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Loans Jeopardized by Federal Bill

LaVonne McIver
Staff Writer

A&T ranks fifth in Guaranteed Student Loan default rates in North Carolina, with 32.74 percent of its students failing to pay back student loans, according to a report prepared by the National Governors' Association.

According to A&T acting treasurer, Phillip Mansfield, the GSL program could soon be eliminated from A&T and other institutions who have default rates in excess of 25 percent if a bill is passed by the House and Senate committees.

"The removal of institutions from the GSL program which have default rates in excess of 25 percent would have a dramatic effect on A&T," Mansfield said.

According to Mansfield, 1,180 A&T students received GSL's last year totalling $2,075,214.

"If the bill is passed it could effect us drastically," he said.

"That would mean alternative financing for many students at A&T or they would have to drop out."

According to the report, 10 out of the 11 historically black institutions in North Carolina are in excess of the limit.

"I think the bill is a gross error, the universities have no recourse on these loans," Mansfield said. "If we have no recourse how can we be held responsible."

According to Benjamin E. Rawlins, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs, the university is not opposed to efforts to decrease the GSL default rate.

"We are opposed to the bill because it would penalize the universities when the universities have no involvement in the collection process," Rawlins said.

According to the report, the national average default rate is 12.1 percent.

Student Cited in Car Accident

An A&T student was charged with failure to yield right at a stop sign, according to the accident report filed by the Greensboro police Tuesday.

Leslie Renee Blackwell pulled from a stop position at the stop sign on John Mitchell Drive into the vehicle of Neva Leona Evans, who was heading north on Laurel Ave.

The police cited Blackwell with the citation.

The vehicle Blackwell was driving, a 1982 Ford Escort, received damages to the left front, while Evans car received damages to the left front end of her 1986 Chevrolet Caviler.

Damage to Blackwell's vehicle is estimated at $4,000 while damage to Evans vehicle was estimated at $3000.

Drugs Not a Problem Despite Arrests, Officials Say

Shermonica Scott
Associate News Editor

Although arrests have been made, drugs at A&T are no more of a problem than at UNC-G or in the city at large, says A&T chief of police, John Williams.

According to Williams, approximately three cases related to marijuana and six dealing with alcohol have been found at A&T since August.

Students caught with a minor amount of drugs, like a joint, have the option of being referred to the University tribunal Williams said. It is up to the individual officer whether or not criminal charges are brought against the student for the misdemeanor offense.

The tribunal, which consists of five students and five faculty members, is the judicial arm of the university, according to Williams.

"It is an alternative to criminal prosecution," Williams said. "Everyone that is caught smoking is not a criminal, he said.

According to Roland Buck, vice-chancellor of student affairs, no one has been suspended or expelled for drug use since the 1986-87 school year.

"We have had about four students caught smoking marijuana that were removed from the dormitory but not expelled," Buck said.

Buck said that if students are caught smoking a joint whether inside his room or outside the dorm he or she will be arrested because they are breaking state and university law.

He said that the student is sent downtown and once they are taken downtown the university has nothing to do with the process.

"We have nothing to do with the criminal courts," Buck said.

"We cannot shield students from criminal prosecution--the tribunal is an addition to not in lieu of," Buck said.

Although crimes such as trespassing, minor physical assaults (fights), plagiarism, and disruptive behaviors are crimes that are kept on campus and not taken downtown.

Sexual assault and drug use are two offenses that call for criminal prosecution, according to Buck.

Students caught with possession of drugs have two options: suspension from the university or expulsion from the university.
Black Enrollment Declines at Universities

The number of black students at the University of North Carolina's predominately white campuses has dropped for the third time this decade, despite administration efforts to boost minority enrollment.

The percentage of blacks at the UNC's 11 predominately white campuses dropped from 8.4 percent in 1986 to 8.2 percent this year, UNC Senior Vice President Raymond Dawson told the UNC Board of Governors.

All campuses have seen a decline in minority enrollment, he said.

Overall, the number of black students at the system's 16 campuses fell from 24,207 last year to 24,077 in 1987.

Dawson said more black freshmen were entering the UNC system—up by 20 this year over 1986—and more blacks were part of the system overall: 21.3 percent of the 16-campus student population, compared with 20.2 percent last year.

The number of whites at predominantly black campuses rose, Dawson said, 2,966 this year compared with 2,950 in 1986.

Dawson told the board 130 fewer black students at white campuses was a "statistically insignificant" decrease. But, he said, the school should find the numbers a cause for concern because it was still falling short of its own goal.

Prodded by a federal consent decree in 1981 that ended a 10-year legal battle between the university system and federal officials, UNC had set a goal of 10.6 percent black enrollment on white campuses by last year. The consent decree lapsed last year, though UNC missed the mark by 2.2 percent. Dawson said: "We committed to trying to increase the minority enrollment but did not set another (goal.)."

Dawson told the board the drop in the number of black college students statewide was at least partially due to a 5 percent decrease in the number of black high school graduates last year. Education officials anticipate a 4 percent increase in the number of black graduates next year.

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WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?
Council doesn’t Monkey Around

Esther Woods  
Editor-in-Chief

The adage, “one monkey don’t stop no show” can best describe this year’s Residence Men’s Council at A&T.

The council, under the leadership of sophomore Robert Andrews, is young yet busy trying to cast a positive image to the university and the community at-large, says Andrews.

While striving for this goal, the council visited the St. James Nursing Center, Inc. in Greensboro Wednesday to donate personal goods to the residents.

Andrews, along with council members presented Sonya Adams, director of special activities at the center, $85 worth of personal items which included shaving cream, after shave lotions, razors, sweat socks, shampoos and conditioners.

“We appreciate this and it will really benefit the patients. Socks are really needed because it’s getting colder,” Adams said.

A&T male residents who purchased a membership card at the beginning of the school year at $3 are official members of the council, according to Andrews. He said that although the council has more than 600 members, the most active members are the executive board.

“The members are not that active because they do not know what the Men’s Council is,” Andrews said.

“This year I’m trying to make the members aware of what Men’s Council is and stress that it is here for them.”

With freshmen and sophomores holding executive offices on the council this year, Andrews says that he expects them to get more done because they are young and will be at A&T a while.

Throughout the school year, Andrews says that many projects have been tentatively set for the Residence Men’s Council.

On Dec. 9, a Christmas reception for all council members is tentatively scheduled. Andrews said that the council members will visit an orphanage and present toys to children in December. Also, beginning in December, he said that an award will be presented to the best residential hall of the month throughout the school term.

In January, raffle tickets will be sold for a drawing of valentine prizes which will be presented to winners in February during the week before Valentine’s Day.

The officers of the Residence Men’s Council include Andrews, president; sophomore Tony Foreman, vice-president; freshmen Randy Edmundson, treasurer; and sophomore William Pugh, chairperson of activities. Ronald Vines is the advisor.

THE UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE will perform a concert on Sunday at 6 p.m. in McNair Auditorium. The program will feature vocalist Sonya McLean singing “Yesterday” and “When I Fall In Love.” J.T. Edwards will be featured vocalist on “My One And Only Love,” “Skylerk,” “Second Time Around” and “On Green Dolphin Street.” Other music on the program includes Oliver Nelson’s “Stolen Moments,” Miles Davis’ “All Blues,” as well as several works from the Swing Era. Featured soloists include Willard Wright - trombone, John Green - trombone, Darrell Harris - trumpet, David Brewster - vibes and Kirk Keyes - saxophone. The public is invited free of charge.

TUTORING SESSIONS for the National Teacher Exam (NTE), the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and other standardized exams (GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, MAT) will be held twice a week throughout the Fall 1987 semester on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2:30-3 p.m. in Crosby 201. The Monday session will be conducted by Dr. Robert Levine and the Wednesday session by Dr. SallyAnn Ferguson. These tutoring sessions are sponsored by the English Department.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES are available with the North Carolina State Government Office of Youth Advocacy and Involvement. A representative will be on campus Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in Room 111 Murphy Hall to discuss application information. You must be a sophomore with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or above.

THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC will have a dance tonight in Moore Gym at 9 p.m. Admission is $1 for A&T students with ID and $2 without ID.

A&T NEWS MAGAZINE will hold auditions for the positions of host, feature reporters and research assistants Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3-4, from 12-3 p.m. in the Television Studio. Auditions by appointment only. See Mrs. Gail Wiggins in the Television Studio after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

THE A&T WESLEY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. All student representatives are requested to present and prompt. For more information call the Wesley Foundation at 378-9849.
Viewpoint

Abuse

"Say 'No' to drugs" is a slogan that we hear quite frequently in the many campaigns to reduce drug abuse. Many of us have had drug education included in our secondary school curriculums in which we were taught and shown the effects drug abuse has on our minds and bodies.

It seems that a year after the Drug Abuse Act of 1986 which appropriated 1.7 billion dollars for drug treatment, law enforcement, and education as well as the national attention drawn to drug abuse by the untimely death of Len Bias, that people still don’t realize the harm and dangers that results from substance abuse.

With all the warnings and statistical data about casualties and unfortunate incidents related to drug use, it is amazing that people still insist on using drugs.

What is the fascination that draws people to use and sell drugs when knowing that it could be a lengthy jail sentence, possible brain damage or even death?

What is the significance of an artificial high, a temporary "feel good", a unreliable way to forget your troubles for a short time when you have to come back to reality to face your problems?

Does drug use stem from an "I'll try anything once" attitude that may have been the demise of Don Rogers; or is it the "Oh, if I never happen to me" attitude which may have led to the needed rehabilitation of Lawrence Taylor. Maybe it is the "I'm not hurting anybody so why can't I do what I want to do" attitude which may afflict Joe Summersett?

Unfortunately, drug use is common among the poor. These people resort to thievery and violence to sustain their 'habit'.

If we want to fight the war on drugs we must know the consequences of drug use.

As college students, we have come here to enhance our minds, develop our personalities, and mobilize our careers. Drugs can only hinder our goals.

Nonchalance

Shermonica Scott

Associate News Editor

Does our university’s casual attitude toward drug offenses open the door to more prevalent drug use?

When a student is caught with a minor amount of drugs as in a joint or a small amount of marijuana, whether or not the student is charged is optional. It is up to the individual officer because after all it is only a misdemeanor offense.

Section 5a No.3 of the student handbook states that student involvement in the illicit use, possession, distribution or sale of narcotics is specially prohibited. This includes marijuana, LSD, or any drug, amphetamine, barbituate or similar agent without the prescription of a physician.

Disciplinary action may range from suspension to expulsion and or conviction in a criminal court.

Thus, students regardless of the amount or type of illegal drug are subject to criminal prosecution but many times students are referred to the University tribunal instead.

The tribunal or "judicial arm of the university" is an alternative to criminal prosecution.

There have been approximately three marijuana cases and six concerning alcohol this semester-according to police records.

It would seem that drugs is not a problem on this campus

But, just because it is not a problem now does not mean it will not be a problem in the future.

We should stop giving so many options and alternatives when it concerns illegal drug use on this campus.

We should shrug off the casual attitude.
Forum

Unconditional Love the Only True Love

Have you ever gotten high off drugs, came down and wanted to go back up again? Have you ever gotten so drunk that you forgot all your problems and wanted life to stay that way? Have you ever hopped from one guy to another hoping to find one who really cared about you and not just your body? Or maybe you have good grades but there seems to be a void in your life. Nothing seems to make you happy.

I have found that no matter how many times I have made the same mistakes in my life and will make a mistake there is someone who will love me regardless. People will judge you on how you look, dress, talk, and your GPA but Jesus Christ will accept you for you.

You don’t have to pretend with him or cover up for he already knows and loves you. John (3:16) “..for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” You see all God requires of us is to receive everlasting life and abundant life comes from believing in Jesus.

Roman (10:9) “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

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John (3:3) “verily I say unto thee except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John (10:10) “The thief (devil) cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (Jesus) am come that they (we who believe) might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Evangelist Andrea Drumgold
Student Minister

Williams qualifies Slogan, “Serious Aggie”

We have all observed the slogan “Serious Aggie” throughout this community, on cars, clothing and as graffiti in numerous other places. What does this slogan mean? Are A&T students serious about academic excellence, about sports, about partying, about extra-curricular activities, about politics, or is it a slogan which denotes the comprehensiveness of an “Aggie” which encompasses all of the above?

Unfortunately, all that is required to become an “Aggie” is enrollment at this institution. This also allows students to use the “Serious Aggie” name and chant the “Aggie Pride” slogan.

In my opinion, the “Serious Aggie’s” number one priority should be academic excellence. This does not appear to be the top priority for a large number of students at A&T.

Students enter this University with different levels of academic abilities and aspirations, therefore it is unrealistic to expect all students to have the same level of achievement and motivation. My definition of academic excellence is performing up to one’s potential.

The Five “F” Rule (Proper planning prevents poor performance) is a tool used extensively by the “Serious Aggie”. However, if one has not planned properly in high school for college he is not automatically disqualified from being a serious Aggie. It depends on what course of action one decides to take about the situation he finds himself in.

The University recognizes that some of its students may lack the basic skills necessary to successfully matriculate and provides supportive services to assist those students.

Each freshman is provided with a Freshman Kit at the beginning of the academic year. This kit contains a booklet listing the name, location and type of services provided by each area at this institution. The “Serious Aggie” uses this booklet as a reference and when the need arises the service is utilized.

Almost all departments provide some form of tutorial assistance in addition to fraternities, sororities and other campus based organizations. Participation in these programs characterizes the attributes of a “Serious Aggie”, in my opinion, better than any other activity.

Tutorial program participation is voluntary and intended for students experiencing difficulty in coursework.

Do you think drug testing should be administered to students participating in athletics here at A&T?

“Yes because if someone is on drugs they shouldn’t be playing in sports. If they are found to be using drugs they should be held responsible. And if they don’t agree to the terms of the help they should be kicked off the team.”

Travis Andrews
Freshman

“No, because what the students do on their own is their own business. Everyone has their own personal lives, and they shouldn’t be single out just because they are athletes.”

Leonardo Chapman
Junior

“No, because they should trust them enough to believe what they say about their taking of drugs. If they do test them they are not trusting them enough to say they are accepting the responsibility for what they consider wrong or right.”

Demetra Baldwin
Freshman

“Most definitely, because the primary objective of an athlete is to perform at the top of his physical ability and if that individual is influenced by drugs he is not performing at his own ability.”

Orlando Sellers
Sophomore

“It depends upon the situation. I don’t think the athletes here at A&T are involved in drugs. And unless the university has a reason to believe that many athletes are in fact taking drugs, they shouldn’t be tested.”

Barry London
Junior
Elements Reach Out Through Music

Marcelyn Blakely
Entertainment Editor

The elements of soul that have captivated musical lyrics and inspired listeners with classics such as "Reasons," "Boogie Wonderland" and "After the Love is Gone" are back with their new album release entitled "Touch The World."

"Earth, Wind and Fire" are climbing the charts with their pop single "System Of Survival." The Rhythm and Blues group have climbed the charts since last week at number 4 to number 2 this week.

The album, which contains ten tracks, features four beautiful love ballads entitled "Thinking of You," "You And I," "Here Today and Gone Tomorrow" and "Every Now and Then."

The lyrics have symbolic meaning of peace, love and harmony and is highly recommended for the mellow listener.

The inspirational song "Touch the World," features George Duke on piano with gospel artist Edwin Hawkins on lead vocals. Other lead vocalist are Maurice White, Philip Bailey, Lynette Hawkins Stephens and Walter Hawkins. The music for this song was arranged by Rev. Oliver Wells.

This cut has a universal message of hope for a world filled with turmoil and political problems.

Some of the fast upbeat tempo songs on the album are "Money Tights," and "Victim of the Modern Heart," which are a combination of R&B and pop blended together to create some toe tapping dance tunes. The instruments

Off-Broadway Musical Reopens

The long-running New York musical, "Mama, I Want To Sing," will bring its gospel sounds and powerful rock rhythms to the Greensboro War Memorial Auditorium for three performances on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. and for Nov. 29 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All tickets are $18.50 and all seats are reserved. Tickets are on sale at the Greensboro Coliseum box office and all Ticketon outlets.

Written, produced and directed by Vy Higginsen and her husband, Ken Wydro, "Mama, I Want To Sing" is a "story in concert" of a young gospel singer who, against her mother's wishes, leaves her father's church choir to pursue a pop-singing career.

Since its debut in 1983, it has emerged as the longest-running black off-Broadway show in theatre history.

This high-energy musical celebration is loosely based on the life of Doris Troy, Vy Higginsen's older sister, who crossed over from gospel to pop music with the chart-topping hit, "Just One Look," in 1963.

The National Touring Company, launched in 1986, stars Noreen Crayton as the young singer, Doris Winter. Doris Troy plays the role of Mama Winter, a traditionalist who objects to her daughter's secular singing.

Backed by a 15-member choir (The Rehach Ensemble), the cast also features Charles Stewart as the dynamic Minister of Music, Alexander Plummer as Rev. Winter, Kathleen Murphy-Palmer as Sister Carrie and Diane M. King in the role of a disc jockey, who serves as the narrator of the show.

The November appearance is a repeat visit to Greensboro by the "Mama, I Want To Sing" show. The same cast performed the show for large audiences and to critical acclaim when it appeared last May at War Memorial Auditorium.

played on these particular tracks are drums, horns and synthesizers to give the cuts a fast pace beat.

One jazz fusion song entitled, "New Horizons," is a musical interlude of drums, keyboard and synthesizers blended together to capture a reflection of music for the mind and soul.

This album is ideal for those listeners who require a taste of jazz mixed with pop. Comparing this album to Earth, Wind and Fire last album "Magnetic," the writing and music has a more meaningful message.

The album is recommended highly for those who enjoy listening to quality music. On a scale of one to ten, "Touch the World" is a nine.

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Special to the Register

Every student has the innate ability to become a successful architect, building on his or her future, says A&T student James Hill.

Hill, a 21-year-old accounting major, plans to own and operate the largest minority public accounting firm in the country by age 40.

He anticipates unlimited success in the business world by merging every facet of his life into one working plan.

"Every man is the architect of his own future." Hill said.

"Everything that I have done, whether working for a company or campus activities, will all fit into a big picture that I devised for my future success."

Hill, a native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., was one of 18 minorities chosen nationwide in 1986 by General Motors Co. to work under the Dealer Development Program.

"For the past two summers, I was a GM scholar and the program focused on exposing enterprising minorities to the opportunity of owning a GM dealership," Hill said.

"I worked in the Buick division learning dealership operations," Hill said. "The net result of the 2-year internship is how to effectively run a 2-car franchise."

General Motors, the largest automobile manufacturer in the world, exposed Hill to a cross-section of the many areas he has studied at A&T.

"It showed me every aspect needed to run a successful small business. I not only learned accounting, but I learned people management, finance, and most importantly economics," Hill said.

"I will be considering owning a dealership soon after I attain the minimal capital requirement," Hill said.

"But for the immediate future, the map is drawn for each step of his carefully planned future."

"I will hopefully take and pass the C.P.A. exam in May and then I hope to enter graduate school to obtain my M.B.A. at either Harvard, Wisconsin, or Wharton.

Hill, a member of Beta Alpha Psi honorary accounting fraternity, plans to then start as a public accountant in a Big 8 accounting firm specializing in small business practices.

"If I prepare myself professionally and intellectually, I will be able to contribute to the well being of the small business—backbone of our economy."

Hill credits the game Monopoly for some important basic instincts needed in business.

"My favorite game is Monopoly and it teaches you that there are winners and losers in life," Hill said. "It just so happens that I always turned out to be the winner."

But Hill credits his father, who manages one of the largest minority accounting firms in the country, as the catalyst for his business interests.

"When I turned 16, I began working at Hill, Taylor, and Co., a minority owned CPA firm in Chicago in which my father is a managing partner."

"My father instilled in me the idea that the world doesn't owe me anything," Hill said. "I have to give a lot to get a job."

The A&T senior plans to offer a quality service to whoever needs it and provide opportunities for black professionals to participate in a corporate environment.

"There are only 27 black partners in Big 8 public accounting, therefore, I would like to give these ambitious black professionals a chance to make a difference."

The number one priority for Hill will be the quality service he will render.

"Money isn't the number one priority, because the primary objective of providing a quality service is neglected. If my business is successful, my just compensation will indeed follow," said Hill.

Hill, an honor student, also credits the A&T Accounting Dept. with providing adequate resources and quality programs.
Should A&T Athletes Be Drug Tested

Paula A. Hamilton
Sports Editor

With the recent rash of athletes admitting to drug dependency, the worry of many today's athletes is drug tests. From professional athletes and managers who attempt to negotiate the test, to college level athletes who are required by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to pass the test before season participation, a national surge has developed to stop this widespread tragedy. The question then arises, "What about A&T? What is their policy on the drug testing of athletes?"

According to A&T's Athletic Director Orby Mos, the school's policy for drug testing pertains to all students. Athletes are not singled out for drug tests. "As much as possible, we want to treat student athletes as any other students," Mos said.

But are athletes "...as any other students?" Sure they live in dormitories, eat in the cafeteria, and attend class as any other student would. But doesn't being an athlete, in the limelight of the public, classify them as more than any other student.

One example would be the Joe Summertess case. Given that he had been any other student, as much attention might not have been focused on the issue nor the school. But the fact remains that Summertess was a known athlete. His playing abilities gave him enormous credibility in the public's eyes.

Another question then arises, "Should A&T's athletes be tested for drugs?" Throughout the country, college athletes are protesting drug tests citing them as invasion of privacy under the Civil Rights Amendment of unreasonable search and seizure.

Drug tests are not "...unreasonable..." when they prevent problems such as the Summertess case. If tested on a mandatory basis, those athletes with a drug dependency could be given the help needed to overcome their dependency.

The NCAA, who has banned 3,000 brands of 80 illegal substances, states that a first offense results in probation for one year and participation in a drug rehabilitation program. It is the second offense that results in player suspension. So, the fear of losing a first rate player is not a relevant issue if he or she can be rehabilitated properly.

I see no excuse for not testing athletes. When coming to A&T and deciding to play sports, the player knows he or she will be in the public's view due to their playing abilities. So how can it be wrong for that player to submit to a test that may prevent a negative view of the school that player represents?

Eagles Soar to Victory Over Aggies

Wade Nash
Staff Writer

North Carolina Central University struggled all season in compiling their 6-5 record. The Eagles lost to Fayetteville State for the first time in the school's history, as well as contest with Livingston College and J.C. Smith. Last Saturday the Eagles put past misfortunes behind them and humiliated the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's defending champions 38-19 in front of 15,000 fans.

Coach Henry Lattimore's Eagles were picked to challenge for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's championship. They weren't even close to winning the Southern Division, but that didn't stop them Saturday.

Quartgback Earle "Air" Harvey flew highest of all the Eagles. Harvey passed and scrambled for four touchdowns, 321 yards passing, and a game high of 72 yards rushing.

"We knew the A&T defense, and it's difficult for two to cover three, or one to cover two," Lattimore said.

"Harvey called the play and read the defense well. It feels great to beat A&T because the rivalry goes back so far. This game was the one the

NCCU Club had been talking about since August."

Harvey spread 21 receptions among six Eagle receivers. Harvey's effectiveness in the air, and the Eagles ability to run the ball with relative ease, prompted A&T coach Mo Forte to admit his club did very little right Saturday.

"I couldn't believe what was happening on the field today. We had a lot of fumbles, dropped passes, 178 yards in penalties, and I didn't see any defense at all," Forte said as he paced every inch of the A&T coaching lounge. With disbelief still etched across his face, Forte realized the loss wasn't merely a bad dream, but a continuation of bad luck that's played him seven times this season.

Forte's fortunes hit an all time low with adversity off the field as well.

"I couldn't believe that I heard our fans saying Mo must go. It's been a devastating week, the most devastating in my coaching career. We had penalties, fumbles, dropped passes, we're 3-7, and I guess I've said that seven times. I don't know why we're losing. I just want to just not playing good enough to win."

The Eagles ran and passed at will, and their success upset Forte.

Despite Alan Hooker's receivers inept performance, the former player of the year in Black College Football passed for 324 yards, three touchdowns, and 26 completions. Forte was amazed at Hooker's performance, because he spent the day running for his life.

“Our quarterback got a lot of pressure in his face and couldn’t see," Forte said. "He threw two interceptions that weren't his fault because the receivers didn't fight for the ball."

Despite Hooker's ability to pass, A&T has usually tried to run the ball on their opponents, and Saturday's game plan called for more of the same.

“NCCU is a great rivalry and our kids just didn't play well, Central wanted to win the game more than we did," Forte said pacing again to burn off the frustration that was evident on his face.

Forte's last game with Alan Hooker will be this week when the Aggies host Western Kentucky. Hooker brought A&T it's only Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship, and the Aggie mentor felt this year's club would challenge for the title. Instead he is for looking ways to break a five game losing streak.

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Karen Branthum
Special to the Register

University police officers have a point they want to make—they are official law enforcement agents and have just as much authority and training as other North Carolina law enforcement officers.

According to Byron Tucker, a campus police officer, there is no difference between the Greensboro city police and the campus police.

"University officers have all the same powers as other law enforcement officers including enforcement of traffic, state and federal law," Tucker said.

According to Tucker, campus police officers have the authority to serve warrants, make arrests and carry firearms. He said that the resident hall security force, whose sole purpose is to patrol campus dormitories, does not have authority because they have not been thoroughly trained.

"The resident hall officers are hired as security officers and go through a minor course of training," Tucker said.

Police officer candidates must pass a rigorous training program before being hired by the university, he said.

"Officers are sent to basic recruit school for 26-30 weeks," Tucker said. "At the end of basic training they are required to take a written state exam and pass by 80 percent."

Tucker said campus officers must also pass a background check and a physical ability test.

Finally, the State Bureau of Investigation in Raleigh must clear them before they are sworn in, according to Tucker.

After passing recruit training and being hired, newly appointed officers are assigned to an experienced training officer for a few weeks of evaluation, Tucker said.

"Our officers don't just come out of recruit school and start working on the force," Tucker said. "They are trained in defense tactics, use of fire arms, crime scene protection, CPR-first aid, crisis management, survival training, responding to domestic disputes, and interpersonal communications."

Tucker said university officers are diligent on A&T students because they are interested in their well-being.

"We take action on all crimes committed on campus," Tucker said, "but we handle it in a different manner."

"We try to find other ways to deal with crimes other than sending the students to jail which can hurt their future."

Serious Aggie

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Although the intention is good, the reality of the situation is that these tutorial programs are not serving the population that they were designed to serve.

The majority of participants in tutorial programs are those students striving for an "A" instead of a "B" or a "B" instead of a "C". Students who desperately need the service and could benefit most must be coerced into participation.

Is this Aggie Pride? Should all students display the "Serious Aggie" logo or should this be a reserved term for those students who are in fact serious about achieving academic excellence?

Charlie Williams, Jr.
Special Services

Look for the next edition of the Register on Dec. 4.
Student Defends Jackson

Letter to the Editor:
In the panel discussion held on Monday, Nov. 9 on the relevance of the Rev. Jackson’s candidacy, many viewpoints were offered. All of these views had merit yet some of them should cause us to take a look at how our societies’ implicit barriers erect explicit barriers in our minds. The fact that the Rev. Jackson is the leading candidate for the democratic nomination to date proves that a major portion of the Democratic Party view Jackson as capable of running this country. Many of those derogatory views such as what kind of socio-economic background the man has or if the country is “ready” for a black to hold the highest office in the land.

For a person to propagate the vile notion that because an individual comes from a less affluent background and that he or she cannot make it in the upper echelon of society, is repugnant and disheartening. The fact that this person is an instructor at a historically black institution makes it an abomination. Aren’t instructors at black schools supposed to encourage and motivate students to reach for their goals and not cripple and maim them with limits?

Students should not be subjected to preclusive attitudes from instructors.

The fact remains that Jesse Jackson has a proven record of public service and dedication to all humanity. Where his birthplace is should play no factor. He is an intelligent, articulate, dedicated and qualified man. He has my vote.

As to the comment made about Rev. Jackson being a preacher and not holding to his calling because he advocates gay rights, one needs only to study the actions of Jesus in the Bible. In many instances Jesus stood up for those guilty of breaking the laws of God, surely he did not approve of these people actions yet he had compassion; enough compassion to look beyond the sin and see the needs of the sinner. Gay people have a need and right to be protected from injustice and discrimination. Their actions may not be wholesome, but as citizens they have certain basic rights which must be observed.

The final view that needs to be scrutinized is whether or not the country is “ready” for a black president. If we were to wait for this country to be ready for a black president we would wait an eternity and a day. It is not a question of whether the country is “ready”, but whether a black is “ready” to be president. Was the country “ready” for John F. Kennedy, a non-Protestant, to be president? Kennedy was ready to be president and the country conceded. I say Jesse Jackson is as ready as any man who has ever run for office. Together we as a people must make this country ready. After 400 years of blacks building this country with the strength of our backs, let us now seize the opportunity to guide it with the power of our minds. Our time has come!

James R. Ricks

Student Viewpoint

OOps!!!

Editor’s Note: Due to printing errors Ronald Smith was identified as Rev. Avery Brown on last week’s forum page. We apologize.

Brown

Smith
Wade Meacham
Special to the Register

Being well-known is a difficult concept for some people to understand, but not for a certain teacher here at A&T. This teacher is Gaylon Wardlow, a guest lecturer of journalism in the speech, communication and theatre arts department. He has taught at A&T for four years.

Wardlow known for the 20 to 25 articles he has had published in the London-based magazine, "Blues Unlimited."

Adding to his credentials is an upcoming book, co-authored with New Yorker Steve Calt, about the life of a legendary blues singer and musician Charley Patton.

"Blues are big in most overseas countries, so we are hoping for a big overseas market," he said.

Wardlow has also received several personal letters from fans and blues enthusiasts around the world.

If one were to look on the record sleeve of a re-released blues recording, one would probably see the name Gaylon Wardlow listed in the credits. Wardlow has also even been mentioned in the popular music magazine, "Rolling Stone," for his assistance in documentary research on blues related material.

Another event that brought Wardlow notoriety was the discovery of Robert Johnson's, a legendary blues musician, death certificate.

According to Wardlow, Johnson was apparently poisoned by a man in a feud over a woman. Until recently, no one was sure what had happened to the death certificate.

Wardlow, who has a degree in history, first started listening to the blues while attending Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss., in the '60s. During the intervening 22 years, he has conducted research for his book.

Wardlow is also owner of a collection of nearly 2,000 rare blues records. Most are albums recorded in the '20s and '30s that are 78 revolutions per minute (rpm).

"I have the only known copy of Charley Patton's 'Some Summer Days,' Wardlow said.

Wardlow, a native of Mississippi, said that even during segregation blacks and whites used music as a medium to seal the racial gap.

"Surprisingly, a lot of blacks and whites played music together," Wardlow said. "Even though there was segregation there was integration between musician."

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Community

Since service is a primary concern and duty for all Greek organizations, what is a better time of the year to really serve the campus and its surrounding community than the holiday season?
The Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is impressively living up to the award they received last year of 1986-1987, National Chapter of the Year.
The Chapter just recently sponsored a Halloween party for needy children. During two home football games, the Kappas raised over 600 dollars to donate to the NAACP and the United Way.
Be on the lookout at this Saturdays game for the brothers as they will carry the collection sheet around the stadium.

As far as educating the young mind, the Kappas tutor on a regular basis at Upward Bound, a state supported enrichment program for high school students. The brothers also find their way to Providence Church on Tuesdays to assist more students in their academics.
The chapter frequently visits L. Richardson Memorial Hospital and assists in any way possible. Just recently, the brothers spent a few Saturday mornings at the hospital stroking their paint brushes while assisting in renovative chores.
Just a note on upcoming service projects: the Kappas will be sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution next week. Every year the brothers set up a distribution center and give needy families turkeys to help them enjoy the holiday. In December, the chapter will sponsor a Christmas party for McIver School, a school which educates mentally handicapped kids. This event tends to be very heart-warming and rewarding.
The Kappas work extra hard on campus also. They played an intricate role in the “Meet the Candidates” forum held in McNair building a few weeks ago prior to elections.

Tim McClain
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity