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Residents of Cooper Hall begin the holiday season by decorating a Christmas tree in their lobby. (Photo by Walter Dukes).

Peedie celebrates Christmas at A&T

By TIMOTHY LITTLE
Staff Writer

This year, "Peedie" Snipes is having two Christmases. One with his family, and the other is with the Aggie family.

The A&T family, under the leadership of Douglas Smith, a student and friend of the Snipes family, sponsored a Christmas party for Peedie.

Peedie is the only Black child with Progeria, in the country. He is one out of 10 children with the disease that makes 6 year old look like they are 60 or 70.

Smith, a senior psychology major, headed the organized event for the honorary Aggie. Smith said that the party was given to Peedie to make his Christmas pleasant.

"When he became a member of the University last spring, he touched the hearts of all," Smith said. "It was a

memorable day; he will live in our minds always."

Carolyn Carter narrated "T'was the Night Before Christmas." As Carter narrated, Santa Claus presented Peedie and his family with presents from the Aggie Family. The Snipes family was smiling with bouyance on their faces from the enthusiasm and the participation from the student body.

As the family came to podium to give thanks for the presents the received, the audience gave them a standing ovation. Susan Snipes, Peedie's mother, thanked everyone for showing their love and caring attitude toward her family and Peedie.

Chancellor Fort summed the program up best by saying the "Aggie family has just shown the true meaning of Christmas."

School of Nursing receives accreditation

The School of Nursing was granted full accreditation by the National League of Nursing for eight years, the maximum period such accreditation can be granted.

Announcement of the accreditation was made in New York City by officials of the National League of Nursing to Marietta Raines, dean of the School of Nursing.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort said, "The latest accreditation makes us all very elated. It is a vindication of the master plan initiated for the School of Nursing nearly two years ago.

It also validates the outstanding work of Dean Raines, the faculty, and the nursing students. They've done an outstanding job."

"I feel great about it," Raines said. "We now have met the requirements for both of our accrediting agencies. We have worked extremely hard to make sure that we were meeting all of the criteria. We were working together to do it."

The latest accreditation was granted following a visitation to the campus last October by a team from the National League of Nursing. The

previous accreditation from the league had been a two-year accreditation with warning.

Two months ago, A&T received word from the North Carolina Board of Nursing that its nursing program had been placed on the list of fully approved nursing programs in the state.

"We shall continue to implement the master plan which calls for individualization of instruction, tightened admissions standards, and necessary curricula changes," Fort said. He added that A&T will continue special recruiting and retention strategies.

Residents discuss dorm conditions

By DEIDRA BROWN
Staff Writer

Barbee Hall residents attended a meeting to discuss living conditions in the dormitory with dorm counselors and school officials, in Harrison Auditorium Monday.

Recent policy changes were presented to the students by school officials. Other topics of discussion were cleanliness, co-ed visitation violations and vandalism.

"Washers and dryers in Barbee Hall are constantly in need of repair and this is cost-

ly," said Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice-chancellor for student affairs. "Therefore washers and dryers will be card or coin operated next year.

"We have plans to buy more washers for the dormitory," he said.

Some suites in Barbee Hall do not have operating showers, screens are missing from windows and some rooms have mold growing on the walls. Needed repairs are left up to the resident to report.

"We expect students to

make reports to administrators and, within 12 hours, it will be fixed," Marshall said. "Repair persons will enter rooms accompanied by an SRA or a dorm counselor."

Marshall also said there was a problem with the side entrances to the dorm being propped open by cans, so now, if a resident is caught propping a door open, she can no longer live on campus.

"Furniture in the building is

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Aggies surround Peedie Snipes as he opens gifts presented to him by members of the Aggie family at a Christmas program in his honor Thursday night in Harrison Auditorium. More photos on page 7. (Photo by Bari Davis).

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Happy Holidays

Actors compete for scholarships

A&T has four theatre students selected to compete for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship in the Southeastern Region of the American College Theatre Festival.

The four students selected are Miller Lucky, Jr., a junior from Plainfield, New Jersey; Claudette Alexander-Thomason, a graduate student from Suitland, Maryland; Arnold Pinnix, from Burlington; and Junious "Lenny" Leak of Greensboro. All four students were members of the "Ceremonies In Dark Old Men" cast which is A&T's entry in the American College Theatre Festival.

The actors were chosen by a panel of adjudicators from the American College Theatre Festival during the run of the A&T production in October.

The Southeastern Regional audition will be held in conjunction with the American College Regional Theatre Festival at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in late January.

Winners from the ACTF's ten regions will advance to the national festival in April at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Two Irene Ryan Scholarships valued at \$2,500.00 each will be awarded at the national festival.

Scott needs a change

By **KENNETH A. AREY**
Special to the Register
and
TIMOTHY LITTLE
Staff Writer

Renovation of Scott Hall will cost an estimated \$1 million, according to Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, who spoke to about 300 students in Harrison Auditorium Thursday night.

The renovation project will consist of repairing the heating system, plumbing, electrical outlets, washing machines and replacing ceiling lights.

Presently, the administration is replacing all vandalized items, but, if the vandalism continues, each student will be charged an additional housing fee, according to Marshall.

Any resident charged with destroying dormitory property will have to find living accommodations elsewhere.

There have been reports of anonymous people washing their clothes in the laundry

room, which is open 24 hours. Marshall said this is a part of the vandalism problem also.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort and Marshall made an observation of the 30-year-old dorm for two weekends, and after getting complaints from parents and students, saw a need for improvements.

"We need to make a drastic change," he said. "It is embarrassing to have parents see trash and broken bottles in the halls and stairways of the residence."

Marshall said residents are putting food, such as neckbones and chicken bones, in wash basins. Trash is being emptied in bathroom wall compartments, which house plumbing parts, also.

In addition, Scott Hall residents are remodeling their rooms by moving (what was intended to be) stationary furniture, he said.

Bradford is nominated

By **DESIREE MURPHY**
Special to the Register

T. E. Bradford, a mathematics instructor, was one of the nominees for the W.W. Rankin Award given by the North Carolina Council Teachers of Math (NCC TM).

This award is the highest award given to any teacher who has given outstanding contributions to math education in the state of North Carolina.

"Although I didn't win this award, it was an honor for my name to be submitted and nominated," she said.

Bradford has been an instructor at A&T for twenty-four years. She taught math for elementary teachers K-8

and geometry for teachers 7-12.

Bradford is also involved and has received a plaque from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for community services involving taxes for the elderly and persons in low income brackets for nineteen years. This service was featured in the magazine Chronicle of High Education.

Since October Bradford received another honor. She is one of nearly 300 persons selected for the distinguished Alumni Award which is the National Association for Equal Opportunity In Higher Education (NAFEO). She will be honored on March 29-April 1, 1984, at the ninth National Conference, held in Washington, D.C.

Tau Alpha Tau holds induction



Simms

MICHAEL THOMPSON
Managing Editor

Tau Alpha Tau, an Engineering honor society, inducted 46 members Tuesday night in Memorial Student Union.

Dr. Nathan F. Simms, vice-chancellor for academic affairs, was the speaker. Simms said he did not want to tell the inductees how to be successful, but instead appeal to their morals.

He said he has witnessed things contrary to the Christmas season in the last few weeks. "Christmas is a time to commemorate the birth of Christ, but this country and people are not being

reflective of the season," he said.

He cited the cabbage patch doll chaos as an example of how people are disregarding the meaning of Christmas. "It should disturb you when people fight to give dolls to children," Simms said. "We cannot accept that we can use any means to reach certain ends."

He said the Tau Alpha Tau members should, "have academic and moral fibers which show integrity."

Simms compared their integrity to controlled explosions, referring to internal combustion engines. He said there have been many controlled explosions of learning, via the faculty and instructors, and that the purpose of the occasion was to "commend those who had big explosions."

The juniors inducted were Bassam Al-Othman, Mohammad J. Barzgari, John Carroll, Troy Dawson, Daniel DuRant, Donald Fair, Shelia Garner, Clay Gloster, Jr.,

Hoyt Gresson, Jonathan Hampton, Nathaniel Hines, Michael Holt, Seitu Khafre, Michael Pearsall, Rick Price, Carmen Sidbury, Melanie Smith, Kent Trewick, and Caprice Washington.

The seniors were Osama I. AL-Duais, Waleed AL-Oimlass, Saleh AL-Qallaf, Mohsem AL-Shummari, Rader AL-Whoayyan, Faud Ahmad, Bagher Bagherpour, David Campbell, John R. Coward, Mohammad R. Kazemeini, Taunya McCarty, Hoveida Nobakht, Ikechukwa Onyemem, Howard Porter, Stan Przybylowicz, Donald Robbins, Stephen A. Sutton, and Mohammed Yasfen.

Graduate students were Mohammad Alsayed-Ahmed, Ballen Ahall Bette Gowda, Michael A. Brown, Adedamola G. Ekundayo, Shamprasad Hosadurg, Harris Eze Imadojemu, Mehdi Ramezani-Golafzani, J. Raghavendra Rao, and Ivan Sidelmik.

Jazz Fest to return

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from WQMG-FM, the Carolina Theatre will present the second Greensboro Jazz Fest. The Fest will bring to the city some of the foremost names in jazz for performances and masterclasses.

The first Jazz Fest, in November, 1982, attracted over 2,000 jazz devotees to an array of events that included concerts by Betty Carter, Herbie Mann, McCoy Tyner and Freddie Hubbard.

Clarence Younce, chairman of the Carolina Theatre Commission, notes that the WQMG grant was critical to the Carolina's plans to produce the festival again. "When we produced the first Jazz Fest, much of the underwriting for the event came in the form of a one-time grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. We couldn't move ahead on a second festival without replacing these funds. WQMG's commitment to Jazz Fest has helped fill the gap, both in

terms of real dollars, and by example. Their grant has been the stimulus for additional private sector support from the R.H. Barringer Distributing Co., which has pledged \$3,000, and from Marriot Hotel, which has offered its support in the areas of lodging and hospitality.

Additional funding for Jazz Fest will come from the United Arts Council's Community Cultural Projects Pool, and from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Younce continues: "We are delighted that everything has come together. Jazz Fest offers us an opportunity to move towards a number of important goals at the same time: artistic excellence, visibility for the theatre, visibility for jazz as an art form, and visibility for our own strong musical community. Artistically, Jazz Fest '82 was one of the most successful events we have ever had at the Theatre. We want to build that kind of reputation. The grant

from the state arts council underscores the statewide importance of Jazz Fest, which is North Carolina's only major festival spotlighting contemporary jazz. And Jazz Fest will be a showcase for the Carolina Theatre, for North Carolina's history as a breeding ground for some of the greatest names in the history of jazz, and for our very talented jazz community.

Guest artists include Susanah McCorkle and Jimmy Person on Jan. 6, Pieces of a Dream and Eve Cornelius on Jan. 7, Tal Farlow and Rare Silk on Jan. 13 and Donald Byrd on Jan. 14. The final two concerts will be Ramsey Lewis and Group Sax on Jan. 20 and Wynton Marsalis on Jan. 21.

"Last year, we offered four concerts on consecutive evenings. This year, we will spread Jazz Fest out over three weeks, presenting concerts on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Carolina Theatre.

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not to be moved by residents without authorization from dorm counselors," Marshall said.

Files on every resident will be kept. Any incident a student is involved in, such as a co-ed violation, will be recorded.

To alleviate co-ed violations, Barbee Hall residents have submitted a co-ed visitation proposal. "I will review the proposal to see if it will be

approved," Marshall said. "We want every dormitory to have a proposal."

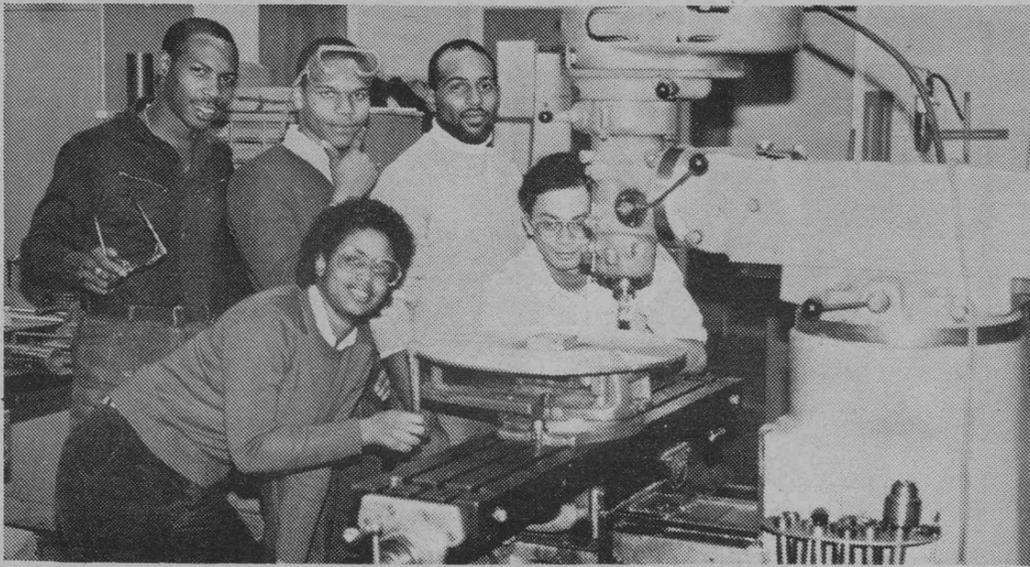
"We met with Cooper Hall residents previously as a result of the vandalism in that dormitory," he said. "Construction crews refused to renovate the building until destruction ceased. Our main purpose is to continue meetings with all residents on campus."

Seven million dollars will be used to renovate the campus in the near future.

How Can You Help Prevent Birth Defects?

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Karen Sidbury (center), (LtoR) Orville Cornwall, Loring Bacon, Rasheed Muslim, and Jamie DeGala are members of the Space Shuttle Program's Mechanical Support Team. The team is working diligently in Cherry Hall on a large metal canister which will contain experiments for the 1985 space shuttle launch.

Campus --- haps

CURTIS AND HOLLAND HALL will be holding a Christmas Dance on December 10, 1983, at 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., at Trevi Fountain. General Admission \$2.00.

Come out and party with the ladies of Curtis and Holland Hall as they bring in the Christmas Season with a BANG!

"HOUSE OF CHARMS" will be having an introductory offer on December 12, 1983, at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Free hair designs and consultation, (models, please shampoo hair the night before). Ladies and gentlemen are welcome.

THE ORGANIZATION OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS will go to the St. James Nursing Home, Saturday December 9, to sing Christmas carols and present fruit to the residents. Mass communication students are invited to join. They will meet at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in front of Crosby Hall and proceed to the nursing home.

MASS COMMUNICATIONS STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ENGLISH 470, THE MEDIA INTERNSHIP, must attend the first scheduled class meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 9, Room 322. This meeting is mandatory, and if you miss it, you will have one strike against you. (Three strikes and you're out). If you do not yet have an internship arranged, see me before December 13. (Mrs. Caudill, Room 226).

CAR-POOLING after finals. Need a ride to Tennessee during Christmas break? Contact Gladys at 272-1795 or come by the biology building office no.28. Leave a note if not in.

Transportation available for games

By PAMELA WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Greensboro Aggie Club will sponsor transportation to basketball games in Raleigh and Atlanta, Georgia.

On December 20, the A&T basketball team will play N.C. State in Reynolds Auditorium, in Raleigh. The Aggie Club will provide transportation to the game for the price of \$16.00.

The Aggie Club will also provide transportation to the Freedom Bowl All-Star Classic which will be played in the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. Featured in this tournament will be the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference against the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

The bus will leave A&T at 1:00 a.m. January 14, 1984

and will depart Atlanta, January 15, at 12:00 noon.

The Aggie Club will charge \$70.00. Included in this price will be the charge for transportation ticket, refreshments and lodging.

Bands from Florida A&M University and Grambling University will be performing. For more information contact Barney Brown at 621-2508.

Hospital offers doll certificates

Realizing that the popular "Cabbage Patch" dolls, which come with adoption papers, are in short supply, Moses H. Cone Hospital is offering "birth" certificates for any doll during the Christmas season.

No charge will be made for the official-looking doll birth documents, which give the doll's name, birthdate, city of birth and the owner's name. For a realistic effect, a footprint is included. The certificates also come with an official signature.

Anyone who is giving a doll for Christmas may call Moses Cone Hospital at 379-4131 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00

p.m., Monday through Friday, to order a doll birth certificate. The certificates will be mailed to the person giving the doll, to accompany the doll at Christmas. The hospital asks that callers be prepared with the information needed to complete the certificate when calling.

Moses Cone Hospital will also be happy to provide doll birth certificates for organizations preparing Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise receive none.

"Moses Cone Hospital is a family oriented hospital. People are our concern and this definitely includes little people," said the hospital's President Dennis R. Barry.

"Christmas should be a joyous time for children, and if this small gesture will make a child happy, then it is certainly worth the effort."

Cyclist collides with volkswagen

By LAWRENCE DOWDY
Special to the Register

An accident occurred Wednesday night on Bluford Street. An A&T student was riding a bicycle and struck a car.

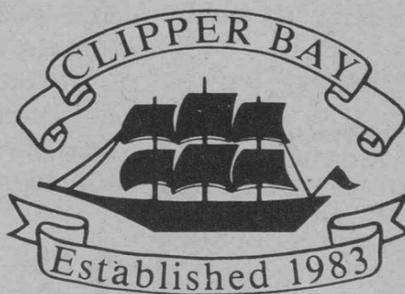
The student, Terrence Proctor, was traveling east on Bluford St. when the accident occurred about 9:15 p.m. A blue Volkswagen, driven by Phillip Powell, was pulling out of Hines Hall drive to let another car in. "The bike came from behind the white car. I couldn't stop," said Powell.

The white car, a Plymouth Valiant, was driven by Rao Staya, a graduate student. He said that he never saw the bicycle.

No one was charged in the accident. "Apparently, the bicycle pulled from behind the Valiant and ran into the side of Powell's car," said Officer J. E. Cox, of the Greensboro police.

Proctor is listed in stable condition in Moses Cone. A full report of his condition was not available.

Campus security was on the scene, but no one was available for comment.



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The Jingles for Christmas

Just when the *humbug, humbug* syndrome was about to invade a certain melancholy soul, the jingles of the Christmas spirit came to the rescue.

Christmas can be a depressing time for a college student when there are financial and/or academic worries as the semester ends.

However, it is not a severe state of depression in most cases. At least, the semester is finally over and mother's cooking simmers constantly in the mind during the final exams.

What exactly does it take for one to get into the *fa la la* mood?

Trimming the tree and Christmas decorating are always fun. And even though mobs invade the shopping malls, they still entail the merriment of the jolly season.

Observing the Santa Claus chit-chats with the tiny tots brings back the good ole days, when all you had to do was ask for it, and you received it.

Now, all you have to do is ask for it, and you are told to go out and work for it.

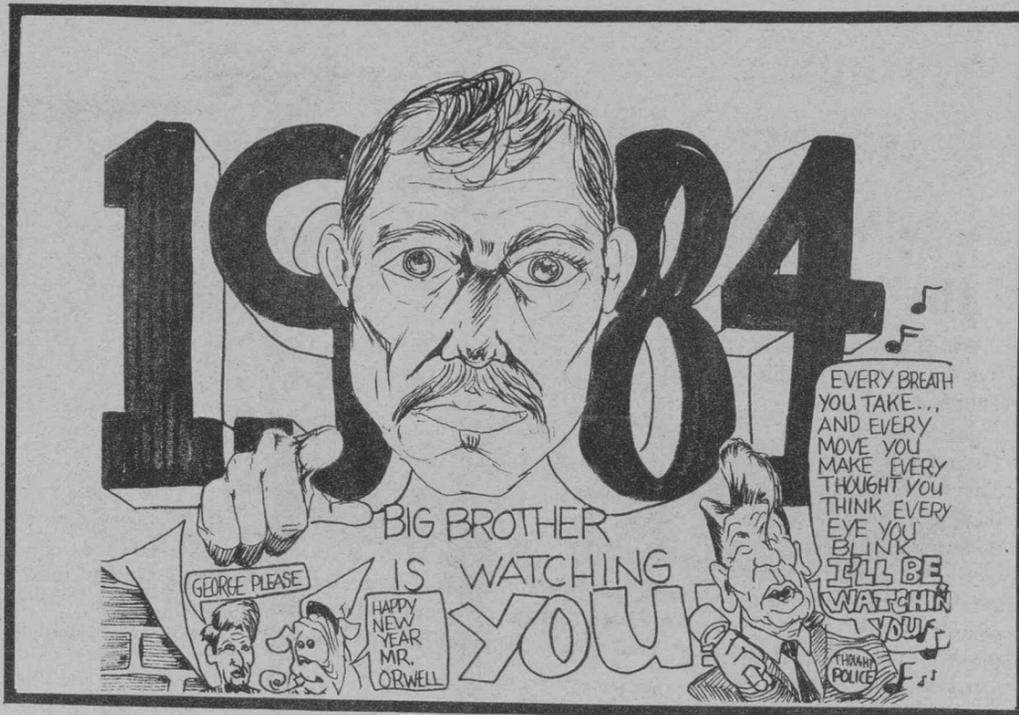
Reminiscing with high school classmates and the neighborhood gangenlightens the yuletide season.

It was at the Christmas program for Peedie Snipes and his family that the spirit of Christmas surfaced from potentialscrooge patron.

Watching the six-year old marvel at his gifts and the jolly ole Santa Claus was very touching. It seemed only yesterday, we were the little Peedies of the day. And just like Peedie, we could not wait until Christmas to open our gifts. And, if mother or father did not catch us, we usually opened and closed them before Christmas.

Even though, Christmas is sixteen days away, the gifts of giving and receiving can be every day and to anyone.

Merry Christmas to all and a happy new year.



No secrets in Aggieland

By GINA E.E. DAVIS

Have you noticed that nowadays everything is so political, it is impossible to get news because everyone is so secretive.

Of course, this is usually during times of war, be it cold or active.

When the United States was involved with the Vietnam war, the press only received information the government released. They distorted all that was going on in the war and caused the people to believe in lies.

We are now in the middle of a cold war that is heating up and it is hard to get information about what is truly going on out there.

The media are having problems getting good stories, good information, and assisting the government with its credibility. Not only does this problem exist out there, it exists here on A&T's campus.

Many of the organizations do not inform the media, WNAA or the *Register* of their ac-

tivities.

They act as though everything they do is some big secret.

For instance, the Christmas party for Peedie, had a small turnout in comparison to what they could have had if it had been publicized.

Many organizations want the publicity, but few take the initiative to call the media.

Sometimes the administration steps in and says it is not of media importance and the situation will be taken care of.

But worst than that is the, "I'll call you next week and fill you in," and you never hear from them.

What can the media do to make the administration, the organization, and the students to free up and inform them on what is going on?

Nothing, other than hope when something important breaks, nobody will be afraid to call.

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It's not too late to speak up

By JAMIE C. RUFF

Many students read the *Register* but few seem to understand its contents. Point in case, Gina Davis' editorial in the December 2nd edition of the *Register* entitled "Hunting for our Leader."

In this column, Christopher Onyemem was chastised for his great performance as the invisible S.G.A. president. The editorial was received with enthusiasm. Some students said the editorial pointed out the problem.

However, beside this editorial was one equally important.

The lead column, "The Few the Proud, but not the Marines" was a request for the various organizations that make up Aggie life evaluate their leadership. The column advocated that the student body not be so quick to complain about the problems without searching for the solution. It was well written, and clearly stated. It was, like the other column, received with enthusiasm, but something was missing. The words were read but the meaning was missed.

Don't misinterpret this editorial. Students shouldn't have been decapitating organizational presidents who had, for one reason or another, not held any meetings all semester. But, something should be said. Some action should be taken. And just because the Christmas break is about to start is no excuse. Many organizations have called it quits for the semester; however, it isn't too late.

You can still contact the organizational president and express your interest. Moreover, there is also the new year.

Next semester, when notices are posted announcing meeting times, don't just glance and keep walking. Take out your pen and note pad and make a point to be there. Don't be so busy sitting in your homeboy's room talking about what you're going to do this weekend that you can't attend a student body meeting.

Now is the time to resolve, to stand and leave the ranks of those who dread and join the ranks of those who dare. And, if you haven't attended any meetings, remember, the new year.

Freshman class assist the needy

The freshman class assisted five Greensboro families with Thanksgiving goodies.

On the Monday before Thanksgiving, the freshman class officers visited five needy families and presented each of them with a basket of food.

Michael Brunson, president, said the freshman class did not want to leave anyone out, so the baskets were distributed to a Black family, a White family, a large family, a family with an impaired member and a Mexican family.

The Black and the White family had unemployed parents. The impaired member of one family was an elderly lady who was partially blind. There were nine members in the large family.

Brunson said he received names of needy families from the Urban Ministry and Christain Clearing, both of Greensboro.

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Grant shines in loss

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Six-foot center Cathy Grant of Conway played her best game of this young basketball season, tallying 20 points, hauling in 16 caroms and blocking three shots -- but all in a losing cause as A&T's Aggies fell 78-64 to arch-rival Winston-Salem.

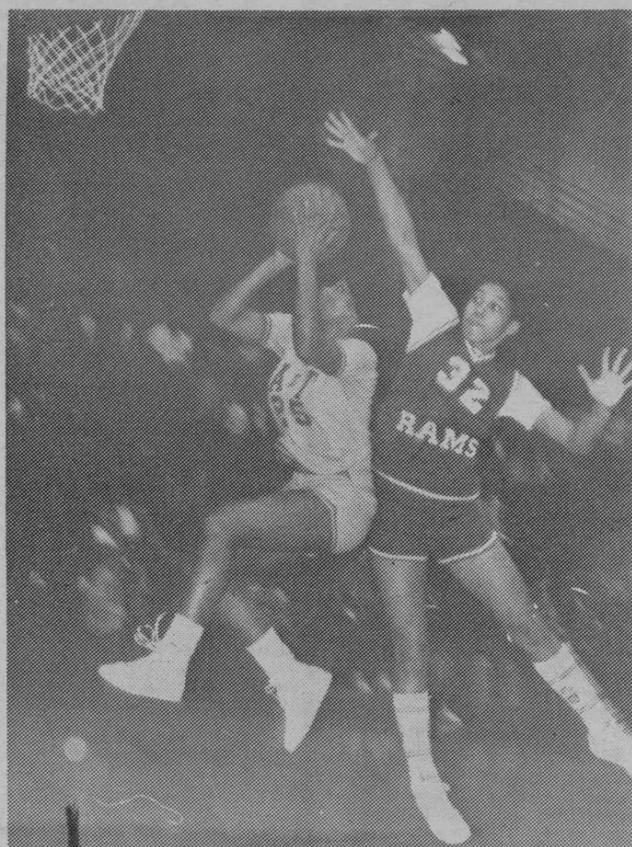
The win lifted the Rams' record to 4-2 while A&T will search for its first win when it travels to the mountain state Friday and Saturday to face West Virginia State and Marshall.

Despite the 14-point loss, Coach Joyce Spruill said her team made tremendous strides from its previous three contests -- all losses of 25 points or more.

"I could see a definite improvement in our overall game," she said in the aftermath of her team's fourth straight defeat. "Our inside

game was strong and we got good play from our guards tonight for the first time."

But neither Grant's sizzling shooting (9-of-12), nor the 1,800 fans in attendance cheering the Aggies in their homecoming, could offset the backcourt combination of Keenan Menefee and Carolyn Huntley who delighted the crowd with an assortment of break-away layups.



WSSU Ram Donna Johnson (32) defends against Gloria Johnson. The Rams won the contest 78-64.

"They beat us down the court," Spruill said. "They only sent two people to the boards and the rest were on the outlet. We on occasions were fighting each other on the boards."

When the Aggies weren't wrestling among themselves, they had to contend with Ram center Nevayta Strother who

led both teams with 17 rebounds. Forward Belinda Howard tied Brown for scoring honors with 20. She was followed by Huntley and Menefee with 18 and 16, respectively.

Senior forward Gloria Johnson hit 15 for the Aggies, and sophomore Kathy Brown rounded out the double-figure scorers with 11.

Aggies unimpressive in win

By VINCENT HOWARD
Special to the Register

Despite A&T's recent dismantling of Division II foe Benedict College (S.C.), many Aggie followers think the defending Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champs will have a tough time reclaim-

ing their title in 1984.

The Aggies, behind the shooting of 6-foot-4 junior guard Eric Boyd (22 points) and 6-foot-8 senior forward Joe Binion (18 points), defeated Benedict in the Corbett Sports Center 97-70.

The win lifted the Aggies'

record to 1-2, while Benedict fell to 1-4.

The high-point man for the Tigers was junior forward Tony Taylor. He canned 22 points.

Aggies

-vs-

Seahawks

Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.

A&T completely dominated the game--at one point the lead reached 35 points. The Tigers rallied in the closing minutes to cut the deficit to 27.

Some Aggie fans who witnessed the contest say the margin of victory should have been larger and that a certain cohesiveness that accompanies true champions was missing.

"The team will have to play more together as far as playing team ball if they want to keep on winning," said junior Kevin Fuller, food science major.

"I think they could have been more impressive," said accounting major Maurice Warren, also a junior.

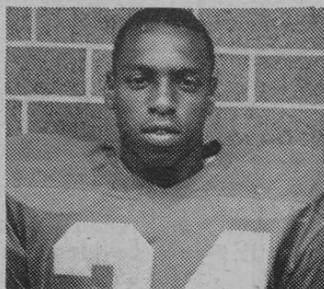
A&T will travel to Wilmington Saturday to take on the Seahawks of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Jones headed for Freedom Bowl

Mike Jones, A&T's standout tailback, was named first-team all-conference by media representatives of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

He will represent A&T in the Freedom Bowl -- a game featuring standouts from the MEAC and the Southwestern Athletic Conference -- in Atlanta on January 14.

Jones played in all eleven games for A&T this season and finished as the team's top rusher with 921 yards. He narrowly missed erasing the school mark of 930 held by Waymon Pitts.



Jones

Jones' totals in the 1983 season:

- * 921 total yards rushing
- * team leader with eight TD's
- * team leader in scoring with 48 points
- * reception leader with 25 for 230 yards
- * all-purpose yardage leader with 1,151 yards

Sports The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

30-Second Men

A&T'S BIG BLUE TEAM. Maybe it's not for me to understand, but I failed to see to the logic behind the coaching strategy (?) of Don Corbett last week against a no-name school from South Carolina.

A&T, resting comfortably on a 35-point lead with just over six minutes remaining against Benedict College -- a team with 10 of the 12 players freshmen, a team with the tallest player standing 6-foot-4, a team with a freshman serving as director of sports information -- kept his starters in the lineup until thirty seconds.

Oh, the humiliation that must have been with the 30-second men. Being a former jock, I know what it feels like for players who get the nod to go into a game with 26 (or less) seconds left to play.

I wasn't exactly a standout in basketball, myself, and, believe me Gardner Cowell, I know exactly what, through your mind. (I'm only glad you didn't say it.)

And Duane Williams, after I watched Jack Jensen's guards at Guilford play in a recent tournament, I'm sure he could have used you.

I know what you fellows went through -- and will go through this season.

Ah hah, but I found a solution when I was riding the pine at good old John A. Holmes High. When I knew we were going to blow a team out of the gym, (or get blown out) and I knew I'd get the call to reserve our 30-point win with 30 seconds to go, what I'd do before the game was complain to the coach about a headache, sore knee, or something.

It worked too, and I never got humiliated by teammates the next day in study hall when they would joke about the 30-second men.

How you keep the coach from finding out, though, is that you never complain of ailments before a game you think will be close. You know, just the Benedicts, N.C. States, and others.

That way, he'll think it's legitimate.

REMEMBER THE AGGIES WHILE FEASTING. While most of us will be engaging in holiday festivities at home around the dinner table, the Aggie basketball team will enjoy the holiday in a different manner. They will play in the the UNC-Charlotte Tourney on December 28-29. Other teams involved are Appalachian and UNC-Wilmington, whom the Aggies face tomorrow. A&T will also face NCAA champion N.C. State in Reynold's Coliseum on December 20.

AGGIES IN '84? Find out who will rule the MEAC this season in the next edition of the Register. Sports Editor Richard Williams takes a look at how seven schools stack up in 1984.

The Open Gate and the Register staff congratulate tailback Mike Jones who was named all-MEAC and will represent A&T January 14 in the Freedom Bowl in Atlanta.

Christmas Poetry *****

Jesus Christ Paved The Way

Jesus Christ paved the way to offer eternal life today.
Many sinners in the land reject His simple salvation plan

Their own lives are what they wreck, trying to use their intellect.

Jesus Christ paid the cost, to save the drunk and, diseased, and lost.

He is my Saviour I'm proud to say, yes
Jesus Christ paved the way.

Bernard Grant

Why Christmas

Christ is born upon this day
He hears our cry, when we pray
Risen from the grave, just for us
In Him, we should put our trust
Sin is in the hearts of all men
Thanks for His mercy, we can be forgiven
Mary, the virgin, He was born of
A celebration to be cherished
Simply because He is love.

Joey N. Jones

At Christmas Time

The time of the year, to be happy and full of cheer.
To provide gifts for every girl and boy.
To sing songs of praise and joy.
To be at home with the people you love most.
To eat greens, potato salad and roast.
To witness winter's beauty of ice and snow.
To capture the memory in pictures before it goes.
To share thoughts of the past.
To look forward to the new year, at last.

Joey N. Jones

Merry Christmas Love

To my love, I gave a valentine
to show we'd never part.
I sent my love a birthday greeting
to show my love would never sour,
only continue to grow sweeter.

When Thanksgiving came, I thanked
the Lord for all His blessings and
the blessing of your love.
Now my love it is the time of year
when the air is filled with kindness
and joy, so Merry Christmas, love, let's
make it last another year!

Bannistine VanField

If I Could Miss Christmas

If I could miss Christmas this year,
I would.
I don't need that Christmas joy,
I don't want those gifts
I surely don't need to hear carols.
I want somebody with me
to share my Christmas.
Family, well, they just will not do.
I want something to do,
I want to dance this Christmas,
in somebody's arms.
I want to laugh this Christmas,
to some man's charms.
I want to love this Christmas,
the one I've waited for.
I want you this Christmas.
Now and forever more.
If I could miss Christmas this year,
I would.

Gina E. E. Davis

The Stranger

Who is the stranger that has become so close to me?
Who is the stranger that has given me liberty?
Who is the tall, ebony, figure I see lurching, creeping,
coming, oh, so close to me.
Who is the stranger that has set me free?
Who opened my eyes that were blind to make me see.
Who is the stranger that has gotten close to me?
Who is the stranger that has made me realize that I do not
have to yearn for tenderness.
Who is the stranger that so freely offered his sexual
healing to me?
His name is my love to be.
He is what I always dreamed, in summer, spring, winter or
fall.
And here's my wish to all, Merry Christmas to you and yours,
And a special Merry Christmas to my love.

Jacqueline D. Jones

Christmas with the Snipes family

(Photos by Bari Davis)



largest bus transit system

Greyhound strike does not affect Aggies

By **TURNER C. BATTLE**
Special to the Register

The Greyhound Corporation, the nation's largest bus transit system, has been plagued by a month-long national strike and A&T students are taking it in stride.

The strikers, represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union, have contended that the 7.8 percent cut in pay is unfair. Before the strike, the average annual pay for a Greyhound employee was \$

27,437 plus \$8,307 in benefits. These wages were considerably higher than Greyhound's competitor's wages and would remain slightly higher after the cuts were implemented.

Greensboro is served by both Trailways and Greyhound. The downtown terminal can be a busy place. Yet, the heavy traffic is handled during the holidays.

F. L. Welch, a Trailway supervisor temporarily based in Greensboro, said, "There was quite an increase in

patronage during the Thanksgiving holidays. We like to know when the schools are letting out so that we can gear up for the increased ridership."

Welch said, "During the Christmas holidays, there will be the usual doubling." The term doubling refers to the adding of extra sections to existing routes.

Greyhound supervisor F.A. Hutchins still keeps his post at the ticket desk at the downtown terminal. He said,

"Greyhound supervisors are not affected by the strike."

Students at A&T are generally not inconvenienced by the strike. Many students own cars or know students from their areas with cars. Students from distant metropolitan areas often opt for plane travel. Some travel by train.

Senior mass communications major Rosalind Postell said, "Everyone should have the right to strike; however I think that the Greyhound workers are turning down a

good package according to the full page ads Greyhound is running in the local paper."

Vincent Howard, a junior from Norfolk, Virginia, doesn't see a purpose in the strike. He said there should be other ways to settle disagreements. He, however, is unaffected by the strike. "I travel Trailways and United anyway," he said.

Greyhound has not served this area during the strike and operates only on a limited basis nationally.

SAC sponsors suggestion box

VICKIE MILLS
Special to the Register

The Student Alumni Council (SAC) placed a suggestion box in the Memorial Student Union for students to voice their opinions on campus life.

Students may use this box to speak out on issues such as dormitory living conditions, co-ed visitation and other issues.

The suggestions will be collected and the president of the Student Alumni Council will forward opinions to Chris Onyemem, SGA president.

The purpose of SAC is to promote the ideals, goals and services of the A&T State University National Alumni Association. It also serves as an interpretative voice for the student body to the national alumni association.

Randolph Mitchell, the president, said another purpose is to help the student to become alumni one day.

At the regular meeting Thursday night, Dr. Vallie Guthrie, adviser, informed the council of a trip to Florida to witness Ron McNair's, an Alumnus of A&T, space shuttle flight.

The launch will begin on January 29, at approximately 7:30 a.m. The bus will leave from Greensboro on Friday, January 27, at 6 a.m. The bus will return to Greensboro from Florida on Monday, January 30 at 10 p.m. While in Florida, tourist can spend the visiting the Kennedy Space Center, Disney World and the Epcot Center. The cost of the trip is \$130.00 (two persons per room) and \$90.00 (four persons per room).

Mitchell said he would like for the members to work towards having an alumni banquet.

Guthrie suggested that the council hold a fundraiser that would take care of expenses.

A&T State University Graduate

Dr. Ronald McNair, Astronaut

**will be a member of the Space Shuttle Flight Team
on the January 29, 1984 launch**

You can witness this historic event!

A&T will sponsor an exciting bus trip to Kennedy Space Center.

I. AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1984
6:00 a.m. Depart Greensboro by bus
8:00 p.m. Arrive Cocoa, Florida (Cocoa Inn/Best Western)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1984
9:00 a.m. Depart Motel for tour of Kennedy Space Center
2:00 p.m. Return to Motel (Free Time)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 1984
3:00 a.m. Depart Motel for Launch Site
*7:30 a.m. Witness Launch STS-11
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Tour of Disney World, Epcot, etc.
4:01 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Free Time
12:00 Midnight Depart Cocoa, Florida for return to Greensboro
Arrival in Greensboro:
12:00 noon (Monday)

*MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1984

If STS-11 launch is postponed until Monday, January 30, the group will depart motel for return to Greensboro on Monday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m. Arrival in Greensboro: 10:00 p.m.

II. COSTS: (room, transportation)

\$130.00 per person (two per room)
\$ 90.00 per person (four per room)

III. PAYMENT PLAN

1. Deposit of \$60.00 per seat due by December 22.
2. Balance due by January 10, 1984.
3. Student deposit of \$50.00 due by December 22.
4. Balance due by January 10, 1984.

Make checks payable to: A&T Space Shuttle Trip
Mail or bring to: Room 403 Dowdy Building
A&T State University
Greensboro, N. C. 27411

Dr. Ethel Taylor, Chairperson