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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## Gospel Choir to tour

The award-winning A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir, which recently released an album of sacred music, will participate in a tour of several Northern and Midwestern cities from March 8-16.

Members of the 70-voice choir, directed by James Thomas, will open their 1986 tour with a concert at Saginaw High School, Saginaw, Mich., on March 8. The concert is sponsored by the Saginaw Valley A&T Alumni Chapter.

Other members on that same day will sing at Newman AME Church, in Pontiac, Mich. Concerts on Sunday, March 9 will be sponsored by the Detroit A&T Alumni Chapter.

The singers will perform at the Selsridge Air National Guard Base on Tuesday, March 11. On Friday, March 14, the choir will present a concert in the Memorial AME Zion Church in Rochester, New York.

The choir will participate in

the 1986 National Collegiate Gospel Choir Competition on Saturday, March 15 in the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School in New York City.

Appearances on Sunday, March 16 will include a performance at the William Institutional CME Church in New York City, and a concert in the Gethsemane Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York.

A memorial concert in honor of Alton Lawrence, Jr., a former member of the choir will be presented on Sunday, March 16 in the Mariner's Temple Baptist Church in New York City.

The choir has received awards in the Annual Collegiate Gospel Choir Festival and the Annual Black College Gospel Workshop in Atlanta. Last year, the choir placed second among 150 choir in the Carolina Gospel/Fest '85. Choir members include major in engineering, business, music, communications, nursing and art. They include both in-state and out-of-state students.

## Police make arrests

Two non-A&T students were charged with trespassing, disruptive conduct and intoxication in Barbee Hall, according to A&T police.

Nathaniel J. Duncan and Kelvin Lavon Gee were arrested for entering in and out of residence hall rooms without permission and using profanity toward the residents, said Chief John O. Williams.

According to a police report by Sgt. R. Slade and Officer Jenkins who responded to the call "Two Black males were leaving Barbee and about 25 female students were following them shouting, "security that's them.""

Both men were arrested and taken to the Greensboro police department.

The complaints against the suspects were made by at least 25 female students.

Court date has been set for March 27.

In other reports, an A&T student has been charged with two counts of assault on a female, Williams said.

Frank J. Phipps, a Scott Hall resident, was arrested for assault on a female in front of

Brown Hall, said Williams.

The female student, who was not identified, was treated for minor injuries on the left side of her head, according to the report.

Although, Phillips' court date has been set for Mar. 4., Williams said this case remains open pending criminal and university tribunal dispositions.

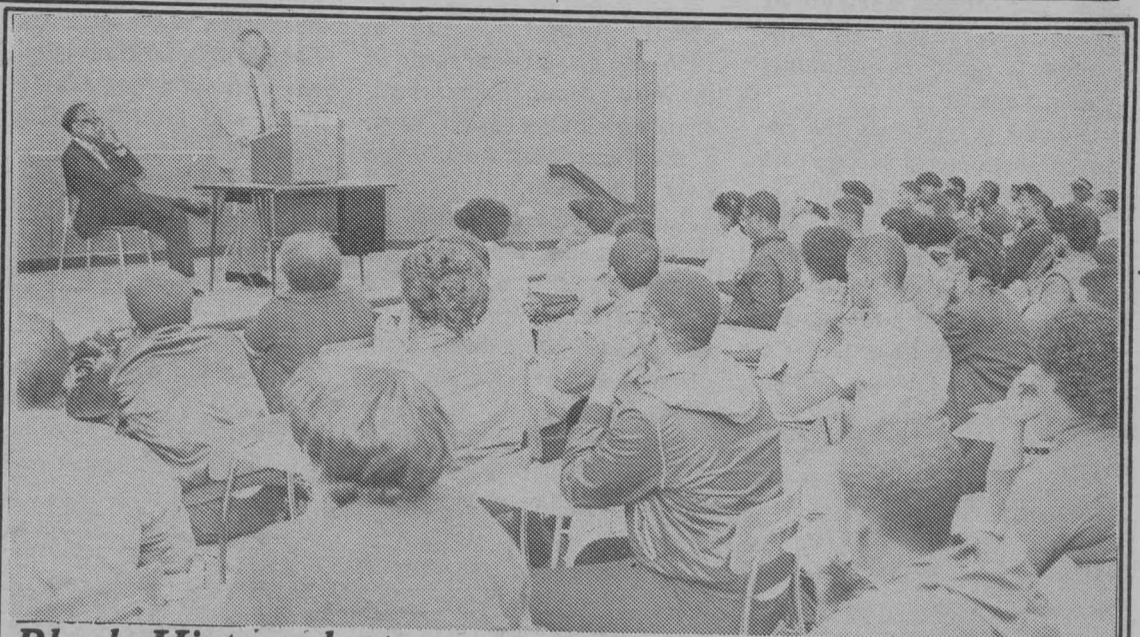
Also, an A&T student recently reported that he was a victim of assault in Moore Gym parking lot by unknown assailants.

Cedric Wilson, an Alex Haley resident, said he was attacked by four Black males while playing basketball in Moore Gym parking lot, according to police reports.

Wilson said that he and a friend were in Moore Gym parking lot playing basketball, when four unknown males came from within the gym and began to shoot baskets with them, the report said.

Police said that Wilson said for no apparent reason one of the males grabbed the basketball and walked to a parked vehicle and motioned for the

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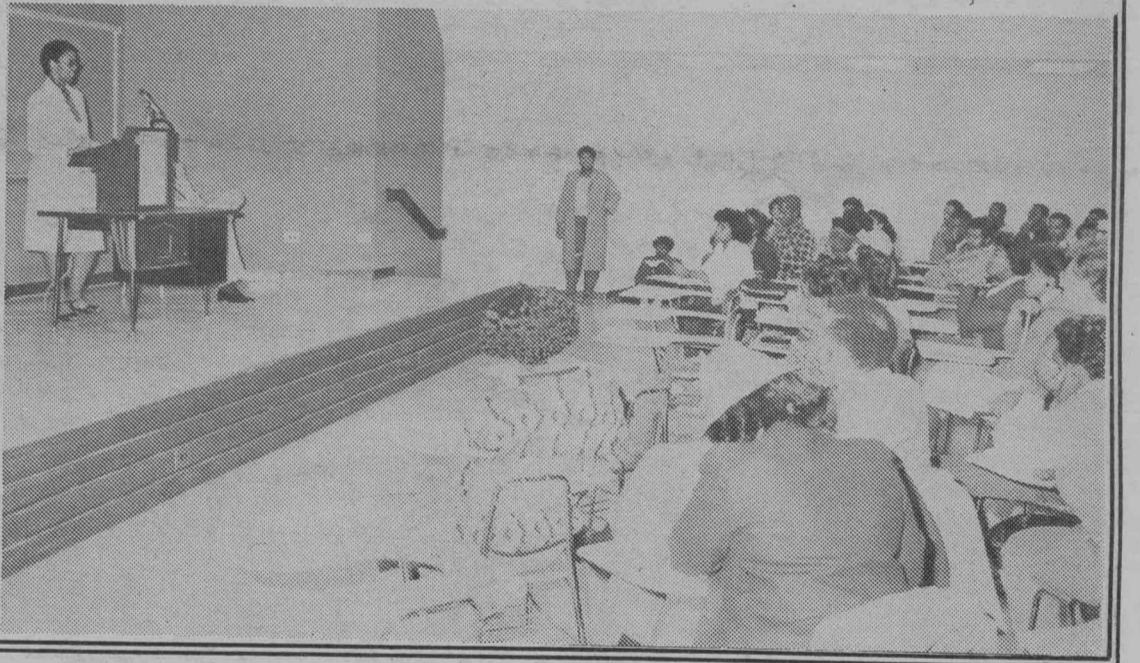


## Black History lecturers

(By Jay Hall)

Above: Dr. Albert Spruill speaks to students on "Historically Minority Schools and the American Dream". Spruill said Black colleges and universities have turned out scholarly students with high self-esteem.

Below: Dr. Trudiar Harris, professor of English at UNC-Chapel Hill, discusses the life and works of Black writer Zora Neale Hurston at a lecture titled "Zora" in Gibbs Hall.



## NASA officials to highlight second annual careers seminar

The officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the assistant secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety will highlight the second Chancellor's Executive Seminar for Careers at A&T Feb. 26-27.

The NASA officials will be Dr. Samuel E. Massenberg, university affairs officer at Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.; Dr. Leroy Gross, commander of the U.S. Air Force Hospital at Langley; and Carl E. Grant, director of personnel, the Personnel Programs Division of NASA. Representing the state's Crime Control and Public Safety Division will be Edward Garner Jr.

Initiated last year by Chancellor Edward B. Fort, the seminar will permit 70 A&T students to interact with the executives in formal and informal sessions.

"The initial seminar was an overwhelming success," said Fort, "and we want to continue this outstanding program to provide external motivation and encouragement for our students to excel in college and when they enter the world of work. We are also pleased that these superb leaders of NASA and the state have accepted our invitation to participate in this year's seminar, which will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Ronald McNair, that genuine American hero who was a

graduate of this university."

Students are nominated to attend the seminars by their deans and department chairpersons. They will meet the executives at a reception and dinner in the Greensboro Sheraton on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Theme for the seminar this year will be "Career Seminars: A Creative Concept for Excellence." The February 27 session will begin with registration at 8 a.m. in the Burleigh Webb Animal Science Building.

The visiting executives will present a managerial overview from 9 a.m. to noon, followed by a luncheon in the F.A. Williams Cafeteria.

## Free concert to be held next month

Ramsey Lewis, outstanding jazz pianist and composer, will present a concert in the Memorial Union Ballroom at A&T on Sunday, March 2 at 6 p.m. The concert, a feature of the University's Lyceum Series, is open to the public without charge.

For 30 years Lewis has enjoyed phenomenal success as a jazz exponent in nightclubs in the cities throughout the United States. His recording of "The In Crowd" sold over a million records and won for him a Grammy Award.

A native of Chicago, Lewis began taking piano lessons at age 4 from the organist of the church he attended. At age 11, he began receiving private instruction from Dorothy Mendelsahn, noted teacher at a Chicago conservatory.

Lewis later attended the Chicago Music College and De Paul University and subse-



Lewis

quently formed his trio in 1956. He played with some of the most prominent jazz musicians, including Sonn Stitt, Clark Terry, Max Roach, and Lem Winchester.

Lewis has been featured on numerous jazz tours and has produced more than 20 albums. He has appeared with the Dallas and Atlanta symphonies and the Kansas City Philharmonic.

Lewis musical idioms extend from classical to jazz, gospel, rhythm and blues, Latin and pop.

Lewis' other successful albums include, "Three Piece Suite", "Tequila Mockingbird," and "Live at the Savoy."

## Beverly

## Blacks must develop vision

By LINDA BUMPASS  
Staff Writer

Dean of the School of Social Work from Atlanta University, Dr. Creigs C. Beverly was the guest lecturer at the annual sociology and social work department Black history month event.

"I want to put to rest Blacks' continuance of laying at the feet of whites," said Beverly, who spoke to about 80 students in Gibbs Hall.

"We have to develop dual consciousness. We exist in a hostile world and we must have skills, honors and values to make it," he said.

"Yes, we have racism in our country today. It is a part of America, but we must fight against this "ism" because power considers nothing without risk, said Beverly.

"Blacks are 12 percent of the population, but yet we are 48 percent of the prison population," he said.

According to Beverly, Black children are finishing high school after 12 years and sometimes 16 years, yet they are illiterate.

"At what point do we stop looking at this and start doing something about it," he said. "We must put the child back at the center of the universe," he said.

Beverly said he didn't want to spend his time talking about

## Black History events

Thursday, Feb. 27

— Black Trivia Bowl, History Department, Gibbs Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

— Film: "Black Scientists," Bluford, noon.

## Black leaders discuss history

By Warren C. McNeill III

Black America must take a tougher approach in its struggle against racism, said B.J. Battle.

Battle, president of the Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP, was one of three persons who spoke on a panel discussion titled 'Struggle for Excellence'. Also on hand for the discussion was A&T professor and Greensboro councilwoman Dr. Katie Dorsett, and local attorney and Greensboro councilman Earl Jones.

"We should be real mean and not so nice anymore," said Battle.

He said the picket line never goes out of style and when people are unhappy happy about a situation they should take measures to change it.

Dorsett talked about her struggles as a youth and the

accomplishments she has seen in local government.

"My struggle began in Mississippi as the 4-year-old daughter of a farmer and a school teacher," said Dorsett.

She said during her school days Black students were required to go to school four months, then work in the fields four months while white children attended school for nine months.

"A group of parents (of the Black students) got together to pay for another two months," she said

Speaking on present struggles, Dorsett said, "We have retrogressed instead of making the progress that we should have."

Dorsett said Blacks still have much more to gain in the political arena.

"We have worked a long

time for political representation. (But) we still can't sit back and say we have been successful," she said.

Jones said he experienced his first struggles through the Black power movement in the 60's

"I was apart of the 'burn baby burn, eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and a dead for a dead era'" said Jones. "But thank God for Dr. Martin Luther King."

Jones said there is a need for accurate reporting of Black history in history books.

"Black history has been purposely left out to make Black people feel inferior" Jones said

"Our history began 10 thousand years ago in Africa" said Jones. "Why is it necessary in America to designate one month for Black history?"

## Agricultural extension officials to host training conference

The Agricultural Extension Program at A&T will host a three-day training conference, titled "People Caring and Sharing," March 10-12 at the Sheraton Inn Downtown Greensboro.

During the conference, agricultural extension employees from across the state will receive training designed to help them provide up-to-date helpful information to small farmers, low-income families and other limited-resource residents of North Carolina.

The training conference will convene at 1:30 p.m. on March 10 with an address by Ralph Mitchell. Mitchell is a consultant with the firm Merritt and Mitchell Associates and teaches at North Carolina Central University. The title of Mitchell's speech is "Being A Winner."

Also included during the conference will be the presentation of the L.R. Johnson and the R.E. Jones awards for excellence. These two awards will be presented to the employees who have

exhibited excellence in their work all year. Tenure awards will be presented to those employees with 10 or more years of service. This program will be held on March 10 at 7 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria on campus.

The Agricultural Extension Program at A&T provides educational assistance to all the state's citizens but focuses on those with limited resources, such as small and part-time farmers, the elderly, single parent and minorities.

## A&T student to run 600 miles to protest apartheid system

By RAYMOND DARBY  
Special to the Register

By car, from Greensboro, N.C. to Selma, Ala. is a journey within itself; yet an A&T student has chosen to run these 600 miles to protest the Apartheid System in South Africa.

William Lyles, 29, a junior economics major has chosen to run this great distance to do his part in the struggle for freedom in South Africa.

With his 6'4, 180 pound frame, Lyles structure is in fit for grueling cross-country run he will face for the next 6 weeks.

A native of Greensboro, Lyles has been active in many long distance runs and has trained extensively for this run, averaging 15 miles per day for the past three weeks.

A former member of the A&T track team and a 12-year veteran at cross-country runs, he considers the protest run to be routine even though it takes

stamina, preserverance and mental attitude it takes to endure the task.

"The planning, preparation and organization seems to be the hardest part", said Lyles, while doing his warm up exercises for his 23 mile run to Burlington. He is completing the last stages of his training for the scheduled departure on March 4.

Lyles has support from many organizations and is respected for his effort by a committee called "Stride Against Apartheid", which its members include Dr. J. M. Kilamanjaro, publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker; Greensboro Councilman Earl Jones, Emery Rand, an attorney with the NAACP; Rick Bradley, president of Students United for a Free Southern Africa; and Jesse Jackson Jr., a member of S.U.F.S.A.

Nationally Lyles is being endorsed by alumnus Jesse Jackson Sr.; Randle Robin-

son, head of TransAfrica; the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Change; The NAACP; King's wife, Coretta Scott; columnist Julian Bond; Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and is steadily picking up supporters as his departure date grows nearer.

Quiet and sensitive, Lyles felt it was time to express himself on an issue that is not getting enough attention.

"Because of the violence that was portrayed on television, I was prompted to do something to help change this situation. I feel that people in South Africa are my brothers and sisters, and I am affected by apartheid in that way," he said.

Lyles considers his starting place for the run — Greensboro, and his final destination — Selma Ala. to be significant.

"I chose these places because of their historical im-

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# From a reader's viewpoint

**To the Editor:**

Although there are a few notable exceptions, the insolent, rustic, and apathetic manner of some of the personnel in the Office of Registration and Records leaves much to be desired.

Three months ago I filled out a form to change my social security number. After almost ten visits I encountered the same reply "We are working on it". How long does it take to process such a simple form? I dread to think of what will happen to a complicated one.

After a fruitless trip to the Computer Center, suggested by a desk personnel, I discovered that the form along with several others, had been gathering dust on the desk of the clerk responsible for sending these forms to the Computer Center for the actual change in the computer records.

When I asked for a plausible explanation, I was insulted with a poor lie to the effect "It is really difficult and complex to explain".

## Reports

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other to follow him. Wilson said as he reached the vehicle the individual stated "The ball is mine's and I'm taking it home."

According to reports, Wilson then walked away but as he turned, one of the suspects hit him in the mouth with his fist. The other three suspects struck him in the back numerous times.

The suspects then fled away in a blue car with a white vinyl top, according to a witness.

Wilson was treated for swollen lips and was then transported by an A&T officer to L. Richardson Hospital for X-rays, said reports.

Police said that the case is still under investigation and if anyone has any information to please contact detectives at 379-7980.

## Lyles

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portance. Woolworth is the sight of the first sit-ins to take place in this country, and Selma, Ala. is the birth place of Civil Rights in this country," he said.

Lyle's run is scheduled to begin March 4 at 12:30 p.m. from Woolworth Department Store and will continue at the rate of 17 miles per day until arriving in Selma, Ala. in about six weeks. Two of Lyles' friends will accompany him on the journey.

Anyone interested in supporting William Lyles' effort is urged to contact the Carolina Peacemaker or the local NAACP.

Two inferences can be drawn from this statement. First, it is an inexcusable attempt to hide negligence and indifference. Second, it suggests that students may be incapable of comprehending such "complicated" matters.

This is just one example of bureaucratic lethegy. Imagine the frustrations felt by students with similar experiences. A violent reaction to such deliberate acts would be entirely misunderstood by some elements in the administration, but the simple truth is that students are feed up with such laziness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kofi Kpeglo

**To the editor:**

During Dr. Ronald McNair's undergraduate years at A&T he was actively involved in many different activities in the Physics Department. This led him to become the president of the Society of Physics Students.

Ron made significant contributions to the SPS in which his great pride, dedication, and persevering attitude was quite evident. He went on to bring great honor and prestige to A&T and its Physics Department, for which we are forever thankful.

In letters addressed to the Society of Physics Students, Ron wrote, "Be proud to be from A&T. We are looked up to, and believe me our Physics

Department is as good an undergraduate preparation as you will find anywhere."

He also stated in the 1971 graduation issue of the SPS Newsletter that, "A&T's Physics Department has given

me the background and opportunity to be somebody. My aim is to see that the efforts of the Department will not be in vain."

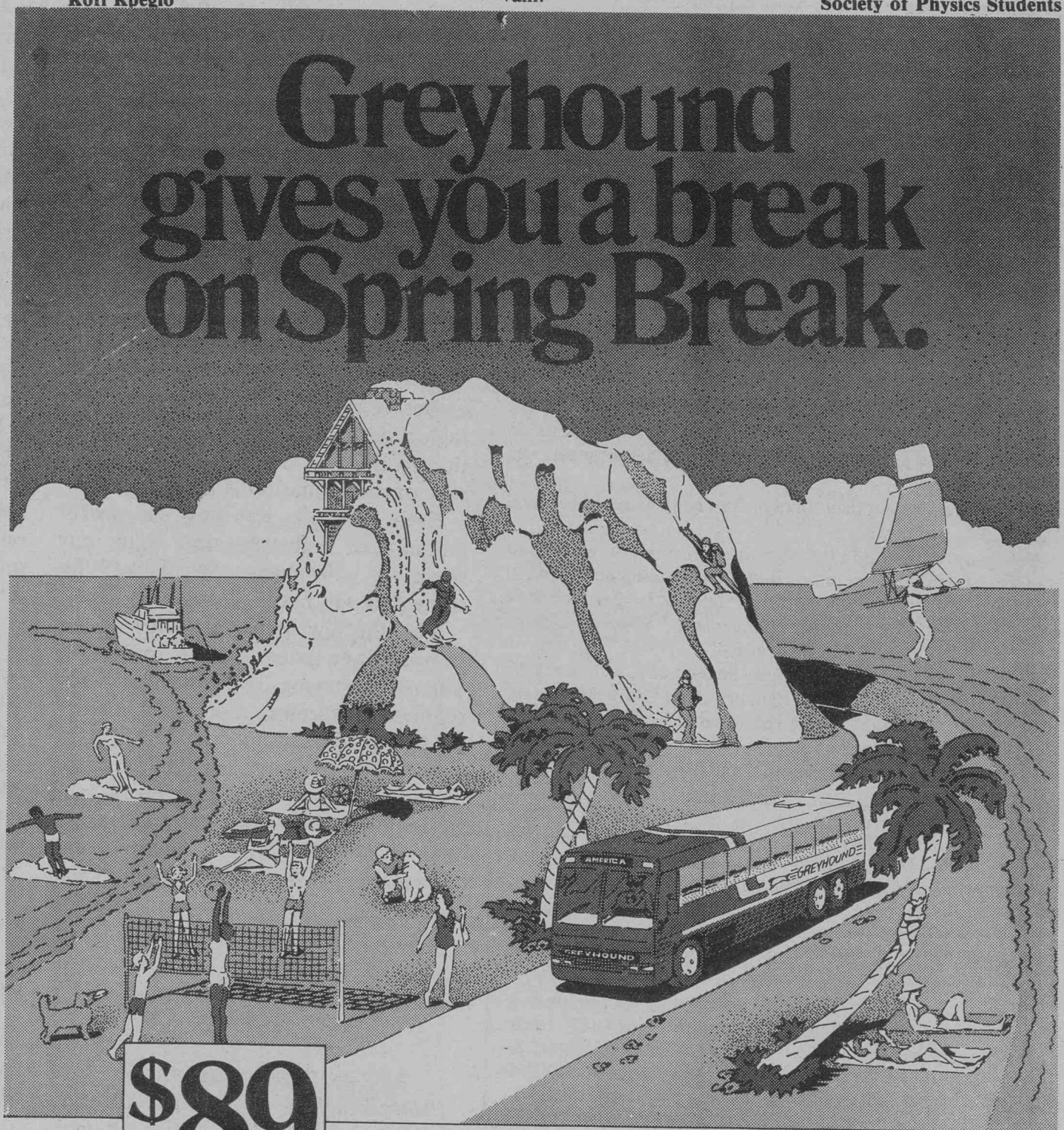
Through his accomplishments at A&T, MIT and NASA, Ronald McNair

has been an inspiration to us all. Thus, it is the solemn vow

of each society member to pick up the torch which he held so high, and continue the race towards excellence.

We love you Ron.  
We will never forget you.

Dannellia Gladden  
President  
Society of Physics Students



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# Suffering

The most enjoyable experience I get from Black History Month is listening to instructors' personal accounts of struggles against racism and other injustices on college campuses during the '60s.

Instructors who were students during the Black Power Movement tell of how they participated in peaceful and not-so-peaceful demonstrations. Professors who were teaching at the time tell of how they helped students organize coalitions and plan demonstrations.

The details that interest me most about these recollections involve Black college students who, supported by many teachers, marched and picketed for any wrongdoings — even on their particular campuses.

A&T, of course, is known for the famous sit-ins begun by four of its freshmen at Greensboro's downtown Woolworth's department store.

But students fought for changes on campus also. They spoke up for things such as improved food service, dormitories and instruction.

According to one instructor, several courageous A&T students once published a list in the *A&T Register* of instructors they felt were incompetent, in hopes that these professors would be dismissed and replaced by more capable ones.

The chance for a campus-unified demonstration against violated rights occurring on this campus today is slim to none.

The most recent protest in which A&T students have participated was a fight to get the Greensboro City Council to designate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid municipal holiday.

On another occasion, A&T alumnus the Rev. Jesse Jackson led a group of students through downtown for a march against apartheid, the South African government's rigidly enforced system of racial separation.

Last year some engineering students picketed to have a professor reinstated to the faculty.

Only a handful of students participated in these protests, but they were successful.

But what I cannot understand is why students do not address the injustices that affect them right here on campus.

The most important, at present, is the condition of the cafeteria. Some may consider the issue minor, but students do pay their money and are therefore entitled to decent meals and decent service.

Students report that they stand in lines by the hour to eat food they dislike, but pay for.

For many, the solution has been to either move off campus or pay for cafeteria food in tuition and spent extra money eating at fast-food restaurants. Others simply resolve to just continue eating the food. One student commented, "When you don't have any other choice, you just eat it."

But this student, like most, knows he *does* have a choice. Like the students in the '60s, he can fight or suffer. Unfortunately, he does not want to fight, so he rules that possibility out of his mind.

And he, like others, takes the easy route — suffering.

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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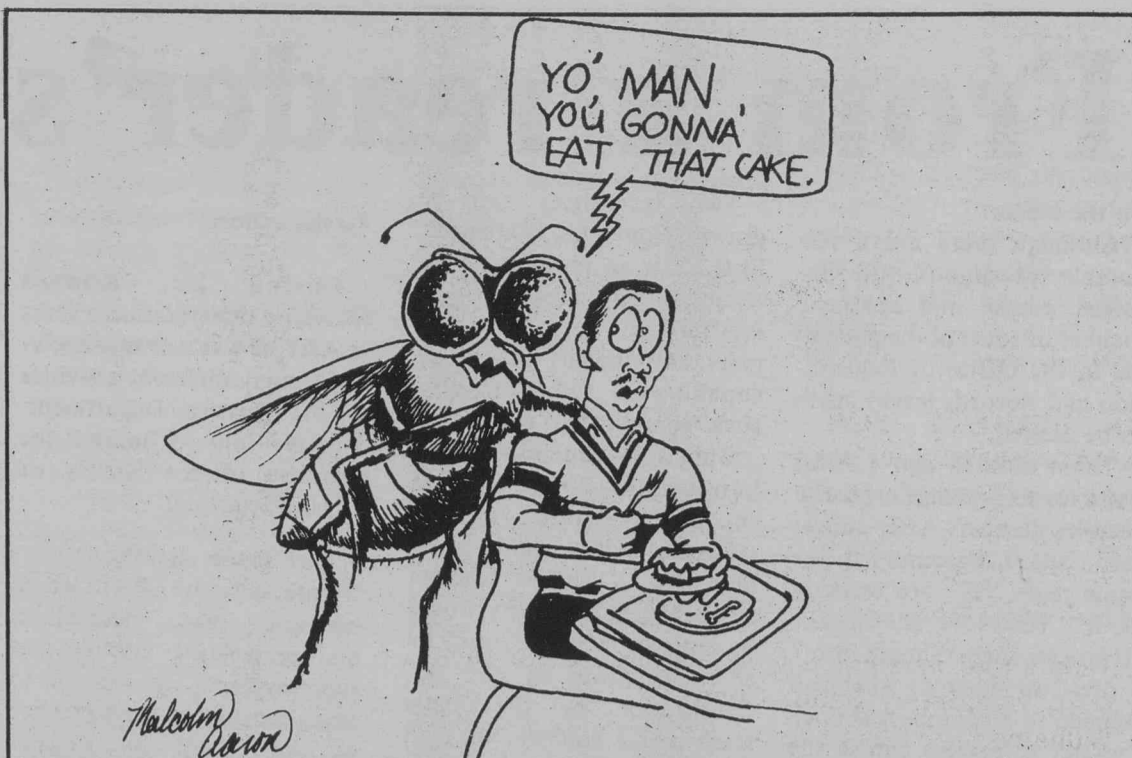
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# Think about it

By ESTHER WOODS

The words of the negro spiritual, "Nobody Knows De Trouble I Seen," can describe the life of a reporter any day. Whether he does good or bad, the reporter is always criticized. When he's right, no one remembers, but when he's wrong, no one forgets. Nearly everyone hates and fears him, not for the person he is, but simply because he is a reporter.

The few reporters of the *A&T Register* spend hours interviewing, gathering notes and putting them into logical order for a news story. In addition to this, we try very hard to make sure our information is accurate.

Even though we put an awful amount of valuable time into our work, it will always be disliked by some and will never please everyone.

Yes, the few of us that work at the campus newspaper make mistakes, but we are trying to do the work that requires much more manpower.

At A&T, there are numerous print-journalism majors as well as mass-communication majors. From this large number of students, you'd think there'd be an overcrowded newspaper staff. Unfortunately, there isn't. The *A&T Register* has only two serious news reporters and nine ex-

ecutive staff members.

It is assumed that the many print-journalism and mass-communication students will seek employment with a professional newspaper, television station or public relations firm. But who will hire them if they can't even write?

Many mass-communication majors say that they are studying to become an anchorperson and believe in order to become one, all they need is a pleasant voice, a pretty face, a pretty smile, and of course -good grades.

Employers of professional corporations and firms, are not so much interested in how many A's you get in college, or how well you speak, but only in how well you write and how much experience you've had in your field.

Whether you're a print journalism or mass communication major, you will need experience on a newspaper before you get that job as a radio or television spokesperson, or as a public relations representative. Either way you take it, you'll have to know how to write before you get a good job in the media.

So why not join the *A&T Register* today? It's will be to your advantage.

# Changes, changes...

By Windy Norggins

Somethings never change at A&T. And sometimes when things change, it's for the worst. Such is the case with the student union canteen.

Whenever students found it unbearable to eat in the cafe because of leftovers or just plain bad food, one could always go to the student union canteen to save their paining stomachs. But no more!

In January, Shaw Food Services Company, began operating the snack bar. This is the same catering company which cooks the cafeteria food.

Students have since then voiced their opinions, about the quality of the food.

Some feel that the snack bar used to serve great food, but now the same quality of food that we eat in the cafe, is being sold in the union.

There is one good thing about the new management: They keep the snack bar clean.

Hopefully, students will have *something* to look forward to in the months to come, *foodwise*, that is.

According to Shaw Food Service officials, new items will be added to the menu in the canteen, including pizza slices, subs, and ice cream.

Maybe this will be a change for the better.

**"RAP BROWN"** who was the chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee in the late 1960's, will speak Thursday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. in the Cone Ballroom of Elliott University Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

**STUDENT CLUSTER ACTIVITIES COUNCIL** will hold a seminar Thursday, Feb 27 at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Guest speaker will be Mr. Thurman Deloney of AT&T Techniques.

**THE SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT** will be sponsoring Credit Card Application Day, Feb. 26-28 in the Memorial Union Lobby. All juniors, seniors and graduate students are encouraged to apply for credit. For further information contact Thomas B. Horton at 1009 Scott B.

**Good oboe and bassoon players** are needed for the University Symphony Band. Contact Dr. Hodge or Mr. Williams in the band room of Frazier Hall between 8 am and 5pm.

**JUMP FOR FUN** Any organization or group of six interested in participating in the Jump Rope for the Heart Association on Saturday, March 1 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Moore Gym should contact Dr. D. Thompson at 379-7719, Corbett Sports Center.

## CAMPUS HAPPS

**THE PHYSICS DEPARTMENT** invites you to see "The Return of Halley's Comet" (movie) Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Marteena Hall in Room 312. The comet will be visible again in March and observing nights will be announced after the movie. Refreshments will be served.

**TUTORING SESSIONS** for the National Teacher Exam (NTE), the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and other standardized exams (GMAT, LSAT, MCAT) will be held twice a week throughout the Spring 1986 semester on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in Crosby 201. The Monday session will be conducted by Dr. Robert Levine and the Wednesday session by Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson. These tutoring sessions are sponsored by the English Department.

**INTERVIEW WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS** will be offered Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Guilford College Branch Library in the Quaker Village Shopping Mall, 5605-N W. Friendly Ave. To register call 373-2923.

**A SESSION ON FINANCIAL AID** titled, "Meeting Future College Costs: Will Your Aid Be Reduced?", will be held Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

### What does Black History Month mean to you?



*"Black History gives others a chance to understand Black people and the problems we have had to overcome."*

**Constance D. Benjamin**  
Electrical Eng.  
Winston-Salem



*"It means that we as a race can stand back and take pride in the accomplishments of Black people."*

**Clint Lowery**  
Electrical Eng.  
Cincinnati, Ohio



*"Black History Month focuses on the accomplishments of Blacks, and gives others the aspiration to try."*

**Deirdre Lewis**  
Banking & Fin.  
Wadesboro



*"Black History Month means learning of the many contributions made by great Black individuals."*

**Eric Lawrence**  
Business Admin.  
Jersey-City, N.J.

### Special song featured

A special rendition of the song "We Shall Overcome" is being featured on radio throughout the United States during February in recognition of Black History Month.

Grammy award winner Roberta Flack is lead vocalist. Other noted performers on the recording include singers George Duke, James Ingram, David Ladeley and Luther Vandross, along with saxophone great Grover Washington, Jr. the civil rights movement of the 1960's. The contemporary version was developed for Miller Lite by Mingo-Jones Advertising, New York.

This marks the second year in a row Miller Lite has produced a special Black History Month recording. In 1985, Miller Lite in conjunction with Mingo-Jones distributed an updated version of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," recognized as the Black national anthem.

In addition, a four-color poster on the "We Shall Overcome" theme has been developed.

Posters are available for \$2. Order forms are contained in the February issues of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines as well as Black college newspapers.

### Houston is top choice

Whitney Houston is the number one choice for Aggie Fest 1986, according to a Student Government Association survey conducted in January.

Other acts making out the top ten were Luther Vandross, Atlantic Starr, Patti Labelle, Freddie Jackson, Cameo, New Edition, Run-DMC and Stevie Wonder.

Suggestion boxes were placed in the cafeteria and the student union. Students

were asked to make suggestions for the Aggie Fest concert to be held in April. Results of these rating have not been released.

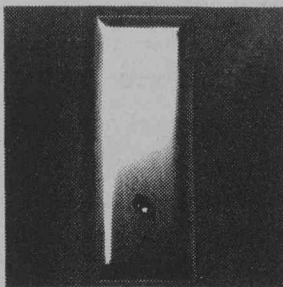
According to Curtis Williams, special assistant to the SGA president, inquiries are now being made to book some of the top acts suggested.

Over 200 artists were suggested ranging from Aretha Franklin, Prince, Andre Crouch, Wham, to L.L. Cool J.

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## A.J.'s Goal Line Stand

By ANTHONY JEFFRIES

### A talk about the Clock

By AL McGUIRE  
Guest columnist

If you've got a few seconds, let's talk about the clock. Rule 9, Section 9 of the 1985-1986 NCAA rulebook reads: "The team in control shall attempt a try for a field goal within 45 seconds after gaining team control."

Fine. But I have some questions.

The clock in women's collegiate basketball is 30 seconds. The clock in the NBA is 24. So why is the men's clock 45 seconds? Why should it take them 15 seconds longer to move the ball downcourt than it does in women's basketball?

I think the assets of the clock, which will be in effect in the NCAA's Division I this year, are many.

First, there will be no more "bore" games, no 19-12 or 13-11 stuff. Another asset is that the coaches will now recruit more small guards for outside shooting. And that, in reality, the game will be played quicker only in the minds of players, while the actual scores will not increase.

Now for liabilities.

The clock will help the schools with the best material. The rich will get richer. Remember, all the rules that have been instituted in the last 10 years have been an asset to the dynasties, and this is no different.

All teams will be playing postage-stamp zones, especially at the tailend of the 45 seconds. What you're going to see, during each 45-second bite, is multiple faces on the defense. First, you'll see pressure upcourt, a hard man-to-man, then the team is going into Mickey Mouse defense at mid-court, and finally a tight zone around the paint.

Something else you're sure to see is a lot of poor shot selection during the last 10 seconds, from the instant the clock hits 35 seconds on. Believe me, you'll see multiple Hail Mary shots. See, the difference between the pros and the amateurs is that the pro can score after he's killed his dribble. The amateur can't. So when the flashing lights get tight, you'll see the take some pretty unorthodox shots.

Another thing you'll see is that tall teams who have the lead will completely collapse on defense around the basket, allowing their opponents one outside shot.

Here's what I think will happen in the future: The three point play will be put back in as a counter-balance, and because of this, they'll lower the men's clock to 30 seconds, to be equal with the ladies. And eventually, there will be no clock used during the last two or three minutes of the game.

Given all this, there will be no possible way a patsy or heavy underdog can beat a top-40 team. And what that means is that each of our top-40 teams, the Miller American guys who are perennially NCAA-bound, will have a minimum of seven automatic wins.

Hey, I favor the clock. But you have to put the three-point play in because without it, you're going to create a situation where you see nothing but zones. The clock had to come, but it's still too long, 45 seconds is a lifetime. Shorten it.

What the clock will do, at 45 seconds, is take too much of the coaching out of the game. It'll change certain coaches' strategies, especially those that can't recruit. They'll have to try to Mickey Mouse the game, start to finish.

Remember another thing: There's no way that two of the last three NCAA champions, North Carolina State and last year Villanova, would have won the title if there had been a 45-second clock, because their material was a mismatch. Because it takes away too much coaching strategy, like spreading cut the offense, eating up the clock, things like that.

If it doesn't work, run it over again. That's what Jim Valvano and Rollie Massimino did. If the clock had been there, they wouldn't have had the time.

There's no questions that clock reduces a lot of coaching strategy, especially among the Have Nots. The dynasties, of course, will love it. But what we've created, is that we've made it just about impossible for anybody to break into the top 40. That is, without an NCAA investigation.

# Aggies overpower Bison

The energy from the near standing room only crowd helped the Aggies rise to the occasion to soundly trounce the visiting Bisons of Howard University 75-62.

Corbett Sports Center was the scene as the top two MEAC forces squared off Saturday night.

From the opening tip-off to final buzzer the Aggies dominated every phase of the game, only falling behind once 2-0. The Aggies then went on a rampage hitting their first seven field goal attempts before missing. Howard then charged back to knot the score at 12-12. With 13:51 remaining in the half point guard Thomas Griffis sank a jumper that put A&T ahead for good. At that point the Aggies began a roll from which Howard and its perfect 10-0 MEAC record would never recover.

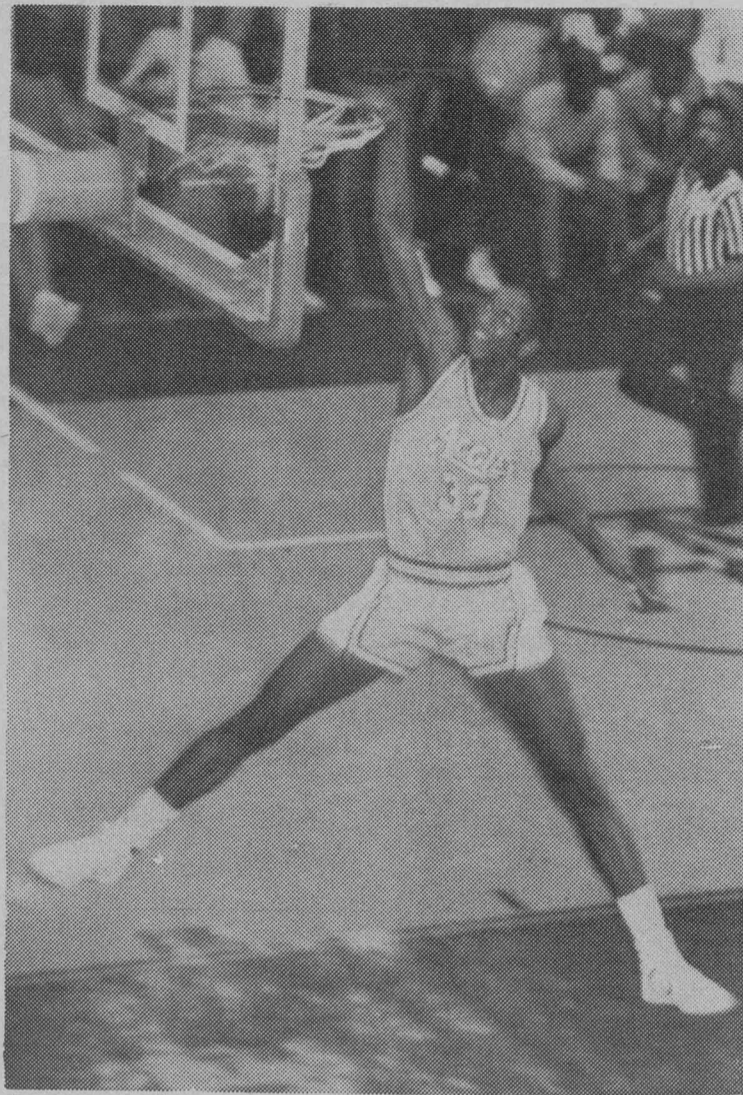
A&T shot a blistering 68 percent from the floor in the first half to propel them to a 43-28 halftime lead.

Several players played key roles through the entire game. Junior guard George Cale played the entire game contributing 15 points and five rebounds.

Cale was not the only Aggie to play with avengence, Claude Williams pumped in a game-high 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Lee Robinson added 12 points and a game high nine rebounds. Griffis showed the Bisons why his nickname is "Ice" by consistently beating Howards full-court press up the floor as if their was no pressure applied.

The 5'8" sophomore point guard played 39 minutes and contributed 17 points, three rebounds, three assists, and did not commit any turnovers.

The Aggies aggressive defense stayed packed in a 2-3 zone for most of the game,



Whoosh!

(By Wade Nash)

Aggie Claude Williams awesomely dunks two points during Saturday's game against the Bison. Williams pumped in a game high of 25 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

consequently the Bisons were forced to shoot from the perimeter. Despite its height advantage Howard only managed to shoot 29 percent from the floor during the first half.

In the second half the Aggies seemed to lose some of their momentum in the early

going, as they made two turnovers and took a few bad shots. Howard failed to cease the opportunity and still trailed 45-32.

Once again Griffis provided the spark to set the Aggies off by hitting a jumper from the corner.

Howard made a mild run at the Aggies, but could close the gap to 51-43 with 7:42 left in the game. With 5:10 left in the game and the score at 58-49 the Aggies launched its crowd thrilling air-show that continued to the final buzzer.

With one week remaining in the regular season Howard falls to 10-2 in the MEAC, but remains in first place, A&T follows with a 10-2 record.



Gimme that ole Aggie spirit

(By Jay Hall)

Aggie cheerleaders entertain a high-spirited crowd in Corbett Sports Center during one of A&T's basketball games.

# The Poet's corner

## AN EPITAPH FOR MY HERO

*He would come from humble beginnings,  
a young brother with great dreams,  
and a strong will determining  
his own tomorrow, it seems.*

*A&T has produced leaders, some  
giants in their fields,  
with humble knowledge of whence they'd come  
always befriending others in need.*

*McNair took on the 'Aggie Struggle,'  
in pursuit of his degree,  
then onward to dare, challenge, and trouble  
MIT for his Ph.D.*

*He was our hero, this Aggie gladiator,  
yet; on this note we all must think,  
each person has a prescored  
date with destiny we must keep.*

*As Phoenix met it's fiery end,  
so too will he rise again,  
and, on that day of happiness we will then  
meet and greet a long lost friend*

*Think not of our great loss,  
but of history's gain,  
let us remember him by paying the costs  
he did to rise to fame.*

*An Aggie is best remembered  
not just in the tears we shed  
but, in emulation, and earnest mediation  
of the inspiring life he led.*

*We can only pray our loss  
is to God's saving grace,  
and know that Ron still thinks of us  
(as we him), out there...exploring space.*

**Reginald L. Goodwin  
Bergstorm AFB, TX**

Godwin is a recent A&T graduate who modelled his life from age 14 after McNair.

## TO TUTU

*What makes people hate so  
in this township called Soweto  
Burning cars and burning tirs  
Pretoria's symbolic funeral pyres.*

*How many people have died  
vitims of this beast Aparthied  
Life every vocie and sing  
as the stacatto sound of bullets ring*

*Africa O' Africa! Motherland I love  
Africa O' Africa! Irrigated with her children's blood  
Her people pushed and shoved  
from fertile land to dust and mud*

*All this chatter about constructive engagement  
hasn't prevented destructive enragement  
It's time we all decide  
to starve this monster Aparthied*

*What makes people hate so  
They're killing children in Soweto*

*Sing — Fling  
Dream — Scream  
Cry — Die  
Be — Free*

By Mayo Turner

## Love Always and Forever

*Darling if love really is everlasting  
Then I will never love another  
Together we will always be now and ever after  
Darling no matter how people see me  
They really don't know the answer  
About the way I care about you  
Darling I feel so proud of you  
That I mention your name to the stars above  
And they shared a teardrop with me  
Because they never knew love could be so wonderful  
Darling the angels heard what the stars had done  
Now there's no need to worry  
They promised time will make us strong  
In this love that last forever.*

By Moezilla  
for Shoshani Hayes

## DISNEYMIND

*When you build castles in the sand  
include a plumber in your plan  
On the other side of every dream  
is how it is, not how it seems.*

Turner is incarcerated in a prison in Danville, Ill. His poems are reprinted from he prison newsletter, *Pride in Print.*



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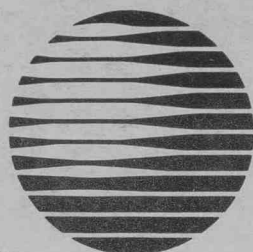
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