Welcome Centennial Class

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Mickens to uplift image

LINDA BUMPASS
Staff Writer
Register: What are SGA plans for this year?
Mickens: "To uplift the image of the SGA as a whole because the administration has previously looked down on the SGA. So this will be a rebuilding year for us."
Register: What is the SGA doing in order to rebuild itself?
Mickens: "The Senate is getting together because it is the backbone of the SGA. The SGA cannot do anything without the approval of the Senate. Therefore once they start to work things will fall in place."
Register: What do you plan to do about the control that the administration has on this campus?
Mickens: "It’s the students’ fault because they are put on SGA committees and they don’t attend the meeting, but the faculty always attend the meeting, therefore, they end up making the decisions."
Register: What do you advise students to do in order to be a part of A&T’s decision making?
Mickens: "Students should realize that they have to participate instead of trying to act after a decision has been made. Get involved before a decision is made because after something becomes law its official."
Register: What upcoming activities does the SGA have planned for students?
Mickens: "Sept. 11, there will be a dance in Moore Gym and A&T game. Also, students, faculty and the administration can buy tickets to see any movie at Carolina Circle Movie Theatre. The tickets are $3 and are good at anytime. On Sept. 25, there will be five buses enroute to Black College Day."
Register: How do you feel about political activities and do you have any planned?
Mickens: "I think it’s important that the students should be concerned about Greensboro’s elections, as well as the nation-wide elections. Clemente McWilliams, vice president of internal affairs, has had the NAACP to come on campus and register students to vote."
Register: What kind of problems are you facing being...

SGA Announces
Homecoming Week

SHERMONICA SCOTT
Staff Writer
Bythm & Blues recording artist "Star Point" will headline Homecoming festivities scheduled for Oct. 5-10.

Star Point, known for their hit single, "Object of My Desire," will perform on Oct. 11 in Corbett Gymnasium at 8 p.m. for the Homecoming concert. Special guests will include former Miss A&T, "Sybil" Lynch, and Rare Essence.

The weeklong activities will begin on Oct. 3 with a Gospel Extravaganza in Harrison Auditorium. A morning worship service followed by an evening talent show will be held in Harrison Auditorium on Oct. 4. International Students Day and the Miss International Students’ coronation will be held on Monday, Oct. 5, in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 a step show and block party is scheduled at 7 p.m. in Moore Gymnasium.

Founders’ Day Convocation, the Blue and Gold Day and a tentatively set Jazz Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7.

On Oct. 8 Miss A&T’s coronation will be held in Corbett Sports Center.

A campus clean-up day is scheduled for Oct. 9.

Pre-dawn dances will be held on Friday, Oct. 9 and on Saturday, Oct. 10. In Corbett Sports Center, Boogie Down Production, a local rap group, will perform during the dance on Friday.

Students can purchase up to four tickets with university identification at $8. Tickets will be $10 for general admission and $12 at the door. Other ticket sales information will be made available by the SGA at a later date.

Aggie band member, Robin Austin, leads the way as the band prepares for their opening date of Sept. 12 at Winston-Salem State.
President Ronald Reagan has nominated U.S. Circuit Judge Robert Bork as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Bork is the leading "guru" Theorici-

can of the conservative legal movement which purports to return the Constitution to original intent. But the original intent of the Con-

stitution conditioned slavery and in fact, classified Blacks as three fifths of a person.

It is thus clear that Judge Bork's nomination to the highest court of this nation poses a serious threat to the continuing quest of Black America for equality under law, according to Randall C. Bacon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Bork has clearly demonstrated his hostility for Blacks," said Grand Polemarch Bacon.

During the civil rights movements, Judge Bork believed that the law opening public accommodations to Blacks was wrong because it infringed on the rights of white racists.

"Yet, Judge Bork has been applauded for his brilliant legal scholarship but it must be remembered that legal scholarship does not guarantee fairness or equality as amply illustrated by the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Scott v. Sanford (which held a Black man has no rights that are bound to be respected by a white man) reappportionment decisions exceed the bounds of judicial authority.

"Judge Bork is best known, not for his legal skills, but for loyally carrying out former President Richard Nixon's orders in 1973 to fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox, after two other higher ranking Justice Department officials refused and Plessy v. Ferguson.

Bork has written that government has broad powers to discriminate against nonracial minority groups if the majority desires to do so, that the federal government should seldom interfere to block even the largest companies from merging with one another and that the Supreme Court's one person one vote reapportionment decisions exceed the bounds of judicial authority.

"Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. has called upon all of its 78,000 college-trained members to write their Senators requesting them to reject Judge Bork's nomination," Grand Polemarch Bacon concluded.


Republican candidates, moderated by Gov. James C. Martin, will debate 1:30-3:30 p.m. The candidates attending the discussion will include Gov. Pierre du Pont, Rep. Jack Kemp and Sen. Paul Laxalt.


According to Frank Watkins, director of public relations for The National 32.5 percent.

The 1986 poverty rate for Whites has declined since 1983 when it was 12.1 percent. The 1986 poverty rate among persons of Hispanic origin was different from the 1983 rate.

The 1986 poverty level for a family of four was $11,203.

The income and poverty data are based on money income only, before any deductions, and do not include the value of noncash benefits, such as food stamps, public housing, and Medicaid.

As in all surveys, the data are subject to sampling variability and other sources of error.

more information on ticket outlets call (919) 962-0045. To order tickets by mail, write

The National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minority Students (C/DEM) is accepting applications for its 1988 Fellowship competition which will provide 130 awards to minority students in engineering.

Designated for members of ethnic groups that are underrepresented in engineering, the program's goal is to increase the pool of minority students who will receive master's degrees annually in engineering.

Persons applying for the program must be American Indian, Black American, Mexican American or Puerto Rican, and must be citizens of the United States. At the time of application, the minimum academic requirement for the student is enrollment in the junior year of undergraduate study in one of the engineering disciplines. Those presently in their senior year or recently graduated are also encouraged to apply.

As a GEM Fellow, each participant must be free to work during the summer as an intern for a member employer and must complete the master's degree at one of the member universities. In all, there are 52 member employers and 92 member universities.

Each fellowship pays tuition, fees and a stipend of $5,000 per academic year, as well as provides summer employment with a sponsoring member employer. The total value of the award is anywhere between $30,000 and $30,000 and depends upon which member university the Fellow elects to attend.

Applications must be received by Dec. 1, 1987. Awards will be announced Feb. 1, 1988. Information on the program as well as application materials, may be obtained from: GEM Program, P.O. Box 537, Notre Dame, IN 46556.
13th Annual Career Awareness Day Set

The 13th Annual Career Awareness Day is scheduled to be held Sept. 16 in Forbitt Sports Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The career awareness program is designed to give students insight on different careers available, says Joyce Edwards, assistant director of Career and Development at A&T.

Edwards says that over 100 companies, agencies and government agencies will be present at the one day event. Liberal Arts companies attending will include WGHP-TV, Ciba Geigy, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Food Lion, Norfolk Southern Corp., Roadway Package System, Armstrong World, Black College Magazine, Central Intelligence Agency and the Internal Revenue Service.


Also attending will be Corning Glass Work, Eastman Kodak Co., IBM, Jersey Central Power & Light Co, Union Carbide, Corp., Honeywell Corp., Texas Instruments, Inc., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Naval Ordnance Station and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Beauty Salon managed by Dudley's Products

SHERMONICA SCOTT Staff Writer

A $400 monthly contract has been signed by Dudley’s Products Co., Inc. to operate the A&T Beauty Salon and Barber Shop for the 1987-88 school year.

The transaction took effect on Aug. 15. The proposal, initiated through the Division of Student Affairs, is designed to give the university and students a wider variety of service at a lower cost, says Dr. Roland E. Buck, vice chancellor of student affairs.

Buck said that proposals were sent to beauty operators in Greensboro and closed bids were made for the facilities. “Dudley’s proposal was the most superior of all the bids in the three categories: quality, service, and cost,” Buck said.

Established 20 years ago, Dudley’s Products Co., Inc. was founded on the principle of developing people while beautifying the hair as well as the body.

The new beauty salon operator, Sheila Parson, will be joined by three full-time assistants in the salon.

While Dudley’s is currently operating the salon and barber shop, former salon lessees are no longer employees of A&T.

Carolyn Hardy, a former employee, worked in the salon for 20 years but says she left because the new management operates on a different salary basis. She said that Dudley’s uses a commission service with its employees.

Hardy said the shop was put up for bid in mid-June and that the former employees were later sent letters requesting their vacating the premises by Aug. 1.

A licensed cosmetologist for 35 years, Hardy said she did not think that she could adjust to the new pay system. “It was a desirable place to work.” Hardy said. “I enjoyed working there but I’m enjoying working where I am now.”

Hardy is now a beauty operator at Hayes Beauty Salon located in the Cumberland Shopping Plaza.

With new operators in the A&T salon, Helen Donnell, present full-time manager for the A&T Barber shop, will retain her position.

Donnell, who has been the only female and full-time barber in the shop for almost 24 years said she doesn’t see any changes.

“I don’t think they were here to take any jobs away. I am referring to the barber shop-I don’t know anything about the beauty salon,” said Donnell. “I think he (Joe Dudley Sr.) is here to help not destroy.”

Donnell said that she will be assisted by three part-time employees.

Doris Bincent, Dudley’s communication liaison, said that they want the salon to be utilized for the students. Under the Dudley management, she said that students will be able to buy hair care products such as hot curlers, oil sheens, etc.

Sheila Parson, the new manager of A&T’s Beauty Salon, relaxes an A&T student’s hair.

Photo by W. Nash

Mickens

(Cont. from pg. 1)

that you are a woman?

Mickens: “I don’t think that the respect for me from students and administrators has been good mainly because I am a woman. I think people are waiting for me to prove myself and if they just give me a chance I will.”

Register: How do you foresee the upcoming year?

Mickens: “We have our work cut out for us. Our office has been working hard and we are working as a team.”
Viewpoint

Light

While some things may never seem to change, we must remember that "change" is one of the known factors in life that is certain.

This year The A&T Register has a new theme and plans to become the "light" of the university.

Now how does a paper become the "light" of the university?

Easily.

Education is our main objective this year. Our goal is to inform A&T students, faculty members, administrators, alumni and the A&T community with educational and informative articles throughout the school year.

However, we realize that man cannot obtain the world all at once. The staff will gradually add new attractions to the newspaper throughout the year. We have begun thus far with an enterprise page, an alumni page and a forum page. It is our desire to bring you informative business-related articles on the enterprise page and to brief you on alumni achievements made throughout the country on the alumni page. On the forum page we will feature different faculty members in our "Faculty Perspective" corner, and through the "Register Sermonette Corner" we will feature student and local ministers throughout the community.

As Editor-in-Chief of The A&T Register, and speaking on behalf of the 1987-88 newspaper staff, we accept the commitment and responsibility of continuing to uphold the excellence exemplified through the paper for nearly 80 years.

Because we are full-time students, with education as our first priority, we cannot cover every event throughout the year. But, we will try.

We challenge all students to lend a helping hand this year. This is your newspaper.

If you find that the paper is not perfect, just keep this thought in mind: We are only full-time students and not full-time professionals yet.

Unity

J. R. Williams
News Editor

My duties as News Editor of The A&T Register include writing and editing news stories and editorials, supervising a staff of reporters and anything else my Editor-in-Chief feels that I should do.

However, I cannot dismiss two other duties that I have taken that have turned into personal goals for the 1987-88 school year.

The first is to be a major part in the mobile process of The A&T Register as it continues its journey up the mountain of success. I plan to make this contribution by focusing on accuracy, aggressiveness and organization. I feel that these areas are important if perfection is to be effectively utilized.

While working to accomplish this goal at the paper, I am also achieving my second goal, which is to unite students, administration, faculty and the surrounding areas. The A&T Register is currently composing a community-staff campaign aimed at these areas. The Student Government Association was established for this purpose, however, I can not help but feel that the student media can aid in this mission.

I plan to assign a reporter to every major area of the campus, who will in turn submit a letter to every student organization and administrative department head which will emphasize on communication and teamwork for the upcoming year.

Although, this has been attempted in previous years, I feel more optimistic this year with the larger number of incoming student this year.

The A&T Register staff invites anyone with constructive criticism or positive input about the newspaper to stop by the office and talk with any of the members of The A&T Register.

Success

URSULA WRIGHT
Managing Editor

To be successful is a goal that every student organization sets out to attain. Unfortunately, few organizations complete the year without abandoning established goals because of a lack of interest from students and the absence of dedication from its members.

As in the past, the Register aims to be successful in providing news articles that will benefit the administration, students and others interested in the A&T family.

We have established new objectives and have improved on traditional segments to enhance the paper, however, we cannot attain our goals without teamwork and cooperation from fellow Aggies and the surrounding community.

There will always be an open door for those interested in submitting informative articles, assisting in the production of the newspaper, or those willing to learn about staff members' roles.

With your ideas and comments we can improve our paper throughout the school year and stay on top of newsworthy events.

My position as Managing Editor entails me to assist in any way possible. My tasks include planning workshops that will enhance the efficiency and ability of staff members and organizing functions of interest open to the student body.

The Register is the light of the Aggie family. By working together we can continue to maintain the highest standards of quality and excellence associated with the members of A&T State University.
Ross says spirituality needed in man’s life

Ralph M. Rose
Organizational Development
For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:26 KJV)

We live in a materialistic age. Our success, worth and happiness are often measured by the materials we possess or the stuff we amass instead of the strength and stability of our soul, mind, spirit, our inner life. Therefore, we spend more and more of our energy and effort to get more and more stuff. If we have money we want more money. If we have houses or land we want more houses or land. If we have an automobile we want a better one or more automobiles. If we have electronic equipment we want bigger or more sophisticated electronic equipment. The more stuff we get the more stuff we want.

Now there is nothing wrong with wanting more and better materials per se. Some people are just so caught up in the getting of more materials that they forget about the important things of their soul: faith, hope, love, meditation, prayer, companionship, fellowship, etc. The pursuit of "stuff" is so dominant in their lives that they don't have time or take time for loved ones or friends. They don't even have time to take care of their own souls, their own lives. For example, one student who had great academic ability also wanted to excel academically. But that student also wanted an apartment with all the trimmings (TV, VCR, stereo, nice furnishings, etc.) stylish clothes, a "bad" car, you name it. So along with enrolling at A&T the student secured two jobs, one full-time and one part-time. Well, he was quite successful for a while. But, soon his energy began to run out.

He needed more and more rest. He started absenting himself from his jobs. He started missing classes and assignments. He became increasingly irritable and started having fights with his girlfriend. His GPA went down. His resistance started going down. He had frequent colds and caught the flu on occasion which further inerverted him causing more absenteeism at work and school. Soon he was unable to pay his bills because of income decreases. His girlfriend

A&T: The “perfect choice,” says Buck

To our incoming freshman and transfer students, I want to extend a very warm welcome to A&T. You could not have selected a better institution to pursue your life goals. A&T is the “Perfect Choice” for those students who are serious about their academic pursuits—we represent the best there is in higher education: high quality educational programs, diversified extracurricular activities, superior student support services and a vibrant Student Government Association.

The Division of Student Affairs has responsibility for several student support services including housing, food service committee, student health, counseling services, student activities, student union, to name a few. These services are provided to enhance your adjustment to the University and add to the quality of your out-of-classroom experiences on campus.

With a diverse student body and a population approaching 6,000 students, we cannot meet every single need that you may have. What we can do however, is to attempt to do everything in our power to facilitate your integration into a new campus environment. If you have needs that are unable to meet, we can always find resources elsewhere on campus that will supplement our efforts. You are the reason why the University exists. The Division of Student Affairs is committed to ensuring that your years at A&T will be the best years of your life. We are not perfect—when you do we make mistakes, please tell us and we will take corrective action.

By coming to A&T you have indeed made the “Perfect Choice.” Please use your opportunities and talents wisely so that in final analysis, you will bring credit not only to the University but to the nation at large. I wish you a most productive stay at A&T.

If the Presidential Election were held today, whom would you vote for and why?

Charlie Ricks
Physical Education
"I'd vote for Jesse Jackson because he is a very intelligent person. He's very realistic and aggressive. I think he'd do whatever it takes to get the job done because he's a competitor."

David Hill
Business Administration sophomore
"I would vote for Jesse Jackson because he represents my views on what should be done throughout the United States. I feel we need more moral leadership in the White House as opposed to hypocritical type of leadership that we have been receiving."

Eric Gladney
Electrical Engineering junior
"I don't think Rev. Jackson really believes he's going to win, however, if he can get the majority of the votes he can throw them from the Republican Party. This will cause a split on the Democratic ticket."

Imaque Daniels
Business Management sophomore
"If the elections were today, I'd vote for Rev. Jackson. He's sincere and concerned with the welfare of all mankind. He would work to bring about world peace."

Sondra Dixon
Mass Communications senior
"I would vote for Jesse Jackson because I think he is saying a lot of things that are getting people's attention. For instance, he's sincere about helping foreigners get aid so they won't become criminals."
Anthony Fuller
Special to the Register

When it comes to listing A&T's scholarly achievers, Dr. Georgia Bowser's name should head the list.

Bowser, chairperson of the Department of Business Administration for the past seven years, returned to A&T this year after spending nearly a year in Kenya.

After receiving a Fulbright scholarship in April 1986 Bowser says she traveled to Kenya University in Kenya as a visiting scholar to teach a course entitled "Development Economics.

Throughout the course, Bowser says she taught Kenyan students how to enhance their wealth and achieve equality of the masses.

"The African students were motivating and eager to learn," says Bowser.

Bowser says Kenyan students were on a British system which meant that all of their courses in school were lectures only.

"All exams are essay and are taken at the end of the year," Bowser says.

"The students write a lot Class Offices
Filled for 1987-88

The newly elected class officers for the 1987-88 school year were announced Wednesday, Sept. 9 in the Memorial Student Union.

Patrick Curry was elected vice president of the senior class; Cheryl Gray was elected "Miss Senior"; Alvin Wallace, who ran unopposed, was elected treasurer and Annie Dupree, who also ran unopposed, was elected secretary.

Veronica Craven was elected "Miss Junior" and Ronald Robinson ran unopposed for junior class president.

David Hill was elected sophomore president.

Tony Ballard was elected freshmen class secretary and Teola Thomas was elected class treasurer. Freshmen Antonio Blow and Lawrence Alexander Jr. will have a run-off for the position of class president. Run-off will also be held between Jered Davis and Monica Morris for the office of vice president and Sharon Jenkins and Shawne White will run-off for the office of Miss Freshmen.

430 out of 5800 students voted.

Enterprise

Bowser Returns to Business Department

and don’t expect to talk.

"If you fail one course you have to repeat the whole year," Bowser said.

She says that the only difference between Kenyan and Americans is that time is not an important factor to them.

"They may arrive at 4 p.m. when they were asked to arrive at 3 p.m.," she said.

Bowser says that Kenya is similar to the U.S. in its cultural and living environment.

"The people in Kenya want to share their culture with Americans and they want to learn about American culture," Bowser says.

"When I first went to Africa I experienced a culture shock but when I returned home I began to understand and appreciate the culture," she says.

"The cultures in Africa are different and we should not stereotype them by putting them all in one category.

"People need to learn more about Africa so that they will discover that there are different cultures which are very dissimilar," Bowser says.

In addition to her trip to Kenya, Bowser has traveled abroad to 15 different countries outside the continental U.S., including Belize in Central America and Peru in South America. She also has traveled to India, Nepal, Japan, China, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

A graduate of North Carolina Central University, Bowser received her B.S. in Business Administration and received her masters and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

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Black Dance Review to Air on PBS

"Watch Me Move!," a celebration of the immense impact of black music and rhythm on American dance, airs nationally over PBS Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10 p.m. (check your local listings).

The special, produced by KCET/Los Angeles in association with Acarell Productions, includes archival photos, film and television clips, special choreographed dance segments, and on-camera narratives from people who lived and danced through the decades.

"Watch Me Move!" goes full swing with all the popular dances and the trends of dance in twentieth-century America. One of the dance authorities interviewed during the special is historian and critic for "Dance Magazine," Sally R. Somers, Ph.D. According to Somers, "As a basic rule, the cutting edge of dance styles began in the black community and then filtered into the white community."

The first international dance craze, the "Charleston," is representative of her belief. It began in the early 1920s in the black community as an outgrowth of the "Cake Walk." In the mid 1920s it came to the attention of the white community and thus a world-wide dance craze was born.

"Watch Me Move!" uses a joyous selection of dancing to illustrate each period: "Swing" of the 30s, "Boogie" of the 40s, "Rhythm and Blue" to "Rock 'N Roll" of the 50s, "Dancing in the Streets" of the 60s, "Disco" of the 70s and "Breaking" and "Popping" of the 80s.

Interspersed with the dancing, photographs and film clips are narratives by such renowned dance specialists as dancer/actress Paula Kelly-Chaffey; Motown choreographer Cholly Atkins; tap dancer and choreographer Charles "Honi" Coles; talent booking agent Henry Nash; and Don Cornelius, executive producer of "Soul Train," a televised black dance show which has aired nationally for 18 years.

Cornelius discusses at length the current trends in music and dance in the 70s. The Afro-American dance went everywhere in the world via records, radio, television and films, and in turn was influenced by the world, particularly the Afro-based rhythms of the Latin and Caribbean communities.

The special concludes by examining the full scope of dance-from where it's been to where it's going. The dances of the '80s exemplify the theory that dance is a full circle effect. Dancing began on dirt floors, progressed to juke joints, to Broadway, to ballrooms back to the streets again. Michael Jackson's style is reminiscent of James Brown, break dancing is reminiscent of street dancing and disco dancing is reminiscent of ballroom dancing.
Collins Joins A&T department

The newest member in the A&T athletic program has a pleasant smile, youthful enthusiasm, and according to Athletic Director Orby Moss, is the perfect choice for the important role she will be playing in the program's aggressive ambition to become a model of success.

Rochelle Collins, named the first full-time assistant athletic director for fundraising, marketing and promotions, has been on the job for only a short time but already has developed some long term goals for the athletic program.

"A&T is an excellent university with tremendous potential for its athletic program," Collins said. "With support from alumni, friends, corporations, community and other segments, we can have one of the best athletic programs in the nation."

Collins is no novice to the position. Before coming to A&T, she served in a marketing and promotions capacity in the women's program at the University of Michigan. Collins gained valuable experience at the Ann Arbor, Mich., campus, Moss said.

"Rochelle is well qualified for the position and we are fortunate to have her on our staff," Moss said. "Having worked at a major university, she knows what it takes to be successful. In my estimation, she's perfect to achieve the goals we've established for our athletic program."

In her role as assistant athletic director for fundraising, marketing and promotions, Collins will work closely with the athletic director in developing and implementing activities and strategies that will yield financial support for the various men's and women's athletic programs.

Collins already is developing promotional activities she hopes will yield increased attendance at the six 1987 home football games. The football team enjoyed a groundswell of support during the excitement of last season when the Aggies opened the season with six straight victories and went on to win the MEAC championship.
Optimistic Team

Optimism abounds as North Carolina A&T seeks to become the first team in four seasons to repeat as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champions.

The Aggies will feature 14 starters among 47 returning lettermen from last season's 9-3 entry. The key returnee is senior quarterback Alan Hooker.

Hooker, who captured honors as the MEAC offensive player of the year in 1986, hopes to duplicate his performance of a year ago when he led the Aggies to a 4-1 league record and threw 17 touchdown passes. The gifted signal caller also passed for 1,907 years.

Another offensive asset for the Aggies will be the return of leading rusher Stoney Polite, who gained 840 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. The 5-foot-10 and 205-pound senior also caught 27 passes for 232 yards and five TDs.

Polite's runningmate, senior tailback Juan Jackson, is also returning to the fold and giving the Aggies a formidable rushing combination.

Hooker will be without all-MEAC wide receiver Herbert Harrison, who paced the Aggies in receptions with 63 for 883 yards and seven TDs. The Aggies will try to get those numbers from junior Anthony Best and sophomore Deneal McNair.

A seasoned offensive line will be anchored by senior center Marvin Christian (6-3, 240), an all-MEAC candidate. Guard Ken Canion and tackle Kelvin Lee are also returning to the unit.

Hooker Makes All-American Checklist

Alan Hooker, A&T's gifted senior quarterback, has added another honor to his ever-increasing list of awards.

Hooker was named to the Sporting News pre-season All-America checklist, the only quarterback in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference to land a berth on the team. Hooker responded to the announcement of his selection with customary humility.

"I'm pleased to be recognized by a national publication, but whatever awards and honors I receive are due to the support of my teammates and encouragement from the coaching staff," Hooker said.

"Alan is very deserving of this recognition," head football coach Mo Forte said. "He has played a major role in our success and it's a tribute to his talent and ability."

Hooker is coming off a sensational season. Last year he led the Aggies to the MEAC championship and the automatic berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

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Aggies and Rams: Battling for Bragging Rights

WADE NASH  
Staff Writer

The North Carolina A&T Aggies open their 1987 campaign on the road at arch-rival Winston-Salem State Saturday at 7 p.m. in Bowman-Gray Stadium.

Over 18,000 fans are expected to witness the annual battle.

The Aggies dominated the series, never losing a contest in over 25 meetings. In 1977 Bill Hayes arrived to guide the Rams and the tables turned. The Aggies still hold a commanding advantage in the series standing, but Mo Forte trails in head-to-head duals with Hayes, earning his first win in a 28-21 thriller last season. This year's contest is expected to be a carbon copy of last year's because both teams return several talented to performers from championship campaigns.

The Aggies compiled a 9-3 record in their march to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference crown. Winston-Salem's 7-4 was good enough to win the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Southern Division.

Forte knows that the game and the rivalry are tough, but he said at a recent practice that he feels no extra pressure.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's just the first game of the season. The rivalry is for the fans. My players are kids, and I'm sure they hear about it, and because they're kids they get caught up in it."

"The most important thing is that we get off on the right foot Saturday, and minimize our mistakes."

Forte is 1-4 against Hayes since arriving at A&T in 1982. The Aggies will be trying to end a two game skid from last year against Hayes' Rams.

"Bill Hayes is a great coach, and his team would beat a lot of MEAC clubs," Forte said. "They're an excellent team year in and year out, but there's always pressure to beat every team you play."

Forte's greatest concern is the game experience the Rams received in their 24-3 win over Bowie State last week.

"The time between the first game and the second game is usually when a team will make more progress than they

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In order for the Aggies to be productive offensively, the men in the trenches have got to get the job done. L to R are Joe Johnson(88), Kevin Lee(74), Alan Palmer(60), Marvin Christian(53), Ken Canion(69) and John Allen(77).

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The contest is a perfect matchup on paper. Both teams are loaded with all conference performers.

The Rams will start senior Bobby Junior at quarterback. Lonnie Pulley and Kenny Jones are their top backs.

Alan Hooker, last year’s Sheridan Black College Football’s Player of the Year, the MEAC’s, and the recipient of top honors to numerous to mention will quarterback the Aggies.

Hooker passed for 17 touchdowns and 1,907 yard last season in guiding A&T to their first ever title.

“The fans should enjoy the contest, because it’s going to be a running back’s game. Both teams have experienced backfields,” Hooker said. “It’s going to be a physical game, one the fans should enjoy.”

Stoney Polite, 5’10, 205, and Juan Jackson are expected to start at fullback and tailback respectively. Polite crossed opponents end zones 16 times last season. Jackson is a speedy back with great hands. George McLean, and Keith Mathis will also see plenty of action in the Aggie backfield. Hooker has Anthony Best, Joe Johnson and numerous talented receivers to throw to. Polite definitely wants to open the season with a win over the Rams.

“I’d like to go out beating Winston-Salem. They beat us my first two years,” Polite said. “We’d like to get the season off to a successful start, and it’s imperative that we do well against the Rams.”

For the Aggies to get anything done offensively, they have to win the war in the trenches. Veteran preseason All-MEAC Ken Cannon, guard, Marvin Christian center, and tackle Kelvin Lee will need to have super games.

The Aggie defense is deep and talented. Joe Summersett, Ed Hooker, and Brian Bowden head a talented secondary. Demetrius Harris leads the linebackers, and Rodney Dickerson is the veteran in the defensive line.

Forte can count on 14 starters (45) letterman from last.

“We will be ready, and I expect all my players to play well.” Forte said as his team screamed for Ram meat. “I think the fans will see a hard played contest. If it’s like the other games we’ve played, fans should see an entertaining contest.”

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Best: It’s His Turn

WADE NASH
Staff Writer

After waiting his turn, Anthony Best is ready to be “The Man.”

Athletes are often told to wait their turn, but while Anthony Best was waiting for the opportunity to shine as the top receiver at North Carolina A&T, he learned from two of the school’s best.

Best, a 6’185-pound Wilson native, labored behind former Pittsburgh Steeler performer Jessie Britt and Herbert “Mr. Excitement” Harbison for two seasons. This year Best will be “The Man,” a role he’s anxious to fill.

“I’ve been behind two great receivers, and now it’s my turn to be the leader of the receivers and hold my own on the field,” Best said while relaxing at press day.

“Last year all of the attention was on Harbison. Now I know I’ve got to work harder. I’m willing to accept that challenge.”

“Best has played behind me, and he has good hands,” receiver coach Jessie Britt said. He’s not that fast, but he runs good routes and can catch the ball anywhere. He could always make the difficult catch, but how well he performs against Winston-Salem could determine his year.”

Going across the middle for receptions is putting your body at the mercy of defenders. That’s where Best shines.

“I love the 18-yard across-the-middle pattern because it gives me room to operate,” Best said. “I enjoy the contact, and whenever the ball is in the air, I feel I’m going to get it.”

The Aggies have a tough, physical, experienced secondary that’s highly rated in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Best has made life hectic for them according to defensive back coach Ray Petty.

“Best creates a good atmosphere for us because he runs good routes, makes difficult catches and he makes our secondary work every play,” Petty said after a recent scrimmage. “I think he could be the best receiver in the conference because he runs good routes and has great hands.”

Coach Mo Forte hopes Best will be as productive as he was in the Aggies march to the 1986 title. “Best is our only experienced receiver returning and he’s coming off an excellent year in terms of production,” Forte said. “He makes the difficult catches and he’s been a part of a trio of excellent receivers. We’re expecting a lot out of him.”

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Ender: Another Aggie First

Clara Ada-Ender, a veteran pacesetter for black females in the United States Army, achieved another first recently when she was selected for promotion to the rank of brigadier general. She received her star on Tuesday, Sept. 1 in Washington, where she is currently chief of the Department of Nursing at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Ender is the only black female general on active duty with the U.S. Army. She will be the second A&T State University graduate to reach the general rank. The other Aggie general is Maj. General Charles D. Bussey, currently chief of public affairs of the U.S. Department of the Army.

Ender was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in 1959. She graduated and was selected as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. Ender is a 1983 graduate of the Army War College and was the first female to qualify for the Expert Field Medical Badge.

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