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CAREER DAY

A&T grads abound at career day

Company tries to solve minority shortage

By DEBORAH SANDERS
Business/Ad Manager

The shortage of minorities in corporate America is a problem concerning many corporate executives, and at least one is taking steps to solve it.

George E. Trimble, chief executive officer of Aminoil U.S.A. Inc., has started what he calls a "pipeline" that will link A&T students to his company in the early years of their college education.

"I am not fully convinced that corporate America has carried out the responsibilities of hiring minorities," Trimble said, addressing an audience of more than 300 persons at the eighth Career Activities Program banquet, Tuesday night. "My point is, are we in business doing enough to address the problem?"

"To insure a supply of engineers to meet our requirements, we knew had to make some steps," he said.

The steps he said are a \$50,000 grant to assist the engineering department, including a \$20,000 scholarship program, and an internship program.

Trimble stressed that dollars are only part of the solution to



Patrice D. Bridges, product manager for Mellon Bank and a '73 A&T grad, seen here with SGA President Bobby Hopkins (Photo by Jeff A. Nixon).

getting minorities. The other part includes the development of the student-something provided by Aminoil's internship program, he said.

Trimble said that not only does business have a responsibility to minority students, but students also have a responsibility to business.

Students should stay informed since intelligent

decisions can only be made when one has facts he said.

He encouraged the students to read copies of annual reports and to use publications to supplement textbook studies.

"Business is not as clearcut as the textbooks convey," Trimble said. It is the student's job to stay informed because "the quality of an institution is judged by its students and its graduates."

By DORIS PERSON
Staff Writer

Connie Ferguson was an electrical engineering major hoping to find a job possibility last October when she attended Career '81.

She wandered over to the International Paper Co. booth. After her conversation with their representative, she kept in touch with the company through A&T's placement center.

Today, she is an associate engineer with International Paper in Mobile, Ala., and represented the company at Career Day '82.

Engineering majors like Ferguson, and business students, again, were in greatest demand at Career Day, according to company representatives.

Most of the 107 companies represented were engineering, science, business and accounting firms. Some of the representatives said they could use liberal arts graduates.

Ferguson said, "Companies are interested in A&T because it is one of the top schools in the nation and produces quality engineers. It is

important to start looking for internships as freshmen and visit the placement center.

Al Paris of Texas Instruments said they had been participating in Career Day for the last seven years and average an A&T student per year. However, last year, they hired three engineering graduates.

Representatives Chileon Smith and Ruth Nuttage (A&T Alumni) of Aberdeen Proving Ground said they have a demand for graduates of physical science, mathematics, engineering and military installations.

Alumnus Charles Day of Abbots Laboratories hires graduates with liberal arts background as well as technical degrees. Abbots is a rapidly growing.

Deloitte, Haskins & Sells representative Johnny Lassiter (A&T accounting graduate) said accounting students should concentrate on maintaining a high grade point average and register with the placement center.

Several students said Career Day also helped them to make up their minds about what to major in.

Black College Day postponed

By DORIS PERSON
Staff Writer

Black College Day '82 has been postponed.

Organizers have been unable to get together to schedule the three-year old event which is held the last Monday in September, said Chris Wilson, vice president of the N.C. Association of Black Student Governments.

The organization, which represents the 11 Black state colleges and universities is waiting to hear from television commentator Tony Brown.

Brown, co-ordinator of the BCD, helped to launch the national Black College Day in 1979 in Washington, D.C.

BCD honors Black colleges

and universities across the nation and protests the threatening fate of Black schools.

SGA attorney general, Frank White, said A&T will support BCD whenever it is held.

"It won't have the same feeling and there would probably be a lack of participation from the students," White said. "It's like having Christmas in July."

Last year the event was held in Raleigh. SGA presidents from the state's Black schools participated.

Wilson said there has also been a lack of communication among officers of the organization and the schools.

"A tentative plan for BCD

is a boycott of white businesses along the route (in Raleigh) because merchants raised their prices for that day, such as the price of a soft drink which went from .35 to .65," Wilson said.

He also added that bands will not perform as in previous years because the media implied that it (the march) was a parade.

Last year the biggest event after the Winston-Salem State University--Aggie Classic was BCD. But now interest has faded among students.

"The reason for that is that there is no self-esteem," White said.

Manual Peace New SGA treasurer



Peace

Manual V. Peace was elected SGA treasurer Wednesday defeating Alfred Ashby, Forsythia Bess and Richard K. Martin.

A runoff election between Steven R. Jones and Gene Troy Jr. for freshman class president today.

Results were unavailable when the Register went to press.

Darryl M. Woodard won the office for freshman class vice president, and Donna L. Strickland was elected Miss Freshman Class.

Three freshman officers ran unopposed. They were Yolandra S. Garrett, secretary; Aaron Evans, Treasurer; and Angela F. Richardson, Miss Sophomore Class.

Curtis Brantley was the sole candidate for a slot on the 10-member Student Judiciary Council.

Simkins speaks at year's first campus chapter NAACP meeting

By NANETTA DURNELL
News Editor

Registering students to vote is the major goal of the campus chapter of the NAACP, its president, Barry Saunders, said at the first meeting Thursday night.

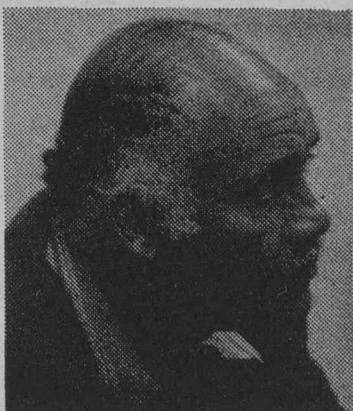
"Our main goal is to get as many students as possible registered by Oct. 4," Saunders told a sparse group of students in Memorial Student Union.

"From Oct. 4 to Nov. 2, we want to instill in the minds of students how important it is to vote and to vote for the right candidate.

Guest speaker Dr. George Simkins, president of the Greensboro chapter of the NAACP, reinforced Saunderson's goal.

"Between now and Oct. 4th we should get as many people ready to vote as we can," Simkins said.

"Eugene Johnson, (R-Guilford), was the only congressman to vote against the Voting Rights Act. The only thing positive about him is that he has one Black on his payroll."

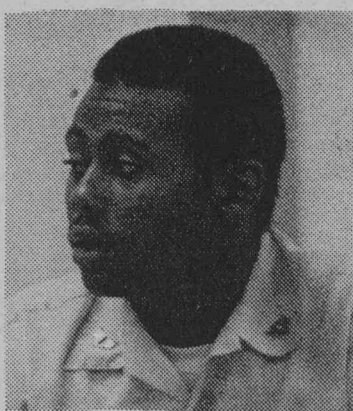


Simkins

Robin Britt, a Democrat, is running against Johnson for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Simkins said "there is a need for a voter registration and a voter education drive where there will be a platform for our candidates we are supporting to speak here at A&T."

The candidates Simkins mentioned are John M. Kilimanjaro for County Commissioner, a retired A&T professor; William "Bill" Martin, a Greensboro attorney and A&T graduate for N.C. State Senate; and Herman Gist, a local coffee merchant for the state House of Representatives.



Saunders

Currently, the political action committee of the Greensboro Citizens Association studies the issues, interviews the candidates, and judges who they will select for political support.

The A&T SGA and NAACP chapter are processing and planning a forum for area and state leaders on voter registration Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.

Saunders also wants to increase the current student membership in the organization.

"Currently we have about 50 members. As a Black institution, the NAACP should be one of the strongest organizations on campus," Saunders said.

CampusHaps

There will be a meeting of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers 5:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in Price Hall, Room 204.

Holland and Curtis Halls are sponsoring a cleanup day Saturday, from 9-10:30 a.m. Immediately following there will be a volleyball match between the residents of Holland and Curtis Halls in the Holland Bowl. They challenge the rest of the campus to help keep the campus clean.

The Student Cluster Activities Council will meet 5 p.m. Monday at Memorial Student Union.

Tutoring sessions for the National Teacher Exam (NTE) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) will be 5-6 p.m. Mondays and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Crosby Hall, Room 201. The Monday session will be conducted by Dr. Robert Levine, and the Wednesday session by Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson.

The A&T Karate Dojo will have Goju-Ryu classes 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and 10 a.m.-12 noon at Hayes-Taylor YMCA. For more information contact Dr. Gilbert Casterlow at the YMCA.

To all young men and women interested in joining the A&T Fellowship Gospel Choir: auditions will held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Harrison Auditorium basement.

All organizations. Please have your queen or representative attend an important meeting Sept. 22, 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Union, Room 213.

Organizations interested in participating in this year's Homecoming Parade can pick up applications in Campbell Hall beginning the first week in October. The ROTC Program is sponsoring this year's ceremony.

There will be a meeting of all SGA cabinet members 6:15 p.m. Monday in Memorial Student Union, Room 226.

There will be a meeting of all engineering organizations presidents 6:15 p.m. Tuesday in Memorial Student Union, Room 216.

The Men's Council will sponsor its annual Men's Council Pageant 8 p.m. Sept. 29, in Memorial Student Union Ballroom. Admission is free.

Presidents of regional and statewide organizations (including international students: there will be a meeting 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Student Union. The meeting will concern a cultural smorgasborg during Homecoming.

There will be a Fayetteville Club meeting 8 p.m. Monday in Memorial Student Union, Room 213.

Persons interested writing sports for the A&T Register: please meet 7:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Register House.

The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity will sponsor a car wash Saturday at Montgomery Ward Automotive Service Center in Carolina Circle Mall. It's scheduled to last from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Every seventh car will be washed FREE.

There will be a meeting of the New Jersey Club 8 p.m. Tuesday in Gibbs Hall, Room 123. Officers will be elected.

Ever considered Educational Media?



Young

By MICHEAL R. JAMES

If you're unhappy with your major or undecided, you may want to consider looking into educational media.

There are growing opportunities in the job market for graduates in this field including surrounding areas.

There openings for educational media specialists in elementary and junior and senior high schools in Person and Pender Counties. There's even a position at Guilford Technical Institute in Greensboro.

Educational media also offers a number of options which not only include positions in teaching, but as a learning specialist, a person who would perhaps design curricular or packages and systems on instruction, or in radio and television.

Another area to consider is media service in the business industry where salaries

average about \$30,000.

Dr. Tommie M. Young, department chairperson at A&T said that many students don't know about the department but should consider going into the field.

Young, herself an English major, said she turned to media education because of the long lines of English teachers in the job market. She said she now enjoys her work.

Some A&T graduates now employed in the media include Keith Smith at WFMY TV, Pat Emery at Moore Optional School, and Jeffery Toomer who is employed as a graphic artist for the city of Winston-Salem.

The program, which has approximately 50 majors, includes instruction in photography, production transparency, administration and management, media collection and the computer in education.

Program participants are also required to do an internship. A&T interns have been accepted by Cieba Gigy, Elon College, Montgomery Technical institution, Moses Cone Memorial Hospital and others.

project will be offered this fall in collaboration with UNC-G. This seminar will be on critical television viewing, which is the breaking down and analysing of television programs.

The department will sponsor a number of functions this semester including a speaker from Western Electric Co. on Oct. 14, in room 113 Crosby Hall.

The speaker will discuss job opportunities in educational media.

And this year will mark the first educational media reunion which will be at the Hyatt-Regency House in Winston-Salem.

It's scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. All media majors and interested students are encouraged to attend both events. For more information, contact Young in Crosby Hall.

Weaver new ROTC commander

commander to the new one.

James Weaver replaces Howard Herring. He's the first junior to ever hold such a high ranking position.

Weaver, a senior recreation major who is a cadet lieutenant colonel, is a native of Chapel Hill.

A member of ROTC since his sophomore year he has already completed basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky.; Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.; Advanced ROTC Camp at Fort Bragg, and Cadet Troop Leader Training at Fort Lee, Va.

The ROTC program has a new commander and held its change of command ceremony Thursday.

The ceremony represents an old military tradition, in which a flag is passed from an old

Goodie

ROBERT "Goodie" Whitfield grew up with music, which filled his life from his earliest years. With his Total Experience/PolyGram debut, *Call Me Goodie*, Whitfield takes that music in his soul and gives it back to the world.

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Goodie grew up in Dallas, Texas, in a family of big-band saxophonists (his father played with Count Basie), singing in the church, and naturally picking up the saxophone as his first instrument. Not only was music all around him at home, it was also around him in the neighborhood.

Cavin Yarbrough is a childhood friend. Alisa Peoples grew up a block away. Bobbie Humphrey went to Goodie's high school. And legendary saxophonist David "Fathead" Newman lived across the street.

Goodie started playing sax in his father's band as a teen, and while in college at Texas State University--one of the nation's top music and jazz schools--Goodie and Yarbrough fronted The Last Band, a popular Dallas area club and dance attraction. It was only natural that Goodie would meet and befriend the band from up the road in Tulsa, The Gap Band.

The two groups got along so well that when The Gap Band toured with Leon Russell in 1973, they invited Goodie and Cavin along to sing backup and play reeds. As Goodie now reflects, "They never forgot us, and we never forgot them." Later Goodie toured with Leon Russell for whom he played keyboards.

Goodie's experiences fueled his ambitions, and with five years of playing with The Last Band and a college education under his belt, he decided, "it was time to learn how to make records." Arriving in Los Angeles in 1977, Goodie was soon touring and recording with Natalie Cole and touring Europe with Betty Davis. Unbeknownst to him, the Wilson Brothers of The Gap Band had also relocated to Los Angeles, and once reunited, the friendly collaborations continued.

Yarbrough had now arrived in L.A., singing with Peoples. "Cavin and I had planned to get back together out here," Goodie explained. Bbut he had such a good thing going with Alisa, I just figured, why not do it solo?" When Yarbrough & Peoples also signed with Total Experience, it truly became home for all three acts.



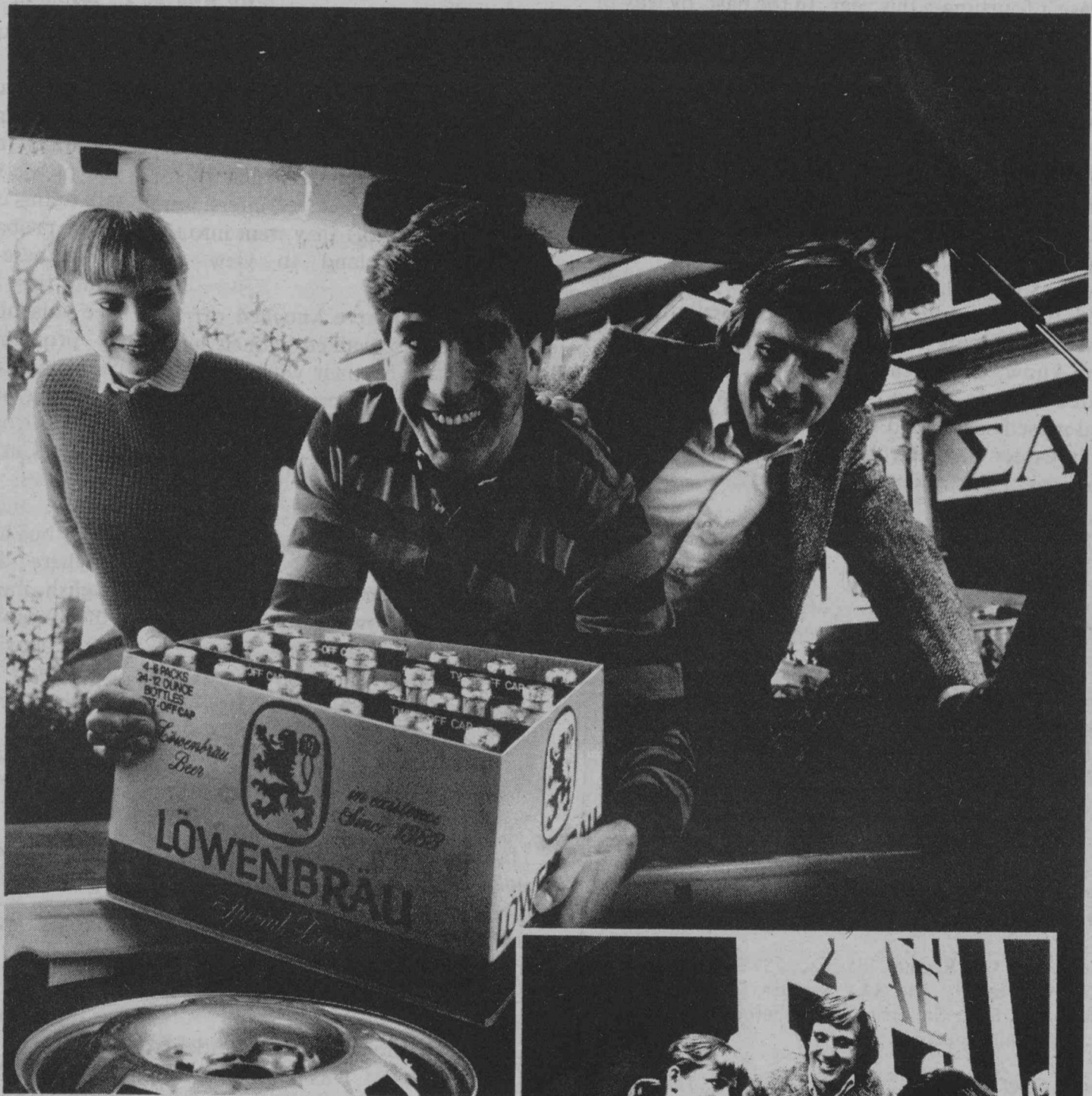
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Career Day Bust

What I Got Out Of Career Day--by Liberal A. Student

This was my fourth career program.

Each year I've gone into Corbett Sports Center hoping to discuss career opportunities with representatives that were interested in a person with my training. Unfortunately, there were never any (many) reps who were interested.

I wasn't fortunate this year. In the past, by way of compensation, I was able to come away with free toiletry samples, posters, sausage biscuits, coke and a free Polaroid snapshot.

Unfortunately, when I arrived, all the goodies were gone and the long Polaroid line made me lose all interest in wanting a self-portrait.

Mr. (Leon) Warren, the placement director, promised faithfully that there would be more firms interested in liberal arts majors.

Well, as I've done for the past three years, I'll be forced to wait until March for representatives interested in students like me to visit the campus.

You know, until I came to college, I attended integrated schools all my life. But once a collegian, I found myself segregated variously. And, with respect to this career day that alleges it's designed for all disciplines, I'm thoroughly confused.



Let Liberal Arts students through

By Audrey L. Williams

Wednesday afternoon was not like any other day on the Aggie calendar.

It was Career Day '82 flowing with promises of opportunity and a better way of life.

By the time the clock struck 12 for their lunch break, the recruiters were turned loose and off they went into the sunset of Aggeland to view our beautiful campus.

Whether you were knocked off the sidewalk as they walked to their lunch or bombarded by their winning smiles and persuasive recruiting pitches, everyone had a taste of Career Day '82.

For those oh-so-sought-after engineers, technologists, business people and others, it was a field day to explore all the opportunities open to you them.

Hey, remember the guy who you thought never owned anything but those pair of Calvins? Well, dressed he was in a three-piece suit Wednesday.

The poor guy. He was a liberal arts student and he just didn't have what

they were looking for.

And, oh yeah, who can forget how elegant and confident Jane looked yesterday until she left Career Day '82. She was a fashion major. "Sorry could you please step to the side; I'd like to talk to this chemistry major here," a rejector probably said.

For these poor souls the only opportunity they had was a chance to get a free polaroid and pick up on the latest in promotional paraphernalia, key chains and the like.

Science and Business Day '82 would be a more appropriate name for the so-called "Career Day."

Business and the sciences are worthwhile and very demanding professions, but what about the arts?

Where do these students fit in? English, music, speech, art, drama and other forgotten areas, where would the world be without them?

"Would someone please step aside and let the liberal arts student come through?"

Can't live by technology alone

By Nannetta Durnell

Have you ever felt like an unwanted child? Career Day '82 was a wonderful opportunity for students to make job contacts and become aware of the various corporations and their companies' job opportunities in the great beyond.

But for Liberal Arts students, "Career Day" was more of a "Depressing Day."

These students were just as prepared and excited as those in technical majors, but the Liberal Arts student was forced to constantly hear: "Sorry, we don't need your kind, we are looking for engineers."

Granted, it may not have been put quite as bluntly, but after hearing it all day long one begins to feel like the odd ball.

These students are happy with the major they had selected, but after Career Day '82 many left with a feeling of uncertainty.

Remember the saying, "Man does not live by bread alone"?

Well, Man does not live by technology alone!

Why are there so few representatives to talk to students from various other majors at Career Day? These non-engineering, non-agricultural and non-business/accounting majors deserve the same rights to become aware of their career opportunities in hopes of also widening their outlooks on their career futures.

Why not have two Career Days? One for technical and business majors and the other day designated for students who are majoring in other areas.

But that would be segregation and too many people have worked too hard for too many years to fight against that.

But is it not regression to discriminate against students who major in non-technical fields?

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Wrong time is worse than no time

Editor of the Register:

Money is hard to come by these days and wrist-watches are expensive. Therefore, the majority of students have to depend on the clocks installed in various departments, for the explicit purpose of providing the correct time.

But ironically these students do so to their own detriment, because almost all the clocks, for reasons far beyond my understanding, are not working and if they do work at all, they tell the wrong time.

For instance, in Price, Sockwell, Graham and

especially Carver Hall, all the clocks on the corridors have either stopped completely or consistently tell the wrong time.

A few days ago, the two faces of the same clock on the first floor of Bluford Library, the two clocks gave different times. Whether these clocks are supposed to give the time in Greensboro and elsewhere, for instance in Cairo, I just don't know.

In view of the inability of those responsible to keep the clocks on just two floors working properly, one could

safely presume that, if for instance, Carver and Price Halls had about six floors each, all the clocks on these floors would not be working properly!

I am inclined to believe that these malfunctioning clocks were not put there to decorate the walls.

The importance of students' getting to classes and sometimes to work on time need not be emphasized here.

So out of desperation some of us have even resorted to the primitive but ingenious method of looking at the

position of the sun, or determining from the number of people passing by whether it is time for another class. I don't call this progress.

In my opinion, these malfunctioning clocks are signs of apathy, inefficiency and negligence of duty to the extreme.

After we pay such a colossal amount of money as tuition and fees, it becomes the moral obligation of the university to provide us with the correct time.

Secondly, it is impossible that the university should

expect to accomplish things of major significance when such minor problems cannot be solved.

It says in the Bible, that it is better to have one worthy son than several hopeless children. In the same vein, it is better to have one reliable clock, than several clocks well versed in deception.

As one Ashanti proverb goes, "By the time the fool has learned the game, the players have dispersed."

We cannot afford to be late because time waits for no man.

Kofi Kpeglo

You're an official member of the SGA

Editor of the Register:

When you enrolled in this university, did you realize that you automatically joined the largest organization on campus?

Yes, you are officially a member of the A&T Student Government Association which has approximately 5,000 members.

How many of you can say you are active members of the SGA?

Those who cannot, now is the time for you to stop making this university what it is, but start making it what you want it to be.

As an SGA officer, I feel my main duties include working in the best interest of the student body.

This job can be tedious when students refuse to become involved and let the SGA know what really does interest them most.

Remember, the SGA officers are here to serve you. You give us the ideas. If they are feasible, then we will do our best in carrying them out.

Maybe the SGA is not for you, but out of approximately 90 campus organizations, if you cannot find one where your input will help glorify this institution, then maybe you really are not "Aggie born and Aggie bred."

Do try to become involved in the various campus activities. Let persons know that A&T is the "ultimate" not only because of the SGA president, Miss A&T and Chancellor Edward B. Fort, but because of you. For in the end, you determine the reputation of this university.

Vicki Coleman
SGA External Vice President

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Keith James finds playing A&T football enjoyable again

By **RAYMOND MOODY**
Staff Writer

Despite A&T's inexperienced and once-tested 1982 football team, Keith James remains optimistic about the Aggies' chances during the current season, mainly because the team, as a unit, is happy.

"It's something about the atmosphere around here now that makes it a more enjoyable place to play," said James, who was the starting quarterback in the Aggies' 21-7 loss to arch-rival Winston-Salem State University.

"Coach (Mo) Forte gets involved with us," said the Miami, Fla. native. "It hasn't been like that in the past. We weren't that close with our former coaches. It seems like now we are a family."

The pleasant atmosphere, however, may not reflect the direction of A&T's 1982 squad. The losses to graduation have been many and followers of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference have predicted a late-place finish for the Aggies.

"I guess when you look down our roster, you can see this is a rebuilding year," James said. "I'm glad games aren't won on paper. We have a young team, but I think we will be all right as soon our younger players adjust to college ball and to our new coach."

James understands the importance of adjusting to a new coach, as well as adjusting from high school to collegiate ball. After a successful high school career at Miami Northwestern Sr., where he earned All-City, All-County and All Conference honors, James signed with A&T only to find three of the teams top quarterbacks returning.

"I didn't get to see any action that year at quarterback," the talented junior said. "I was used on the specialty teams where I kicked field goals. I wasn't that thrilled about my role, but I was satisfied because I was contributing."

James' career was delayed somewhat in 1980 because he and then Head Football Coach Jim McKinley had a difference of opinion.

According to James, McKinley redshirted him that year because he participated in baseball in the spring which forced him to forgo spring football practice.

"Before I signed to come here, he (McKinley) told me I could play both football and baseball," James said. "But that suddenly changed. I refused to quit the baseball

team so I missed the whole year.

James showed up for the spring practices in 1981 and was handed the quarterbacking responsibilities. The Aggies' two top quarter backs, William Watson and Roland Myers, graduated, shifting the first-team duties to James.

"I thought I did a good job in the spring and I was counting on quarterbacking in the fall," James recalled.

He never played a down at the quarterback spot last year. The A&T coaching staff brought in the junior-college transfer James Harris and freshman Steve Lynn. Lynn won the starting job, while

James was shifted to the defensive.

"I wanted to play quarterback, but because we had two recruits at that position, I didn't make a fuss," James said. "I wanted to help the team any way I could."

After the 31-6 loss to S.C. State, James was moved to the second team where he saw very limited action the rest of the season.

"I basically held for extra points and field goals," he said. "I lost interest in the game so I rarely played the rest of the way."

McKinley departed to Prairie View and when Forte arrived at A&T, James decided

to pay the former Arizona State assistant a visit.

"I went to Coach Forte and told him my situation," James said. "We talked about the quarterback and the defensive back positions, and he told me he wanted me to tryout for the quarterback spot."

"Keith James is a competitor," Forte said. "He's quick, has good size and is intelligent. He's done everything we've asked."

James was asked whether A&T's star tailback Waymon Pitts, a native of Sarasota, Fla., would have any problems running behind such an inexperienced line. Against

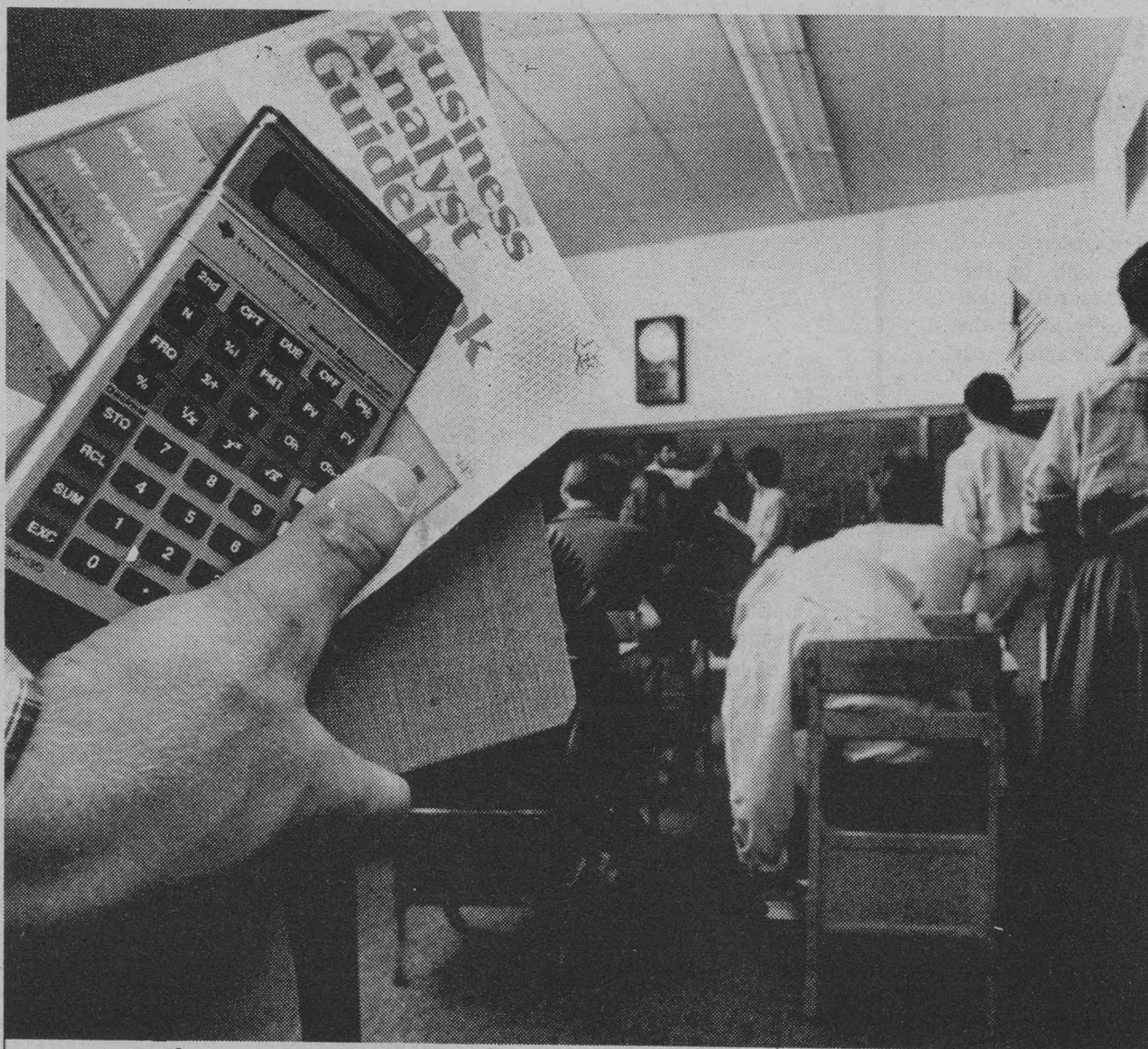
Winston-Salem State University last week, Pitts held to four yards rushing.

"Waymon is small, but he can run behind any line," he answered.

"When our line gets a little more experienced, you will see the real Waymon."

"But we can't look ahead," James continued. "We must take one game at a time. Right now, we're concerned about our conference rivals from Orangeburg."

"They've beaten us a lot in recent years, so I hope they come in overconfident. But they'd better be ready because the Aggies are coming to play," he said.



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The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

Long after most of his almost 50 teammates had strolled away to stuff themselves at the training table, Randall Ponder jogged slowly around A&T's practice field.

It was a leisurely post-practice thing for Ponder; a matter of feeling himself come back to life in a way.

For much of the late summer, Ponder said he has felt like he was in a twilight zone, the kind of feeling one gets when sleep fails to come easy; when the mind is troubled; when there is little peace in the soul.

But since last Tuesday, Ponder has rested well. After watching the Aggie-Ram game film, he was pleased with his effort, but as all good players say, "I want to be better than good."

No other defensive player was around the ball on every play as much as the big kid from McDonough, Ga. Standing 6-feet-5 and weighing 249 lbs., Ponder is a highly visible player on the defensive line.

And Ponder said he believes he'll get better. He knows the necessary steps to take. He also knows the agony of being a good football player among great ones.

He quit the team last season because he couldn't face fighting a losing cause. But Ponder, having matured over the summer, learned that quitting is a copout.

He found that returning to play at A&T was a traumatic experience.

His ego bruised, Ponder lost interest in things like running and keeping in shape. And after a while his body made its transformation from that of athletic to man-on-the-street.

But things changed after the season.

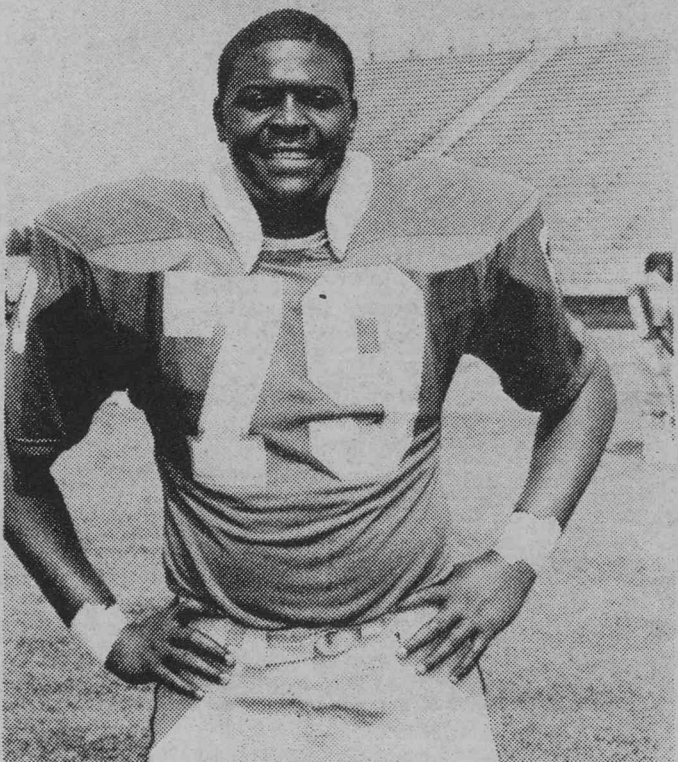
Exit Jim McKinley. Enter Mo Forte.

Ponder was in the starting lineup for A&T's 21-7 loss to Winston-Salem. And he was one of the few bright spots checking in with officially eight tackles and five assists.

So all that worrying and not being able to sleep was worth it.

It has been a dream of his for a long time to play on a college team as enthusiastic as this one.

And now sleep comes easier.



Ponder

S.C. State off to a slow start

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

After a tough defensive outing against Winston-Salem University, A&T opens league play Saturday challenging twice-stunned S. C. State University at Aggie Stadium.

The winners of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference seven times in the past eight campaigns, and predicted to win it this year, have gotten off to a slow start.

Head Coach Bill Davis said the two losses are the only ones that S.C. State can afford to lose this season and still meet the team's goal.

"I'm hoping that we can execute a little better Saturday than we had in the two losses," Hayes said. "We're definitely not going to push the panic button not change anything because of the losses."

"We set our goals to win eight games this year and that's how many we have left to play."

The Bulldogs are led by Greensboro's Dudley High School graduate Desmond Gatson, who plays quarterback.

"Desmond had a good outing in our first game but he

We don't fear S.C. State. We respect them, but we don't fear them.

Gatson, playing for the first time before his home folks, will have a couple of capable running backs to hand off to in Anthony Reed and Henry Odom.

Reed, a senior, gained 933 yards last season—good for second place in the conference—including 152 against the Aggies.

It will be another stern test for the Aggie defense.

"Hopefully the defense will play like they did against Winston-Salem," said Head Coach Mo Forte. "I'm extremely proud of them in containing Winston for the better part of the game."

But the team's problems arose on offense. They were held to a minus four yards in the first half and a mere 60 for

the entire game in the 21-7 loss.

"We've got to do something to improve our running game," said Forte, who is in his first year as head coach.

"The execution on passing and running needs work, and we're working extremely hard this week to improve our execution," he said.

A&T last defeated S.C. State in 1976. Since, S.C. State has defeated the Aggies five times, outscoring them 164 to 25 including a 52-0 loss in 1977.

State has lost to Eastern Kentucky (20-19) and to conference foe Delaware State (17-7).

"We don't fear S.C. State," said Forte at his weekly press conference at Trevi Fountain Tuesday. "Our players will be ready when they come here Saturday. We respect them but we do not fear them. We will have to eliminate a lot of our mental errors if we are to win the ballgame. We can't throw three interceptions and fumble away the ball four times and expect to win the game."

"We'll have to be a better team than we were last week."



MEAC Players of the Week

Tracy Singleton of Howard University was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the 41-14 win over Cheyney State.

Singleton caught seven passes for 105 yards and a touchdown and became the MEAC's all-time career receiver, breaking the old mark of 103 receptions held by Morgan State's Mark Durden.

Singleton, a 6-foot-2, 196-pound senior wide receiver now has 109 career

catches for 2,318 yards and ten touchdowns.

He is from Washington, D.C., and was the 1981 MEAC Offensive Player of the Year.

Derrick Thompson of Delaware State is the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week. The 6-foot-2, 225-pound linebacker recorded four unassisted tackles, a quarterback sack, and six assisted tackles in a stunning 17-7 conference win over defending champion South Carolina State.

He is a sophomore from Fort Pierce, Fla.

Answers

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