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Blacks should be proud of heritage

LINDA BUMPASS
Editor-In-Chief

An exiled South African stressed to a group of A&T students last night in the Student Union that they should feel good about themselves and where they come from.

The Rev. Motlalepula Chabaku's speech was one of the Anti-Apartheid Fest (formerly Aggie Fest) events being held this week.

She told students that it is a mistake that blacks are in America.

"The sweat and blood of our people have made this country what it is today," she said.

"But we must not forget Africa."

She compared South Africa to the United States.

"The problem here involving racism, sexism and prejudice is the same in South Africa," Chabaku said. "The white people do this to us because we are great people, proud people and our ancestors have survived here."

Learning the history of Africa would help students to have pride in themselves, she said.

"Did you know that almost everything you use comes from South Africa," she said. "Every gun that is made, every car and surgery item cannot be made without minerals from South Africa. Jesus Christ grew up in Africa. The only human being who ever carried the cross for Him was a black man, one of your ancestors."

Chabaku questioned why blacks allow themselves to be identified with a color rather than a country.

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"Gonorrhea, Holmes said. Signs of gonorrhea are abdominal tenderness and fever. In men, the usual symptom is pus-like discharge. Women may have no symptoms or a discharge or pain when urinating."

About 50 percent of A&T students are projected to have chlamydia, according to Holmes.

"There is a sure way of knowing but we do not test for chlamydia because it is too expensive, usually costing between $20 to $25," she said. "But when all other diseases are ruled out, you can be just about 98 percent clinically sure that the individual has chlamydia."

Holmes said that at the student health center, about 1 percent more men than women are treated for gonorrhea because symptoms are more pronounced in males and males are sometimes multi-sex partners.

"We do treat homosexual males who come in and also refer their partners," she said. "I'd say that less than 1 percent of A&T students are homosexuals."

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School is a ‘family affair’ for Pendletons

ESTHER WOODS  Staff Writer

When Frances S. Pendleton accepted her degree May 3, she will have a lot to be proud of. Not only will she be the first on her side of the family to graduate from college, but her daughter and a nephew will graduate from A&T with her.

“We all live and breathe school,” said Frances Pendleton, 40. She will graduate Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in transportation.

Her daughter, Angela Pendleton, a laboratory animal science major, and a nephew, Charles K. Pendleton, an electrical engineering major, will also graduate from A&T on May 3.

Frances says she never planned as a mother to come to school with her children, but she has profited tremendously from the experience. “Going to school with my kids has made me a better mother because I can empathize with their scholastic problem and rejoice in their achievements,” Frances said.

An honors student and treasurer of the Transportation Club, Frances said she could have attended any college but chose A&T because of its good reputation and the willingness of professors to assist students.

“The program I’m in is taught by all Ph.D’s that come from the best universities in the country,” she said.

“The professors give so much of their time. They go above and beyond the call of duty. This is why I feel that I have received a quality education.”

Being white at a predominantly black university was awkward for her at first, Frances says, but she would always break the ice and open the lines of communication in the beginning.

“Frances Pendleton is an inspiration to her peers and provides a model to all people who are afraid of coming back to school,” said Dr. Basil Coley, chairman of the Economics Department, which houses the transportation program.

“For a white student to fit in so well at a predominantly black university, she is to be highly commended.”

After graduation, Frances says she would like to work in transportation and help support her husband who has two more years at A&T.

“I will become the financial supporter while he becomes a part-time student,” she said.

Her husband, William Ernest, is a sophomore physics major at A&T. Also, her son, Ernest Lee, is a junior electrical engineering major at A&T and her nephew, Norman R. Sisk, is a sophomore biology major at A&T.

Daughter

It was 25-year-old Angela Pendleton who was the pioneer in the Pendleton family. She started A&T before the other Pendletons and says she felt afraid at first. But school soon became a family affair.

“With everybody in different departments, we had an ear in several places,” she said.

During registration, we’d take turns standing in line with our schedules and in the bookstores picking up books. If you wanted to go to the library, somebody in the family would be going.”

A 1987 selection to Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Angela, president of the A&T Pre-Vet Club, will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in laboratory animal science.

“Angela is a hard working student, very aggressive and active in extra-curricular activities,” said Dr. George A. Johnson, chairman of the Animal Science Department.

A commuter student, Angela said she chose A&T because of the school’s location and valuable contacts gained from instructors.

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Prince’s message of the times

By MARCELYN BLAKELY
Staff Writer

The controversial, multi-talented Prince has come up with a new album called “Sign of the Times.” The double album contains 16 songs that combines rhythm pop.

The album features four upbeat songs that will definitely make the charts, if released.

The four numbers are "It," "Housequake," "U Got The Look" and "It’s Gonna Be A Beautiful Night."

The theme of the album’s lyrics are centered around the good and bad qualities of relationships. Two songs that have a strong message are "The Cross" and "Sign of the Times" which concentrate on many problems of society such as war, poverty and drug abuse.

For listener of mellow rhythm and blues, "Adore" is the perfect song to relax and soothe the mind. Some of the lyrics like “Starfish and coffee, playing in the sunshine” are a bit weird and drawn out.

This album is much better than "Under The Cherry Moon" because of the high-tempo sound displayed in the music. To really appreciate each song, you have to listen closely to understand Prince’s deep message that is in every lyric.

The album has more-positive lyrics than Prince’s previous albums.

Fitness class sponsors health event

A&T’s Fitness and Slimnastics class will sponsor the first annual Aggie Fitness Day May 2 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Corbett Sports Center.

The day’s events will include screening for blood pressure, flexibility, abdominal strength and diabetes, demonstrations on Swedish massage and healthy back video and mini lectures on “Women’s Health Issues,” by personnel of Wesley Long Hospital, according to Dr. Eleanor Gwynn, director of the program and an A&T instructor.

She said that the program will also include displays by the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association.

"Persons who attend the event are asked to dress to participate," said Gwynn.

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Bead dots and stripes add pizzazz to fashion

MARCELYN BLAKELY
Staff Writer

Make a graphic fashion statement this season by mixing and matching stripes and polka dots to liven up your wardrobe. Black and white stripes and polka dots with a splash of color are a must for summer fun wear.

Horizontal stripes, in conservative or bold prints, are really in demand with pants, shorts, blouses and jumpsuits, focusing on the body and shape, to show off the figure.

Striped it up with an "off-the-shoulder" top thats clings, with a matching black and white striped mini-skirt. For a more sophisticated look a navy blue and white striped double breasted jacket in silk with pleated trousers makes a winning combination.

Bed and yellow polka dots are also a popular duo with tea length dresses and blouses to add grace and flare. To make a strong patriotic impact, blend in a red and white polka-dotted skirt with a navy blue and white polka-dotted blouse.

Designer Liz Claiborne has added dots and more dots to her spring summer collection of sportswear. Espirit and Calvin Klein accentuate stripes in sweatshirts and pants.

The key to making the "polka dots and stripes" contrast work is to use imagination and creativity in selecting bright colors and graphic designs.

There are several volunteer openings available for the summer.

Announcers, music librarian and production staff are needed.

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Points of View

Parity

Blacks constitute the country's largest minority, nearly 12 percent of the population, but the number of minorities employed by daily newspapers today lags far behind the goal the American Society of Newspaper Editors has set for the year 2000. That goal is parity.

For example, on a newspaper in a city whose population is 22 percent black, blacks should constitute at least 22 percent of the reporters and editors who make up the paper's editorial staff.

Few papers, however, are close to the goal. Fifty-seven percent of the country's 1,676 dailies reported to ASNE last year that they employ no minority people at all on their editorial staffs.

Today, on daily newspapers, a 1986 ASNE survey indicated that minority-group reporters and editors constituted 6.3 percent of the total newspaper work force—only two percent higher than in 1978 when ASNE made its first such survey.

But these advances fall far too short.
Blacks constitute 33 percent of Greensboro's population but when we look at the local media, we find too few blacks in the newsrooms.

The Greensboro News & Record has only two black reporters (and a black reporter-intern), one black copy editor and one black assistant city editor.

How then can whites at this newspaper know the black experience or how to write about it? Do they have an idea of what it is like to be black or do they just write the way they "think it is or should be?"

Newspapers need diversity. Blacks should write letters to newspapers demanding greater representation of blacks in the newsroom. Otherwise, coverage of the black community and black universities like A&T will remain the same: negative.

The world is not inhabited solely by middle-class white people, nor should its newsrooms be.

By ESTHER WOODS
Editor-In-Chief 1987-88

Informed

J.R. WILLIAMS
Co-News Editor
What time is it students?
We don't know because the administration hasn't told us. It's a well-known fact that students on this campus aren't informed on current events and important university decisions.

Why is this?
Students aren't effectively told about such events as last-day drop-add, pre-registration or when the pre-registration schedules are back. Put simply, if we don't hear about it through word-of-mouth, we don't hear about it.

Why is it that the university can publish the A&T Update, a public relations leaflet used to show the recent accomplishments of the administration and faculty and occasionally a student, but will not give equal time to a publication that would inform students.

Sure, the University's public information office has to inform the public about the goings-on at A&T. But shouldn't that office, or another office, be responsible for keeping students well-informed, too?

It's the whole administration's responsibility to make students aware.

Let's talk about the issue of increasing student fees. There was a rumor going around campus that students would have to pay more fees in the coming year. This was only a rumor until Dr. Roland E. Buck, vice chancellor of student affairs, popped up with a letter at last week's A&T Board of Trustees meeting.

The letter was supposed to have been given to leaders of the SGA a couple of months ago. But, unfortunately, it snowed on the day the meeting was scheduled. No meeting was held, neither was one rescheduled.

As a result, the first time SGA President Michael Brunson saw the fee increase information was when Dr. Buck presented it to the board of trustees.

And what about the service fee students now pay for the football field we never use. I would like to know what the money is used for.

Wait a minute. What about our part in all of this? Don't we have a responsibility to demand that we be informed about our university's actions?

Yes students, I'm stepping on our toes now. Instead of just sitting back and complaining about not knowing anything, we should know enough to start doing something about it. Demand that the university tell us what's going on.

In conclusion, the Register is open to all who would like to inform the student body. We accept any material that is submitted in a professional manner and we especially encourage student organizations to submit any information that will better inform students. However, we cannot always guarantee publication.
What do you think about artificial methods of childbirth (surrogacy, test tube births, cloning) as alternatives for infertile couples?

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Sherri Campbell wins the 100-meter hurdle during the MEAC outdoor champion held in Tallahassee, Fla.

**Track and tennis teams compete in tournament**

BUDY THOMPSON  
Special to the Register  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.--Two A&T women tennis players made it to the final round of doubles in the MEAC Tennis Championship in Tallahassee last week before bowing out to South Carolina State College.

The women, Alita Brown and Gina Reed, led the women's team to a fourth place finish overall.

The MEAC spring championships in tennis, track and field were held at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee on April 17-18.

The A&T men's and women's track and field teams each finished in fourth place overall. The men's tennis team finished in a three-way tie for last place.

The women's and men's tennis division were won by South Carolina State and Howard University, respectively.

In track, the women's division was won by Florida A&M while South Carolina State took the men's title.

The lady Aggies were sparked in track competition by Sherri Campbell's superb victories in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles. Also boosting the lady Aggies were second-place finishes by Excel Campbell in the 1,500 meters event and 3,000 meter run.

And Ruth Morris, in the 400 meter dash, placed third with a time of 54.85 seconds. (The winning time was 53.37 seconds.)

In field events, Joanel Kellman placed second in the long jump competition with a jump of 18-feet 3-inches. (The winning jump was 19-feet 7-inches.)

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Although the women's team finished fourth overall, the strong performances of Campbell, Campbell, Morris and Kellman led the lady Aggie team to its best finish at a spring championship.

The men's team was led by Reggie Lee and Melvin Ballard with first-place finishes in the discuss and long jump, respectively.

Lee tossed the discuss 157-feet, 4 3/4-inches. Ballard's winning jump was 23-feet, 10 1/2-inches.

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"A&T is only five miles away from my home and even though UNC-G is just as close, they did not have a pre-vet program," she said.

"The instructors go out of their way to help you, even those outside of your departments." She has been offered a job as an agricultural research assistant at A&T.

Cousin
With a 3.7 grade point average in electrical engineering, hard studying proved worthwhile for Charles K. Pendleton, Frances’ nephew and Angela’s first cousin. At 22, the soft-spoken, low-keyed Pendleton will graduate Summa Cum Laude.

"A very likeable, down home, person, Charles is an exceptional student," said Dr. Harold L. Martin, chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department.

"As a matter of fact, he has done so extremely well that we are asking him to stay at A&T to continue his studies toward a master’s degree in electrical engineering."

Charles did not come to A&T for the same reason as Frances or Angela. A native of Virginia, he could not attend school as an in-state student because his father was a resident of Greensboro.

"When in Virginia, I originally planned to go to Virginia Tech but there was no way I could afford the out-of-state tuition," Charles said.

"Angie was going to A&T and I came here, looked it over and liked it. A&T has a good reputation as one of the best engineering schools around."

Coming from a totally white community in Virginia, with no other ethnic groups, Charles said he had reservations at first before coming to A&T but has enjoyed the experience.

"I didn’t know whether I’d be resented when I came here or not," he said. "It was just the opposite than what I expected. I was more than welcome."

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When he asked how he maintained a 3.7 G.P.A. in a rigid area of study, Charles says he decided before coming to college that he would do well.

When he made his one and only “C,” that was his lowest point at A&T, Charles said.

"A ‘C’ is totally unacceptable to me," said Charles who plans to pursue a career in robotics and eventually obtain a master’s degree in electrical engineering.

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