**Townes says caucus is having an impact**

**ESTHER WOODS**
Staff Writer

Despite opposition from white counterparts, the 23 members of the Congressional Black Caucus continue to fight for the rights of Blacks and to have an impact, according to Congressman Edolphus Towns.

Towns, a 1956 graduate of A&T, spoke to about 150 A&T students last Friday during a political science class lecture in Gibbs Hall. Towns, who represents Brooklyn, N.Y., succeeded Rep. Shirley Chisholm who did not run for reelection in 1982.

Each year, according to Towns, the Caucus proposes an alternative budget that is always voted down.

"We're spending too much money in the area of defense," Towns said. "We (the Caucus) try to put money where we feel it should go -- into education and into housing programs."

"We don't get discouraged when our budget is voted down. We believe as long as we keep working, the U.S. Congress will take our budget to work.

Towns says he believes the Caucus is making an impact in Congress because individual members are on important committees and they make sure that issues affecting blacks are heard.

"Every time we get a chance to go out and speak, this brings about more power," he said.

"The key is to encourage people all over to get involved in the process politically.

Addressing the lack of black congressmen from North Carolina, Towns, a native of Chadbourn which is three hours southeast of Greensboro, said blacks in the state should form coalitions to put blacks into office.

He called the state's dual primary "unconstitutional," saying it hurts blacks and keeps them out of Congress.

In North Carolina's dual primary system, a candidate in a primary must get more than 50 percent of the vote or a runoff is held between the two leaders. Several blacks have won primaries, but lost in the general election.

"The dual primary must go, because if you did not have it, you'd have a black in Congress right now -- Mickey Michaux," he said.

Towns said blacks and Democrats should do everything possible to encourage the Rev. Jesse Jackson, also an A&T alumnus, to run for president in 1988.

"If Democrats are smart they will use this to strengthen themselves because Jesse will register a lot of people to vote," he said.

"If you don't have a chance to go blindly with your eyes closed, we are not going to get anywhere," Towns said.

**Craig to receive award**

Dr. Quister Craig, dean of the School of Business at A&T, has been selected to receive the 1987 "Citation of Merit Award" given annually by the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Craig has served as dean of A&T since 1972.

Under his leadership, the school's business program became nationally accredited and A&T's accounting program became the first program at a historically black university and the first among the state universities to gain national accreditation.

**Aggie Fest to have an anti-apartheid theme**

**TRACY LETT**
Special to the Register

The week-long Aggie Fest will combine the theme of anti-apartheid in an entertainment environment during the week of April 21-24, according to Michael Brunson, SGA president.

"Anti-apartheid will still be the theme," Brunson said. "The chancellor is invited to deliver an address on the role of A&T in abolishing apartheid."

"To further enhance anti-apartheid, a Nelson Mandela scholarship will be given to an A&T student." Nelson Mandela is the jailed leader of the African National Congress.

"Rick Bradley, an A&T student, will conduct a forum on how to enhance political and social activism on campus," Brunson said.

Brunson said five music groups, three of which are local student groups, will provide the entertainment for the week. The groups are Salt and Pepa, Savant, Premier and Cold Chillin Crew and Sybil Lynch, a former Miss A&T, who graduated in 1985. She recently released her first album, "Falling In Love."

"We are trying to give student groups exposure," Brunson said. "That is an Aggie Fest when you are showing off A&T talent."

According to Brunson, a portion of the funds from the events will be given to three anti-apartheid organizations, Students United for a Free Southern Africa, the African National Congress and Trans Africa.

The events will be held in different locations throughout the week, Brunson said.

"While we were persuading the administration to have Aggie Fest in the stadium," Brunson said, "we also suggested the practice field."

Brunson said that no alcoholic beverages or glass bottles would be allowed at the festival and that all coolers would be checked.

Tickets for the event will be $3 for A&T students, $4 for Bennett students. $5 for general admission and $7 the day of the event. Discount tickets of $5 for the whole week will be available.
Federal aid cuts cause difficulty for black students, study says

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Educators say cutbacks in federal student aid are causing serious difficulties for needy black students, many of whom may have to bypass college or take out large loans to try to overcome cuts in grant programs.

A study released Monday by the United Negro College Fund and the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities found many of the 62,000 students at the nation's 57 private historically black colleges have virtually no family resources available to help pay for college.

"This study looks at the very kind of student that the federal financial aid system is most designed to help and finds that the system is failing them," said Christopher Edley, president of the United Negro College Fund.

Forty percent of the full-time students have family incomes below the poverty line and 30 percent are from families with incomes below $6,000.

The students also tend to come from states that offer little or no state financial aid and attend institutions with relatively little aid to offer.

The study said 80 percent of the students needed federal grants, loans or work opportunities to meet nearly 60 percent of their costs.

The value of the Pell grants, the federal government's main educational grant program, fell 37 percent in the 1980s, while federal loans jumped from 8 percent of total aid in 1979 to 30 percent in 1984.

In that period, the percentage of needy students relying on federal loans increased from 5 percent to 46 percent, and loans now average nearly $2,000 a year.

The average at private black colleges is $4,000 a year, two-thirds of the average for private four-year colleges nationally.

The total debt burden for needy students could range from $10,000 to $12,000, depending on whether the student attends college four or five years.

Richard Rosser, president of the independent colleges group, disputed claims by federal Education Secretary William Bennett that federal aid programs take care of the truly needy.

"Our study shows that these students, absolutely the truly neediest, are being badly hurt by a federal aid policy that asks many to take out college loans bigger than their families' incomes," Rosser said.

"If they wanted to drive black students away from higher education, they couldn't have picked a better strategy." The administration's budget proposal calls for a 12.5 percent cut in education spending, from $16.8 billion to $14.7 billion in fiscal 1988.

A&T site of science fair

A&T's Corbett Sports Center will be the site next Friday of the first state science fair competition to be held in over a decade.

Junior and senior high school students from North Carolina whose science research projects have been selected from winners of the eight regional science fairs will be competing.

The public is invited to view the projects at 2:30 p.m. April 10 in Corbett Sports Center and to attend the awards ceremony in the University Student Center at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon.

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"Lethal Weapon" centers around a narcotics police detective named Martin Riggs, played by Mel Gibson. Martin's "Vietnam flashbacks" and the untimely death of his much loved wife, leads him to contemplate suicide and risk his life unnecessarily "in the line of duty". His psychotic behavior registers him as a lethal weapon causing his fellow officers to fear him.

Eventually Martin is assigned a partner named Roger Murtaugh (played by Danny Glover). Roger is warned about Martin's behavior and soon realizes that Martin is truly crazy. Roger monitors Martin's behavior and actions and they eventually become friends. Together they fight blood hungry Vietnam veterans who are deeply involved in the transportation of heroine. These drug smugglers will go to any lengths to keep their private dealings undercover even if it means threatening the lives of family members and friends close to Roger.

"Lethal Weapon" dynamic action packed movie, with a realistic, smooth flowing storyline. It is accentuated by a touching friendship which is something that isn't properly developed in today's films.

Mel Gibson seems to have been born for this part and Danny Glover should be commended for his supporting performance. This movie, no doubt, will be a success at the box office. - U.W.

Heat, a recently released film, starring Burt Reynolds as Nick Escalante doesn't get "hot" until it is about over.

The theme is hard to decipher and the plot is heavily laden with low-keyed and sometimes insignificant scenes that should be dramatized more or left out completely.

The movie takes off in two different store lines. One involves battered rape victim named Holly (Karen Young), who asks her longtime friend Nick to help her get revenge from her rapist. Holly was raped by Demarco, the only heir of a Mafia kingpin.

The other storyline involves Kenny (played by Peter McNichols). He and Nick help each other with their personal problems (Nick is a compulsive gambler who is always "broke" and Kenny lacks self-confidence and wants to be taught how to defend himself).

Heat begins to flicker and the movie picks when Holly gets her revenge. In the last few minutes of the movie the mentally disturbed DeMarco seeks revenge on Nick. Nick manages to escape hired hitmen and eventually DeMarco and Nick battle each other one on one.

Heat had the possibility of being a really hot flick, but save your money, and wait to see it at the dollar movies, because $4.50 is a lot to "burn" on ten minutes of action. - L.S.

These movie reviews were compiled by three movie critics, Ursula Wright, Lorna Savage, And Cassandra Williams.

The Clark Sisters who are famous for their Gospel hit "You Brought the Sunshine," sing during a concert held in Corbett Sports Center. The concert was held March 28.

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Points of View

Interviews

Commencement is drawing near and many Aggies will be entering the real world. One of their biggest dreams is to get the job they have been preparing for during the last four, five or six years. The first step to getting a good job is to apply for it. But the next step, which is the interview, is the step that many lose out on. It’s not that students do not want to do well in an interview, but they may not know what the interviewer expects.

According to "How To Get A Job Guide" in the seventh edition of Careers, the problem is that people panic when asked questions off-guard.

The article said ways to prevent panic is to practice answering the questions before going to the interview. It gave questions which may be asked by an interviewer, such as: "How should you best describe yourself?" "What makes you interested in this job?" "What is your experience?"

Also, "What do your family and friends criticize for or tease you about?" "Which of your accomplishments have given you the greatest satisfaction?" "What are your outside interests?" "How would you define your long-range career goals?" "Do you know what salary the company is paying for this job?"

No one can pinpoint exactly what the interviewer will ask, but these questions will surely be asked. The article also stated that an applicant should make sure he or she knows the background of the company. So, next time you plan to interview for that special job, be thoroughly prepared.

Dr. Buck

Dear Dr. Buck,

In a letter to the editor published in the January 30 issue of The A&T Register, you argued that the board of trustees of A&T kindly “canceled classes so that students can have the opportunity to participate in event commemorating the birthday of a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. You went on to ask the question, “Did students show up for convocation?” Thus you continue to contrast Aggie Fest ’86 with convocation.

Personally, I think that convocation was not publicized enough. Letters were sent out but they stayed on the desk of dorm counselors where they were originally stacked.

Now, let us contrast student participation in Aggie Fest ’87. One can easily criticize the student population for going to breakfast and then going back to bed.

But it is hard to give a stroke to the students who cared enough to attend Black College Day, who marched in Forsyth County, Ga., who promoted scholarship with the Hands-Across-A&T-and-Bennett College, and those of us who want to carry on the tradition of being a well-rounded school with students who care and do something about national and local issues concerning us.

"Our priorities are really warped. We prefer to party and have a good time as opposed to devoting a meager two hours in honor of someone who played a critical role in the liberation of black people in this country," said Buck.

However, it is my true belief that the administration wants the stronghold on the minds of the students here. But we are young adults who believe in doing what is right and also having a good time. All work and no play makes A&T students angry.

It is evident by our participation in local and national events that we, too, like your generation, care about the further liberation of our race in this country and all other countries.

On the fact sheet on Aggie Fest that was handed out, your alternative was to have a carnival with rides, games, food, live bands, a concert in Corbett Center and a dance in Moore Gym.

Having a carnival is a total outrage to the students. Aggie Fest is a time to let your hair down and relax from the strain of classes. I’m sure in your college day you let your hair down and enjoyed a concert from the hottest groups of that time.

Why must we be deprived because of the proposed problem areas such as: damage to the playing field, safety and security of the people in attendance of the event and high masses of people on the campus.

Why are we paying an athletic fee if we only go on the field for a couple of games. In retrospect to the damages, what about the damages done to Corbett during Homecoming? Also, if there is a limited amount of resources then again I ask, "What are we paying for? Why can’t the campus police cover Aggie Fest like they cover the parking lots on campus?"

And are we afraid to share in our relaxation and enjoyment with other people? Is that not what tickets are for? You see, we can’t accept the criticism if there are never any strokes.

My fellow friends I challenge you to continue to prove such criticism wrong and keep up the good work of fighting for what we believe in because, “Ain’t nobody bad but an Aggie bad like that.”
According to an article in *Time* (March 23) the number of "date rapes" among college students is on the rise. What do you consider the causes of these attacks and how can they be prevented?

**Question #4.**

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He can't run from the pain

WADE NASH
Sports Editor

When most spectators think of athletics and pain, they visualize football and crashing bodies or basketball and flying elbows.

If you've ever attended a track meet and watched runners gasp for air and grab their sides to hold back the throbbing pain, you'll include track, too.

But for Melvin Ballard, the will to compete for the National Collegiate Athletic Association national track meet in Baton Rouge, La., makes the pain of trying to run faster and jump longer an everyday routine.

"Right now I'm far away from making the nationals but I put my trust in the Lord and if I put my faith in His word and remain obedient to His will, I'll be able to compete in the nationals," Ballard said.

"I'm having trouble with my landing phase because I'm not breaking down and getting my full extension in my landing. Once I correct this, the nationals will be no problem." Ballard, an industrial technology major with a concentration in marketing, got involved in track his senior year at New Hanover High School in Wilmington.

"I just decided to run my senior year in high school because I wasn't active in anything," Ballard said prior to the Atlantic Coast Conference Relays in Raleigh last week. "I competed in the long-jump, triple-jump and hurdles, and walked-on at A&T."

"You won't be one of the top schools in the nation unless you fall into that category. It's hard to get people to deal with pain day in and day out, but Ballard rises to the challenge."

"I was just a nobody trying to make something out of myself."

Ballard won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Association Indoor and Outdoor titles three of the last four years. He won his third indoor title last month and can win a fourth straight outdoor title in the MEAC championship in Tallahassee, Fla., April 17-18. His personal best in the long jump is 24' 9 1/2 inches and he has run the quarter-mile in less than 47 seconds.

He needs to jump 26 feet and run the quarter mile in 45 seconds to qualify for the nationals.

"Ballard's made a tremendous amount of improvement since we first met and if it wasn't a factor in contributing in the running events, he'd probably jump a lot further," coach Roy Thompson said.

To prepare for the quarter mile event, each day Ballard goes through a practice routine that includes a mile run, followed by stretch exercises, three 500-meter runs, an 800-meter run and an hour of lifting weights.

"The regiment is necessary," Thompson said.

"You won't be one of the top schools in the nation unless you fall into that category. It's hard to get people to deal with pain day in and day out, but Ballard rises to the challenge."

Anthony Jeffries
Staff Writer

The Milwaukee Brewers thought enough of junior A&T pitcher Kevin Tyree last year to make him one of their picks in the supplemental draft.

The hard-throwing right-hander decided to keep his talents at A&T and help last year's 4-23 squad. But injuries have robbed the team of what appeared would be a great year.

Tyree is one of two white players on the Aggie team. He does not like to think of himself as an exception but as a piece of the puzzle who is trying to put all the pieces together for A&T.

"Up until three weeks before the season started, I thought we were going to have a really good baseball team," Tyree said.

"We have in my opinion one of the better outfielders in the country and some of the best talent in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. But through Proposition 48 and injuries, we have lost four players, including three pitchers. And our infield has been switched around so everyone is relatively new at his position."

"Early in the season, we play some Top Twenty teams such as Virginia Tech and Appalachian State. Against teams of that caliber, we can't have mental mistakes but we are going to have to them because of our inexperience."

A lanky 6'1" and 190 pounds, Tyree had a less-than-impressive 1.4 record with a 3.6 ERA last year. This year, baseball coach Mel Grooms has asked for consistency.

"Coach Grooms wants me to pitch seven to nine innings and a game and start eight to nine games on two days rest," Tyree said. "With the injuries, my work is going to be cut out. I feel that I am a better pitcher than my record indicates. Throughout my career, I've never been able to get the proper rest that I need because of the lack of a strong pitching staff."

"Last year, I was the 63rd pick by the Milwaukee Brewers in the supplemental draft, so I know I have the ability."

Tyree considers his best pitch to be the split-finger fastball, made famous by Houston Astros pitcher Mike Scott. But Tyree has a curveball which also baffles hitters.

"The curve maybe my better pitch, but I feel more comfortable throwing the split-finger," Tyree said. Tyree said he recorded 414 strikeouts during his senior year at Chocowinity High School.

After playing basketball in junior college, Tyree realized that he still wanted to play baseball.

He got in touch with his high school coach, Carl Brock, who had attended Elon College. Brock knew of Grooms' reputation at A&T and informed Grooms about Tyree.

"Coach Grooms was very straight up with me and I liked A&T's history department; so I decided to go there," Tyree said. Tyree has not regretted it.

"At first I was a little apprehensive but when I played on the football team in 1985, (quarterback) Alan Hooker, among other teammates, helped me open up. After that, everything was okay."

"I have been treated well on campus. I am asked a lot of questions, especially by a lot of females, such as 'Do you (continued on page 8)
City Councilman loves working with people

FREDA DUNSTON
Special to the Register

He sits in his office behind a desk covered with stacks of paperwork, waiting to answer the telephone. He opens his newspaper to the business section and reads an article about a recent event in a neighboring city. As he reads, he muses about the need for more services in his own area.

Jones is a City Councilman and a member of the Guilford County Community Action Program. He has been working with the program for several years and has seen the changes that have taken place. He is proud of the progress that has been made and is committed to continuing the work.

Jones has been persistent in encouraging the city to apply its affirmative action policy as part of its hiring and promotion decisions. He has worked with several organizations to promote the hiring of minority candidates.

Jones has learned to balance his daily commitments to meet the needs of the people he serves. He enjoys working with people and is committed to serving the community.

“Over the years I have learned to dedicate my life to eliminating the conditions in our society that breed poverty and racism.”

Jones is a member of the Guilford County Community Action Program, a non-profit human service agency which provides supportive and job placement assistance to low-income people in Guilford County, High Point and Greensboro.

Tyree (continued from page 7)

The baseball teammates also have been good to me. I’ve had a couple of isolated instances but nothing that was ever lasting. I think a lot of it had to do with losing.

But there was one incident that Tyree will not forget.

“I was pitching in the MEAC tournament last year and was getting some bad calls at the plate,” Tyree said. “The umpire, who was black, had been called a strike. When I asked him about the call, he called me a ‘white boy’ and told me that if I don’t shut up, he was going to throw me out of the game.”

A couple of pitches later, according to Tyree, he and a Delaware State player collided in a play at home plate.

“The guy picked me up and slammed me,” Tyree said. “The ump threw me out of the game, saying that this was his park and no white boy was going to run things here.

Jones received an undergraduate degree in political science from North Carolina Central University in 1971 and a doctorate in law from Texas Southern University School of Law in Houston. Upon graduation, Jones accepted the position of associate attorney with Central Carolina Legal Services.

In 1981, he started working as executive director of Opportunity Aid and Restoration and in 1985 he founded the community action program of which he is director.

Jones was elected to the City Council in 1983 and ran unopposed in 1985 for a second term.

Married to the former Adri- Anne Donnell, Jones says he is lucky to have a wife who is as understanding as the.