By URSULA WRIGHT
Entertainment Editor

About 11,000 people flocked to Aggie Stadium for the annual Aggie Fest on Saturday. Beginning at noon, they waited patiently for four hours to hear Starpoint, Juicy, Trouble Funk and several other groups.

During this time excited concert-goers held picnics, cooked on grills, camped out under tents and on blankets.

About 4 p.m., an unidentified voice announced that “This concert has been trashed.” At this point angry concert-goers began to throw bottles and cans at the stage.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sullivan Welborne said the show was canceled because Glass House Productions, the concert’s promoter, brought the wrong stage to set up for Aggie Fest. Welborne said the stage had to be supported by poles, but they were sinking into the wet ground because of a rain (continued on page 11)

By WARREN McNEIL III

During the next school term there will be a new three-prong system of punishment for fraternities and sororities involved in hazing incidents, said Dr. Roland E. Buck, vice chancellor for student affairs.

“Any student charged with hazing and assault will be arrested and charged by campus police,” Buck said.

Buck said the $500 fine or six months in jail or both penalty for hazing will be enforced.

As the third prong, Buck said the student will be suspended or expelled if evidence of hazing is found within an organization it will be suspended.

Administrators toughen greek pledging rules

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Program accredited

At&T’s accounting program has been awarded initial national accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate School of Business.

Announcement of accreditation of the accounting program and re-accreditation of the business program was made during the annual meeting of the AACSB in San Diego.

The accrediting association also reaffirmed full accreditation of the university’s undergraduate business program for nine years.

“These are extraordinary accomplishments,” said Dr. Edward B. Fort, Chancellor of AT&T. “The reaffirmation of national accreditation for the undergraduate program is outstanding, but the accreditation of the accounting program is a signal honor, in view of the rigorous standards set by the accrediting agency.”

Corning expenses questioned

By ESTHER WOODS

New Editor

This fall, more than $15,000 went into Homecoming expenses. From that total, Miss A&T Debora Jenkins received nearly $1,000 to cover coronation costs.

The question was raised at the recent presidential debate when a student asked SGA Treasurer Christopher Morris about the money spent on coronation. Morris said even though he was treasurer, he had no say in how Miss A&T spent money.

Telephone and written messages left for Jenkins remain unanswered when the AT&T Register went to press.

“Nothing had to have my signature on it to go out,” Morris said in an interview after the debate. “The only signature needed was the president’s.”

Dr. Sullivan Welborne, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, said of the coronation cost, “You will not see any high expenditure in this area in the near future.”

Welborne said that $15,998.14 was spent for Homecoming, and coronation alone cost $10,920.30.

The student body constitution says that Miss A&T is provided a wardrobe allowance not to exceed $500, provided by the SGA. “The constitution was not in tune with what was being done,” Welborne said.

He said that coronation expenses for former queens have varied over the years between 5,000 and $11,000.

He said Miss A&T has no established budget. Jenkins received $500 for personal use. And since she did not have a budget, her total expenses were generated through the SGA with the approval of SGA President Dr. Evers.

Business School awarded

Corning Glass Works is donating $35,000 to the School of Business and Economics at AT&T.

Larry Aiello, division controller with Corning Glass Works’ Telecommunication Products Division, Corning, N.Y., announced the gift during a speech to the Beta Alpha Psi Chapter, Alpha Beta Psi is a national honor society that recognizes outstanding accounting students.

According to Aiello, the donation was made “to recognize the department’s outstanding accomplishments, and in hopes of strengthening the relationship between Corning Glass Works and AT&T University.”

Two A&T students, Sheila McNee and Andrea Hamilton, will be interns at the company’s headquarters in Corning, N.Y., this summer. Corning Evans-Afnan, a Spring 1986 graduate, will join the Corning corporate staff as an intern.

Corning Glass Works has two facilities in North Carolina that manufacture products used in telephone systems, computers and other industries. The Wilmington plant is one of the world’s largest factories for the manufacture of optical fiber. The Raleigh facility produces ceramic capacitors.

Aiello told students and faculty that the accounting profession has undergone tremendous changes during the last few years. He said the stereotypical image of the accountant as “a lonesome figure hunched over stacks of company ledgers wearing the proverbial green eyeshade” is no longer valid.

Congressman and educator to receive honorary degrees

A Congressman from New York and a nationally prominent higher education leader will be awarded honorary degrees during the annual Commencement exercises in the Greensboro Coliseum on Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m.

Congressman Edolphus Ed” Towns of New York’s 11th Congressional District will be awarded a doctor of law degree, while Dr. Clifton R. Wharton Jr., chancellor of the State University of New York and Chairman of the Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, will be awarded a doctor of letters degree.

Towns, a 1956 graduate of A&T, is a native of Chad- wicks, N.C. He is the first A&T graduate to be elected to Congress. He was first elected in November of 1982 and re-elected in 1984. Before going to Congress, he was the first Black deputy borough president in Brooklyn, serving in that capacity from 1976-1982.

In Congress, Towns is a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

He is also chairman of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, AID, and for a time was with the American International Association for Economic and Social Development, working on development programs in Latin America.

He is a fellow of the National Academy of Education, chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations and holds the Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Chicago. He also holds degrees from Harvard University, John Hopkins University, and has received 21 honorary degrees.

A native of Boston, Wharton is a son of Clifton R. Wharton Sr., a diplomat who served for 40 years in the U.S. Foreign Service. He is married to the former Carol Watson. They have two sons, Clifton III and Bruce.
Students chosen to attend Academy For Future Journalists

Two A&T Register editorial board members have been selected to participate in the 1986-87 Academy for Future Journalists at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Esther Marie Woods, a sophomore mass communications major from Burlington and Anthony Jeffries, a professional English major from Raleigh, were selected as two of 15 journalists from historically Black colleges to participate in the program.

The Academy, an all-expenses-paid summer session, will last eight weeks, beginning June 23 and ending Aug. 1. According to Patricia Camp Thompson, director of the program, Woods and Jeffries were selected on the basis of a written autobiography, essay questions, and newspaper clippings.

At the academy, students will be taught by professional journalists from major newspapers and magazines throughout the country and journalism educators.

Woods, news editor for this school term, will be managing editor for the A&T Register for the 1986-87 school year. Jeffries is presently sports editor and will hold the same position during the next school year.

For six weeks on Northwestern's campus, the students will spend two weeks working with beat reporters at major newspaper corporations of their choice. According to Thompson, the program is designed to expand the student's knowledge of opportunities in journalism, and journalism education, as well as sharpen journalistic skills.

Players win awards at convention


In the play festival category, A&T won the Best Over-all Production Awards for their entry of "Quiet In the Land," a new play by Jerry McGowan.

Along with the top award, all four members of A&T's cast made the All Star Cast, which consisted of the top 12 performers in the 17 institutions participating.

The cast and All Star Recipients included Kay Neal, a junior from Reidsville; Lorenzo Meachum, a senior from Greensboro; Mary Grimes, a sophomore from Los Angeles, Calif. Also, Cheryl Carey, a

A&T Jazz Ensemble performs

By USBSULA WRIGHT
Entertainment Editor

When James Edwards, the featuring male vocalist, took over the stage and sang that old familiar song, "Misty," his voice sounded very similar to Johnny Mathis's heavenly, polished voice.

Edward's splendid rendition, along with other popular jazz songs were performed by A&T's Jazz Ensemble recently in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

The featured guests were Al Doctor, a saxophonist who has performed with Lionel Hampton, and Hubert "Fats" Long, one of the top drummers in the North Carolina area.

"Most of the ensemble members have played for a semester, and have become very successful," said Johnny Hodge, director of the symphonic band.

"William C. Smiley, Director of the University Jazz Ensemble should be commended for the type of literature that the Jazz Ensemble is playing," Hodge said.

The Second Time Around, an old familiar song of the sixties was sung by solo vocalists, James Edwards and Lajoy Cheek.

The audience cheered and clapped to the sounds of the bass guitar, and the drums as the Ensemble showed their true talent when they played "Greetings and Salutations" written by Thad Jones. The outstanding performer of this song was Regional Barnes, the drummer.

After the first half awards were given out to members of the orchestra, Lajoy Cheek was selected Outstanding Vocal Soloist and received honorable mention for her service to the ensemble.

Kirt Keyes, a saxophonist, received the Most Improved Soloist Award, and honorable mentions were given to Robert Parker a trumpet player, and Diedria Coon a saxophonist.

"It is good that Smiley is bringing local talent in to influence A&T's students to be better performers," Hodge said.

However, he wished that more students would come out to enjoy and support local programs on campus because they need to give themselves support before outsiders will support them.

During the second half of the show featured guest performers, Al Doctor and Hubert Long, longtime performers.

Hazing

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According to criminal citations, members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity charged with hazing were Carlus Hicks of 3110-A Scott Hall, Malcolm Aaron, 1072-A Scott Hall, Rosevelt Pratt, 1106 Hern Ave.; Bruce Faison, 108-C Scott Hall, Richard W. Moore Jr., 202-C Haley Hall; Eric Griffin, 100 Cooper Hall, Arthur Kevin Deen, 1106 Hern Ave.; and Avery Williamson, 204-A Haley Hall.

He also said that Steven Jones, a member of the Omega Pi Phi Fraternity charged with multiple assault in connection with hazing incidents on March 24 and 25, withdrew from the university last Friday.

Buck said he does not know why Jones withdrew.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort could not be reached for comment.

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Who's to blame

BY LINDA BUMPASS

The annual Aggie Fest held Saturday in the Aggie Stadium was one of disappointment to many, but the A&T administration should not be criticized for this mistake.

Sure, the event was an embarrassment to many, but we must realize that things such as this are prone to happen at sometime or another.

According to officials, A&T was not at fault for cancelling the show. If anyone is to blame it is the show's promoters, Glass Productions. But who can we point a finger at when it was canceled because of the stage which failed to work?

A&T officials said the stage was damaged by the Friday night rain. Although it was rebuilt Saturday, the structure still was not safe for use at show time. Therefore, this was the cause of cancelling the performance.

There were many visitors attending Aggie Fest including students' friends and relatives from other colleges, universities, or their home town.

It is hope that these visitors will not downgrade our institution as incompetent or the like. Neither should A&T students say the proposed show was a set-up or the groups never came.

The administration should be commended for putting forth the effort and planning Aggie Fest when we all know that it was the responsibility of the SGA.

Concert goers seemed to be having a good time cooking out, picnicing and lounging under the tents until the big announcement, "The concert has been trashed."

Regardless of the no show many people enjoyed themselves. Some of the people did not attend mainly to hear the groups perform, many just wanted to socialize and have fun with friends.

However, there are questions in some of our minds regarding the money made from ticket sales. Even though A&T students will have a chance to pick up refunds what will happen to the other non-students who may not get their money refunded?

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.

A senior dialogue

Reprinted from past edition.

By Dwayne L. Pinkney

Two students were talking in the library the other day about a bunch of things and a bunch of nothing. They were seniors, and at least one was dealing with senior pressures such as what do I do now or where do I go from here? Here's how the conversation went:

"So, Bob, what's up with you after graduation?"

"Well, you know, I'm going to try to land that big job, and get me some cash dollars. What about you, Steve?"

"Well, eventually, I want to do the same thing, but I don't know man. What do you mean, 'you don't know? What's up?'"

"You know man. I've got to get away for a while and find out who I really am."

"Yea, well Stevey boy you had better find out who you are quick and get on back here or all the good jobs will be gone."

"You got to think about more than a job though, Bob."

"You do? What else is there to think about?"

"Well, you know, like what you're going to do with your life and stuff like that."

"Aay, home's that deep. I don't think I can mess with that right now."

This dialogue continued for about an hour, and one feels certain that the two had talked themselves in circles winding up nowhere.

The two asked each other what they were going to do later. Steve, the semiphilosopher and engineering major was going home to plunge into the books. Bob, the ambitious, job-hungry, English major, was going to get drunk.

A new meaning of "Aggie Pride"

By Dwayne Pinkney

When I received my letter of acceptance to A&T I was overwhelmed with joy and pride. My first thought was "I will be apart of an institution that has made a revolution in American history."

I have been here a year now and I am more than a bit disappointed. A&T, the school of young black and intelligent history makers, seems to have lost focus and spirit.

Some of us are still going on the name that our parents generation made for A&T.

But, we, the students of today, need to join forces with one another and communicate better.

Some of the pertinent issues that we as students, as a people and as a united institution should struggle to improve are the increasing unemployment rates, the increased drug use, teenage pregnancies, the growing complacency among some minorities and mostly, the decrease of the strong Black family unit.
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION
will host Dr. Gary Salies, a visiting scholar Wednesday, April 30 through Thursday, May 1. Scheduled recreation events will also take place April 30 through May 2.

GRADUATING SENIORS
There will be an information session for all graduating seniors in Moore Gym Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m.

SUAB RETREAT will be May 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 100.

**English society holds inductions**

Four students were inducted into Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society and a member of the society was honored during activities on campus recently.

Senior Alvin Walker of Durham; Junior, Willie Doe Gilbert of Bambridge Island, Wash.; Shirley Gore of Southport; and Jenean Kennedy of Winston-Salem were inducted into the society.

Also during the program, Frances Ward, a senior English major from Goldsboro, received the Zoe Parks Barbee Award, which is given to students with high scholastic averages by the English faculty.

The purpose of the honorary English society, founded in 1924 and now with more than 200 chapter nationwide, is to recognize students who attain a major of the written and written language.

Zoe Barbee was a former A&T English professor, who died in an automobile accident in December 1974. She was 44. She was the first woman and first Black Guilford County commissioner, having been elected three weeks before she died.

The A&T chapter of Sigma Tau Delta began in the fall of 1978 and now has 10 members.

The faculty advisor is Dr. Sandra Alexander, associate professor of English and director of the Freshman Studies Program.

**Kappus try to keep positive image, despite recent criticism of Greeks**

To the editor:

For the past few weeks, A&T has been saturated with journalists, investigators and radio and television reporters who have been trying to attraxt attention on the cataclysmic circumstances of some Spring '86 pledge programs.

While seeking information and sprawling it all over the Triad area, they have simultaneously projected a negative image of undergraduate fraternities.

When will newspapers, radio, and television seek information on the positive things that fraternities and sororities are doing?

As a member of the Alpha Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Inc, I realize that there are problems with pledge programs; but the world is no utopia either.

We the brothers of the Alpha Nu chapter want people to know that aside the fact of our imperfections, we are doing some positive things.

Where are the reporters when we are assisting elderly citizens at the St. James Nursing Center, throwing a party for the special kids at Melver Handicapped School, serving lunch to the underprivileged at Urban Ministry or Haynes-Taylor YMCA, raising money for UNICEF or sickle cell, or donating money to the aid of L. Richardson Hospital, WNNR Radio Station, Shaw University, The A&T Dance Company, The Richard B. Harrison Players or The United Negro College Fund?

Where were the reporters when we were named chapter of the year of the Middle Eastern Province for the third consecutive year, or awarded seven of ten accolades presented to individual brothers and the Alpha Nu chapter, respectively?

The reporters weren't even around for Kappa Week(April 13-20, 1986). Maybe they don't know what Kappa Week is all about. It is a week set aside by the brothers to say thank you to the public for giving their support at various social affairs and fundraising events throughout the year. All the events held during Kappa Week were free.

Events held were: a step show/block party, talent show, fashion show, the annual ball, and a picnic. Aside from these events, the brothers participated in every service project held that week: Sickle Cell Check, Campus Clean-up, NCAA membership and the annual Health Fair, and Kappa Kids. The brothers carefully planned Kappa Week and worked diligently to make sure that every event was successful.

Yes, we have our shortcomings or imperfections as Greeks, but the brothers of the Alpha Nu chapter are human. We are proud to say that we are "taking care of business" and striving to project the positive images of fraternities.

The brothers of Alpha Nu Carrington Carter Fall '85

**Office of continuing education will co-sponsor state-wide conference and for special education paraprofessionals May 8-9 at the Greensboro Sheraton Inn.**

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum of activities to facilitate the investigation of the role of the special education paraprofessional in North Carolina. More information may be obtained by calling Sylvia A. Newell at 379-7000.

**THE A&T Register STAFF**

**spotlight on health**

Doctors have told us for a long time that too much stress can affect health. Even some stresses we don't think about may cause health problems, especially for people with heart disease.

These stresses could include trying to do too much too quickly. The stresses of taking a vacation, for example, can bother some. Running to catch a plane can give you more trouble than just missing the flight. You could find yourself fighting off the crushing chest pain of angina, which can occur after any strenuous physical exertion or emotional stress.

Angina usually happens when physical or emotional exertion overtaxes arteries clogged with fatty deposits. That means the heart does not get enough oxygen from the blood. The result is sudden chest pain.

Heart disease is widespread. Angina pectoris, or chest pain, is the most common symptom of heart disease. Nearly 45 million Americans suffer from it, and it affects both men and women.

There is help for people suffering from angina. State-of-the-art medications such as Cardiazol, among the newest class of cardiovascular agents known as calcium channel blockers, enable angina patients to lead more normal and active lives. This medication allows patients to exercise longer and more strenuously than before.

To help reduce stress and avoid an angina attack, physicians suggest moderate exercise, frequent rest stops while traveling, and smaller, lighter meals before exertion or before retiring.

Make a special effort to note all of the little stresses you encounter every day. And develop a plan to reduce them. Maybe not today or tomorrow, but someday, your heart may thank you.
A.J.'s Goal Line Stand

BY ANTHONY JEFFRIES

Washburn leaves Wolfpack

I, along with many others, was caught by surprise when I heard that Chris Washburn, N.C. State's multi-talented center, decided to give up his last two remaining years of college eligibility for the pro draft.

A month ago, this young man promised everyone that he was going to stay at State. After leading the WolfPack in scoring and rebounding this season, most basketball experts felt that next year was going to be the year that Washburn emerged as one of the finest players in college.

But Washburn disagreed. He feels he is ready for the pros now.

It's funny how one man's decision can cause an uproar among so many people, especially WolfPack fans, across the state. The words 'exploitation' and 'used' are being used to describe Washburn's situation.

There is no way that officials at State would have enrolled an average Black man who went to two different prep schools making only D's and F's along with a 470 SAT score.

And the average Black would also have been kicked out of school for stealing a stereo.

But not Chris. He has too much to offer to the But considering the troubles Washburn has experienced, his basketball talents maybe a blessing in disguise because no matter what the people say, State gave Washburn the opportunity to go to college. What he made of it was up to him.

And if he is criticized for going pro, then that's something that he can't worry about. He has to make the decision. He is expected to be one of the top 10 to 15 players picked. He will probably become an instant millionaire.

Never one to take school seriously, Washburn knows that he will rake in more money playing a sport than most students who have 4.0 and 3.5 GPAs. Whether people admit it or not, the ultimate goal in life today is to be financially secure. Well, Washburn will reach that goal as easy as he can dunk one.

His former teammate Bennie Bolton said that Chris had stopped going to classes after the NCAA tournament. So by all means if Washburn had stayed in school, he probably would have flunked out anyway.

I don't blame "Wash" for going pro. Why should he waste Coach Valvano's, his teammates, the athletic department, and the administration, and especially his own time by hanging around State if it is not going to benefit him?

Go, Aggies... Go

Coach Mel "Big Ten" Groomes

Earnest Canada, Jr., strides for another Aggie victory.

The men's team finished 3rd in the MEAC outdoor championship for the first time since 1978, Thompson said, "I can't wait until next season.

The women's track team did not have participants in the Penn Relays but Ruth Marvis ran one of the fastest 300 yard dashes in the area.

Groomes reflects on career

By WADE NASH
Staff Writer

Twenty-nine years ago Coach William "Big Bill" Bell lured Mel "Big Ten" Groomes to A&T College to coach football.

Now three Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships later, Groomes is still making a vital contribution to A&T athletics and academics.

Groomes has earned All-Big Ten 10 honors as a running back at the University of Indiana and had hopes of entering the National Football League before being approached by Bell.

"I was a junior at Indiana in summer school when Bell asked what I would be doing after college," Groomes said.

"I said hopefully I'd be playing pro ball and he told me I'd like for you to join my staff at A&T," he said.

And he did play for two years after he got out of college.

Bell was athletic director, head football coach and chairman of the health and physical education department when he first met Groomes.

Groomes, Bell, who was accustomed to recruiting football players, used the same persistence to gain the multitalented Groomes.

"He had to go in the U.S. Air Force after playing two years with the Detroit Lions," Groomes said.

"Once again, he said, I'd like to have you as one of my coaches, Grooms, said, "He asked me to arrange a game between Bowling Air Force Base and A&T.""

"Once in his career he coached against A&T in that 1952 football game.

"He reiterated he'd like me to come to A&T after the service," Groomes said.

"Resuming his NFL career was his number-one priority.

"The league at that time was changing its racial policy.

"There were many Blacks playing and I thought I was being considered to play with the Redskins, but they didn't select me," Groomes said.

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A & T athletes honored

Seniors Johnnie Coleman and Cathy Grant led the parade of student-athletes honored at the A & T All-Sports Banquet at the Greensboro downtown Sheraton.

Coleman was named male athlete of the year and also claimed honors as most valuable defensive player on the football squad. A native of Wilson, Coleman played line-backer during his A & T career and set a school and conference mark with 160 tackles last season.

Grant, who hails from Conway, was named female athlete of the year while also claiming senior athlete of the year honors. Grant, a computer science major, also was named most valuable player in women's basketball.

Senior Jesse Britt was named football's most valuable player. The Sunbury native led the Aggies in receptions last season and, according to head coach Mo Forte, showed outstanding leadership ability.

Other football award recipients included quarterback Alan Hooker, most valuable offensive player; cornerback Chris Barber, outstanding defensive lineman; tailback Stoney Polite, outstanding offensive back; and guard Steve McCormick, outstanding offensive lineman.

Rising senior wide receiver Herbert Harbison of Shelby, was named winner of the Travis Kelly Leadership Award.

Co-most valuable player awards were presented to George Cale and Thomas Griffis of the MEAC men's basketball championship squad. Claude Williams took rebounding honors, Griffis claimed assists recognition, Kenny Cox was cited as sixth man, Carlton Beeton as freshman standout, and Lee Robinson for inspiration to round out men's basketball recipients.

In baseball, Alan Scott was honored as the team's most valuable player. A similar award was presented to Stephanie Reaves in women's softball.

Drew Berry was honored as most valuable in men's tennis and Jennifer Williams was so honored in women's volleyball.

In track, the most valuable award winners were Ed Smith (men's) and Ruth Morris (women's). The cross country most valuable award was won by Joseph Willis.

A highlight of the event was the presentation of the All-Academic team, whose members have a 3.0 or better grade-point average. The team consisted of: Charles T. Brooks, baseball; Marvin Christian, Joe L. Johnson and Willie Levett, football; Yvet Estep and Marsha Oden, women's basketball; Jerlaine Adams and Stephanie Reaves, women's softball, and Drew Berry, Kyrl Burrows and Gihan Perera, men's tennis.

Berry's 3.86 GPA earned him the honor of academic athlete of year.

In addition to student-athletes, awards were also presented to persons who supported the athletic program during the year. The athletic director's award, as presented by Athletic Director Orby Moss Jr., was won by Dr. Michael Simmons, a professor in the department of economics. The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference award was won by Garrett Laws, an A & T alumnus who lives in Raleigh.

The All-Sports Banquet was sponsored by the Board of Control of Intercollegiate Athletics in conjunction with the Promotion Committee. The Promotion Committee presented its annual award to LoNetta LeGrand, a member of the A & T staff who works in the office of the Athletic Director.

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Groomes

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"I knew they were putting a lot of pressure on Redskin owner George Preston Mar-
tshall to hire a Black; I thought I'd get a break," he said.

"I had gotten married, had two kids when I didn't get the break with the Redskins," he said.

"I decided to take Bell up on his offer," Groomes, 58, and a native of Trenton, N.J., arrived in Greensboro in 1955. Bell not only wanted him to coach football, but to teach and coach baseball.

"As a youngster I was the first Black to play American Legion ball with the Trenton Sebasti- n Post 93," he said.

"I received an offer to play in the defunct Negro League with Elia Manley's Newark Eagles," Groomes said. "I told Manley I planned to go to college first, but he played in an exhibition game against the Joe Louis Bombers," he said.

Groomes won his first championship in 1956, but his most memorable championship was the last CIAA baseball championship in the 70's against Delaware State in a best two of three series.

"It was pure euphoria, I got a letter from the presi-
dent," Groomes said. "It was the greatest demonstrations of character in young men that I have ever been associated with," he said.

During his tenure Groomes has had three assistants Cal Irvin, Earnest Canada and James Baten.

Irvin was part of Groomes first championship in 1956. "Mel has been a very viable and important cog in the universities academic and athletic endeavors," Irvin said.

"He has done a tremendous job of coaching and winning with limited resources," Groomes said. "He needs to be com-
mended for doing a great job."

Groomes worked with former football coach and athletic director Bert Piggott when he coached the champion-

"Mel was a key factor when we started out, I couldn't have done it without him and Murray Nolley," Piggott said.

"Mel brought a unique style of coaching and per-
sonality, he added."

Alphonso Bradley a pit-
cher, on this year's team said "Groomes is a very unique coach, he does everything a little different from other coaches."

"He gives the players the benefit of the doubt, he lets the team captains run the team," Bradley said.

"If we have classes he dismisses us from practice."

"He helps players look at life by giving them respon-
sibility and guidance," said James Fulton Hooks this year's first baseman.

Also, during his tenure Groomes has produced a major-league pitcher of notoriety, Al Holland.

Holland is still active in the majors as an all-star relief pit-
cher with the New York Yankees.

"Al had a fast ball and the type control that he rarely walked a batter," Groomes said.

"He had something inside him that wasn't going to let a batter get a hit, he knew baseball and was a total player," Groomes said.

Being a positive force for his players has always meant much to him.

Groomes smiles and remarks about the many citizens he has produced.

"Over the years it has been a pleasing in trying to mold and help young men that were associated with the baseball program, it grows within you; it becomes a routine process," Groomes said. "You get a pleasure and a great reward in trying to help youngsters become good outstanding citizens."

Students, Faculty, & Staff: The athletic department expresses its deepest appreciation for your support during the 1985-86 season. I am pleased to say that our program achieved success and it became a reality primarily because of your unwavering interest. We, the members of the athletic staff, are excited about the 1986-87 season and we look forward to your continued support.

Have a pleasant summer and continue to carry the irresistible banner that is Aggie Pride!

Sincerely yours,
Orby Z. Moss, Jr.
Athletic Director
Editor of the Register:

On April 16, a letter written by Jesse Jackson Jr., appeared in the A&T Register. In his letter, Jackson referred to “point out apparent contradictions in the student constitution of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.” In the reading letter, I found it questionable as to whether or not its content highly offensive, closed-minded and the majority of its assertions poorly supported. It was indeed a let down coming from a man of his intelligence and capabilities.

Article III of the constitution, which Jackson refers to in his letter, “clearly states that all full-time students, by virtue of their registration at A&T are members of the Student Government Association and shall be subject to this constitution.”

Jackson’s letter said that “members” as referred to in article III - “defined in this context means ‘participants’.” With this is further states, “If in fact this is the requirement, then article IV, Section 17 (qualifications for voting) is in violation of Article III by stating he must have been in attendance at the university no less than two years.”

Jackson III sets no time limit for full-time students.”

Jackson’s argument that section 17 of article IV is in direct violation of article III is totally unacceptable and unqualified because it distorts its meaning.

The reason “article III sets no time limit for full-time students” or states any other qualifications for SGA officers for that matter, is that in its intended context, the word “members” simply does not mean participants as Jackson incorrectly states the “context”.

When he says “members defined in this context means participants,” the “context” actually means “his context.” It appears that in order for Jackson’s assertion to have any validity, the context would have to be changed. In reality, there is no contradiction between Articles III and IV.

The word “members” in true context simply means that one is a part of the body as a whole and that he is subject to the rules and guidelines set down in the constitution. It is further demonstrated that article III’s definition of members does not mean participants in article IV.

Lodged in article IV resting between sections 16 and 17 - one should clearly be able to note the phrase in big, bold, black print “Specific Officers.” The use of the word “specific” is on its face. It in no way refers to participants in the way that Jackson insists.

If his argument was valid, there would be no need for him to alter the context of the word “members” as it appears in article III.

In his letter, Jackson also asserts that:

- Runoffs allow a con- struction take place among candidates, infringe upon the one-man, one-vote concept, and against majority rule.
- Article IV, section 19, parts A and B, which address duties and powers of the president, contains a conflict of interest.
- A senior with a 2.0 grade-point average is unqualified to lead the student body because he cannot lead himself, a rising junior with a 2.5 who plans to lead the student body will have a 2.0 once his leadership responsibilities increase, and that the writer of the constitution has robbed the students of an academically sound leader and has replaced him with someone who lacks personal motivation.

There are three erroneous assertions, I submit, explain why Jackson would make such assertions:

He didn’t read the whole constitution, he read the whole constitution and didn’t understand it, or he read the whole constitution and understood only what he wanted to understand.

The runoff clause in the constitution does not infringe upon majority rule or the one- man, one-vote concept. In a runoff, the majority will still elect the victor, and one man will still have one vote.

A runoff will ensure that the candidate has the firm mandate of the people. And with the runoff in place, an election and a runoff gives voters a second look at their decision, and at times, voters want when voting to fill such important positions as the SGA executive board. For example, in this year’s Miss A&T race the choice of the students totally changed between the election and the runoff.

And as for a conspiracy be- tween candidates, does Jackson believe that A&T student are so gullible and so indifferent about who will lead them next that they will blindly support a candidate just because of the runoff?

If Jackson does operate under such a conspiracy, if student apathy is as severe as he suggests, and if lethargy does pervade the student body, then such a conspiracy concept is valid.

However, I tend to have a little more faith in the members of the Aggie family’s ability to think for themselves and act accordingly on their own convictions and not on the case of a conspiring candidate.

Article IV, section 19, part A says that the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Elections committees.

Part B says, “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 names of the chairpersons of the committees.”

Jackson asks if this means “that the president recom- mends the appointment of the head of the election and nominating committees?”

If this is so, he says, “certainly this is a conflict of interest. And what does “except as otherwise provided by these laws” mean?”

The language is unclear.

The answer to his first question is emphatically and obviously – if one reads the election section.

And this is why. Article IV, section six clearly states that “the nominating committee shall consist of members of the student body in the special fall semester election.”

The chairman shall be that person receiving the highest number of votes.

With regards to the elec- tion committee, article IV, section eight says that “the chairperson of the Judicial Committee of the student senate shall appoint an Execu- tive Committee consisting of six members which shall ad- minister the student govern- ment elections.”

There is no conflict of in- terest because according to the constitution, the SGA president has nothing to do with the nominating or elec- tions committee.

Furthermore, even if he did recommend the appointments of the heads of the elections and nominating committees, it wouldn’t make any dif- ference to an incumbent president who has already completed any requirements of concern to the two commit- tees.

And the phrase “except as otherwise provided by” is common to many legal and official documents in U.S. society. Simply stated within the given context of the constitution it means “if it doesn’t say otherwise don’t.”

There is no great deal of jargon or ambiguities to sift through.

Finally, this business rule by the intellectually elite and that no one else can inter- pret the intellectually average: Of all Jackson’s assertions, this is the most of- fensive, disturbing and insen- sitive.

Jackson says that a student with a 2.5 GPA who plans to lead the student body will have a 2.0 once his leadership responsibilities increase.

Given that logic, who’s to say that a student with a 4.0 planning to lead the student body will not have a 3.5 because his leadership responsibilities increase?

Regardless of the case, then what student with a high GPA will want to make the sacrifice? And from what Jackson will Jackson’s future student leaders come who must have better than a 2.0 in order to serve on a student’s personal motivation and ability to lead on one number is uncharitably and unfair.

What Jackson does is no different from what white supremacists do regarding Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. They fail to take into consideration certain circum- stances as inferior educational facilities, lack of well-trained instructors, and other cultural, economical and political fac- tors.

Likewise, Jackson assumes the members of the electorate are naturally better leaders than those with low or “average” GPAs.

He also fails to consider certain conditions that could affect academic progress such as domestic problems, stress, loss of a loved one, physical illness, etc.

Although 2.0 and 2.5 GPAs may leave room for improve- ment, no one is in a position to judge whether a person is incapable to lead or lacks personal motivation based on one number.

Brother Jesse, you don’t need 4.0 to know the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, or the truth and a lie. The truth is the truth, right is right and good is good no matter how you state it or with what credentials.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said in his brilliant, heart-filled and eloquent speech at the 1984 Democratic National Convention: When you hold up the truth, everybody concedes the truth.

He didn’t say anything about being part of the academically elite or having countless degrees.

Mark Anthony Middleton

Borders, Waddell, receive top student awards

A computer science teacher and a computer science major received the top 1986 awards given by the College of Arts and Sciences at A&T.

Dr. Vailie Guthrie, an associate professor of chemistry and director of the Greenboro Area Math and Science Education Center, received the Outstanding Faculty Award, and Elvis Borders, a senior computer science major, from Greensboro, has been awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Award of the school.

The Merit Faculty Award was presented to Dr. Peter Myer, acting chairman of the department of history. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award was presented to Alfred Waddell a history major from Greensboro.

The Merit Undergraduate Award was presented to Nelson Johnson, a senior political science major, and the Merit Graduate Award went to Babatunde A. Olatidoye, a chemistry major.

Guthrie is a native of Maple Hill in Fender County. She received a B.S. in chemistry and a minor in computer science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Waddell was a 1986 graduate of A&T in sociology. He was appointed for 17 years as a federal compliance officer.

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Honors Program.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine's and earned an associate degree in business administration from Rutledge College. He is the son of Mrs. Elvis Borders of 1900 Ryan Street.

Waddell is a 1986 graduate of A&T in sociology. He was appointed for 17 years as a federal compliance officer.
Congress under the gun

I still don’t believe a majority of the American people honestly and knowingly support the weakening of federal gun controls.

Nor do I believe that Americans would vote tomorrow for legislation that makes it easier to assaultinate their presidents, murder their neighbors and get themselves murdered, either.

But their representatives did, and by a 64 percent margin.

The voting was done by their representatives in the legislative branch of government, who were paralyzed by the “fifth” branch of government—the National Rifle Association.

Lincoln was right. “This government cannot endure half-slave and half-free.” What he did not anticipate was the NRA branch of government’s ability to subjugate the legislative branch.

With Pavlovian fidelity, members of Congress voted a few days ago for a “good of boy” mentality that has replaced the lynching of Blacks with the hunting of animals.

Three factors differentiated this gun control vote from previous ones the NRA’s terrifying tactics that masked—rather than as lobbying, the defense of America’s police chiefs as NRA allies and the importance of “safe congressional districts” able to withstand the NRA’s despotic intimidations.

Ordinarily, a member of Congress reflects his or her constituents’ wishes, but many confessed privately to colleagues and reporters that they feared the NRA’s well-established reputation for reprisals at the polls.

According to one published story, a leading Western Democrat who insisted on anonymity estimated he was one of 30 moderates who wanted to retain strong federal gun controls, but were afraid to antagonize the NRA.

If such a priest had been available, “we would have asked for absolution,” he wryly quipped.

Brinks, N.Y., ex-cop hero Bep Mario Biaggi, who led the fight to retain the gun controls, said several Texas lawmakers confided they wanted to support the “police chiefs” amendment, but feared the thousands of NRA members in their districts.

When America’s police chiefs broke ranks with the NRA this time on weakening gun controls, it was clear that the NRA was no longer representing the American people or gunowners, but gun manufacturers.

Unfortunately, the police chiefs, represented by 13 national organizations, began their lobbying too late and with little money. Their puny $15,000 was no match for the NRA branch’s $1.6 million spent on brainwashing the legislative branch.

Police chiefs know better than any of us the need for tough gun controls. Last year, 70 police officers and 20,000 citizens were murdered by handguns.

Our savage society murders more people per capita than any in the world 170 times as many murders as in Australia, 143 times as many murders as in Canada and 320 times as many murders as in England. In itself, gun-owning is no crime. But lack of controls and the absence of punishment for abuse help sustain a lawless mentality that accepts an amoral compromise with crime similar to the Wild West.

The third difference in this gun control struggle for the nation’s soul safe congressional seats was most dramatically demonstrated by the 17 out of 18 voting Black members of Congress who voted with the police chiefs and against the NRA.

Their collective vote was the ultimate irony.

Blacks commit a disproportion percentage of the nation’s crimes, especially murders and armed robberies. In voting to retain stronger gun controls, Black members of Congress also enjoyed the luxury of thumbing their collective ethnic noses at the NRA branch of government.

Back in 1850, William Makepeace Thackeray nailed the power of the press the fourth estate.

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The International Youth Exchange.
Two A&T experiments to fly on next space shuttle flight

By WADE NASH
Staff Writer

The A&T Space Shuttle Team will put Dr. Ron McNair, lost in the challenger explosion, back into orbit again when it flies two experiments on NASA's Getaway Program. McNair inspired a group of students to write proposals for space shuttle experiments. The two involving crystals and arthropods, or milkweed bugs, were accepted and will be conducted during a future shuttle flight.

"We're going to put a picture of Dr. McNair on top of our space shuttle experiment, and as far as we're concerned he's going back into space," said Antonia Lambert, an A&T chemistry graduate student, who submitted the crystal experiment in 1978 while an A&T undergrad. A&T's space shuttle team demonstrated its crystal and arthropod experiments to sixth-grade students in the Greensboro Gifted and Talented Program, plus gave the students a tour of the Bon McNair Space Shuttle Lab located on the third floor of Marteena Hall. Lambert became the first Black sales representative for Phillips Petroleum's rubber division. She said she was recruited back to A&T by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. William DeLauder.

"The instructors in the A&T chemistry department are really concerned with the success of their students," Lambert said. "And there's always interaction between student and faculty to help the student succeed."

Franklin Hooker, a graduate student in electrical engineering, has worked five years in the shuttle program and works with the arthropod experiment. McNair's death set the entire space shuttle program back," Hooker said. "It was a difficult tragedy for all of us because he was so closely involved with all of us. We intend to engrave his name and mount his picture on the experiment structure."

Crystal will be grown on the shuttle and compared to crystals grown on Earth.

"We want to grow our crystal in outer space and compare it with the crystals grown on Earth as far as physical property is concerned."

The milkweed-bug experiment will be conducted simultaneously on Earth and in space. The milkweed bugs will mate in hioiseille glass containers with the same light, shuttle vibrations (simulated on Earth), day and timing. The only difference will be weightlessness, Ahrens said. And if there's a difference in the newborn bugs they can relate it to the weightlessness factors he added.

"If we see that the milkweed bugs are affected by being born in space,"

Ahrens said, "then this should be a signal to us that humans born in space might be affected. By studying simpler systems like insects we may gain insight into what might happen to humans.

The Chemistry Department Chairwoman Dr. Vallie Guthrie and associate physics professor Dr. Stuart Ahrens work closely with the program.

NASA has been paid $5,000, it took to hold the space on the shuttle. The program has cost more than $250,000; 25 percent of that has gone to the 78 students (in the form of stipends) who have worked in the program since 1980.


"We want to see if we can use the weightlessness of the space shuttle environment to grow a more perfect crystal," Ahrens said. "By a more perfect crystal we mean a crystal that has fewer defects in its internal structure, and more perfect faces on the outside."

Jonathan Hampton, Karen Sibdury, Franklin Hooker and Saundra Flowers are members of the shuttle support team. The A&T program is a research and educational program centered around its students and NASA's program.

Kevin Hooker displays space shuttle experiment to gifted and talented students.

Hooker said, "It's been a good experience and the students involved got a lot of hands-on experience that you normally don't get in an academic program."

The program is open to A&T students only. The team will be looking for members next year.

"We're looking for science majors to work with the crystal growth team," Lambert said. "Once the crystal comes back there has to be testing."

Dr. Jerry Bennett, biology, Dr. Vallie Guthrie, chemistry, Mgr. Wayne Crigger, and Dr. Ali Abul-Fadl, electrical engineering, and Dr. Kumar Punwani, mechanical engineering and Dr. Stuart Ahrens, physics are the faculty advisors for the program.
The aftermath of Aggie Fest.

Photo by Jay Hall

Bill Cosby to perform

Bill Cosby, one of the true stars in the entertainment industry today, will perform at the Greensboro Coliseum May 24, at 8 p.m., in his only North Carolina performance. Bill Cosby performs in-the-round, aided by four giant video screens which emphasize facial expressions.

Cosby's comic career includes the Fat Albert cartoon, TV commercials, numerous albums, the Johnny Carson Show, and his number one hit series "The Cosby Show." His unique style is brought to the stage in a one-man performance.

Tickets are $15.50 and $18.50 and are on sale at the Greensboro Coliseum Box Office and all Ticketron locations. All seats are reserved.

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To the dream that seemed so far away.

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