MEAC Actively expanding membership

By RICHARD WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference is actively looking to expand its membership of predominantly Black institutions from the current seven to as many as ten schools, said MEAC Commissioner Ken Free said. Free, the first full-time commissioner of the conference, said it is "an ongoing process to increase its membership to a minimum of eight to ten teams."

"We will be trying to expand from now on," he said. "At this particular time we would like to have a minimum of eight to ten teams."

The commissioner has unsuccessfully sent requests to schools belonging to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association conference. He alluded to Virginia State and Norfolk State universities, both predominantly Black schools located in Virginia.

"It would be nice to have a team in Virginia and in Georgia," he said.

If a CIAA school, which belongs to Division II, would join the MEAC, Division I, it could possibly add as much as $600,000 to the already successful conference. The additions would allow for more interest to rivalries and more regional televised coverage.

The entire conference benefits when one of its members is on television. But broadcast stations will not show games between Division I and Division II teams (i.e. A&T vs. Winston-Salem State University) because of the differential of revenue allotted to the two divisions.

Free said ABC and CBS television stations will pay the MEAC $600,000 for a regionally televised game, to be divided into shares with all conference members and the majority going to participating teams.

A Division I school would receive only $15,000, all going to the conference itself.

"It's really hard to compare the two leagues," Free said. "The CIAA is one of the forerunners of intercollegiate athletics. We are the new kids on the block," he said of the conference, which was formed in 1970 with seven members. We have a good understanding with the CIAA. They're much older than we are (it began in 1914 as the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association), but we operate basically the same."

When asked if the MEAC now had an identity, he replied, "I think so, of course."

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Social Security benefits continue

Social Security benefits to students 18-22, which were stopped last May, will begin with the September check, which will be issued in early October, a Social Security spokesperson said recently.

In addition, the amount of the September checks will be about 25 percent lower than they were last spring. These changes are the result of a new law that went into effect this year, the representative said.

Students will receive a “beginning of school year” report during the first weeks of the fall term. The report asks about school attendance and work. The student should complete the top part of the form and then give it to the school registrar to complete and mail to Social Security. If the report is not completed and returned promptly, benefits may be stopped. Students should also remember that their benefits may be affected if they worked during the year and have earned more than $4,440 this year or expect to earn more than that amount by the end of the year. Earnings a student had during months he or she did not receive benefits count toward this limit.

In general, $1 in benefits is withheld for each $2 of earnings above $4,440. Benefits to students 18-22 who are still eligible will continue until they reach 22 or April 1985, whichever comes first.

People now becoming eligible for benefits can receive benefits until age 19 as long as they are full-time high school students.

More information about Social Security benefits for students can be obtained at any Social Security office. The address and telephone number of the nearest Social Security office can be found in the telephone directory.

VA suggests ways to avoid student payment delays

The Veterans Administration has some suggestions to help students avoid delays in their VA education payments. Every month 600,000 VA checks worth more than $200 million are mailed to veteran students and to eligible dependents, and the agency wants to do everything possible to avoid delays.

In an attempt to avoid possible delays, the VA suggests the following:

When a student feels the initial payment for the school term has been delayed, he or she should check with the school to find out the date the enrollment certificate was sent to the VA. At least four weeks should be allowed from that date before an education check can be expected.

If an advance payment check is expected, the student should make sure the required written request was signed. The specific request for the advance money should have been submitted to VA at least a month before the beginning of the semester.

Students who have gotten education benefits in the past should consider whether an overpayment is outstanding. If an overpayment exists, current benefits are withheld until the VA recovers the overpayment.

For further information on possible education payment delays contact the nearest VA regional office. Toll-free numbers are listed in the white pages of the telephone book under “U.S. Government.”

Campus Haps

Found: a 1982 high school class ring. The owner may claim it by contacting Dr. Samuel Barber in the Music Department in Frazier Hall.

The Greensboro Jaycees are sponsoring a Speak Up Contest 6:30 p.m. Monday at Jaycee Headquarters. Entrants must expound on any line of the Jaycee Creed for 5-7 minutes. For more information contact Rudy Thompson, Vicki Coleman or Dan Tavner.

The Jaycee meeting 6 p.m. Friday in Memorial Student Union Lobby for all interested persons.

The Fellowship Gospel Choir will perform in concert 4 p.m. Sunday at St. James Baptist Church.

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.

The Student Cluster Activities Council will meet 5 p.m. Monday in Memorial Student Union, Room 100.

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. Sally Ann 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.

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

The Student Union Advisory Board will have it’s induction ceremony 6 p.m. Sunday, in Memorial Student Union Ballroom. All members are urged to attend. No jeans.

The S.C. Aggie Club will meet Thursday, in Gibbs Hall Room 123 for a member’s importance.

Zoe Barbee Hall Fall Classic Fashion Show will be 7:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is $2.5.

There will be an Informal chat with Chancellor Edward B. Fort 7 p.m. today in Vastory Hall lobby.

There will be a Halifax-Northampton Aggie Club interest meeting, 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Student Union. All interested persons please attend.

The Aggie Toastmasters Club will be selling homemade chocolate chip cookies in room 319 Merrick Hall, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Alpha Lambda Delta members please attend an urgent meeting 5 p.m. Thursday in Hodgin Hall.

Friendly Carolina Enemies

Photo By Michael Whitaker
The Gap Band, currently riding high on the record charts with You Dropped a Bomb on Me and Early in the Morning, will headline The Fall Shower Of Stars 8 p.m. Friday, at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Also appearing in the show will be Zapp featuring "Roger," another top selling group with its Dance Floor single; Soul Sonic Force, currently popular with Planet Rock; and "Goodie," a sensational new performer who sings, writes and plays a variety of musical instruments. Tickets for the concert are $10 and $9.

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Reggae gets cutback at WNAA
By GINA DAVIS
Special to the Register

Listeners of Reggae music are disappointed about the recent cutback in Reggae on WNAA, 90.5.

Reggae, Jamaican music made popular by the late Bob Marley, originated mainly for Blacks with lyrics that speak of today’s Black problems.

Reggae was once heard on WNAA for eight hours every weekend. It was recently cut back to two hours.

Shawnette Bean, a junior in early childhood education said, “it is very unnecessary. Reggae is music with a message and I enjoy it.”

“The only chance,” Bean continued, “I get to hear Reggae,” Bean continued “is on WNAA. WQMG has reggae, but it’s commercialized—not to mention old.”

Shannon Simmons, a senior majoring in electrical engineering said “I’m a bit disappointed, to say the least.” He said that “with the new program director and the 24-hour jazz format, they are probably trying to stay within their guidelines.

“WNAA is the only station where I get to hear reggae in Greensboro,” he added. “To me the cutback is a definite disadvantage. Reggae is the only music I really prefer and I looked forward to those eight hours.

A senior industrial technology major who asked that his name not be used said, “I looked forward to reggae on weekend mornings. There was no way I could miss it. I was able to wake up, flick on my radio and there is the dub.

“I enjoyed the eight hours, because the reggae or WNAA is new, more progressive and in great abundance,” he continued. “(WQMG’s) Reggae is stale.”

“The gospel is fine, after all it is Sunday, but don’t cut the reggae, put the jazz back two hours,” he said.

A WNAAMS Reggae air personality Carodye Douglas, a senior majoring in Agriculture said “the cutback is just for this period. “We have a new program director who is just getting her bearings.”

“Coming from Bermuda,” she continued, “I know most Americans don’t see Reggae as I do. They don’t hear the message in it.”

“WNAA’s Reggae has meaning, lyrics that keep you in tune with third-world issues.”

It’s only a matter of time before the hours are back, she said.
Blacks in the military

A recent study on Blacks in the military says that the number of Black soldiers is disproportionate with white enlistees.
The Washington, D.C.-based Brookings Institute report places the number of Black military personnel at 33 percent.
The white percentage is at 22 percent.
This includes all branches of the military.
High unemployment has caused the upsurge in Black soldiers—a phenomenon called the "poverty draft."
The result is a plethora of new enlistees that represent 42 percent of all Black men.
The study also projects a disproportionate number of Blacks considered eligible for combat duty, and the number of Black casualties on the front line.
That projection is supported by a Defense Department report which says that 57,000 American soldiers died in Vietnam. Of that number, 7,200 or 13 percent were Black.
And even more alarming is the fact that the period includes the years between 1961 and 1968 when Black soldiers composed 11 percent of the Army's enlisted men.
This is no chance happening; it's by design.
American conversation today centers largely around economics: budgets, cutbacks, slashes, trickling down, truly needy, tax brackets, hikes, and other jargon.
It became popular in 1980 and probably has passed baseball as the American pastime.
The present presidential administration by design is beefing up the armed forces with the Black unemployed and destitute.

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Audrey L. Williams

Massacre

Over the weekend most of you were leisurely enjoying the pleasures of Saturday and Sunday with your most important worry probably the test this week or how to maneuver that someone special in your arms.

But while you faced these trying dilemmas, there were other people in another part of the world facing an even more trying one.

Hundreds of Lebanese refugees Thursday were slaughtered as they sought safety in refugee camps set up by the Israeli government.

Men, women and children were gunned down in front of firing squads. It is unclear why these people were victims of a mass killing, total families being wiped out in seconds by machine guns and bulldozers.

In Associated Press photos, scenes of grieving mothers, mangled bodies and children covered with blood are horrifying.

Although several groups have laid claim to the massacre, the so-called "Christian" Militia has been partially blamed for the tragedy.

Israeli Prime Minister Menacham Begin said the Israeli government is not to blame.

But why and how did it happen in refugee camps set up by Israel? How did some 1,200 to 1,400 murderers slip by Israeli command posts and detection radar and kill hundreds for three days? Why didn't someone come to the rescue of these people?

The U.S. government is looking into the slayings to determine who is responsible. If it is discovered that the Israelis did indeed have a hand in it, it is time the American government revised its arms policy of supplying weapons to Israel!

Let's hope that the culprits of this senseless tragedy are revealed and brought to justice immediately.

Nannetta Durnell

Be not dismayed

F-I-G-H-T! Everyone likes a good old-fashioned spirited pep rally. But in today's world of sophistication, it is not easy for cheerleaders to get students to let loose their inhibitions and get involved in the school spirit.

Fortunately, that was not the case at Thursday's pep rally.

More than 1000 students, it seemed, from as far as Barbie Hall and as near as Haley Hall, participated in the pep rally.

And Chancellor Edward B. Fort led the cheers along with Coach Mo Forte, SGA President Bobby Hopkins and Miss A&T Robin Davis.

Highlighting the pep rally was a humorous mock football game between the A&T cheerleaders, who represented the S.C. State Bulldogs and female members of the Aggie Pep Club, representing the Aggie football team.

In the outcome of the mock game the Aggies won. At Saturday's game in Aggie Stadium, the Aggies were defeated 27-6.

But be not dismayed. The fellows gave it all they had and will need the spirited support of the student body in order to regain that momentum needed for a winning team.

Remember, although A&T did 'lose' Saturday's game, students should not 'lose' their school spirit.
Blood Drive Results

Editor of the Register:
The Army ROTC program would like to thank the campus community for its support during the Sept. 9 blood drive. Thanks to the many participants, the goal of 160 pints was surpassed by 45 pints.

There were 57 first-time donors and 148 veteran donors.

The organization donating the most blood according to its membership was the Persing Rifles with 85 percent participation.

They will be awarded $100 by Loretta LeGrand, AFROTC secretary, Oct. 4. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. will also receive $100 from the spring 1982 blood drive, simultaneously.

Once again we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you again during the spring semester blood drive.

Cadet Captain Vallerie Pringle

Players of the Week

Nathaniel Koonce of Florida A&M University has been named Mid-Eastern Athletic Association Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the 39-23 win over Delaware State University.

Koonce, a 6-foot-2-inch, 185-pound quarterback, completed nine of 19 passes for 299 yards, and threw four touchdown bombs covering 23, 27, 54 and 64 yards.

Koonce is a senior from Miami, Fla.

Marion Drummond of S.C. State University, a tackle moved to center in the 27-6 victory over A&T, is MEAC Offensive Player of the Week.

Drummond keyed the Bulldog blocking which accounted for 237 yards rushing, and graded out more than 90 percent on the game film.

He is a junior from Spartanburg, S.C.

Al Washington of Bethune-Cookman College is the MEAC Defensive Player of the Week for his play in the 19-9 win over Howard University.

Washington, a 6-foot-2-inch, 215-pound linebacker, recorded six solo tackles and 10 assisted tackles in the contest.

He is a senior from Chicago, Ill.

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The National Security Agency
Where learning never ends...
A&T's only touchdown.

A&T's Alvin Grier

(Photos by Michael Whitaker)

South Carolina's Desmon Gatson

The Aggie line slowing down this Bulldog.
The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

For the second consecutive week, A&T's offense failed to show up and the defense was forced, in vain, to contain a determined team.

The visiting S.C. State Bulldogs, hungry for a victory Saturday, after a 0-2 start, came from a brief 6-0 deficit to defeat the Aggies 27-6 in their home-opener.

Their first score was a 10-yard kickoff return. A&T Head Football Coach Mo Forte again was forced to watch a dismal performance by his offense and star tailback Waymon Pitts, who gained only 22 yards in nine carries.

An opportunity for A&T to regain the lead was a fiasco when fullback Truck Ruffin was stopped on fourth and goal from the two-yard line.

A&T's only touchdown was set up when lineman Herbert Dixon blocked a punt, caught it in mid-air and ran the ball 22 yards to the Bulldog 21.

Plits, on his best run of the afternoon, turned right end for 14 yards on first down. Quarterback Keith James then faked to Ruffin and advanced the ball to the one.

Three plays later, James rounded the right corner for the touchdown dragging a Bulldog defender with him for a 6-0 Aggie lead. A lead that A&T would keep only briefly.

On S.C. State's next possession, Barney Bussey gave the game new meaning.

Bussey, standing on the goal line awaiting the kickoff, gathered the ball one yard deep in the end zone. He broke to the right side of the field, turned back to the middle and out ran all the Aggie pursuers for a touchdown.

The 7-6 Bulldog lead came just 15 seconds after A&T's score and with 6:47 left in the first period.

A&T marched the Aggies back down field with key passes to Pitts and flanker Maurice Montgomerie. It was all for naught as S.C. State's defense bogged down to stop Maurice Montgomerie.

That was the turning point.

"We're not big enough to muscle them out after time," Forte said. "And you can't pass, pass and pass. You've got to be able to run."

A&T tried desperately but could not muster any ground game against the much bigger state defense.

"I wouldn't call what happened today a classic," said S.C. State Coach Bill Davis, "but a victory is a victory and that's something we needed."

"Our execution wasn't what it should have been, and we simply took control because of our strength and experience," Davis said. "I'm happy with the ending."

He scored the second Bulldog touchdown making the score 14-6 at the half.

Running Back Darrell McAllister tortured the Aggies all afternoon as he carried his way through a porous A&T defense for 140 yards.

Eventually, the Bulldogs would score a third touchdown on reserve tailback Frank Darby's one-yard plunge. Place-kicker Air Battle added field goals of 18 and 31 yards out.

"We never got on track in the second-half," Forte said. "The jury is still out on the quarterback situation."

Contest satisfies S.C. hunger

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It's been there and we are going to continue to build upon it. We have drawing cards in conference rivals Howard-Delaware State and A&T-S.C. State. One of our best drawings though is Florida A&M-Bethune-Cookman."

While the CIAA's football program is not with the MEAC's, it has a successful basketball tournament. But because it is Division II, it cannot compete for the national championship.

"The MEAC, operating as a Division I school, automatically receives a post-season playoff berth."

The two years a berth has been extended, neither representative has made it beyond the first round.

"No, we haven't done well in the NCAA. I think we have a long way to go. In basketball, I've noticed that all new members struggle for the first five years or so. But on a given night we (A&T and Howard) could beat anybody."

"Penalties hurt at times," he said. "We played just well enough to win, but I'm happy with the ending."

S.C. State quarterback Desmon Gatson of Greensboro pointed to the win as "one we needed."

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The A&T Register is now accepting original poetry for its Homecoming edition. Homecoming isn't until Oct. 30, but if you offer submissions now, yours may just be selected. Subject matter may center around the Homecoming theme: “Rare Essence in Aggieland” or the subject of your choice.

Deadline for submitting materials to the A&T Register for publication in the Tuesday paper must be in the office by 5 p.m. the previous Sunday; for the Friday paper, 5 p.m. the previous Wednesday. This includes stories, announcements and letters to the editor and other opinionated pieces. No exceptions will be made. All material must be typewritten or printed legibly and double-spaced. Special guidelines govern the submission of letters. The Register reserves the right:

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