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Homecoming activities scheduled to begin today

A&T's annual Homecoming, Oct. 3 to 11, looms as one of the biggest ever, according to Dr. Sullivan Welborne, chairman of the Homecoming Committee.

The theme for the event, will be "Royal Splendor in Aggieland."

"Plans are in place for a tremendous celebration," said Welborne. "We expect upwards of 20,000 alumni and friends to come to Greensboro for the Homecoming."

The event is promoted by the university, the Student Government Association and the A&T National Alumni Association.

Student activities will begin Friday, Oct. 3, with a candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Holland Bowl. A gospel music program will be held in Harrison Auditorium on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6, the SGA will sponsor an "Outrageous Aggies Contem Connexx" at 6 p.m. in Williams Cafeteria.

A highlight of the student celebration will be the coronation of Miss Stephanie Tidwell of Passaic, N. J., as "Miss A&T State University."

The coronation will be held at 8 p.m. in the Corbett Sports Center, followed by a reception in the Memorial Student Union ballroom.

A student pep rally will be held Friday, Oct. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Plaza, followed by a bonfire at 7:15 p.m. and a pre-dawn dance in Moore Gym beginning at 1 a.m.

The annual Aggie Homecoming golf tournament will be held Friday, beginning at 8 a.m. in Bryan Park.

The A&T National Alumni Association will sponsor a reception and meeting of class coordinators at 8 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Four Seasons Friday, Oct. 10.

The association's pre-dawn dance will be that night at 11 p.m. in the Greensboro Sheraton.

The Chancellor's Leadership Breakfast will be Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in Williams Cafeteria. The annual mile-long A&T Homecoming parade will be held in East Greensboro Saturday at 10 a.m.

Man charged in five-car accident

By MARCELYN BLAKELEY
Special to the Register

A Winston-Salem man involved in a five-car accident Monday in front of Graham Hall has been charged with driving while consuming alcohol, according to campus police.

The man, Elijah Maurice McNeil, was also charged with driving the wrong way on a one-way street and reckless driving.

The cars damaged in the accident were a 1986 Subaru, a 1976 Toyota, a 1965 Ford and a 1984 Honda and McNeil's 1979 Mazda.

Total damage to the cars was estimated at $8,000.

According to officer Charles Jenkins, the accident occurred while McNeil was putting his car in reverse. Jenkins said McNeil collided with another vehicle.

A&T gets another clean audit

By DAPHINE M. PAGE
Associate News Editor

Chancellor Fort has renewed his pledge to keep A&T's fiscal affairs sound, following the school's second consecutive clean audit during his five-year tenure.

Fort, in an interview, said one of his 14 priorities "continues to be to maintain the fiscal integrity of this university."

"Five years ago I made the commitment to the state and the university system that this administration would take the action necessary to revitalize our fiscal affairs," Fort said in an interview last night. "We are maintaining that commitment."

The clean audit means that A&T's financial books do not contain any deficiencies that violate federal and state guidelines.

Prior to Fort's arrival, A&T received several critical audits for unbalanced checkbooks, uncollected debts, unpaid bills, and misspent funds.

In 1977 the State Auditor's Office reported that A&T's books were so bad, they could not be audited. Fort inherited those financial problems when he arrived in 1981 and received critical audits until last year.

Fort said the clean audits are a result of the good work of the fiscal affairs staff he has appointed.

"I am tremendously pleased with the comments presented to the office by the state auditor," Fort said.

"The fiscal affairs staff and the auditors staff are doing a tremendous job under the leadership of Vice Chancellor (Charles) McIntyre."

The state auditor praised A&T for the clean books.

"I have noted in reviewing the audit report that your agency has done a very good job maintaining fiscal accountability," stated State Auditor Edward Rentrow in the report.

"I would like to commend you and your staff for a job well done."
Congress overrides South Africa sanctions

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Senate, rejecting President Reagan's veto and ignoring threats of retaliation from Pretoria, has voted into law stiff economic sanctions against South Africa.

Senators voted 78-21 Thursday, getting well over the two-thirds needed to override the veto.

The vote ended a yearlong battle between the White House and Congress over U.S. policy toward South Africa's white-minority government.

Suit challenges judges election

RALEIGH (UPI) - Ten blacks and one native American filed suit in U.S. District Court in Raleigh Thursday to block statewide election of Superior Court Judges, lawyers for the plaintiffs said.

The class action suit maintains that at least eight judicial districts could be drawn with enough minority voters to elect blacks or Native Americans as judges, and that the current system of electing judges violates the Voting Rights Act.

Charles Hobson Jr., one of the lawyers for the plaintiffs, said blacks and Native Americans cannot get elected if judges continue to be selected on a statewide basis.

The suit also seeks to carve out single-judge districts where blacks or native Americans would form a majority.

Hobson said the suit is a "natural progression" of legal decisions that compelled single member legislative districts and later applied the Voting Rights Act to the election of Superior Court judges.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said they will seek a preliminary injunction to block the Nov. 4 election until the suit is resolved.

Robson said if the motion is granted, current judges will continue in office until the election is held so the courts would not be disrupted.

James White, one of the plaintiffs in the suit, said minorities deserve to be represented on the bench.

"This is just representative of the mix we have in this country," White said. "This country was founded on the basis of being a melting pot, and yet we are denied full participation."

The House voted to override the veto earlier this week.

Reagan, despite warnings that Congress would defy him, vetoed the bill Sept. 26 and argued that quiet diplomacy is needed to persuade Pretoria to abandon its racial segregation policies known as apartheid.

The sanctions package, he said, would hurt blacks already living under oppressive conditions.

But Senators who supported sanctions, led by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, maintained that Reagan was out of touch with the international community and the American public on the South Africa issue.

Lugar's unusual position against the administration caused bitter Republican-against-Republican clashes.

GOP leader Robert Dole of Kansas supported Reagan, although Dole admitted Thursday before the final debate began that Reagan's cause was lost.

The veto override was a sharp foreign policy defeat for Reagan and came just nine days before a surprise superpower session in Iceland where he will go one on one with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Lugar gave an impassioned speech before the final vote.

"We are against tyranny and tyranny is in South Africa," Lugar said. "We're not destroying that government. That government is self-destructing."

The U.S. sanctions prohibit all new investment in South Africa, and add uranium, coal, textiles and agricultural products to the existing list of embargoed trade commodities. Effective in 90 days, the sanctions also cancel landing rights for South African Airways.
Entertainment Spotlight

Osborne and Baker

Top stars of '80s appear at the Coliseum

By Brandon Bowman
Special to the Register

December 7, 1986

The dynamic Jeffrey Osborne along with sultry Anita Baker will perform at the Greensboro Coliseum tonight at 8 o'clock.

Jeffrey Osborne is known for his elegantly polished vocals displayed through his many popular ballads.

His current album, Emotional, his fourth on the A&M label, signifies his diversity and style which has resulted in millions of record sales. The contents of Emotional range from his usual beautiful ballads such as "You Should Be Mine (The Woo Woo Song)" to radical funky upbeat tunes like "Soweto." "Soweto" describes the conditions of black townships of South Africa.

In 1969, Osborne's vocal gift was widely recognized after he joined the group LTD and became the lead singer. With hits such as "Love Ballad" and "Back in Love Again," Osborne led LTD to the top of the national charts with his crystal clear voice and talents as a drummer and songwriter.

His 10 years with LTD also gave him the opportunity to produce some of the most popular tunes of the '70s. Osborne left LTD for a solo career in 1979. With the help of jazz musician George Duke, his debut solo album in 1980 launched what has turned out to be a successful career.

Scheduled to perform with Osborne is Anita Baker.

Combining sassy blues, scatty jazz and powerhouse soul, Anita Baker has established herself as a major rhythm and blues star.

Her latest Elektra LP, Rapture, which recently reached the No. 2 position on Billboard magazine's Top Black Album Chart, is a tight production which shows off the artist's command of diverse styles.

Its hit single, "Sweet Love," is performing as well on the charts as Baker herself, critics say, does on stage. The other tracks, most notably the tender "You Bring Me Joy" and the funky uptempo "Been So Long" should as well.

The Detroit native debuted on vinyl as a solo artist in 1983 with The Songstress. With her current release, she assumed some of the writing and producing chores in addition to lead vocals.

Rapture boasts a warm, ambitious helping of non-synthesized music reminiscent of the styles of Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald and early Aretha Franklin, to whom Baker has been compared.

Osborne and Baker will display diverse vocal styles in the Greensboro Coliseum tonight. Also, appearing is Oran "Juice" Jones with the popular song "The Rain."

However, this combination of classic soul and jazz techniques does not reduce the album to being simply an attempt to cash in on what has worked for other female artists of this genre.

Instead, Baker has the ability to borrow from her predecessors and mix their magic with her own smooth phrasing and passionate depth.

This makes Rapture a powerful set and a major contender for the "Queen of Soul" crown.

Also appearing with Osborne and Baker is Oran "Juice" Jones who holds the current No. 2 position on Billboard's Black Singles Chart with "The Rain" on the Def Jam label.

Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Coliseum box office and all Ticketron locations.

(Contributing to this story was Marcellyn Blakely)
Well done!

Congratulations! A&T has had clean financial books for two consecutive years.

The school’s financial debt began in the 70s and was so bad at one point that a State Auditor said he could not audit A&T’s books. It was then that the school began to receive negative publicity about finances. Checkbooks were unbalanced. Funds were improperly spent. Bills were unpaid. Debts were growing. A&T owed millions.

The school became the media’s target. Every time there was something negative involving A&T, the media pounced upon it. It did not appear that the media cared to report that A&T was trying to get its finances in order. The financial problems came to symbolize all that could be wrong with the school.

Now, the bad publicity concerning the finances, is finally over because of the good audits.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort has promised to keep the school’s fiscal affairs in order so that this problem won’t happen again.

The clean audit means that there are no deficiencies in A&T’s financial books which says the school does not violate federal and state guidelines.

It is hoped that the chancellor and his fiscal affairs staff will continue their good work. A&T does not need the debt nor the bad publicity. And the university community needs confidence that that this great institution is sound.

The administration should be commended for a job well done. With all the debt the school was in, one would think that it would never have gotten out. But with the hard work of the chancellor and his staff, it looks like we’ve made it.

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Stanley elected

WARREN MCNEILL III
News Editor

William Thomas Stanley, executive assistant to A&T's SGA President Michael Brunson, has been elected speaker pro tempore of the legislature of the University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments.

Stanley was elected during the organization's conference held Aug. 30 at UNCWilmington.

His responsibilities will include assisting the legislature's board of directors which is composed of the SGA presidents of the 16 UNC campuses. He will also preside over the 64-delegate legislature when his speaker is absent.

"As a member of the UNCASG I've learned that we, as students, and the unity of the student body have a great impact upon the governing of our campus," Stanley said.

Stanley said he has set three goals for his term.

"First, I would like to help make the black schools in the UNC system better," he said.

"Secondly, I would like students on campus to address any concerns regarding the environment of our school system, whether it be academic or governmental, to me.

"Lastly, I would like to increase the black schools involvement in the policy making of the UNC system. Combined we're not larger but we can make a difference," Stanley said, referring to the black schools.

Stanley, 20, is a computer science major with a minor in marketing. He is from Washington, N.C.

CORRECTION BOX

An article in last week's A&T Register, "Marching Machine: Entertaining is their game," incorrectly quoted Jimmie Wright. The cause of former band member Todd Harrell's death is unknown. The Register regrets this error.

SGA schedules Hands Across A&T

By DAPHNE M. PAGE
Associate News Editor

Hands Across A&T, an SGA-sponsored event to raise $10,000 to help students attend A&T and Bennett College, has been scheduled for February.

"Education is a means to a better future," said Carlos Hicks, SGA vice president for internal affairs. "The aim of the project is to bring out student participation and to promote education.

"The unique quality about this project is that patrons are the students." Hicks said the proposed date for the event is February 1, marking the beginning of Black History Month.

The date also marks the anniversary of the beginning of the sit-in movement which started in Greensboro in 1960 by four A&T students.

Hicks said he hopes students from A&T and Bennett will join hands and form a line from Memorial Student Union to Bennett College.

The money will be used to help students with financial need attend the university. The SGA will distribute the funds based on criteria set by the financial aid office.

"I am looking forward to the participation from A&T students and I truly believe that Aggie Pride is definitely back," Hicks said.

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ALPHA PI MU is sponsoring a seminar on “Responsiveness of Engineers and Engineering Students,” Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 2 p.m. in Room 001 Dudley Building. The speaker will be Dr. Arup Mallik, chairperson of Industrial Engineering. All engineering majors are invited to attend.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY presents its first annual car show Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Union Parking Lot. Applications must be submitted on or before Oct. 9 in Room 107 Price Hall by 5 p.m.

MATHEMATICS TUTORING for students in grades 5-12 will be offered at A&T starting Saturday, Sept. 20 through Nov. 29, 1986. The 10 session math tutorial lab will be from 10 a.m. to noon in Hodgin Hall. For cost and further information contact Patricia F. O’Connor, Office of Continuing Education (919) 334-7607.

A&T FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR presents COLLEGE GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA ‘86, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. Featured guests will be choirs from North Carolina.

A&T ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP GOSPEL CHOIR presents a Gospel Choir Reunion Saturday, Oct. 11, at 8 p.m. in COGIC Cathedral, Home of Wells Memorial Church. They will be featured in concert with A&T’s Fellowship Gospel Choir. Admission is free.

MISS A&T’S CORONATION will be held Oct. 9, in Corbett Sports Center at 8 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony. It will be held in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

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Polite rushes Aggies past Morgan State

By WADE NASH
Staff Writer

Stoney Polite’s 104 yards rushing and two touchdowns led A&T to a 40-23 defeat of Morgan State University, pushing the Aggies record to 4-0.

The Morgan State team proved more difficult than their 24 consecutive losses coming into the game indicated.

For three quarters on the overcast Saturday afternoon, the overmatched Morgan Bears matched the Aggies nearly point for point.

"Our players played hard even if they didn’t execute well," Forte said. "Morgan State played well, and we didn’t.

"We were coming off two emotional wins, and we came out flat. It was a tough day, but I’m happy to come away with a win."

On the first series, the Aggies lost Herbert Harbison, who was the leading receiver in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference going into the game.

"I was trying to block the defensive back and my leg just buckled under me," Harbison said. "I’ll probably be back next week."

Harbison was averaging seven catches per game.

"Losing him took something away from our game," Forte said.

Quarterback Alan Hooker had to rely on wide receivers Arnold Drummer and Anthony Best, and tight end Joe Johnson.

Hooker scattered 11 completions between them for 116 yards.

The 5’10’’ Polite had to shoulder a larger role after Harbison’s injury. He was up to the task.

"I think Polite is an All-America candidate," said running back coach George Riggsdale. "He’s rushed for over 100 yards for the third consecutive time."

Polite leads the MEAC in scoring with 53 points, and in rushing with 418 yards in four games.

Derrick Wooson was first to score in the game, kicking field goals from 24 and 32 yards after early drives stalled.

The Aggies “Nasty Dog Defense” gave up big plays in the first three quarters, but regrouped.

"We were inconsistent," said defensive coordinator Ray Petty. "They played hard and had some mental breakdowns, but they played tough in the fourth quarter when they had to."

The Aggies will face rival J. G. Smith University in Charlotte. Petty anticipates another hard-fought game from a team with a losing record. Smith has won one of three games this year.

"Smith always plays us a tough and real hard game," Petty said. "They get fired up to play us, and they’ve got a good ball club."

"They gave us trouble last year, and we had to make some adjustments at halftime after they jumped to a lead on us."

Smith defeated Bowie State 42-6 last week. That was a confidence booster for the Golden Bulls, Forte said.

"We certainly will have to execute well and continue to do the things we do best," Forte said. "I expect another tough contest. It certainly doesn’t get any easier."

Stoney Polite. (44) the leading rusher and scorer in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference slides outside allowing Keith Matthews to block a Morgan State defender. Polite scored two touchdowns to lead the Aggies to their second MEAC win. Photos by W. Nash

Aggie linebacker Vernon Davis drags down a Morgan State runner for a loss. Davis, and the “Nasty Dog Defense,” played tough in the fourth quarter to keep the Aggies undefeated season in tact.

Photo by W. Nash

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A&T official tours GM facilities

Representatives from A&T and 11 other predominantly black colleges received a close look at the automotive industry during the General Motors Flint-area Minority Institutions Conference.

"Our primary goal was to familiarize administrators and educators with various GM Flint-area products and manufacturing and assembly technologies," said Calvin L. Wright, conference chairman.

"We also hope they gained an awareness of the career opportunities available in the Flint (Mich.) area for their students.

In addition to A&T, the participating schools were: Atlanta University; Florida A & M; Howard University; Prairie View A & M; Southern University in Louisiana; Hampton University; Hampton Institute in Virginia; Texas A & M; Norfolk State in Virginia; and Tennessee State.

The college officials toured eight GM facilities. They viewed advanced techniques as electronic welding, laser cutting operations, robotics, computer-aided design and electronic instrumentation.

The tours were highlighted by presentations from more than 40 employees who operate programs involving cooperative education, summer internships and graduate training.

The employees work with students from the schools represented by the university officials.

"The students are currently employed in such disciplines as accounting, industrial technology and electrical and manufacturing engineering," Wright noted. "We wanted the college officials to see how their students have benefited from practical experience in the workplace."

The conference was sponsored by GM's Flint-area facilities.

Davis wins scholarship

Board and producer of "Consumer Corner" reports for WNAA, the campus radio station.

She is also a member of the National Association of Broadcasters Minority Broadcast Student Tracking Program.

Davis attended Dudley High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and the Ensemble Theatre Company.

She works part-time for the Greenboro News & Record. She was selected for the scholarship by faculty members.

Coronation set

The Coronation of Stephanie Tidwell, Miss A&T 1986-87 will begin the Homecoming festivities Thursday, Oct. 9 in Corbett Sports Center at 8 p.m.

"Regal Splendor In Aggie Land" is the theme for this year's Homecoming. The committee members in charge of preparation for the Coronation are elated over the progress that has been made toward making the ceremonies a reflection of the Homecoming theme.

Immediately following the Coronation, there will be a reception for the A&T family and friends in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

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