Hayes Selected Coach

Mark Ausbrooks
Special to the Register

A&T searched all over the country for a new coach but ended up getting someone in its own backyard.

Bill Hayes left Winston-Salem State University last week to become the new head coach of the Aggies.

“We have a very tough schedule for next year with us opening up with three of our biggest rivals,” said Hayes.

Those rivals are: Hayes’ alma mater, North Carolina Central University; A&T’s archival which Hayes led until last week, WSSU; and the first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game of the year against South Carolina State College.

The Aggie football team was under the guidance of interim coach George James for spring practice and did not have a spring game.

“Becoming head coach after spring drills will put the program back a little,” Hayes said. “I really don’t know the players and will have to wait until August to see what they can do.”

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Hayes’ appointment came after the national signing date for high school seniors which means Hayes will not have players he recruited.

“I want to build a consistent, winning program,” Hayes said. “When the players’ philosophy meshes with the coach’s philosophy, we will have a consistent, winning program.

“A watermelon will not ripe until it is ready. My philosophy is getting to know the entire kid. I want to know the kid inside and out.”

Hayes said he first became interested in the head coaching job A&T in 1978 when Jim McKinley resigned. Mo Forte’s resignation in March to join the Denver Broncos of the National Football League gave Hayes another opportunity to become head football coach of A&T.

“I was very happy for Mo,” Hayes said. “Being a professional coach is one of the highest positions you can have in coaching.”

Hayes said he will install the “Wing-T” offense and will play a multiple-set defense.

“We will work hard as a team to exemplify the attitude of the student body,” Hayes said. “I definitely want to distort the myth of a jock on campus.”

Black Men Face Responsibility to Solve Crisis

LaVonne McVey
Staff Writer

Aiyetoro was a panelist during the “Conference on the Black Male” Friday and Saturday at A&T.

Black men have been denied access to resources that would allow them to successfully compete, he said Saturday in McNair Hall.

“Black men have been put in a double bind,” Aiyetoro said. “We are in a white-male system. Limits are placed.

We are kept away from the process.”

Because of these limits black men have become outraged, Aiyetoro said.

“We express our outrage in very destructive ways,” he said. “We hurt each other, our women and our children.

“We spend a lot of time not supporting each other. We need to be able to talk to someone about our hurt and pain. We need to be able to talk honestly, not about what we think but about what we feel.”

According to Aiyetoro, blacks should recognize the effect that prejudice among blacks can have.

“We internalize that racism,” he said. “We make that part of our own belief system. We treat each other as less than human beings. We have been oppressed all these years so we learn the ways of the master.”

Aiyetoro said blacks should employ new methods to fight oppression.

“What pulled us through the depression may not help us now,” he said.

“Basically, what we have...” (cont. on p. 2)
Allen Says Blacks Need to Reclaim Their Heritage

Yolande Davis
Special to the Register

Superior Court Judge candidate Steve Allen says blacks need to reclaim their heritage as well as their relationship with God if they want to alleviate the crisis in the black community.

“Our heritage is one of survival and yet that heritage is slowly slipping away,” said Allen.

Allen, an A&T alumnus, is running against Romallus Murphy, in the May 3rd primary.

The evaporating family structure, increasing suicide among blacks and lack of discipline are just a few of the problems facing black Americans today, Allen said, speaking at the conference on the “Crisis of the Black Male: Challenge and Opportunity,” at the J. E. Bower Center on April 22nd.

Allen said that in order to construct a positive future in America, blacks must first return to God.

“Certainly God has brought us a mighty long way,” he said. “Without God, where would we be?”

“God has been good to us as a people, and we must re-awaken ourselves with our master.”

Allen also said the church as being an important part of a positive future.

“The church is the only institution that has been able to endure and survive all the crises that have faced the black male,” he said.

Blacks must also re-establish discipline in their homes, Allen said.

“It does us no good to have childern and give them everything their hearts desire, and fail to give them love and time and direction,” he said.

Crisis

(cont. from p. 1)

now are corporate families. We go where the jobs are. We have to organize families around interest. Once we define what is valuable to us we can begin to rebuild.”

Blacks should realize that they are capable of attaining great success, Aiyetoro said.

“Blacks should know that we are potentially ingenious, intelligent, flexible human beings, he said.

Ted Mangum, founder of Research Education Literary Association, Inc; said A&T students are not racist when they ask for black faculty members, referring to students who rallied for a black to be named chairperson of the department of mechanical engineering.

“In order to be racist you must be able to oppress,” he said. “We don’t possess the power to be racist.”

According to Mangum, blacks should become more rational.

“White folks can say tomorrow will be Mother’s Day, and automatically sales go up,” he said. “It took us 20 years to make Martin Luther King’s birthday a national holiday.”

Dr. Billy Ray Hunter, a prominent Winston-Salem psychologist, said he does not consider himself a success.

“Success to me will be when everyone on death row isn’t black, when we have black corporate heads and not having all blacks live in one section of town,” he said.

“Success takes picking yourself up when you’re down. Success is pulling together. One of the greatest things about the ‘60s is that we pulled together.”

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The Year in Review

LaVonne McIver
Staff Writer

The 1988 school year is coming to an end. There have been many articles printed in The A&T Register, each leaving its mark. There has been good news and there has been bad news. Following are the 10 most newsworthy stories of the school year.

Chancellor Fort Signs Historic Agreement

A historical agreement between A&T and the U.S. Department of Energy was signed Nov. 4. The agreement will increase the number of expand the capacity of minorities in undergraduate minority institutions to conduct graduate studies in tribute to the nation’s scientific and engineering.

A&T Professor Dies

Dr. Jonathan Massquoi, a biology professor, died on Oct. 30 of pneumonia resulting from burns he sustained in a fire. The fire was on Oct. 20. Massquoi’s sister-in-law, Wanda Massquoi, a temporary secretary in Noble Hall, has been charged with murder in connection with the death.

Students Rally to Support Professor

Students rallied in support of Dr. Lonnie Sharpe Jr., a 1975 graduate of A&T and a faculty member since 1980, to be named chairman of the department of mechanical engineering.

Football Player Arrested on Drug Charges

An A&T football player was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver, possession of cocaine and possession of weapons on campus, according to Guilford County police records.

Students Produce Television Show

A group of communications majors reported, wrote and produced “This Week at A&T,” an academic and sports show with a magazine format.

Dean Appointed

Dr. A. James Hicks, chairman of the Department of Biology since 1977, was named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Inducted into Hall of Fame

Calvin Irvin, a former A&T basketball coach and a professor of health and physical education, was inducted into the The North Carolina Sports Hall Of Fame. He was coach of the men’s basketball team from 1954-1972.

Author Talks about Boyhood

Alex Haley, author of “Roots,” spoke to a packed audience in Harrison Auditorium on Feb. 24 during a black history program sponsored by the SGA. Haley, whose historical saga became the most watched mini-series in the history of television, gave a recount of his boyhood.
Cold Shoulder

In reporting news, The A&T Register never intends to be inaccurate.

In trying to report a major news story last week on the selection of the new A&T football coach, we were given the “cold shoulder” by the athletic director’s office.

One of my advisers and I contacted the athletic department on April 20 and was told that the announcement would be made later, the week of April 24. In reality the press conference was held Saturday, April 23.

In an attempt to be timely with the announcement, we were forced to run a report by WFMY-TV, which turned out to be inaccurate.

Why is it that other media outlets in this city often receive news about the campus before The A&T Register does? The Register is a part of A&T and the students enrolled here have a right to know what is happening on campus.

We hope that in the future you will consider our deadlines when scheduling press conferences. Our deadline for news is Tuesdays at 8 p.m., for Friday’s publication.

I am writing this editorial in hopes of closing the communication gaps that exist between The A&T Register, the Information Services Office, the Athletic Department, the Chancellor’s Office and all other university departments.

The A&T Register will print the good news and the bad news, and being true to our constitution, we will “uphold the freedom of the press.”

The A&T Register will not be kept in the dark. Our motto is “The Light of the University,” and our light will shine in every school, department and building on this campus.

I hope that in the future we can work together by bridging our gaps of communication.

—Carl Crews

One Step Ahead

As the year comes to an end once more, underclassmen anxiously await that final day when they can partake in summer vacationing.

Day after day I hear the countdown around campus.

“Just two more weeks and I’m outta here. Word!”

But how many people will spend their vacation time frivolously wasting all they learned during the school year?

Yes, summer is the time for good fun and fast times. It’s a time for travel and relaxation from school and work.

But summer can also be a time for building upon that information gained during the year. Take the time this summer to go over some of the things you learned during the past semester. It would be a good way for you to see just how much you really learned and how much was just memorized for the sake of passing a test.

The summer can also be a time of learning new ideas and staying ahead of the game academically. By simply reading the newspaper or watching the news on television, you can keep abreast of current events.

I challenge all A&T students to follow these goals. After four years the time will come for all of you to put your knowledge to the test in the job market. Stay one step ahead of the game by getting the practice in now for tomorrow might be too late.

—Paula Hamilton

Identity Crisis

When I think of the words “identity crisis,” I think of the black male and his views and goals.

While in class the other day, an instructor told us about the way his son had been treated in his early years of school and the effect that treatment has had on his son.

The instructor said his son was not able to conform to a teacher’s perceptions of black males which caused the student to become hesitant and insecure about expressing himself in class.

Now, his son is having problems with his identity.

Today, many of us black males are having the same problems as my instructor’s son. We don’t participate in class for fear of being wrong, or being made to feel insecure. Therefore, we go to class day in and day out and never say a word confidently.

The problem comes when we get out of class and have all of this energy and nothing to do with it.

The hesitant and insecure guys we were in the classroom become some of the loudest and most aggressive people you would ever want, or not want, to meet.

Question ... do we continue to be loud, obnoxious and unproductive or what?

I think not. Entirely too much emphasis is put on Friday and Saturday nights and not enough on Monday through Friday when we ‘should’ be in class.

The typical black male student can probably tell you every dance since the cabbage patch three years ago. But what we need to do is concentrate on when that exam is, and how many hours we need to graduate.

We need to stop putting so much effort into jammin’ to “I Got the Feeling” and doing “Da Butt” and think about what we can do to become the type of man a nice young lady could be proud of.

We need to stop thinking about what’s going on this weekend and start thinking about what we can do to be a good husband or a ‘real’ father and not just some child’s ‘daddy’.

—Juan Cherry
‘School Daze’ Stirs Emotions
If Black is Beautiful, What’s the Issue?

Juan Cherry
Special to the Register

Black is Beautiful...Or is it?
The issue of light-skinned versus dark-skinned blacks brought out in Spike Lee’s movie “School Daze” has once again focused attention on how blacks of different colors perceive and treat one another.

“I think ‘School Daze’ stirred up the issue, and a lot of people don’t feel that it should have exposed our (black’s) dirty laundry,” said Jason Grant, a junior majoring in industrial technology.

But, “the issue is real,” said Vince Hairston, a junior majoring in history. “In the early black educational institutions like Howard and Tuskegee, they were basically composed of light-skinned blacks.”

Some students said the movie, regardless of its controversial subject matter, was good and that blacks should learn from it.

“The movie brought out areas that needed to be brought out to show us where we are wrong,” said Curtis Hert Jr., a sophomore who is majoring in history.

One student said that many people missed the real conflict of the movie. He said that if you look carefully you would see both light- and dark-skinned blacks in the “jigaboos and the wannabes,” the two groups portrayed in the movie.

“People think it meant light- and dark-skinned,” said James Glenn, a graduating senior in electronic and computer technology. “I don’t think it was that, I think it was between people with straight hair and people with curly hair.”

Although the issue has come to A&T, it is not as much of a problem here as it is on other campuses, according to some students.

“I believe it’s a problem, but I don’t believe it is so much on A&T’s campus,” Grant said.

“I haven’t seen it as prevalent at A&T as I have on other campuses,” said Glenn, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. “I’ve noticed at other campuses people have been excluded from fraternities or sororities because of their skin color.”

Some students use to hold views favoring one group over the other because of skin color, but they no longer do so.

“I use to feel that light-skinned people thought they were better than dark-skinned people,” said Marsha Wheeler. “I use to be offended by light-skinned people because they made comments about me, saying that I was dark-skinned. But now skin color doesn’t matter.”

Male students had a variety of opinions on whether skin color makes a woman attractive.

“I don’t see why when a person sees a good-looking light-skinned lady, she’s called a good-looking lady, but when the person is dark-skinned she is called a good-looking ‘black’ girl,” said Hairston.

“I used to think light-skinned girls were better looking until I came here and took some black history courses and came to appreciate dark-skinned women more,” Grant said. “There is no difference to me.”

Glenn added: “I don’t think a person’s skin complexion makes them attractive or ugly. I think a person’s personality determines this.”

Rick Heid, a sophomore majoring in music, agreed that skin color should not matter.

“I feel that it is a person’s preference who they pick as their mate or friends, whether he is darker, lighter or even white,” Reid said.

Female students also had comments on the men they like.

“He can be as dark as tar, as long as he treats me right, he’s all right,” said Verschello Little, a junior majoring in accounting.

The issue of skin color doesn’t affect just the light- and dark-skinned blacks, but brown-skinned blacks also.

One student said some students don’t see light- or dark-skinned blacks as especially attractive, and prefer what he calls brown-skinned blacks.

To some students, the issue of skin color has gotten to be too big.

“I think racism among blacks is exaggerated because there is racism among all classes of people due to their social endeavors, economic status and willingness to succeed,” said Kevin Turner, a junior majoring in economics.

“Furthermore, people need to be proud of who they are, and not what they want to be, regardless of skin color.”

(Also contributing to this article were Yendal Martin and Cynthia Roberts.)

Perfection Comes in Pairs for Class of ’88

Perfection rarely comes in pairs, but for the first time ever, two A&T State University students have compiled 4.0 averages to lead the 1988 graduating class.

They are Lynn Perry, of Philadelphia, Pa., an accounting major, and Gordon Johnson of Greensboro, an industrial technology major, who will be among 1,000 students graduating in the Greensboro Coliseum on Sunday, May 8.

Perry, an A&T National Alumni Scholar, attributes her academic success to two factors.

“I had some excellent teachers at A&T and I came here wanting to do the very best that I could,” Perry explained. “I think it also helped that I had my priorities in order.”

Perry’s decision to attend A&T was made after her initial visit to campus. During her senior year at Philadelphia High School for Girls, she was heavily recruited by other major colleges. They were attracted to her on the strength of her impressive SAT scores.

A&T won the battle because of the warmth and friendliness of the people she met on campus. "When I visited A&T with my father, I was impressed with the people I met, especially Dean (Quieter) Craig," she said. "I got the feeling that they were genuinely concerned about me and what I wanted to do in life."

What she wants to do in life after graduation is to earn a terminal degree and teach accounting. She already has been accepted in the master’s program at Duke and will enroll there in the fall.

She will spend the summer months working as a member of the corporate audit team of General Motors In Bridgeport, Conn. She has worked with the company for the past two summers.

“Going to college is more than just getting a degree,” Perry said. "I was able to interact with students of different backgrounds and deal closely with many other people.”

A straight-A foot grade point average came as a result of hard work and untold hours in the library, Perry said she’s pleased that she was able to enjoy other aspects of college life.

“A rewarding social life was also important to me,” Perry said. "I joined a sorority and spent some time learning how to cook because I’d love to have a family and children and cook some exotic meals for them.”

Although both her parents are college graduates, Perry said her uncles are accountants and they influenced her decision to major in accounting. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry of Philadelphia.

Johnson, who is 36 years old and married, is an engineer at Gilbarco. He is one of the growing number of students who enter college or return after entering the work force. He said he entered A&T during the summer of 1983, after one of his supervisors told him that he wouldn’t progress at Gilbarco unless he had a college degree.

“I had a good time in high school,” he said. "But when I began paying for an education on my own, it was different. The first course I took at A&T resulted in an A. There was the challenge to keep it up.”

Johnson said his employers at Gilbarco were very supportive of his efforts to earn his degree. He said they provided him with flexible time and other opportunities to make it possible for him to attend classes.
**Student: Everyone Prejudiced**

Have you ever felt you were prejudiced by your skin complexion? Have you ever been treated differently given a stereotype because of your skin tone? Maybe or maybe not, probably depending on your complexion; however occurrences such as these happen everyday.

I am a very light skinned black male student at A&T so I have experienced a lot of stereotypes and prejudices students have against people of my complexion. I don’t think many people are willing to openly admit their prejudices but I think we all have prejudice to a certain extent. For example 11 out of 13 people I asked in a survey agreed that stereotypes among students exist. Furthermore, from experience, I know many ladies on this campus don’t like to get involved with light skinned guys because they are supposed to be “no good”.

Also, many girls and guys prejudge each other by thinking the lighter complexioned people think they are better than anyone else. I have even heard someone say, like in “School Daze,” that I was a “wannabe,” meaning wasn’t to be white. This is definitely not true.

These are just a few of the prejudices and stereotypes placed on me and all light complexioned students at A&T. It is just something a light skinned person must learn to deal with. We must stop looking at a person’s outside and try to discover what’s on the inside. This is the only way we can learn to live in brotherhood.

—Harold Cogdell Jr.

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Outstanding Senior Athletes Reminisce about College Careers in Aggie Sports

Charlina Arrington
Special to the Register

It was only four years ago that seniors Kenny Cox, Claude Williams, and Ed and Alan Hooker entered A&T. Their accomplishments have made them outstanding senior athletes. Cox and Williams were key players for the perennial basketball champions of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference while the Hooker brothers were standouts on the football team, including the 1986-87 conference championship squad that went to the college football playoffs.

"It was a great experience," said forward-center Cox. A professional speech major who will graduate during the summer, Cox said that basketball is in his future.

"My future plans are to play semi-professional basketball," he said. "If not, I hope to find a job in the public relations field."

Cox said that given the opportunity to play professional basketball, his choice would be the Los Angeles Lakers. "I always wanted to be on the receiving end of a fast break from Magic Johnson," Cox said.

"Go to class with school work on your minds." "Get your priorities straight," he said. "As for basketball, play ball and have a good time."

Williams said his mother was instrumental in his decision to come to A&T.

"My mother has inspired me to play Aggie basketball," said the center.

"She is fond of black colleges."

Alan Hooker

Hooker said he would like to get a degree in education and become a teacher. "I want to keep a lot of options open if one doesn't go as planned," he said.

Hooker leaves behind a word of thanks to all who have helped him.

"I appreciate all the people that have been good to my family and me," he said. "It has made us feel as if we were at home. I hope A&T stays the same and welcomes everyone."

Alan Hooker established numerous records as quarterback and was voted MEAC Player of the Year in football this year. He said he sought to represent A&T to the best of his abilities.

"It's not what the school could do for me," he said, "It's what I could do for the school."

Alan, a computer science major who would like to play professionally with the Atlanta Falcons, said being an athlete was one of the biggest problems he faced while attending A&T.

"Time was the most important factor," he said. "I was always on the go."

By Alan's junior year at A&T, he and his brother had accomplished one of their long-range goals.

"At a young age we always wanted to be on the same championship team," Alan said.

"Being on the championship team with my brother was my most memorable moment."

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Campus Police No Laughing Matter

Letter to the Editor:

The scenario is the same. A student parks his car in the alley behind Cooper Hall. He runs in to get some notes, or maybe say 'hello' to a friend. Ten minutes later, he returns to find a bright yellow parking ticket attached to his window. A student and his illegal roommate get into a pushing and shoving match. During the incident, the students hand is accidentally smashed through a nearby window. Before going to the infirmary, he informs the Resident Assistant that he did break the window, and would pay for the replacement. He paid for the window the next day, yet he received a citation for 'Vandalism and Malicious Damage' for the window by campus police officers.

These incidents are true. And many more cases like them are occurring everyday. It seems as if we, the students, are increasingly being somewhat harassed by our very own campus police. Why are we being subjected to such harassment? Isn't the purpose of any law enforcement office to 'protect and serve?'

I really don't feel that our campus police are doing their jobs when someone breaks a window or must go to court, when only a few months earlier, the same person had their room broken into, and it took a campus police officer more than 30 minutes to arrive.

All those incidents mentioned above are true and are not exaggerated, because they happened to me and others close to me.

I think that the campus police officers should sit back and evaluate their purpose for being here. Their purpose should be to 'protect and serve,' not to necessarily assert their authority as they so often do.

When they needlessly push us around, they run a close parallel to being the 'Keystone Cops.' There is a very important difference. The antics of the fabled 'Keystone Cops' were very hilarious; the atrocious actions of AT&T's campus police is definitely no laughing matter.

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EWF to Perform at Coliseum

Earth, Wind & Fire, is back and the popular pop and soul band will appear in concert at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

The heart of the group is a carryover from Earth, Wind & Fire's golden years. In addition to Philip Bailey and Maurice White, veteran members include Maurice's brother Verdine on bass, Andrew Woolfolk on saxophone and Ralph Johnson on percussion.

The high-tech stage show is in keeping with the Earth, Wind & Fire tradition and the songs will feature the familiar old tunes and the new songs such as "Thinking of You," and "Touch the World." 

Tickets are now on sale for $16.50 at the Greensboro Coliseum Box Office and Ticketron locations.
Henry Howard Hull, IV
"Block Party" Announcer
90.1 WNAA

Birthplace: Indianapolis, Indiana
Major: Broadcast News
Class: Senior

What are your goals or ambitions? To pursue a Ph.D in TV Motion picture and become the director of a TV Motion picture.
Most Memorable Moment: My most memorable moment was when I got my Associate Degree in Law.
Person(s) admired the most: My dad who is a U.S. Marshall
Pet Peeve: Loud and boisterous women
Motto: Stand up for something or you will fall for anything.

Why did you decide to be a deejay?
I enjoy music and reaching people through music. My favorite type of music is jazz.

What are your future plans for WNAA?
I plan to have a segment of the show, where I would like to spotlight local talent. And to have a live block party and a live remote station. I would also like to have an essay contest for young high school students asking "Why You Should Say No To Drugs."

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Basketball Players Snare Honors

Mark Ausbrooks
Special to the Register

The Aggie basketball teams, which won conference championships this year, snared top honors at the 1988 All-Sports Banquet.

The three top awards, male athlete of the year, female athlete of the year and the senior award, were each given to members of the A&T men's and women's basketball teams.

The recipients were, Claude Williams, Sheila Rivers and Thomas Griffis, respectively.

"My success comes from my teammates and coaches," said Williams, who played forward. "Without them I would not have been able to have received this award.

"I have had a great career and do not regret at all coming to A&T."

Rivers, winner of top female athlete award, credited much of her accomplishments to the help she received.

"I feel this award is a great accomplishment and I was only able to win this award because of my teammates," said Rivers, a guard.

"I have had a great career at A&T and hope that the success of the girl's basketball team carries on."

The top senior athlete award, given to the top male or female senior athlete, was won by senior point-guard Thomas Griffis.

"It was a great surprise for me to receive this award," Griffis said. "This is very rewarding."

Griffis dedicated the award to his parents who were in the audience.

"I owe all my success to my parents," he said.

"They have been there for me through thick and thin."

"My career at A&T has been great. There are not too many people who can say that they have won four straight championships."

Quarterback Alan Hooker, a senior, received the most awards.

Hooker walked away with the Travis Kelly Award, the Toyota Leadership Award, the National Aggie Club Award and the Most Valuable Player Award in football.

The Promotions Committee of the Board of Inter-collegiate Athletics at A&T scheduled the banquet so that all 180 student athletes could attend. In previous years, some teams were in competition at the time of the banquet.

"This has been the best sports banquet since I have been at A&T," said Athletic Director Orby Z. Moss.

"There was a definite feeling of togetherness tonight."

Dallas Signs Hooker

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Alan Hooker, who led A&T to a conference championship and holds most of the school's passing records, has signed with the Dallas Cowboys as a quarterback.

Hooker, who was not selected in the 330-player National Football League draft Sunday and Monday, signed with the Cowboys on Tuesday as a free-agent quarterback.

"I didn't worry about not getting drafted," said Hooker, the 1986-1987 player of the year in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. "I thought it was a great honor to be good enough to be considered."

The Denver Broncos, where Mo Forte, Hooker's coach at A&T for four years, is now an assistant coach, showed interest in Hooker but failed to make him an acceptable offer.

"I could have made more money as a (computer) analyst or programmer than what the Broncos were offering," Hooker said.

"The Broncos also wanted me to sign on as a running back and that was a surprise to
Ambassador Says Apartheid System Must Go

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Special to the Register

White South Africans cannot continue to run South Africa under the apartheid system, said the American Ambassador to the Republic of Mali Wednesday in a seminar at Bennett College.

Robert J. Ryan, also Ambassador-in-Residence at Bennett this semester, said most people see the struggle of blacks in South Africa similar to the efforts of black Americans in the '60s to gain equality under the law.

"I think the system there is much worse than what we saw in this country in the '60s," Ryan said.

Apartheid is an African word which means separation. The government has divided people into social groups, which includes whites, Asians, blacks, and coloreds or persons with mixed blood, Ryan said.

Blacks are slighted in education, Ryan said. The government gives $1,385 per year for the education of each white student whereas it gives $132 per year for each black student's education, according to Ryan.

Despite the negative views of the South African government, Ryan said, some policy changes in favor of blacks have been made.

Changes, according to Ryan, include: the abolition of the mixed-marriage law which made marriage among members of different races a crime; the integration of parks, hotels and restaurants; allowing blacks to own land outside of the homeland and allowing black labor unions to exist.

The Dutch Reformed Church, once a pillar of apartheid, has united with other churches and opposed apartheid, Ryan said.

Ryan said he hopes blacks in South Africa will achieve full rights as citizens without resorting to violence.

"You can't compare the power of other governments with the military power that the South African government has," he said. "It is by far the most advanced and could bring tremendous consequences into the situation."

He said the South African government could show that it is serious about ending apartheid by releasing Nelson Mandela from prison and negotiating with Mandela and other black leaders who oppose the government.

Although economic sanctions against South Africa have been ineffective, Ryan said, they should continue to be imposed.

"People whose opinions I respect would take the position that whatever economic policies there are, they are the best way to show how strongly we feel about the issue in South Africa," Ryan said.

(Also contributing to this story was Bonnie Loebrac.)