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Karen Sidbury, Brian Burnette, Dr. Stuart Ahrens and Franklin Hooker stand around the payload designed and built by A&T students.

Students ready payload

By RICHARD E. MOORE
Information Services Director
If all goes well, a payload built by a group of A&T students will be carried on a United States space shuttle flight early next year.

The 100-pound payload will contain two student-directed research projects. More than six years ago, the university made a deposit and asked to be included in a future space mission.

According to Dr. Stuart Ahrens, a physics professor and advisor for the project, the A&T Student Space Shuttle Program was encouraged by Dr. Ronald McNair, an A&T graduate and one of the nation's first three black astronauts. McNair will make his second space shuttle flight in January.

"We are pretty much on schedule," said Ahrens. "We are completing the final touches on fabrication of the payload, and rest of the year will be used for testing. Everything that can be tested, will be tested. You only get one chance."

Ahrens said that more than 22 A&T students, representing

eight different academic majors, are currently participating in the project. He said the students have done most of the work on the aluminum payload, now valued at more than \$125,000.

"They came up with the preliminary design and completed the drawings," said the professor. "Some of the final detailed machining had to be contracted out." In all, more than 78 students have been involved in the project.

Since the project's inception in 1979, the students have maintained close contact with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) which supervises the nation's space shuttle program. During the initial stage of the project, the university made a \$500 deposit to reserve space on a flight since then, an additional \$3,500 has been paid.

Ahrens said the initial support for the project was provided by the university, the Raytheon Corporation and TRW. Other corporations and agencies contributing to the program's \$70,000 annual

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Student rescued

By LINDA BUMPASS
Staff Writer

An A&T student was rescued from his smoke-filled dorm room by another student last week, according to John Williams, A&T police chief.

Williams said Tommy Roberson, a Scott Hall resident, was rescued by Ronnie Nixon, another resident, at about 2 a.m. Dec. 2.

Nixon saw smoke coming from under Roberson's door and began knocking on it.

Roberson was heating food with an iron and fell asleep, said Williams. The food was wrapped in foil.

The foil began to burn, causing the room to fill with smoke, according to Williams.

"He was fortunate that somebody woke him up because the room was filled with smoke and when he opened the door the alarm went off," Williams said.

No damage was done to the room and no charges have been filed, he said.

Former professor dies

Mrs. Loreno Mebane Marrow, retired A&T professor and former A&T Register adviser, died early Monday morning at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital after a short illness. She was 63.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Stephen United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery.

Marrow, a native of Belhaven, earned a bachelor's degree from A&T and a master's from New York University.

She began teaching in the A&T English department in 1946 during her junior year and retired in February 1984. She became Register adviser in 1953, serving until her retirement.

She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, the American Association of University Professors and the A&T Alumni Association. She was also a life member of the National Education Association and a

Student in good condition

By LINDA BUMPASS
Staff Writer

An A&T student injured while conducting a classroom experiment has been released from the hospital and is in good condition, said John Williams, university police chief.

Ivan Sidelmik, a graduate student from Venezuela, was hurt while experimenting with Freon and a laser light in Cherry Hall. A beaker containing the Freon exploded, and shards of glass flew into his eyes, according to Williams.

Sidelmik, who was taken to Moses Cone Memorial Hospital, required surgery to



Marrow

Columbia Scholastic Press adviser.

Marrow received numerous awards including the 1980 University Award for Alumni Excellence, which she received jointly with her husband, Dr. Eugene Marrow, retired A&T professor.

Under her advisorship, the Register received many honors including several first-class ratings from the Associated Collegiate Press national critical service.

Surviving are Dr. Eugene Marrow; brothers, William R. Mebane of Pantego, Francis H. Mebane Jr. of Greenville.

The family will be at Community Funeral Home 7-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

remove the fragments, Williams said.

Santeev Hingorani, another graduate student, an Indian national, was also injured but was treated at the hospital and released the day of the incident, Williams said.

According to Williams the explosion was an accident.

"It's one of those things that happens; it was just an accident," he said.

Williams said the students had done this experiment many times before and nothing had happen.

"The students could have been distracted by the television crew that were filming the experiment," he said.

Katie Dorsett to serve second term



Dr. Dorsett

By LINDA BUMPASS
Staff Writer

A need to help make a change motivated Dr. Katie Dorsett, an A&T business professor, to run for public office.

"I didn't want to always abide by a policy made by someone else — I wanted to help make it," she said.

First elected to the Greensboro City Council two years ago, Dorsett was sworn in for a second term to the eight-member Greensboro City Council on Dec. 2.

Besides, she adds: "I felt qualified, and I have always been people-oriented."

And how does she handle the dual role of elected official and college professor?

"I find that both of my jobs complement each other," she said, "and I make them both a part of my life.

"... Life gets to be exciting, but I enjoy every minute of it," she said.

A Shaw, Miss., native, Dorsett earned a bachelor's degree in business from Alcorn University, a master's in business education from Indiana University and a doctorate in education and a minor in business from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She has received numerous awards including the Woman of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Outstanding Civic Leader

Award from the Greensboro Interclub Council and the Sojourner Truth Award.

She and husband Warren G. Dorsett Sr. have two children, Valerie Dorsett, a second-year law student at the University of Denver, and Warren Dorsett Jr., a student at Guilford Technical Community College.

Students aligned themselves in Dorsett's camp in her campaign and continue to help afterward as well.

"Students are supportive of me and I am supportive of them as well," she said.

"I see the students as apart of my political position," she added, "and I hope that they feel a part of the city and

therefore would want their voices to be heard as citizens."

Major council projects that Dorsett works on include broadening representation on various boards to involve

Blacks, establishing a minority and women's business program and developing methods to improve inadequate housing.

"There is not enough affordable and decent housing for people who cannot afford the high cost ...," she said.

Dorsett advises students interested in political careers to become politically involved and aware, recognize who their leaders are and what they stand for.

Thirteen business students receive scholarships

Thirteen A&T business students have been awarded scholarships for the 1985-86 academic year by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

They are among some 300 undergraduate and graduate minority students in accounting selected to receive the awards.

The students include Sherri L. Penn of Greensboro, Andre Artis of Elm City, Jeffrey A. Johnson of Riegelwood, Lynn A. Poindexter of Richmond, Va., Cynthia Bonner of Brooklyn, N.Y., Kenneth Owens of Henderson, Jacqueline F. Ballou of South

Boston, Va., Tyrone S. Williamson of Raleigh, Robert Pompey Jr. of Kinston, Sabrina Lee Jones of Baltimore, Md., Dmitri L. Stockton of Greensboro, Angela K. Williams of Kinston, and Cynthia M. Rhett of Ridgeland, S.C.

A senior, Penn is president of the ALOBEAEM Society and a member of the Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, Beta Psi chapter of NANBPW and the Council of Presidents.

Artis is a senior and a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting fraternity; Beta Gamma Sigma, the na-

tional business society and vice president of the ALOBEAEM Society.

A senior, Johnson is a member of the ALOBEAEM Society.

Poindexter is a member of ALOBEAEM Society and the Toastmasters Club.

Bonner, a senior, is currently on the Judicial Committee of Curtis Hall.

A senior, Owens is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting Fraternity; Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman honor society; the ALOBEAEM Society and the Toastmasters Club.

Ballou is a sophomore. Stockton is a senior.

Williamson is a freshmen and currently a member of the Toastmaster's Club, the ALOBEAEM Society, the Men's Council, and the varsity wrestling team.

A junior, Pompey is a member of the ALOBEAEM Society and the Men's Council.

Jones, a sophomore, is a member of the ALOBEAEM Society, the Metropolitan Association and the Gospel Choir.

A sophomore, Williams is a member of the ALOBEAEM Society and the Women's

Council.

Rhett, a senior, is educational vice president of the Atties Toastmaster Club and amember of the ALOBEAEM Society, the Women's Council and the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

The AICPA scholarship program is designed to encourage minority individuals to enter the accounting profession by making accounting education accessible to as many qualified students as possible.

The AICPA is the national professional organization of CPAs with a membership of 231,000.

Foundation awards accounting dept.

A&T has received a \$49,500 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., to strengthen the University's accounting curriculum.

The one-year grant was announced by Chancellor Edward B. Fort, who said the contribution "represents the Foundation's confidence in the overall excellence which exists in the School of Business and Economics and in its outstanding Department of Accounting. We are extremely grateful for this support."

Fort said the grant will be directed by Dr. Quiester Craig, dean of the School of Business and Economics.

The Kellogg Foundation funds will be used to improve the department's faculty development program.

"They will help the Depart-

ment recruit outstanding accounting professors and will enable it to retain them," said Craig. "In addition, the grant monies will be used to provide assistance to faculty members who wish to pursue the doctoral degree."

The grant also will be used to enable accounting faculty members to attend workshops and seminars on computer applications in the accounting field.

"Faculty members need to enhance their computer skills and to convey this information to their students," said Craig. "To have this computer capability will increase the marketability of our graduates. It will also provide them with additional knowledge related to their passing the CPA examination."

Craig said some grant funds will be used to purchase equipment for the computer laboratory in the School of Business.

A&T currently enrolls 350 accounting majors. All of the accounting professors hold doctoral degrees or professional certification in accounting.

He said the quality of the A&T program is indicated by the increasing number of graduates passing the CPA examination, the many recruiters who come to the campus each year, and the level of funds being generated from corporations and accounting firms for student scholarships.

"The Kellogg Foundation has been a major partner in the development of our programs in the School of Business and Economics. This

timely grant is extremely encouraging," Craig said.

The nationally accredited School of Business and Economics includes departments of business administration, business education and administrative services, and economics. It also offers a major in transportation.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930 to "help people help themselves," has distributed more than \$843 million in support of programs in agriculture, education and health.

The foundation is today among the largest private philanthropic organizations in the world. It supports programs in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean, as well as international fellowship programs in other countries.

Grant awarded

The General Electric Foundation has awarded a grant of \$25,000 to the School of Engineering at A&T.

Dr. Suresh Chandra, dean of the A&T School of Engineering, said the GE grant was a portion of the foundation's Mainstream Award, in which the university is to receive \$75,000 over a three-year period.

Chandra said the foundation has contributed more than \$300,000 in recent years for student recruitment and retention, tutoring, and the enhancement of computer-aided instruction.

The foundation has also funded review sessions for the professional engineers examination, and special summer program for high school students interested in studying engineering, and student scholarships.

Why boycott Tina Turner? A&T begins participating in two-way network link

To the editor:

In 1978 Tina Turner, much to the chagrin of the Native South African Liberation Movement, performed in South Africa. When Tina Turner made her appearance, apartheid laws had been in existence for 30 years. She made a calculated risk and there are calculated consequences that follow every calculated decision.

When Miss Turner went to South Africa, she, by law, gave up her identity as a Black woman, and accepted honorary white citizenship. She performed before a white segregated audience, because by law, Blacks were not allowed to attend the concert. I am sure she did not use Black South African concert promoters. I am sure she did not use Black South African media. Also, I am sure she did not use Black South African management.

My conscience reminds me constantly, "Why would a woman who majors in the art of freedom of expression (music) perform in a country where the vast majority of its people do not have the right to freely express themselves?" Miss Turner is a gifted expressionist, who should have put dignity over dollars.

Secondly, an article entitled "Concert Review" in the *Greensboro News and Record* by Susan Ladd stated "Turner made no apologies (about the protesters at the concert). A politician, she is not. A singer, she is." Unfortunately Miss Ladd fails to draw the similarities between the two.

When Miss Turner sang on the "We Are The World" album she made a political statement of the highest order. In essence, the artists of that album stated that even though Ethiopia has a Marxist government, we must look beyond that and feed the children of the world.

Thirdly, Tina Turner has apologized publicly for her South African excursion. But through research we have found that Miss Turner's 1985 world concert tour has not hired any Black concert promoters. She has not been advertising on Black-owned radio stations. She is not using Black newspapers and other minority publications. Because Blacks have been misinformed, Blacks have not been attending her concerts in great numbers. The fact of the matter is she supported apartheid in South Africa in 1978 and she supports apartheid in America in 1985. If Miss

Turner's apology was sincere then she must be consistent along the lines of her sincerity.

If I were a doctor analyzing the Turner problem, I would diagnose her situation as having an acute case of socio-isolationism. I must prescribe

several doses of understanding to alleviate the symptoms of the disease. Turner is off beat with the people of the world. No artist, politician, or social servant should become so isolated socially that they are out of touch with the broader community.

Lastly, Miss Turner is one of the great "crossover" artists of our day. Combining in her audience red, yellow, brown, black, and white people alike. She is by definition an advocate of the rainbow, but when she performed in South Africa she "leaped over" the rainbow in search of a pot of economic security.

We must all realize that the South African system of apartheid is wrong and we must fight it every place it exists. To the Turner fans I ask this question: "How can we sit back, clap our hands, and stomp our feet to the beat of injustice?" We cannot!

Jesse Louis Jackson Jr.

Last month, A&T officially inaugurated its two-way network link with four other universities of the state, in an ultra modern teleconferencing and teaching arrangement of the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina.

On hand in the television studio to open A&T's link with the network were Chancellor Edward B. Fort and several other administrators.

A&T was welcomed to the network by Donald S. Beilman, president of the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina.

"We are ready to go," said Fort, "and we intend to be fully involved in this world class venture."

The network represents one of the nation's most advanced communications systems for research and education. Five universities and the Microelectronics Center are linked for important data exchange and for the sharing of classes. In

addition, A&T plans to beam continuing education classes directly into area industries.

"This is tremendous," added Fort. "To think that you can flip a switch and our students can be involved in some of the most advanced communications and technology in the world."

A&T's participation in the network was made possible by the recent completion of a \$250,000 transmission tower near the university's stadium.

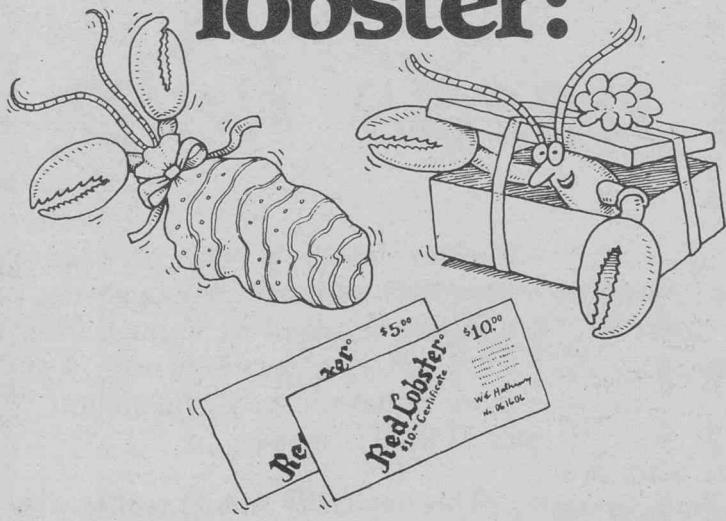
During the current semester, A&T has been receiving teleclasses from Duke University and North Carolina State University. Plans are underway to renovate a portion of

Crosby Hall to temporarily accommodate the A&T link. These facilities will include a control room, a teleclass room and link Will be a teleconferencing facility for two-way audio-video communications to be housed in the new \$8.5 million engineering building currently under construction.

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Death in the family

A&T lost one of its most dedicated alumna this week.

The death of Mrs. Loreno Mebane Marrow, retired English professor of 38 years, was a shock to many in the Aggie community — especially the A&T Register staff.

Mrs. Marrow had served as Register adviser for 33 years, before retiring in February 1984.

My first encounter with her was as a freshmen in her newswriting course.

She ran a strict but lively class. We were required to read newspapers daily, bring the most interesting articles to class and read them aloud.

However, she never allowed students to read obscene articles.

Whenever a student would start to read a report mentioning sex she would frown and say "Don't read that article in my class."

Males were required to remove their hats before entering class.

Students found these episodes hilarious, and many told her she was just old-fashioned.

Whenever an emergency vehicle would pass our classroom, sounding its siren, Mrs. Marrow would tell us: "That's a story. A good reporter would go after it."

One day, two students actually ran out of class and followed an ambulance. She awarded them an "A" for their aggressiveness.

At the newspaper, Mrs. Marrow was a mainstay.

She did more than advise. She made sure the newspaper staff was organized and looked at each story objectively. She dedicated herself to making sure that students on this campus had a voice.

Even after her retirement, Mrs. Marrow returned to the Register to advise and edit copy. It was only after she became ill, that her visits ceased. And even then, I know, she wanted to help.

As one of her colleagues said, if there is one word to describe Mrs. Marrow, it would be "dedication" — she gave so much and never asked anything in return.



Where were you?

By ESTHER WOODS

Dear Aggies did you know the SGA had an open forum meeting last Tuesday night in Merrick Hall?

Maybe you didn't attend the meeting because you didn't see the flyers announcing it. Or perhaps you attended the other events being held on campus that night like the theatrical production or the dating game.

Out of the approximate 5,000 students that attend this university, only nine were present for the forum.

Some students have talked excessively about the unorganization of the SGA administration this semester. But why didn't these critics attend the forum.

On hand for the discussion were Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor for stu-

dent affairs; Dr. Sullivan Welborne, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs; Wanda Hendrix, director of housing; Andre James, director of auxiliary services; and Larry Shaw, president of Shaw food services.

Where were the Aggies who could have addressed the concerns of the student body to these top officials?

Why continue to blame a few SGA officers when it's us, the students, who make up this great university.

A&T is among the most prestigious Black universities in the country today and if this is to remain true, we, must continue making it possible. One way is to take interest our student government and voice our concerns. IF NOT US, THEN WHO?

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 reflect the opinion of the entire staff.

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WNAA needs help

By Windy Norggins

Most students may not be aware of it, but this university is in jeopardy of losing one of its vital resources — the campus radio station.

Being understaffed is the main problem for WNAA. The station operates under the efforts of two people who do the work of five, the station manager and a program director. With this handicap, productivity is cut to one-third, and those who are working become burned out.

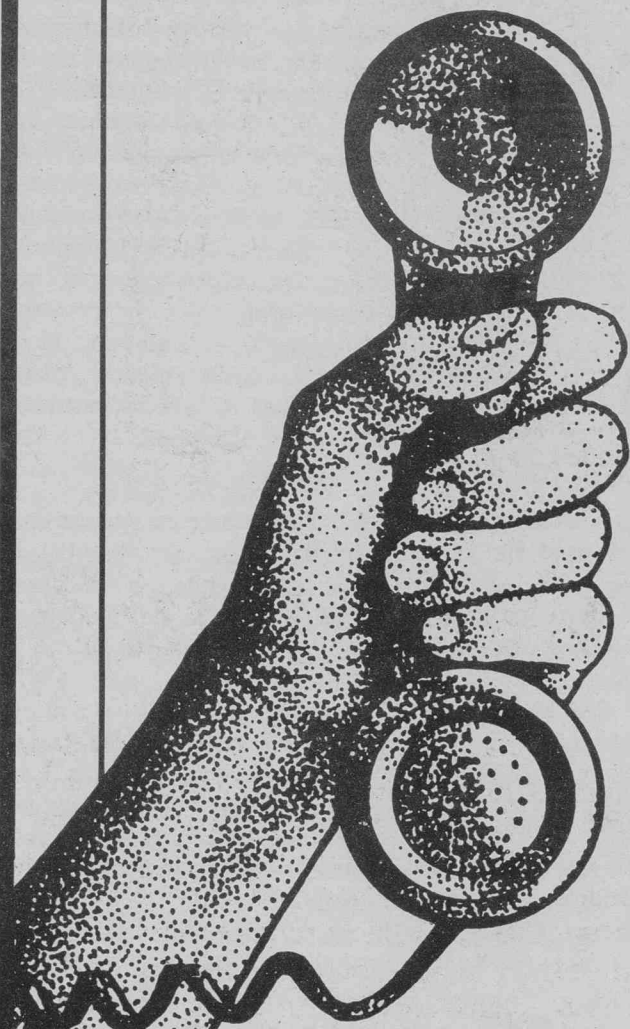
A radio station should have spare equipment parts, but WNAA doesn't. If something was to go wrong with the parts, our station would just have to go off the air until they are fixed.

WNAA does not even have a news

director which is why they do not broadcast news. Even though the station has increased its wattage from 10 to 10,000, they are still in need of much more to have a successful station. The main need is money.

This university should realize what a tremendous recruiting tool WNAA is. Because of the station many communication students would want to come here to get on hands experience. By channeling money into the station, university could increase enrollment.

Some Aggies have taken on the task of collecting money for the station, in order that they may make some needed changes. But in order for WNAA to benefit the students, more of the university family must give to support.



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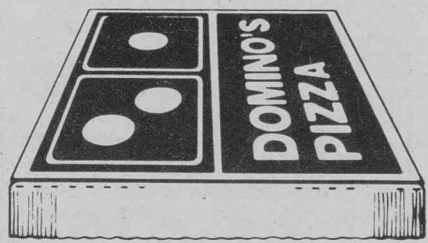
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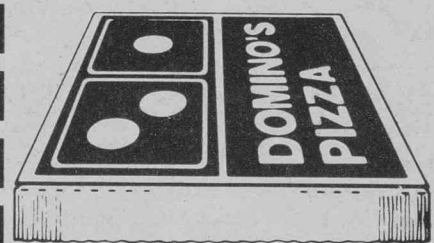
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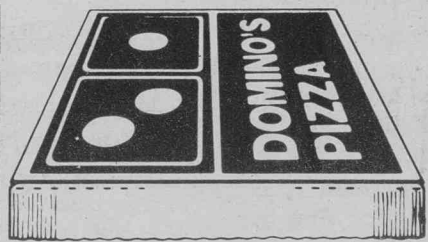
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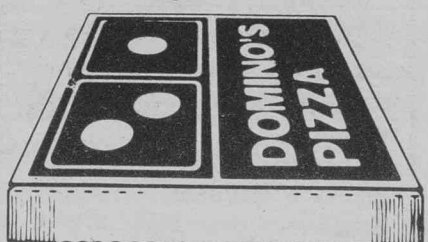
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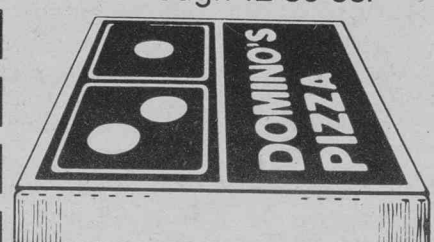
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A.J.'s Goal Line Stand

By ANTHONY JEFFRIES

Right now, A&T men's basketball is in the early stages of the season but even though sophomore point guard Thomas Griffis is only 5-foot-8, he has shown already that he can produce some big numbers.

By now everyone knows the legend about how the Raleigh native was discovered two years ago after he and friends, otherwise known as the "Capital City All-Stars" won the intramural basketball championship in which "Ice" was named league MVP.

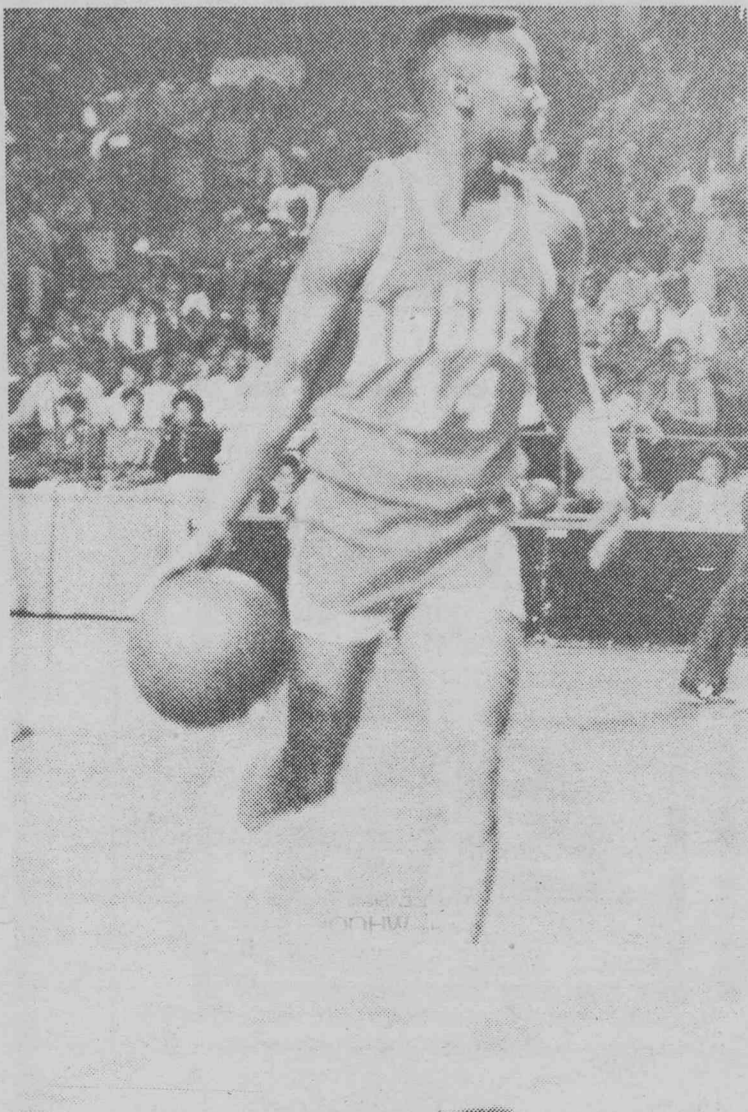
Then, as a walk-on freshman, how "Ice" started the majority of the season, leading the team in assists and steals, to help the Aggies win their fourth consecutive MEAC championship.

But what some people may not realize about "Ice" is that despite his size, he has great basketball intelligence to go along with his outstanding basketball ability. Very few players in college ball can make that claim.

In the WSSU game, it was frightening how "Ice" took over the first ten minutes of the second half. Not just offensively but defensively also, which is the sign of a complete ball player.

Just for the record, "Ice" hit all seven of his shots from the field, giving him 15 points, recorded 7 assists, and picked the Rams pocket 7 times while turning the ball over only twice in 36 minutes.

The first 10 minutes of the second half could have been a Thomas Griffis highlight show titled "Ice deep freezes WSSU". That night, "Ice" did things that you see Michael Jordan, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson doing. Not saying that "Ice" is on that level but he plays with the same smoothness and maturity as professionals.



Griffis in action!

Aggies topple Rams, 67-61

By Wade Nash
Staff Writer

Less than 30 miles separates A&T from Winston-Salem State University. Over the years the two have been members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association where one of the most intense rivalries ever was born. A&T outgrew Winston-Salem as far as the NCAA is concerned and when the two get together in any sport, it's war.

"It's a healthy rivalry. Fans get involved in a positive manner, we help each other's program. It's healthy competition and that's what athletics is all about," stated WSSU athletic director and head basketball coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines.

"I've got to open against somebody so why not A&T. I don't look at A&T with awe, and there's not that much difference in the programs. They're just able to buy better big men."

Athletic director Orby Moss

stated, playing W.S.S.U. continues the tradition. It means money, and WSSU is our biggest draw. It doesn't hurt us when we lose to WSSU because the conference has an automatic bid. The game is like an inter-city rival and anything can happen."

A&T assistant coach Tim Abney said, "This is a good way to see if our young guys are ready, starting off with a rival like WSSU."

The Winston-Salem Coliseum has caused the Aggies a lot of grief. The floor is cold because it lays on top of the ice skating ring used by an ice hockey team. But when the Aggies and Rams go at it in basketball it becomes a furnace. The Aggies were the hotter of the two and emerged with a 67-61 win.

The better big men that Aggie coach Don Corbett bought were too much for the smaller Rams, but it was the playmaking of 5'8" sophomore, point guard Thomas Griffis that

killed any hopes of an upset.

Coach Gaines said, "the little guard out-foxed our guards, but we got out-foxed at a couple of positions."

Griffis connected on seven of seven from the field, dished out seven assists, made seven steals, in 36 minutes of action.

"When you're triangling and the point guard is intercepting, you're playing poorly. When you can't play with intensity against A&T, what does it take to motivate you?" said Gaines.

The Aggies employed a 1-3-1 zone defense against the smaller Rams. Griffis played out front, while 6'6" George Cale, 6'7" Claude Williams, 6'7" Lee Robinson, 6'6" Carlton Becton, and 6'6" Kenny Cox trapped the ball in the corners, keeping the Rams playing catch up all night.

Gaines said, "Playing catch up is like chasing girls, you get close, then you're out of it again."

Faculty-staff game set

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A group of Aggie elite will tipoff Wednesday night to raise funds that go to help some of Greensboro's needy realize a happy Christmas.

The A&T faculty and staff benefit basketball game begins at 7 p.m. in Corbett Sports Center. Admission is \$1 or a toy.

The staff dons blue uniforms under the tutelage of former football greats Dr. Bert Piggott, professor of physical education, and Leon "The Man" Warren, director of the placement center.

They'll match wits against Chancellor Edward "Bighouse" Fort and Dr. Dorothy "The Wizard" Alston, special assistant to the chancellor.

The staff lineup comprises Drexel Ball, Tim Abney, Joyce

Spruill, James White, Mo Forte, Ronald Vines, Ralph Ross, James Toon, Robert Wilson, Charlie Williams, James Armstrong, Joseph Daughtry and Lonnie Beamon.

Cheering on the staff will be Carolyn Crosson, Sharon Siler, Henrietta Largent, Katie Dorsett, Peggy Oliphant, Dorothy Bailey, Margaret Williams, Joyce Edwards, Felicia Hooper and Gloria Cain.

The gold consists of Sullivan "Can Do" Welborne, Quiester "Tall Bald" Craig, "Big Al" Smith, Ronald "Stilt" Smith, Orby "Flash" Moss, Claybon "Physical" Harris, Richard "Killer" Moore, Albert "Mean Dean" Spruill, Andre "Fade Away" James and Dr. "Phys. Ed." Calloway.

Cheering on the Gold will be Maxine Davis, Shirley Frye, Carolyn Caldwell, Paula Jeffries, Cathy Dalton, Idella Jones, Lillian Couch, Virginia Brown, Ethell Hearne, Jacqueline McMillan, Doris Bowman, Annie Caldwell.

Gold team member Ball, sports information director, says the benefit game is "keeping with the spirit of what Christmas is all about...the A&T family has a role to play ... and if proceeds from the game help a child have a wonderful Christmas, then the effort is certainly worthwhile."

Other athletes that might take the floor are Roland "If They Need Me" Buck, Ralph "I Think I Can Play Golf" Brown (who conceived the idea), Lucille "I'm Behind All Of You" Piggott.

— Wade Nash

Corbett Center gets new look

By WADE NASH
Staff Writer

Students and fans alike will see a new look in Corbett Sports Center for the 1985-86 season.

Banners hang from the ceiling as a testimony to Aggie dominance over Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference opponents, and a reminder of excellence earned while members of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

"These changes are something that we wanted to do to give a little more atten-

tion to the basketball program, said Athletic Director Orby Moss.

"Basketball coach Don Corbett wanted the banners, and I wanted a new scorers table. It was hard to get the scorers table at first because the benches were so close."

The cost of the improvements were \$2,874. The work on the tables was done by the physical plant.

The blue banners are reminders of championships

garnered while the Aggies were members of the CIAA.

Don Corbett has continued the A&T tradition of basketball dominance, capturing top honors in the MEAC from 1982-85. Corbett's teams have appeared in the NIT, and made three trips to the NCAA playoffs.

"The banners and press row scoring tables were worked on for three years to gradually improve the program," Moss said.

57 chosen for Who's Who

The 1986 edition of **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** will include the names of 57 A&T students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Students chosen this year include Robin Anderson, Andre Artis, Terry LaFell Best, Barry A. Booth, Helen Venita Brown, Angela D. Bryant, Essie Carolyn Carter, Phyllis O. Cole, Brigitte D. Coles, Michael C. Crittendon, Denise DePass, Hebrew L. Dixon III, Felecia G. Drew, Timothy Drew, Franca E. Egwu, Charles Evans-Anfam, David Folk Jr., Jacqueline R. Franklin, Regina L. Ganaway, Dallas M. Gatling and Keith A. Graham.

Others are Patricia Graham, Newman Graves, Sheba Anne Hall, Alma Hinton, Randall Alan Harris, Thomas B. Horton, Debara A. Jenkins, Craig M. Joseph, Mercedes Kitson, David Kofi Kpeglo, Deirdre M. Lewis, Tamara Evette Long, Wallace Means, Pamela F. Monroe, Rose Moore, Kenneth Owens, Shailesh K. Patel and Rosita M. Penn.

Also included are Sherri Lynn Penn, Wilfred L. Phillips Jr., Stephanie L. Proctor, Kimberly L. Raynor, Sharon J. Richardson, Vernon E. Royster, Sonia Odette Russ, Milton Bert Shaw, Benjamin W. Simmons Jr., Marilyn D. Sledge, Demetricus Smith, Tracy Spellman, Sonya V. Stewart, Dmitri L. Stockton, James P.

Tharrington, Gloria Renee Thorton, Teresa Watson and Letha Annetta Young.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Tribute slated

A&T's Black History Month Committee is sponsoring a Martin Luther King Oratorical Tribute — a series of public speeches by students — to be presented to the student body Jan. 10.

Any A&T or other Greensboro college student is eligible to enter the event. The series will be in two parts: (1) a preliminary screening of entrants delivering speeches by a panel on January 10. This will lead to the selection of six speakers and (2) a program featuring the six speakers on Jan. 16.

Applicants must prepare a 15-minute speech based on the his or her beliefs as to how humankind can reach the dream of brotherhood or

community

A written copy of the speech should be submitted to the office of the Director of Student Activities, Room 218, Memorial Student Union, by 5 p.m. Jan. 8.

The written copy will be judged on introduction, body, conclusion, organization and language.

Chosen applicants will be required to deliver the speech on January 10 to a panel of five persons, three of whom will be from A&T (faculty and students) with specialization in speech and two persons selected from the general public.

Each of the six finalists will receive a plaque.

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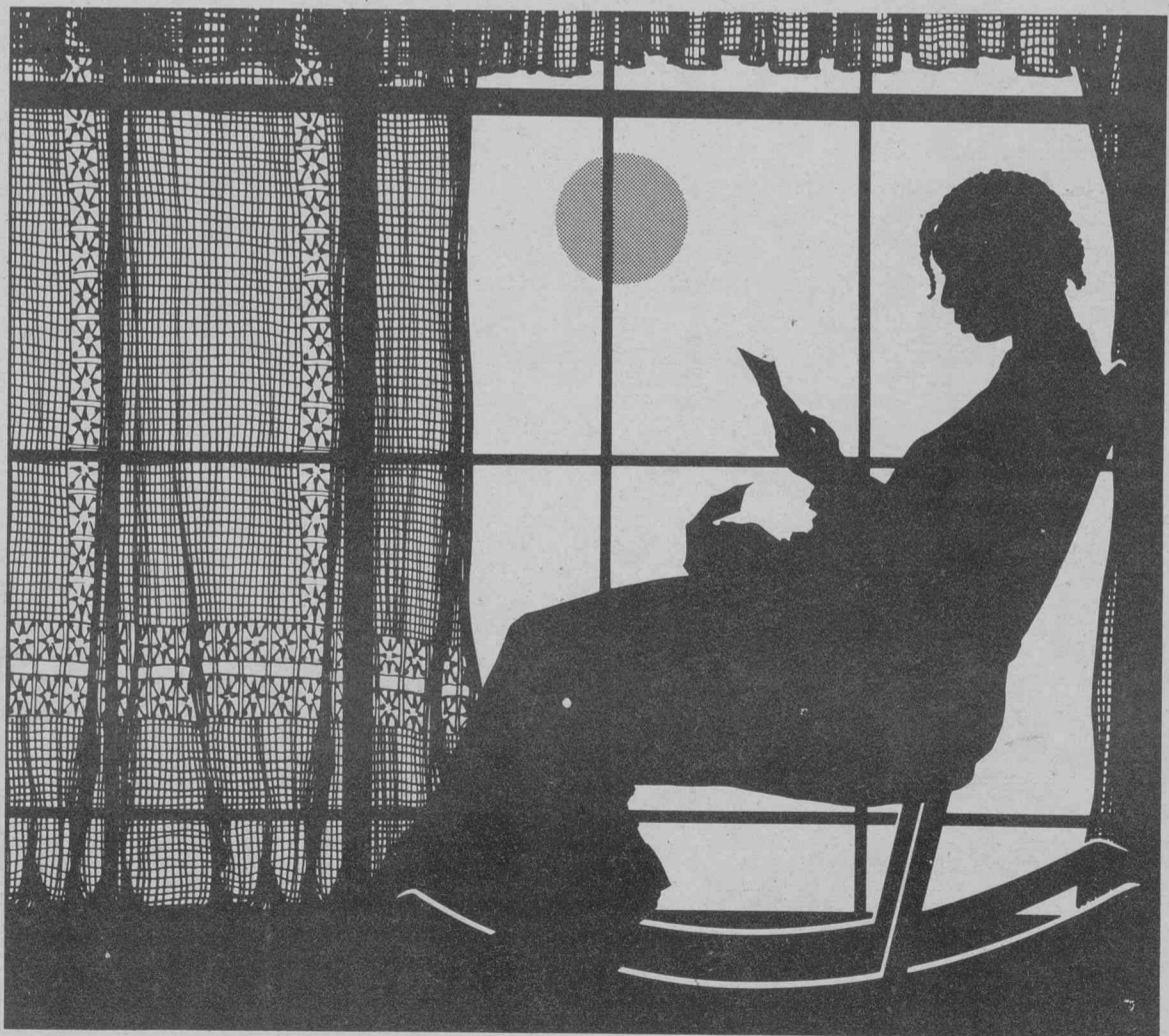
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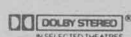
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Bringing back United States apartheid

By Julian Bond

If Ronald Reagan backtracked from his failed policy of "constructive engagement" toward South Africa any slower, the last Democrat he voted for - Harry Truman - would still be in the White House.

Yet another aspect of the Reagan doctrine - rigid opposition to government guarantees of civil right here at home - remains firmly set in yesterday's cement. In fact, as he retreats (albeit reluctantly) on South Africa, Reagan has become more confrontational about racial equality in the United States.

His "cave-in" on South Africa was apparently the impetus for a sudden flurry of anti-civil-rights activity emanating from the Justice Department. Attorney General Edwin Meese was the administration's point man, comparing supporters of quotas with defenders of American slavery.

Those Americans who favor racial quotas, Meese recently told a college audience, are like those Americans not only for the slaves but for society."

These apologists for modern-day slavery include (are you ready?) the U.S. Supreme Court, which has

consistently ruled that racial and sexual quotas are permissible tools in cases where an employer - a city's fire department or a national merchandising chain - has flouted other court orders to integrate the labor force.

According to the president and the attorney general, quotas are an everyday occurrence for every working American. And every Black, Hispanic and woman who has been elevated on the job has been so not because of skill and talent, but because of gender and race.

The primary audience for these arguments are, of

course, those white men who feel threatened by any disruption of the status quo: a woman in a job that only men had held, a yellow but bringing black children to a previously all-white classroom, a court order ruling racism out of the job market.

In the current assault, Meese has again offered to blacks the administration's most ridiculous argument: that blacks who win jobs under numerically graded, affirmative-action requirements will always find their qualification suspect and their positions insecure, and

therefore ought to join with the forces trying to scuttle quotas and affirmative-action plans.

No one democratic government could or would order its citizens to live under rules favoring one racial or sexual group over another; no court in the United States has issued such an order. But Meese and Reagan have managed to convince a majority of Americans that an "oppressive" quota system, which has resulted in "reverse discrimination," is deeply woven into the fabric of American life.

The argument holds perhaps a grain of truth for those white men who long for yesterday, when they - like South Africa's whites - held absolute sovereignty over all they surveyed. Reagan and Meese, consummate showmen, have played to this crowd and the crowd has responded.

Meese's role - and the role of the Reagan Justice Department in general - is to rally the members of the crowd who are drifting away on a sea of dissatisfaction over the Reagan reversal on South Africa.

American's religious right - the Revs. Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and a collection of television hucksters - are still arguing that with brutality is better than equal rights in South Africa.

This group has criticized the administration's failure - despite some vigorous attempts - to overturn the basic guarantees of equal rights institutionalized in the United States over the last 25 years.

That's why the administration has tried to regain yards lost in Soweto with attack on voting rights in Selma. That's why Reagan and Meese have tried to win back points lost when South Africa invaded Angola with an assault on fair legislative redistricting in North Carolina and fair hiring practices in 50 American cities.

Sadly, their ignorant arguments against effective methods of ending policies succeed, white men need suffer no longer. South African blacks may win equality; American blacks and women need not apply.

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funding RCA, Digital Equipment Corporation, Owens-Illinois, General Electric and NASA.

Ahrens said the students had hoped to have their two research projects ready to accompany McNair on his second flight. However, Ahrens said it is unlikely the testing can be completed by that time.

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