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Carmichael: Students Organize

By AUDREY L. WILLIAMS

Former Black Panther member Stokely Carmichael urged students in a fiery address last week to organize themselves in an effort to help bring together people of African descent.

Speaking to about 300 students in Harrison Auditorium, Carmichael condemned the American government and capitalistic system as racist and oppressive.

Carmichael's hour-plus speech was interrupted more than 25 times by applause, and he received two standing ovations.

He has been touring the U.S. since November. Carmichael who has adopted the name, Kwame Toure has been living in Guinea, West Africa, more than 10 years.

Carmichael is recruiting African Americans for the All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party in hopes of organizing some 900 million persons of African descent throughout the world.

The activist said Blacks need to come together because they're being oppressed in capitalistic systems to the point that they are not allowed to even think for themselves. Instead they react to stimuli.

Carmichael argued that many Blacks are disillusioned about their true ancestry and, because of negative views

given them by America, neglect the concerns of Africa.

"Any African who is ashamed of Africa, is an ignorant African," he said.

"Africa is on fire. It has famine and drought but African Americans are not even concerned about their own country. Instead, our college students are bugaboos when they should be concerned," he added.

As he enthralled the audience with his captivating personality, Carmichael constantly insisted that the only way for Blacks to unify is through organizations.

"If you love your people and wish to be united and all you do is sit, then you are worth zero to the cause," he said.

"Capitalism is the enemy. Any system that treats us the way we are treated needs to be overthrown by us!"

"The capitalistic system not only makes one ignorant, but arrogant in his ignorance," he added.

In verbal attack on American religious beliefs, Carmichael said Blacks have been led to believe that the major religions were founded in Europe.

To the contrary, Carmichael said his research shows that the major religions - Christianity, Judaism and Islam- were founded in Africa.

"Anyone who knows anything about the Bible knows that Jesus Christ could be one of several colors, but the one color he couldn't be is white," Carmichael said to what was probably the loudest applause of the night.

He said that Jesus was born in Palestine and never ventured into the European or Western continents.

Throughout his speech, Carmichael told the audience that socialism will someday rule the world. He urged students to join his revolutionary party which embraces "scientific socialism" - an economic system in which factories and other means of production are owned by "the people."

Scientific is the first step toward communism, he said.

"The capitalistic system will be destroyed by the people for the love of justice," he said.

"Our history is one of constant struggle and our hatred for the system is increasing, not diminishing."

Carmichael urged students to become aware of how Blacks are being oppressed.

"If you come to this university just to get a better job, house and car, you have automatically betrayed the blood of your people."

Immediately after Carmichael's address, he answered questions from the audience.

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Merle Code: The Revolution Is Not Over Yet

By MICHAEL THOMPSON and MICHAEL RATCLIFF

Merle Code fired up a cold audience in Paul Robeson Theatre Sunday night, declaring that the civil rights movement in the sixties and peaked in the '60s, is not over yet.

Code, a former professional football player, was a judge in South Carolina, was the final speaker in a series of programs sponsored by the SGA in celebration of Black History Month.

His audience of 100 or so wore coats and gloves to keep warm in the unheated theater.

But Code, a 1970 Cum Laude graduate in mathematics, fired them up intellectually, declaring, “The revolution is not over.”

“I am what I am by the grace of God. I hear sounds of a drum roll in my right ear; I hear the trumpet call in my left ear. I see the massive gathering of the forces at the bottom of the slope for the march up the hill. For the revolution is not over.”

He encouraged Blacks to work together for progress rather than depending on the generosity of others to succeed.

“The Black man has to want to work with his people,” the Greenville, S.C., district court judge said. “The Black man must form Black consciousness to strengthen us as a people. We must simply begin to support ourselves.

“The white supporter of you is against you in the eighties because you are threatening his pocketbook.”

Code continued, “We all know the conscious of the white man is green.”

Code, who graduated from the University of South Carolina law school in 1979, spoke in a forceful voice which at times seemed to reveal anger. But he said he just wanted students to understand that they will not face a job market receptive to affirmative action as many Blacks found in the seventies.

Alerted are not enough Black students in professional sports for many to get the kind of break he got, Code said. He was the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference’s player of the year in 1969 as a standout football player. He played five years for the Canadian Football League and two years with the Memphis Southern in the defunct World Football League. Code, a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, covered different aspects of Black history in his speech.

He stressed that Black students should be aware of their history, noting that is impossible for one to know where he is going without knowing where he is coming from.

He said Blacks were made to resist each other during slavery because of their different skin complexities.

“The lighter skinned Blacks always got favored treatment, he said, such as being chosen to work in the master’s house while the darker skinned Blacks would be sent to the fields. The resentments which that favored treatment continues to exist, but not longer in that form, he said.

“More than 50 years later, the Black is Beautiful!” slogan, as well as the Black is Beautiful language, which whites adopted, said Code. Bo Derek, star of the movie, is a perfect example of the love affair with Black women that has worn the hairstyle for hundreds of years, he added.

He described the sixties as an era of social, civil rights and humanitarian gains. There were two opposing viewpoints at this time; the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., appealed to the consciousness of Blacks, while radicals such as Huey Newton assumed the attitude of “burn it down,” he said.

Whites supported King’s efforts because “they didn’t want to carry burning torches,” Code said.

Moving forward, Code said that the issues of the 80’s are no longer concerned with the right to eat in Woolworth’s or sleep at a Holiday Inn. Today the Black person says, “When am I going to own a Woolworth’s or a Holiday Inn?” Blacks want to achieve economical and political power, which will create better jobs and higher incomes.

Blacks do not own one percent of the top percent of any industries, Code said. “Get into business and help each other stay in business,” he added. “Blacks need to support each other.”

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Vandals Cause $500 Damages In Corbett

By WADE NASH

Vandals caused about $500 in damages by destroying ceiling tiles, brackets, exit light fixtures, and wiring Saturday night at a dance sponsored by the Student Government Association in Corbett Gymnasium.

Larry C. Burwell, maintenance mechanic for Corbett Gym, discovered the damage at midnight Saturday and said he was very disappointed with the conduct of a few of the participants.

“I questioned the use of the education facilities as a dance hall from the beginning. I suggested to Stephen Kirk, SGA president, and Miss Dorothy Bailey, SGA adviser, to use Moore Gym,” Burwell said.

“Stephen said Moore Gym wasn’t what we wanted, and we’ve got the power to use Corbett when we want it,” Burwell said.

Burwell said the exit light fixtures and wiring contained 277 volts of electricity and the students that are responsible endangered themselves and the facility.

“The students could’ve been electrocuted and the wiring damage could’ve resulted in an electrical fire. Not only did the vandals risk injury to themselves, but possibly to anyone that walked through the southend ground floor because the wires dangled at eye level,” he said.

“When I found the damage, I immediately reported it to Miss Bailey and Bailey called Vice Chancellor for student Affairs, Dr. Jesse Marshall. Marshall wanted the dance stopped, but Miss Bailey advised him that only one hour remained.”

“I cut off the electrical power to this area to reduce the chances of injuries or fire, and then secured the area by locking all doors that led to the damaged area,” Burwell said. He then reported it to the Security Police so they could make a vandalism report.

Kirk and Bailey were disappointed in the actions of the students. Bailey noted that other groups that frequent the facility never damaged it.

Dr. Marshall said, “I talked with Miss Bailey and Kirk about the incident and explained Marshall’s view about the situation. Chancellor Edward B. Fort is aware and I don’t think it will curtail the use of the gymnasium.”

He added that the security police don’t have a lead, but this action emphasizes that students don’t care about the facilities, or there are people in the city that don’t have any respect for A&T.

“If it’s an A&T student, he’ll be suspended plus be forced to pay for the damage,” Marshall said. “It’s a policy of the school that the organization that uses the facility be responsible for absorbing the damages.”

Cal Irvin, chairman of Physical Education

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This method of searching in literature offers speed, (See CARES Page 3)
*IN THE SPOTLIGHT*

By ROSALIND STINSON

What would you ladies do if you found out the man you married was a homosexual?

This is what happened to former Charlie's Angel, Kate Jackson recently released motion picture Making Love.

The movie is full of feelings and true to life realities.

In the movie Jackson's husband, Michael Ontkean, formerly of television's now defunct Rookies expresses his desire to make love to another man, Harry Hamlin.

Hurt and disgusted, Jackson puts her anger aside, and her true love for Ontkean shows; she does not want to lose him, but could you women share your man with another man?

Finding it difficult to live with a woman and play the role of a true husband, Ontkean moves out and moves in with Hamlin.

The heartwarming tearjerker has been released across the country. The theme song Making Love is also sweeping the nation. The single is recorded on Atlantic Records and sung by Roberta Flack, who recorded Feel Like Making Love, but the movie is not to be confused with that song.

Making Love (the song) was written by Carole Bayer Sager, Bruce Roberts and Burt Bacharach.

Flack's recording is featured in the movie soundtrack and Atlantic is releasing a single with a color photograph of the three stars.

CAMPUS HAPS

There will be an important Student Cluster Activities Council meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Placement Center, Murphy Hall, Room 101.

The Organization of Mass Communications Students will hold regular meetings on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in Room 228 Crosby Hall. The guest speaker for this meeting is James Jeffries, a cameraman for television station WFMY. His topic will be Minorities in local television.

The School of Engineering is sponsoring an Engineering-In-Training (E.I.T.) Review Lecture and Tutorial Series for the community through April 10 on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 226, Cherry Hall. Registration fee for the E.I.T. Workshop is $125. For registration information, contact Dr. Ronald O. Smith, Office of Continuing Education at A&T at 379-7607.

Would you like to get to know Joan Armatrading, Ella McIwine and other women in music? Well you can. Janet Baldwin starts a new music program called Women in Music. On Tuesdays and Thursdays on the campus radio station W.N.A.A. 90.5 F.M.

Baldwin will feature an hour long show of women musicians 11 a.m.-1 p.m. She will also profile new artists. Baldwin is a junior majoring in speech communications. The program is co-produced by Susan Rembert, station program director.

The A&T Jazz Ensemble honored the accomplishments of great jazz musicians in a recent performance in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom. The musicians are (top photo, 1st row, l to r): Rudy Himnant, Todd Burks, Michael Hairston, Rod Truesdale and Lathan Dixon. (2nd row, 1 to r) Willie Walker, Thomas Bradshaw, Steve Gregory, LaJoy Cheek, Roland Akins, William Lloyd, Ivan Hall and (hidden) Michael Rock (bottom left photo) Michael Hairston, Willie Walker and drummer Tom Brisbane. (right photo) Aggie Charles Morrison, Hairston, Walker, Brisbane and pianist Turner Battle (not pictured) recently participated in the UNC Jazz Festival in Chapel Hill, where Battle and Brisbane received outstanding soloist awards. They are members of the quartet Oobladee. (photo by Randall Taylor)

A Review

By JODY R. MARTIN

Although considered by many as the best comedy team since Laurel and Hardy, John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd fall slightly short in their latest movie, Neighbors.

This movie is about an "average" suburbanite named Earl Keece (Belushi), whose family becomes involved in some weird happenings after new neighbors move in next door. The neighbors of course are Dan Aykroyd and Cathy Moriarty as his wife Ramona.

The action and the comedy of "Neighbors" sporadically come and go throughout the movie, leaving many instances slightly drab and boring. The end result is a movie with several short, humorous skits pieced together within longer, average material.

This movie tries to present a best of Belushi and Aykroyd from "Saturday Night Live" but, in reality, we get two below-average performances. Most of the action centers around the two major stars and Cathy Moriarty plays her part well as the sultry, seductive Ramona.

Even though "Neighbors" is interesting in parts, it does not have the same comedic excellence as the "Blues Brothers" movie and the performances of the actors-especially Belushi--come nowhere near past performances (such as in "Continental Divide"). "Neighbors," rated R, is currently playing at the Quaker Cinema Theatres.

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No Longer Secret

National Security Council Memorandum-46: A secret document compiled during the Carter administration that contains methods to prevent Black Americans and Africans from working in harmony against the oppression. Dated March 17, 1978, this report has statistics about the U.S. government's political and economic interests in Africa and how its exploitation of the region will be greatly hampered if Black Americans and Africans worked in concert against it.

The report explains that the national liberation movement in Africa can act as a "catalyst on the American Black community by stimulating its organizational consolidation and by inducing radical actions."

Black American support for Africa, according to the report, could lead to protest against U.S. policy toward South Africa, accompanied by boycotts of banks and corporations that do business with South Africa, the re-emergence of pan-African ideals, resurrection of protest marches recalling the days of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., renewal of extremist national idea of establishing an "African Republic" on American soil and leftist radical actions of the Black community could resume extremist action in the style of the defunct Black Panther Party.

To counter these possible activities, the report recommends devising a range of actions from special programs that will divide the Black community and neutralize radical leftist organizations, to preventing durable ties between U.S. Black organization and radical groups in Africa.

Copies of this memorandum have been covertly smuggled to various people across the country. The Carolina Peacemaker questioned state department officials about its authenticity and they said the document was from special programs familiar with government jargon said it is indeed real. If "Skipper Carter" did this to the people who with blind faith put him in office, one can imagine what "Hollywood Ray-gun" is doing. Students need to know the contents of this memo and various campus organizations will make copies of it available to all who want to read it. This is just one fish that got away. Think about the whales currently locked in government holding tanks.

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The Defense Rests!

Justice! What does it really mean?

According to Webster's New World College Dictionary, justice is the use and authority of power to uphold what is right.

Wayne Williams, convicted murderer of two of Atlanta's 28 slain young Blacks, has been given two life sentences for the murders.

On the mere evidence of carpet fibers and some 30-odd witnesses from out of the blue, justice was served?

Or maybe Williams, like so many other Blacks, was just a victim of circumstance who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Some may be so naïve as to say justice was done because the majority of the jurors were Black.

These people also happen to be victims of circumstances, with pressures of a conviction pending over their heads.

In Newark, N.J., recently, a young Black man of the famed Guardian Angels was shot and killed.

He was shot by a New Jersey police officer.

But there were credible witnesses. So what?

The officer, a law abiding, trigger-happy, Anglo-Saxon was cleared of all charges.

The Scottsboro Boys convicted almost a half century ago of raping two white women in a small southern town were also victims of circumstances.

Years after serving time in prison, one was pardoned by then-President, Gerald Ford.

Some revolutionaries, such as Stokley Carmichael who was here last week, say the Black vote isn't worth a dime.

Wrong! The Black vote is a powerful one, if you don't believe it, then be on the lookout for the next presidential candidates. They will acknowledge the Black community and make all the right promises.

There have been too many Black victims of circumstances within the imbalances of justice. You must put an end to injustice before it puts an end to you.

The only way to overcome these prejudicial discrepancies is by the voting ballot. It is the weapon that can defeat the imbalance of justice.

Circumstance may someday find its way to you, handing you a bullet or a life sentence.

The defense rests its case!

Late Semester Blues

By Tony Moore

Did you wake up this morning dreading going to a particular class more than you have all semester?

Are you behind in that class and maybe not performing quite up to snuff?

Did you miss Friday's deadline to withdraw from classes without penalty?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, then you may have contracted a case of the Late Semester Blues.

They come on about this time every semester and last until final examination or grade report time.

There is no cure, only minor treatment.

You may elect to withdraw from the class anyway, accepting a failing grade outright, but eliminating all obligations for class attendance.

You can remain on the roster and not attend class, thereby insuring a failing grade.

You can remain on the roster, attend class, do the assignments to the best of your ability, seek outside help such as tutoring and hope it's not all for nought.

Maybe a conference with the coach could help speed recovery.

A tough course got you singin' the Late Semester Blues? If it's any consolation, you're not alone.
Aggies! University Dance Company Does Exist

Editor of the Register:
This letter is to introduce the A&T student body and faculty members to the A&T State University Dance Company. The majority of students and faculty do not realize the existence of our company. We are a dedicated, aspiring group of young people interested in perfecting the art of dance. The company has been in existence for many years, but due to the limited support of university officials, it has operated on personal funds, self-inspiration, and pride. This year, we were allocated funds by the university and are very appreciative for their support. We, the members of the A&T Dance Company, are under the direction of Dr. Eleanor W. Gwynn, assistant professor of physical education, and Shelia J. Pettiford is our assistant faculty adviser. Marcha A. Martin serves as president and assistant director; James D. Hall is our treasurer and publicity manager and Sharon A. Watkins serves as assistant technique director. The following persons, Ishmael Whitfield, Sandra Walker, Jennifer Bridges, Antionette Haynes, Kenny Springs, Anthony Westbrook, (student at Dudley High School), Debra Moore, Ellen Hall, Alvin Godfrey, and Thomas Johnson are members of the group. Yvette Webster is the drummer.

We are seeking your support and cooperation as we attempt to perform for our school and others as well. This is a listing of dates and places where we will perform or have already performed: February 18 - Barber Scotia College; February 24 - Elon College; March 27 - A&T State (International Students' Day); April 22 - A&T State (Spring Concert).

Again we ask for your support, understanding and cooperation as we attempt to perform, improve our minds and be respectable young adults in this challenging world. It is our hope that, with more students learning about the company, talented, energetic, dedicated persons in the area of dance can find a sense of belonging.

Thank you,
James D. Hall
Publicity Manager

Scholarships for Engineering and Nursing Majors

Each year the U.S. Army provides more than 1800 two- and three-year scholarships to college student who qualify. The Army presently has a great demand for engineers and nursing students. A&T students majoring in either of these two disciplines who have an overall GPA of 2.7 or better may qualify for one of the scholarships. Students in other majors would need a minimum overall GPA of 2.9.

Army ROTC scholarships pay for complete college tuition, textbooks, laboratory fees and other purely academic expenses. Scholarship recipients also receive a tax free living allowance of up to $1000 each school year that the scholarship is in effect. ROTC scholarships may be valued between $3900 and $10,000, including pay earned for attending the advanced camp during the summer between the junior and senior years of college.

A&T presently has 16 students on ROTC scholarships. All interested (See Scholarship Page 8)

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THE U.S. COAST GUARD
Conference

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Tucker joined CBS News as a correspondent in the Washington Bureau in May 1977. He is currently on general assignment, with primary responsibility for coverage of the labor movement. Before he joined CBS News, he was a correspondent with ABC News in New York.

On March 30, 1981, Tucker was covering President Reagan at a speaking engagement at the Washington Hilton Hotel and witnessed the shooting of the President on the sidewalk outside the hotel. He was on CBS Radio within minutes, broadcasting from a drug store across the street from the site of the shooting, and, for the next 40 minutes, he provided in-depth coverage of the assassination attempt.

He continued his coverage of the story, reporting for CBS News broadcasts on the CBS Radio and Television Networks, into the early morning.

Dr. Johnson holds the Ph.D. degree in mass communications and educational psychology from the University of Wisconsin. She also holds a master's degree in journalism and educational policy and the bachelor's degree in journalism from that institution.

She taught at the University of Wisconsin for seven years. She also taught at the University of Missouri and served as a general executive at the Courier-News in Bridgewater, New Jersey, and assistant to the publisher at the paper she now heads.

Johnson has also worked for television and radio stations.

Voting

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Bryan added that a grand jury should investigate the matter to see if the election laws have been violated, but later said he did not plan to seek an investigation.

Simkins said Bryan's statement "doesn't bother me a bit" and added that Bryan, who was once an administrative assistant to Senator Jesse Helms, was just mounting another conservative move to keep Blacks from registering.

Bryan also wanted the questionnaire in writing to slow down the registration process, Simkins said.

Cora Robinson, a Greensboro real estate dealer, recommended discarding the written questionnaire. Board chairman Richard Tate, a High Point lawyer, sought a compromise and eventually suggested the system that was approved. Tate and Bryan voted for the plan, but Robinson did not.

Carmichael

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Carmichael said, when he lived in the U.S., he never registered to vote.

"Whom will I vote for—the Republicans or the Democrats? They're all capitalists," he said.

Carmichael also commented on the 28 slain young Blacks in Atlanta.

"I'll just bet you in Atlanta in one month 28 black babies died because of poor health care," he said.

The Rev. Ralph Ross, director of religious activities, represented the administration at Carmichael's speech sponsored by the SGA.

"The kinds of statements we have heard here cause people to lose their lives," Ross said. "And laying your life on the line shows commitment."
Aggies On Five-Game Winning Streak

By WADE NASH

A&T will enter the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament riding a five-game winning streak that was sparked by the play of MEAC player of the year Joe Binion. The Aggies were impressive in their blowout victories of Jackson State, Tennessee State, University of Maryland Eastern-Shore and two wins over Florida A&M. The Jackson State and Tennessee State victories averaged earlier season losses.

Binion, a sophomore from Rochester, N.Y., received seven of the 13 votes cast by MEAC coaches. He averaged 19.8 points and 9.3 rebounds for the year, and there were times when many fans thought Binion was simply awesome. It's not unusual to see players dunk on fast breaks. But Binion takes two or three big men to the boards and then dunks.

These power moves have inspired Aggie fans and broken the backs of opposing teams. Binion ranks second in the MEAC in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots.

Binion is not a one-man show because he's surrounded by James Anderson, and Antoine Collins, Eric Boyd and others.

Anderson is a repeater on the All-MEAC team and is actually the heart of the team. Anderson plays his best under pressure and he considered the premiere guard in the conference. He is effective inside or out and he seems unstoppable when he wants to be.

Antoine Collins, a junior from Saginaw, Michigan, is noted for his rebounding—but, from 20 feet in, Collins can shoot with the best. When defenses try to stop Anderson and Binion, Collins usually alters their plan.

Collins averaged 9.4 points and 8.2 rebounds and was honorable mention on the All-MEAC team.

Freshman Eric Boyd has been a surprise for Corbett and the Charlotte native has adjusted well to playing point guard. Boyd was primarily a shooting guard in high school, but one can't tell by his leadership on the floor.

Boyd replaced last year's starter Ron Stinchcomb after five games, and he held the starting job by being productive as a scorer: 7.9 points per game, 2.4 assists, 2.9 rebounds and he had few turnovers, considering the amount of time he had the ball.

James Horace has started the last five games and his rebounding, defense and shooting has been a great asset to A&T's late season development. Until Horace won the job, Coach Don Corbett constantly looked for the right combination and now he feels he's got it.

Willie Powell, Joe Lopez, Ron Stinchcomb, Darrell Battle, Artie Gaines and Brian Booker have all contributed to the success of this year's team and their efforts can help the Aggies win the MEAC Tournament.

Corbett said, "Our players know their roles and we're peaking at the right time. We're winning our games by large margins and each player is giving over 100 percent effort." The MEAC tournament Championship has eluded Corbett the last two seasons, but a win seems imminent this year.

Binion added, "There is nothing I want more than the tournament championship and I feel my teammates and I will make every sacrifice we can to accomplish this goal. A&T is not a one or two man team but 12 individuals who come through when we have to."

"I hope we meet Howard in the finals because we want to beat the best team before we go after the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship round of 48 teams, he said.
Aggies Wrap Up Season; Prepare For Tournament

BY RAYMOND MOODY

Coach Don Corbett's Aggie basketball team wrapped up its regular season Saturday night with a 92-68 romp over Tennessee State University in Corbett Sports Center.

The Aggies are preparing this week for the upcoming Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament, which will be held in the Winston-Salem Coliseum March 5-7.

A&T is currently riding a five-game winning streak and lately the Aggies have looked invincible, currently sporting a 17-6 record.

"Our game against Tennessee State was the first game we executed to perfection," Corbett said.

"We ran our break and played excellent defense against a good basketball team.

Corbett's assistant, Tim Abney, agreed that the Aggies are playing well.

"I think we're playing good basketball," Abney stated. "I wish we could have played like this all year. But I remember last year how Indiana University experienced some problems earlier in the season, but they peaked in the tournament and won it all," he said.

"The way we're playing now, we could play with anyone."

The Aggies are led by 6-8 sophomore Joe Binion, who has been named the league's Most Valuable Player in 1982. Binion sports a 19-plus scoring average and a 9.6 rebound average.

"The award hasn't dawned on me yet," said Binion, who connected on more than 55 percent of his shots this year. "Maybe when I receive the trophy, I'll feel something."

"Joe has had a super year for us," Corbett said. "I was concerned that the award may have gone to Howard's James Ratiff because he was a senior. But Joe got it and I think he deserved it."

There is a possibility that Corbett and the Aggies will have to play in the tournament without the services of Binion, who has played in all 25 Aggie games this year. Binion hurt his leg late in the second half of the Tennessee State game.

"I was dribbling down court and I pivoted to make a pass, when I stepped on someone's foot and turned my ankle," Binion said Monday while leaning on one crutch. "But I'll be ready for the tournament. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Thomas Bynum, the Aggie's trainer, wasn't as optimistic as Binion about the player's return to action this week-end.

"We don't know right now," Bynum said. "We'll do some tests and see just what's wrong with his leg, but Binion will be all right," Bynum said jokingly, "he just wants to get out of practice this week."

"I'm hoping Joe can make it, but if he can't, we'll see just how much depth we have," Corbett said.

"But we've had some wins over some top teams lately, which should give us some momentum going into the tournament," he continued.

The MEAC tournament games have usually been close, and to win it, we must execute offensively and defensively. There is just too much talent in the league to rely on what you did during the regular season," Corbett said.

"We've got to come ready to play."