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In preparation for the Black College Day '81 march in Raleigh, the SGA sponsored a rally in front of Williams Cafeteria Sunday. Pictured is SGA president Stephen Kirk speaking at the rally. (Photo by Michael Whitaker)

Black Schools Rally At BCD '81

By MICHAEL EURE and JOHN MICHAEL

RALEIGH--The streets of Raleigh came to life Monday as various college bands, campus queens, students and taxpayers participated in Black College Day '81.

The event was sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Black Student Governments, an organization that represents students from the state's 11 Black colleges and universities.

After the group marched to the state capital from Shaw University, Miss A&T, Tommye Brown, greeted the crowd and paid a special tribute to Shaw—the state's oldest Black college and the mother institution of A&T.

Stephen Kirk, A&T S.G.A. president, said in his speech that "three words help to tell the state of the nation what BCD'81 is all about. Three little words: all, at, and now."

He summarized his speech with three short messages for the UNC Board of Governors, the North Carolina General Assembly, and the federal government.

He said, "We want all of the rights and privileges afforded to our white counterparts, not some. "We want strong academic programs at our Black institutions. And we want these things not next year, not next week, we want them now! said Kirk.

Everett Johnson, Fayetteville State University S.G.A. president, said, "Our purpose this year is one of dire importance. We must provide a strategy and we must constantly remind ourselves that no nation can survive when its educational systems are weakened."

Curtis Massey, North Carolina Central University S.G.A. president and chairman of the North Carolina Association of Black Student Governments, and Hillary Ekeham, Barber Scotia's S.G.A. president, also spoke at the rally.

Bennett College was the only Black North Carolina institution that did not attend BCD. It did, however, have a special observance on its campus.

The A&T State University National Alumni Association, a major external contributor to the university's scholarship program, realized a record $102,000 in its recently concluded Annual Giving Campaign.

This announcement was made by Howard A. Barnhill of Charlotte, national fundraising chairman for the association.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to announce this breakthrough," Barnhill said. "This year has been more successful than recent years because of the overall involvement and higher level of interest of alumni in regions throughout the United States."

Barnhill said the alumni funds will be used to support the scholarship fund and other programs at the university.

Three College Observatory For A&T, UNC-G, Guilford

Students attending A&T State University will soon have the use of one of the nation's largest telescopes.

The Three College Observatory, which will open September 30 in nearby Alamance County, features a 32-inch optical telescope and the finest dark-sky facilities of its kind in the Southeastern United States.

The Three College Observatory has the largest telescope between Charlottesville, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Jason Gilchrist, chairman of the A&T Physics Department, is one of the coordinators of the projects.

The Observatory is located in the Cape Creek area of Alamance County, approximately eight miles south of Burlington. The Observatory site was chosen because of its location far from city lights.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Three College Observatory lies in the fact that it is a cooperative project among three institutions of higher learning: the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and Guilford College.

Giving Campaign Nets $102,000

Dr. Velma Speight, president of the A&T National Alumni Association, also applauded the association's fundraising efforts.

"I am very pleased about the outcome of the campaign," she said. "It suggests to me that Aggies ("The Greatest").) recognize the crisis that exists in meeting the financial assistance needs of those students who would continue the great A&T tradition."

"This is truly an indication," continued Dr. Speight, "that those of us who have been invested with an education and a direction of life, pledge to give the university a return for that investment."

Joseph D. Williams, director of alumni affairs at A&T, said the success of this year's campaign is due in large measure to the increase in the number of individual donors, an increase in the number of new donors and an increase in matching gifts. He also praised the efforts of the National Fundraising Committee and the many alumni volunteers across the nation.

Heritage Center Adds Leopard Skin To Collection

The African Heritage Center of A&T State University has received the donation of an African leopard skin to add to its growing collection.

The gift, valued at $4,000, was made to the center by Robert Brown of High Point, N.C. Brown is President of B&C Associates, a successful (See Heritage Page 6)
3 Aggies Aminoil Interns

HOUSTON—For Norman Spruill and Gregory Twyman, the academic year was supposed to be a summer of leisure. Little did the three expect at the beginning of their second semester at A&T, they would find themselves working 100 miles from shore in the Gulf of Mexico. They would fill the position of “roustabout,” and would be assigned to work on a steel island known as an oil production platform.

Norman and Gregory, both electrical engineering majors, and Valdez, an architectural engineering major, were among more than 30 students from across the nation who participated in a summer intern program sponsored by Aminoil, a subsidiary of R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

The program, which involves colleges and universities that do not specialize in petroleum studies, is aimed at filling the critical need for technical professionals for Aminoil’s growing petroleum exploration and production business.

The development plan is designed to expose students to basic oil and gas operations in their first year of the program and, in succeeding summers, provide special training in the technical disciplines.

For college roommates Norman and Gregory, who shared the program just before their freshman year came to a close, the opportunity to work on an offshore platform led to the discovery of a new world.

“I didn’t know anything about the oil business,” Gregory said, following the conclusion of his three-month assignment as a general laborer working 10 days-on and 10 days-off the platform.

“My first day on the job,” he continued, “somebody told me, ‘Go over to the christmas tree (a system of gas and oil valves) and set off the wing valve.’ I said, ‘What?’”

Norman recalls that his first assignment was to fetch a pair of grease and lubricate a delivery cable. “As a roustabout, you do everything—you’re a mechanic, a technician, a crane operator,” he explained.

“And that’s a good way to learn about this business,” Norman said. “You don’t learn just about equipment. You learn how that equipment applies to the process.”

The students said there were no lack of answers for many questions they had about the oil industry, and the electrical systems they were so eager to learn about.

“Everybody was helping us out,” Norman said. “Roustabouts, the platform foreman, the operator. They’d say, ‘Let’s talk about this process or that process.’ And if one person didn’t know the answers, he’d find somebody who did.”

Valdez related similar experiences.

“At first I was nervous,” he explained. “It took until about my second hitch on the platform before I understood what was happening. Now I have an idea of how it is to be offshore. Before, the only time I had seen an offshore platform was on TV.”

Under the Aminoil summer intern program, individuals have the opportunity to work as interns, as well as offshore interns. Students pursuing engineering studies become engineering aides the summer between junior and senior years.

At a meeting earlier this year with A&T officials, George E. Trimble, Aminoil’s chairman, president and chief executive officer said the petroleum industry is overlooking a valuable source of potential administrative and technical professionals when it recruits solely from those traditional institutions that focus on petroleum studies.

Although petroleum engineering is not among that university’s areas of specialization, he said Aminoil’s individual development program would enable non petroleum technical degree graduates to “convert” to petroleum engineers.

Aminoil is the nation’s third largest independent petroleum exploration and production company. In addition to exploration and production in the United States and other countries, Aminoil produces, processes and sells natural gas, markets crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products and develops and supplies geothermal steam.

Marijuana: Cure Or Curse?

The final word is far from being uttered, but the debate over whether marijuana is a cure or a curse still rages. Reports from recent studies offer both good and bad news—depending on one’s personal affection for the plant.

Roudy, in his own opinion, many scientists are eager to get their hands on some pot. And to make it easier for them to score, the Food and Drug Administration has classified THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, as a Class C drug, making it accessible for clinical use. In fact, the government has long had its pot fields flourishing at the University of Mississippi.

One of the greatest fears connected with pot smoking is that THC and its related compound do not dissolve in water, and therefore remain stored in various parts of the body. This led to indictments in the early 70s that smoking pot lowers the level of the male sex hormone testosterone. However, follow-up studies have dispelled most of these fears—yet it has been determined that male adolescent smokers aged 13 to 19 lose normal advances into puberty.

In a parallel study at Columbia University, 16 healthy men smoked between five and 15 joints a day for four weeks. At the end of the test period, their sperm counts were low and some sperm cells were abnormal in shape, but this effect corrected itself after a few weeks. What this ultimately means is that pot smoking may keep marginally fertile men from becoming fathers.

Research on how marijuana affects women bears some bad tidings. Tests on rhesus monkeys, which have menstrual cycles almost identical to women, have shown marked disruption. Nonetheless, there is still heated argument over whether animal studies can be directly related to humans, since humans and animals react differently to marijuana.

The greatest fear about pot, most doctors think, is its psychological effects. Most agree that smoking pot dulls the senses, short-term memory and reaction time, making heavy use of the drug particularly detrimental to students and drivers. But in general, most experts concur that pot does not impair overall intelligence.

And now the good news. Marijuana has been found to be one of the most effective anti-nausea drugs around; more than 12,000 cancer patients regularly use it to relieve nausea and vomiting that accompany chemotherapy. And those regulars from glaucoma, the leading cause of blindness in the U.S., use pot to ease intraocular pressure.

Controlled doses of THC have also been used in treating people with multiple sclerosis. A test at Pennsylvania State University shows that pot smoking lowered the spasticity in six of nine patients.

ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIORS ENGINEERING MAJORS

Procter & Gamble Company invites you to attend a pre-recruitment program October 1, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Room 104 of Graham Hall.

Come and see what P&G has to offer.

-Refreshments will be served.
Governor Benjamin Ruffin delivered the keynote address at the demonstration.

Aggie Brenda Cunningham listens attentively to the keynote address.

Aggies prepare for the march. (Photo by Dwight Smith)

Special Assistant to the Governor Benjamin Ruffin delivered the keynote address at the demonstration.

On the platform at the BCD '81 rally are President Kirk and Miss A&T, Tommey Brown.

En route to the Capitol, Miss A&T, along with other Aggies, enjoys the "Save Our Black Colleges" chant.

Aggies participate in the BCD '81 march.
**People Are Watching**

The life of a public figure has its ups and downs. On the positive side, he or she has chance to make changes in existing laws in hopes of making life better for their constituents. On the other hand, they are the target of constant scrutiny; their actions are monitored until some damaging information can be tossed in the public eye. Thus, they must maintain a strict life, doing nothing that would smear their character, or the trust that others have given them.

The life of the Black public official contains these same concerns, they are under a great deal more pressures. Preservers of the status quo have never placed much faith in the capacities of Blacks and they seek every available opportunity to reinforce their believes. With this in mind, Blacks in the limelight must make sure their actions do not present them in a negative light.

Many A&T and UNC-G students were saddened after reading about the weekend exploits of David Miller, the newly elected president of UNC-G’s Student Government. After successfully defeating his opponent in a run off election, Miller was charged last Thursday with credit card fraud.

Many students had high hopes and expectations for Miller. Maybe their expectations will be realized inspite of this incident. Blacks continue to make great strides in all facets of life, but we should remember that people are constantly watching—always.

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**To Set The Record Straight**

Many people question the rules and policies of the A&T Register, concerning the submission of material.

Let it be known that all material submitted to the Register becomes the property of the organization. Why so many cannot understand this is beyond comprehension.

Anyone may submit articles, letters to the editor, announcements, etc. to the Register. Submission, however, does not guarantee publication.

Some material is never published because it lacks information, coherence or relevance. Others are delayed for future editions because of unavailable space.

The Register reads each submission and publishes only those it feels are informative and affect A&T students in some way.

Many question the Register’s use of national, state and community news.

Do not all areas of society have some bearing on the students at this university?

Aggies should not limit their knowledge to just campus happenings. To be fully informed and up-to-date on contemporary issues, they should keep abreast of issues on the university local, state and national level.

When material is submitted to the Register, it is kept on file for future reference for at least one year.

People also question headlines. The Register does not recognize headlines submitted with articles. They are written by the staff.

Unfortunately, there are those who feel i’ at this newspaper lacks much of the significance of a legitimate city newspaper.

The Register is distributed nationally and internationally, and is recognized as a First Class publication by the National Critical Service of the Associated Collegiate Press For College Newspapers. It is a valid segment of the media.

Reporting the news is the Register’s objective. It is completely committed to keeping everyone informed on topics that will make them aware.

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**No Rejects!**

By Audrey L. Williams

Working endless hours for an accomplishment that is in vain can cause considerable trauma to ones’ motivation.

Toiling at a project that is rejected can cause a person with limited ambition and motivation to crawl into the egghshell of disillusionment.

The rejection can come from peers, instructors and even oneself.

We must come to the ultimate conclusion that the Creator made no rejects.

What others see in you as flaws should be ones’ stepping stones for motivation.

“I can’t” are the most profane and misused words in the English Language.

Do not fear rejection, conquer it with a shield and dagger because rejection may be the agony of your defeat.

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*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.”*
Hopkins: 'Kirk Needs A Win For Success'

Editor of the Register:
My letter is in reference to the present Student Government Association president, who is supposed to head an all-purpose organization.
Unfortunately, many students almost always regard it as a no-purpose organization.
A&T's student government president's real forte is supposed to be the student life area, but has he fulfilled that strength yet?

If the president uses $28,000 for homecoming, that leaves approximately $16,000 for him to put on activities for the student body from November to May.
Will there be any movies, spring flings, speakers or just dances in Moore Gym?

News Ignored Until Now

Editor of the Register:

A number of people have read both my original letter and the edited version printed by the Daily News. Some expressed surprise that a newspaper could publish a highly edited version of a letter to the editor without asking permission of the writer.
Some thought that the choice of parts to be printed showed a bias on the part of the Daily News.

In all fairness to the Daily News, I admit that the letter was longer than their standards allow and that they could have refused to print it at all. However, I wrote the letter fueled by some long-repressed anger: I was not counting words. I leave it to the readers to decide whether any bias was shown in the editing of the letter. In the following, all material within the square brackets, [ ], was not printed by the Daily News:

Dear Sir,

Until a few years ago, the Greensboro Daily News and Record mostly ignored A&T State University. Then it came to pass that a definite possibility arose that UNC-G might be forced a merge with A&T. Was it just a coincidence that the previous policy of benign neglect by the papers toward A&T seemed to now switch more toward a policy of malignant attention?

[Of course, if A&T could be made to look bad, any merger with UNC-G would have to end with UNC-G personnel in control of all key positions.
This was standard integration procedure. When Black and white schools were merged, the two most important positions principal and head football coach, were virtually always white. If something derogatory was found about A&T, it was headline news, breathlessly reported by naive young reporters straining to find mini-Watergates in the confusion to be expected in the rapid expansion of an institution.]

[The little actually found was trotted out again and again. Probably the ultimate in this was found in one of the many stories about a misdeed of the A&T police chief. This misled did not remain the reporter of its obvious parallel; the UNC-G police chief who got caught stealing money at UNC-G a few years ago. Instead, the reporter somehow managed to be reminded of some old news about non-criminal errors in a completely unrelated area at A&T.
It seemed that this sort of malignant attention had undergone a partial remission lately, until the Sept. 6 front-page article. The headline was positive and newsworthy, "Minorities Say Campus Life Is OK." It was quite obvious that most people will feel somewhat uncomfortable at first in a group different from them. For example, most Southerners would feel uncomfortable at first if they arrived at a party only to find nothing but Yankees there. This initial discomfort is not news. The news would be that the minorities have found that this initial discomfort has passed on their campuses. The article that followed the headline was not as positive. The discomforts were emphasized, as if they were the (See page 6)]

"The present S.G.A. has already spent $31,000.00. Why no homecoming? Vote for me and I'll tell you why."

Vote
LEONARD McCRAW
Vice-president for S.G.A. Internal Affairs
New Treatment For Herpes

Sufferers of herpes simplex skin infections, danger of the most common types of VD in the United States, should find some relief from the report out of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Researchers there have experimented with a drug called acyclovir, which was developed by scientists at Research Triangle Park, N.C., which has proved to be the first effective treatment for herpes infection of the mouth and genitals.

The drug was initially tested on patients who were to receive bone marrow transplants for leukemia or a severe type of anemia. Herpes simplex kills one in 20 of such transplant patients, whose natural immunity systems are lowered in the surgical procedure.

By AUDREY L. WILLIAMS

The Nigerian Student Association will sponsor its 21st anniversary celebration 5-8 p.m. Saturday, in the commons of F. A. Williams Cafeteria.

The celebration will consist of two parts. Part one will begin with a cultural exhibition, a symposium on the economy and education of Nigeria. The event will also include Nigerian dishes, fashions and films.

A Nigerian Embassy representative and General Secretary of the National Nigerian Student Union, Dr. Samuel Ubohudom will be one of the keynote speakers. Other speakers will include Chancellor Edward Fort, Lewellyn Dewitt, Student Government Association vice president for external affairs, and Dorothy Bardolph, Greensboro city councilwoman.

A party beginning 10 p.m. at Woody Lake clubhouse will highlight part two of the gala affair.

Louis Atiah, Greensboro Nigerian Students Association president, said, “We would like everyone to come and take part and share our culture.”
The year 1980 was a very good year for Jim McKinley and his Aggie football team. But, let's remember, that was last year.

The Aggies were featured in the August 31 edition of Sports Illustrated. The magazine mentioned A&T's running backs and the offensive line, "Operation Push." That was one month ago, twelve days before the Aggies' opening game against arch-rival Winston-Salem State University.

The Aggies haven't performed to their capabilities in 1981. Why? The answer to that question can't be answered on paper. It must take place on the field. Enough has been printed about the successful Aggies of 1980. A team can't live off past accomplishments. This is 1981. And the Aggies look like a different team this year.

In their first contest against WSSU, the Aggies got off to an excellent start, surging ahead 21-0 after three quarters. But, in the fourth quarter, the Aggies seemed to run out of gas, and WSSU made an exciting game out of what had previously been an Aggies blowout. Since the third quarter of that game, the Aggies haven't been the same.

A&T confidently traveled to Orangeburg, S.C., the following week to battle S.C. State in a game that featured the top two teams in the conference. The game was even televised, on Black Entertainment Television. In all honesty, it shouldn't have been televised. There wasn't a battle that day, S.C. State breezed past the Aggies en route to a 31-6 win. It was back to the drawing board for McKinley.

Last week the Aggies, after a good week of practice, journeyed to Jacksonville, Florida, to meet the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, a team the Aggies whipped 29-22 one year earlier in Greensboro. It was a different story September 26 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Aggies fell victim to the previously 1-2 Wildcats 21-15.

Alumni, students, and other Aggie fans are currently puzzled as to the dismal start of their Aggies, a team many thought would challenged for the National Championship. In McKinley's behalf, the Aggies have lost to one national power (S.C. State) and one very respectable club (Bethune-Cookman).

However, McKinley had a veteran team returning in 1981, which was supposed to be improved over a year ago, when the Aggies set numerous offensive records and won more games than any other Aggie football team.

In behalf of McKinley again, he stated before the season, "We're going to be an improved team in 1981, but we may not win as many games in 1981. Each team in the conference has improved. The league is a five-team race."

So, if the Aggies don't win eight or nine games in 1981, maybe they aren't to blame. This is the same Aggie team that won nine games in 1980. But, maybe the Aggies haven't improved as much as S.C. State, Florida A&M, Bethune-Cookman, and Howard.

If this is true, McKinley and the Aggies could be in for one long, frustrating season.

**Contest Results in B-C Win**

By WADE NASH

So much for what could have been, and was supposed to be the year of the Aggies.

Bethune-Cookman took care of that Saturday with a 21-15 victory in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference football game that probably decided second place, and a possible at-large NCAA-I-AA play-off spot.

The contest, played in Jacksonville, Florida's Gator Bowl, featured the powerful ground attack of A&T and the return of Bethune-Cookman's quarterback, Kenny McMillian.

A&T scored the first nine points of the contest and there was a need for an Aggie blowout, but it just wasn't in the cards.

Randal Ponder pounced on a McMillian fumble on Bethune-Cookman's 13-yard line, giving A&T the first break of the contest. Waymon Pitts scored on the carry and A&T grabbed a quick 6-0 lead. Aaron Herring added a 40-yard field goal for A&T with over 8 minutes remaining, but the remainder of the first half belonged to McMillian and the Bethune-Cookman defense.

The amazing thing about McMillian was that he'd been missing in action from Bethune-Cookman's first three contests. He had completed only nine of 24 passes for 183 yards. The Wildcats had amassed only 479 yards total offense for three games, but unfortunately for the Aggies, everything fell in place against A&T.

McMillian completed 19 of 29 for 260 yards, but the death blow was probably his first half performance. In the first half the MEAC pre-season quarterback riddled A&T for 201 yards, connecting on 15 of his 23 attempts—including a pair of scoring tosses to tight end Herb Wright, who ended the night with eight catches for 119 yards.

Darrell Crane contributed four receptions for 71 yards in the first half. McMillian said, "A&T came up with the same defense as last year. I felt it was just a matter of hitting my receivers. Instead of taking 10 yards to drop back, I decided to go with the quick stuff because A&T wasn't that quick off the ball."

McMillian connected on four of five passes and hit Williams for a 22-yard touchdown to narrow the A&T lead to 9-7.

A 22-yard McMillian to Wright pass to the A&T three, set up Bethune's go-ahead score early in the second quarter. Rufus Wilson scored on the next play. Bethune scored late in the first half when once again, McMillian found Wright for a 14-yard scoring strike.

A&T scored its only second half points when Waymon Pitts showed passing skills and connected with Orton Penny on a 19-yard pass. The Aggies mounted several rallies, but turnovers constantly turned them back.

A&T was driving when faced with fourth down and inches, and Danny Thomas kept the drive alive when the Aggies pulled a fake punt. On third and 15, the Aggies again called the right play, and Charlie Sutton earned the first down on a draw play. It appeared the Aggies would pull out a late victory, but freshman quarterback Steve Lynn fumbled the next play on Bethune's 3-yard line.

The Aggies used all their timeouts in the third quarter and when Bethune-Cookman chose to run out the clock, the A&T defense couldn't stop them and A&T coach Jim McKinley couldn't stop the clock.

The Aggies finished the contest gaining only 164 yards rushing, with Pitts getting 123 and Sutton adding 62.

The Aggies earned only five first downs for the contest and completed just five passes for 48 yards. A&T, with a record of 1-2, will face 2-2 J.C. Smith and former Aggie player and Coach Willie Harris Saturday in Aggie Stadium.

**Sports**

By RAYMOND MOODY

Coach Vivian Fuller has turned the Aggiette Volleyball team into consistent winners in only two years.

The Aggiettes currently boast a 7-3 record, after posting wins over WSSU, Elon, High Point, Pembroke, Mars Hill, and Wake Forest. "This team can really go places," said the friendly coach. We've a good group of girls on this team.

The Aggiettes look to improve their 7-5 mark this week with two home games against North Carolina Central and UNC-Wilmington Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

**By Wade Nash**

Bethune-Cookman football player Carl Joseph (39) was one of the factors in the recent loss to the Wildcats this weekend. Noted on NBC last year for his athletic abilities despite his handicap (he has only one leg), Joseph can hold his own on the field. (Photo by Wade Nash)
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