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# THE A&T REGISTER

"The Light of the University"

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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY, GREENSBORO

Friday, April 8, 1988

## Jackson to Address Commencement

The scheduled 1988 A&T State University Commencement with U.S. Presidential candidate, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, as speaker is expected to attract a record crowd to the Greensboro Coliseum.

Jackson, a 1964 A&T graduate and one its most distinguished alumni, will speak at 11 a.m. to the nearly 1,000 graduating seniors, their parents, the A&T faculty and staff and friends.

"We are extremely fortunate and grateful to have the Rev. Jackson, the internationally prominent human rights leader, to address our commencement," A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort said. "The reality of the situation is that he is very much en route to

He was a quarterback on the football team and was elected president of the Student Government Association. While in Greensboro he led student demonstrations against segregated facilities. After graduation from A&T, he moved to Chicago where he attended the Chicago Theological Seminary.

In 1967, the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. appointed him of SCLC Operation Breadbasket. He remained in that position until 1971 when he founded Operation PUSH cont. to p. 12



Beatryce Nivens, a noted columnist for "Essence" magazine, spoke Thursday in Murphy Hall about career opportunities for black women in the 80s'.

## SGA Pres. Declares Message

J.R. Williams  
News Editor

The Student Government Association president for the upcoming school year says he chose to run for the office because he has a strong message to deliver not only to the students and administration of A&T but to the general community.

Lee P. Christian Jr., 21, of Indianapolis, Ind., says being the leader of the SGA is the best vehicle to relay what he has to say.

"The message is that today more than ever there's a great need for black Americans to

## Monee McQuire Triumphs: Miss A&T 1988-89

J.R. Williams  
News Editor

The final results are in. And the winner is... Monee McQuire.

After a run-off for Miss A&T, McQuire clenched the office by winning 392 of the 754 total votes cast Monday.

"I was praying that I would win," McQuire said, "but you never can tell what people are going to do."

According to Sullivan Welborne, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, run-offs occur when a candidate, who has more than one opponent, does not win by more than a 10 percent margin of the votes cast in that particular category.

McQuire needed only six more votes in the general election Wednesday, March 31, to have won.

Welborne said that if there are only two candidates running for a position, the winner is the person who has the simple ma-

majority of votes.

In the general elections, Kimberly Daniels had 329 votes and McQuire had 398 votes, forcing a run-off. The total cast was 1,263.

McQuire says she hopes to start new programs on campus next year.

"I think that to get students going into the community and talking to people about alcohol would be good because our black youths really look up to us," McQuire said.

Other winners in the general elections were: Lee Christian, SGA president; David Miller, vice president for internal affairs; Darryl Towns, vice president for external affairs; Stephanie G. Adams, SGA secretary; Vicki Johnson, SGA treasurer; and Mark Middleton, attorney general.

The Student Judiciary Council members are: Pamela Comer, Lisa Dobbs, Amela Duggins, Angus Jenkins II, Barry Johnson, Caprice Lloys,

Ivan Mosely, Terrence Milton, Carl Webster Jr. and William Wilson.

Officers for next year's sophomore class are Sheldon Beatty, president; Roscoe Pouncey Jr., vice president; Tammy Moye, secretary; Glister Threadgill Jr., and Najiyah Muqtasid, Miss Sophomore.

Each voter voted for the SGA candidates and the officers who will represent their class next year. The senior class did not vote for class officers.

Class officers for the junior class are David Hill, president; Eric Gladney, vice president; Margaret Kanipes, secretary; David White, treasurer; and Robyn Murphy, Miss Junior.

Senior class officers include Zachary Rumph, president; Patricia Hatch, vice president; Sharon Holmes, secretary; Anthony Fuller, treasurer; and Stephanie Cousin, Miss Senior.



becoming the next President of the United States."

The occasion will take on additional meaning for Jackson as two of his sons, Jonathan and Jesse Jr., will be among those marching in the commencement exercise. Jackson's wife, Jacqueline, also attended A&T, and will be present for the graduation.

Jackson is a native of Greenville, S.C. His distinguished career in public service began while he was an A&T student.



Christian

become involved, more than ever, not only in politics, but in the major professions in our society," Christian says.

According to Christian, college students, whether attending a black institution or a predominantly white college, must provide positive role models for black youths.

"It's not enough for us to go into society with a college education and keep some money -- too many of our cont. to p. 12

## Former President Praises Jesse Jackson's Campaign

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (UPI) -- Former President Jimmy Carter said Jesse Jackson has run "a perfect campaign" for the Democratic presidential nomination and he sees nothing so far that would make him a bad choice for the party.

But Carter told reporters during a visit to Linfield College Wednesday night it is too early for him to endorse any candidate and he does not expect to do that before the Atlanta convention in July.

Carter said he will be one of the 645 so-called super delegates party leaders or elected officials who will play a key role in choosing the nominee at the convention.

As for the possibility of a brokered convention in which someone such as New York Gov. Mario Cuomo could emerge as a candidate, Carter said he would not approve of such efforts.

"I wouldn't support a candidate who has not gone

through the primary process," he said.

Carter said he is keeping a "strictly open mind" on the candidates but noted that his daughter Amy and brother Billy have endorsed Jackson. He said he and Democratic stalwart Robert Strauss agreed in a recent phone conversation that Jackson had run "a perfect campaign."

"Six months ago I wouldn't have thought Jesse Jackson would have been able to do it.... He's become a totally different person than he was in 1984, in the soundness of his judgment, in the moderation of his policies," Carter said.

On another topic, Carter said he believes Attorney General Edwin Meese should resign because of investigations surrounding him.

"I would fire him today," Carter said. "He is bad for the country. He is bad for the Reagan administration."

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD MEET

**David James Miller**  
Student Union Advisory  
Board-  
Chairman: Rules and Regula-  
tions Committee



**Birthplace:** Newark, New Jersey  
**Major:** Business Administration  
(Management)  
**Class:** Junior

**What are your ambitions or goals?**

To make a significant contribution to Black America and to promote higher education at historically Black institutions of higher learning.

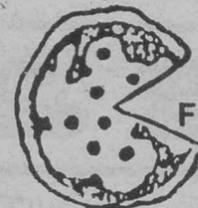
**Most memorable moment:** My most memorable moment was when I attended the Rainbow National Convention where Jesse Jackson announced that he would seek the Democratic nomination for the Office of President of the United States.

**Biggest accomplishment:** Helping to organize the demonstration that made Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a paid city holiday in Greensboro.

**Person(s) admired the most:** Jesus Christ, because he set the ultimate example of sacrifice and love, and to help all people.

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**SENIORS** if you have not received your appointment letter for National Defense Student Loans (NDSL) exit interviews, please stop by room 110 of the Dudley Building. This is a graduation requirement, your diploma may be withheld!

**THE KAPPA BALL** will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 8 p.m. at the Airport Hilton. A buffet dinner will be served and a live band will perform. Persons who would like to attend the ball may purchase a ticket from Melton Freshwater in 3008 Scott Hall. Tickets are \$5 single and \$9 couple. Semi-formal dress.

**THE LADIES OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**, will host a dance tonight in Moore Gymnasium from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. Admission is \$1 for A&T students with I.D. and \$2 without. Come on out and celebrate with the new "26 Cold Chillin' Crew" of Spring 88' and all the ladies of DST!!!

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**DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**, will observe "Delta Week", April 11-17. The week activities will kickoff with a health fair on Monday, April 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom and a clothing drive will take place in the residential halls. On Tuesday, April 12, a Greek information day will occur in the student union from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A "Spades Tournament" will take place on April 16 also in the student union.

**THE GREENSBORO MEN'S COUNCIL**, Union Memorial U.M.C. and the A&T Wesley Foundation will sponsor a conference entitled "The Crisis of the Black Male: Challenge & Opportunity" on Saturday, April 23, 1988 at A&T. For more information, please call 378-9849.

**ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC./PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC.** would like to cordially invite you to our Blue and White Affair on April 22, 1988 at 8 p.m. at the downtown Ramada Hotel. Attire is semi-formal and tickets are \$10 per person. For information call 273-3252 or see any Zeta or Sigma.

## White Culture Hurts Black Society

J.R. Williams  
News Editor

America has allowed the white culture to bring havoc on the black society, according to the plenary speaker of the 19th annual Jim Isler Affairs Institute held Tuesday, March 28 in Gibbs Hall.

The Honorable Dan Blue, representative of the 21st District in Raleigh, said there has been over 125 years of focused destruction of the black family by the white society.

"What white Americans have never fully understood --but what the Negro can never forget -- is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto," said Blue, quoting the Kerner Commission Report, a 1968 study on race relations in America.

"White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it, and white society condones it."

Blue said the questions black Americans ask about the past will answer the questions about where they have to go in the future.

According to Blue, the criminal justice system has played as big of a role of breaking up the black family as any part of society..

Blue, a graduate of Duke University Law School, said black people comprise 23 percent of North Carolina's population, but make up 58

percent of the prison population.

"Blacks are more likely to be arrested," Blue said, "more likely to be killed or injured during arrest and more likely to serve a full-term without parole."

According to Blue, the average income of the black family in America is 57.6 percent of the income of white families.

If improvements are going to be made in social conditions for blacks in America, Blue said black people are going to have to be committed to helping one another.

The program also included workshops: "Yesterday's Experience/ Today's Reality," "Tommorrow's Challenge (The Next Step)" and "The Future of Black Teachers, What Have We Learned from History."

The program, sponsored by the A&T sociology/social work department, also included a youth prospective segment.

Workshop speakers included Thealeta Monroe, governor's office and state department of human resources; Mike Helms, former Wake Forest basketball player; Eunice M. Dudley, vice president of Dudley Products Co. Inc.; The Right Reverend Cecil Bishop, luncheon speaker, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and Dr. Elizabeth Koontz, world educator and lecturer.



The pyramids of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., stride for the "Delta light."



The sphinxmen of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., contemplate becoming "Alpha Men."

# Viewpoint

## Wrong Number!

If there is one thing the A&T Register staff can do without, it's got to be phone calls from persons who think they are calling the registration and records office.

The callers, in many cases, are not to be blamed, but those alleged information sources who can't distinguish "register" from "registrar."

It is very irritating and time consuming to receive call after call (particularly on Tuesday and Friday mornings and afternoons during production) from individuals requesting copies of their transcripts and other information about college credits.

Many times they want staff members to forward their calls to the registration and records office, as opposed to being satisfied by obtaining the correct phone numbers.

These persons fail to realize that staff members are, above all, responsible for producing newspapers, which includes meeting deadlines not forwarding calls.

Therefore, you should not get upset if you are instructed to call 334-7595 even if you are calling long distance.

After all, the staff is not at fault, and the newspaper will not be completed any earlier if interruptions persist.

You may consider this action most unhelpful, but you can't always think of yourself first. There are two sides to every story.

Remember, if you want registration and records, dial 334-7595. You, as well as the newspaper staff, will be much better off.

## Get Involved

Students are you prepared to step out of the realm of the college world to what is considered the market place?

Can you effectively sell your achievements and accomplishments to a possible employer?

Many students tend to think that because they have a college education, they are going to get a job.

Few realize that going to class is only part of it.

An instructor once asked his class, "What activities are you involved in that are practical to your field of study?"

Many students said they go to class and do not have time to participate in anything.

Students beware!

Having a 4.0 is great. But not having a well rounded background leaves a lot to be desired.

You need to take advantage of everything your school can give you, other than classes.

What is the need of being an agricultural major if you have no time to work on a farm outside of class?

Why be a speech major if you never participate in any of the speech functions?

Many students complain that the first question an employer asks is "What experience do you have?"

"How can I get the experience if no one will hire me?" is the cry.

The suggestion offered is - take advantage of everything you can handle while in school.

Go see the school plays, join the clubs and organizations, attend the meetings, help the instructors, become a well rounded person.

So when an employer asks you "What experience do you have or what extracurricular activities have you participated in?"

You can say "I have ....."

(R. F. P. E.)

## English Chairperson Commends Editorial

### Letter to the Editor:

I want to praise your lead editorial entitled "Experience," in *The A&T Register* of March 25, page 4, in which you emphasized the importance of writing skills for a successful career. I was especially pleased by your statement that there should be "more mandatory writing courses besides freshman composition (English 100 and 101)."

May I point out to all A&T students that the English Department offers a number of valuable writing courses beyond the freshman level. These courses are as follows:  
English 260: Expository Writing I  
English 261: Expository

### II (Magazine Writing)

English 300: Advanced Composition

English 305: Grammar, Literature, and Composition for Pre-Professional Students

English 331: Writing for Science and Technology

Students should be aware that the English Department now has a program track in Professional Writing, which we were able to develop with the assistance of a grant from the federal government. We hope, in the near future, to expand this program track to the status of a degree program so that students could then major in Professional Writing.

Although, the writing courses cited above are not re-

quired of all A&T students, I hope that career-minded students will plan to take one or more of these courses as electives. Please stop by the English Department office in Crosby Hall, Room 202--or phone me at 334-7771 or 334-7772--if you have any questions about these courses.

Thank you, again, for emphasizing the importance of writing skills for achieving success--whether it be in engineering, law, science, medicine, nursing, industrial technology, agriculture, education, business, or journalism.

**Jimmy L. Williams,**  
Chairperson

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## Forum

### Pitt Warns: Beware of False Profits

Over the past few years many people have lost confidence in television evangelism due to numerous scandals.

Sadly, the result is that people are 'turning-off' to God altogether.

Some of us looked up to Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart and have given money and time to their ministries as well as followed their teachings. Then Boom! We find that even they have skeletons in their closets.

Many give up, feeling that if these people have failed, then how can a plain everyday person succeed in pleasing God.

As students, we can succeed in pleasing God if we are aware of who and what teachings we are following. We can get so enticed emotionally in how well

a person speaks that we forget to ask if what this person teaches is true and if it matches God's word.

Many televangelists are exciting speakers who are able to capture us with their flashy words. Unfortunately, man can twist anything around, even God's word sadly to say. Still our confidence should be in God's word only and we should depend on it alone.

False prophets are around us on television and off. Christ warns us and tells us how to watch for them in MATTHEW 7:15-23. He states that they are wolves in sheeps' clothing.

Some say Jimmy Swaggart and Jim Bakker are only human and we all make mistakes. True, we all make mistakes at times, but we must

be aware that Christ looks at our lifestyles (fruits) not our mistakes.



Roosevelt Pitt Jr.

On campus, look closely at those who say they are Christians. What are their lifestyles? Are they true Christians or false prophets?

Christ says that by their fruits you can recognize if they are Christians or not. Don't be blind. Watch who you follow.

Christ stated in MATTHEW 15:1-14 to his disciples that the Pharisees, a very prominent religious group, were blind guides and not to follow them. This also applies to us.

Even if a person can quote scriptures backwards and forward, he can still be a blind guide. If so, leave him or you both will fall into a pit.

On television and campus we may witness great happenings such as healing, casting out demons, etc. Christ tells us in MATTHEW 7:21-23 that all that cry Lord, will not enter heaven, only those who do the will of his father.

Even those who may have done great things in Christ's name will not enter, only those who do exactly what God commands, will see heaven.

Ask yourselves, am I blind? Am I leading people in the wrong direction? Am I following blindly? If so, open your eyes to God's word and find confidence in it.

Ask questions to all religious people. When someone tells you that God wants you to live a certain way, ask to see it in scripture. Don't just read that one passage, read the whole chapter.

It's worth it to be thorough with God's word and to be sure about how you should live. You may be a false prophet and not even know it. Find out from God's word. Be sure.

## What Must a Man Do?

Must he submit to those who persecute him, just to feel he belongs?

Must he forget the morals he's learned throughout life,

and do things he knows are wrong?

Is a man the one who follows the pack and shows he lacks backbone;

Or is he the one who

believes in himself and says, "I'll stand alone?"

Does a man turn his back on all that is right, just to prove a point?

Must he walk with those he

internally hates and from his true roots disjoint?

Must a man travel an unjust path and deceive the ones who care?

Or is he the one who stands for justice, no matter what burdens he bears?

JOHN HODGE

## Choose Ye This Day

Choose ye this day whom you will serve, the straight road of god, or Satan's blind curve.

Choose ye tis day with whom you will fight, the powers of darkness, or the kingdom of light.

Choose ye this day which path you will trod, the pathway of sin, or the

righteousness of God.

Choose ye this day to party or pray, and know that God's anger will soon strike your way.

Many will follow the world's seemly path, but only a few will escape God's wrath.

Choose ye this day what fills your ears, the praises of God, or the

world's singing cheers.

Choose ye this day what floods your eyes, God's word of truth, or Satan's black lies.

Choose ye this day to be saved or be cool, a born again saint, or Satan's blind fool.

Choose ye this day which master you'll please, God's promise of life, or

Satan's death tease.

Choose ye this day and follow him well, there's no in between, its heaven or hell!

Easy is the way that seems right to some, but God's day of reckoning is promised to come.

Choose ye this day, there's no time to wait, tomorrow's not promised,

and may be to late.

Choose ye this day and don't turn away, the kingdom you choose is the kingdom you'll stay.

Choose ye this day and take up your sword, It's Jesus or Satan, only one can be Lord!

Waymond L. Burton III

# Entertainment

## Aggie Fest Kicks Off with Go-Go Band

**Marcelyn Blakely**  
Entertainment Editor

The popular go-go band E.U. will host this year's Aggie Fest, Saturday, April 30 at noon on the A&T practice field behind the football stadium.

Performing on the same ticket with E.U. are rhythm and blues artists Miles Jaye, Mikki Howard, Doug E. Fresh and Touch.

The group E.U. (Experience Unlimited) is based in the Washington area where go-go music is commonly heard. Their newly released single "Da Butt" is No. 4 on billboard charts and is featured in Spike Lee's movie 'School Daze.'

Male vocalist Miles Jaye, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. and protege of Teddy Pendergrass is best known for his love ballads, "Let's Start Love Over" and "Fool For You."

Mikki Howard is known for her love ballads "Baby Be Mine," "Imagination," and her current hit duo with Gerald Le Vert, "That's What Love Is."

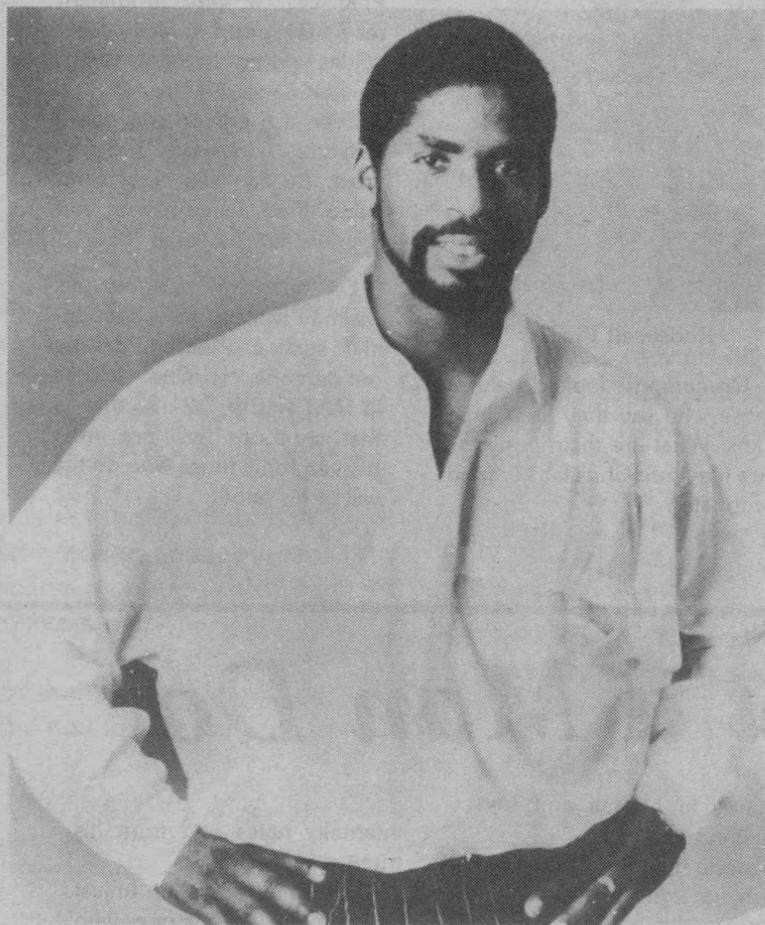
Doug E. Fresh, a 20-year-old Brooklyn native, will perform his smash rap hits "The Show" and "All the Way to Heaven."

"Touch" a new innovative group is known for their hit single "Without You."

Tickets can be purchased on April 18 in the Student Union. Advanced tickets are \$8 for students, \$10 for general admission, and \$12 on the day of the festival. The gates will open at 10 a.m. and showtime will begin at noon.

The concert will be moved to the Corbett Sports Center in the event of rain.

A pre-dawn dance is also scheduled on Friday, April 29 from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. and on Saturday after the concert from 10 p.m.-5 a.m.



Miles Jaye



Doug E. Fresh and the Get Fresh Crew

## University Choir Schedules Annual Spring Concert

A&T's Department of Music will present a Spring Concert by the A&T University Choir on Sunday, April 24, at 7 p.m., in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

The choir recently returned from its Northeastern tour in six states. Concerts were presented in Lexington, Cincinnati, Oh., Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Long Branch, N.J. and

Washington.

The choir repertoire will include musical selections from the 17th century to the present. They will also sing a special group of black spirituals and gospel tunes.

The University Choir is under the baton of Mr. C. Everett Powell-Interim Choral Director, assisted by Mrs. Armenta Hummings, Accompanist.

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Marvin 'A' Ross

## WNAA Alumni Deejays Remain 'On the One'

WNAA alumni announcers are taking what they learned at the university broadcast facility and putting it to work in two of the hottest radio markets in the country.

Peter Arnell Alford recently moved to Dallas, Texas and joined the staff of KKDA. Alford is a 1986 graduate

of A&T with a degree in Communication.

Marvin A. Ross is a 1987 Health and Occupational Safety graduate who found his niche at WNAA while hosting the afternoon traffic jam. Ross currently holds an announcing position with KISS 102 FM in Charlotte.



Peter Arnell Alford

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# Aggie Sports

## Baseball Coach Optimistic About Team's Potential

Stacy Johnson  
Special to the Register

Ronald Brooks was only nine years old when his predecessor, Mel Groomes, started coaching A&T's baseball team.

Brooks, A&T's new baseball coach, said of Groomes, "He had a good program going. It's a hard act to follow because a lot of players graduated and we lost a lot of talent."

Brooks said he first heard about Groomes during high school.

"I heard about the baseball program and was considering A&T because of it. But I decided to attend a junior college

first."

A native of Pittsboro, Brooks attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro for two years and then transferred to Campbell College in Buies Creek.

Although he did not graduate from college, Brooks feels that getting a good education is very important.

"I was putting baseball ahead of my education. That's why I give my players a hard time about academics. I don't want them to go through what I went through."

Though Brooks is new at his job, he has already begun a

good reputation with his players. Second baseman Michael Crenshaw said, "Coach Brooks is a player's coach. He seems to know a little bit about all the positions on the field as if he's played them all once. To me, he's like another player on the team, as well as a coach."

Brooks has had much experience on the field. In addition to playing sports in high school, he also spent five years as assistant coach for the football and baseball teams of Northwood High School in Pittsboro.

Although the Aggies overall record stands at 1-16, Brooks

is still optimistic.

"The potential is there," he said. "It's just a matter of getting out of there and playing up to our ability."

Two members of this year's team, junior Warren Mitchell and sophomore Gerald Watlington, may be the ones that help reach Brooks' goals. Both have proved to be major league potential with Mitchell talking to the Cleveland Indians and Watlington talking to the Boston Red Sox.

Brooks said that discipline is an important factor in sports.

"I'm trying to discipline them and get them working at things that will get them to win.

The location of this year's

games that causes a lack of student participation is what Brooks sees as the team's downfall.

"There would be more student turnout if the games were held behind the stadium on campus instead of Memorial Stadium," he said.

He added that competitiveness also plays an important role.

"If people know you're going to be competitive, they will come and watch the game."

The Aggies will be participating in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament on April 14-16 for a NCAA bid.

## 1988 North Carolina A&T Baseball Schedule

Date	Location	Time
April 14-16	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference [Tallahassee, Fla.]	11:00 a.m.
April 18	St. Augustine's College *	11:00 a.m.
April 19	Shaw University *	11:00 a.m.
April 21	Pfeiffer College *	11:00 a.m.
April 23	at Longwood College *	1:00 p.m.
April 29	Longwood College *	1:00 p.m.

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## Groomes Nolonger Prepares for Season

Lisa Daye

Special to the Register

Sitting in his office between classes, Coach Mel Groomes is not concerned with the usual work involved in preparing for baseball season.

Groomes, currently in his 32nd year at A&T, was head of the Aggie baseball team for 20 years, the longest tenure of any A&T coach. He retired June 30, 1987.

"After 20 years I felt that it was time for a change and for a younger person to handle the sport," Groomes said.

Groomes, who was often called the "Godfather" by his players because of his father-like image, said that it will be hard not having players to coach this year.

"I will miss the opportunity to be around young, aspiring athletes, helping to build their character and acting as their guiding factor," Groomes said.

Groomes said that he taught his players to believe in themselves and to put their studies first and baseball second, as any father would teach his son.

Coming to A&T in 1955 from Big 10 school Indiana University, Groomes said that

he was hired under the A&T's old system of hiring instructors who just happened to be coaches.

"I came in as a Big 10 advocate," he said.

Groomes admits that he came to A&T ready to do things the Big 10 way, but changed to the Aggie way over the years.

"I am convinced that after 20 years, I am an Aggie and I am proud to have done it the Aggie way," he said.

Groomes had many achievements as an Aggie coach. He was listed 15th in the nation's winning percentages, 35th in the nation's victories and was the nation's highest ranking black coach in NCAA Division I in 1986. When Groomes retired, his name was taken off the list.

Groomes was also presented the President's Award for Outstanding Achievement at A&T by the Atlanta Alumni Chapter and was named Most Outstanding Citizen by the NAACP in 1986.

Groomes still teaches personal hygiene and sports related classes at A&T.

He has been replaced by Ronald Brooks.

## ...More Campus News

# A&T Student Has a Song in His Heart

**J.R. Williams  
News Editor**

A senior industrial technology major says people should always pursue the things in life that they feel in their hearts are right. That's why he's taking a year off from his studies to sing with an international music company.

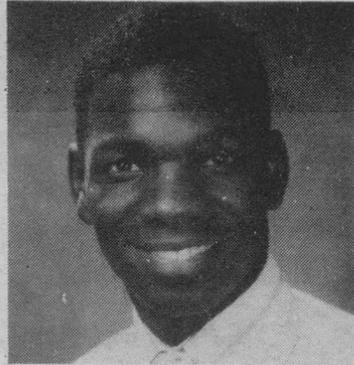
Mandel Jackson, 21, of Gastonia, says he has to feel and visualize a song before he will even think about singing it.

"I make sure I don't sing a song that I don't feel," Jackson said. "I try to put myself into the song and that's getting easier to do as I sing more."

However, Jackson said, it was not his singing ability that won him a spot as one of 550 students chosen from 9,000 applicants for "Up With People," a cultural, educational program for international

students.

"A lot of the interview was basic personality and character," Jackson said.



"Many people were turned down not because they didn't have the musical ability, but because 'Up With People' felt that they wouldn't have the ability to blend with people from different cultures."

Jackson said he got into the program without having to audition during his interview last year at the Greensboro Coliseum.

"Up With People" is a non-

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profit, educational and charitable organization, whose members represent an annual average of 25 countries. Approximately one-third of the company's cast is from the United States.

The company, divided into five equal groups, conduct four

service projects in each of the cities it performs.

From this July to July 1989, "Up With People" is expected to visit 425 cities in 18 countries.

"The opportunity to sing with 'Up With People' is as much a cultural one as it is an entertainment one," Jackson

said.

Jackson, a popular, down-to-earth person who needs only 30 hours to graduate, said he hopes to work as a minority recruiter for the company at its corporate headquarters in Tucson, Ariz., after his tour is up.

"I have an option of touring with the company until I'm 26," said Jackson, who is the president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and the 1985-86 Mr. Aggie.

Jackson, who sang at the

Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament last year and is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from *P.M. Magazine*, says he has begun a fundraising

campaign to raise the \$7,600 travel cost for the tour.

Persons interested in contributing should send the funds to Greensboro National Bank, 100 S. Murrow Blvd., Greensboro, N.C. 27405.

According to Jackson, A&T has taught him more that just industrial technology.

"A&T has taught me that my heart is more into music than in my major," Jackson said. "A&T has opened up a lot of doors for me."

Jackson recently sang at the opening ceremonies of Jesse Jackson North Carolina campaign headquarters in Stoneville.

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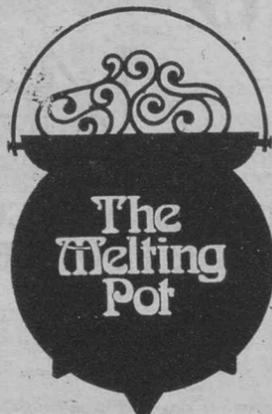
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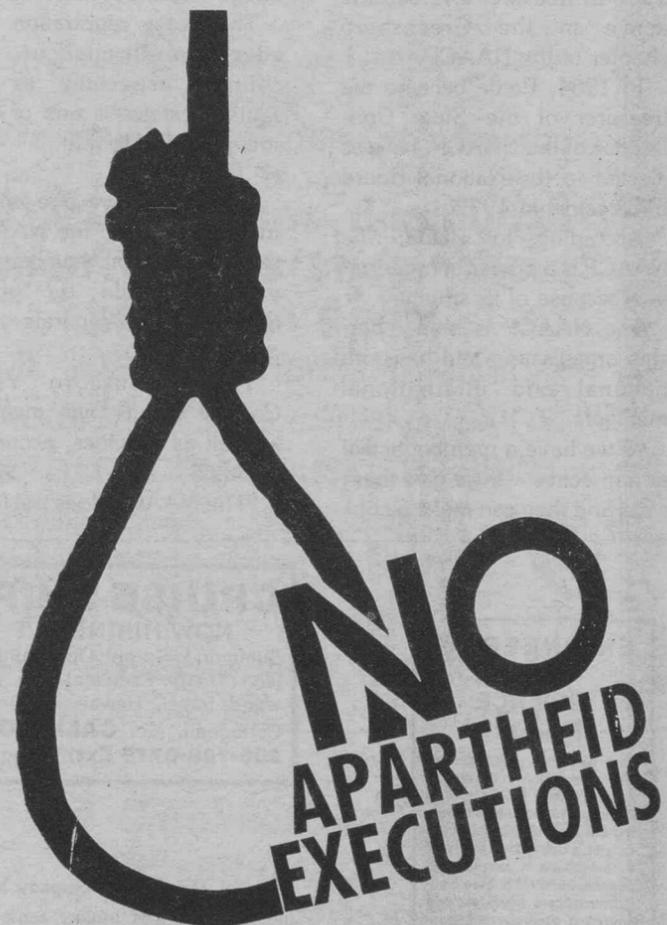
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# NAACP President Hails Leadership as Key Factor

**Shermonica Scott**  
Associate News Editor

While he is called an ambassador and a trailblazer, B.J. Battle, president of the Greensboro chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, says leadership in any given area of the country determines how people will view and respond to the NAACP.

According to Battle, the NAACP is the one organization that has consistently fought for justice, equal rights and fair play for black people in this country.

"It is the organization that has gained the respect and fear by those we have to carry into courts," Battle said.

Battle, who is completing his fourth year as president, has a lot of leadership experience.

He was business manager for the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Palmer Memorial Institute for 11 years. The black institute, founded as a private college-preparatory high school, was recently declared a historic site.

He joined American Federal Savings & Loans Association in 1962 as treasurer and became active in the Greensboro chapter of the NAACP.

In 1964, Battle became the treasurer of the State Conference of the NAACP. He was elected to the National Board of Directors in 1979.

According to Battle, the NAACP is a powerful organization because of its structure.

The NAACP is a membership organization and has both national and international members.

"If we have a member active or non-active -- if we give them a call and they can make a con-

tribution monetary or otherwise they will," Battle said.

*"It is the organization that has gained the respect and fear by those we have to carry into courts," Battle said.*

Another factor that gives the NAACP power is the talent they employ.

Since the NAACP is not a segregated organization, according to Battle, it's inclusive of anyone who wants to serve.

"I would say that we have some of the most talented people in the world on the National Board of Directors," Battle said. "They come from all walks of life throughout the 50 states of the Union -- everything from housewives to accomplished entrepreneurs."

The NAACP, which was founded by a group of blacks and whites led by W.E.B. Dubois in 1909, is both a civil rights and service organization.

According to Battle, the NAACP was one of the foremost effective lobbyists against former Supreme Court Judge nominee Robert Bork.

The voter registration and education throughout the country especially in the southern states is one of their strengths, Battle said.

While there is no age limit for membership into the NAACP, the organization has targeted young people by giving autonomy to a separate youth group.

The Greensboro Youth Council has its own meetings as well as activities, according to Battle.

"The NAACP does not fail to

nurture the young people because they are the leadership of tomorrow," Battle said.

Battle also said young people help NAACP's executive board do actual "leg work" on projects.

Battle, who feels he is contributing to the community by being president of the NAACP, says people have certain responsibilities.

"I think we have a little bit more responsibility than to just serve our own selfish needs because there are those among us who are less fortunate and have less wherewithal," Battle says.

Battle, born in Memphis and reared in Philadelphia, graduated from Philadelphia's Pioneer Institute in 1951. He also served three years in the army.



Battle

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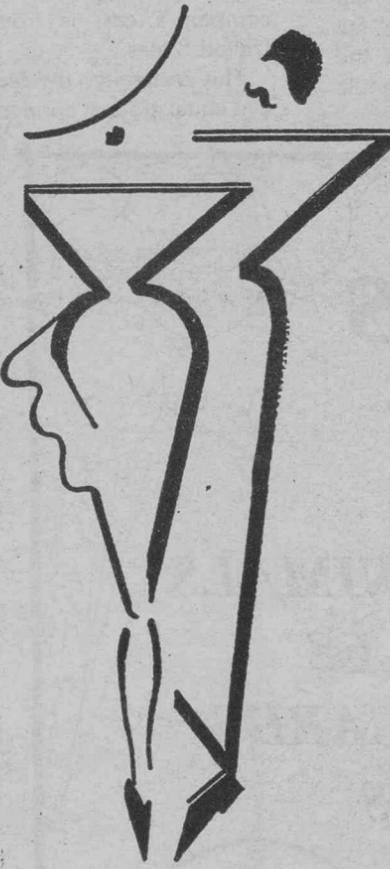
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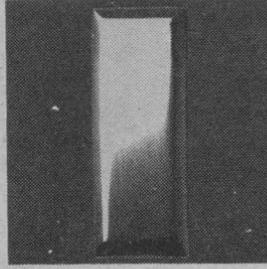
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## Black Caucus Forum to be in McNair Hall

The Division of Student Affairs, the History and Political Science Departments, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Morrow Hall have planned a forum featuring members of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in McNair Hall.

Representatives Howard Barnhill, Chancy Edwards, William Freeman, Herman Gist, Annie Kennedy, Mickey Michaux and Senator William Martin will be participating in

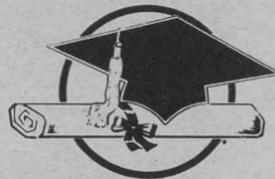
the forum.

Each panelist will be discussing key legislation that they have been instrumental in getting passed and identifying trends/issues that will be important in the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Chancellor Fort is the moderator for the forum. Elizabeth Randolph will bring greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

A reception will follow the forum in the lobby of McNair Hall. The public is invited to attend the forum.

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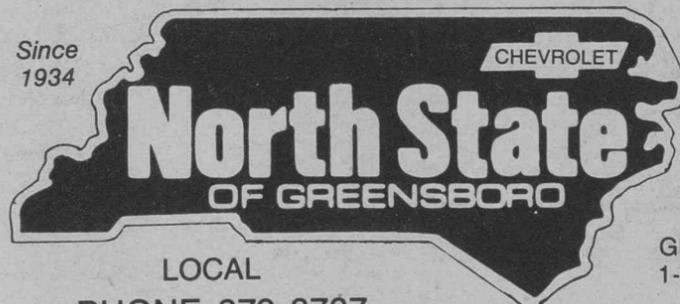
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**Christian**  
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youths are being caught up in the wrong activities," said Christian, who has been a volunteer with the NAACP's voter registration campaign.

Christian says he wants to see a program, sponsored through the SGA, that would let college students go to junior and senior high schools in the community and talk with young students about peer pressure and setting and reaching goals.

"We have a lot of brilliant students at A&T who have great ideas but don't know how to go about getting involved and don't set any sights about how to get involved," says Christian, a member of "In Roads," a program that selects high school and college students who are academically sound and assigns them to summer interns, then monitors their progress during the regular school year.

According to Christian, there needs to be a change in the mindset of students at A&T.

"If we, as students, confess to being the upper echelon of educated black Americans, we should not wait until someone charges us with the duty, but rather take on the challenge ourselves and see if we can make a change," Christian says.

"Sure parties are all right, but life is not a party. I want to focus more on the cultural and civil aspects. It's time for the SGA to be more about the serious business -- the SUAB and the regional organizations can throw the parties."

Christian says the student government organization currently serving has not been effective in addressing the "real issues" on campus.

**Jackson**  
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(People United to Serve Humanity).

Jackson has been much honored for his humanitarian service to the nation. He has more than 17 honorary degrees. He has received the Golden Key Award from the American Association of School Administrators. Jackson is a world traveler and has met with some of the most distinguished personalities of the world.

Jackson is the author of a book and has served as a columnist for the Los Angeles Times syndicate.

"In order for a (student government) administration to effectively relay the concerns of the students to the administration, there has to be total cooperation of its members," says Christian, emphasizing that the president of the student government is not solely to blame if the SGA is a failure.

"The Mickens Administration has done a fine job in the areas of finance and a decent job in programming," Christian says. "I don't think the current administration was totally unproductive."

Christian says his other goals for the upcoming year are: making the student government act more like a government, keeping students more informed and pressing education at the university.

"I want to see the SGA be very instrumental in encouraging students to do the best they can in classwork, seeking co-ops and interns, and attending concerning professionalism," Christian says.

A born-again Christian and a member of the Gospel Choir, Christian says every student that is eligible to vote should do so.

"I think that if you don't vote for the person that is to serve you, then you have no place to complain," Christian says. "If our administration next year is going to be successful, it's going to have to be a concerted effort of the students and the administration's members."

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