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Fort Outlines Plans For A&T’s Academic Growth

By AUDREY L. WILLIAMS

Chancellor Edward B. Fort challenged the student body and faculty Wednesday to join him in the fight for academic advancement.

In his first convocation address at A&T, Fort said, “I offer you students the challenge to work with me as we together, walk toward the promised land of academic accomplishment.”

Fort pointed out that the School of Nursing’s requirements for admission and graduation will undergo drastic changes.

“Students admitted to this program will have to produce high school transcript records that show a 750 SAT and/or a “B” average and those who are ready for graduation must be able to meet the test of a 2.6 on a grade-point average,” he explained.

The addition of doctoral and masters degree programs in engineering was one of Fort’s main operational strategies.

“I fully intend to investigate all of the options and to pursue a path which will ultimately bring us to the promised land of prospective doctoral degree programs,” he said.

Fort announced new plans for the enlargement of the engineering school, the acquisition of an MBA

UNC Board of Governors Give Nursing School More Time

By LAUREL LEWIS

The A&T nursing program, now in its 26th year, has been given additional time by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to upgrade the program to better prepare students for the State Board Nursing Exam.

Last year, only 33.3 percent passed the exam, when 65 percent was mandatory.

Marietta Raines, acting dean of Nursing, attributes not enough preparation as a factor in the low number of students who pass the exam.

Programmed for the School of Business and Economics, the School of Industrial Technology (education) will be expanded, along with the enhancement of the nationally accredited teacher education program, and the schools of health sciences.

Also included in this academic plan will be the possible conversion for the school of health sciences.

“If the state university at Raleigh can have a veterinary medicine school, then there is no reason at all why this institution cannot have another health science program,” Fort said.

F. D. Blasford Library, which has currently come under fire by A&T students because of lack of materials, will also be enhanced.

“The library, in its present configuration, must go!” Fort said. He said that by November 1, a feasibility statement will be prepared for his review. In this statement, a strategy will be developed to enhance the chances for building a new library.

The options will include: tearing down the old structure and building a new one; tearing down a wing of the building and positioning a new annex; taking out the books and tearing out the interior (See Convocation Page 3)

Magic Presented At Coronation

By ROSALIND STINSON

The curiosities and doubts of students on whether graduation would be a success or failure were laid to rest when the ‘81-82 Coronation of Miss Agricultural and Technical State University and her Court were presented last night in Corbett Sports Center.

The theme was a take-off from the fairy tale “Peter Pan.” While the audience awaited the arrival of Miss A&T, entertainment was provided by the A&T Gospel Choir; under the direction of Tim Batron, the Jimmy Pearson Quintet rendered background music for the occasion with such selections as: “De La Vu,” “My Cherie Amour,” and more.

The curtains opened with the skit narrated by Junious Leak. The story began with Janis Jones portraying the mother of four children who sat around to hear the story of being an Aggie, and to reign as Miss A&T. She expressed her feelings by singing a solo, entitled “The Greatest.”

When the children were put to sleep, Peter Pan (portrayed by Robin Stamps) arrived to take them away to never-never land. They encountered the likes of Captain HEW (Health, Education and Welfare), in a tailspin, he asked that no one give him “No Bad News,” a song from the Broadway musical “The Wizard.”

Mother Jones tried to uphold the tradition of Miss A&T and her children to go to A&T. The story transcended several years to the present and the coronation activities continued.

At this point Maitre D’ Norman Jones presented the 86 organizational queens and their escorts. The gowns were an array of beauty and color in various styles; escorts wore black tuxedos. The queens and escort formed the letters “A&T.” After the formation of the “A&T”; Captain HEW tried desperately to disrupt the A&T unity. Unity being HEW’s weakness, he fled the scene in disgust. Captain HEW was a jealous madman, portrayed by Wally Bell, Jr.

Realizing the Aggie love, the children decided to return home and go to A&T. The years have gone by, mother’s children are out of school and a once small little girl, Tomanye, reigns as Miss A&T in her last year in Aggieland.

The anticipated moment had arrived. The A&T ROTC Department presented salute to Miss A&T’s class attendants.

The homecoming theme, “The Greatest Love for Aggieland, Is From An Aggie At Heart,” was expressed by each attendant.

“The campus queens entail poise, personality, scholarship and love in order to represent the University,” said Miss Freshman, Donna Lovelace, a Fayetteville native, mass communications student.

Miss Sophomore, Janye George, added, “The two elements needed to be an Aggie are Research and Relay,” according to the Harrisburg, PA, mass communications student.

The gowns of the freshman and sophomore attendants were royal blue satin by Christian Dior, with contrasting gold cumberbunds, high neck, long sleeves accented with matching ties, fitted bodice and tapered to the ankle.

Junior Attendant, Evelyn Birney, an economics major from Winston-Salem said.

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CONGRESSWOMAN CALLS FOR END TO SUPPORT OF APARTHEID

A leading black American Congresswoman recently took part in an 18-day Congressional study mission to six nations on the African continent—an itinerary which included a four-day visit in South Africa. Now she's calling for an end to any semblance of our nation's support for South Africa's system of strict racial segregation-apartheid.

Says Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm (D-New York): "I could see, in a starkness, we in America are not used to, the human cost of apartheid. Black workers toiled for many hours each day from their homes to jobs in the city and then must rush to leave the city's borders before sunset to avoid being 'detained' by the police after dark. By conscious government division, black communities are isolated, impoverished, neglected, and grossly undererved by all-government services. Anyone who protests these conditions is followed, harassed, arrested, or banned by an all-powerful police force."

The members of Congress spoke with a wide spectrum of government and community leaders—but neither side in the apartheid conflict had any role to play in an American delegation. "Government representatives accused us of meddling, and I believe blacks blamed us for our country's apparent condoning of the status quo," says Representative Chisholm. According to Chisholm, conditions in South Africa don't seem to have much chance of improving. "Everywhere we heard," she says, "great apprehension about the increasing chances for violent upheaval. Many blacks are determined that their children must not grow up under such a system, and the whites are equally determined to preserve their total domination of the economy and society."

Chisholm came back to the United States "believing the unobtainable about South Africa's racial system—and hoping that her Congressional actions will reflect her feelings even more strongly than her words."

 Alexander Receives Grant

By MARY MOORE

Dr. Sandra Carlton Alexander, assistant English professor at A&T, has been awarded a $43,550 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Youth Program Division to direct a project entitled "Triad Youth On the Move For the Humanities."

Alexander has received a matching grant in support of the project from the Bryan Community Enrichment Program, a program administered by the United Way of Greater Greensboro.

Established 1969 by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKinley Bryan, it provides funds to develop innovative programs and services that meet document needs in the community.

According to Dr. Alexander, the program will provide approximately 100 youngsters with participatory learning experiences in the humanities, with emphasis on contributions by Black Americans in the fields of art, music, literature, history, and religion.

The students will also participate in supervised research on Black humanities, who have resided in the Triad area, such as: Mararet Tynes, an opera singer who achieved international fame and whose family resides in Greensboro; Arthur Prysock, the baritone who's voice is heard on the "Let It Be Lowenbrau" jingle; John Coltrane, jazz saxophonist and composer born in Hamlet, N.C., who later moved to High Point; Linda Brown Bragg, poet/author who teaches at UNC-G; Richard B. Harrison, who once taught at A&T and played in the original version of "Green Pastures" as "De Lawd," and is the man for whom the Richard B. Harrison Players are named; James Haff, painter who once resided in Winston-Salem; and Mildred Payton, writer who composed the outdoor drama "A Man named Moses."

Alexander said "The research findings will be compiled in the form of a biographical directory and distributed to local libraries and cultural agencies." She added that students from A&T and the Greensboro Applied Youth Development Program will participate in the project.

She said students between the ages of 16-19 will be selected on a first come, first served basis. Approximately 75 percent will be A&T students and 25 percent will be from Applied Youth Development Program.

Alexander said "the project will hopefully be completed by May or September 1982. Students can pick up applications for the program in the English Department Oct. 21, 1981."

"The name Triad Youth On the Move For the Humanities was chosen because it reflects what the students would be doing," she said.

"What inspired me to seek this grant was my interest in young people. This project is an image development component which will allow us to hire professionals to help the youth in such areas as interviewing skills and resume writing."

"It will also help them gain confidence and knowledge," she said. Dr. Alexander added that students will involve the community in the project by appearing on the WEAL radio show "Sounder."

Dr. Alexander said she wanted to do this project for about a year and she has been continually interested in youth development.

Dr. Alexander is an A&T graduate and she also attended Harvard University and the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband Ronald were recently selected as participants in the Danforth Associates Program.

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Alvernon Walker, junior electrical engineering major, (left) and Michael Hamlin, a junior industrial engineering major, both teach Introduction to Foreign classes in their respective majors. Both undergraduates, this is quite an accomplishment. (Photo by Tyson)

## Campus Haps

The Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society will hold its next interest meeting Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Merrick Hall, Room 112. Interested persons must be at least a junior with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3.

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi will sponsor the Pre-Dawn Disco Sunday, Oct.12, 2 a.m. to sunrise at the Cosmos II. Admission is $3 with college ID and $4 without. "Covacs" will give a guest performance.

Nominations forms for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES are available in room 102, Murphy Hall. Deadline for submitting forms is Oct.30. Only seniors who have completed at least 96 semester hours may be nominated. Seniors may nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else.

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Omega will sponsor a "Beer Blast," Wednesday, Oct. 7, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. at the Trevi Fountain. Admission is $2.50 with college ID and $3 without.

Student Organizations, Faculty and Interested Parties: Connie Smith, Library Display and Exhibits Coordinator, Chairperson, invites you to use one of the two display cases on the second floor of the F.D. Bluford Library for your organization's "show-off" items (trophies, plaques, crafts, etc.). Contact Florine Stafford in the Cataloging Department (second floor) to schedule dates for use.
Nursing

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said counseling for seniors to prepare them for the exam and strengthen classroom and clinical training are other changes that are hoped to improve the program.

"There is a strong cohesiveness between the faculty to help bring the program to excellence. They're all working very hard to help the students in any way they can, but first the students must be mature enough to accept the responsibility to participate in their own education," said Raines.

Although the Nursing School officials do not know exactly how much time they will be given, a decision should be made Friday when they meet with the Board of Governors.

"We met with the Board of Governors in September and we had eliminated six of the 12 deficiencies that were found in the program. This time, when we meet, five more deficiencies will have been eliminated. That leaves only one left and, with sufficient time, that one too will be eliminated," said Raines.

Coronation

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"Unity is needed to survive as an Aggie."

Miss Senior Attendant, Cynthia Parker, said, "If it was not from A&T, my parents not I would have an established goal and status in life." Parker is a business administration major from Greensboro.

The escort for the evening wore traditional black tuxedos.

Through the journey of Miss A&T, Greta Shaw, Miss A&T 80-81 arrived to relinquish her title. "I wish Tommy Brown continued strength and happiness during her reign," she said.

Shaw's last walk was done in a black velvet gown with gold metallic belt, and black and gold lace jacket.

At this point the audience was on its feet as Miss A&T entered in her man-driven chariot, chauffeured by Shawn Jenkins and Don Spiecy. Stepping out in her array of a Royal Blue gown, designed by Brian Campbell, of New York and made by Mildred McCleave, Miss A&T took her walk to the throne in a flowing arrangement of satin with the "Snow White" necklace, Lady Di sleeves and full ballroom skirt with hoop slip.

Chancellor Fort and '81 queen Greta Shaw presented Brown with the traditional crown, scepter and blue and gold robe (designed by Campbell).

Brown, accepting the throne, dubbed the SGA executive board as "knaves of Argylia" as tears of joy streamed down the quenly face.

Miss A&T 81-82 was escorted by Stephen Kirk, SGA President, dressed in gray tuxedo.

Visiting queens were recognized from North Carolina Central University, Johnson C. Smith, Winston-Salem State, and Fayetteville State.

Flowers were presented to Miss A&T's mother; Dorothy Bailey, director of student activities in the Memorial Union; and Greta Shaw, 80-81 Miss A&T.

After the coronation, the new Miss A&T stated, "My first task will be to organize a queen's council (non-political). The purpose will be to provide service to on and off-campus organizations, as well as, to disseminate information from my office to students and vice versa."

Scott Hall

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while leaving the exterior in place.

Fort explained that all areas of getting funding will be approached, including external foundations, the Alumni Association, and the Aggie Club. "We shall approach everyone and anyone who can be of assistance to us in our great quest for a new library," he said.

Fort expressed his dissatisfaction with the negative media coverage of A&T. He said "The media of this community has spent so much time emphasizing the negative as associated with those bits and pieces of information which they somehow are able to garner for their enjoyment."

A beautification process according to Fort, will begin with the clean up of debris on the exterior of Scott Hall. This plan would involve the replacement of fluorescent lights, bulbs, washers, dryers and the painting of walls in corridor C of Scott Hall.

"It will do no good for us to put into operation a massive clean up campaign in other dormitories internally if within a week these dormitories are vandalized by noncaring students," he said.

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According ancient scholars, numbers play an important role in everyone's life. Some numbers represent active, energetic people, and others refer to "ultra laid-back" individuals. The number five fits into the latter category. It is believed that people with a five lifestyle enjoy pleasure and love to relax. They love relaxation so much that they often shun work completely.

It would be interesting to know what group some physical plant employees belong. Earlier this semester, students from Holl Hall asked them to cut hedges around their building because the shrubs had become trees. Their requests went unanswered until the students threatened to cut them. Weeds have invaded the Memorial Union shrubbery and the weeds are growing wild and faster each day, unnoticed (?) by the watchful eye of buildings grounds personnel.

Anyone desiring the diversions of a jungle expedition could have taken one this summer in the area surrounding Harrison Auditorium. The grass there looks like it hasn't been cut this year, but it might make an excellent hunting ground for wild beast.

But maybe these "five spots" will not plague us for long. As part of his enhancement program, Dr. Fort has made campus beautification a top priority and, in due time, the campus should be a joy to look upon. So all you fivers better take heed: Your number may change.

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Get Involved!

By Tony Moore

The university is renovating its water and steam system.

Thursday, some of the construction workers at the Cooper Hall site dug a little too deeply and disrupted water service in Cooper, Scott, the Union (I think) and whatever other buildings that line serves.

I'm uncertain about the other buildings, but Scott Hall, already problem-plagued, was unable to function properly without its water.

The housekeeping staff could not clean the building, residents could not shower or wash clothes—the toilets could not be flushed.

Wednesday, Chancellor Edward B. Fort made an announced surprise visit to Scott Hall with a delegation that included Dr. Judge Kornegay, housing operations director; Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs; and Scott Hall residence administrators.

His visit included a tour of section-A laundry room where an impractical drainage system causes heel level flooding.

Fort quickly recognized the dangerous conditions and committed himself to having the mess cleaned up or the laundry room closed before someone received electric shock or slipped and fractured something vital.

Holt Hall is not the only dormitory in a horrendous state.

Housing Operations director, Kornegay, concedes there are a number of serious problems in Scott Hall that cannot be remedied overnight. Steps are being taken to alleviate as many problems as possible, but he also admits that it will take time and none of the '81, '82, '83 and '84 class members will experience improvement during their collegiate days.

Rumor had it at noon today, that the water had been turned back on. Well, now the thousands strong of Scott won't have to invade Haley Hall to take showers and do laundry. Imagine the confusion.

The ‘Dude’

By Audrey L. Williams

Congratulations go to Chancellor Edward B. Fort.

Aggies, there is a great leader right under your noses.

Fort is an innovator, a non procrastinator and most of all, a sincere individual with all intentions directed toward the good of the university.

Fort has opened up the dusty closed files of need and progress.

He realizes the need for a new library and said he will immediately begin plans for one. Hoorah!

He has set forth goals that could classify this university as a Harvard or a Princeton.

The Aggie family needs a man with Fort's ambition and drive. Everyone should do all they can to support him.

As Fort said in his first convocation address, "Showtime is over."

The show is over and A&T must show her University of North Carolina counterparts and the local media that she is a training ground for future leaders.

Chancellor Completes Plans For Homecoming

Editor of the Register:
I am pleased to announce that finalization of plans for Homecoming have been consummated as associated with the signing of contracts related to the "outside" musical groups who will visit our campus Saturday.

Based on the diligent work of Student Government Association President Stephen Kirk, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Jesse E. Marshall and Acting Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs Milton Harris, we have, after an eight-hour work session Monday in Harris' office, finalized the contract language associated with this SGAA initiated effort.

Our Legal Counsel, Attorney Lee D. Andrews, has verified the authenticity of the contracts. I have approved the validity of the same, and on that basis have authorized the affixing of our signatures to the necessary papers which make these contracts valid.

I want to commend the student body for its patience and willingness to "go that extra mile" as associated with the seriousness of discussions which have evolved, during the past ten days, in relationship to this contract signing endeavor.

I would note, in candid seriousness, that the procedures which were used this year for purposes of finalizing this contract process cannot be repeated. In the future, it is imperative for student body leadership, working with administrative staff, to initiate the necessary procedures to accommodate long-range goals of getting an authorized contract--well in advance--of the deadline for achieving this goal.

Recently, for example, it was necessary for Harris and his staff to spend more than eight hours in discussions and paper work and contract analyses, as related to this critically important endeavor. As it was said on more than one occasion, we must get our act together as associated with the business procedures related to the operation of this university.

We can no longer tolerate slip-shod management processes which, for whatever reason, cause delays, inaccuracies, inadequacies and insufficiencies associated with the bread and butter of this institution.

And while I am preaching, I should make another comment...As I understand it, the student body meeting several weeks ago, this is the last year (or, I hope, the last year that we, institutionally, will entertain a scenario wherein the student body is forced to wait until the time period September/October before knowing, precisely, the nature of individualized student organization budgets.

I have already indicated to Kirk and to other student body leaders, that before May (1982), the SGA must have finalized within its leadership, a process that will insure that adequately defined student representation will be present during the time period May-August/1982; as related to the operationalizing of clear-cut procedures designed to create and have readied for the Chancellor's examination, a viable student activities budget.

This means, that during the time period May/August 1982, all procedures must have been finalized in relationship to the step by step process which leads to the submission of a student activities budget, ultimately, to the Vice chancellor for fiscal affairs for his approval and the ultimate signature of the Chancellor.

With this anticipated commitment, in cooperation with the student body leadership, I feel quite confident we can accomplish this task.

It should be noted, parenthetically, that following my hour-long discussion with the Student Activity Allocation Committee, that Committee then went about the businesslike task of working until late in the evening for purposes of finalizing its recommendations concerned with the "Shape of the Table", as far as the new fiscal year's student activity budgets are concerned.

Once your state legislature votes on the adequacy of your budget proposals, and the same are then steered through the appropriate chairperson's desk to the vice chancellor for fiscal affairs, I shall be prepared to make the final decision related to this issue.

Let us keep in mind the fact that this is not only the flag-ship campus of historically black universities in the University of North Carolina System, but it represents the very essence of programs of quality and student body commitment.

Working together, as a team, we can maintain the surety of that reality as we seek to develop those programs and those processes which are ultimately designed to make this university great.

Dr. Edward B. Fort, Chancellor

University Should Use Student Energy

Editor of the Register:
So many times projects are planned at A&T, but don't get off the drawing board because of spurring costs and lack of funds. I ask why can't we use our own talents? We have prospective business, horticulturists, agriculturalists, engineers artists educators, sociologists, and the list goes on. I always believed that one learns by doing. Why not utilize our talents here at home more?

I salute Mr. Sumpter, the "talented" Aggies, and everybody else who extended their time and effort in lettering the end zones (and midfield) in Aggie Stadium. The students did an outstanding job, and the lettering adds more splendor to the stadium. Yes, we must admit "our" stadium may not compare to those other places in the New Orleans Superdome, but we can still be appreciative and proud of it for the simple fact that it's ours!

When we came back to school the beginning of this semester, we saw these brick structures being built around campus with North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University on them. Now finished, these structures look very good, but I'm almost sure that students can undertake these projects in and the finished project will look just as good as any professional job. The outstanding job the Aggies did with the lettering attests to this. Thus, the school would save money and students could apply book knowledge to common practice.

Again I'd like to say "Thanks" from all of us to all those that made this project possible. One would have to be mighty convincing to make me believe a professional job could look any better! Keep it up Aggies!!

Norbert A. Hopkins

Whitsett Alleges Foul Play In Queen Choosing

Editor of the Register:
I would like to share some disadvantages and advantages that I was involved in concerning running for the position of Miss Campus Security.

I was very interested in becoming a contestant for the title, so I inquired about the qualifications for running.

I was informed by security officer Robert Hardy to present speech, prove the qualifications, the judges, who were members of the security staff, and to dress very nicely.

Judgments were supposed to be based on personality, dress, poise, intelligence, presentation of speech and looks.

To my surprise, none of the guidelines above were adhered to.

First, I discovered I was the only one informed that I should prepare a speech. Secondly, the questions asked did not pertain to being elected queen, such as "Where were you the night of the promenade?" or "Do you have anything personal against the security staff?"

Thirdly, security officer James Brown said the actual judging was done by only two of the five judges.

Fourth, I observed that at random,/benders (females outside the lobby) were asked to run without prior knowledge of the guidelines.

Fifth, the election was at least 45 minutes late.

I feel strongly that I, as well as the other contestants, were treated unfairly because there were no written guidelines; I was the only one prepared in terms of the verbal guidelines given to me; contestants were informed that only "looks" would be a criteria (The poster supported this) "come dress to impress."

I was told by officer Hearing that the girl selected should not have any contact with the campus security.

This is contradictory, since members of an organization should know at least something about the person, or "persons" running.

There are two female security officers on staff, but neither was informed nor were they present at the judging.

There were rumors that this entire process was "fixed," but persons with information about this will not come forth. And lastly, I was not informed verbally or by letter who won.

Was I the victim of a joke? This is serious business. For those interested females and organizations, here are some tips.

- Organizations should have guidelines in writing, and these guidelines should be adhered to.
- No false advertisement should be displayed.
- Organizations should be represented by more than two joes.

Robin Whitsett

A benefit gourmet breakfast will be given for the University Choir on Homecoming Day morning from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Hayes-Taylor YMCA at the corner of Dudley and Market Streets. In addition to a variety of omelettes complemented with salads, breads, juices and coffee, a talent/fashion/art show will be provided for entertainment. Advance reservations are required and can be made with a $10 per plate donation by Oct. 5. Eat an enjoyable and delightful breakfast and support the University Choir. Make checks payable to N.C. A&T State University Choir, Frazier Hall, N.C. A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina 27411.
City Stage Offers Fun For All

By ROSALIND STINSON

The streets of downtown Greensboro were filled with vendors of art, fabrics, leather, jewelry, food and drink during the second annual City Stage Celebration.

City Stage was sponsored by the United Arts Council and Miller Brewing Co. The two day festival was free to the public and spread laughter and music throughout the streets.

Five stages were set up for live entertainment provided by some well known performers, such as Ramsey Lewis and Donald Byrd and also local talent from the UNC-G Theater, the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

Artists displayed tie dye shirts, shirts and fabrics. Paintings ranging from $5-9000 were also on display.

Kirk: Administrators Would Not Negotiate

By RONALD JOHNSON

S.G.A. officials said Thursday that a proposed homecoming show was cancelled because the administration did not want to negotiate with the promoters.

According to S.G.A. President Stephen Kirk, the Greensboro Coliseum cancelled because not enough tickets were sold to bring the promoters a profit.

Kirk said promoters wanted to bring the concert on campus and they discussed the possibility of holding the show in Corbett Sport Center.

Kirk said "The original plans were that 4000 tickets would be sold to A&T students at $4 and general admission at $8, plus A&T would get a 10 percent cut of the net profit of $8,000,000."

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*IN THE SPOTLIGHT*

The first of the week launched the beginning of Homecoming week. Sunday was the annual Gospel Show including the A&T Gospel Choir. Monday, a Comedy Show was performed by New York comedian Charlie Burnett.

Charlie Burnett was born in Boston, Mass., and moved to New York, New York, at the age of 19. "My roots are in North Carolina; that's where my parents are from," said Burnett.

Burnett has performed on the sidewalks of Greenwich Village and Wall Street. "My humor consists of what is called, Black humor, where I talk about sex, different ethnic groups, politics and the realities faced by society--especially Blacks. I've been doing comedy for four years. I got started by pretending I was Bob Dylan and a friend took me to a club for my first public performance," said Burnett.

Burnett tells about Iranians, Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Chinese and Whites, jokes about disease, drugs, muggings, and homosexuals.

Burnett uses profanity and had the students laughing as he shouted obsequities while joking. He has opened such acts as Teddy Pendergrass, Noel Pointer, Change, and Patrice Labelle. "This was my first performance at A&T and in Greensboro. I had a good time and A&T students are a great crowd," said Burnett.

This was the mid-point for the forthcoming festivities of the '81 Homecoming events. Happy Homecoming!

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McCollum: ‘Symbol Of Aggie Spirit’

By JOHN MICHAEL

He has been on the faculty for 28 years. He loves his work with the volunteers and young people who surround the multi-colored floats and decorations. This is evident by the time he spends with impatient questions from freshmen who haven’t ordered enough materials to cover their first float.

A&T averages about 15 floats a year under the guidance of his company Unique Decorations. But this year, 12 floats will be produced for the student body.

Williams also said, “Some organizations have been slow paying ‘Mr. Mack,’” but he has been gracious enough to complete their floats the following year while losing money and time.”

Homecoming ‘81 will be new and different to some but McCollum said, “The students are the same and haven’t changed much over the years. They still come out to help more in the spring than homecoming.”

When asked about a past homecoming of particular significance, McCollum reflected on the year of 1968. He had returned to his Durham home to get a public address system for a student government sponsored dance, only to learn of his mother’s death. When he returned to Greensboro, he said, “My help had disappeared and I had to do the work myself.”

In discussing the value of homecoming, he said, “Homecoming for some is the first time that they will ride on a float or be in a parade. The alumni and students enjoy seeing a nice parade and it adds a lot of color to the occasion.”

McCollum said he wanted to tell everyone how especially nice the math department faculty has been to me and how much I appreciate them.” McCollum said he wanted students and faculty alike to understand the circumstances surrounding last year’s troubled coronation and of the possibility of a repeat performance this year.

“Promises to let us in Corbett Center early to prepare for the coronation were not kept and we were not given adequate time or assistance to prepare the way we can.”

“The first coronation in Corbett was beautiful, but the last two years have been slow,” he said.

The college marching band participated in the parade and halftime show but they did not incorporate dance routines into their performance.

During this era the band consisted of about 15 to 20 members.

The traditional homecoming parade, was still, a big part of the activities.

Long ago, the parade traveled down Elm Street and according to its way to the stadium.

Kirk said that the meaning of the parade was to show the city what A&T was doing. With this purpose in mind, participating departments would design floats that would communicate an educational message to the public.

She said that many people have a tendency to see the razzle-dazzle of the parade without seeing its true meaning.

Even though homecoming activities were not as expensive and elaborate in past years, it is still remembered by some as a meaningful occasion that will not be readily forgotten.

Kirk—

(Continued From Page 6) — the overhead from the show.”

The agreement emphasized that the production would pay for all expenses, including stage crew, lighting for the set, and security guards, and A&T provided the facilities for the concert.

The show was to be advertised as a “Super Homecoming Weekend,” featuring Saturday night and Sunday shows which students would only pay $6 for both nights, Kirk said.

According to Kirk, “The problem was the university wasn’t open to the whole situation and was not open to a sound business deal.

“The university wanted $4000 down—unconditional, non-refundable—for the use of the facilities of the Corbett Sports Center. Plus, 20 percent of the gross profit of the show.” Kirk also said.

The whole activity was for the students, and administrators expressed themselves as if the students had no say so on what should happen.”

Kirk also said, “I really believe it was a loss. It would have tripped off a great homecoming weekend, and it wouldn’t have taking away from Saturday’s show consisting of the Barkays, Starpoint, and Kilowatt. I think the student really wanted that (the Clamo show).”
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West Wants To Prove Aggies Are Good Team In '81

The primary source of optimism surrounding the North Carolina A&T football program was the return of "Operation Push," the Aggie offensive line which provided the up-front blocking that enabled A&T to set numerous rushing records and go on to lead the nation's NCAA-I-AA schools in rushing.

Floretta Bethea Will Join Aggies '81-82

By Raymond Moody

If it's possible to have a perfect attitude in athletics, Floretta Bethea certainly does have it.

Bethea, a native of Lexington, N.C. and signee of Aggieette basketball coach Joyce Spruill, Bethea, a product of Lexington High School, was varsity all地区 and averaged 23.3 points and 12.5 rebounds a game, said she would be coming back to see limited action during the up-coming basketball season.

"I really don't look forward to playing much this year. Bethea said in Moore Gymnasium. "I realize there were people here last year who deserve to play. When a freshman gets an opportunity to an experienced program, the freshman has to wait his turn to play. If I'm needed, though, I will be ready.

Bethea admitted she didn't come from an outstanding program at Lexington High School. She said her team's record last year was about 12-11.

"During my Junior year, there was another good program of North Carolina A&T. The following year, I was a freshman. But she graduated and during my senior year I was the only person who could really play. We weren't a very good team.

According to Bethea, there was quite a recruiting battle going on for her services.

"I was recruited heavily by WSSU, High Point College, J.C. Smith, A&T and Greenville, College (S.C.)," stated Bethea. "My high school and Clemson University wanted me to attend Greenville College and then transfer to Clemson. But I wasn't interested. I then narrowed it to A&T and Winston-Salem basically because my father is a resident of Guilford County. I picked A&T over Winston-Salem because A&T's program was the better."

Bethea said she was impressed by her team's ability, especially, Junior guard, Marsha Simmons, and she said she was quite fond of Coach Spruill.

"Marsha is an extremely good player," Bethea said. "And I can't say enough about Coach Spruill. I think she's a nice person and a good coach. Without her, I wouldn't have made it this far at A&T. She helped me with my game and I also listened to music and studying. I also like playing recreational basketball to relax."

"I'll do have a major goal. I'd like to become a professional basketball player. If I can't do that, I'd like to make a career in the Navy."

Experience at defensive end was of primary concern to North Carolina A&T's Aggies in pre-season workouts, and Coach_John Wilkins has worked long and hard for players to fill the vital positions.

Following a Jackcluster 1-2, in which the Aggies have surrendered 400 yards each game, the coach hopes he's solved one of the defensive problems.

Randall Ponder, a native of McDonough, Ga., is an impressive 6-8 and 250-pounder who's been plagued by injuries much of his collegiate career. McKinley, in a move to strengthen the defense, inserted him at defensive end against Bethune-Cookman last week.

The veteran responded with six unassisted tackles, four assists and one fumble recovery which led to an early 7-0 A&T lead. Ponder also caused a second-half fumble.

"We're trying to maintain consistency," said Ponder, "but we had a letdown against Bethune-Cookman man after shutting them off early. The defense turned the ball over to the offense in good field position twice in the early going and we were able to build a 9-0 lead," said the Aggies' defensive end.

But the Wildcats soon wiped that out with three first-half touchdowns, and A&T suffered its second loss in as many weeks following an opening win over Winston-Salem State.

"Overall, I don't think we played poorly even though we didn't win," concluded Ponder. "But we need to be tougher on defense and give the offense more time to accomplish something."

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10. Bethune-Cookman - 3-2-0
11. N.C. A&T - 2-2-0
12. Florida A&M - 2-2-0
13. Elizabeth City - 3-1-0
14. Mississippi Valley - 2-2-1
15. Southern - 2-2-1

Shearer Leads Women Runners

By WADE NASH

If you've noticed a group of girls jogging in the mornings and afternoons, these ladies aren't doing this to stay in shape, they're members of the A&T Women Cross Country team.

This is the girls first year and currently they've been holding their own. The girls placed fourth in the St. Augustine Invitational and defeated J.C. Smith in a recent duel meet.

The girls have been led by freshman Leischia Shearer, placing seventh at St. Augustine and second in a meet with J.C. Smith.

Ponder Solves One A&T Problem.

The team consists of Shearer from Cincinnati, Ohio and her specialties are the 400 meters, 200 meters and 880 meters.

Greensboro Dudley graduate Vicki Hayes is another promising freshman. Hayes received the outstanding female track award last year and she adds talent to our program. Hayes is good in the long jump, sprints, and relays.

Other members are Janice Ray, Eden, N.C.; Cassandra Squire, Jacksonville, Florida; Robin Jones, Greensboro, N.C.; Yvette Richard, High Point, N.C.; Sherri Jackson, Savannah, Ga.; Shawna Smith, Greensboro, N.C.; and Debra Moore, Greensboro, N.C. and Debra Harris from Detroit, Michigan.

The girls are coached by former Aggie track star Roy "Spaceman" Thompson. Thompson has been a competitor in organized track for 20 years, and participated in the Junior Olympics. Thompson was a teammate of Elvin Bethea, Houston Oiler defensive end, when he was nationally-ranked power throwing the shotput. Thompson knows track and it's an honor to have Thompson working with the Aggies. Thompson served as a team member with the Greensboro Indians Track Club. Thompson recently formed the Greensboro Champions, a team consisting of Greensboro and Guilford County area youth track stars.
Tommye Brown

Miss North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University 1981-1982
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Applauded by her court, Dr. Fort, and Greta Shaw, Ms. A&T Tommye Brown accepts her position. (Photo by E-Man)

Peaches and Herb excite the crowd at Citystage Sunday. (Photo by Tyson)

SUAB Queen Mona Davis receives her crown. (Photo by Tyson)

Wally Bell portrays the evil Capt. HEW. (Photo by E-Man)

Taking her final stroll as Miss A&T, Greta Shaw passes through the saber detail. (Photo by E-Man)

Sharon Meishan preparing for the big event. (Photo by Michael Whitaker)
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Nine Aggie Players Return For 1981-82 Season

When evaluating the basketball prospects for the 1981-82 season at A&T, it's even difficult for the low-keyed approach of third year head coach Don Corbett to prevail.

Don Corbett

The Aggies return four starters and nine of the team's top ten performers from last season's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference regular season championship squad, which finished with a 21-8 overall mark.

Included in that sparkling record was an appearance in the National Invitation Tournament against Duke University. A&T lost that contest 79-69, but started a lineup consisting of three sophomores, one freshman and a senior.

With the maturity gained last season and the exposure of playing in a major national tournament, the Aggies take aim on even higher stakes as the new season approaches.

Leading the list of returnees is first team all-MEAC guard, 6-3 James "Doc" Anderson. Anderson lead the team in scoring at 17.9 points-per-game and provided valuable leadership for the young Aggie squad. Anderson played both ends of the floor and returns this season as the MEAC's top offensive player.

Joining Anderson in the backcourt is 5-11 Ron Stinchcomb who teamed with Anderson in College Park High in Atlanta, Ga., in leading the school to sixty consecutive victories, one of the longest win streaks in the state's history.

Stinchcomb was injured just prior to the MEAC tournament, but was able to fall and many followers believe that had he been healthy, the Aggies would have represented the conference in the NCAA playoffs, instead of Howard University.

Stinchcomb was able to play in the NIT, scoring 15 points and handing off five assists against Vince Taylor, reputedly one of the best defensive guards in the nation. The Aggies have excellent depth at the position in 6-3 sophomore, Brian Bucker, 6-4 sophomore Willie Powell, 6-4 sophomore Artis Gaines, 6-4 junior Kenny Bodie, and a trio of talented newcomers.

The newcomers include 6-3 Tony Thomas of Brooklyn, N.Y., via Laurinburg Institute, where he broke several of the school's single season scoring and assist records; 6-3 Eric Boyd of Charlotte, and 6-0 Harlan Frye, a transfer from Howard University who will become eligible in January.

The frontcourt is equally impressive and with the maturity of 6-8, 205 Joe Binion, the Aggies feel they may have the type of player who can dominate play at both ends of the floor.

Binion, only a sophomore, entered the university with some impressive statistics, including the national high school record for the most points and rebounds—41 and 42 respectively—ever scored in a single game.

He demonstrated those talents on numerous occasions as he lead the Aggies in rebounding 13 times last season, including a high of 20 against Delaware State. His most impressive individual statistic came in a losing effort, however against Jackson State in Jackson, Miss.

In that contest, Binion battled 6-10 JSU center Audie Norris on the boards and outdueled that highly regarded star, scoring 18 points and grabbing 19 rebounds.

Joining Binion at the other forward will be either 6-7 junior Antoine Collins or 6-6 junior James Horace. Horace was a starter his freshman season and was named as one of the MEAC's leading rookies.

The pair split playing time last season and their combined presence gives the Aggies exceptional depth and quality at the position. Both are excellent shooters and rebounders.

Other frontcourt performers expected to make a contribution to the A&T squad this season include 6-7 Daryl Battle and 6-6 sophomore Greg Fortune.

The post position will be contended for by three physically talented prospects: 6-7, 215 junior Joe Loper, a native of Senegal, West Africa, where he was rated as one of the country's top performers before enrolling at A&T; 6-7, 220 junior Tony Glover, who has seen considerable action in two previous seasons and 6-6, 210 sophomore Warren Berry, who is an excellent rebounder.

Loper sat out last season with an injury, but is now fully recovered and at this writing may have a slight edge over the other candidates.

"Certainly on paper we appear strong, and we have the talent available to improve on what we accomplished a year ago," said Corbett, who was selected by his coaching colleagues as the MEAC's Coach of the Year last season.

"But basketball games are won on the playing floor, and we can't rely on what we did a year ago or the fact that we have so many people returning."

"You can look around the league and the country to find any number of teams who enjoyed a big season and had a nucleus returning the following season, but failed to meet high expectations," he said.

"We are a young team, with no seniors. The potential is there if we approach each contest with a high level of intensity and execute game plan."

C-C Team Hopes To Regain Title

BY WADE NASH

A&T ventured into cross country in 1980 and their very first team captured the Mid Eastern Athletic Conference Championship. This year's team has more depth and there's an outstanding chance they will repeat it in 1981.

This year the defending champions have participated in two meets placing fifth in the St. Augustine's Invitational and first in a duel meet with J.C. Smith.

Leading the way for the Aggies in both meets were that cross country duo of Tim Nixon and Dan Fritz, both of whom made last year's MEAC's cross-country team.

Nixon and Fritz are team captains and, in a recent interview, Nixon said, "Last year's team had a few individuals in comparison to this year's team. This squad has depth, unity and talent."

Nixon and Fritz are both sophomores from Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia Pa., respectively. Fritz made these comments about the cross country team. "Last year's team had a lot of problems with depth due to ineligible members. Injuries plagued us throughout the year, but we jelled at the right time and won the championship."


The cross country team will compete in the N.C. State Cross Country Meet at Duke Oct. 17, in Durham. Men's track is under the guidance of Coach Melvin Pinckney.

Pinckney is eager to defend the cross country championship and he's happy about the prospects for spring track.
Homecoming week at A&T is the most celebrated time of the year. Aggies come to Greensboro from around the country and you can feel the family atmosphere. Students and alumni party between work and the city and A&T prosper financially.

The majority of this year's squad celebrated homecoming last year with a 52-0 victory. This year, Jim McKinley has promised a win and doesn't anticipate the scoring explosion of Homecoming '80. against Delaware State.

Mississippi Valley poses a much greater threat and there's a reason to be cautious this year. The Aggies and McKinley have always been considered lucky, but you make your own luck. The Aggies got by J.C. Smith 19-18 with a vicious comeback. The game wasn't pretty but McKinley said, "A win is a win."

The Aggies survived a bitter upset attempt by former Aggie coach and player Wylie Harris. The Smith contest was a real nail-biter and McKinley was surprised that the fans started to exit when the score was 18-6 in Smith's favor.

McKinley said, "I was amazed at the way our fans responded when things looked bad. I'm glad my team and coaches staff didn't feel that way and quit. Aggies should remember it's not over till it's over."

I could understand McKinley's point, but I told him I shared those same hopeless feelings others showed.

Defeat was spared by a tremendous catch by Toby Macon, but the team usually responds well under pressure-if they're still in the game.

The Aggie defense deserves praising this week. The offense lost 7-of-10 turnovers and the defense shut down the Golden Bulls when it was do or die.

This week's contest with Mississippi Valley will present an entirely different problem: the Delta Devils are blessed with speed and size.

Louis Watson runs a 9.6 100-yard dash and 6.1 in the 60-yard dash.

Last week Watson burned Southern for two big passes and one was a 79-yard scoring strike at the end of the game, that led to the Delta Devils 21-16 win. He took a short bomb near midfield and outran the Southern secondary with no clock time remaining.

Phil Darns, James Haynes, Reggie Barnes and James Green anchor the Delta Devils defensive line.

The Aggies won't be over-confident for this contest and thoughts of last year's game should give the Aggies intensity.
Sports

Valley’s win over Southern University.

The Aggie offense is in for a stern test Saturday. The Aggie offense, however, totaled 384 yards last Saturday against J.C. Smith, 295 yards came on the ground.

"After the Bethune-Cookman game, we felt we’d been passing the ball too much," A&T’s coach Jim McKinley said. "We’re going to start doing what we do best, and that’s running the football."

The 2-2 Aggies return three offensive starters against Mississippi Valley who didn’t play against J.C. Smith. They are Maurice Bryant, Don Spicely, and Thomas Boone, three members of the Aggie offensive wall.

McKinley said, "Mississippi Valley is the second largest team we’ll face. The largest will be Tennessee State. Mississippi Valley will be very physical and they put the ball in the air a lot. Our offense must hold on to the ball and not turn it over after 40 yard gains."

He is pleased with the way freshman Quarterback Steve Lynn has responded under pressure.

"Lynn has shown a lot of maturity and has held up well under fire. I hope he and the rest of the squad keeps the homecoming activities and the game in its proper perspective. Sometimes the activities get their minds off the game."

The Delta Devils have an explosive offense. They run the PRO I offense and are led by two consistent backs in Ricky Carson and Jeremiah Snow.

A&T’s defense has been like a see-saw in 1981, up for a while, and then down. The defense played well for three quarters in the WSSU game and two quarters in the S.C. State and Bethune-Cookman games.

In the Smith contest, the Aggie defense gave up 272 yards in total offense. But, when the Aggies had to stop the Golden Bulls in the fourth quarter, the Aggies were successful.

"The defense will have to play consistently to win," McKinley said. "I’m pleased with the team’s effort overall and freshman cornerback Tim Williams showed vast improvement last week."

Last year in Greenwood, Miss., the Aggies barely escaped with a 17-16 win over the Delta Devils. The game was all A&T until the fourth quarter when the Delta Devils scored 16 points. The fourth quarter was controversial because the Delta Devils used five downs to score their final touchdown.

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