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A&T's crowded parking conditions increases

WADE MEACHAM
Special to the Register

Despite crowded parking conditions around classroom buildings, parking at A&T is not a major problem this year, according to Marvin H. Watkins, chairperson of the Traffic and Parking Committee.

"Our parking situation here is not acute at all," Watkins said. "We have some minor parking situations that need to be resolved and I think they will be resolved by the addition of the new parking areas in 1987."

These areas will become available in June when Ronald McNair Hall, the new engineering building, opens. It is surrounded by more than 200 parking spaces available for cars with A, B, or C parking permits.

According to University Police statistics, about 3,265 parking permits have been issued this year, including those issued to evening students and individuals with

more than one car registered on campus.

The university has 17 parking areas for cars with "A" stickers, 12 for "B" stickers and 7 for "C" stickers. Cars with "A" stickers can also be parked in "B" and "C" areas and cars with "B" stickers can be parked in "C" lots.

During peak class hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, the "A" parking areas around classroom buildings are full and are parked in tow-away zones against the curbs.

At the same time, rarely are more than 10 cars parked in the "C" lot off East Market Street next to the A&T tennis courts.

If students would park their cars and walk from one classroom building to another rather than drive, much of the parking problem around the classroom building would be resolved, Watkins said.

When students are willing to walk, plenty of parking spaces are available, he said, adding that another underused student

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Photo by Wade Nash

A&T's parking conditions continue to get worst causing students and teachers to receive parking tickets.

Engineering building has new features

MARCELYN BLAKELY
Staff Writer

The new \$8.5 million engineering building is expected to be completed by the end of the Spring semester, said Dr. Suresh Chandra, dean of the school of engineering.

"This will be the first major allocation from the state of North Carolina," Chandra said.

The facility was built to accommodate increased enrollment in the engineering department.

"The building is six stories high and 94,000 square feet. Construction of the building consists of a covered walkway to Cherry and Graham Hall," he said.

According to Chancellor Edward B. Fort, the building

will increase the university's well known posture in the high tech arena.

The new features and facilities within the building will be a big asset to teachers as well as students.

"With regard to the building it has such innovative features as a solar laboratory, teleconferences, 350-seat auditorium, computer laboratory, broad band televideo data coaxial network, 100-seat lecture rooms, sanitary environmental and construction material laboratory for civil engineering," Fort said.

He said the building will also have other accommodations including special assimilation laboratory for the department of chemical engineering.



Photo by J. Hall

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State, National and International News

Black cabbie dies after arrest

NEW YORK (UPI)-- A part-time cabbie who died after police hogtied him had been involved in a dispute with a customer and was begging an elderly couple to call police for help when he was arrested, a lawyer said Monday.

"How is it that a black man finds himself in trouble and after a desperate cry for help, finds himself dead in the hands of the New York City police?" C. Vernon Mason, a lawyer for the family of Wajid Abdul Salaam, asked at a new conference.

Mason disputed the results of preliminary medical tests that showed Salaam had high levels of cocaine in his blood. He demanded an investigation of the city's controversial medical examiner, Dr. Elliot Gross.

Mason, who successfully demanded that Special Prosecutor Charles Hynes handle the case of a racially motivated killing in Howard Beach in New York City's Borough of Queens, also called for Hynes to take charge of the Salaam case and have the eight officers involved arrested.

But Mason said Salaam was driving his taxi in the area and was involved in a dispute with a customer when he rushed to the home for help.

"He went to the door asking for the police," Mason said.

But when two uniformed officers arrived in a cruiser, Salaam did not believe they were legitimate police officers and continued to pound on the door, eventually breaking a window in the storm door, Mason said.

Police said they called for help from five more officers and a sergeant after Salaam shouted incoherently and bit an officer on the hand.

Gross examined Salaam after he was pronounced dead on arrival at St. John's-Queens Hospital and said he found "no significant injuries."

The dead man's wife, Khalimah, a city corrections officer, said she saw fresh bruises on his face and Dr. Steven Reiner, the emergency room director at St. John's, said he also had cuts and bruises on his body.

Gross, cleared by Hynes last May of misconduct charges stemming from autopsies he performed on Eleanor Bumpurs and Michael Stewart, two blacks whose deaths sparked controversy, left the state for a meeting Monday and was

unavailable for comment.

"We stand by our statement. They are making allegations and we're going to do our best to dispel them," said Francine Cariti, spokeswoman for Gross.

In a statement issued last week, Gross said he found "a high level" of cocaine and indications other drugs were present in Salaam's blood. Cariti said the cause of death may be

determined by Tuesday.

Independent cocaine tests were not conducted because St. John's doctors failed to forward enough blood to a lab to run a battery of drug tests, Reiner said. Only tests for aspirin and barbituates were taken and both showed no trace of the drugs. The remaining blood was given to Gross, Reiner said.

The Salaam case has further

raised the ire of the black community, already angry over Bumpurs' killing by a white officer during an eviction and Stewart's death after he was hogtied by white officers.

Police in the Stewart case were acquitted and the manslaughter trial of Officer Stephen Sullivan, who shot Bumpurs, is expected to wrap

up this week.

"They took him to an all-

white precinct and they murdered him," Sonny Carson, head of Black Men

Against Crack, said of Salaam. "It's going to be a long, hot summer. You (white New Yorkers) pushed us."



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Entertainment Spotlight

Hyman's release gets attention

BRANDON M. BOWMAN
Special to the Register

In the movies, a "sleeper" is a film that is highly acclaimed and received, but has been mostly overlooked by the general public. If this term also refers to albums, Phyllis Hyman's "Living All Alone" is definitely a sleeper.

Hyman's latest release on Capitol's Manhattan Records is a collection of smooth, sexy, and undeniably soulful sounds. This artist, however was sorely overlooked by record buyers for quite a while.

The most popular cut from this Lp is "Old Friends." This song was written by the late Linda Creed Epstein who wrote, among others, "The Greatest Love of All (with Michael Masser)" - a song that is nominated for a Grammy this year.

This song tells a melancholy story of a woman who invites an old lover back into her life. This maybe one of the most beautiful songs to come along in a very long time.

Other notable tracks form this Lp are the title song "Living All Alone" which finds

Hyman desperate for companionship, and "First Time Together" which reveals the singers' anticipation of her first date with a certain beau.

"Slow Dancin'" is one of the catchiest tunes and could be a successful single.

Hyman closes her excruciatingly short nine-song set with a cover of "What You Won't Do For Love." It is an

interesting interpretation of a cut that was originally a Peabo Bryson/Natalie Cole duet.

Hyman's performance proves to be real reason that this sleeper recorder has finally found its audience. Her deep, rich, sensual voice is nothing short of a joy to listen to.

She is a welcomed addition to the resurgence of real soul singing brought back by the

likes of Whitney Houston and Anita Baker.

Especially in the Greensboro area, record stores have realized that the unexpected popularity of what is almost a year old release which makes it difficult to keep the Phyllis Hyman album in stock. But, no matter how difficult it is to find, "Living All Alone" shouldn't be missed.





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5. "Ballerina Girl" Lionel Richie (Motown)
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7. "Serious" Donna Allen (21 Records)
8. "You Got It All" The Jets (MCA)
9. "Take It To the Limit" Ray, Goodman & Brown (EMI-America)
10. "As We Lay" Shirley Murdock (Elektra)

Points of View

Professors

In last week's issue of *The A&T Register* there was an issue published about A&T professors in politics. It was great to hear how these professors battle there teaching profession along side their political career.

While teaching maybe a taste of its own it was wonderful to know that A&T not only has such great professors but they go a bit further not only to assist students in education but the community as well.

The political position of these instructors range from County Commissioners, City Council, to running for mayor. These factors which many may not have been aware of were brought to light in the article.

Some of the instructors have not only stopped at one position but have went a step further or higher to achieve other positions within the City of Greensboro.

For example, Katie Dorsett, a former member of the Greensboro City Council and business education instructor here on campus has went a step further to obtain the seat of County Commissioner.

And while Dorsett was giving up her seat on the City Council. Another A&T instructor, Anna Simkins was standing back waiting to take on where Dorsett had left off.

Which goes to say not only are these politicians aggressive but demanding as well. It is hope that students who hold an interest for politics get in touch with these professors and make them their mentors.

With their profession and political careers one would think that they would be great leaders to follow.

Who knows one day one of these professors could become the Mayor of Greensboro, Governor of North Carolina and maybe even take a bigger step to President of the United States.

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'AMERIKA' MINISERIES AIRS

WARREN MCNEILL III
 Managing Editor

Everybody's moaning or laughing about ABC's mega-miniseries "Amerika," which deals with the Soviet takeover of the United States. But the two competing networks have kept quiet, at least until this week when a new NBC promo hit the airwaves.

It pictures a family sitting in a living room watching TV. The announcer says, "In America, we have the freedom of choice," and then it cuts to the tube, where a man is speaking Russian, obviously it's "Amerika."

The wife turns to her husband and says, "Harry, this is boring." The husband gets up and changes the channel while the announcer says, "On Sunday, why not watch a fun movie: *The Facts of Life Down Under*. It'll make you feel great." The action cuts back to the happy looking family, now watching "Facts of Life."

"... And isn't that the American way," concludes the announcer.

A&T wears badge for history

Letter to the editor:

A&T is an institution that holds a distinguished place in recorded history and undeniably holds the potential to affect what will be read in history books that have yet to be written.

Historically, we are credited with the start of the great sit in movement. This is because four young men from A&T sat down at a segregated lunch counter on Feb. 1, 1960 in a downtown Greensboro Woolworth store and demanded service. This defying act pinned a badge on A&T.

A&T wears a badge of student awareness, concern, and action. We know how that badge has gleamed in the light of social justice in the past.

However, will it be as radiant in the future? Is there disparity between the qualities of the entity it represents? There are those who would be

doubtful in responding to the first question and emphatic in their response to the second.

Administrators and students alike speak of the blanket indifference and lethargy of the A&T students with regard to matters of social, political, and even campus activities. The students "we had back then" are compared to the students "we have now."

To those who engage in passing this judgment based on said comparison, I am curious as to who the students "we had back then" were.

Who were those four young men who did the brave thing they did? Were they cut from a homogenous fabric therefore being representative in mind, attitude and other qualities of the entire student body "back then."

Or, were they four individual young men from different experiences and backgrounds with a sense of, and a longing for justice who

moved a student body "back then."

If the former assumption is true, then probably every student in the university would have gone to that Woolworth lunch counter in 1960, and the all encompassing judgment of indifference and lethargy passed on the present student body by some would have a certain level of validity when viewed comparatively.

However, if the latter is true, then there are some parallels that need to be drawn and learned from, and some alterations that need to be made in some individuals perceptions and discussions of the condition of the present student body.

First, the realization must be met that the issues on the agenda of the socially active, whatever they may be, are not and may have never burned in the hearts of every man and woman.

This could be for reasons of

ignorance, lack of exposure, or just not caring. Whatever the reasons, this is a socially axiomatic statement.

Given this, the conclusion can be reached that Greensboro Four were not cut from a homogenous fabric, which leaves us with, among other things, a case study on the tactics of motivating a body of people with varied priorities, experiences, and backgrounds to become involved.

A body of people very much like the students here at A&T today. There is no basic difference in the composition between the students "back then" and the students now.

There are differences in times, the structure of our problems, environment, and the tactics and rhetoric employed by our leaders.

Just as the Greensboro Four were aware, concerned and led to an action that is attributed with creating a movement, a few students here at A&T today were aware of the importance and power of the vote, concerned about where A&T was on the priority list of public officials, and acted to register the student body.

Everyone wasn't interested at first, but because these few students, as did the Greensboro Four, came together in the name of a cause that was just and legitimate, over 4000 Aggies became registered voters which affected the attitudes and actions of people in important places.

A few students were aware of the situation in Forsyth County, Georgia, and were concerned about the implications a situation such as that could have because they were mindful that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," and acted to send a bus load of students to participate in a massive non-violent march in Forsyth County.

Not everyone was interested at first, but because the cause was just and legitimate, a bus on which I had the blessing to be on. The bus was full and two more could possibly have

been filled easily.

This action was completely consistent with the concept of Aggie Pride being nationwide. There are important parallels between the leaders and students "we had back then" and the ones "we have now." Furthermore there are parallels between the way mass student involvement was initiated then and now.

We should take heed to the lessons of history, and the present. To expect the masses of A&T students to one day stand up as a whole and declare their readiness to become involved is quixotic.

On the other hand, failing to realize there are people willing and ready to work and further deeming an entire body of people as indifferent and lethargic is unscholarly, unfair, and indicative of a certain myopia.

To these Aggies who are involved, and who are aware and concerned, do not be discouraged with what is a seeming blanket indifference towards important issues on the part of the student body.

For some just do not and will not care, and this is a human nature.

But learn the lessons from our own experiences that one or a few can make a difference. Take not that a small pebble tossed in a lake will cause a rippling effect. Dare to be that pebble!

The badge that was pinned on A&T was not because of everyone. It was pinned because a few people with a sense of justice, equality, and truth stood up, and in their standing elevated and distinguished an entire institution.

This can be done today. As long as there are a few who are aware of, concerned in, and that will act on the truth, A&T will continue to be elevated because the truth yesterday is the truth today. Because of this, the badge is justly bestowed and will continue to shine.

Mark Anthony Middleton

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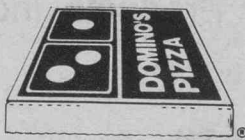


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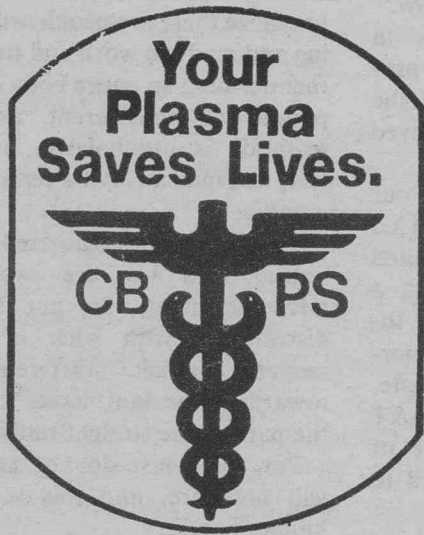
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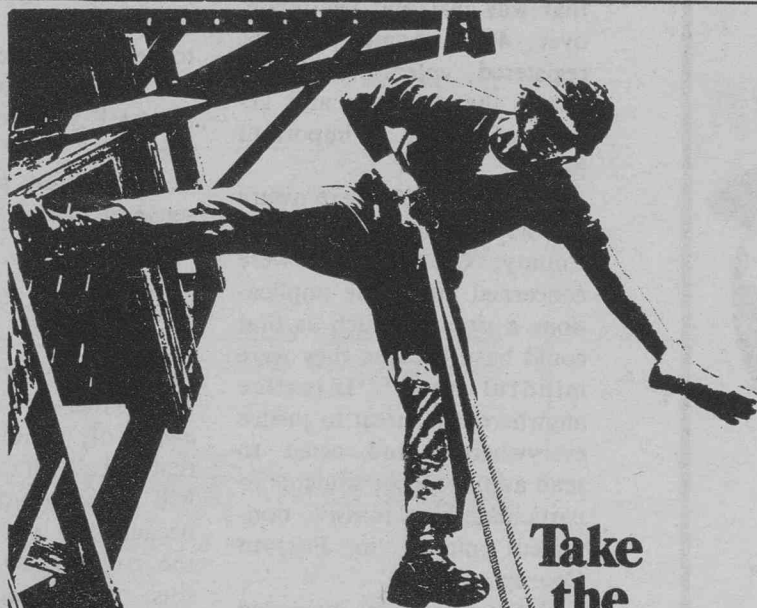


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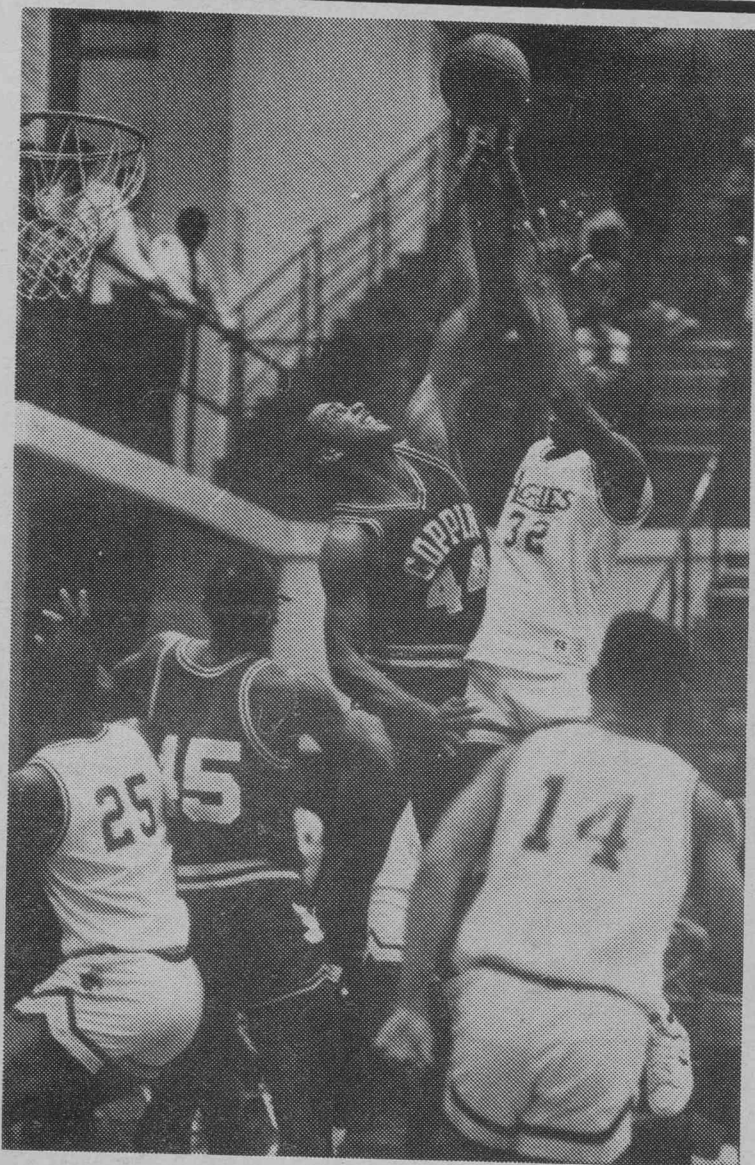


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Kenny Cox (32) attempts shot against Coppin State player in Wednesday nights contest.

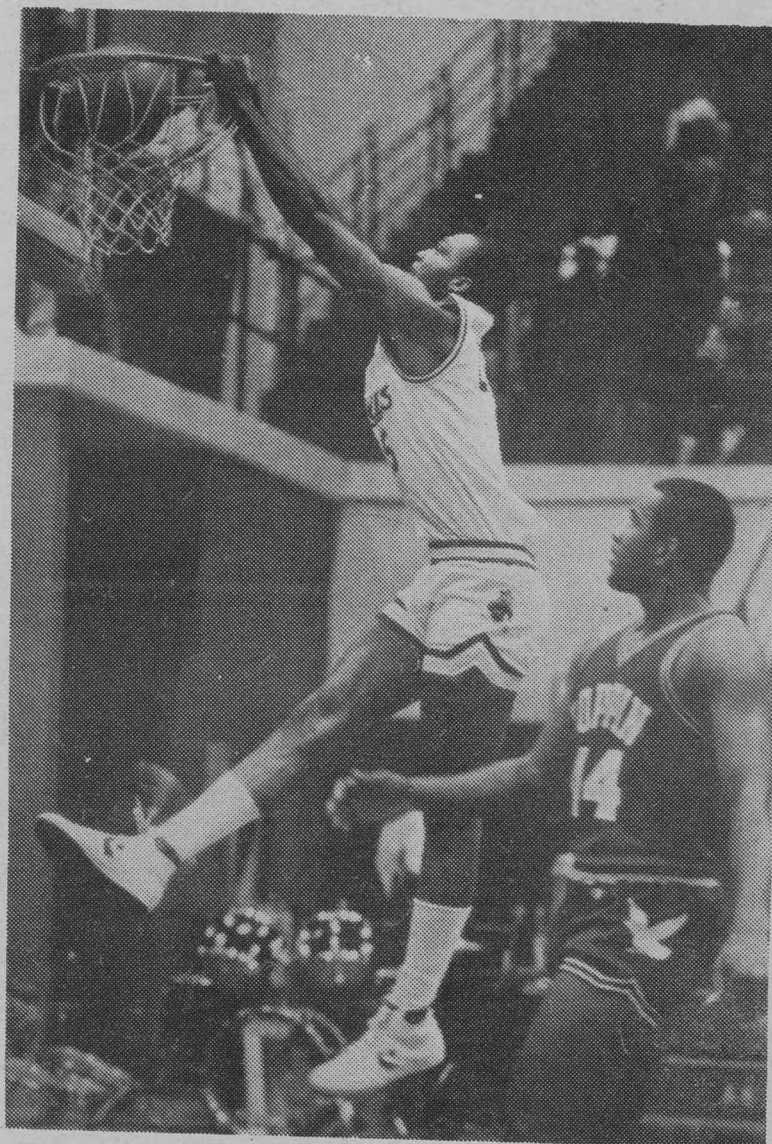


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Lee Robinson slams during the Aggies win Wednesday night against Coppin State.

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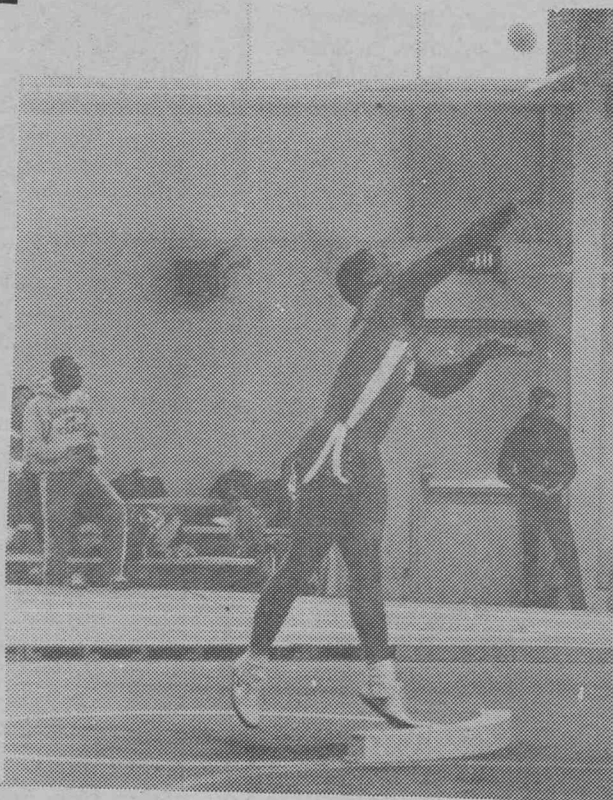


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Reggie Lee displays winning form while setting an MEAC indoor shot put record during indoor championships at Chapel Hill last week.

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Dear Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your loyal and consistent support you have shown the basketball team during the 1986-87 season. Your attendance and enthusiasm throughout ice and snow has ben a signifi-

cant factor that we sincerely appreciate.

We will continue to work hard to make you proud to be an Aggie.

Yours in Sports,

Don Corbett
Basketball Coach

Suicide increases among black males

By J.R. WILLIAMS
Co-NewsEditor

Suicide among black males is increasing due to the lack of strong support networks consisting of a strong family unit, close friends, social clubs, hobbies, and other interests, according to an A&T professor.

"When job, family or health problems arise and we are not thoroughly grounded in some kind of black support network, we're at a greater risk of suicide," says Dr. Robert Davis, a professor of Sociology at A&T and an expert in the study of suicide in black males.

Black males take their lives for a combination of reasons, but a main cause of suicide is caused by the low socioeconomic status of blacks.

"Our society holds up a sign that says men, regardless of color, should be the prime socioeconomic providers," Davis said.

Another group that is at high risk to commit suicide are young blacks who achieve middle-class status.

"They've usually migrated from home for economical reasons and have lost contact with family, close friends, and social institutions," Davis said.

Other factors that may contribute to suicide in black males are marital problems, abandonment of a spouse or lover, or loss of prestige.

"I don't think it's just one event that causes one to commit suicide," Davis said, "it's a growing process."

Davis said that black parents should start socializing their males, at an early age, to show their feelings.

"We must teach our boys how to relate to each other and how to relate to women,"

parking

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dent lot is across from Scott Hall on Laurell Street.

Both of the two "C" lots have sufficient parking but require students to walk a short distance to class, Watkins said.

He said that information his committee has collected indicates that it takes about 10 minutes to walk at a normal pace from one side of campus to the other.

Thus, Watkins said, the 10 minutes allotted between class changes is plenty of time for students to walk from any parking lot or building, if they do not stop to socialize.

The parking problem does not justify limiting the number of parking permits issued, Watkins said.

Davis said. "And also show them that it's all right to show their emotions."

"Community organization, program planning, community organization and communication of information also enables persons to receive, accept, and act on practical wisdom that can save many,

especially youth, from untimely deaths," Davis said.

"Family members and friends need to be aware of the warning signs a potential suicide victim may show," Davis said.

Some warning signs are verbal cues, changes in diet or sleeping habits, suddenly given away their possessions and long periods of anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse and a low energy level.

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"Before Vietnam all I knew

about suicide was what pastors and doctors said about it," Davis said. "No one did research on blacks, and I was interested in knowing about black suicide from the black's eyes."

Black males are four times as likely to be successful in a suicide attempt than females.

"Males usually use more lethal weapons, such as guns and knives more so than females," Davis said.

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