Alumnus is keynote speaker at career awareness banquet

By MARDELL GRIFFIN
Special to the Register

Corporate officials should not only hire minority students, but they should assist them during employment, said Floyd Dickens Jr., keynote speaker at the Career Awareness Banquet.

Dickens, spoke to about 500 business and government representatives and A&T faculty and staff members. The representatives participated in the 11th Annual Careers Day at A&T this week.

"Affirmative action seems to be dying on the vine at some corporations," said Dickens, a 1965 graduate of A&T's electrical engineering program and now social director of engineering at Proctor and Gamble Co. in Ohio.

"Minorities bring uniqueness to corporate America," he said. "We learn well and we have done well."

Dickens, who co-authored a book with his wife titled "Black Management; Making It in the Corporate World," told the recruiters to remember the important role they play as "gate-knispers" for minority students.

"You happen to be the funnel by which our future leaders must pass," he said. "You can set the future direction of our country as well as your corporations... You must keep the gate open to minority students."

Dickens said minorities undergo four phases - entry, adjustment, dissatisfaction and success — when they are hired.

"The entry phase is where most minorities jump up and down and think they've made it," he said. "After six months they wonder what happened."

At this point they feel frustration and enter the second phase of adjustment, he said.

"You must offer students assistance after they join your companies," he said. If not, they will leave during the third stage — dissatisfaction," he added. "With help they will identify resources and use them to pass into the fourth stage — success."

Dickens praised A&T, saying it is "a haven of black culture" that must not be lost.

"History will show A&T has added to the greatness of our country."

Former counselor faces assault charges

By ESTHER WOODS
News Editor

An A&T residential hall director, charged with misdemeanor assault, has been removed from his position, according to a university official.

James Allen Toon, a former hall counselor in Scott Hall A, was charged by the Greensboro Police with sexually assaulting two women last May and in early August at the Kendall Center, a home for mentally retarded adults and youths.

Toon, who worked in Scott Hall for 12 years, received an administrative transfer Sept. 4, said Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Toon was given a misdemeanor and according to the American system of justice, a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty," said Buck. "We are making this presumption as such by having him employed at the university but in a different capacity."

He added, "Because I felt it would protect his interest as well as the university's interest, an administrative transfer of his responsibilities was made."

Toon was moved from his residential hall position to an operating facilities management position, Buck said.

"Toon now works with the maintenance department... checking the conditions of the halls, delivering supplies and other tasks related to this nature," said Buck.

Toon's court date is set for Sept. 24 in District Court. If convicted, he could be sentenced to two years in prison.

Jackson to address apartheid rally

By ESTHER WOODS
News Editor

A keynote address by A&T Alumnus and Civil Rights Leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, will highlight an Anti-Apartheid march on campus Wednesday.

Jackson will address the student body at noon in Harrison Auditorium preceding the march, which is sponsored by the Student Government Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the senior class.

The march will begin in front of Williams Cafeteria at 12:45 p.m. and end in the Governmental Plaza in downtown Greensboro at 2 p.m., said SGA President James Thrarrington. "The key is prayer. Prayer changes things and prayer can change things in South Africa."

Classes will not be dismissed during the march, university officials said.

"I feel that the march... is only to let people know that we're concerned about the situation in South Africa," said SGA President James Thrarrington. "This is prayer. Prayer changes things and prayer can change things in South Africa."

WNAAPhoto by Jay Hall

With the addition of a new tower, WNAA has been able to increase its output from 10 watts to 10,000.

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Kimberly Swanson, Miss Black and Gold

**Kim Swanson crowned queen**

By ESTHER WOODS  
News Editor

To be successful, a person must believe in himself and have a sense of dignity, says Kimberly Swanson, who was recently crowned Miss Black and Gold at the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity National Convention.

"When you don't have dignity or believe in yourself, no one else is going to look at you," said Swanson, a junior political science major from Detroit, Michigan.

She also won the state title of Miss Black and Gold during a pageant held at A&T last October. This Spring, she won the Southern Regional title in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I don't think I could've won any of the pageants had I not believed in myself and had a sense of dignity," she said.

In the regional competition, Swanson won first place in the talent segment in which she performed on original oratorical piece titled "How To Become Somebody." Even though travel to the pageants were expense-paid and she received a $300 scholarship, Swanson said the gifts weren't the most important aspect of winning.

"For me, it was being afforded the privilege to go on and compete again. It also gave me the opportunity to meet people who can help me in my career goals as well as give me national recognition," she said.

Swanson, who appeared in last week's Jet Magazine, said the most competitive of all the pageants was national contest, in which only four contestants participated.

"A lot of people felt it was just a beauty pageant, but it was based on a lot more than that. In the national competition they were looking for someone with distinction, intellect and poise. But above all they were looking for a lady," said Swanson.

During her reign, she will travel to several Alpha Phi Alpha conventions and participate in other pageants.

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**Construction of engineering is building going well**

**By LINDA BUMPASS  
Staff Writer**

The new $8.5 million engineering building, which is under construction now, is scheduled to be completed by September, 1986, according to William J. Craft, associate dean for the School of Engineering.

"The phase of construction going on now, which includes the column and base, goes up very fast," said Craft. "But the latter part, which involves interior parts such as air conditioning, electricity and creation of rooms, it take a long time" he added.

Craft said the present engineering building -- Cherry and Graham Hall -- did not provide enough space and students were having to take classes in other buildings.

"For years we have had a space problem. . . ." Craft said. He said enrollment into the School of Engineering increased 19 percent each year from 1978 through 1982.

Suruchi Chandra, dean of the school of engineering said, "The new building will help us in a meaningful way and we are excited about it. We will have 94,000 square feet of additional space, which means our present space will be almost doubled in the fall of 1986."

"We will be able to not only take care of the needs of existing programs at graduate and undergraduate level, but we will also be able to accommodate the new programs in chemical and civil engineering."

According to Craft, the building will feature a two-way audiovisual communications to other locations, a 300-seat auditorium, four 100-seat partitionable lecture rooms, video taping and playback systems in classrooms and laboratories, a broadband teletext and data network, a reference library and a computer laboratory.

"I think the new engineering building is a first class facility that the whole campus will be proud of and a building the school of engineering is in need of," said Craft.

Craft said about 160 new parking spaces will surround the building. After the construction of the new building is complete, rooms in Cherry and Graham Hall will become lab-related rooms, Craft said.

**Should the majority always rule?**

Ruling against a New York city election law that requires primary winners to have received more than 40 percent of the vote, a federal judge has helped to resurrect an issue Jesse Jackson raised in last year's presidential campaign.

For Jackson, opposition to second or "runoff" primaries, an election device used mostly in the South, was a "litmus test" for last year's presidential candidates.

Black politicians were divided on the issue, and it never seemed to catch the attention of the general public. By campaign's end, it was largely forgotten. Now it's come to life again. Following the ruling by Federal District Judge Charles L. Brion - who found New York's second primary at least partially "aimed at preventing minority voters from gaining political power and/or preserving the status quo in the Democratic Party" - Jackson said his supporters would soon file suits against runoff primaries in several Southern states.

Jackson contends that the Southern second-primary system - forcing the two top vote-getters into a runoff if no one gets 51 percent in the first election - is simply an easy way to exclude blacks from elective office in the South. Is he right or wrong?

In 1982, South Carolina State College professor Ken Mosely beat a white candidate in a runoff to become the Democratic nominee in the 1st Congressional District. But he lost the general election to a conservative white Republican.

Where blacks are a majority and where there is strict racial bloc voting, the majority-vote requirement actually helps black candidates.

Where there is a plurality-vote requirement, whites can agree to back one candidate and impose the equivalent of a majority-vote requirement where none exists.

In 1974, segregationist Lester Maddox would have won the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia had it not been for a runoff primary. He lost that second election - and the nomination - to George Busbee, a moderate.

William Winter, who left his state's most progressive office in Mississippi last year after establishing a record as governor, won a runoff primary in 1979.

Jackson's argument - that making it easier for blacks to win party nomination would produce more black in Congress, and that blacks are always eliminated in second primaries - won't wash.

Whether to abolish the majority-vote requirement or not ought to depend on where and when and how it is begun used. In the short term, some black-majority jurisdictions would see blacks lose elections if a plurality system is established.

Andrew Young has a better "litmus test." He says, "(It) has to be the elimination of all methods of discrimination, whatever they may be, with full enforcement at the federal level."
MR. AGGIE CONTEST applications are now being accepted by the Student Union Advisory Board. Applications can be picked up or turned in at the Information Desk in the Student Union. Deadline is Sept. 18.

THE J.E. BROWER CENTER United Methodist Wesley Foundation will host a Pre-Anti-Apartheid Rally Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. All organizational presidents and members are encouraged to attend.

TUTORING SESSIONS for the National Teacher Exam, the Graduate Record Exam, and other standardized exams will be held twice a week throughout the Fall semester on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in Crosby 201.

Students must take action against apartheid

To the Student Body

I would like to address you with the apartheid situation in South Africa. Webster defines apartheid as racial segregation, a policy of segregation and political and economic discrimination against non-European groups in the Republic of South Africa. Kappa Alpha Psi is in opposition to apartheid in South Africa. We feel that it is no just, for a minority of whites to rule a majority of blacks. And for them to have the audacity to have separate facilities for black and whites. One of my African fraternity brothers expressed his views by saying, “The white man has come to Africa and robbed us of our land and other natural resources, which has been ours for centuries.”

I feel that if the South African government used some of the revenues that it has generated from the selling of natural resources, especially diamonds, to replenish the land in dry, desolate areas by means of irrigation and fertilization. There would not have been a need for such groups as USA to AFRICA, BAND AID, and LIVE AID. It seems to me that Americans care more for the South African people than the South African government.

And out of this care I feel that it’s time for us, the student body and the churches of the Greensboro area, to unite and take some form of retroactive action against apartheid. For example, government sanctions against South Africa.

This whole situation seems to be a repeat of the King Era when racial prejudice was at its peak. But unfortunately for the brothers and sisters of South Africa this racial tension is not over. But hopefully one day they will be able to say in the words of the great late Dr. Martin Luther King, “Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty we’re free at last.”

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Black Athletes—The Women

When Cheryl Miller led the USC women’s basketball team to the NCAA championship a year ago, she was touted by many as the best woman player ever. Maybe even good enough to play in the National Basketball Association. Miller is still in college and it remains to be seen if she can compete in a men’s league. The thought, however, is intriguing.

On a Fast Track!

Track and field is the sport that historically has produced the leading Black female athletes. Wilma Rudolph exploded onto the scene at the Rome Olympics in 1960 where she won the gold medal in the 100 and 200 meters, setting the world record in the process. Rudolph also anchored the USA’s winning 400 meter relay team giving her three golds. For her record-breaking performance she was voted Associated Press female athlete of the year.

Passing the Baton

Valerie Brisco-Hooks matched Rudolph’s feat at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles by winning three gold medals. Brisco-Hooks won the 100 and 400 meter events and ran the third leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay team. Joining Rudolph as the only American woman to win three gold medals in a single olympiad.

Gibson the All-Time Best?

Tennis legend, Althea Gibson, may be the all-time best Black female athlete. Born in Silver, South Carolina in 1927, Gibson played her first tournament in 1942 and went on to become the American Tennis Association singles champion in 1944 and 1945. In 1957 and 1958 she put together two remarkable seasons during which she won, back-to-back, singles titles at Wimbledon and was ranked number one in the world.

On the Horizon

If anyone can top Althea Gibson’s victories on the tennis court, it might be Zina Garrison. Garrison just became the first Black female since Gibson to compete in the prestigious Wimbledon Tennis Championship. The 21-year-old sensation pushed Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova to the limit before losing in their semi-final match on center court.

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Thinking and growing

Editor's Note: Because A&T is observing its 94th year, we will print editorials from past writers throughout the school year.

Words are the tools of thought. They are the verbal symbols of ideas and understanding, in many cases knowledge, and they can be the key to accurate thinking. So, in many cases, the more ideas you are familiar with, the larger your vocabulary. Knowledge is gained largely through words. If you increase your knowledge, you increase your vocabulary. By increasing your vocabulary, you may be able to sharpen and enrich your thinking.

Reading is thinking. And thinking is growing. But you aren't growing if you aren't reading.

To illustrate, let's use the words of composer, poet, musician, singer, "scholar" Bernice Johnson Reagon as an example.

Would you understand Reagon's words: "Chile's yellow waters run red through Soweto. The hand's that choked the spirit of Allende pulled the trigger on the children of Soweto in a muddy Soweto street!"?

If you read you probably know that Chile is a country in South America and that Soweto is a country in South Africa just outside Johannesburg. You'd probably know that Salvador Allende Gossens was president of Chile until he was assassinated in 1973. To use Reagon's words, he was assassinated "when the 'powers that be' did not agree with his Democratic-Socialist commitment."

When you hear any reference to the children of Soweto, you'd immediately think: June 16, 1976, when Soweto's children took to the streets in a struggle against racial oppression. Many, many of them were killed.

And when you hear Sister Reagon's words: "The hand's of oppression are the hands of hunger. The waters of the Chile fill the banks of Cape Fear," you'd know exactly what she was saying.

You'd recognize the reference to N.C.'s Cape Fear River, which flows along the Chatham-Lee County line to Cumberland County, through New Hanover County (which includes Wilmington) and into the Atlantic Ocean. And you'd recognize the reference to Wilmington again, and you'd recall the 1898 massacre of local Blacks who had, until that time, held the balance of power. The massacre resulted in the re-establishment of white rule. Also, it is said that many Black bodies were thrown into the Cape Fear.

Reading is fundamental, or at least it should be. Add to that knowledge about one's culture.

Tony Moor
Editor in Chief
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What is an ‘Aggie’?

"Aggie born, Aggie bred, When I die, I'll be an Aggie, dead."

This is the slogan of the past, present and future members of the A&T family. Surprisingly enough, many of us accept the slogan under the pretense that the word "Aggie" has been appropriated for us (A&T Aggies) alone. It is the shortened form of the word "agriculture."

An Aggie is, therefore, anyone who attends an agricultural school. On our campus, it is also our nickname for the bulldog — our mascot.

Despite the fact that we are not the only Aggies, we pride ourselves on being a distinct group of "Aggies."

The story of the adoption of the bulldog as our mascot is a difficult story to ascertain. There are two versions of the story, both of which are related in the book GREAT RECOURCATIONS from Aggieland by Dr. Albert W. Spraul, professor of education. One of the versions goes somewhat as follows:

"A herdsman who was employed during the early twenties to work on the farm, either brought along or purchased a dog to assist in the herding of cows. The dog happened to be a bulldog.

The Aggie football team had a scheduled game at which the dog was present. Just how the dog got to the football game is difficult to surmise.

Either he came along with the herdsman or a group of students, anticipating trouble, brought him along. The game was a rough one and it seemed that the Aggie team could not score over the opposing team. When the Aggies finally scored a touchdown in the last minutes of the game, the referee signaled "No Good."

Since it appeared that there was no fairness in the officiation of the game, someone decided to untie the bulldog and turn him on the referee.

The untying of the bulldog almost cost A&T membership in the CIAA; but from that day, the A&T football team has been called the "Bulldog" or "Aggie."

Lea E. Hamilton
Staff Writer 1967
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It may be too early to say, but if Dwight Gooden continues to break pitching records at a mercurial rate, he will go down in history as the best pitcher who has ever played in the major leagues. Ever since Gooden threw his first major league pitch for the New York Mets, he has been absolutely phenomenal. Last year, he led the majors with 276 strikeouts, which set a rookie strikeout record, as he was named National League rookie of the year. By striking out 16 batters against Pittsburgh and fanning 16 more the next night against Philadelphia, Gooden set a major league record by striking out 32 batters in two consecutive games. 

Becoming the youngest player ever to appear in an All-Star game, Gooden struck out the side in his first inning of pitching. What’s so amazing about this is that Gooden came into the majors at the early age of 19.

With a year’s experience under his belt, he has vastly improved. Since May, he had won 14 consecutive games. His last victory against the San Diego Padres was very significant because Gooden became the youngest 20-game winner in the history of the major league. With only four losses, Gooden has set a record in baseball. How did this man rise to the top so fast?

For one thing, he possesses one of the deadliest fastballs in the game. Usually pitching between 93 to 94 miles per hour, sometimes Gooden throws as fast as 96 mph. His best pitch, though, is his curveball. When it is thrown perfectly, it jumps and spins so much that the batter is completely confused. At 80 mph, Gooden hurl the hardest curveball around the league.

Presently, Gooden leads the National League in strikeouts with 236 which makes him the second pitcher of all time to throw over 200 strikeouts in his first two years. Also, he has great poise. The next time Gooden is pitching on television, notice how relaxed he looks on the mound. When he releases the ball from his wind-up, Gooden seldom throws a bad pitch.

While most teams have to score five to six runs to secure their starting pitcher a victory, the Mets only need to score two to three because Gooden does not give up many runs. His 1.68 earned run average is currently the longest in the majors. Gooden’s six shutouts is second only to St. Louis pitcher John Tudor, who has seven.

Gooden has even improved on his major weakness — holding runners on base. Last year, the right-handed pitcher three out two base runners as they stole 47 bases out of 50 attempts. With all-star Gary Carter behind the plate this year, base runners have only attempted 25 steals against Gooden, advancing 16 bases while Gooden has picked off five.

St. Louis pitcher Jacquin Andujar and San Diego’s Lamarr Hoyt are having good years but Gooden should be a decisive winner for the Cy Young award.

Gooden’s career is even more astonishing than that of NBA all-star Michael Jordan. Already Gooden has been called the best pitcher in the game today! The scary part about it all is that he is improving every day. Can you imagine that?

**Execution will cure football team**

By ANTHONY JEFFRIES

There is nothing wrong with A&T’s football team that a little execution won’t cure.

That’s the opinion of heralded sophomore quarterback Alan Hooker, who will lead the Aggies into Saturday’s pivotal game against Winston-Salem State in Groves Stadium. The Aggies will enter the game winless after two previous starts.

“We have to execute against Winston-Salem,” Hooker said. “The past two teams were not better than us, we just beat ourselves.”

The Aggies suffered defeats against Tennessee State in their season opener and last week against Delaware State. Tennessee State beat the Aggies 31-15 and Delaware State almost matched the offensive total by winning 30-16.

The Aggie offense has sputtered in the first two games. On several occasions the Aggies had opportunities to score, but a penalty or a missed snap hurt their chances.

Even though Winston-Salem lost its season opener to Virginia State, 17-7, the Rams have yet to return to the form and have dominated the series in recent years. The Rams won last year’s game 35-21.

According to Hooker, the Aggies do not plan to make wholesale changes in their offense. A premium will be placed on consistency. “We need to maintain our consistency for an entire game,” Hooker said. “We can’t afford to be inconsistent and expect to win against them.”

The Aggie offense knows it has to play hard if its going to be successful against the Rams. That also applies to the defense, according to junior noseguard Ernest Riddick.

“In order to stop Winston-Salem, we must contain them and stop them from getting to the outside,” Riddick said. “Their offense is not as complicated as Tennessee State or Delaware State. So I think we should be able to stop them.”

Stopping teams from scoring is something the A&T defense has not done so far. But Riddick believes the defense has not been overpowered in the season’s first two starts.

“Most of the points that have been scored on us mostly came on big plays,” Riddick explained. “It wasn’t as if the opposing offenses drove up and down the field on us.”

The Aggie defense has suffered a number of turnovers and Riddick hopes that trend will continue against Winston-Salem.

“We need to create more turnovers so that our offense will have more of a chance to wear down their defense,” Riddick said.

Because of the intense rivalry between the two teams, the outcome of the game hinges on the motivational skills of A&T coach Mo Forte and his counterpart, Bill Hayes of Winston-Salem.
A&T radio station gets larger audience after power boost

By MARDELL GRIFFIN

Special to the Register

WNAA radio station announcers are reaching people they never could before.

Last Spring, A&T's radio station received a new tower, boosting its power from 10 watts to 10,000 watts. And, according to General Manager Tony Welborne, the WNAA's potential audience has increased from 10,000 to 500,000.

"The college as a whole benefits from the station's positive exposure," said Welborne. "More people will be involved with the university even if indirectly."

Since the expansion, the station, heard on 90.1 FM, has added a blues music show and plans to add a classical music show, Welborne said.

Currently, the station plays a mixture of black contemporary, jazz, gospel and reggae music.

In addition, special programs are aired, including a monthly show with the Chancellor Edward Fort and a weekly A&T sports program.

The station's most popular programs are "The Love Zone" aired 9 p.m. to midnight and "Sunset Jazz" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Welborne said.

However, entertainment isn't the station's primary goal.

"The purpose of the station is to prepare students for the broadcast industry," said Welborne. "We do that job and do it quite well."

Welborne's staff includes a full-time and a part-time employee, 30 students and community volunteers.

But unlike many stations, WNNA does not have a news director to direct a news program or a development director to generate funds.

"We've requested these positions but because of a lack of funds we couldn't get them," he said.

Because of this, WNAA has initiated a fundraising drive.

"The most practical solution is to raise the $60,000 needed to hire these people," he said.

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