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Random Selection Process eliminates long lines

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor

The University has used an improved method for assigning campus housing spaces to upperclassmen for the upcoming school year.

A special committee, consisting of students and faculty, with the assistance of a consultant, resulted in the Random selection process which should allviate the problems with assigning housing.

The consultant for the committee was Dr. Charles Haywood of North Carolina State University. State has a similar program.

In previous years, upperclassman have been pushed off campus in order to provide enough housing for incoming freshmen.

Transfer students and incoming freshmen are not on the random selection process, they mail in their applications and are housed in that manner, said Lucille Piggott, dean of student life for student affairs.

Students interested in on campus housing had to apply

Mass Media Seven

Luther Brown to present Annual Kellogg Lecture

Luther Brown, Jr., a field producer for NBC News in Washington, D.C., will present the Annual Kellogg Lecture during the 7th Annual A&T State University Mass Media Careers Conference on March 30-31.

Brown, who also has experience as a broadcast writer, editor and reporter, will deliver the conference lecture on Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Inn.

A 1969 A&T graduate, Brown has been an NBC field producer since 1977. In that capacity, he has been involved in network Presidential and Senatorial campaign coverage, special broadcasts and production from NBC Nightly News and The Today Show.

He was formerly news editor for NBC Radio News. Brown also worked for CBS News in Washington, D.C., Chicago and New York. He started his broadcast career as

in the Housing Operations Office, using the Random Selection Entry Form. They did not have to make payments at that time.

The non-payment policy gives the students the opportunity to indicate an interest in living on campus without having to pay. The deadline for payment is March 30.

Students who do not pay by then will not get housing. The person with the number nearest 604 has the first choice.

Computers were used to randomly match all entries with numbers. The cutoff point for women is 604 and the cutoff point for men is 882.

Women with computer numbers 1 through 604 received housing, and males with computer numbers 1 through 882 received housing.

Dr. Judge Kornegay, director of housing operations said they received 2104 applications for on-campus housing. "This doesn't mean students who had numbers higher than the 604 for women and the 882

for men don't get campus housing; they will be on the waiting list.

This leaves 618 students without guaranteed housing.

Piggott, was appointed chairperson of the committee that developed the random selection process.

"Housing demand exceeded the supply," she said. This plan was to give more help to the students.

Last year housing was on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students were standing outside in the early morning hours waiting to get first choice.

Students whose names are on the waiting list can use the Housing Fair Plan, Piggott said.

Through this plan, students who do not get housing on campus will be able to find off-campus housing through the University.

It will be located in the Housing Operations Office. Piggott said it will be designed so that students can talk with homeowners in the city.

"The university is doing what it can to help students find housing," she said.

project producer for the NBC News Documentary, "America: Black and White." That project also won a grand prize at the Monte Carlo Film Festival.

Brown is a native of Williamston, N.C., and won a Woodrow Wilson Fellow while attending A&T. He was a doctoral student in English literature at Rutgers University.

More than 200 journalism students, educators and professionals are expected to participate in the A&T conference which will also feature and address by Robert Maynard, publisher of the Oakland (California) Tribune.

Persons interested in participating in the conference are asked to contact Mrs. Nettie Rowland at 919-379-7582, or by writing to Room 403, Dowdy Building, A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina 27411.



Brown

a writer for WCBS News radio 88 in New York.

Brown covered President Reagan's summit with Western leaders in Paris in 1982 and his meeting with British leaders in London.

He received the San Francisco International Film Festival's Jury Award as a



Lerone Bennett, Jr., senior editor of *Ebony* magazine

Lerone Bennett, Jr will lecture Sunday

One of the nation's most foremost Blacks historians, Lerone Bennett Jr., will present a free public lecture at A&T Sunday, March 18.

Bennett is currently senior editor of *Ebony* magazine. He will speak at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom as a feature of the Lyceum Series.

A native of Jackson, Miss. and a graduate of Morehouse College, Bennett is the author of eight history books. He won the Patron Saints Awards for his "What Manner of Man," the story of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bennett also wrote "Before the Mayflower: A History of the Negro in America", "The Negro Mood", "Confrontation: Black and White", "Black Power USA: The Human Side of Reconstruction", "Challenge of Blackness", and "Shaping of Black America".

He began his career as a reporter for the Atlanta Daily World before joining the staff

of *Jet* magazine. He became associate editor of *Ebony* in 1953 and senior editor in 1958. He served as a visiting professor of history at Northwestern University and was a Senior Fellow at the Institute of the Black World.

In addition to his books, Bennett has published poems and short stories. His articles have appeared in *Rhetoric and Literature* and *Myths and Motifs in Literature*, and *Media in the Cities*.

Bennett has been honored for outstanding magazine writing by the Windy City Press Club. He also won the Literature Award given by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

He is a member of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, and the Executive Council of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Bennett was a consultant to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

SUAB will sponsor Dick Gregory lecture

The Memorial Student Union Advisory Board presents lecturer Dick Gregory 7 p.m. Monday in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Gregory gained fame as a comedian and is today also a human rights activist, author, satirist, recording artist and political activist.

He is considered by many to be provocative and outspoken. Gregory is credited with opening doors for many comedians in the early 1960s during the

Civil Rights Movement. He marched with the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1974 Gregory ran from Chicago, Ill., to Washington, D.C., to call attention to world hunger. In 1980 he went to Iran and was there 145 days. During this time Gregory only consumed liquids while praying for the release of the American hostages.

The program will be free of charge to the public.

Noted Black Publisher will highlight Mass Media Careers Conference

An address by Robert Maynard, the first Black publisher and editor of a major metropolitan daily newspaper in the United States, will keynote the 7th Annual A&T State University Mass Media Careers Conference, on Mar. 30-31.

Maynard, president and publisher of the *Oakland (Calif.) Tribune*, will address the conference's award luncheon on Mar. 31 at 12:15 p.m. in the A&T Memorial Student Union.

More than 250 journalism students, educators and media professionals are expected to participate in the workshops on broadcasting, news and editorial careers, public relations, and resume writing and job interviews.

When Gannett, the nation's largest newspaper group, sold the 109-year-old *Tribune* to Maynard in 1983, it was a real boost for minority media ownership.



Maynard

A native of Barbados, his parents later owned a small trucking concern in Brooklyn. Maynard dropped out of high school to write for neighborhood and ethnic publications. In 1961 he joined the *York (Pa.) Gazette and Daily* as a reporter. He became a Nieman fellow in journalism at Harvard, then was hired by the *Washington Post*. He left in 1977 for the Berkeley campus of the University of California to establish a train-

ing program for minority journalists.

In 1979, he became editor of the *Tribune*, making him the first Black to direct editorial operations at a major metropolitan daily in the U.S.

Another major session of the conference will be the annual Kellogg lecture on Friday, Mar. 30, by Luther Brown, A&T graduate and currently a field producer for NBC News in Washington. Brown's talk will be held in the Hilton Inn at 7 p.m.

During the conference, special workshops will be conducted on "The Ad Watch Program" and "Community Access to Television" by the Black Media Association of Charlotte, N.C.

Other conference participants will include Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor of A&T, and Professor Luther Jackson of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Foreign students must show proof of financial aid

By GINA E.E. DAVIS
Associate News Editor

Foreign students entering A&T have to show that they can be supported for their full course of study before they can be accepted, according to Sharon Richards, director of International Minority Student Affairs.

The National Association of Foreign Student Affairs has adopted a policy guideline on fee payments by all foreign students. It will be applicable to all undergraduate, graduate, special, transfer and re-admission applicants before they receive their I-20 form.

Richards said an I-20 form is a certificate of eligibility for no-immigrant (F-1 student status for academic and language students.)

Foreign students hoping to attend A&T must provide an affidavit of support, from their sponsors, for four years or the duration of their stay.

This is for tuition, fees and living expenses, Richards said. During the students' first year, the university has to be guaranteed the students' tuition and then the other years will be assured.

The first letter that proves the student is eligible is good for all four years, but the money for each year must be deposited before the student begins.

A&T is requesting that the students deposit money for their first two semesters before acceptance.

Students used to bring money with them, Richards said. Now they have to predeposit a year's tuition.

"We try to assure that students will have money in the following years," Richards said. "Money from their country."

There has been a problem with receiving money from

some of the students' homelands; their funds haven't been approved in time for tuition.

"We receive the affidavit of support, then have problems because the letters don't get approved," she said. "Immigration recommends we be assured there are no problems with foreign exchange."

The Chronicle of Higher Education, January 22, edition stated in an article titled **Nigeria blocks additional funds for study abroad**, that the Central Bank of Nigeria said "no foreign exchange would be made available to students who were not already studying in other countries."

The article went on to say that "No graduate students would be granted foreign exchange except for those who have received government scholarships to study in fields not offered at Nigerian universities."

Richards said, in the case of the Nigerian students, they had money available in their country; the problem was the approval of the funds.

The school had to send a letter to the Consulate General of Nigeria stating that the student was full time. The consulate sent a letter to the university for the student. The student in turn had to send the letter to his/her sponsor who sent it to the bank and the bank determines whether the funds are to be released.

"The Central Bank of Nigeria isn't approving," Richards said.

The situation now stands that, if a student is not financially secure for the duration of his/her stay, he/she will not be accepted, Richards said.

If the program is a five year plan, they must show affordability for the five years; this includes the graduate students.



Dr. Ethel Taylor and Sherman Brown are shown reading "Essay on the Southern Heritage" at the Arts and Sciences Cultural Showcase.

Photo by Derrick McRae

Faculty and students enjoy Cultural Heritage Showcase

MICHAEL RATCLIFF
Staff Writer

Black Sam, the baddest cowboy in the old west, and Zooman, from the play *Zooman and the Sign*, performed by Miller Lucky Jr., a Richard B. Harrison player, were among presentations at the recent Cultural Heritage Showcase in Gibbs Hall.

The audience crammed into the classroom to witness both faculty and students participate in the first School of Arts and Sciences Concert and Lecture Committee Series.

"The Southern Heritage," a paper prepared by Dr. Ethel Taylor, and A&T student Sherman Brown, informed faculty and students of how the South played a key role in the new Democratic government after the civil war.

"The South was the aftermath of the sufferings, and it

played a catalyst role for the development of southern literature and jazz," Taylor said.

She said Black slavery was the basis of southern commerce and, since the South didn't want to join with the North or abolish slavery, the South started the Civil War.

Taylor said the 1960's was the turning point of the South but that some people don't feel the South is still a part of the mainstream of society.

Another presentation was by Dr. Lois Kinney, who has taught speech communication since 1961 at A&T. She acted out a dramatic reading of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Black Cat." She received a standing ovation.

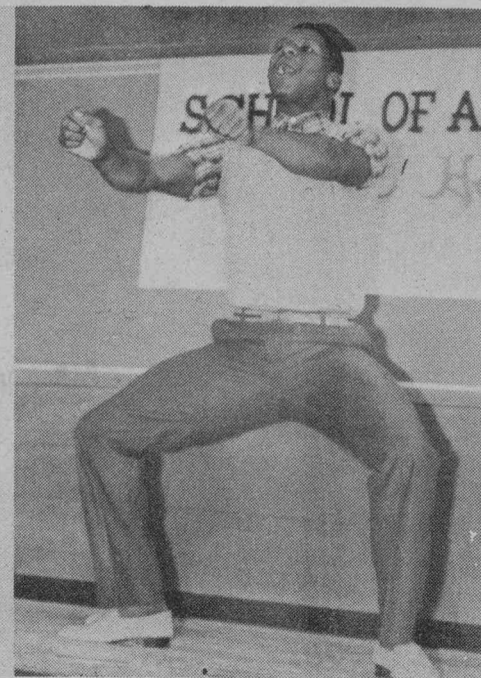
"This is the first time I have done a drama from a reading since the late 1960's," said Kinney. She said it brought her back to the time when she

first got interested in drama.

"I was the first female radio announcer--Black or white--in Greensboro; and the first radio director at A&T University back in the 60's. I had a Federal Communications Commission License, and that is why I was able to have these positions," she said.

Other performances were by Paula Harrell, who played an organ recital and provided the music for the program. Also, there was a song by Judith Howle.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort; Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nathan Simms and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Dr. William DeLauder all said and acknowledged the great attendance of both students and faculty. They all agreed faculty and students working together made the Cultural Showcase a worthwhile event.



Miller Lucky, Jr. (Zooman) performs a dramatic monologue from the award winning play *Zooman and the Sign*.

Photo by Derrick McRae

Phi Mu Alpha sponsors "Jump for the Heart" campaign

By JAMES ETHERIDGE
Staff Writer

For Black History Month, the brothers of Phi Mu Alpha sponsored a Jump Rope for the Heart campaign.

Some 50 participants were in this campaign. Mathew Sheppard, a member of Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, said the campaign serves the community and brings people together. This was the third of this type.

D.C. Thompson, recreation instructor at A&T and coordinator of the event, said, "The sponsorship is based on how long the participants jump rope; when one member tires another begins jumping.

We do this for 180 minutes and that secures the pledge for each minute the team jumps."

Each team member makes a two or three cent pledge for each minute he jumps. The proceeds go to the "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign, which helps to fight heart disease, the nation's number one killer.

The pulse rates of participants were taken periodically to avoid casualties. This job was performed by Edith Foushee, a senior from Chapel Hill, and Robyn Cherry, a junior from Maryland. Both are members of Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

"If you are not in good physical condition you shouldn't over exert yourself. And you should take adequate rest periods," Foushee said, while taking a pulse reading of a participant in the event.

Not only did college students participate but also grade school students from the community were also welcome participants in the event.

The event was held in Moore Gym because the floor is better for jumping, Thompson said.

Last year over one million students representing 7,500 schools throughout the country participated in the "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign.

France is not satisfied with trial co-ed policy

JAMIE C. RUFF
News Editor

The administration may have implemented a trial co-ed visitation policy but key elements desired by the students were omitted.

In a volatile meeting with administrators earlier this semester students were guaranteed a trial period with a new co-ed visitation policy. But, in a letter dated Feb. 24, the administration has only suspended hall monitors.

Attorney General James France said what the students wanted was elimination of the process of signing in and leaving some form of I.D. at the desk.

"This is a restriction of the monitoring system," said Jesse Marshall, vice chancellor for student affairs, when contacted by telephone. "We don't want students just walking on the floors. The students must still sign in. That will never change."

Marshall added the SGA had never asked for any other type of change in the present co-ed visitation policy.

France said the problem is with the definition of monitor.

"A lot of students are confused thinking that the signing in is done away with. The students feel a monitor is the person at the desk," said France. "The hall monitor just monitor the hall to see if there are members of the opposite sex just hanging around. We fought for a change and the change we got was not what we wanted."

France later said some male residency dorm counselors have allowed guests to go to the rooms without signing in because they thought the signing-in process had been suspended.

The letter France sent to

Marshall, which led to the co-ed debate, advocated doing away with signing in. The letter, dated Jan. 23, said, "The change which I am recommending is to do away with the monitoring system. Where as all the visiting student had to do is enter through the main entrance and be escorted into the room."

"I clarified what I meant by 'monitor' in the letter," said France. "There's no big secret what the students want with their co-ed policy."

Moreover, the proposal presented by SGA to administrators requested hall monitors be retained to cooperate with the residence hall supervisors in maintaining order.

"This has dragged on too long. Every other person who has tried to get co-ed changed has given up," said France.

I'm not giving up. That's what makes this struggle different

from the past; I will not give up."

According to France a petition of over 1000 students calling for the abolishment of having to sign in and leaving I.D. has been gathered.

"We started at 11 a.m. Thursday and by 6 p.m. we had over 1000 names," said France. He added SGA President Christopher Onyemem will present the petition to the Board of Trustees at their Saturday meeting.

The trial co-ed visitation policy began Feb. 27 and will end April 1. According to Marshall's letter, the trial period will be monitored by hall administrators and hall council officers with incident reports being taken into consideration. From these a standing committee, composed of two students and five members of the faculty, will make recommendations to Marshall's office.

Election Information

Students interested in running for 1984-85 SGA offices can obtain election forms from the office of student activities in Room 217 of the Student Union beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

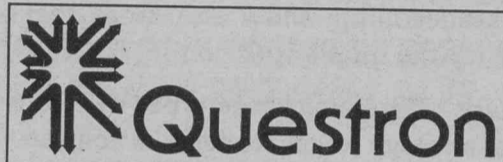
According to a letter released by the office of student activities, the deadline for submitting applications is 6 p.m. Thursday. Also scheduled for that day is a meeting of all ineligible candidates at 6 p.m. and a meeting of all eligible candidates at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in Room 215 of the Student Union. All campaigning will begin midnight.

Workshops for all eligible candidates will be 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday in Room 215 of the Student Union.

Election speeches for class officers and class queens will be 6:30 p.m. March 26, in the auditorium of Hodgin Hall. Election speeches for SGA officers and Miss A&T will be March 27, at the same place and time as speeches for class officers and class queens.

All campaigning will end March 27, at midnight with voting taking place Wednesday, March 28, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria. The results will be announced 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., March 28 in the Student Union.



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Spring brings hot air

The cliché *time flies* has certainly been the case for this school term.

The signs of Spring are surfacing rapidly in Aggeland. The Union parking lot is regaining the "old gang" for social gatherings while the classroom attendance is beginning to dwindle. The self-motivating pep talks over the break were put on the back burner the first warm and sunny day. The crowd of students in front of Williams Cafeteria is not its patrons, but it seems to be a good place to observe the latest fashions and the opposite sex.

Although campaigning has not officially begun, the friendly smiles and kind gestures by potential candidates for various student offices are other signs of Spring in Aggeland.

After a year or two of residency here at A&T, surely some students find spring elections rather depressing. Everyone has the same goals of changing living conditions, of course co-ed visitation, providing a better homecoming show and more social activities along with the quality of food in Williams Cafeteria.

Perhaps addressing these types of issues is a good political strategy to get students' attention for a while and their possible vote. But how much will some of the candidates know about these issues, such as why the Student Government Association has been to hell and back trying to change some of these conditions without results?

It is easy to analyze problems from the outside but the heat of the kitchen can't be felt, if you are out on the patio.

Rather than publicly criticize the outgoing officers during campaign speeches about what they failed to do, potential candidates should find out now why certain things have not been accomplished instead of waiting until they have won the election, ignorant of the facts.

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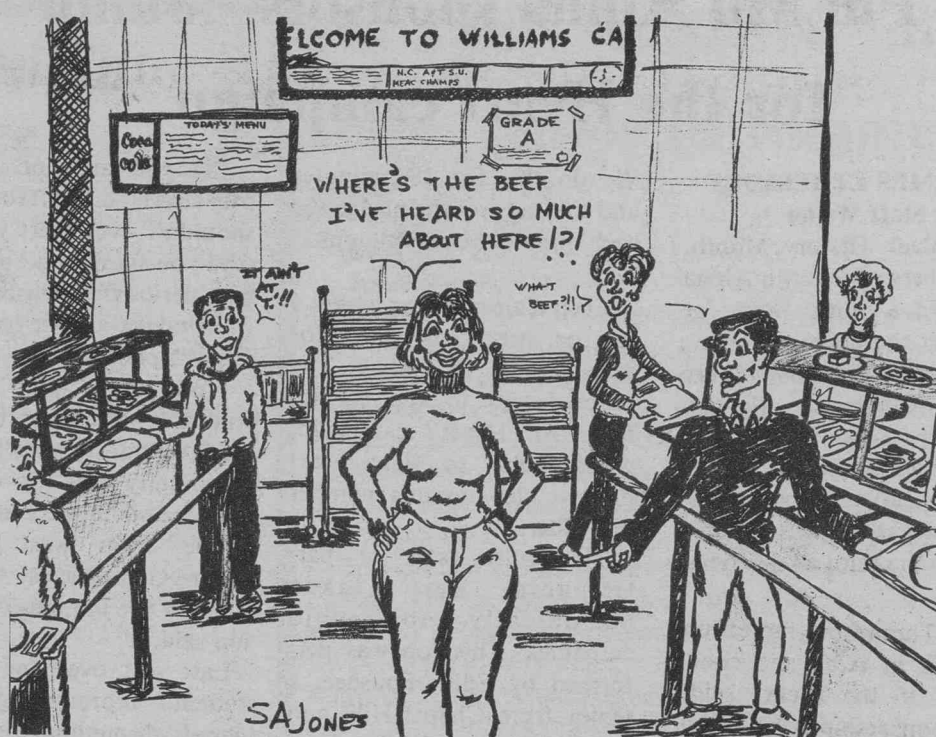
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Put your experience...

By GINA E.E. DAVIS

Well, the school year is finally coming to a close. Whew! say the seniors. It has truly been a great year.

The fun, the learning, the experiences and the friendships that have developed are to be treasured.

As this year slowly closes, we all must remember we did the best we could. We tried hard, some of us, to achieve every goal we wanted to reach.

Seniors are realizing the many pressures they must face in their future because it is between the time of graduate school replies and job replies.

Yet, all in all, everything we have done this past year, we have done it to the best of our ability.

Take the folks at the *Register*; we have worked very hard to put together an informative, interesting and objective newspaper. Despite our lack of support from outside sources.

We have spent many a long night putting a paper together, and not just for the fun of it.

We have to tried recruit in every facet of the paper, but for some reason,

no one volunteers his/her services. All they want to do is criticize.

"The editors can't edit," "The reporters can't write," "The photographers can't shoot," "The layout man can't design." So many complaints. Yet no one is offering his/her services.

Well, the staff is turning over soon, giving the critics a chance to apply for a position. Why criticize if you can do a better job? Come train; we are willing to show you how it works. Come put in some hours.

Many students have the talent. They can criticize, they can gripe, but it does no good unless to put your talents to use.

The campus paper is for the students. Any student is welcome to become a part of it. Join in the fun, join in the friendships, join in the work.

Please don't say we can't do the job. Since you have recognized the fact that you can do a better job, by all means come by and help, especially those of you that think we don't do a good job.

...where your mouth is

BY MICHAEL THOMPSON

It is peculiar how individuals (particularly "mass communicators") can criticize something which they express no desire in improving, specifically, the *Register*. Some of these "imitators" who are quick to pass judgment are unknown in the confines of the campus radio station or television studio also.

This newspaper may not meet your standards; then again, if you examine your contributions to the campus media as a mass communications student, (if there are any) your credentials may be slack.

Many a student who has ever taken a journalism course at A&T has been asked to critique an issue of the *Register*. It is true that words have been misspelled, stories have lacked headlines, cutlines have not corresponded with pictures and the like.

We as editors do not profess to be professionals; nevertheless, we have heard of the negative viewpoints. However, staff members

are aware of your "expertise" in the field of journalism, and we eagerly await your cooperation and guidance.

Since we are not succeeding at our jobs, why aren't you offering any assistance to our struggle? Why should you pass the verdict when you haven't done anything yourselves?

If the staff members decided to visit some journalism classes, there would undoubtedly be impersonators there talking loud and saying nothing since they are doing exactly that-nothing.

Since A&T's annual mass communications conference is coming up, speakers and other guests from the media will see a lot of perpetrators with friendly faces and fashions to match. Are you preparing your opening statements of criticism? If so, be prepared to defend yourself. It is unlikely that you will impress any of the professionals with your shortcomings.

Expressions of the Black Experience

Students did not render support

Editor of the Register:

This is a little note to let the student body know how I feel about the speech contest that was held February 20 in the Merrick Hall Auditorium.

First of all, I would like to thank all of the participants, and those students who gave moral support for this great oratorical contest.

Words cannot express how I felt about what I heard coming from the students' speeches. It was an enlightening, elucidating, enriching and vigorous experience since Dr. Samuel Proctor's speech.

The only negative thing I have to say about the Expressions of the Black Experience Speech Contest is that very few of the Aggeland student body showed up to render their support.

Fellow Aggies, it is time that you stand up, rise up, speak up, and show up for programs that will

broaden your horizons for the continued cultivation of you as a person in this micro-cosmic society--A&T State University.

Nevertheless, with great

pleasure, Barry Saunders, Sheila Queen, and I would like to congratulate the winner of this year's oratorical contest--Frances Ward.

The first runner-up was Donald DeGraff and the second runner-up was Thomas Johnson.

Awards will be presented at the next student body meeting.

May God continue to pervade your lives with his gifts and richest blessings.

Wayne Clapp
Chairperson of the Black History Month Task Force

Miss Bronze World applications available

Sharris Productions has announced that applications are now available for the **1984 MISS BRONZE WORLD INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT**. This year's pageant will be held May 20th at the Hilton Gateway in Newark, New Jersey. The young woman selected as Miss Bronze World 1984 will receive a cash scholarship, in addition to a trip to the Caribbean and

other awards. Her runner-ups will receive awards and trophies.

Potential applicants are advised to qualify for the pageant: they must be young women between the ages of 18 and 26 and be high school graduates by June, 1984; they must also be single, never married and no children.

Those applicants selected to be contestants in the pageant will be judged in the areas of

personal interview, evening gown, swimsuit, question and answer and talent, with talent and question and answer segments representing fifty percent of the total judging.

Applications and further information are available by calling the pageant headquarters at 201-289-5072 or writing to Miss Bronze World International 1984, P. O. Box 117, Elizabeth, New Jersey, 07207.

CAMPUS HAPS

GREENSBORO BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN will sponsor a voter registration drive this Saturday, March 17, at the Southeastern branch of the Greensboro Public Library from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. If you are not registered to vote, now's your chance to make your voice heard.

THE ORGANIZATION OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INC. will be spouncering a campus beautification on April 2-8. When you see those pink and green cans, remember campus beautification in Aggeland.

THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE STUDENT UNION ADVISORY BOARD presents that renown famous actor, writer, and social activist, Dick Gregory, in the Student Union Ballroom on Monday, March 19, 1984 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

TAU ALPHA TAU ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY will be holding a general body meeting on March 22, 1984, at 3:00 p.m. in Cherry Hall, Room 318.

Army ROTC will be having a raffle drawing on April 19, 1984, at 5:00 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria.

First prize is a 27 inch 10 speed bike and second prize is a \$20 Red Lobster dinner coupon.

Donation: \$1.00. Tickets may be obtained from any Army ROTC student and Campbell Hall.

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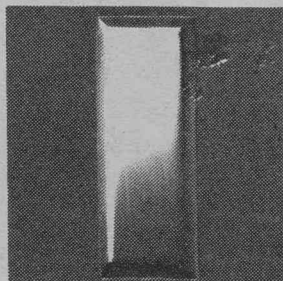
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Aggies 1984 MEAC Basketball Champs

The Open Gate

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

Agents seeking to represent college students in their negotiations with professional sports team may soon have to register with the NCAA. In its April meeting, the governing body of the NCAA should have a confirmation. Under this system, agents would voluntarily register their names and professional histories with the NCAA and would agree to notify a student's athletic director before attempting to talk to him.

Eric Boyd improved his stock dramatically over the past week. After winning MVP honors in the MEAC tournament, the junior scored 23 points in a first round NCAA loss to Morehead State, 70 - 69. His last-second shot that could have sent the Aggies to Milwaukee to face Louisville was ill-fated.

Here's the *Open Gate* Black college All-America team: Napoleon Johnson (6-9, Grambling); David Pope (6-7, Norfolk); Charles Oakley (6-8, Virginia Union); Lewis Jackson (6-6, Alabama State); and Joe Binion (6-8, N.C. A&T). Because University of the District of Columbia's Earl Jones, at 7-foot-1 stands head and shoulders above the rest, and because he is the premier Black College player in the nation, Jones is *Open Gate* player of the year.

A&T falls one point short in first round of NCAA

By RICHARD WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

As one noted Aggie follower said when Eric Boyd's final shot hit the back of the rim, "It was a valiant effort for the Aggies." But on this occasion, A&T's third consecutive trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament against Morehead State in Dayton, Ohio, the Aggies fell one point short. The final: Morehead State Eagles 70, N.C. A&T Aggies 69.

It was a game in which the Aggies had the upper hand for 39 minutes and 56 seconds, but it was those four seconds that spelled defeat and gave the Aggies an earlier than expected return trip to Greensboro, instead of to the next round of the NCAA tournament in Milwaukee to face Louisville's Cardinals.

A&T finished the season, nevertheless, with a very impressive 22-7 record. This A&T team played unlike the two previous ones that also bowed in the NCAA first round. The Aggies came out in the first half executing their offense and using a full court press, forcing the Eagles into 8 first-half turnovers. They gained the lead after the first few minutes, 12-11, and never trailed until the final minute.

Boyd keyed the Aggies' first-half onslaught that saw his team go up by as many as

seven in the first half before settling for a 38-35 intermission advantage. Boyd, hot in the early going, connected on his first four shots, all from long range.

Throughout the contest, it appeared to be the Eric Boyd-Eddie Childress Show. Both veterans kept their team in the contest. Whenever the Aggies would establish some workable margin in the second half, Childress or pint-sized point-guard Arthur "Pee Wee" Sullivan would thwart the effort.

But Aggie Head Coach Donald Corbett will undoubtedly put his finger on the reason for the outcome when he looks over the game statistics: A&T shot only four free throws making three of them; the Eagles went to line 14 times and connected on 11; the Aggies were never in the bonus the entire second half.

Another reason for the Aggies' demise in their fourth straight post-season tournament (A&T played Duke in the NIT in 1980) was early foul trouble from superstar forward, Joe Binion. The slender 6-8 Rochester, N.Y., native, picked up two fouls in the first half. After picking up two more midway through the second half, Binion was benched with A&T still in the lead. When it became apparent that the Aggies could not find any

consistency with their ace on the bench, Corbett inserted him back into the lineup.

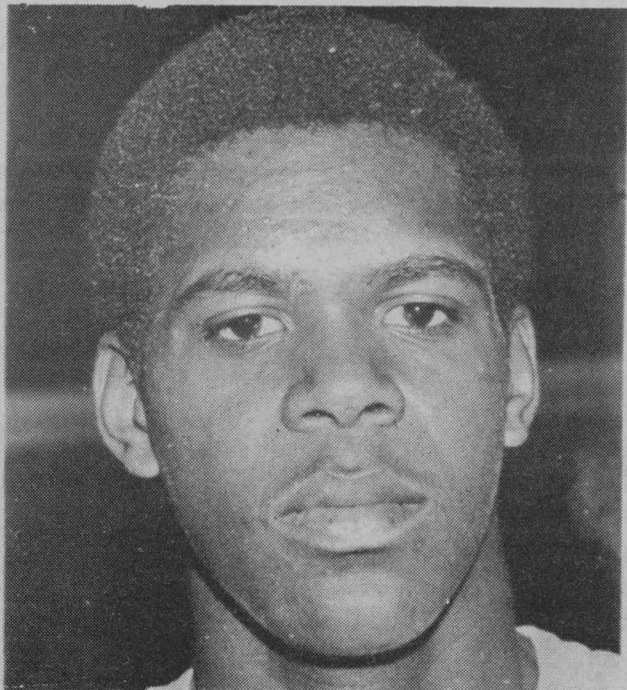
Shortly thereafter, Binion watched the last faze from along side the fifth-year coach after fouling out with only 10 points; Boyd finished with 23.

It was the second time in as many seasons that the Aggies had been involved in a preliminary round on the NCAA tourney. Last season, the Aggies lost to Princeton 53-41 in the Palestra in Philadelphia. It was a team many observers felt the Aggies should have beaten. In fact, many fans and team members had hoped to play the first round in the Palestra and face the Tigers again. But that was not the case, and the Aggies had to travel to unknown Dayton to face a Morehead team that fashioned an experienced team that had seven seniors returning from last year's team.

That, however, did not faze the Aggies as they played on even keel with the Eagles despite a partisan crowd rooting for the team from Morehead, Kentucky.

Now that the season is over Corbett has pulled the old hat trick (three straight NCAA tournaments); it's back to the drawing board to begin working on a return bid in 1985. Who knows, it may be a dynasty in the making!

Is Joe Binion ready for NBA?



By RICHARD WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Joe Binion's basketball career here has been filled with triumph and pain. Although he has rewritten most of the A&T record books, the senior has failed to carry his team to post season tournament victory outside of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament.

Here is how the Aggies have fared in their four post season tournaments during Binion's era: 1981 (NIT): Duke 70, A&T 60; 1982 (NCAA): West Virginia 102, A&T 72; 1983 (NCAA): Princeton 63, A&T 41; 1984 (NCAA): Morehead State 70, A&T 69. Binion hasn't had his usual regular season performance in any of these contests.

Tuesday night, Binion, from Rochester, N.Y., scored only 10 points before fouling out.

Will these repeated sub-par

performances in NCAA hurt his chances of playing professionally? Maybe not. But, for sure, they won't help.

"I think Binion's a very talented player. It appears the game is awful easy for him," said Bob Ferry, chief scout and general manager of the National Basketball Association's Washington Bullets.

"He has all the skills and physical tools to become a complete ball player."

Binion's low key demeanor on the court, and his smoothness in operating under the basket, makes his work seem effortless. Ferry says that'll change in the NBA.

"He has to work on his defense and his intensity,"

says Ferry. "In the NBA, he would be small forward and would have to guard Dr. J. (Julus) Erving, (Larry) Bird, Jamaal Wilkes--that might be the toughest position in the league to crack."

A&T's 6-foot-8 senior forward Joe Binion was named by the Associated Press Wednesday as an honorable mention choice for All-America. Binion averaged over 20 points and 10 rebounds for A&T this season, leading the Aggies to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship and a bid at the NCAA tournament.

A&T has secured a post season invitation in each of his four years here. Binion became the school's 11-time scoring and rebounding leader late that season, surpassing James Sparrow's old mark of 2,019 points.

The associated Press first team was made up of senior Sam Perkins of North Carolina, and 7-foot junior Akeem Alajuwain of Houston and Patrick Ewing of Georgetown. Six-foot-six junior, Michael Jordan of North Carolina and 6-9 sophomore Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma were unanimous selections.

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South Africa and support for Jackson's presidential campaign were topics of political rally

By JAMES ETHERIDGE
Staff Writer

The main purpose of the political rally last month was to drum up interest in politics because one is either part of the problem or part of the solution, said Mike Daniels, master of ceremonies.

The political rally held in the Student Union Ballroom covered political matters internationally as well as issues on campus.

The speakers spoke on topics like South Africa, past Black leaders, Black presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, and politics on campus.

The speakers were Kofi Kpeglo, a student from Ghana; Donald DeGraff (Mugabi X), a junior political science major; Attorney General James E. France; Dale Fisher, president of Men's Council; Mustafa Ture, senior political science major; Marcus Tillery, social action committee chairman of Omega Psi Phi; and Mike Daniels, parliamentarian of SGA.

Kpeglo said South Africa is like a volcano about to erupt. "Our people have a part to play. We must realize that we must face up to oppression.

"There are 24 million people in South Africa and 18 million are either colored or African; yet and still we are deprived of any and all rights," he said.

He told the audience that, in South Africa, Blacks are required to carry a "pass." It must be with them at all times and they can get arrested without it. Some 80 people get arrested a day.

Kpeglo said it is very unstable in South Africa. "All over the world people are try-

ing to boycott South Africa. They are presently banned from the 1984 Olympic."

Mugabi X addressed the issue of endorsing a Black candidate for president. "The time is now. There is no question that we need to have a Black candidate running for presidency.

"Even the white man is fed up with the white man's rules. It is time that we become politically aware."

James France also endorsed Jesse Jackson as a presidential candidate.

"Our generation has been plagued with more pressing decisions and newsbreaking issues than any other generation in history," France said.

He said that Blacks must put faith in Jackson and support his cause. "Some Blacks right now are saying they won't vote for Jackson because he called the Jewish people "Hymies". I don't know what a "Hymie" is, but I do know, they've been calling us niggers for years."

Other students endorsing a Black presidential candidate were Marcus Tillery, Mike Daniels, and Dale Fisher.

Mustafa X recognized important Blacks. "We have not overcome enslavement; we have forgotten the wars of Marcus Garvey, Elijah Muhammed and Malcolm X. We must learn our economic and political roots."

Fisher said, "We are the chosen generation. We must make civil rights out of civil minds.

"I'm tired of Blacks being blamed for everything that goes wrong. Unless we vote, we may be overlooked by our representatives in Washington," Fisher said.



Duran Duran



Luther Vandross

BRITISH POP GROUP, DURAN DURAN, will perform at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

The five members of Duran Duran - vocalist Simon Le Bon, synthesizer player Nick Rhodes, guitarist Andy Taylor, bassist John Taylor and drummer Roger Taylor (all unrelated) played their first gig at the Edinburgh Festival in July 1980.

Duran Duran's video album won the 1983 grammy award for "Best Video Album of the Year." The most recent LP "Seven And The Ragged Tiger" is listed as number eight on Billboard's top LP's and Tape.

Tickets are \$13.50 and are on sale at the Coliseum Box Office and authorized Ticketron outlets.

LUTHER VANDROSS WITH DEBARGE AND THE DEELE will appear in concert at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m.

Vandross' latest LP "Busy Body" is at the no.3 spot on Billboard's Black LPs. Vandross emerged into the music scene in the 80's and is considered as one of the most promising all-round pop-soul craftsman (singer, songwriter, producer).

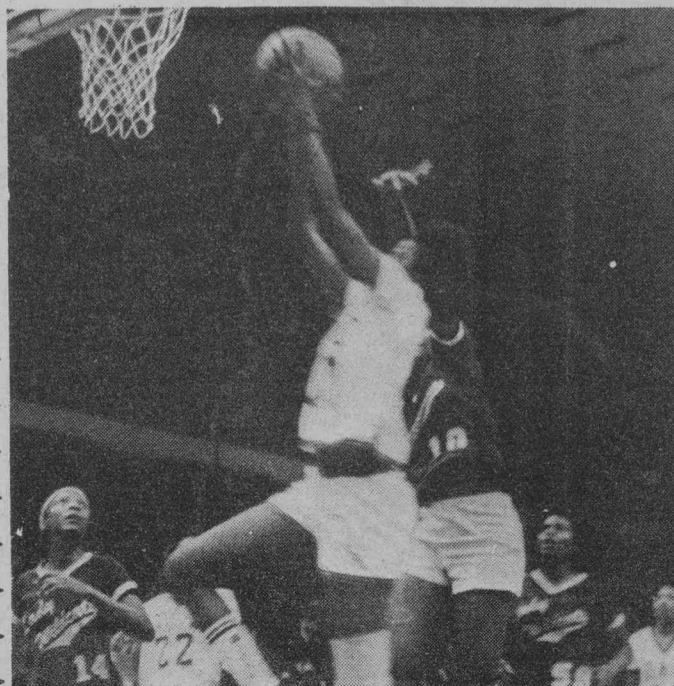
DeBarge's "In a Special Way" is listed in Billboard's no.6 spot and The Deele holds the no.9 spot for Top Black LPs.

Tickets are \$12 and \$11, now on sale at the Greensboro Coliseum Box Office and all authorized Ticketron Outlets.

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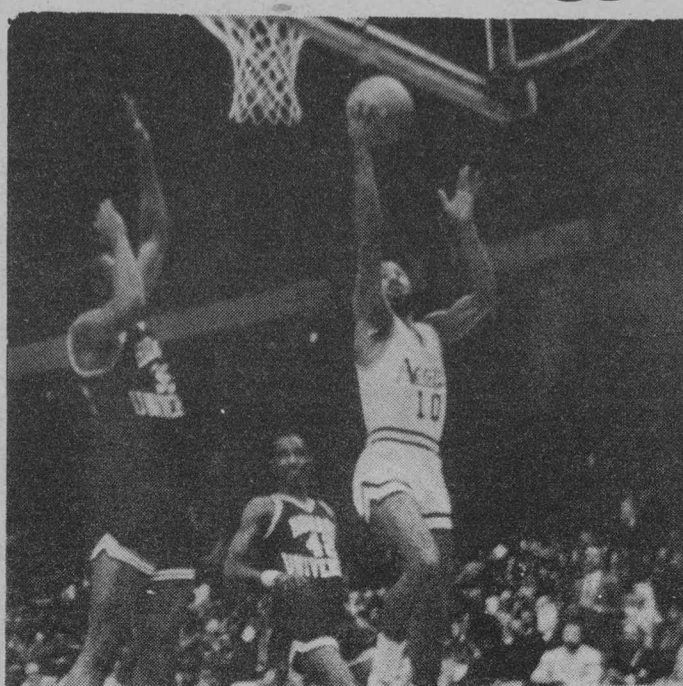
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Ben Chavis closes out BHM

By DEIDRA BROWN
Staff Writer

There should be a new sense of willingness among Blacks to overcome political obstacles said Dr. Ben Chavis Jr.

Chavis, a member of the Wilmington Ten, spoke in Merrick Hall Auditorium as a part of last month's Black History Month celebration.

In order for Blacks to overcome political obstacles they must get politically involved in the community, Chavis said.

It is not a revolutionary act for a Black man to seek the presidency of the United States, he said.

Chavis supports the Rev. Jesse Jackson's bid for the presidency and will take extreme issue to anyone who does not support Jackson.

"There's a long list of brothers and sisters who gave their lives so that we (Blacks) could participate in the political process," Chavis said. "We must fight not to leave any stone unturned politically.

"Our politics must be provocative in terms of the kind of political impact we have on people," he said. "We still have strengths that have been untapped."

Chavis also said that the role of Black college students in politics is crucial.

"The role of Black students at universities is to reassert the positiveness of Black culture in the university community, reaffirm the centrality of Black education and mobilize the Black and progressive community," Chavis said.

These students should not view their education just as a means of gathering facts but as a means of helping the political struggle change the system, he said.

It's all about making a protest and challenging the way things are, he said. It's not just about a Black man seeking the presidency.

"We need to do some hard studying and research as to how our political system works."

Chavis said just being in love with your people does not eliminate the existence of political obstacles. All Blacks must be registered to vote in order to have a voice in American politics.

"Our political destiny lies in our own hands," he said. "There's nothing in this country that Black people can't do."



SGA sponsors a party in support of Jesse Jackson for president campaign. (Photo by Booker T. Wiggins)

CAMPUS—HAPS

The Aggie Fest '84 Committee will have an emergency meeting 8 p.m. Monday in room 211 of the Student Union to finalize all details for the concert and other events. Anyone interested in working on the stage crew, ticket sales or in sponsoring events should attend. Those who can not be present should contact SGA Attorney General James France.

The Attorney General's staff will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday in Room 211 of the Student Union. Residence Hall Council and Judicial Council members are also invited. Plans for the spring reception will be discussed. Contact SGA Attorney General James France for more information.

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