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Students Poor in a Fire

Mills Damaged $400,000

Heard about the fire that damaged some of the buildings.

Guilford Affairs to a New Plan.

The new plan is being developed to address the issues raised.

Students in a Council Meeting.

The students are being encouraged to participate in the decision-making process.

The next meeting will be held next week to discuss further.

The Infirmary.

Most common illnesses are covered under the infirmary plan.

BY AUDREY L. WILLIAMS

All A&T graduate and undergraduate students taking three hours or more are automatically covered under the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan.

But because of today's high medical costs, the plan cannot cover unexpected hospital expenditures.

Students Needing Hospital (See Students Page B)

find out what their limitations are, said Dr. Prabhakar D. Pende, director of S.P. Sebastian Infirmary.

The infirmary does not cover hospital cost or outside medical attention from another physician, said Faye Caple, infirmary records clerk.

How Effective Is Kirk?

See Story Page 2.

John Forbes Elected Mayor

The new council will be the first in 13 years without a Black member.

The Rev. Prince Graves, St. James Baptist Church pastor, placed 10th in the voting (with 10,477 votes) after placing fifth in the October primary.

Greensboro "We are just going to have to get into the Black community and get them into the mainstream of life in Greensboro."
Says Students: ‘Kirk Lacks Leadership’

By LAUREL A. LEWIS

Many A&T students believe Student Government Association President Stephen Kirk is not doing a good job and a lack of leadership was cited as the main factor contributing to his ineffectiveness, according to a recent student poll.

Stephen Kirk

"He just can’t relate to the students as well as Pam McCorkle, last year’s SGA President, did," said Jerome Council, a senior industrial education major. "Pam was a much better speaker, and was more outgoing than Stephen. He needs to take a stand and start making himself more known than he has in the past," he added.

A young man from Winston-Salem, who preferred not to be identified, said he doesn’t think Stephen has the ability to be a leader.

"I think Pam was a much better organizer and maybe a better speaker. Stephen is good speaking on a one-on-one basis, but he isn’t good speaking publicly," he added.

"Pam, as SGA president, was more visible, and made herself known more. I think Kirk could improve more by having more meetings in the auditorium as Pam did," he added.

James Balkum, a freshman mechanical engineering major, from Rochester, N.Y., felt Stephen could improve by communicating more.

"He needs to show more leadership, and communicate more with the students as well as the vice-chancellor. He’s trying, but he definitely needs improvement," said Balkum.

"Although I don’t know all his responsibilities, I think he’s a little slack," he added.

Sharon Best, a sophomore chemistry major from Washington, D.C., thinks the SGA needs to promote opportunities to get students involved.

"SGA doesn’t promote activities enough, such as dances in the gym, and other things happening on campus. They are only losing money because they don’t stress it enough," Best said.

"There is no unity. You never hear anything from the SGA until something happens," in reference to Stephen Kirk as SGA president, Best thinks he needs improvement.

"He has pressures coming from students, rivalries, and faculty. I’m not going to say anyone can get up in front of people and do what he does, and maybe he’s doing it to the best of his ability, but he leaves a lot to be desired."

"He doesn’t relate to the students well," said Terry Modica, a sophomore from Robinsonville.

"I went to some of the meetings in the auditorium and he never would answer a question directly. It seems he was trying to hide something at the meeting before homecoming. Many students don’t understand him and I know I don’t," she added.

However, Brendolyn Smith, a freshman from Chesapeake, Virginia, had no complaints about Kirk.

"I didn’t attend homecoming activities because I didn’t have the time. But I think he’s doing a pretty good job. I have no complaints," she said.

"I think he is doing a little better than Pam," said Tina Alexander, a business major for High Point. "I think the show was o.k. at least it started on time, whereas last year it was late and hot in the gym."

In reference to homecoming, many of the students were disappointed with the activities, especially the homecoming show.

"I preferred the disco music played between setting up the band," said Vanessa Kornegay, a freshman computer science major.

"I didn’t care for the groups at all.

"Kilowatt is a local group and you usually don’t have local groups for homecoming," said Michele Hughes, fashion merchandising major.

"The show could have been better, and it wasn’t organized at all. The game was good but people look forward to the show afterwards," she said.

"Winston-Salem is a smaller school, and their homecoming was much better than A&T’s. A&T is supposed to be a big high-class school and they couldn’t do any better than that."

"I would have preferred having Phyllis Hyman, Al Jarreau, and someone of that nature, rather than whom we had," said an unidentified student.

"I don’t think the money (See Kirk Page 6) was spent wisely."

Mitchell Wins Shuttle Contest

By JOSIHAH OPATI

Scottie Mitchell, a 19-year-old junior industrial technology student from Pinkhill, recently won the Third Annual A&T State University Student Flying Contest.

Mitchell spent a total of 24 hours putting his rocket together for the stock competition. In fact, he said he did no trial flights at all prior to the actual flight time Saturday, which was unusual compared to the other competitors.

He said he just followed the rocket assembly instructions carefully.

This was also his first attempt building a rocket, and he was quite successful at it. His best flight time was 34.7 seconds, almost 12 seconds better than last year’s winning time by Gary Branch. This is a new university record time.

Mitchell won a $75 first prize award. Reynolds Taylor, A&T’s Student Flying Club President, prepared his craft for the record-setting flight.

Sophomore Class Collects $500 In Fire Fund Drive

The Sophomore class is presently conducting a fund drive for Miss A&T, Tommye Brown, whose house was damaged by fire last month.

Contributions from the university community have totaled $500.00.

A place is needed to store items salvaged from the house. The project will not end until Dec. 15, according to Jeffery Boyce, sophomore class president.

The Sophomore class is awaiting contributions from two local churches.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has also contacted several realtors, in hopes that a house can be purchased by December.

Boyce said that Miss A&T has done a tremendous job in representing the student body within the university as a whole. He also added that, “the onward thrust for contributing to this worthy cause can be realized through donations of the many registered organizations on campus.”

Boyce pointed out several activity goals for the sophomore class:

Establishing a book review program.

Working very closely with non-profit organizations.

Initiating motivational activities between faculty and students. It is anticipated that there will be a “Be Kind to Students” and “Be Kind to Teachers” Day.

Promoting a “Let’s Talk It Over” program, where students and faculty will dine together to discuss issues.

Other personalities who contributed to the success of the fire contest were display judges - Julius Ledbetter, Phyllis Fennell, Derel Dunn, and Keith Scott; statisticians - Rita Joyner and Cynthia Bannister; flight judges - Joe Trottie, Shawn Cheston, and Kelvin Brooks.

The contest was supervised by A&T physics professor Dr. S.T. Ahrens.

Sponsors of the $300 contest were Raytheon, TRW-DSSG, Owens-Illinois, Digital Equipment, General Electric, and RCA.
In The Spotlight
By ROSALIND STINSON

The music industry is booming. Recording studios will tape anything no matter the shape, form or fashion of the music. Has the Federal Communications Commission stopped censorship? The '81 tunes consist of songs such as "Words," "Snapshot," "Crackin," and one in particular, "Controversy," which is a controversial issue. The artist, Prince, is known for his musical sexual abstractions such as his hit for 1980, "Head," and it hit the top of the charts. How does it get to the top? The consumer puts it there. Have you music listeners really listened to the words in "Controversy," or just the music? Prince could be called a radical. A man against the system.
He wishes there were no Black, white, rules and "we all were nude.
The dream of a madman or one who wants to live in a free, natural setting? It's nevertheless, no excuse for exploiting God. Has anyone noticed that Prince recites the Lord's Prayer in "Controversy"? It's possible that he's praying for the things he wants. But why not be silent in his prayers, for we all may not agree?
If there were no Black and white, then many that put him on the charts might not have done so if no one existed. Wonder what race Prince belongs to? Music listeners, listen to what you buy, or does music control your thoughts and feelings.

CAMPUS HAPS

Lack of funds made it impossible to provide Student Handbooks for all students. Copies of the 1980-82 Student Handbook, however, have been distributed and placed in strategic locations about the campus. Students are encouraged to request and to read the Handbook to apprise themselves of its contents. The location of the Handbooks are as follows:
Bluford Library
Student Government Association Office
All Residence Halls Offices
Student Union Information Desk and Office
Campus Security Office
School Deans Offices
Vice Chancellors Offices
Student Affairs Area Heads Offices
Office of Student Affairs
The Register will hold a reporters' meeting Nov. 9, 6 p.m., at the Register House on Nocho Street. All interested persons should attend.

Scott Records Single, Vocalist
By ROSALIND E. POSTELL
Karen Scott has been told more than once she has no talent. She has appeared in only a few pageants. She is not from New York, Detroit, or Los Angeles, but from a small, southern town where it is almost impossible to be discovered.

Karen Scott. Small town girl with big city goals. But, the junior from Goldsboro recently recorded a record entitled "Don't want to lose your love" with the group, Satin Finish.
Earlier this year, New Jersey manager Douglas Jackson, an entertainment manager from New Jersey, established a second home in Goldsboro in order to expose the rich talent found in small, southern towns, Scott said. When he organized a band of local talent called Satin Finish, the need for a lead singer arose and Scott's name was repeatedly given to Douglas.

The record, recorded in early October, has been released in New York. It will filter southward, receiving airplay in different areas of the country, Scott said. The record, according to Scott, will be in Greensboro in three weeks and it is in her hometown now.
"I like the limelight," she said. Scott was exposed to music early in life. "I love pleasing people with singing."
Her father, a former jazz singer, presently sings gospel.

Jazz Spirit Alive At Concert
By RONALD M. JOHNSON
Jazz is a lively spirit, and Thursday in Harrison Auditorium, the spirit of Alan Neese filled the air.
Neese, a 46 year old jazz musician from Greensboro, stood firmly in front of a crowd of approximately 100 students and faculty as he overwhemed the audience with his musical genius.
The evening began with an array of selections by the North Carolina A&T Jazz Ensemble. The first selection was "We And Us" by Ernie Wilkins. They continued with a selection from "Sophia" by Gato Barbieri and arranged by Bob Lowden. Immediately following the selection, William C. Smiley, director of the Jazz Ensemble, introduced Neese with a musical piece from Paul Clark "Misty" by Erroll Garner.
Other Neese selections included the following: "I Can't Get Started" by Your Duke, "Back Home" by Don Menza.

But the evening was not all Neese's, as Denise Bradley, a sophomore music major from South Carolina, sang "Feelings" by Morris Albert and "Satin Doll" by the late great Duke Ellington.
A selection by the jazz band "Sobar 7979" by Bill Smiley, followed Bradley.
The selection included a drum solo from Thomas Brisbane, a senior music major from Bronx, New York. Neese finished the concert with "Autumn Leaves" by Johnny Mercer, and "And, There You Have It!" by Larry Monroe.
As he walked off the stage, the audience showed Neese its appreciation with a standing ovation.
Neese is currently performing with the Triad Jazz Quintet. Within his 25 years of musical experience, Neese feels the only thing left for him now is to record his own music in a series of albums because I still like to create music," he said.
Good Job Fella!

The Register Golden Fleece Award is presented to Security Officer B. J. Brooks for his prompt response in towing away a car that was parked in a private parking zone. Office Brooks' actions gave the A&T Computer Director free access to his private space, and resulted in a net loss of $15 (wrecker fee) to members of the Register staff.

True, the staff member broke a sacred campus taboo by parking in an administrative area (shame, shame) and his ears were pinched severely so that this never happens again. But one question remains unanswered: Why did Officer Brooks allow the owner of a blue BMW to park in a "no parking zone" and escape without even getting a slap on the wrist.

The officer informed the staff that he can only answer one call at a time, but people have parked illegally in this area for many moons without even getting a citation from campus security. On one occasion, a vehicle was parked in this no parking zone a security officer was driving by. The officer's name eludes me at the moment, watched the car with marked interest, but issued no ticket, nor did he call the wrecker.

As staffers tried to negotiate for the safe release of the "Green Ba Ba," Officer Brooks said the officer had no legitimate complaint. His car was in the wrong and a settlement consisted of either paying the $15 fine, or letting the "Ba Ba" take a ride to who knows where. But while this debut was in progress, the BMW owner, in few view of the officer, drove away without getting a pink slip.

So, from this day forward, the Register will make a special effort to notify campus security whenever anyone violates the sacred edict of parking in a no parking zone.

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Student Safety First

By Audrey L. Williams

A few years ago a tragedy occurred at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh. A young coe was brutally stabbed to death in the shower by an unknown assailant.

During the past weeks—right here at home—violent incidents have occurred repeatedly. An infiltration of Greensboro's rejects have begun to invade A&T.

The Saint Augustine's tragedy could become one of our own if the problem of limited security measures isn't alleviated soon.

Some of the incidents that occur may not not all result from Greensboro's rejects, but they are becoming a menace.

Tighter security efforts may be questionable because of a shortage of manpower or a limited budget. But shouldn't the health and well-being of students come first?

A front page story in the Greensboro Daily News will not help matters. We cannot afford to let violence and other degenerative acts befall the campus.

The Saint Augustine's tragedy could become one of our own if the problem of limited security measures isn't alleviated soon.

This is a matter of importance and urgency that students should not overlook.

The campus police are doing the best job they can to protect students, but there is a definite need to take other measures for the safety of our "Dear Aggies."
Responsibility Applies To Many Facets of Life

Editor of the Register:
This year, the Secretary of Academic and Community Affairs will try to present information on self-help, self-awareness, and self-conscious thought on why we are here.

Our first topic is "Responsibility." It can be applied to caring more of our campus, supporting our organizations and many other areas of campus life.

Responsibility starts with the willingness to experience yourself as a cause in the matter.

Responsibility is not a burden, fault, praise, blame, credit, shame, or guilt. All these judgments and evaluations of good and bad, right or wrong, and better and worse.

They are not responsibilities. They are derived from a ground of being in which self is considered to be a thing or an object rather than context.

Responsibility starts with the willingness to deal with a situation from more than one point of view. Whether you realize it or not, you are the source of what you are, what you do, and what you have. This point of view includes even what is done to you, and, ultimately, what another does to another.

Ultimate responsibility is a context of self as source—for the content, for what we do...

Carl Locus
Secretary of Academic and Community Affairs

Students Need City Politics Involvement

Editor of the Register:
Two days after the great whitewash of '81 in the Greensboro mayoral and city council elections, much of the community remains in shock and feels digest. This is an effect that has always been stacked against Blacks, native Americans, poor people and caring individuals, but never has the lack of district representation been more visible than the Nov. 3, 1981, disaster.

Clearly, an all-white, arch-conservative city council and a mayor who campaigned on the slogan, "If you want change, I'm not your man," will give little or no representation to move more than two-thirds of the city's 160,000 citizens. The suoig campaign of Mayor-elect John Forbes, who has shown no evidence of ability to think for himself, will have to give way to the realities of running a city in deep trouble without the assistance of his mental midget partner, departing Mayor E.S. Melvin.

The election process has always been shaky in the "University City" because special interests and big money have put their puppets in office and have pulled the strings to keep Greensboro green. Never has this been more evident than in Tuesday's elections, when three quickly formed ad hoc committees of right wing businessmen and professional people of corporate persuasion joined reactionary hands and flooded the media with a barrage of adv. that advocated stopping "radical change" about to be voted in place in their "All-American " city.

The real facts do not support the Stand Up For Greensboro Committee's compulsive contentions. The city's two main Black political committees—the Progressive Committee and the Greensboro Citizens Association—endorsed a slate of candidates who merly favored district elections and represented the entire city, rather than the perpetuations of northwest Greensboro's stranglehold on the city's political destiny.

This endorsement, as well as the support of all people of goodwill, is about as radical as a camel wanting his share of water after walking through the desert. The candidates—Dorothy Bardolph, Lonnie Revels, the Rev. Prince Graves, Jim Kirkpatrick and Katie Dorsett—were alienated into a two-sations, Bardolph and Kirkpatrick, after a $25,000-plus media blitz of emotional pleas that fed on the fears of an already divided citizenry.

Jack Elam, the mayor before the Melvin regime, was the leader of the money push, along with another political dinosaur, Carson Bain. Elam was not satisfied with the four victories his coalition acquired and was quick to point his finger of displeasure at Bardolph and Kirkpatrick, saying, "We still have some more work to do... We have to get rid of the remaining liberals and put more conservatives on the council."

There is hope the entire potential voting population will read these reactionary statements and awake from a slumber that has permitted dark shadows to cover the real issues and stifle our capable political leadership. We, as people, must rise from the ashes of this defeat and begin voter registration and education immediately. The fact that a mere five percent of A&T and Bennett students voted is a glaring testimony to the work that lies ahead.

Aggies and Belles must unite in an effort to get themselves in a position to vote with intelligence, so capable leaders, like our own Dr. Katie Dorsett, are placed in office.

The mayor and council must be put on notice and held accountable over the next two years that they serve. We must continue to carry a message to the council chambers when an issue is on the agenda that affects us.

Dissent and peaceful protest are proper tools we can use in addressing city council and let no one persuade you that the power of consistency is not effective. Faith in one another and total support for an agreed upon slate of candidates are the baums that can heal the wounds of this election.

Finally, I would ask that an anonymous declaration of wisdom that I was fortunate to witness be considered. It simply read, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil over good is for good men to do nothing." This election was not a mandate of the people to place the mayor and new council in office. Through hard work and togetherness we will bear witness to a new day in Greensboro.

In unity,
John Michael

Thomas Harris, Captain of the Pershing Rifles, receives the $100 George C. Legrand Memorial Incentive for P/Rs from Lt. Col. Monroe Fuller, Professor of Aerospace Studies, as Lt. Col. Charles Jackson, Professor of Military Science, witnesses. (Photo by Michael Whitaker)
Information on business ownership opportunities in the rapidly growing franchise field is contained in the 15th edition of the Franchise Opportunities Handbook published by the Commerce Department.

The handbook is prepared especially to help minority men and women interested in franchised business.

It is published by Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the Bureau of Industrial Economics.

The publication lists 949 franchise companies, divided into industries, that do not discriminate on the basis of color, race, or national origin in the availability, terms, or conditions of their franchises.

“Franchising continues to be one of the rapidly growing forms of business because it offers a business through which individuals with limited capital and experience can own or operate their own businesses,” said MBDA Director Victor M. Rivera.

Black Schools Train Black Professional

By MANNING MARABLE

The historically Black college is largely the direct product of racial segregation. Ninety-one of the 107 Black colleges were established before 1910.

Generally underfinanced and inadequately staffed, Black higher education was permitted to exist only in skeletal form during the long night of White Supremacy.

As late as 1946, only four Black colleges—Howard University, Fisk University, Talladega College and North Carolina College for Negroes (now North Carolina Central University)—were accredited by the Association of American Universities. In the school year 1945-46, Black undergraduate enrollment was 43,878 in Black colleges. Less than 1,800 attended Black professional schools; only 116 were training to become lawyers.

Even after the passage of expanded educational legislation, the number of Afro-Americans who were financially able to attend college was pitifully small. By 1950, 41,000 “minority” men and 42,000 “minority” women (Blacks, Asians, etc.) ages 18-24 attended colleges—about 4.5 percent of their total age grouping.

That same year, by the way of contrast, 1,025,000 white males between 18-24 years old attended college—15 percent of the total white age group.

The function of the Black college was, at least from the view of white society, to train Negroes to accept a “separate and unequal” position within American life.

The Black Schools Train Black Professional

The Civil Rights and Black Power Movements, combined with a political shift of the U.S. government under the Johnson Administration toward implementation of some affirmative action guidelines, transformed Black education.

By 1970, 192,000 Black men and 225,000 Black women between ages 18-24 attended college. The overall percentage of Black youth enrolled in college, 15.5 percent, contrasted with the white attendance figures of 34 percent for males and 21 percent for females.

Five years later, 294,000 Black men and 372,000 Black women between ages 18-24 were in college, respectively 20 and 21 percent of their age group. The most recent available statistics, for the years 1976 and 1977, reveal a slight decline in Black college enrollment—a testament of the political assaults against Black educational opportunity of the 1970’s.

The total numbers of Black college youth slipped from 749,000 to 721,000, and the percentage of Black college students within the 18-24 age group declined from 22.0 to 20.2 percent.

Despite the desegregation of white universities, traditionally Black institutions continue to serve majority of Blacks seeking college or professional training.

Twenty-five percent of all Blacks in higher education attended the 35 state-supported Black colleges. More than 60 percent of all Black students attend all Black colleges. Sixty-two percent of all Black M.D.s and 73 percent of all Black Ph.D.’s are products of these institutions.

Desegregation proved to be both a blessing and a curse. It created the conditions for a virtual revolution in Black educational opportunities.

Simultaneously, the liberalization of white educational institutions permitted many of the best Black intellectuals to leave the South for more prestigious post at Northern and West Coast universities.

The generation of Black middle class professionals trained at Howard and Fisk in the 1940’s, sent their children to Harvard and Berkeley. The Black Power explosion on white campuses from the mid-60’s to early 1970’s accelerated the crisis as the most militant and progressive Black scholar/activists left traditionally Black institutions to work in Afro-American studies departments on white campuses.

With the rapid growth of state-supported two year colleges and vocational schools in the 1960’s and 1970’s, the mostly private Black institutions found themselves in severe financial straitjackets. By 1978, 41.1 percent of all Blacks were enrolled in two-year degree programs, versus 34 percent for whites.

"Also, the decision of the listed franchisors to participate in this effort to make equal business opportunity meaningful is a positive commitment to help minority groups who are the most common victims of discrimination," he said.

The handbook includes background on franchise systems of marketing, advice for prospective franchise investors, and a checklist for the use of a franchise opportunity.

It also contains information on business and franchise assistance programs as well as a bibliography of published materials on the subject of franchising.


Kirk

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Eve Barham said she did not attend the show because she did not like the groups that appeared.

"I was disappointed. The groups weren't inspiring, and I had not heard of some of them. Also, we could have had fund raisers and had someone really nice like Earth, Wind, and Fire, Teddy Pendergrass, and Michael Jackson," Barham added.

"Homecoming was the pits," said Marsha Jackson, a senior home economics major.

"The only thing I liked about the entire homecoming was the coronation. That was together. But the show was totally unorganized and I didn't like the groups that we had. In my opinion, I think it was awful.

Transfer student Walter Murray said homecoming "was a let down, especially since it's my first year here.

When asked how he thought Kirk is doing as SGA president, he said he thought he was doing all right.

"I guess he's doing o.k. Wait a minute. Who is Stephen Kirk? Is he the guy with the beard?"

Students

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attention must first clear their bill with the hospital after they are discharged. Afterwards, the student may then file an insurance claim with the infirmary if he is covered by another insurance plan.

"He made sure the student received a list from the credit union of students who have negotiated to pay hospital or doctor bills.

Students who have outstanding bills will not graduate until their debts are paid.

A major problem at the student center, according to the infirmary records office, is the lack of medical history records for each student. Presently there are 500 files of students with no medical history.

"If we administer medication to a student and he is a diabetic and has a reaction, his parents will hold us responsible," Caple said.
Danny Thomas Replaces Pitts

By RAYMOND MOODY

A college athlete often feels he's a better player than one who's listed higher on his team's depth chart. In many instances, the athlete opts to transfer to a school where he can play immediately.

FAMU's Danny Thomas is one who never thought of transferring because he knew someday he would be a starting back for North Carolina A&T.

After being second team for two years and a half, Thomas was finally granted an opportunity to start Oct. 19, when former starter Wayman Pitts quit the team, after walking off the green field. Thomas indicated he was sorry to see Pitts quit the team although he then realized his goal to become a starter had finally become a reality. "I thought it was a mistake for Wayman to quit," Thomas said in his room Tuesday. "He was having a super year, but, when I was called on to start, I was ready."

According to his statistics, Thomas couldn't have been further from the truth. In his first outing as a starter, Thomas rushed for 157 yards on 25 carries and caught three passes for 114 yards against Howard University. Thomas followed that performance with an equally impressive performance against Morgan State in Baltimore, where he scored three touchdowns and rushed for 112 yards.

"I've been having some success running the ball the last two games," said Thomas, who led the NCAA-IAA in kickoff returns last year with a 25.3 average. "All the credit to my success goes to the offensive line," he added. "They do a great job of blocking and, most of the time, they leave some large holes. I have the easy job. All I have to do is run."

1980 wasn't a slouch year for Thomas. The Wagster, S.C., native chalked up 472 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns. Thomas averaged 5.0 yards a carry, which was three-tenths less than starter Wayman Pitts.

"I never thought of myself being better than Wayman," Thomas claimed. "Wayman's an excellent back. I was second team and I was able to accept that fact. I was just waiting for my turn."

Thomas said that, when he was playing on the second team, he was never interested in taking Pitts' job. According to Thomas, there wasn't much competitiveness between the two athletes.

"Wayman and I are roommates and are very good friends," Thomas stated. "We eat and we share everything."

"When I was playing behind Wayman, it wasn't my matter of trying to take his starting position," he continued. "I was doing my best so I could get some playing time."

"We were relaxed at practice sessions. We even joked during practice sessions. We weren't that competitive."

Thomas feels a reason he was satisfied as a second teamer because of the way Aggie coach Jim McKinley used him last year. Thomas played in all Aggie games last year, either as a substitute tailback or as a kick-off return specialist.

"I was getting a lot of chances to run the ball," Thomas said. "And I got the opportunity to run some fullback plays in practice, so I figured I'd be used as Charlie Sutton's back-up also. I got the impression I would be starting at the fullback position next year."

"I've always been confident of my ability, even when I didn't play much. And I'm looking forward to our next three games," Thomas stated. "We want to prove we're a good team and I can't think of three better teams to beat than Florida A&M, Tennessee State, and North Carolina Central."

Danny Thomas story proves that good things do come to those who wait.

Volleyball Team Loses First Game In Six

By TANYA RICH

This year's volleyball team, whose record is 11 and 3, lost its first game in six against Winthrop College and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. A game win would have tied the team for first place in its division.

"A team that wins together loses together, which is a vital part of the team that fails to realize," said Susan Page, a key member of the team.

Another teammate, Lori Erwin, added, "I think we were just as good as if not better than the other teams, but they played better ball." Things were just not together."

Annette Yancy commented that it was mere chaos on the court.

"We could have beat them if everyone hustled," Page said. "A lot of problems could have been alleviated if we had made a little more effort in positions." She's not challenging the potential of the players. She can not relate to the player on an individual basis."

Coach Vivian Fuller said, "Yesterday we played the (See Volleyball Page 8)
Aggies Seek MEAC Win Against FAMU Saturday

BY RAYMOND MOODY
North Carolina A&T will attempt to win its second consecutive game Saturday, when Florida A&M invades A&T's Aggie Stadium in a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game.

The game is critical for the Rattlers because they are currently one game behind S.C. State in the conference's standings. S.C. State defeated FAMU 16-15 to obtain its one-game lead.

The Aggies have been eliminated from the conference's championship; however, they can avert a last-place finish by virtue of a win Saturday. The Aggies haven't won a conference game this season.

"This game is very important to us also," said Coach Jim McKinley in a telephone interview Friday. We want to win this one because we need three wins in a row in order to have a winning season."

The Aggies are currently 3-5 with three games remaining. Florida A&M enters the contest Saturday ranked fourth in total offense, an area that is troublesome sometimes to the Aggie defense.

Quarterbacking the Rattlers is Nathaniel Koonce, who is currently listed as the conference's top passer.

Koonce has passed for 873 yards and one touchdown in 1981.

His favorite receivers rank second and third in the MEAC in pass receptions. Ray Alexander, a 6-5 leaper, has caught 25 passes for 343 yards, while Clarence Chester, who's listed at 6-4, has been on the receiving end 18 times for 293 yards.

"They're outstanding receivers," McKinley said.

"And Koonce is an excellent quarterback. We have a lot of respect for them, but we feel they aren't any better than Morgan State's receivers," McKinley insisted.

The Rattlers, defensively, are ranked third in total defense in the MEAC, having given up 1833 yards on 430 plays for a 4.2 average and 13 touchdowns.

However, the Rattlers have the second best defense against the run in the conference. The Rattlers give up an average of 102.5 yards a game for an average of 2.6 yards per carry.

"We're going to have to play well," admitted McKinley. "They're as good defensively as S.C. State. We're just going to go out and do what we do best."

The top two defensive players for the Rattlers are nose guard R.C. Eason and linebacker Erwin Wright. Eason has recorded 32 solo and 14 assisted tackles in 1981, while Wright is credited with 28 solos and 17 assists.

The kick-off is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball

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The team's morale after the loss seemed to be quiet and reluctant, but Fuller said she thinks the team will resolve the problems.

She also said the team lacked the mental attitude and Coach Fuller said, "The needed to improve as far as only way we can place first in height and determination are the division is if we win the concerned tournament."

The volleyball team's state tournament is coming up soon.

Wade "Whiz Kid Nash
Raymond “Black Greek” Moody
Last week 19-5-1
Last week 21-3-1
Overall 135-62-3
Overall 133-64-3

1. FAMU
2. S.C. State
3. Salisbury State
4. Alcorn
5. Grambling
6. Jackson State
7. UAPB
8. Southern
9. Clemson
10. Penn State
11. Wake Forest
12. Hampton
13. FSU
14. WSSU
15. Elon
16. Va. Union
17. Norfolk
18. NCCU
19. Maryland

FAMU at A&T
Bethune-Cookman at S.C. State
Delaware St. at Salisbury St.
Miss. Valley at Alcorn
Alabama St. at Grambling
Texas Southern at Jackson St.
Prairie View at UAPB
So. Louisiana at Southern
Clemson at Carolina
Penn. State at N.C. State
Duke at Wake Forest
Hampton at St. Pauls
Dis. of Columbia at FSU
ECSU at WSSU
Elon at Newberry
Morgan at Va. Union
Va. State at Norfolk State
NCCU at JCSU
Maryland at Tulane

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