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Chancellor Edward B. Fort told the Board of Trustees Wednesday that the proposed higher education budget cuts by President Reagan will cause more students to file for student loans and college work-study.

"There are dangerous signals on the horizon pertaining to federal aid," Fort said. "The $4000 annual cap on what aid students could get from all sources would leave a gap of $1,218 for the neediest out-of-state students at A&T since their minimum cost is $5,218."

He said the proposal of a 40 percent or $800 contribution that students will be required to make towards their college education, will have a negative impact on A&T.

"It will force larger and larger numbers of students to be more heavily dependent on loans and it would force more students into working increased hours of work-study, which means less time for study," Fort said.

The University of North Carolina General Administration opposes Reagan's proposal and Fort encouraged trustees to lobby against the cuts through their congressmen.

Several reports by committee chairpersons were given before the board went into executive session.

Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor for student affairs told trustees that major renovations in the dormitories' lounge areas will be taking place within the next two months.

About $230,000 will be spent to upgrade the lounges, which will include new carpeting, draperies, etc. Buck said students should have environments that are conducive to learning and visitors should have good impressions when they visit the dormitories.

It was also reported that the university's present renovation project is operating smoothly. University engineer Ron Gales, said that students will not be able to see cosmetic change mainly because of the work will be done inside the walls, floors, roofing etc.

### Fort discusses Reagan's financial aid budget cuts

By DORIS PERSON
Editor in Chief

Chancellor Edward B. Fort announced the impact of President Reagan's proposed higher education budget cuts at the Feb. 14 faculty forum meeting.

*Approximately 300 students whose family income exceeds $25,000 and who may have been eligible for a small amount of Pell, SEOG, NDSL or College Work-Study will be forced to borrow funds through the Guaranteed Student Loan Program (federally subsidized category).

*55,000 maximum student cap per student. from all federally sources, will severely affect the amount of financial assistance required to meet the basic educational need of an out-of-state student. The neediest student will have an unmet need of at least $1,218.

*Requiring all students to provide at least $800 a year towards their cost of education in order to qualify for federal assistance places a hardship on students from families where there is little or no contribution towards the cost of education.

### Applications available

Students have until 6 p.m. March 11 to submit applications for the 1985 Spring elections.

Applications may be picked up in the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the Memorial Student Union.

The following positions are available SGA president, vice president for internal affairs, vice president for external affairs, secretary, treasurer, attorney general and Miss A&T. Other positions open are class officers and queens, student judiciary council and the nominating committee.

Students may refer to the Student Handbook for general information on the positions and eligibility requirements.
Alumni donates support funds

The A&T National Alumni Association has announced a special $21,000 grant to the university for the support of athletic enrichment programs.

The grant was announced by John Maye Jr., president of the association. He said the funds will incude $15,000 to the athletic department for football recruitment and retention, $5,000 to assistant the A&T cheerleaders and Pep Band, and Fellowship Gospel Choir.

"The alumni are proud to enhance the image and perpetuate the continuation of excellence at our Alma Mater," said Maye. "These funds will continue our legacy of support and active involvement with A&T State University as it seeks a status second to none."

A&T chancellor, Dr. Edward B. Fort, called the grant "another example of the generosity and commitment of one of the nation's finest alumni support groups. We sincerely thank them for maintaining over the years an active interest and concern in the well being of A&T."

Maye pointed out that the funds will assist the cheerleaders and Pep Band in traveling to the forthcoming Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament, which is being held for the first time in Philadelphia, Pa. Grant funds will also be used to assist the Gospel Choir in purchasing new robes and aid the Concert Choir traveling for its spring tour to the Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia areas.

Maye said the grant is a payment on a $500,000 pledge made by the A&T National Alumni Association in a fundraising campaign being conducted by the A&T University Foundation.

"This group just enjoys singing and they have a love for the various styles of music," said Barber. "It's a joy to work with them."

The A&T choir is not strictly for music majors, according to Barber. In fact, there are only 12 music majors in this year's traveling group. The other students are enrolled in a variety of academic programs at A&T.

Barber is in his seventh year as conductor of the choir. Since his coming to A&T, the choir has logged more than 3,000 miles in 160 concerts along the Eastern Seaboard. In addition, the choir provides music for a variety of campus activities.

MEAC Tournament March 7-9 Philadelphia

English instructors contribute to biography

Seven A&T English instructors and a retired A&T faculty member are major contributors to the New Dictionary of Literary Biography Volume recently released.

The volume, published by the Gale Research Company of Detroit, Mich., includes information about nearly 50 Black fiction writers since 1955. The book was edited by Thadious M. Davis and Trudier Harris of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Contributions of the A&T faculty members to the volume include a section on Ann Petry by Dr. Sandra Alexander, associate professor; a section on novelist, Frank Herby by Dr. Joe Benson, professor; a section on Ellen Terry, authority by Dr. Mary Brookhart, a visiting assistant professor; a section on Dorothy West by Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson, assistant professor; a section on William Attaway by Dr. Samuel Garren, assistant professor; a section on actor-writer, Ossie Davis by Dr. Michael Greene, associate professor; and a section on Arthenia J. Bates Millican by Mrs. Virginia Smith, lecturer.

The other A&T entry is a section on novelist Cecil Brown by Jean Bright, a retired teacher. Brown is a former A&T student.

Included in the reference work are writers for children, science fiction writers, well-known novelists and many lesser known writers. The book contains heavily illustrated biocritical essays which discuss each author's life and work and which are supplemented by author portraits, excerpts from the authors' lives.
Black Collegian

Quantitative sciences lack Blacks

Blacks are greatly under-represented in the quantitative sciences and only account for 2.6 percent of all employed scientists. Disturbed by this statistic, a group of prominent Black scientists offer advice to students that are planning to pursue a career in science in the February issue of Black Enterprise.

Many observers feel the under-representation of Blacks in scientific professions is a result of inadequate math and science education for Black children at the elementary and secondary school levels.

“There’s been a deprivation of certain educational experiences that would give young people a proper boost and encouragement to study science (and technology),” says Dr. Jewel Plummer Cobb, president of California State University at Fullerton. “I don’t think there’s anything wrong with (Black children’s) abilities to learn. It’s a matter of being stimulated, having a curiosity about science early on and developing the commitment and discipline to study,” Plummer says.

More Blacks need to obtain higher degrees, reports Black Enterprise. Although the demand for scientist is expected to remain high, an advanced degree is necessary to obtain the higher-paying positions.

“(A bachelor’s degree) may put some money in your pocket now,” says Dr. Reatha Clark Kind, president of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. “But with the graduate degree, the greatest payoff comes over time.”

Currently the median income for Black scientists is $30,000, reports Black Enterprise, but many who make it to the tops of their fields can earn upwards of $75,000.

Also, any scientist who excels in one field can expect to work for more than one organization.

Dr. Gerald Stokes, a tenured professor of microbiology at George Washington University who recommends that science students develop a proficiency in computers, believes more scientists are going to choose corporate research positions rather than a life of academia.

The main difference is that corporate research is generally limited to applied research aimed at developing marketable products, while university research tends to allow scientists to pursue whatever they are interested in.

However, most Black scientists work in the public sector, reports Black Enterprise, with nearly one-third employed by federal, state, and municipal agencies in such fields as meteorology, nuclear physics, pharmacology, and toxicology.

Many Black scientists are concerned about the lack of Blacks in the field and are organizing recruitment and financial aid programs.

Dr. Joseph Coupet, a neuroscientist for Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River, NY, also believes that many recruiters are hesitant to hire Blacks because they are not fully confident that Blacks can do the job.

Dr. Coupet told Black Enterprise that there is one sure way to overcome that bias. “It’s not enough to be a scientist. You have to be good at what you do.”

For more information on careers in science, contact the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Office of Opportunities in Science, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036 or call 202-467-5438.

The February issue of Black Enterprise is available on newstands or by sending $1.75 plus $1 postage to the publisher, 130 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.

RBH Players present

BHM drama

In observance of Black History Month, the award winning Richard B. Harrison Players will present “To Be Young, Gifted And Black,” a two act biographical drama depicting the life and works of Lorraine Hansberry from Feb. 24-27 in the Paul Robeson Theatre.

Uniquely and boldly, the play dramatically weaves through Ms. Hansberry’s life experiences and the times that shaped her. The actors slip ingeniously into and out of a variety of challenging roles spanning her life and experience to the ultimate confrontation when cancer strikes her. Including brilliantly high-lighted scenes from her plays as well as letters, diaries, poems and personal reminiscences, the play provides a major statement of the American Black experience.

The cast of twelve consist of Hilda Willis, a sophomore theatre major from Roanoke, Va. as Ms. Hansberry; Miller

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In My Opinion

Reagan wants to X college educations

Because of the the proposed education budget cuts by President Ronald Reagan, many families will have to reconstruct their financial budgets, not to mention their personal goals, to combat the woes of Reaganomics.

Mr. President is calling for a $6.28 billion budget for student aid in fiscal year 1986. The effect of the current budget of $7.9 billion has been felt by most students who enrolled in college last fall.

He also plans to eliminate two student-aid programs and insure that grants and subsidized loans are limited to lower-income students.

Not only will parents have to decide what college they can afford to send their children but in the cases where there is more than one child, who will be the lucky member to go.

The summer job market will become even more competitive because Mr. President expects students to contribute 40 percent or at least $800 towards their education.

Only students with family incomes of $25,000 or less will be eligible for Pell grants, which will not exceed $1,900, work-study funds and National Direct Student Loans.

Guaranteed Student Loans will be restricted to students from families earning less than $32,000 a year. This will eliminate about $460,000 students now eligible for loans.

The president also calls for a restriction on students who file independent to receive aid. Under his plan, only students 22 or older would be considered independent.

THE LEAD COLUMN ON THE OPINION PAGE IS WRITTEN BY THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE A&T REGISTER. IT DOES NOT CARRY A BYLINE. NONE OF THE COLUMNS ON THIS PAGE NECESSARILY REFLECTS THE OPINION OF THE STAFF.

Suicide: A Human Tragedy

By DWAYNE L. PINKNEY

One thousand teenagers committed suicide in 1984 according to the National Institute of Health.

That is a startling figure, yet it is expected to increase in 1985.

When looking at the number of suicides, one wonders why are teenagers killing themselves?

A panel of experts, from guidance counselors, psychologists, to ministers, attempted to answer that question recently on a program which aired on WGHP channel 8. The program was called Teen Surviving: The Piedmont Story.

In that discussion, several reasons were listed for probable causes of suicide among youths.

Among them was that the teenagers have a feeling of hopelessness. They believe that life presents perplexing problems which far outweigh any benefits that it could present.

This is truly sad. What a paradox it is that with all of the hoopla about restored faith in this nation, and a return to “traditional values,” that this nation is losing a large number of its teenagers.

Let us not be quick to say that these teenagers are just a few emotionally disturbed individuals. Nice, clean cut answers are usually inaccurate.

This is a verifiable social problem, one which must be dealt with squarely and with openness. There are no easy answers, but there is definitely a need to search for ways to deal with this growing human tragedy.

Women must demand respect

By FRANCES WARD

Ladies, finally one man has confessed. Martin Simmons, contributing editor of Essence magazine, has attempted to unbother our minds and tell us why some men refuse to commit themselves to serious relationships.

Many women concerned about commitment will find his eye-opening article, titled “Confessions of an Unserious Man,” in the Feb. edition, rewarding white others will find it a bit hard to take.

Although Simmons writes from his own experiences, he speaks for other males, who like him, back away from total involvement with women.

He certainly speaks for the male majority when he states that he is usually not interested in commitment but “only interested in a small part of their (ladies) anatomy.”

Ladies, don’t be appalled that Simmons admits his sometimes “only” sexual interest. Surely, we all know men who just want a lady for her body, not her intelligence or personali-
ATTEMPT NEW FRESHMEN AND TRANSFERSTUDENTS: This is the last chance to get your 1984-85 college bulletins. The bulletins may be picked up from the Office of Admissions, Room 100, Dowdy Building, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. March 4 and 5. All students must bring some form of identification.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE for 1985-86 A&T Register staff: Persons interested should stop by the Register House for more details. Our office is located across from Graham Hall.

NEXT EDITION of the A&T Register is Friday, March 15.

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Campus Paperback Bestsellers
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Sportsmanship???

By Joe Brown
Sports Editor

What is the meaning of sportsmanship? Well, Webster's dictionary defines the word as the skill in or fondness for sports or the qualities and behavior befitting a sportsman. To explain the term more clearly, a sportsman should compete under the true nature of athletic competition, but still hold the utmost respect and friendship for his fellow athletes before, during and after the act of competing.

Athletic competition has grown to intense heights these days. We have seen Bird and Dr. J in hand-to-hand combat, McEnroe sailing a cup of ice at the judges, and Decker blaming Budd for mistakenly tripping her in the race.

Sportsmanship among athletes and even coaches is slowly diminishing. The world of money and promotions has made them forget that the opposing team or opponent are really normal people, and that only the uniform signifies he or she as your competitor.

Coaches take in athletes and train them to the hard-core stress of competition. Driven everyday in practice for perfection, the main theme is to “win.” Victory is everything and you must overcome your opponent. But what if you don’t win and your competitor beats you at your own game. The answer these days would be to avoid or dislike that athlete any way you choose, instead of bowing down gracefully and using familiar sign of respect - a handshake. There will be other days of competition and maybe next time you will be the victor.

The attitude of going to each others throat can exist as long as there is some sense of humanity and sensible reasoning when it is all over. The true spirit of competition is being able to compete against your opponent as if he was your enemy, but realizing it is just sport and you must act out the mental role for that given period of time in order to perform at your highest capacity. When the competition ends, the real sportsmanship in an athlete can surface to keep the fairness and love of the sport intact.

We only know of athletes having poor sportsmanship, but the coaches as well are becoming quite addicted to this action. The pressures of keeping or trying to obtain a high-ranked team can put these great leaders on edge among themselves. They will appear to be quite friendly to each other before the competition begins, but when it is all over, no one seems to remember or act as he knows what we call “sportsmanship.”

Aggies, compete to the best of your ability and remember the saying, "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat," but it is not the end of the world, so be a “good sport.”

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Aggies place fourth

By JOE BROWN
Sports Editor

The Aggies placed fourth in team standings with two first place performances from the jumpers at the MEAC Indoor Track and Field Championships in Chapel Hill.

Triple jumper Ed Smith repeated his championship and set a new indoor triple jump record of 48 feet 7 inches, outleaping his mark of 47 feet 9 inches. Smith jumped with a field of seven competitors and outsprinted his old record and opponents by a foot.

The Indoor long jump crown belongs to Melvin Ballard. He captured the long jumpers’ event with a ALL-MEAC leap of 23 feet 1 1/2 inches. Ballard soared to a foot advantage over his opponents and matched his conference title from last year.

The upcoming freshman stars showed their presence through their performances at the championships. Donnie Tooten placed 2nd in the pole vault with a height of 14 feet. Douglas Good placed 3rd with a throw of 43 feet in the shot put. Felicia Robinson dashed to a 5th place finish in the women’s 60-yard hurdles. Mandell Jackson placed 5th in 60-yard hurdles with a time of 8.0 seconds.

Junior Harvey Blakely sprinted to a 5th place finish in the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.5 seconds. The Aggies ran the mile relay and sprint medley relay and placed 4th, 5th, respectively.

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Wrestling

Morgan State wins MEAC title

A&T’s wrestling team hosted a competitive MEAC wrestling championship in E.F. Corbett Sports Center last weekend.

The Aggies produced one 3rd-place and four 4th-place finishers at the two-day tournament championship. Melvin Ridley placed 3rd in his weight class of 150 pounds. The following wrestlers placed 4th in their weight divisions:

- Kelvin Reid (142 lbs.), William Heggies (155 lbs.), Robert Brown (162 lbs.), and Glover Ford (177 lbs.).

The team standings were Morgan State (104), Delaware State (54), Howard University (48), South Carolina State (35%), N.C. A&T (16%) and Maryland Eastern Shore (0).

James Phillips of Morgan State was awarded Coach of the Year. Keith Graham of South Carolina State was the most valuable athlete.

Sophomore standout is aiming for perfection

By JOE BROWN
Sports Editor

An alumnus can play a major role in the recruitment of a potential standout. A&T’s Yvette Estep is a case in point.

Upon completion of her prep career, Estep was undecided on where to attend college. But an official at her high school told her about the high academic and athletic programs at his alma mater.

“My principal at my high school is a graduate of A&T,” said Estep. “He told me A&T had a good nursing school, so I decided to come here.

“My high school coach found out I was coming here and contacted coach Joyce Spruill. I was given the chance as a walk-on and have been playing ever since.”

Estep will be one of the key players when the Aggies aim for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title in the Palestra in Philadelphia, Pa., March 7-9.

Now a sophomore majoring in biology, Estep is the captain of the Aggies.

“She has adjusted well and is an improved power forward,” Spruill said of her.

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Track & Field

Pegasus

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Editor of the Register

When Dr. Clark was in danger of losing his position in the Architectural Engineering Department last spring, his loyal students took the case in hand. These dedicated A&T students wrote articles and picketed in front of the Dowdy Building. Those students stuck together and stood firmly on the issues they felt were right. They did not want one of their better instructors in their Department dismissed.

Well, it seems as if the students of the Agricultural Education Department will have to perform a similar act to preserve the teaching profession and position of Dr. Arthur Purcell. Dr. Purcell received his bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education from A&T in 1968; his master’s in Agricultural Education from A&T in 1972; Advanced Certificate in 1974 from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; and doctorate from the same university. He is a native of Robeson County. He began teaching in the Agricultural Education Department fall semester, 1977.

In 1984, Dr. Purcell was chosen for the Young Alumnus Award from the National Alumni Association; 1983; he was the recipient of A&T’s National Alumni Association Recruitment Award and Outstanding Leadership Award. In 1983, he also received the A&T Student Organization Advisors Award and National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association Award. He received from the Ag-ed Association, for outstanding devotion to services, an Award in 1985.

On the dawn of last spring semester, many students in agriculture and horticulture, as well as appalled by the news that Dr. Purcell would not be here when they returned in the fall. Many wanted to know why a man of Dr. Purcell’s character, willingness and ability to communicate and get the point across to the students was being released. They wanted to know why a man, who, as President of the Gate City Alumni Chapter at A&T, helped to raise $22,000 last year which undoubtedly helped in decreasing the large university debt was leaving.

After further investigation of this matter by concerned students, a reasonable conclusion of the matter at hand had been derived. It was apparent that Dr. Purcell was about to be released from his position due to the ending of his contract. All that was needed to remedy the problem was for the Chairman of the Agricultural Education Department to request the Dean of the School of Agriculture to reinstate or give Dr. Purcell another contract. However, instead of the real story to be released as a nonsubstantial and material justification was given. The reason seemed imaginary in a sense, Dr. Purcell supposedly did not conduct any research. Now, we ask you, “How can one conduct research when the majority of one’s time is consumed in teaching 90 percent of each of the classes and courses offered in the Department each semester?”

“How can one conduct research of any kind when one’s efforts are slanted for trying to accomplish the things that will encourage and facilitate to the betterment of the students, department, the school and the University?”

Although Dr. Purcell seemed to have all these obvious stumbling blocks and deficiencies in his path he succeeded in winning the hearts and respect of all who know him. In an attempt to help him climb this jotted mountain, last spring we tried to talk to the head of this great Institution to see if any light could be shed on the situation. The light was indeed shed – in fact, the power was cut off! Our Aggie spirits were dampened as we thought the situation was becoming hopeless toward the dust of the semester. All we could do was to hope and pray.

Upon our return in the fall semester, 1984, we were disappointed to find Dr. Purcell’s office cleared of all his books, magazines and papers and on the desk and a sign of another instructor. Later we found out that Dr. Purcell was in fact still on staff in the department, but his office was across the hall from the main office. Dr. Purcell had been moved from his office and position of Associate Professor of Agricultural Education to an Adjunct Professor and still had the same number of classes to instruct, more in fact. A downgrade to say the least but we were glad to have him back.

Now it is Spring Semester 1985, and his job ending is shortening. We, the students, have asked ourselves many times “What would the Ag. Ed. Department be like without him?” We can see the Department slowly sinking our island in the sand without his instruction for the students. Ther we wondered what the School of Agriculture would be like without the Department of Agricultural Education. Does it mean that N.C. State will be the only university in the state of N.C. to have a four-year Ag. Ed. program offered? The students also viewed how the loss of the Ag. Ed. would affect other departments of the School of Agriculture that included Home Economics, Food Service, Animal Science, Plant Science, Landscape Architecture, Ag. Engineering and Ag. Economics which is virtually the entire School of Agriculture. Most important “What would become of this university’s title without the words “Agricultural”? Without the word “Agricultural” we are not Aggies. We are no more than a large technical community college. Concerned AgEd students

Hansberry's life story

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Lucky, Jr., a senior from Plainsfield, N.J.; Donna Baldwin, a senior from Greensboro; Robin Stamps, a junior from Lynchburg, Va.; Letha Young, a senior from Franklin; Charli Hary, a freshman from Greensboro; Valeria Welch, a freshman from Daytona Beach, Fla.; Mary Holloway, a freshman from Greensville; and Daniel Wynne, Jr., a senior from Williamsburg, Va. Other cast members are Cindy Garrett, a graduate student at UNC-G and David Hargraves, Eric Gorman and Trischia Warrock, theatre students at Greensboro College.

This fast paced wonderful, touching, and hilarious kaleidoscope of constantly shifting scenes, moods and images recreating the world of a great American woman and artist is being directed by Dr. H.D. Flower, II, executive director of Theatre; R.P. Thomason is the technical director; D.E. Coffey is costumer; Linda S. West is designing the lights.

For reservations or tickets, call the Paul Robeson Theatre at 379-7532 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

New Edition is coming to Greensboro in March

New Edition, whose ‘New Edition’ album ranks number two on Billboard Magazine’s Top Black Albums chart and whose “Mr. Telephone Man” is number one on the singles chart, will appear in concert on Sunday, Mar. 3, at 5 p.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Tickets for the concert are $10 and are on sale at the Coliseum box office and all Ticketron outlets. All seats are reserved.

New Edition consists of five young performers: Ricky Bell (16 years old), Michael Bivins (16 years old), Bobby Brown (15 years old), Ronnie De Voe (16 years old) and Ralph Tresvant (16 years old). The groups burst onto the music scene a year and a half ago with the single, “Candy Girl,” which topped charts in five countries, including the United States.

Fat Boys’ album “Fat Boys” and Whodini’s “Escape” currently rank among the 10 best-selling Black Music albums.

“Candy Girl” led to four more hit tours, concerts, numerous magazine cover stories and television appearances. The group has also actively supported three public service projects: a nationwide "Stay in School" drive, “Learn to Read” campaigns and the March of Dimes “Walk America,” as the New York City spokesperson.

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