Students protest co-ed policy

Students display views of co-ed during protest Thursday night.

By JAMIE C. RUFE
News Editor

TRACI BROWN
Special to the Register

Students and administrators have decided on a trial period of coed visitation without monitors before the end of the semester.

Approximately 80 students crowded into Murphy Hall Auditorium Thursday night to hear Dr. Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs; Dr. Lucille Piggott, dean of student affairs for student life; Dr. Sullivan Welborne, dean of student affairs for service and SGA President Chris Onyemem come to the agreement.

"The trial basis will be set up," said Marshall. "No questions about that."

The disturbance had grown out of a letter sent from Attorney General James France to Marshall. In the letter, dated January 23, France said, "Since being elected attorney general last spring, I began to notice the alarming number of cases involving simple coed visitation violations. This only prompted me to believe more strongly that the policy must be changed."

"Believe me at no point am I condoning the breaking of rules, but any rule that is out of date must be changed," France said.

He added that a number of predominantly white institutions -- including UNC-G -- have no monitors.

Posters throughout the campus, signed by 'Genghis Khan,' called for a protest of the current coed visitation policy by pawning the person you are visiting and being escorted to her room. This was the policy favored by most.

While residents were chanting "we want coed!" in Zoe Barbee Hall, Hazel Cox, a junior business education major and SRA in Vansant, said, "They've been pretty orderly tonight."

Many students did not understand the difference between what was called "open visitation" and 24-hour visitation. While many students were in support of changing the present visitation policy, there was a fear this was the same as 24-hour visitation.

"These guys can't come over to your house and stay 24 hours, why come here?" Pamela Cook said, a sophomore accounting major. "They need to be protesting over something realistic, like that grade 'B' over there (in the cafeteria)," she said.

"I don't really understand every detail of 24-hour coed," Michelle Lloyd said, a freshman biology major.

Under the current policy, one must leave either one's I.D. or meal card at the front desk to make sure the young lady brings her guest back downstairs by the end of coed visitation period.

In Zoe Barbee Hall, residents displayed their discontent with the current rules by chanting "we want coed!" and "coed, coed!"

Stacia Randle, a resident of Barbee Hall who was the monitor Thursday night said that about 20 men had possibly followed the instructions of the protest. However, "a lot of people saw that way (towards the door) could have been going to the other lobby," she said.

However, other students said that, although they did not favor the trial method, they would protest to display their disappointment.

"I was going to do it," said Jodi Walton, a sophomore business administration major.

"To make it effective I would have taken a gentleman up. The students don't know how to participate, how to fight for what they believe in even if it might get them in trouble."

"The main reason we were having the protest is so we can prove we are young responsible adults," said Stephanie Tidwell, a freshman business major.

At the Murphy Hall rally student comments ranged from coed visitation to the lack of hot water in sections "A" and "B" of Scott Hall.

Marshall told the students that, at a Student Body Meeting to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, administrators would be present who can answer the student's questions. It is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. but the location has not been determined.

Onyemem later said that a policy probably be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 so that students can prepare questions for the Student Body Meeting with administrators. The location was announced.

"They've been working on the trial period with unmonitored coed visitation," Onyemem said the students must be prepared to be responsible for their conduct and that of their classmates.

"We're going to have to show them we can be responsible," said Onyemem. "It's going to have to be a collective responsibility. One student can determine the fate of the entire student body.

Julian Bond will speak in the Ayoceck Auditorium on of UNC-G at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31st. The public is invited to attend.

Alexander

MICHAEL RATCLIFF
Staff Writer

Students need care and advice, especially incoming freshmen, because of necessary motivational skills, according to Dr. Sandra Alexander, newly appointed director of freshman studies at A&T.

"I simply care about students and especially this particular age group just coming out of high school. From the very beginning they need to be assisted on the right track," said Alexander.

Alexander was officially appointed by Dr. Nathan Simms, Jr., vice chancellor for academic affairs on January 2.

"The success of the program will be the cooperation of students and faculty with each other in the university," said Alexander.

The 12-year teaching veteran mentioned three goals of the freshman studies program for Fall '84, which are:

To improve the basic skills of students writing, speaking and math through computer-assisted instruction programs.

To develop a system of keeping track of freshman, academically and advising them. (A midterm freshman grade will now be regularly issued to families of students in their first year.)

To offer motivational workshops, such as tips on doing well on tests and better study habits.

Alexander added that maximum participation of students will make these goals become realistic.

She said this job has given her a chance to upgrade the caliber of student's attitude toward education.

Alexander has a Ph.D. in English from the University of Pittsburgh.

Other degrees are an M.A. in English from Harvard University in 1970, and she received her B.S. degree in English from A&T.

Alexander first taught at Allegheny Community College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as a student teacher. Afterwards, she taught at Coppin State in Maryland from 1972 to 1974.

(see Alexander, page 8)
Hewlett-Packard donates electronic equipment

The Department of Engineering has been awarded more than $16,000 in electronic equipment by Hewlett-Packard, which will be used to upgrade the department's undergraduate circuits laboratory.

Presentation of the items were made to Dr. Suresh Chandra, dean of the School of Engineering, by Allen Folkins, district systems engineering manager for Hewlett-Packard.

Also visiting A&T were Vernon T. Williams, senior personnel representative for Hewlett-Packard's southern sales region, and Morris Carey, sales representative.

Included in the gift to A&T were eight function generators, eight digital multimeters, eight logic probes and 56 videotapes on IC technology.

In addition, the firm is providing A&T with an on-loan professor, Mr. Eileen Bridges, who is teaching graduates and undergraduates during the current semester.

Dr. Samuel White Jr., chairman of the electrical engineering department, said the electronic equipment will be used to teach the students how to measure electrical signals and as troubleshooting devices.

"This donated equipment means much to us," said White. "It allows us to bring the state of the art equipment to which to expose our students.

Hewlett-Packard, a major designer and manufacturer of precision electronic equipment for measurement, analysis and computation, has been a supporter of A&T for several years.

"You can't put a dollar value on their contributions to our program," said White. He added that the on-loan professor brings valuable job experience to the students.

"We require the Ph.D. degree for our teachers," he said, "but some of our professors come out of college with no experience."

Placement Center

Interview process changes

KEITH MATTISON
Special to the Register

Beginning February 1, the Placement Center will change the system by which students register for interviews with corporations and governmental agencies, due to student dishonesty.

"We had a situation developing in which students, who did not get on the interview list, would scratch out the names of other people on the list; and, in some cases, they would take the list, thereby throwing the whole process into chaos," Leon Warren, Sr., director of the placement center, said.

"Because of this, we are changing the procedure by which students register to interview with corporations, and we hope this will eliminate some of the problems," he said.

Under the old method, students simply signed a list beside the time at which they wanted their interviews.

Warren said this was the first time in 11 years that the center had to change its sign-up procedures and that they were based on the honor system.

Some of the new procedural changes include (1) the creation of a new position, coordinator of scheduling and records. This person will ensure every student of having an equal opportunity to register for an interview; (2) requiring students to submit a sign-up sheet with the list of organizations they would like to interview with. Priority for scheduling will be given to those who are graduating in the semester in which they are interviewing, e.g., December graduates are scheduled first in the fall, last in the spring; (3) requiring students to return to the placement center and receive confirmation of their appointments.

Those students who are interested in getting more information concerning the procedure changes, a 15-minute seminar will be given for anyone having questions.

AE receives Brick grant

The Department of Architectural Engineering has received a grant of $1,000 from the Brick Association of North Carolina.

The funds, presented by Marlon R. Cochran, general manager of the Brick Association, were received for student design competition and for scholarships.

"We are extremely grateful for this contribution," said Streat, "It will aid our students toward achieving their educational goals."

Funds are donated by the Brick Association on behalf of North Carolina architects and general contractors who have received some form of education or training in their profession from these institutions.

Cochran said: "These donations are a way of thanking the construction professional for using our product, as well as providing our educational programs with some needed financial assistance. Our manufacturers have supported individual institutions for a long time. Now we are contributing as an association and we hope to do so for many years to come."

A & T dean of the School of Engineering, Dr. Suresh Chandra, (seated fourth from left) receives equipment from Hewlett-Packard. Others are Morris Carey, Allan Folkins, Vernon T. Williams, Dr. Samuel White Jr. and Eileen Bridges.

A concert by pianist Horatio Miller, postponed last Tuesday, will be held in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium, January 29th at 8 p.m. The concert is open to the public without a charge.

Horatio Miller’s dynamic playing is always an intense emotional experience which both the novice listener and the seasoned concert-goer alike are moved and excited.
Sexually transmitted diseases

KENNETH A. AREY
Special to the Register

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) was the topic of a lecture by Public Health Investigator Rufus Stanly recently in Cooper Hall.

The program was one in a series of resident hall programs sponsored by the Office of Counseling Services.

More than half of all people who have gonorrhea and syphilis are under age 25, according to Stanly.

If you have contracted gonorrhea and don't treat it, you may become sterile. The disease can damage the sperm ducts in men and fallopian tubes in women.

It can result in crippling arthritis or heart disease. Gonorrhea signs in males usually appear 3 to 5 days after sexual contact with an infected person. Most men have a pus discharge from the sex organ and may experience burning sensations during urination.

A woman can have it and not know, since it rarely causes painful signs in early stages.

Syphilis germs can attack any organ or part of the body. It is most damaging to the brain, spinal cord, blood vessels and heart. Outward signs of syphilis include painless sores that go without treatment. The sores usually appear on and around the sex organs about 21 to 90 days after you are infected.

They heal within a few weeks without treatment. Symptoms include a rash on part of the body, white shiny spots, sores in the mouth, fever, sore throat and headaches.

There is an infection that is known, but is now pinpointed. Nongonococcal urethritis (NGU) causes an inflammation or infection of the urethra, which carries urine from the bladder.

It is not caused by the same germ which is responsible for gonorrhea. In a man, the symptoms are burning and itching around the opening of the sex organ, as well as a discharge.

A woman may have an itch

or burning in or around the genital area on discharge. The signs may go away, in both cases, but will return by your sex partner, according to Farthing.

Condoms should be used. If properly used, they are good protection, but not perfect, she said.

If any signs or symptoms occur, you should go to the STD clinic at the Department of Public Health or your physician for an examination and treatment. If you become infected, have your partner(s) checked and treated.

For further information, call Talmied, a pre-recorded tape library which helps you recognize early signs of illness.

Each tape is 5 to 5 minutes long and screened by physicians and other health care experts to insure its accuracy.

ROTC News

BY TIM NIXON
Staff Writer

The Army and Air Force ROTC Departments held their annual Fall commissioning ceremonies last semester in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

The Army ROTC Department commissioned six cadets second Lieutenants in the United States Army. The cadets commissioned were Gregory Carter (Armor Officer), Gwolony B. Davis (Transportation Corps Officer), Christopher C. Fish (Field Artillery Officer), Steven A. Florence (Infantry Officer), Antonio W. Foster (Quartermaster Corps Officer) and Mary W. Fox (Signal Corps Officer).

Free Jazz Concert

A&T and the Black College Jazz Network will sponsor a free public jazz concert by trumpeter player, Clark Terry, on Monday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Terry, also an accomplished player of the flugelhorn, was a featured soloist for eight years with Duke Ellington's Band, and for 12 years was featured with the Tonight Show band.

A native of St. Louis, he got into music at an early age, later joined his high school band and was influenced by the outstanding jazz trumpet players of his area.

Terry has also appeared in concert with such symphony orchestras as the Denver symphony, Buffalo Symphony, Elkhart Symphony and the North Dakota/Minnesota Symphony. He is the holder of an honorary doctorate from the University of New Hampshire in 1990.

The Black College Jazz Network Tour is an attempt to provide access to jazz music through Black colleges and universities. Nine colleges, including A&T, are currently affiliated with the tour.

"Blues in the Night"

The Broadway sensation, Blues In The Night, starring Della Reese, is coming to the Greensboro War Memorial auditorium for three performances on Tuesday, January 31, at 8:15 p.m. and Wednesday, February 1, at 3 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

This Broadway musical revue uses the great blues and jazz songs of the 1920's and 30's to explore the lives of three women and a saloon singer in a cheap hotel.

Since the late 1950's, Della Reese has recorded more than three dozen albums, appeared in every major network television talk show and performed in clubs and provinces across in every major city throughout the world.

Appearing with Della Reese will be Kristina Baker, who will join the tour from Dallas, Texas, where she most recently appeared in the Tonys' Best Tamey Show, The Foolish. Other cast members appearing with Della Reese include Cynthia White, who won rave reviews earlier in her career in the lead role of the Tony award-winning musical, Foolish.

The selection of blues and jazz comes from Besse Smith, Jonny Mercer, Harold Arlen and others who have created lyrics like "Wild Women Don't Have the Blues" and "These Foolish Things Remember Me of You."

Ticket prices are $15 and $7 and are on sale at the Greensboro Coliseum Box office and all Ticketron Outlets including Sears stores, Belk at Carolina Circle Mall Mall and Reznick's in Winston-Salem.
OPINIONS

Important issues are put on the back-burner

Hats off to the group of Aggies who united Thursday night to protest the co-ed visitation policy. Hopefully, for you, your protest and chit-chat with university officials will merit some results.

However, the question remains: Why does it take words such as co-ed visitation, a protest, a Greek step-show or any other social gathering to make Aggies get involved?

When the first student body meeting was held about two weeks ago, where were the members of the Aggie family? By the number in attendance, no one could truthfully say that A&T students have some grips or complaints.

It is fine and dandy that students here do not wish to be treated like children and came together to do something about it.

But surely there are other issues that may require the same tactics to bring about a change such as a required Black history course to be taken by students before graduation.

It is true that Black history courses are offered through the history department and students can take these courses at their own free will.

Well, we see what free will has accomplished.

Last semester, a task force was established to study the possibilities of a required Black history course. However, no action has been taken.

How long will issues that can really benefit the progress of a student be put on a back-burner for trifling issues such as co-ed visitation.

Now let's get a mandatory Black History course

To much power

By JAMIE C. RUFF

Isn't Ron simply amazing? If he goes down in history for nothing else, he'll be remembered for having the most comical and ridiculous cabinet and subordinates ever.

To have allowed Edwin Meese to even entertain the thought of being Attorney General displays the absurdity of the present administration.

Pardon ignorance but isn't Meese the same pseudo-comedian who said, in summary, not only is there no hunger in America but Ebenezer Scrooge should go down in history as one of the great humanitarians. (With that fact let's establish Genghis Khan the all-American hero)

It is quite obvious Ron just can't get over his days in the movies. Why else would he have appointed James Watts (Remember this classic: a woman, a Black and a cripple.) to a position of authority such as the secretary of interior.

And let's not forget Al "let's nuke the naughty Russians" Haig at secretary of state. What an advocate of brotherly love!

Ron's staff is as hilarious as Nazi stormtroopers at a Jewish wedding. Saying they send shivers down the spine doesn't explain the extent of the feeling.

However, these men are pseudo-comedians, that is to say, they aren't funny. The situation is only too real and life is too precious to be funny when weak minds dictate strong policies.

True no sleep should be lost tonight due to this, but remember the power of these men is real as theirs to use or misuse. Ron has--like most presidents before him--found a way to reward friends for their campaign support.

But, like a child should not be given a gun for his own safety and the safety of others, men who don't understand their power and how to use it should have no power.

Nothing lasts forever

MICHAEL THOMPSON

You non-senior journalism and mass communications students (preferably) need to appear (or reappear) in the Register House more often.

Some of you are staff writers, who are falling short of your status. There are others who have contributed stories, while some have not written anything.

Unfortunately, there are only two "consistent" staff writers, a sophomore and a senior, who will finish school in December.

In order for this paper to continue functioning in a progressive manner, you as "underclassmen" need to increase your knowledge of how this newspaper operates.

You can gain the knowledge which the editorial board puts to use twice a week for your reading pleasure. Your gain will be instrumental in overcoming the loss of seven editorial board members also.

Excluding the editor, business manager, advertising manager, chief photographer, head typist and art editor, the board is composed of graduating seniors.

They will not be around to edit, type, proofread and lay out your stories.

As staff writers, the present board members maintained a degree of consistency, aside of their bylines. They were in the Register House learning how to use the computers and lay out copy, to name a few.

In other words, they had experience when they became editors.

You, as future editors, managers and staff writers can obtain the same experience.

The classroom is not the only place from which you acquire knowledge. Whenever you list your job-related experience on your resume, you are going to fill in the space with Newswriting, Advanced Newswriting and other courses you have taken.

How can you succeed in journalism when all you have to show prospective employers are empty hands that match your resume?"

According to a former Register news editor.

Therefore, take advantage of your opportunity to learn; here and now. Let us have to change our motto to "complete unawareness for incomplete commitment."
Student unhappy with MLK speaker

Editor of The Register

On January 16, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Martin Luther King was recognized not only on the campus of N.C. A&T State University, but also on other campuses throughout the city. As most of us already know, Dr. King is best known for his dedication to the civil rights movement. Dr. King believed that the injustices that occurred during the 50's and early 60's could be eliminated if people of all races united as one. However, although Dr. King believed in overcoming prejudice for all people, prejudice was most evident against Black Americans. Blacks were treated as second class citizens and were constantly berated. No race can understand the humiliation that Black Americans must have felt during this time as well as another Black can. No other race can relate to Black people as fluently as we can relate to one another. We are a proud people but only Blacks know how Blacks feel in pre-judiced situation. For these reasons, I was extremely disappointed when I attended the Martin Luther King tribute on Sunday, January 15, in Harrison Auditorium and found the speaker of the evening to be Ralph Neas. I must compliment Neas for giving such an inspiring speech filled with endless statistics and percentages about the Reagan administration and about political injustices. The speech would have been appropriate for an administrative board or for the members of the city council, but that was not what I, as a student at a predominantly Black university, wanted to hear. I had been looking forward to attending the programs scheduled to celebrate the birthday of Dr. King because I feel that it is important that we, as young Black adults of the eighties, be reminded of the struggle our people had to overcome. We must realize that society has not always treated us as we are treated today. This is what I wanted to hear. I wanted a Black speaker to "boost my morale" and give me confidence to overcome the challenges that lie ahead. I wanted a Black person who had participated in the civil rights movement to further explain the works of Dr. King. I wanted a Black person to talk to me on my level, without statistics and percentages, so that I could understand the significance of his/her statements. More importantly, I wanted a Black person to inform me of specific ways that we, as Black Americans, can unite with other races to overcome prejudices and injustices that exist in today's society. This is what I wanted to hear, not statistical data that sounded like a headline of the Wall Street Journal.

What is worse, is that Neas got, of all things, a standing ovation. I couldn't believe it! I wonder if those who stood in the audience sincerely appreciated the material relayed by the speaker, or if they stood because those sitting on the platform stood. I do not understand why Neas was chosen to speak on such an important day. More importantly, what criteria was used in selecting a spokesperson.

Tia Terry Hodg
Business Administration Maj.

CAMPUS HAPS

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE STUDENT UNION ADVISORY BOARD presents: "The Mr. Aggie Contest" for 1984-85. Applicants may pick up applications in the Student Union at the information desk on January 24, 1984. Deadline for applications is February 15, 1984. Requirements: 2.0 cumulative grade point average, 32 semester hours must have been completed at A&T excluding summer school sessions.

Applications may be turned in at the information desk or Room 106 of the Student Union.

On Tuesday, January 31st, the Naval Weapons Center will present Sidewinder-Air to Aggie Misseln Gibbs Hall at 6:30 p.m. in Room 123. The presentation is sponsored by IEEE. Refreshments will be served.

The A&T Chapter of INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS (IEEE) will host the 1984 Regionals(III & IV) Student Conference at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons. Students from Puerto Rico, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, New Jersey and North Carolina will attend this event.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATION will sponsor a speaker at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 1 in Merrick Hall Auditorium. The speaker is Earnest Plitt, owner and publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle.

The members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a 2-6 at the Trevi Fountain on Saturday, January 28th. Admission will be $2 with ID, and $3 without ID.

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor a 10-2 at the Club 29 on Saturday, January 28th.

Representatives of over 55 school systems from across the United States will be on campus to give out applications and conduct brief interviews on Thursday, February 2, in the Memorial Union Ballroom from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. All prospective teachers should be there. Each student should have available a copy of his/her resume for each representative of interest.

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(312) 742-1142 EXT. 9240-A.
Joe Binion is not only making a name for himself along the Open Gate. He's also becoming well-known throughout other segments of the basketball arena. Binion is ranked among the Top 40 scorers in the NCAA. Currently, he ranks No. 39, claiming 20.9 points every time he steps onto the court.

Binion is also ranked No. 13 in rebounding, pulling down 11.1 per outing. Oklahoma's Waymon Tisdale, probably the best basketball player in the country, is just ahead of Binion (11.2).

There are other players from predominantly Black universities gaining recognition for themselves and their respective schools. They also are among the top college crop this season.

In scoring:
* No. 5 Lewis Jackson (Alabama State)...26.1
* No. 6 Napoleon Johnson (Grambling)...26.1
* No. 28 Aaron Brandon (Alcorn State)...21.8
* No. 39 Joe Binion (A&T).................20.9

In rebounding:
* No. 11 Rob Sanders (Miss. Valley).....11.5
* No. 13 Joe Binion (A&T).................11.1
* No. 15 Allen Crisp (Tennessee State)...11.1

In assists:
* No. 7 Mike Freeney (Alabama State)....7.4

In field goal percentage:
* No. 4 Napoleon Johnson (Grambling)...65.7

*A&T's wrestling coach takes his team to Howard this weekend. But without a few worries. Mel Pinckney is worried because he only has 11 wrestlers compared to 31 when the season began. A&T gives up 12 points in each match because they have no one to participate in two weight classes: 118-lb. class and 126-lb. class.

"It's very tough," said the veteran coach, "to win when you give up that many points.

"On paper if we had kept all of the guys, we would have had at least a .500 season. Now we have a very slim chance to win the conference championship," said Pinckney.

Morgan State back in MEAC

After a five-year absence, Morgan State University has returned to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The MEAC had lost one of its member institutions last season when Florida A&M withdrew and with them went the conference's automatic NCAA Division I-AA playoff berth in football.

The Bears, one of the original members of the 12-year-old league which formed in 1971, dropped out in 1979 and has operated as independent since then.

The team will begin competing with other member institutions next football season. They will not be eligible for playoffs in basketball until the 1988-89 season under a NCAA rule change adopted at its winter session in Dallas. During that time Morgan will not compete in the MEAC tournament.

A&T to test Hawks--again

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

A&T's Aggies used an impressive victory Wednesday night over arch-rival Winston-Salem to tune up for a key conference matchup against the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the Corbett Sports Center Saturday. Tip-off time is 7:30 p.m.

The Hawks will look to avenge a loss to the Aggies, 86-67, two weeks ago in Maryland.

A&T enters the contest riding the crest of a five-game winning streak and holds a 11-4 overall record. The Aggies, 1-2 in league play, taunted with a new line-up in the game against the Hawks back on January 16.

Head coach Don Corbett was forced to use three guards in that game because of an injury to forward Darryl Battle. The move has helped the Aggies establish a quicker tempo as most teams have elected to slow the pace.

"That lineup has helped us keep up our intensity," Corbett said. "We like to run and we feel that we're a better ball club when we run."

Six-foot-4 guard Eric Boyd -- an all-MEAC selection last season -- is the glue that holds the Aggies together. His running mates, senior Brian Booker and junior Jimmy Brown, form an experienced backcourt.

However, the catalyst on the team is 6-foot-8 forward Joe Binion. The slender Rochester, N.Y., native is the premier player in the league and currently leads the MEAC in scoring (20.9) and rebounding (11.2).

Rounding out the starting five is senior James Horace. The Hawks are led by veterans Robert and Donnell Boney and John Moorman.

Aggine on the move

Clearly, the two most dominant players ever to play basketball in the MEAC are Marvin "The Human Eraser" Webster and Joe Binion. Webster, Morgan State's three-time player of the year, helped MSU gain national acclaim in the early 1970s. Binion, A&T's two-time winner of the league's top individual award, is leading the Aggies in similar directions.

Webster was first-round draft choice in 1975 and is currently the starring center of the NBA's New York Knickerbockers.

The team's records during their tenures:

Joe Binion

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Joe Binion statistics:

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Bussey looks back on early influences on his life

Self described as the "hubert-two" official spokesperson for the Army, Brigadier General Charles D. Bussey has come a long way from the days of being an impressionable cadet in his high school's National Defense Cadet Corp.

Today, Brig. Gen. Bussey, Deputy Chief of Public Affairs for the Department of the Army, is responsibly overseeing planning that issues raised by the news media are properly addressed in accordance with established Army policy. "And seeing to it," he states, "that internal information -- command information we call it -- about programs, policies and decisions being made by the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Army, is properly communicated down through the Army structure to the soldiers, their families and Department of the Army civilians.

For Bussey, it was those early days at Cardozo High School in Washington, D.C., that motivated him to take a closer look at military life. "Back then, I was impressed with the ROTC instructor because he stood out as a guy who cared. In comparison to the other teachers, there was something about him that was just a little bit more dynamic -- something which made me think, 'I want to be like him.'"

This observation, coupled with need-based advice given to him as a college student, led Bussey to consider the Army as part of his career plans. He recalls, "It was pointed out to me that there was an opportunity for a commission if I remained in the ROTC program after the first two years. It made sense to me in that it could lead to earning a degree in a career field of my choice. I could also obtain a commission as an Army officer."

Bussey completed his ROTC training at A&T, receiving a B.S. in English and business administration. Bussey later went on to earn master degrees in journalism and communications science.

As a junior officer, he found the Army interesting and challenging. "I had no early plans to stay in the Army, but my motivation from the very beginning had always been to do the best at whatever job I was assigned," he stated. "Then I began to find that, with few exceptions, things were interesting and positive. I seldom did the same thing twice, so everything seemed to be a new experience.

One of the key opportunities for Bussey to move up the ladder later in his career was an assignment to an elite paratroop unit. Bussey recalls, "I was fortunate enough to be selected for a battalion command assignment in the 82nd Airborne Division. There, I did well, and considering the prestige of my 82nd performance and subsequent assignments, I knew that I was doing things needed to keep moving up.

Reflecting back on his college ROTC experiences, Brig. Gen. Bussey advises Black college-bound students to consider the opportunities provided by attending Black colleges and applying for Army ROTC scholarships. "I recommend that young Blacks give strong consideration to Black colleges. Of course, you need to weigh all opportunities and then decide what's best for you. But don't turn down historically Black college or university because it might be smaller. I'll find professors and courses there geared towards the sensitivities required to satisfy the needs of people from Black environments that cannot be found at major, predominantly white, universities. And, I highly recommend that youngsters apply for ROTC scholarships. That's a tremendous opportunity to provide for an education that should not be passed up."

Today, Brig. Gen. Bussey is enjoying a highly successful career, partly as a result of his determination to accept challenges and partly because of the support he received from others. "I owe this success to a lot of people, including soldiers and officers who have worked with and for me. I've had excellent support over the years."

"What's the next step for Brig. Gen. Bussey? "Well, my future plans are essentially what they've always been, and that's to do the best job I can right now. I would like to do something else! I would be less than honest if I didn't say I would like to be the Chief of Public Affairs. It's a two-star billet (rank of major general) above me. I like public affairs. This is my second assignment in Army public affairs and I'd like to have the top position. But I'm doing the things needed to do the best job I can as a deputy so that if there's an opportunity to be the chief, then I'll be the best chief that I can be."

Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP)

While much of the money from UNCF goes to attracting high-caliber faculty to the southern colleges, the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) established closer ties between faculty and students. The main objective of BEEP is to raise the career aspirations of students by exposing them to Black men and women who are well-qualified executives and professionals. BEEP operates by "borrowing" professionals from public and private firms to instruct courses and special seminars at Black institutions. Sponsored by their employers, the visiting professors provide insight and knowledge on such disciplines as mass communications, investments and securities, international affairs, management, and marketing. According to one BEEP staff executive, "the program allows executives to interact with students and provide a networking environment, all allowing for contacts for jobs in the future."

"We are challenged to keep educational opportunities alive and affordable for these young people. They represent the largest and leadership pools of tomorrow," affirms UNCF Executive Director Edley in his "Blueprint For The Future" report statement. It is hoped that the Black community, and especially Black alumni, will continue to contribute to programs that support higher education, in order to preserve the longstanding tradition of the historically Black college.
Alexander

She began teaching English at A&T in 1974. Dr. Simms, who appointed Alexander, felt she was indeed qualified for the job. He said Alexander was chosen from eight qualified people because he basically wanted her for her prior teaching experience here at A&T and her personal care for students. "A&T needs a program designed to assist, advise and show consideration for students especially freshmen," said Simms.

Entering freshmen next fall will have their high school academic records reviewed, in order to see the student's potential, he added. Simms said it is important to help the freshmen right at the very beginning to promote a better self-worth and confidence for the new student. He mentioned 12 to 14 hours would be more preferable for freshmen to take rather than a full 18-hour load.

He added the main goal is to get the program operative and attuned with this new concept of the importance of preparation for a thorough educational procedure. "If freshmen want to succeed, we will have designated places where computers, word processors and tutors will be available," said Simms.

Simms said to assist and teach students better study habits and improvement in basic writing and reading skills, along with the ability to use computers, it necessary to be better qualified for a competitive world.

He mentioned nevertheless any student, regardless of classification, may use the apparatus and seek advice and assistance if they so desire.

The main goal of the program is to make the program operable. Simms agreed with Alexander that faculty and students working together can bring about progress within learning.

"I do miss the daily interaction with students when I was teaching but now I have a greater responsibility of making it as pleasant for the incoming freshman student to want to learn and strive as soon as possible," Alexander said.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, she is the wife of Rondall Alexander and the mother of Tonya, 10, and Derrick, 6. Alexander is advisor to Beta Psi, the campus chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women (NANBPW), of which she is a former president. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Greensboro YWCA.

Ray Robinson, who won fame as one of history's greatest boxers, got his nickname "Sugar Ray" at when a sportswriter described him as the "sweetest fighter...sweet as sugar."