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Hopkins: national boycott OK

By GINA DAVIS
Staff Writer

A&T isn't participating in the Anheuser-Busch boycott on the local level. That's because R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., the area distributor for Anheuser-Busch, trades with Black businesses in Greensboro, according to SGA President Bobby Hopkins.

Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) wants reciprocity instead of generosity from the Anheuser-Busch beer company. What it wants is for the company to trade on a national level with Black companies instead of just contributing to them.

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Hopkins

Need assistance?

Financial aid workshops Conducted in Dowdy

By MICHAEL THOMPSON

Staff Writer

Students needing assistance in completing their federal financial aid forms have the opportunity to receive help through a series of workshops being held in the Dowdy Building.

The chief objective of the workshops, which began Monday and will continue through Friday, is "to assist students in completing their 1983-84 Family Financial Statement (FFS) accurately and on time," said Alberta Dalton, director of student financial aid.

"Too many students return to campus in the fall without having filed," she added. The packages were distributed in the dormitories prior to the Christmas holidays.

In addition to announcements being aired over WNAA, the campus radio station, "students who are on

financial aid are being sent letters informing them to attend the workshops," Dalton said.

Participation is not limited, so anyone interested is encouraged to take part.

One section of the form is different this year. Previously, N.C. residents had to fill out a Student Data Form (SDF) in addition to completing Section H of the application, which is similar to the SDF. Now, both have been merged into Section H.

Eligibility for federal funds (which under the Title 4 Program include the Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, National Student Loan, Guaranteed Student Loan and College-Work Study) consists of a \$25,500 maximum family gross income.

During the week of March 14 a mini workshop will be held to offer assistance on a one-on-one basis.



One-on-one champion Rodney Williams presented with trophy and a \$200-dollar check by Bill Ronemus, Miller representative for I.H. Caffey Distributing Co. in Corbett Sports Center Monday night (Photo by Mike Whitiker).

What Black History Month means to me

By JAMIE C. RUFF
Staff Writer

To most A&T students, last month's Black History Month observance was a time to pay homage to Black people who've contributed to society.

Some, however, question the validity of Black History Month.

Rosalind Williams, a junior electrical engineering major, said Black History Month "is an inspiration to our younger generation in giving them leadership and goals to believe in themselves to where they can say 'I am somebody and I can succeed.' And, to our older generation in saying, 'We have achieved.'"

Frank Miller, a senior majoring in social work, agreed with Williams. He said, "Black History Month is an awareness of a culture that should never cease to be present in the minds of Black Americans. We need to be

reminded of who we are, where we're from and what we're striving for."

Miller also said that Black History Month allows Blacks to retain their identity.

"Blacks need to know who they are because whites tried to make us think and act as whites do."

Some, however, question the significance of Black History Month.

"To me, Black History Month means nothing," said Debra Derr, director of programming at WNAA. "I observe my heritage every waking day of my life." She added, "When people come up to me and ask me what I'm doing for Black History Month, I say 'What am I doing for the rest of my life?'"

Bill Webster, a freshman from Clinton, said, "Black History Month shouldn't be one month out of a year." He added "We aren't even

unified. Instead of celebrating the shortest month of the year, it should be an everyday event. Does a devout Christian thank the Lord only on Sunday?" Inelle Hodge, a sophomore (professional) English major, said that Black History Month is a time to remember past accomplishments, but added "Every day should be a remembrance of Black History".

A number of students said Black History Month allows Blacks to develop an understanding of the Black race.

"Black History Month means that Blacks get a chance to learn about themselves without a distorted view," said Lisa Foust, a sophomore industrial technology major.

She added that usually what's learned about Black History are those things written by whites, but the movies,

lectures and speakers presented for Black History Month allow a clearer perspective.

"I think we should thank God for Black History Month," said Michael Ratcliff, a junior (professional) English major.

"If we did not have these events in the first place, none of these questions — such as who did what and who achieved this — would come up. Without looking at our past, we would not be concerned about our future."

Charma Lazenby, an advanced freshman majoring in electrical engineering said that Black History Month is not only a time to consider the past, but, to meditate on the present and future.

"Every Black person should recognize, and every school should do something to recognize, those leaders that helped us come over to reach

our station of life," she said. "We have been through a lot and we're going through a lot."

Maria Thomas, a freshman electrical engineering major, agrees that Black History Month contributes to the present by way of the past. She said "When a lot of people become successful they forget where they came from. Black History Month makes them remember that their history is something to be proud of because it is not inferior to the history of other peoples."

Shari Alston, a junior business administration major, said "Black History Month is a broad subject when it comes to me. Traditionally, it's a time to look back on the past history of Black people from where they've come from to where they're going. A lot of people take it for granted and don't know what Black History Month means."

Poli Sci majors give history dept. lectures

By DWAYNE PINKNEY
Special to the Register

Black power is not the antithesis of Christianity, but the message of Jesus Christ himself, according to A&T student Caesar Brewington.

A political science major, Brewington was the first of three student speakers who gave presentations recently in the last of a series of lectures sponsored by the history department in observance of Black History Month.

In his lecture from a term paper on James Cone's book *Black Power and Black Theology*, Brewington said that "Blacks are suspicious of Christianity because of the means by which they were introduced to it." White missionaries instilled an eschatological view in Blacks to keep them passive and obedient, he said.

But, he stressed the need for theology by saying that, "Theology shows what the gospel means in different situations (times).

"Christ is essential to Christianity," he said, and "Jesus Christ came to set us free from all oppression."

In light of these statements, Brewington concluded that, "Black Power and Black Theology are related."

The other two student speakers were Tony Reese and Steve Raikes, both political science majors.

Reese, president of the Political Science Society, spoke on the "Black Political Economy in North Carolina."

From looking at the historical perspective, Reese told how an interlocking ruling class emerged in which all of the major companies in the state shared some of the same board members.

A system emerged in which, "The powers were sought to maintain the status quo" he said.

All political protests resulted in repression and oppression, Reese said.

This truth was reiterated by Steve Raikes, who spoke on "The Counter Intelligence Program as used against Black Organizations."

He cited the infiltration, espionage and sabotage to destroy used on the Black Panther Party.

This was the first time that students had ever spoken on a Black History Month program in the history department, said assistant professor Donna Benson. "A precedent that I hope will be continued by students in the future," she added.

Williams presents readings

By GAIL HAIRSTON
Staff Writer

"Langston Hughes was 'the dean' of Afro American Literature" said Dr. Jimmy L. Williams, chairman of the English department.

Williams delivered a reading of Hughes' works in Crosby Hall recently to a small gathering of interested listeners as part of A&T's Black History Month celebration.

"Langston Hughes was an avant-garde poet, one who was ahead of his time," Williams said. Hughes wrote of racial injustice as early as the 1920s, Williams said.

He wrote during the Harlem Renaissance, which occurred in the 1920s, as well as during the heyday of Stokely Carmichael, a Black activist of the 1960s, and well-known Nikki Giovanni, a contemporary poet and also a Black activist.

He was the beginning of a legacy," Williams said. "Hughes wrote every type of literature except for literary criticism such as plays, short stories, novels and sketches," Williams said.

In reading from Hughes' Essay "The Negro Artist and Racial Mountain" Williams cited an example where a student walked up to Hughes and said I want to be a poet but not a Black poet which led Hughes to make the statement: "Nobody can be a poet if he tries to divorce himself from his heritage."

Williams said, "Black poets write for the sake of people and not for the sake of art," which distinguishes them from their white counterparts.

Williams teaches Black poetry courses in which Hughes is a major poet.

Some of the selections recited, taken from in Hughes' posthumous *The Panther and the Lash*, a collection of militant poetry, included *Harlem*, *Dream Deferred*, *Who But The Lord*, *Crown and Garlands*, *Final Call*, *American Heartbreak*, *Still Here*, *Frederick Douglass*, *Militant*, and *Justice*.

The obligations of a poet to his reader are "honesty and clarity, however beautiful or brutal the truth may be," Williams said.

NTOZAKE SHANGE

She came with her own unique style



Shange

By ROSALIND POSTELL
and KATHY THOMPSON
Staff Writers

She who comes with her own things is the South African meaning of Ntozake Shange's first name.

Poet Shange came to Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel on Bennett's campus Friday evening with her own unique poetic style.

Dressed in blue fishnet hose, lavender-tinted metallic boots, a v-neck dress of blue and red with gold sleeves, and a multi-

striped knee-length scarf with a button pinned to it that said "Witches Heal," she told the audience that she was a radical feminist.

"Witches were the first female protestors," she explained to the audience. "I perceive the world from the free woman's perspective. I think we are supernatural. If we want something to happen, we have to do it. No one else. It is us."

Best known for her play, *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When The Rainbow Is Enuf*, she performed some of her poetry such as *Okra and Greens*, a romantic poem about a man and woman and their relationship from beginning to marriage.

Another poem, *A Poet, the People, and the KKK*, that she wrote for the *Village Voice*, she performed intermittently in Spanish and English. It told of the Klu Klux Klan March in Austin, Texas. "Blancos, Negroes, Morenos marched against oppressed people," she read.

"Did you hurt a woman to-

day?" Shange asked angrily in her final poem that speaks out on crimes against women. She said that a woman gets beaten every three minutes, raped every five minutes and molested every 10 minutes.

Shange performed her poetry with her entire body swaying back and forth as she read. She read so excitedly that she ran her words together in an effort to get them all out.

"I started writing when I was 19," she said, "because I couldn't find anything to read. The goal of my work is to liberate my people."

Answering a question concerning Black unity, Shange said that "I cannot be responsible for motivating 30 million people by myself. You have to talk to (the Rev.) Jesse Jackson or Andy Young about that. It is not cowardice to want to have a leader but it is cowardice to not do all one can do. It is an individual thing. Leaders don't need any dead weight," she said.

MEDIA

1982 grads found work

More than half of the nation's mass communications and journalism graduates in 1982 found media work, according to a recently released Dow Jones Newspaper Fund/Gallup.

Daily newspapers continue to hire more college journalism graduates than any single media-related field, including broadcasting, magazines, wire services, advertising agencies

and public relations firms.

Public relations was the second most popular field for the 1982 graduates, advertising agencies were third and television stations were fourth.

The approximately 18,600 graduates who received bachelors degrees last year were shared this way by the various media fields:

	No. of Jobs	1 year Change
Daily newspapers	2,200	27.4 %
Public relations	1,950	32.0 %
Advertising agencies	1,550	9.9 %
Television stations	1,110	24.7 %
Weekly newspapers	800	2.6 %
Radio stations	700	23.3 %
Magazines	600	29.0 %
News services	350	No Compar.
Other media jobs	700	5.4 %
Total To Media-Related Jobs	9,950	11.2 %
Total Number of Graduates	18,600	12.0 %

The remaining graduates went to graduate schools and law schools (1,700) or to non-media jobs (4,200). About 500 of those who took non-media jobs said they were involved in communications-related work most of the time.

The unemployment rate for the May/June graduates four months after graduation was 11.7 percent, and an additional 3 percent of the class said they were not looking for work. An estimated 2,750 communications graduates

were unemployed or not looking for a job at the four-month mark after graduation.

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund is a foundation that encourages young people to consider careers in journalism. The foundation's programs include scholarships, internships, workshops, career information, and an Editor-In-Residence Program that is co-sponsored with the American Society of Newspaper Editors.



LOVESICK

A Movie Review



Moore

McGovern

By JODY R. MARTIN
Special to the Register

Lovesick, a new romantic comedy starring Dudley Moore and Elizabeth McGovern, tells the story of a psychologist who falls in love with one of his patients. However, although a love story, it could use a little doctoring to cure its own ills.

Moore plays a psychologist whose life and practice take weird turns after he begins to fall in love with his new patient, Chloe Allan, who is portrayed by McGovern.

All his friends and even his patients think he is going crazy as he begins to neglect his job and constantly follow McGovern around, eventually even breaking into her apartment.

Although *Lovesick* is the kind of movie that showcases Moore as he plays the always lovable bumbler who tries hard to get the girl, even his performance is not enough to save this film from a short run to oblivion.

Lovesick has a number of funny scenes, but they are few and far apart as most of the movie is rather quite boring.

If you don't fall asleep at the beginning you might see this nice little story unfold and enjoy it. But, the movie is done in such a low-key way that the major actors and actresses come off sort of machine-like when they say their lines.

Also, the "low-keyness" helps to kill most of the jokes and funny situations that occur. The viewer sees and hears

the jokes coming and wants to laugh, but the movie is so boring most of them only sound pitiful.

The story itself is really very good, and Moore plays his character almost as well as he did in the movie *10*, but *Lovesick* slowly, and boringly, drags along.

Frankly, Sigmund Freud himself couldn't pep this movie up if he made an appearance. And you know what? He does.

If you can stay awake during this one, you may find out that you like it. Otherwise, happy dreams.



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Write anything you like — stories, letters to the editor or longer opinionated pieces — that fall within the realms of decency and good taste and adhere to *Register* and general newspaper style.

And for those that do submit material for publication, keep it coming.

And for the group that submits material that never sees print, don't you even want to know why?

If, after you've taken the time out of your demanding schedule to compose your work and it never reaches publication, you should want to contact *Register* staffers for an explanation.

Some of the answers can be found in the submission policy statement that this newspaper runs in as many issues as possible.

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Sometimes (a lot of the time), submissions don't make issues because of poor writing. Too many grammatical and spelling errors and unclear expression exhausts staff ability to make the piece, at best, readable.

So, submit well-written pieces that adhere to *Register* guidelines and all involved should be pleased.

Pause for a bit of digression

If you depend on the *Register* for a good deal of information, then it might be wise if your read the paper rather than glance at it.

Then, maybe, no one would confuse the A&T dining schedule with other school schedules.

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Homecourt advantage?

By Nannetta Durnell

League coaches are concerned that A&T will have homecourt advantage at this year's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

But, the only real advantage A&T players will have is support from Greensboro fans. And the majority of those fans may not necessarily be A&T students.

The reason?

This year's spring break is scheduled for March 5-13, and, when students get a break from the books, students tend to break for home — as soon as possible.

Aggies supported their basketball team wholeheartedly throughout the season, but when it comes down to the wire that support ends up being packed into a suitcase heading for home.

But, who can find fault with someone en route to some good homecooking?

Yet, other students do want to stay and take part in the MEAC grand finale but are forced to leave because their rides are leaving, "with or without you" Friday afternoon.

In either case, the student is not at fault for leaving, but rather, following his collegiate instincts, even though he may experience feelings of betrayal while on the road or lounging at home on Saturday night: tipoff time.

Again the question arises: Why not schedule the spring break after the tournament has concluded instead of the same week of the tournament? This way, all Aggies will have an equal opportunity to attend the tournament.

But then, do the other schools participating in the tournament have an equal opportunity of attending the games?

Now, will A&T really have homecourt advantage over the other schools?

Procrastinators: FYI

By Audrey L. Williams

You know, it just occurred to me the other day as I opened my desk drawer, that under all the mounds of memories I have collected over the past semester, that there are federal and state tax forms just waiting to be completed.

I then began to search frantically for my W-2 forms, which I later discovered under the W-2 forms I thought too worthless to file two years before.

Unlike two years before, this year's is worth filing!

Although the forms now sit on the desk right in front of me, for some odd reason I just can't seem to pick up a pencil and fill them out.

It's something about April 15 and deadline that really keeps some of us from filing tax forms until that day.

But, what is so strange and unnerving is that the average college student doesn't owe the government money, but the government owes him money.

Then why, through all the groans and moans and complaining about lack of money, do some put off filing these important cash payments?

Unlike our parents, there are very few of us who have to list property value or figure out complicated tax loopholes.

And then, there are the financial aid forms that sit and sit and sit, until Alberta Dalton announces that the deadline was yesterday or two weeks ago.

Procrastination is an easy habit for college students to pick up. More often than not, students procrastinate because no one says, "Johnny, aren't you supposed to fill out your financial aid forms?"

How many times this week already have you already told yourself, "I'll do it tomorrow?"

Suddenly tomorrow has come and gone again and you repeat yourself once more.

Okay fellow procrastinators, pick up those forms and get to it!

After reading these words of wisdom and you still can't seem to pick up the pencil and forms, here's a bit of helpful information.

Students in need of free help with their tax forms can call this toll free number for assistance, 1-800-424-1040. And for those who need assistance with financial aid forms, workshops are being held in the conference room of the Dowdy Building through Friday.

Good Luck!

A&T: citadel of learning/place for barbarians?

Editor of the Register:

Permit me to alert the public and especially A&T students of the danger of having hooligans roaming freely in our midst.

On Feb. 21, between the hours of noon and 1 p.m., Mayo Abba Ahmadu was brutally attacked (with some heavy object — most likely an iron bar) by an unidentified young man, very close to the parking lot between Memorial Student Union and Marteena Hall. Abba was hit across his face. His right cheek bone was completely broken, an ambulance was called to the scene and the victim was immediately rushed to Moses

Cone Memorial Hospital where an operation that lasted for more than three hours was performed on him to remove some of the fragments of the broken bone.

I talked to his doctor in the evening of the day of the incident and he told me that the damaged cheekbone has to be replaced with some artificial type to prevent that part from sinking if he recovers. Abba is still at the recovery room at Moses Cone at this writing.

I visited him Feb. 25, after the surgery, but he still could not speak to me.

This incident might be found unbelievable and astonishing to many of us, but believe it or not, it did happen!

I am appealing through this medium to the unidentified

man and his accomplices (about five of them) who were present at the time of the incident to please report to the campus law enforcement officers immediately for questioning.

At this point, we really do not know what actually transpired between the victim and the assailant. However, from the little information gathered thus far, we know the following:

- There were about six guys standing at the parking lot between the student union and Marteena Hall on the day of the incident.

- One of them walked towards Abba as Abba was going toward the entrance to Marteena and the assailant started speaking to Abba.

- Abba, only two months in the United States, could not understand what this guy was talking about and so he kept walking. It was at this point that he was hit on the face. It should be noted that Abba didn't even utter a word before he got hit.

- After the incident, the assailant and his friends fled the scene.

- Campus security arrived shortly after, but could not find any useful information.

- The ambulance was called and the victim was rushed to Moses Cone.

That's all the information we have right now as investigation into the incident still continues.

The culprit and his friends

are still at large. It is in this light, I am taking this opportunity to announce to the public and especially to A&T students to cooperate to help track down these hooligans.

I am offering a \$100 reward to anyone with information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the culprit and/or accomplices who probably either aided or abetted the perpetration of the crime.

If you have information, please call the campus police at 379-7675.

We all ought to unite and make sure these hooligans are brought to book.

A&T is supposed to be a citadel of learning and not a place for barbarians!

Paul A. Emodogo

I refuse to restrain my right to expression

Editor of the Register:

My recent letter "Square pegs in Round Holes" was a personal opinion which happened to be shared by several students. It was obvious, even to the most unimaginative reader, that it was not written from the position as the secretary of the International Students Association.

Consequently, I abhor the hypocrisy and self-righteous attitude of the executive board of the association, especially the president. Chris Onyemen, for suggesting I ought to consult them before expressing an individual opinion. I will not partake in such foolishness.

In view of their sinister and diabolical attempts to expel me, I find it necessary to resign the position so that a suitable puppet can be installed. I definitely have no intention of restraining my inalienable right to express my feelings.

Why should the association be more interested in bourgeois programs like "Sip Tea and Chat" and ignore events to commemorate the Soweto and Sharpeville massacre of our fellow brothers and sisters in South Africa? Where was the association when Boris Mvusi, the South African refugee died?

The fact that we are not refugees forced to live in exile in a strange land "ordered on an atiquated set of greed-confused motives," should not prevent us from politically educating our brothers and sisters in this country who have been systematically brainwashed.

"The memory of the dead, should be a warning to the living." Yesterday it was Boris, tomorrow it will be either you or me.

Mawutor Kofi Kpeglo

Organizations join forces on cultural extravaganza

Editor of the Register:

On Sunday afternoon (Feb. 27), A&T's International Student's Association, SGA, the Office of International Students and the Student Activities Office, joined forces to present a Black History Month Cultural Extravaganza.

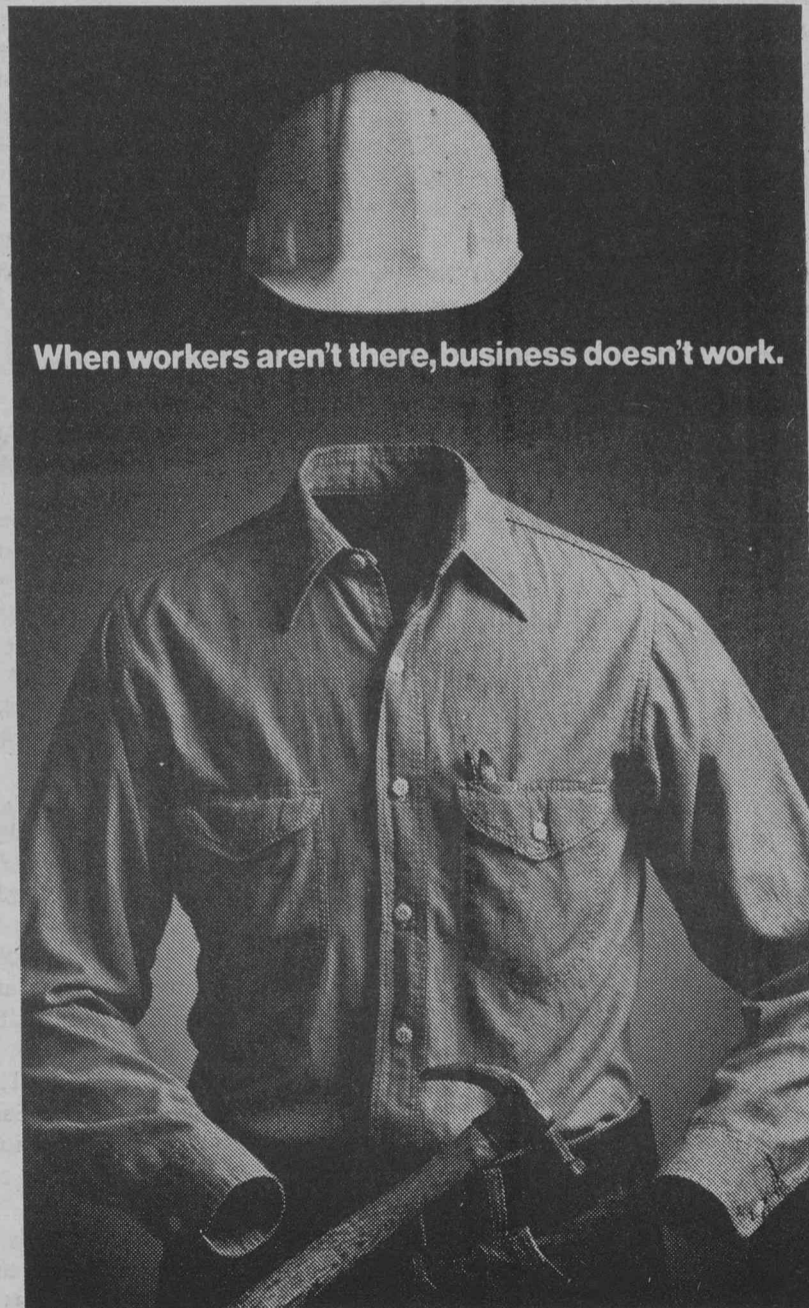
This event consisted of speakers, international fashions, Reggae and other international music, international foods and much more. In the words of one of the program participants, "this program is by far, the most cultural, entertaining and educational event that has

taken place on campus in a long time."

I commend everyone that played a part in putting this program together. I especially thank the students from various countries for giving us an opportunity to visit your customs without taking an expensive cruise around the world.

And finally, after being so warmly greeted by all participating nations, I'd like to personally welcome all international students to the United States.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Eure



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American Cancer Society

Boyd prepares for upcoming tournament

By DREXEL BALL

Special to the Register

In a quiet sort of way, Charlotte's Eric Boyd has demonstrated that his stand-out freshman season was no fluke.

Still, he's the sort of player who probably is appreciated more by coaches than by fans.

Boyd can do a lot of things on the basketball court, most of them good — but, it's what he doesn't do that has Coach Don Corbett poring through the dictionary for accurate superlatives.

"Eric doesn't make many unforced mistakes," said Corbett of the 6-foot-4 product from Independence High School. "And he has tremendous court awareness. He does a lot of things well. He's just an excellent all-round player."

"The only way to handle him is not to let him get the ball. He shoots very well and the biggest thing about him is that he doesn't fold under pressure."

"When the game is on the line, Eric is the guy I want handling the ball. He knows what to do with it. He has made my job much easier."

That's heady praise for a guy who was unheralded and modestly recruited. But, if he was overlooked as a prospect, opponents always have their eyes focused on him now.

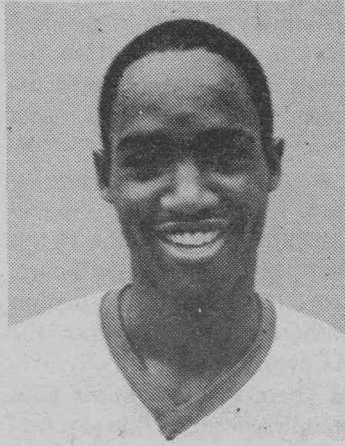
Assigned to play point guard as a freshman — an assignment that causes most newcomers to shake in their sneakers — Boyd was forced to make a quick adjustment.

The transition from high school to college was complete when he was named most valuable player in last year's Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament, which the Aggies won and claimed the automatic berth in the NCAA Playoffs.

Boyd again will be one of the mainstays as the Aggies seek defense of their title in the MEAC Tournament when it begins its three-day run in the Greensboro Coliseum Thursday.

"Believe there were a few people who thought I played above my level last season," Boyd said. "But, I came back this season determined to be a little better."

"I think you have to improve each year. It's not put-



Boyd

ting more pressure on yourself. But, if you consider yourself a solid player, then you have to make improvements."

Statistics bear out Boyd's opinion. Last year, he averaged 8.7 points. As the Aggies drive toward a possible second straight championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament, Boyd has increased his average to 14.7 points a game. That's second to Joe Binion's 19.8 points a game.

In fact, Boyd is among the team's leaders in every major

statistical category except rebounding. Although you don't look for a point guard for rebounds, Boyd has grabbed some key ones this season.

But, basketball is hardly a numbers game for the mild-mannered, unassuming veteran who has had a season-high of 28 points and rarely an off night.

"My role is not so much to score as it is to control the tempo of the game," Boyd said. "If the defense gives me an open shot, naturally, I'm going to take it."

Boyd admitted that he suffered through growing pains as a freshman. But, judging from his current rate of success, those growing pains have paid off dividends for the Aggies.

The Aggies won 10 of their first 14 games to give Corbett his best start after three seasons on the job. Now, Corbett is on the threshold of posting his best record since getting the post in 1979.

"There is no question that Eric has done an outstanding job, especially when you consider he's in a position where other people depend on him

for leadership," Corbett said. "He has developed into a solid player and leader. I wouldn't trade him for another guard in the country."

Boyd honed his skills on the Charlotte playgrounds and was a standout at Independence, where he captained the team as a senior while capturing all-conference and all-city honors. He did not attract a large number of recruiters but did receive his share of feelers from major colleges.

He decided to attend A&T when he saw the Aggies play Duke in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) on Television in 1981.

"I saw how well A&T played against an Atlantic Coast Conference team that had two All-ACC starters," recalled Boyd. "After seeing A&T hold its own against the Blue Devils, I knew right away that A&T was the place for me."

Corbett is pleased that Boyd was watching television that night. On more than one occasion, Corbett has paid Boyd the supreme compliment.

BIG '10' GROOMES

'Legend' begins 27th season



Groomes

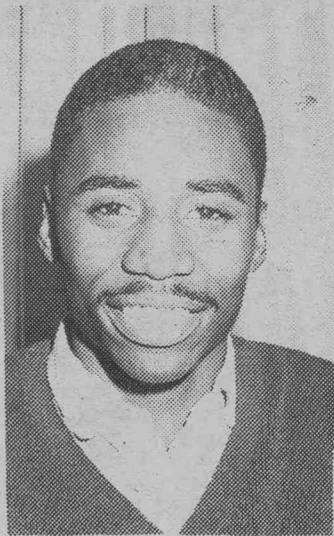
By RICHARD WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

If there was ever a person who could fit the old American cliché, "A legend in his own time," Melvin (Big Ten) Groomes is he.

Beginning his 27th season as head baseball coach at A&T, Groomes has a lifetime record which includes 417 wins and only 142 setbacks.

Since taking control of the post in 1956, the Aggies have placed second in the conference five times, finished third once and were Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Champions the remaining 20 seasons.

For five seasons (1956-1961), Groomes' teams



Wright

marched through the conference opposition without a single loss.

"A&T has always had a great tradition in baseball," said Groomes bending over backwards to avoid taking credit for the success. "When I came here, A&T was conference champs; in my first year we finished second. 'I'm fortunate and happy to have been a part of the program for so many years.'"

Groomes' envious record of victories was not accomplished without the superior performances by notable athletes. Groomes recalled a game that former Aggie hurler Al Holland pitched against North Carolina Central University.

"In that game," he said, "Al had 25 strikeouts and only one man reached base. But after walking the batter, Al picked him off at first."

"Holland had more than raw talent. He had true potential from the day he walked on this campus."

Holland, who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in 1974, signed a contract with the Philadelphia Phillies last year.

"I'll place Holland in the same class with James Baten," Groomes said. "Baten didn't lose a game in four years, from 1958-1961. He later played in the San Francisco Giants organization which was great strides for a Black man at that time."

Groomes' only hopes now are that his 27th campaign will be as rewarding as his previous ones.

Last season when his team fell below .500 at 12-15, Groomes witnessed his first losing season at the helm. On hand for his final year to aid in the turn around is pitcher Lewis Wright and five other regulars from last year's team.

The season begins today against Guilford College, and the home-opener will be Friday at 1 p.m. against Virginia Tech.

Wright was the Aggies' top hurler in 1982, finished at

8-2, capped by a no-hitter against Maryland Eastern Shore.

Two-sport participant Keith James, who also serves as A&T's quarterback, will anchor down the right field spot. Last season James batted .338, with four homes, six doubles and three triples.

Roy Briley will also be valuable to the team. The short stop's totals last season included four homes and a .310 batting average.

Briley and junior transfer Wayne Richardson will add more speed to the line up.

"We will probably run the bases more this season than we've done in the past because we have so much speed," said Groomes. "Last season we only ran when the opportunity presented itself because our speed was shallow."

Other probable starters are John Marshall (first base); Charles Mitchell (second base); Mike Jones (catcher); Kelvin Rogers, James and Richardson in the outfield.

"I feel this year's team can be one of my better ones," Groomes said. "The fellows just need to jell as a unit and live up to their potential."

And the legend will live on.

Howard gets bye

Howard and Bethune-Cookman received first-round byes in the 1983 MEAC men's and women's basketball tournament which begins Thursday at the Greensboro Coliseum.

In men's play Thursday, fourth-seeded South Carolina State faces fifth-seeded Delaware State at 5 p.m. Second-seeded A&T takes on No. 7 Bethune-Cookman at 7, while No. 3 Maryland-Eastern Shore battles sixth-seeded Florida A&M at 9.

In women's competition, No. 4 Delaware State plays fifth-seeded S.C. State battles No. 7 UMES at 1 p.m., and No. 4 Florida A&M faces sixth-seeded Howard at 3.

Howard, 11-1 in the league and 18-8 overall in men's play, and Bethune-Cookman, 11-5 overall in women's competition, will not play until Friday's semi-finals. Friday's games are scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m. in women's play and 7 and 9 p.m. in mens play. Championship games are set for 7 and 9 o'clock Saturday night.

The winners of both men's and women's tournaments advance to NCAA tournament.

The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

Is it doomsday for the University of Georgia athletics, especially the football staff and Head Coach Vince Dooley?

Is Herschel Walker satisfied with his decision to ink a pact with newly-established, untested United States Football League and the New Jersey Generals.

The answer to both questions is probably yes. The former is more definite.

Mr. Walker walked onto the Bulldogs' campus three years ago and before walking off last week had brought a respectable program to that top-notch quality. It would be a dreadful understatement to say that Dooley will miss the star running back.

The Georgia program will be back to "just respectable" without Walker, but, it may never approach the heights that he brought it to.

Walker brought the Bulldogs a national title in his freshman year and took the team to a no. 2 finish this year.

Players like Walker come along rarely. They are the ones who make a coach's job easier. Ironically, one of those coaches is former A&T Coach Hornsby Howell.

When Walker signed a three-year pact — at an estimated \$5 million — he became an instant millionaire. He has since attempted to console the Bulldog family.

What Walker must live up to and face is that he owes the University of Georgia nothing. No apologies necessary, Mr. Walker. You go to school later to get out and find a decent job. It just so happened that you didn't have to spend the full four years in order to fulfill your occupational goals. And, not everyone gets a job where he receives specialized training.

Pardon the pun, but Walker was lucky to get a job in his field.

Many people think the new league will not last long and Walker will have missed out on the opportunity to perform in the National Football League. Many thought the same when the American Football Conference was formed and when it ultimately signed Joe Namath.

Whether the league folds or it reaches the heights of the NFL, Walker made a decision and it will not be the last one that he'll be required to make in his lifetime. Not all, I'm sure, will be liked by everyone, but, he sure can't spend the rest of his life apologizing.

Sweet dreams, Vince, Hornsby and Bulldog football staff.

The A&T Jaycees Executive Officers will meet March 14 at the A&T Wesley Foundation from 8 p.m. - until. Reports will be given by the Finance Committee, Constitution Committee, GGD Coordinator, Systems Design Committee and Graphical Design Committee. Spring Semester Activities and a reorganization of the board of directors will also be discussed.

The Business Administration Association will present a Speaker on Industry Survival lecture 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Merrick Hall Auditorium. The guest Speaker will be Jeff M. Christopher from R. J. Reynolds. All business majors please attend and bring a guest. Also all BAA members interested in playing in the BAA in Alobeam Basketball game, sign up in Room 309.

Aggies rout Tigers...

By CORNELL BROWN

Special to the Register

A&T ended its regular season play Monday night, defeating the Jackson State Tigers, 80-81 in Corbett Sports Center.

Jo Binion added to his credentials as candidate for Player of the Year, leading all scores with 22 points and blocked shots.

Guard Eric Boyd poured in 16 points and contributed 4 assists.

Guard Jimmy Brown along with forward Antoine Collins rounded out the double figures with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

The Aggies took the lead from the opening tip off and never lost it, going into the locker room at the half ahead 43-22.

In the second half, the teams returned without warming up because of halftime events. But, that didn't affect the Aggies' play as they took command as they led by as much as 31 points, 69-38, with less than nine minutes left in the contest.

By the time the clock showed less than six minutes of play in Monday night's game, the game looked hopeless for the struggling Tigers. And Coach Don Corbett began substituting players for the remainder of the game.



For A&T, the game boosted their overall record to 20-7, and it now will rest up and set strategy for its match against Bethune-Cookman in the

opening round for the Mid-eastern Athletic Conference tournament that starts Thursday at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Aggiettes tumble

Aggiette regular season play came to a halt Monday night with the women losing to the University of North Carolina, 64-58, in Corbett Sports Center.

The Aggiettes, playing a close game throughout most of the contest, went into the locker room at the half down by 1 point, 27-26.

In the second half, the Aggiettes came out out shooting and took the lead, 31-29, on a jump shot by forward, Lora Smith at the 17:40 mark.

They held onto the lead for the next seven minutes before committing several turnovers and letting the Forty-niners go back in front to stay 41-40.

The Aggiettes were paced by

Marsha Simmons, who hit 17 points, and Smith, who scored 10 points.

The Aggiettes, 12-13, will play Delaware State in the opening round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament to begin Thursday at the Greensboro Coliseum. Tipoff will be 11 a.m.

—Cornell Brown

Fritz, Binion Players of the Month

Joe Binion and Daniel Fritz have been named co-winners of the A&T athlete of the month award for February.

Binion, a junior forward on the A&T basketball team, scored 222 points and grabbed 124 rebounds in February. In one torrid stretch, he led the Aggies in both scoring and rebounding in four consecutive games, including a 29-point, 19-rebound effort in a victory over Bethune-cookman.

A 6-foot-8 product of Rochester, N.Y., Binion also scored 33 points and pulled down 15 rebounds, both game-high totals, in the Aggies' 105-86 victory over Alabama State.

Fritz, a long distance runner on the Aggies' indoor track team, unleashed a remarkable effort in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference meet.

He captured first place and set a record in the 800 meters, clocking 1:58.25. Fritz finished third in the 1000 meters with a time of 2:41.9 and almost amassed half the Aggies' total points in the meet.

Fritz hails from Philadelphia, Pa.

Binion and Fritz join an impressive list of previous athlete of the month winners.

The January recipient was sophomore forward Lora Smith of the A&T women's basketball team. Smith scored

127 points and hauled down 95 rebounds in winning the award.

Eric Boyd and Marsha Simmons shared the honor for January. Boyd is a sophomore on the men's basketball team; Simmons is a senior on the women's team.

Timothy Nixon was A&T's first award winner in November for his standout effort during the cross country season when he set several course records.

The athlete of the month award is sponsored by Anheuser-Busch and local distributor R.H. Barringer Co. Inc.

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If they have any business, do it with Black businesses, PUSH suggests.

PUSH is boycotting Anheuser-Busch because it doesn't do enough Black trading.

Bobby Hopkins said he thinks there is an alternate solution.

"I'm not against the idea on a national level," Hopkins said. "But, I am against it on a local level. Simply because what PUSH wants is already being done in Greensboro."

He said he realized that it is difficult to separate the national level from the local level. Yet, what is good for one city may not be good for Greensboro.

"My concern is for the students of A&T," Hopkins said. "A&T students bring money into the city." The school should not have to depend on funding from just Black businesses if there are white businesses that can assist, he added.

R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., the local distributor for Anheuser-Busch, has been instrumental in putting funds into A&T as well as other Black businesses in the area. It has contributed financially to athletics and fund raising for A&T. It's also advertised during Black History Month, such as The Great Kings of Africa and Famous Black Leaders.

Hopkins said he met with Chancellor Edward B. Fort, Feb. 12, at his home. He then met that Sunday, with Fort, Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Dr. Albert Smith, vice chancellor for development and university relations.

"Each member of the administration was satisfied with the program during the conferences," Hopkins said.

Hopkins also met with the Trustee Board Chairman Dr. Lacy H. Caple, Feb. 15, as well as the other administrators, and all were satisfied with the proposed program.

"On the Wednesday of the press meeting, they backed out," Hopkins said.

He called Fort to confirm Fort's attending the press conference, but the chancellor was out of town.

Fort sent Smith to represent him. "Smith was supposed to stand beside me in the meeting," Hopkins said, "But, he sat in the back. I was disappointed because I had lost the support of the university."

Fort said that he wasn't at the press conference "because of a meeting with other university presidents in High Point.

All the information I have received regarding the news conference was second-hand," he said.

Marshall said that he saw the statement in the paper. "It is now a student affair. It is strictly between the student body and the student government."

"What the SGA president has done is something that should be left up to the student body and his peers."

Hopkins said that his biggest mistake was not taking the issue to the students. "But they should not show concern only during the controversial times."

"If the students in the sit-ins stayed out because no one wanted them to do it, they

would not have had the sit-ins. But they went, regardless of what others thought," he said.

Everything he does is out of concern for students, he said.

"If I am going to be scrutinized and chastized, students don't need an SGA president," he said. "The students put enough trust in me to elect me, so they trusted me enough to make decisions for them."

Sullivan Welborne, SGA adviser and dean of students for services, said that "Bobby took a stand as far as the student body is concerned. As

president of the SGA, he can take any stand he wants. Like the president of the United States, he can make any decision he wants whether the people like it or not.

"In this incident, the students felt he should have consulted them. Bobby is the

president of the student body and he made a decision he felt was good for the SGA," Welborne said.



THE LITE BEER ALL-STARS STRIKE AGAIN.

When famous bowler Don Carter invited 23 Kingpins to the First Lite Beer Bowling Tournament, it seemed like a great idea.

It was the guys who drink Lite Beer from Miller because it tastes great, against the guys who drink it because it's less filling. And once again, the All-Stars proved they're in a league by themselves.

After a lot of pins (and quite a few Lite Beers) went down and the smoke finally cleared, the score was

1-0, with only one man left to go. Rodney Dangerfield.

All he needed to win it was one pin. A klutz situation. Rodney, in top form, got the same amount of pins as he gets respect. None.

Teammate Ben Davidson felt Rodney deserved a break, or at least a fracture. Billy Martin didn't argue with that. Jim Honochick couldn't believe his eyes. Neither could Marv Throneberry.

So the First Lite Beer Bowling Tournament ended in a draw. And the argument over the best thing about Lite was left unsettled.

But there was one thing everyone agreed on. It was truly everything you always wanted in a bowling tournament. And less.



EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED IN A BEER. AND LESS.

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