will also be a Sunday matinee.

Fitzgerald Concert Glittering Experience

By Ronald Johnson

An Ella Fitzgerald concert can be more than just one thing but last night at the Greensboro Auditorium it was a dazzling glittering, energetic, and exciting experience.

As she made her grand entrance to the stage, a crowd of 2,400 gave her a standing ovation. With the accompaniment of the Jimmy Rowles Trio consisting of Jimmy Rowles-piano, Reter Betts-bass, Bobby Durham-drums, and the assistance of the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

The elegant "First Lady of Song" stunned the audience with a tune from "My Fair Lady." As the night went on, she captured the audience with songs by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, and Duke Ellington, "I couldn't have done it without Duke. I guess that's why I am here today."

Fitzgerald said, as she began singing songs of the late Duke Ellington, "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me" and "Let's Fall In Love". The audience applauded her more and more as she sang old hits and set the atmosphere in the mode of love, care, and security for all the people in the auditorium.

Fitzgerald sang with grace and beauty, but between songs she would humor the auditorium with jokes to keep the crowd up and feeling everything around her and also the music.

Fitzgerald's repertoire included jazz, blues, calypso, and a popular tune of Barbara Streisand "A-Tisket-A-Tasket" and "Blue Moon."

There will be a meeting of all Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) members and prospective members Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m. in Price Hall, Room 203.

The University Choir is selling Fruit Scented Soap for $3.75 a bar to raise money for a trip to Philadelphia. Brochures are available and orders will be taken until Sept. 14.

The following Student Government Association cabinet positions are open: Secretary for Women's Housing, Secretary of Town Affairs, Secretary of Auxiliary Affairs. For further information contact the SGA office on the second floor of Memorial Student Union.

Any young ladies interested in competing for the title of Miss Alpha Phi Alpha, are urged to contact any member of the fraternity on or before Sept. 6.

The A&T Dance Co. will hold auditions for interested students Monday at 6 p.m. in Corbett Sports Center. For further information contact Dr. E.W. Gwynn in Room 202, Corbett, or Marsha Martin, or call 379-7719 or 697-1219.

Photographers!!! The A&T Photographic Society will hold its first meeting Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. in Room 100, Memorial Student Union. Officers will be selected and suggestions for organizational activities will be made. All interested photographers are welcome to attend.

The Brothers of Curtis Hall will sponsor a "Kick-Off" Jam Sept. 11, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Admission is free.

Away from home for the first time or just facing those same boring walls for another year? Well, give your room or apartment that special touch it needs. Furnish it on a budget by shopping at Goodwills Thrift Store at 1235 S. Eugene St. Select from new, used and antique merchandise all at prices so reasonable they could only be called a steal.

Bring this tear sheet with you and receive 10 per cent off your purchase.

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.

Students interested in becoming senatorial representatives should contact Shawn Jenkins in Room 217 of the Memorial Student Union.

There will be a reporter's meeting at the A&T Register House on Tuesday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. All interested members are invited to attend.

Anyone interested in being appointed one of the nine (9) Justices of the Student Supreme Court should seek an interview with the Student Government Association president in Room 217 of the Student Union. The final approval of members of the court lies within the Student Senate.
Clean The Yard

Campus activity is returning to its normal pace and it is evident that students are slowly adjusting to the new semester. Once more, the marching band serenades students each evening as its member prepare for their debut performance with the Rams. “Scott Yard!” (that infamous terrain between Scott and Cooper Halls that few people recognize because of its construction face lift) has come to life again. Despite the fact that huge, unkempt mounds of earth are the only scenery in this area, Aggies and Aggielets still share the shade offered by trees there and they don’t seem to mind the mini mountain range.

Aggie life goes on and students take the construction in stride. But some students think those earthen mounds need a touch of local color; thus, they decorate them and other sections of campus with local paper, cans and bottles of brilliant shades and hues.

Now it is obvious the campus is not as attractive as it was two years ago and those of you who have formed the “A&T Improvement Committee” want to give the campus a spiffy look. Your idea is good but you need a different approach.

The massive globs of paper, the broken bottles of green and brown and the aluminum cans do not match the natural decor of campus. The Aggie family would fare much better if you deposited those items in the nearest trash can. The current foxhole appearance of campus has created enough problems for faculty and students and their present discomfort does not need the help of dumpster fallout.

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.

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For Keely

By Tony Moore
Get well wishes go out to Maple Hill’s Keely James who’s been forced to spend eight weeks with her leg in a cast through negligence on someone’s (and it isn’t quite clear whose) part.

A&T, that university on the move, is presently undergoing construction, as is evident all over the place.

The rocks that once pierced Aggie soles are fewer these days and have been replaced by mountainous sand (dirt) dunes that look and say their danger warning of LANDSLIDE!!!

“Bear” pipe traps afoot threaten the ankles and the knees and other appendages (ask Keely).

For the person with sensitive nasal passages, it’s not in his best interest to spend too much time near Holland Bowl which has also sprouted thistles-high weeds.

Wake-Up For The 80s

By Audrey L. Williams

The sixties have come and gone with a thunderous roar. The seventies were time for recuperating and “finding ourselves”.

Now, here we are in the eighties and we’re losing ourselves all over again. We are being swallowed up by apathy, disrespect for ourselves and one another. The insight and optimism we once had is diminishing. Who are “we”? We are the descendants of our forefathers who suffered the bondages and chains of man. If our forefathers could see where we’ve come from and where we’re going, they’d probably tell us to go start over again.

It’s up to us to change and remodel the foundations of unity, love, and respect for one another. You probably can’t even look at your brother and say, “I love you” without feeling funny.

Wake up; the eighties are upon us!
Special Thanks To All

Editor of The Register:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who supported me during my campaign.

First and foremost, I say “Thanks” to my children and personal friends who encouraged me to run and supported me each and every step of the way.

Next, a very special “Thank-you” goes to my campaign committee members. Without your unselfish and sometimes “Beyond-the-Call-of-Duty” support my campaign and subsequent election would have been impossible.

And last, but certainly not least, to all of you who voted for me, I say a sincere and grateful “Thank YOU.” And to those of you who supported me and campaigned in your own way, another special “Thanks” goes out from my heart.

The Greatest Love for Aggieland is from an Aggie-at-Heart! You have said to me that you have A&T’s best interest at heart. With your help, starting now, I intend to plan a year that will tell all Aggies everywhere that we are about the business of becoming Serious Aggies! I know that we can, and will, demonstrate the Greatest Love for Aggieland of all — for we are all Aggies-at-Heart!!

Sigma Chi Presents Annual Princess Pageant

Sigma Chi chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. will hold its third annual “Prince and Princess Pageant” 5 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Student Union.

The pageant is one of the sorority’s means of raising funds for scholarships and other community and educational endeavors.

Participating in the pageant will be Tonya Alexander, age 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Alexander; Crystal Bartley, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartley; LaMont Burns, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burns; Daymon Graves, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graves; Jillian Heath Davis, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Davis; Maurice Hamilton, 5, son of Esther Hamilton; Lichina Meadows, 5, daughter of Denise Meadows; Nikki Tarika McGuire, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McGuire; Crystal Morris, 4, granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elton Morris; Lamont Russell, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Russell; April Seagraves, 3, daughter of Geraldine Seagraves; Brandon Smith, 5, son of Robin Smith; Scott Staples, 6, son of Phoebe Staples and Ronald Staples; Cyntoira Tatun, 4, daughter of Gwendolyn Tatun; and Ayanna Waddell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waddell.

From time to time, I will use this space in our A&T Register to keep in touch with you. Feel free to come to my office (Room 216, Student Union) to talk, visit or just say “Hi!” I want to be available to hear any suggestion, problem or thought you may have that will make us all enjoy the short time we are here. If you haven’t guessed by now, I will use the same theme for the year and Coronation as I had for my campaign: “The Greatest Love For Aggieland Is From An Aggie-At-Heart!”
This year, I am asking you to help me show the world what Aggie Pride is all about; help me prove we are all Aggies-at-Heart!!

Valerie Harris, a freshman business administration major, and Keely James—“The Hapologal Kids.” (Photo by Tyson)
Buy Black Newspapers
On September 17

BOCA, the Black Owned Communications Alliance, has announced a national "Buy A Black Newspaper" day for September 17. On that day, all Black Americans are asked to buy only Black newspapers to demonstrate the importance of the Black press to the Black community.

The livelihood of all media depends upon its ability to attract advertisers, and advertisers rely on the use of general market media to reach Black consumers believing it makes no fundamental difference.

The objective of the "Buy A Black Newspaper" campaign is to help change this type of thinking by encouraging a nationwide demonstration of support for Black newspapers.

BOCA Executive Director Terrie M. Williams said "Black radio and television stations, newspapers and magazines throughout the country will carry BOCA's messages nationally in support of this effort. Millions are expected to participate in this historic demonstration of Black unity. This campaign will give Black Americans an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to Black media."

A&T Gets $23 Million In Research Grants

A&T State University faculty and students received $3.2 million in basic and applied research grants for the past year, according to a report released Wednesday by the university's office of Research Administration.

Dr. Howard Robinson, director of the office, said the 1980-81 total pushed A&T's total over the past 15 years to more than $23 million.

Robinson said the research included 52 projects conducted by 15 administrative units of the university. The major research unit was the Department of Electrical Engineering with $700,072 in 11 grants.

Following were animal science researchers with $699,424 in 19 grants, plant science researchers with $362,429 in four grants, the Department of Chemistry with $322,148 in seven grants and the Department of Biology with $283,805 in four grants.

Other research was conducted in agricultural extension, transportation, sociology, research administration, mechanical engineering, industrial engineering, home economics, English, economics, and architectural engineering.

Robinson said much of the research funding was from federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Army Research Office, the U.S. Air Force, the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Other grants came from Union Carbide and the Research Triangle Park.

BOCA is the first trade association organized by owners of Black communications companies. Conceived in August, 1979, by a group of the nation's leading Black communicators, BOCA seeks to address the needs of Black media and the Black consumers market. Its objectives are to (1) encourage greater use of Black-owned media by the advertising and marketing community; (2) emphasize the importance of Black media to the Black community; and (3) inform and educate Black Americans of their economic clout as consumers.

International Students On Right Track

By Josiah Opata

A Commentary

It is my concern opinion that the International and minority students' office has been reorganized in the right direction and that it will become really the formidable and progressive modern office that would serve the need of the students throughout this century.

Like Dr. Martin Luther King, I have a dream that N.C. A&T State University will become the modern "TIMBUKTU," that will train technicians, engineers, scientists and scholars in the annals of modern Black history for the third world.

This view point has been arrived at after having witnessed the thoroughness of the organizational pattern set up by the present director of the International and Minority students' affairs, Miss Marilyn Burnette. It is very impressive to see her determination, vigor and foresight to pick up from where her predecessor, Mrs. Anne Graves-Kornegay, has left and propel to success in fulfilling the mission of the university.

Miss Burnette is a 1975 alumna from the graduate school at A&T. She likes people, the challenge and the basic idea of working with International students. This would enable her to know the different cultures, races, to mature and also broaden her perspectives, especially to learn the United States' immigration procedures.

Having been in this position for only a month, she has worked around the clock to organize the office in a functional manner in order to be conducive for students to receive help. She has both short-range and long-range goals.

These include the following: to organize the International and the minority students to feel as a part of the university system, so as to be able to mingle and socialize with Black Americans and to exchange mutual cultural benefits and intramural sports, to make the campus aware of the resources available to them; to educate students concerning the University's rules and regulations as well as U.S. immigration laws; and to give them the opportunity to know the university historically and to get them involved with extra-curricular activities like the campus newspaper, the campus choir, sports, the Greensboro community in general; and to fellowship with other nationals within the community.

In addition, she wants to set up a faster system of processing students' letters and immigration forms and correspondence; to coordinate with the admissions office, registration and records, computer center, counselling center and other parts of the A&I system to process students' requests at the least delay; to be able to cope with stress with her job demands as well as a keen ear to pick up the different accents in which many international students pronounce the English language. Miss Burnette is also a good listener. She has developed a microscopic ear to hear and to listen to the words (students' pronunciation) in order to try to get an association of the words. She also encourages students to take their time to speak slowly and to pronounce their English words as best they can because most International students still pronounce words with the Z's and the J's as they would speak their own mother tongues.

To find out how fast Miss Burnette is moving with her job, she has already received input from the computer center to find out the minority students (whites) and International students who are on academic probation to give them individual counseling.

She has made contact with the SGA President and he has made available a position for a Secretary for International Students. Besides, she is working closely with other foreign students' advisors within the city area colleges to bring their students to fellowship with the Aggie International and minority students. She has also met with the community hosts and friend families to plan fall and winter activities for the students.

I found Miss Burnette to be the kind of person who is highly motivated, energetic, and eager to do things to the best of her ability. She reminds me of the motto of my former secondary school: "Primus semper Aurora," a Latin phrase meaning 'first always at dawn.' She estimates the current international enrollment at 660.

She was unable to give a definite figure because registration is still in progress.

She wishes to convey the following messages and announcement to all the international and minority students: "Please, be familiar with both the students' handbook and the international students' handbook, immigration rules and regulations. All International students who have registered for the fall semester must also register with the international students' office for processing by September 18."
Sports Report

By Wade Nash

Just casually walking through Corbett Gym, I couldn't help but notice defensive line coach Rick Franz's happiness. The front four consisting of James Williams, Leon Byrd, John Ogbon, and Cullen Cook had an impressive showing against Operation Push in the afternoon power drills. When I asked Franz about his defensive unit's ability to control our offense, Franz replied, "Extra hard work and gut effort. Concentration is the key to success. Our defense must use that first step quickness, and instinctively play the ball."

My next stop was the Student Union; and, once again, I observed the old copies of The Register and the pictures of former greats. Stories told of the enthusiasm that followed the sport since our Aggies' first kickoff.

Those photographs show overflow crowds deeply involved in the action on the field — a pagentry that sets A&T games apart from any other on the college scene, the expression of great competition — a competition which is part of Aggie tradition that has transmitted to everyone who ever put on a blue and gold uniform.

Many stars have trotted onto the turf representing this pride and tradition. Some are still active in professional football like Elvin Bethea, All-Pro defensive end for the Houston Oilers of the National Football League, or George Ragsdale of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers or the most recent of the greats, Dwaine "Pee Wee" Board of the San Francisco 49er's, and George Smalls of the New York Giants. But those who are no longer actively playing the game will be easily found in the new Aggie stadium cheering A&T onward.

Although some would argue that winning isn't everything in comparison with how you play the game, Aggies counter by saying, if you played for fun, there would be no sense in keeping score...Aggies always play to win.

The Aggies have always been successful in football.

A&T teams captured conference championships in 1928, 1958, 1959, 1964, 1975 and the Gold Bowl in 1980. In 1950 and 1968 our Aggies were crowned the Black champions of the collegiate ranks as they thrilled overflowing crowds throughout the nation with their excellence.

This year our team will attempt to be No. 1 in the NCAA-I-AA and, if they concentrate on their job, play each game one at a time, it's a goal that can be reached. I'm challenging the students, faculty, alumni, and fans to pack Aggie stadium Sept. 12 against WSSU and help our players to the first of many victories in '80.

We'll have a blowout!!!

Chancellor Edward Fort will lead the faculty, student, alumni, and fans at the season opening pep rally September 11 at the new Aggie stadium beginning at 5 o'clock.

Fort will be joined on the program by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jesse Marshall.

The Aggie football team and coaches will be introduced to the students and public.

Music and cheers will be provided by the Marching Band, Pep Club, and Cheerleaders.

Five more persons will be added to the illustrious honorees' roll of the North Carolina A&T State University Hall of Fame.

Catherine Bonner, presently the administrative assistant to the athletic director at the university; Merle Code, former all-America defensive back and professional star; Estell Harper, former track and basketball standout; Hornsby Howell, former head football coach and presently assistant athletic director at the university; and Richard Westmoreland, a football standout at A&T as well as the National Football League will be officially inducted on September 11, in a special ceremony to be held in the Carolina Room at the Downtowner Motor Inn

"The A&T Sports Hall of Fame now totals 51 persons in various categories and represents a variety of outstanding student-athletes, who have achieved success not only on the collegiate level but in the professional careers as well," said Joe Williams, director of Alumni Affairs at the university and also a member of the Sports Hall of Fame.

Bonner's career at A&T spans four decades and more than 35 years of service in the perpetuation of the university's athletic endeavors.

During that time she has worked closely with four athletic directors and was an integral part of the growth process which witnessed A&T's move from Division II to Division I status in the NCAA.

Until recently, defense has been the name of the game at A&T and Merle Code generally recognized as the most exciting defensive back ever to play at the university.

While at A&T, Code was named to the Kodak, Associated Press, United Press and NAIA all-America teams. His excellence did not end on the football field, however, as he graduated from the university in 1970 with high academic honors.

After an outstanding seven year professional football career in Canada, Code entered the University of South Carolina law school, where he was elected president of the law student body making him the only Black in the university's history to hold such a position.

Recently a member of the American Bar Association, Code is practicing in Seneca, S.C.

Howell worked his way from trainer, to assistant coach, to head coach during a superlative career with the Aggies.

Howell coached the Aggies during some of the university's most prosperous seasons and compiled a 55-34-3 record during 9 years as head coach.

His most successful season was in 1968 when he was named National Black Coach of the Year, CIAA Coach of the Year, 100% Wrong Club Coach of the Year, and the Greensboro Daily News "Coach of the Year."

His 1975 MEAC team captured a share of the football championship along with South Carolina State and Howell was named as the league's "Coach of the Year."

Still active and very much a part of the university's ongoing athletic excellence, Howell travels throughout the state establishing Aggie booster groups and spearheading attendance to all A&T athletic events.

Howell is also regarded as one of the nation's top speakers on sports medicine and travels extensively lecturing on the subject.

Harper graduated from the university in 1949 and was a standout football and track performer during his career. He was an all-CIAA basketball selection in 1947 and captained the Aggies' basketball and track teams in 1947-49.

Harper competed in four Penn Relays, three National Indoor Meets at Madison Square Garden, as well as other major track and field events.

Harper is presently employed at the university as assistant professor of education, School of Education.

Westmoreland was a versatile performer at A&T and some of his records still remain in the A&T record books. After a brilliant athletic as well as academic career at A&T, Westmoreland went on to star in the National Football League for 12 seasons and was selected to the All-Pro team.

An A&T honor graduate, Westmoreland now operates a private business in San Diego, California.

Coach Franz drills the Aggie defensive line to increase quickness and reactions. (Photo by Tyson)
A Coach’s Dream

A&T defensive end, James Williams, is a football coach’s dream.

He’s big - 6’8, 275 pounds.
He's fast - 4.8 seconds in the forty.
He's strong - bench pressing 400 pounds.

But above all, according to A&T head football coach, Jim McKinley, Williams has yet to reach his full potential as a player.

“James has improved every year and I hope this season he can combine all of his physical tools,” he said. “He’s an extremely coachable youngster and we are counting on him to play a major role in our defensive attack.”

“If he continues to work and dedicate himself to the game, we feel he will be a big professional football draft selection.”

Williams, who is a senior in class but will have the option of returning next fall because of a red-shirt season, had a solid year in 1980 as the Aggies posted a 9-3 record, the most wins in the school’s history in a season.

However, Williams, as well as his defensive mates, was largely overshadowed because of the record setting pace of the offensive unit which set 17 NCAA-1AA and school records.

Williams feels only the person that doesn’t understand football will overlook the role of the defense.

“Our basic job is to keep the defense on the field as much as possible and the best way to do that is to limit the number of offensive plays of our opponents,” said Williams, a native of Calhoun Falls, South Carolina.

“Last season the defense had a good year. We were able to stop teams when we had to; and, in games when the offense was not able to generate the big yardage, we were able to set them up in a position where they didn’t have to move the ball 80 yards for a score.”

“Overall, I think we did a great job of complimenting each other last season, and I would be more than happy if things worked out the same way in ’81.”

The Aggie offense returns seven starters from a year ago while the defensive unit returns eight regular players including all-Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference defensive tackle, Leon Byrd, who was injured in the opening game last season and was sidelined for the remainder of the campaign.

Williams feels this is the most talented team he’s played on at the school.

“With the return of Byrd, along with players like Cullen Cook, John Ogburn, and Randall Ponder, our line will be strong,” he said. “Our linebackers are good and although we only have one defensive backfield starter returning, we have some recruiters who have been working out well.

“We all feel confident about our chances. We believe this is going to be our year.”

Williams, despite his awesome size and speed, believes the game of football, especially his defensive end position should be played more with the head than with the body.

One criticism sometimes directed at Williams is that he is sometimes not as aggressive as he could be.

He refuses that charge.

“Our defensive system is not based on one player just going out and overpowering another player each down,” he said. “We have responsibilities and territories to cover. If I can get to where I’m supposed to be using finesse, then that’s what I will do.

“If power or a show of strength is needed, that’s what I’ll do. I never go out and enter into a strong man contest with the lineman playing me.

“To me, it’s just a matter of using the best method available to make the hit.’”

The Aggies will open the 1981 season in their brand new 17,500 seat stadium on the University campus against Winston-Salem State on September 12.

Williams spent all of last summer and part of this summer working with the construction crew in building the facility.

He is looking forward to playing in the stadium.

“I’m proud to be playing in the stadium because it belongs to A&T and because I spent a lot of hours putting it together,” he said.

“When my playing days are over here, I can come back and not only say I played in it but also helped to build it.”

Games for September 5

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Watson’s Coaching Job Sheds Light On Ambition

By Toni Liles

“I never wanted to coach,” said former A&T quarterback William Watson, “but, when Coach McKinley offered me the position of graduate assistant, I changed my mind.”

Although Watson always wanted to be a principal or school superintendent, his first coaching position has shed a new light on his ambitions.

Coaching now is a definite possibility in the future for Watson.

Since the age of nine, Watson has enjoyed the sport of football. He began his twelve-year quarterbacking career in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan, with a city team. The Detroit Westside Cubs. Upon entering high school, Watson quarterbacked at Detroit Redford High School, where he was named All-City and All-State.

After graduating from high school in 1977, Watson had many football offers from such schools as Ohio State, Elm College, and Davidson, but excellent recruiting by the Head Coach Hornsby Howell convinced Watson to come to A&T and a basically throwing quarterback.

Coach Jim McKinley, replacing Howell as head coach, quickly transformed Watson from a throwing quarterback to a running quarterback. Watson, although used to passing, quickly adjusted to McKinley’s option plays.

Proving successful as a running quarterback, Watson was honored as having rushed more yards last year as a quarterback in Division IAA.

Watson feels that, if given the opportunity again, he would prefer to be a passer. Professional football scouts look for quarterbacks with good throwing ability, and Watson considers his lack of passing in collegiate play a definite hindrance in his chances to play in the NFL.

Nevertheless, Watson’s talents still did not go unnoticed. He had an offer to play for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League. Although he performed well at the tryouts, Watson accepted the offer of graduate assistant.

The position of graduate assistant allows Watson to coach and attend graduate school to obtain his Master’s Degree in Educational Administration.

Watson said, “The players and I still have a good relationship. It’s almost as if I’m still playing.”