Election winners

Michael Branson smiles after being elected SGA president for the next school term.

Students question SGA

By Daphne Page
Special to the Register

In a few days the Tharrington SGA administration will be giving up their positions. However, students are still questioning their term.

"I don't think the SGA has done a worthwhile job. They haven't succeeded in doing what the students on campus wanted to do," said Keith Wood, a senior business administration major.

"I feel the SGA has been totally ineffective. The question is 'What have they done this year?" said Kim Payne, a junior accounting major.

But SGA President James Tharrington, feels that the year has been quite successful.

"I wouldn't blame lack of communication on anyone, we all are students and we need each other," said Tharrington. "It's been a rewarding and enjoyable year for me. I have no regrets. Everything I've done this year shines in the light of God."

Some feel that students play a big part in the success of the SGA.

"I feel the SGA have very good intentions, but there is only so much they can do," said David Williams, a freshman business administration major. "The people who are a part of the SGA seem dedicated. Their purpose, however, has reason for one to wonder why we are to respect them."

Aaron E. Freshwater, a junior electrical engineering major, said, "The SGA has very good officers. However, I don't think they have pushed hard enough to fulfill the students desires.

"Moreover, it's up to the students to get more involved. It's going to take a lot more input from the students to get things accomplished. The students are the university's purpose, therefore, it's up to the students to unify and take a strong stand on all university issues," said Freshwater.

Darneye A. Law, vice president of internal affairs, said he has noticed a continual misconception on the students behalf.

The SGA including the 40 member senate, have played an intricate role in the university's functioning, he said.

Due to apathy on the student behalf, and poor communication on our behalf, a lot of pertinent issues go unnoticed, Law added.

Aggie Fest to feature five groups

By Patricia Poole
Special to the Register

Many students feel this year's Aggie Fest, set for April 26, will be an enjoyable event and plan to attend.

"I feel that Aggie Fest this year will be more enjoyable than last year as far as entertainment is concerned," said Michelle Boyd, a sophomore from Raleigh.

The concert will feature five groups, according to Curtis Williams, assistant to the Student Government Association President.

The groups performing include Starpoint whose latest hit is "Object Of My Desire," Juicy known for "Sugar Free," Trouble Funk, and Skinny Boys known for "Jock Box." Also, a local group, Chocolate Buttermilk, from Fayetteville, will appear, Williams said.

"I congratulate A&T on their choice of picking Juicy and Starpoint. It should be a fun show," said Antonio Bryant, a freshman from Greenville.

"I enjoy Starpoint and hope that the special guest will round this event off...it should be a lot of fun," said Pippa Sutton, a junior from Rochester, N.Y.

The concert will begin at noon in Aggie Stadium. Tickets for A&T students, high school and other college students, will be $8. General admission is $10. Admission on the day of the show is $11.

Teacher of the year

Dr. William DeLauder, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, presents Dr. Vallee Guthrie of the Chemistry Department, the Teacher of the Year Award at the annual Arts and Sciences Honors Program.
1986-87 SGA officers elected

By ESTHER WOODS
News Editor

Screams filled the air, Tuesday, in the Memorial Student Union, when Dale Tidwell was announced president of the student government association and Stephenie Tidwell was announced Miss A&T for the 1986-87 school year.

"I would like to thank the students for standing behind me, voting, and believing in me as they have done in the past," said Dr. Tidwell.

A run-off between the presidential candidates resulted from the April 11 election when Brunson received 455 votes, while his opponents, Frank McCain had 419 votes and Christopher Morris had 342.

Brunson won the run-off election Tuesday with 841 votes, while McCain had 472 votes.

"I realize that the road to next year is going to be long and rough, but I truly believe that with the students help, the words Aggie Pride will have a real meaning in all aspects of student life," he said.

"I'm elated, I had doubts throughout the whole campaign because things sometimes looked like they weren't in my favor," she said.

Following a run-off election, Tidwell won with 768 votes, while Hinton received 588 votes.

A run-off election was also scheduled between the vice president of internal affairs candidates, Erwin Mandell Jackson, who had 623 votes and Charles Hicks, who had 526 votes, but Jackson declined the night before the run-off election and Hinton immediately gained office.

Other elected officers running unopposed were sophomore class officers: Beradine Anthony, secretary; and Danielle Simmons, Miss Sophomore.

Junior class officers are Charles Avis Mitchel, president; and Benita Lewis, secretary.

Senior class officers are Darneye A. Law, president; Lisa Wells, vice president; and Debra Robinson, Miss Senior.

Student will have a chance to fill vacant offices in the fall.
Football team scores high with talent contest

BY URSULA WRIGHT
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

An outburst of screams and roars came from the Aggie Football Team as fellow teammates Jeff Franklin (also known as CC) and Kathy Graham won the vocal group category for successfully harmonizing a duet to "A One In A Million You" by Larry Graham.

Franklin and Graham along with some of A&T's finest talents, performed in the Star Search/Talent Show and Dance sponsored by the Football Team, held recently in Moore Gymnasium.

The A&T Football Team, assisted by James White, resident director of Cooper Hall, organized the talent show to include the categories of vocal group, male and female singers, dance team, and comedian.

The event also included comical Master of Ceremonies, Willie Diggs. In addition there was a mini-pageant contest for the title of Miss Versatility in which participants competed in formal, swimsuit, and casual attire.

A panel of judges from the faculty graded each of the participants on their appearance, talent, decorum, originality, and selection of songs used in performances.

The male singer winner was William Simmons, a member of the concert choir, who used his smooth flowing vocalism to mete down the audience when he sang "We Don't Have To Talk About Love" by Peabo Bryson. Winner of the Female singing category was Tichina Vaughan, a student from the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, who with her stunning savory style brought cheers from the audience with her rendition of the popular song titled "I Want to Live."

Dance team winners were Simona Ross and Mildred Maree, who performed a modern dance routine to "We're Only Bugging." The winning comedian was Keith Sledge, with his amusing depictions of Southern people and animals. Juannetta Silvers won the title of Miss Versatility.

The winners in each category were given blue and gold trophies donated by Trophy Sports, Roses, Gifts, and were given to Miss Versatility, and formal wear for the Master of Ceremonies was provided by Red Haeger. According to White, Star Search/Talent Show had a dual purpose. One was to raise money for sweaters for the team and the other was to show people that football players can coordinate successful programs.

Simona Ross and partner performing their version of "We're Only Bugging."

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End of the Year Membership meeting April 30  3 p.m. 216 Crosby Hall
Hazing must be stopped!

BY LINDA BUMPASS

The hazing incident that occurred on A&T’s campus is just one of the few that happens across the country each year.

According to an article from the Greensboro News and Record many pledges subject themselves to abuse that is absorbed.

According to the article, in one event a pledge was paralyzed after diving down a flight of stairs. In another, a pledge was locked in the trunk of a car, and was told that he would only be released if he consumed a six pack of beer, a pint of bourbon and a bottle of wine. The pledge was released from the trunk but not because he consumed the alcohol but because he had died.

Will these insane events continue to occur? Will A&T end up like schools such as Yale and Notre Dame that have eliminated fraternities, in order, to eliminate hazing.

One fraternity member commented on television that no one asked pledges to become apart these organizations. But surely, this doesn’t give means for them to be beaten.

College administrators and law officials must find a way to end hazing, even if it means banning fraternities and sororities from all college campuses. There are other ways to build brotherhood. I agree with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, also an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity brother, who was quoted in a newspaper article this week, that “The pledge period is a time when pledges should show what their minds can take not what their behinds can take.”

Nevertheless, most students have heard of many hazing stories but very few students have the nerve to speak out against or report them.

Finally, if a student cares enough about his or her future Greek system. They will find better ways than hazing to initiate their pledgees.

A Challenge

BY WARREN MCNEILL

Another term of student government is nearly over. Off into the pages of Aggie history their accomplishments will go. But wait a minute. What accomplishments will we remember? What did this years SGA accomplish as compared to past SGA administrations.

This year was aed of errors with empty promises as the supporting cast. Leadership was weak and ineffective. Leaders were afraid to take a strong stand on any issue. Most of all, they failed to motivate the student body. Certain student organizations and individuals took more of a stand on certain issues than our elected leaders.

Did the leaders forget about that Old Aggie Fury that our past student leaders have been known for or did they prefer to be seen and not heard? Incoming leaders will your promises be empty? Will you always be in the shadow of issues? Will you too be puppets of the administration or the voice of the student body?

Fellow Aggies, I challenge you to make a difference this year; get involved. To the new leaders, I challenge you to make your promises dear fruit; make things happen.

Candidates put to the test

BY ESTHER WOODS

True SGA candidates stood bravely before their fellow Aggies Monday in a presidential and queen debate sponsored by the political science department and The Students For A Free Southern Africa.

Candidates seeking the offices of SGA president, vice-president of internal affairs and Miss A&T were put to a serious test. This was the last and only chance for the candidates to prove to their fellow Aggies that they were the best qualified for their positions. The debate allowed no time for ear tingling campaign speeches: rather it was a time for each candidate to become serious and project his or her future political platforms.

Like anyone who is serious about a test, candidates who took on the challenge of debating passed, while those who did not attempt to debate failed. There were two candidates vying for the office of SGA president; only one chose to debate. Two candidates veyed for Miss A&T; only one chose to debate.

What does this say about the candidates? Those who could not discuss their political platforms before their own peers, most likely would not be able to represent A&T anywhere else. While those who presented their political ideas would make good leaders.

The debate has had a great impact on the student body now and in the years to come. In the past, many candidates, who weren’t qualified, were elected as SGA officers, simply because of popularity or because they presented a dynamite campaign speech. Being popular and presenting a good campaign speech are top necessities for any candidate. But can a candidate use his or her campaign speech everytime he or she is confronted with a political issue?

This one debate has opened the eyes of many. It has shown some that popular candidates doesn’t always make the best leaders. Also, many have learned that if we, at A&T, expect to prosper, then the selection of our campus leaders must go beyond friendship.
Campus haps

THE GAMES AND TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE of the Student Union Advisory Board presents "Las Vegas Night" Tuesday, April 15, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Auctioning of prizes will begin at 9:30 p.m... ID's are required.

THE A&T JAZZ ENSEMBLE will present a concert Tuesday, April 22 in the Student Union Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature Al Doctor (saxophonist) and Hue Long (percussionist). Donations will be accepted and are tax free.

MR. AGGIE CONTEST APPLICATIONS are available until Wednesday, April 16 in the Student Union, Room 216. The contest will be April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

MO-DEL UNIQUE INC. presents "Fashion Cabaret" in Moore Gym Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $1. For more ticket information contact Rhonda Gaines or Alice Graham.

Financial Aid book available

College students interested in receiving additional financial aid to attend college should write to the Scholarship Bank for a free copy of their new publication "How To Play Grantsmanship."

According to the director of this non-profit service, there are literally thousands of private financial aid sources for students interested in supplementing state and federal grants.

The money comes from corporations, trade and civic groups, foundations and little-known governmental agencies. In many cases the funds are made available to students with a specific major or occupational goal or an interest in summer internships.

Students with a college major in business, law, health sciences, engineering and others should apply early for fall semester grants. The Scholarship Bank notes that most fall grants require submission of applications by mid-April.

Students are granted funds based on qualifications other than financial need, such as geographic preference, willingness to enter an essay contest, attend a specific school, or religious, parental military, employer or union affiliations.

There are approximately $500 million in private-aid monies available, or roughly one-fifth of all federal and state grants.

Students interested in receiving the free publication and further information should send a business-size, stamped self-addressed envelope to The Scholarship Bank, 4626 N. Grand, Covina, CA, 91724.

ALL ORGANIZATIONS who will be participating in the March of Dimes Teamwalk are reminded that the event is April 26. Remember A&T has been challenged by other area colleges to have the most participants.

A CONFERENCE FOR RECIPIENTS of North Carolina Insured Student Loans will be held Wednesday, April 23, in Merrick Hall Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

ALL STUDENTS who have preregistered for the fall semester may pick up computer-printed class schedules from the Office of the Registrar, Dowdy-Building April 22 and 23.

THE WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COUNCIL presents a ball to be held at Howard Johnson's Hotel April 20. Admission is free with council card and refreshments will be served. Dress is casual to semi-formal. Premier will be the featured band.

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Jackson points out flaws in SGA constitution

To the editor:

This letter is to point out apparent contradictions in the student constitution of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. All elections and precedings thereof should have been discarded until such part of these constitutional amendments and revisions have been made.

Article III states All full time students, by virtue of their registration at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University are members of the Student Government Association and shall be subject to this constitution.

The student government association is open for membership to all registered students without regard to sex, race, religion, color, or nationality.

The third article of the Student Constitution sets forth one stipulation under which students may participate in the Student Government Association.

The article states “All full-time students by virtue of their registration at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University are members of the Student Government Association and shall be subject to the constitution.”

“Members” defined in this context means “participants.” If in fact this is the requirement, then Article IV, Section 17-Qualifications for President in violation of Article III by stating he/she must have been in attendance at the University no less than two years. Article III sets no time limit for full-time students.

The purpose of this report restated is “to point out clear contradictions in the constitution” and not to criticize what was intended.

Article IV, Section 17-Qualifications for President states, in order, for a student to become a candidate for the office of Student Government Association President, must, at the time of his/her election, be at least a rising junior having completed at least 64 semester hours at the end of the spring semester, must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or must be a rising senior who has completed 96 hours by the ending Spring semester with 2.0 cumulative grade point average.

He/she must have been in attendance at the University no less than two years (violation of Article III) must be duly registered at North Carolina A & T State University, and must not be on probation for violation of University regulations [reinforced by Article III].

He/she shall serve for one academic year beginning and ending at midnight on Student Government Association Inaugural dates.

Certainly an average senior (2.0 cumulative grade point average) is unqualified to lead the student body. He/she cannot lead themselves.

Furthermore, any rising junior with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average planning on leading the student body will have a 2.0 once their leadership responsibilities increase let their academic responsibilities rest.

The writer of this section of the constitution has robbed the students of an academically sound leader and replaced him/her with someone who lacks personal motivation.

The quality of our students will only be increased when the quality of exemplary leadership is increased.

Article IV, Section 3, Election states the officers of the association, with the exception of the parliamentarian shall be elected by a majority vote, using secret ballots. The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Student Government Association President whom he/she shall assist.

The writers of Article IV, Section 3, intended a one man, one vote concept. Article IV, Section 10, Run-Offs, is in direct violation of Article IV, Section 3.

Article IV, Section 10, Run-Offs says a candidate for any Student Government Association elected position must win by 10 percent or more of the number of votes cast in the category in which he/she is running.

This only applies if there are three or more persons in the same category running. If the candidate does not get 10 percent of the votes, then there will be a run-off vote of the top two vote receivers.

If there are 3 candidates running and each candidate receives 30 percent, 25 percent, and 10 percent of the votes, respectively. According to Democratic principles, the candidate with 30 percent of the vote is the victor.

By allowing a run-off, the constitution allows a conspiracy to take place among candidates 2 and 3. Therefore, their combined voter interest is 35 percent defeating the rightful victor who won fairly with 30 percent of the votes cast.

Another example can be seen in the fact that Harold Washington is Mayor of Chicago because two white candidates were running which divided the white vote. A united Black vote cast him into city hall.

If run-offs were legal in Chicago, the two white candidates could have conspired in the run-off to divide the white vote to defeat Harold Washington.

This is one of the clear principles that the Jesse Jackson for President Campaign in 1984 stressed as being undemocratic.

Article IV, Section 10, Run-Offs, should be discarded. Article IV, Section 9, Clauses (e) and (f) have not been followed. Boundaries have not been established nor has campaigning near polling places been enforced.

Article IV, Section 31, Qualification of Attorney General states that the first three sentences of this article does not specify the number of hours necessary for the Attorney General.

For our great institution to be concerned with pulling our people out of the past and pushing them into the future our leaders must be better than 2.0 grade point average or average student.

These stipulations can be found in Article IV, Section 17, Section 23, Section 28, Section 38, Part A. A clause needs to be implemented whereby impeachment proceedings may begin when an officer or an officer’s grades fall in violation of the constitution.

He/She is no longer qualified to lead themselves let alone the student body. The student leader would no longer be setting a good example. This may also offer incentive to the leadership to be consistent.

Article IV, Section 19, Parts A and B are in direct conflict of interest.

Part A clearly states the president shall provide at all meetings of the executive branch and the Student Government Association.

The president shall perform the duties which usually “devolve” upon the Chief Officer. He/she shall be an officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections Committees.

Part B Except as otherwise provided by these laws, the president shall, at least, four weeks after the first class day of the fall semester, recommend to the Legislature the appointment of the Chairpersons and members of the committees.

Does this mean that the president recommends the appointment of the head of the election and nominating committees? Certainly this is a conflict of interest. And what does “except as otherwise provided by these laws” mean? The language is unclear.

The student senate or legislature branch was created, in order, to balance the other two branches of the Student Government Association. Like our federal government the Senate is responsible for enacting various laws.

Finally, the senate also, has a responsibility to initiate proceeding against officers that fall in violation of a ratified constitution. When an officer violates the trust of the student body, proceedings should begin on the immediate and available evidence of that violation.

Jesse Jackson Jr.
Deficit is students' problem — Johnson says

By LINDA BUMPASS
Staff Writer

The biggest problem facing Black students today is the educational deficit, said Attorney Walter Johnson, associate professor of law at North Carolina Central University.

Johnson, who is an A&T alumus, was the guest speaker for the Student Union Advisory Board annual banquet held Thursday in the Student Union Ballroom.

According to Johnson the greatest problem trying to keep Blacks unintelligent by cutting available funds and limiting the amount of out-of-state students.

"They are planning to keep you ignorant, but its up to you (students) to find a way to do away with the deficit," said Johnson.

He said the main questions parents need to ask themselves when sending their children to college: How long has this deficit been occurring? What kind of educational deficits have been debated? And What can be done about it now?

"I remind you this night that you are the people who are going to help us get out of this kind of deficit," said Johnson. "You (students) stand on a threshold where you can accomplish any dream. But to do this you are going to sure face economical suits."

According to the students, when they arrived at the building, one of the males pulled out a gun and demanded their chicken. After taking the chicken, the group fled, according to the police reports.

The students could not identify the alleged robbers because there was no lighting at Barnes Hall, according to the report.

Because Barnes Hall is currently undergoing some repairs, the building's outside lights are off, said Police Chief John O. Williams.

"Since the incident we have stepped up patrol in that area," said Williams. "I suggest that students who walk at night 'force out', put their guns and they should avoid dark areas."

He also suggested that students walk in well lit areas such as Laurel Street, Merrick and Crosby halls.

Williams said anyone who knows of an area that has limited lighting should notify campus police.
Unleashing the truth

By Chuck Stone

When I read that a dozen broadcast and journalism organizations had petitioned a federal appeals court to strike the Federal Communication Commission from enforcing the "fairness doctrine," my memory flipped back 52 years to a literary exercise between my father youngest sister, Irene.

My father was bouncing 5-year-old "daddy's favorite little girl" on his knee and pointed to a newspaper headline: "Can you read this?" he mischievously inquired. Irene assured him that she could. What does it say? persisted my father.

"See what it says?" asked Irene, pointing to the headline. My father nodded.

"That's what it says."

Either the First Amendment says what it says or Congress and the courts have succumbed to the folly of Spencer's lament, "How often misused words generate misleading thoughts..."

The First Amendment does not equivocate. "Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech and the press..."

But Congress has made a law abridging television's and radio's freedom of speech, and the courts have upheld it.

My dual professional commitments are a case in point.

In addition to this column, I host a five-day-a-week talk show on WCAU-TV in Philadelphia. Many of the criticisms I have leveled at President Reagan or other public figures in my column would not be permitted on my television show because of the "fairness doctrine." It mandates equal broadcast time to the only judicial rationale for the fairness doctrine may be found in one word: Scarcity.

"It does not violate the First Amendment," the Supreme Court ruled in 1969 "to treat broadcast licenses, given the..."

(hazing continued)

the right side of the head with a two-by-four, resulting in a blood clot. He's recovering at home. • Patrick Curry of 609 Ber-Lloyd Drive in Raleigh. He was hit on the head, resulting in a large wound that could not be closed with stitches. • Derwin Peterson of 516 Dandrige Drive. He was hit on the head, arms, shoulders and legs. • Leroy Sharpe of 3075-A Scott Hall. He was struck on the front of the head with a two-by-four. • Alexander Dawson of 204 A Scott Hall. He was hit on the left side of the head and needed seven stitches.

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