Mass communications conference scheduled

Workshop leaders will include Fred Davis, a lecturer-commentator on radio and television news from Columbia, SC; Prof. Luther Jackson, a distinguished professor of journalism from Columbia University; Gary Curtis, news director of WFMY-TV Gannett; Craig Marberry, owner of a High Point video production company; Armstrong Williams, senior vice president of the Graham Williams Public Relations Group in High Point; Allen Johnson, assistant managing editor; Greensboro New Record; Dwight Cunningham, assistant national editor of Newsday; and Douglas W. Copeland Jr., vice president of marketing, the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital.

More than 40 professional journalists and managers will conduct the workshops, which are open to the public.

Persons wishing to register for the conference are asked to contact Mrs. Nettie Bowland at (919) 334-7582.

Two nationally prominent black journalists have been selected to keynote the annual A&T Mass Communications Careers Conference here on Friday and Saturday, April 14-15. More than 250 students and professional journalists are expected to attend the event.

The speakers will be Xernona Clayton, assistant corporate vice president for Urban League Affairs with the Turner Broadcasting System Inc. in Atlanta; and Juan Williams, a senior political writer for the Washington Post.

Clayton, the first black female in the nation to have her own television show, will address the conference on Friday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Ramada Inn on West Market Street. Williams, the author of the best selling "Eyes on the Prize," will speak at the conference luncheon on Saturday, April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Memorial Union.

The conference will include workshops on broadcast news, broadcast production, print journalism, radio, public relations and non-traditional careers in the mass media. An added feature of the conference will be a Communications Career Fair to be held on Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the balcony of Corbett Sports Center. More than 100 media organizations from around the state have been invited to the fair.

Attending the conference will be students from A&T and other area colleges and high schools, professional communicators from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina, and journalism faculty members.

Student motivator to speak at Convocation

GREENSBORO, NC - From poor urban teenager to world renown neurorugence, the story of Dr. Benjamin Carson, who will spend a day and half motivating A&T State University students.

Carson, currently Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Children’s Center, will be guest speaker for A&T’s annual Honors Convocation on Wednesday, March 22, 1989 at 10 a.m. in Harrison Auditorium.

He will also meet formally with A&T science majors and be guest at a reception sponsored by the Greensboro Medical Society.

“We are highly honored that this world-class surgeon has agreed to spend this time with the university family and the Greensboro community,” said Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T Chancellor. “His own career denotes a keen commitment to excellence and we want our students exposed to that philosophy.”

Carson, gained international fame last year when he was the lead surgeon of a 70-person medical team which separated two West German Siamese twins joined at the head. No surgeon in Europe would attempt the operation.

“I guess I would have been afraid if I didn’t have so much faith in God,” Carson said after the operation. “I never have the feeling he’s going to let me get into something he can’t get me out of.”

Carson grew up in Detroit’s inner city, the son of divorced parents. His mother worked two and three jobs to keep the family together. Carson said he almost threw his life away, but his mother constantly reminded him of his brother that they could succeed in life. By the time he was in a largely white junior high school, he had won prize as the best student of the class. In high school he won a scholarship to Yale University and later to its medical school.

After completing medical school, Carson completed an internship and took his current job two years ago.

During the Honors Convocation, several hundred A&T students and academic students from area high schools will be honored.

Harrison players depict college life

Tammi L. Williams
Entertainment Editor

The Richard B. Harrison Players did it again with the smash hit play Rho Kappa Epilon which was presented in the Paul Robeson Theatre February 24-27.

Rho Kappa Epilon is a satire that was conceived by John Melinn Ross, adapted by H.D. Flowers II, and presented by A&T students. The play was directed by Frankie Day, the set was designed by R. Paul Thomas, the lighting was designed by Donald Coffey.

Casting in the play: Monique Waters, Monica Scott, Gina Page, Michelle Tolliver, Felisha Walls, Rosetta Stroud, Dauna Brown, Donna Williams, Danita Mason, Victoria Rosa, Stephanie Howard, Joy Moore, Melody Garrett, Charlotte Belton, Kim Murray, and Natalie Bennett.

Rho Kappa Epilon was the story of the ups and downs of a sorority at Hillman College. A variety of situations were displayed especially snobbish ones.

The sorority was getting away from the true meaning and making it into a status symbol. They were inducting some people and not inducting others for all the wrong reasons. Naomi was the protagonist of the play.

She was a shy country girl who needed extra money for school, so she took a job as a maid at the sorority house. Clarretta Scott who was the antagonist was played by Joy Moore.

Clarretta made it obvious that she did not want Naomi around. She didn’t even want Naomi to be the maid, but after she was overpowered by the president of the sorority Naomi got the job.

Clarretta treated Naomi as a slave, making her run errands and accept verbal abuse.

Naomi was a very sweet person who wished to someday pledge Rho Kappa Epilon, and with good reason. Naomi had a 3.95 grade point average. Naomi put in an application to pledge the sorority and the girls turned her down.

Naomi understood that they didn’t think she was good enough for their sorority, and she wasn’t bitter.

One night Clarretta came in very late and very drunk, and on this particular night the house mother taped the door closed that Clarretta normally sneaked in through, so Naomi decided to wait up for her and let her in through the front door, even though she had what she thought was a cold and should have been in bed.

When Clarretta came in she was very lous accusing Naomi of being in her business. The girls woke up and tried to quiet her down so she wouldn’t wake up

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**NEWSBRIEFS**

**CHENEY**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Armed Services Committee voted 20-0 Thursday to approve the nomination of Defense Secretary-designate Dick Cheney, a six-term congressman praised by the panel's chairman for his "honor and integrity." The vote came exactly one week after the Senate rejected nomination of former Texas Sen. John Tower.

**HOSTAGE PLEA**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Friends, colleagues and relatives of Terry Anderson marked the journalist's fourth year as a hostage in Lebanon Thursday, urging his kidnappers to end his suffering by releasing him immediately. Thomas Friedman, diplomatic correspondent for The New York Times, said the radical Moslem Shites believed to hold Anderson are damaging Islam's image by keeping hostages.

**FLIGHT 103**

LONDON (AP) - The government secretly alerted airlines and airports about a possible terrorist attack two days before a bomb blew Pan Am Flight 103 out of the sky over Scotland, the Transport Department has announced. The alert gave precise details of a new type bomb, hidden in a radio-cassette player, similar to the device that on Dec. 21 destroyed Flight 103, killing all 259 people aboard the jumbo jet and 11 on the ground in Lockerbie.

**SHUTTLE**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Discovery's astronauts, working again at full electrical power, received a call Thursday from President Bush and focused cameras on the wounds inflicted on Earth by man's pollution and nature's violence. Bush congratulated them on their flight and said, "I am determined to go forward with and active space program."

**AFGHANISTAN**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Moslem guerrillas Thursday claimed they shot down two more aircraft and captured two helicopters from Afghan soldiers who deserted, bringing to seven the number of communist aircraft the insurgents say they have destroyed this week in fierce fighting for the strategic city of Jalalabad. The latest reports indicate that the army withstood the guerrilla offensive and fighting has reached a stalemate. No reliable casualty figures are available but estimates run in hundreds of dead and thousands of wounded.

**SOVIET FOOD**

MOSCOW (AP) - Communist Party leaders Thursday rallied around President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's plan to give peasants control of the land they farm and the crops they plant in a drive to overcome chronic food shortages, Tass said. Speakers urged the Central Committee to approve the radical reform plan, which Gorbachev said would end decades of "power and pressure methods" that have brought disaster to the Soviet countryside.

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**Black life expectancy shorter**

**WASHINGTON (UPI)** - Overall American life expectancy continues to rise, now at nearly 75 years, but the future is still shorter for blacks than whites, a government health report showed Wednesday.

"Homicides, suicides and fatal auto accidents are up."

The 13th annual health report "documents record level of good health in this country but the news is not all good," said Health Secretary Louis Sullivan in his first new briefing at the Health and Human Service Department.

"This report shows, as have others for as long as they have been issued, that there is a disparity between the health of our white and black populations," Sullivan noted. "These data point us in the direction of expanding our agenda in the upcoming decade to include a greater focus on such critical health areas as prevention of AIDS, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide."

Among highlights of the report:

- Life expectancy at birth increased from 74.7 years to 74.8 years for the overall population between 1985 and 1986, the most recent figures available; that represents more than a full year's increase since 1980. But for blacks, life expectancy dropped from 69.5 years to 69.4 years from 1985 to 1986.

The infant mortality rate declined 2 percent between 1985 and 1986, reaching 10.4 deaths per 1,000 live births for the lowest rate since 1985. Here again, however, the black rate of deaths per 1,000 live births remained twice as high as the rate for white infants, 8.9 deaths per 1,000.

Heart disease remained the leading cause of death across the country but the percentage of fatalities has dropped 31 percent since 1970. Fatal strokes among people age 55 to 74 were down 53 percent from 1970, but again, the strokes death rate in that age group was 80 percent higher for black males than for white males and 76 percent higher for black females than for white females.

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Everyone has some deadline to meet. Financial Aid and housing forms have to be turned in on time. Driver's licenses and inspection stickers have to be renewed by a certain date and income taxes must be filed by April 15.

So why would anyone think that The Register doesn't have deadlines to follow? And why would anyone not take them seriously? It's beyond me.

The past two weeks The Register has been swamped with calls of so-called "urgent information" which needed to be printed in the paper.

Now that people see that The Register has a wide readership and is effective in disseminating information, more readers want to use the paper to announce their activities and events.

This is fine, but too often people wait until the very last minute to submit their information and expect immediate action.

Contrary to what people may think, producing a weekly newspaper is no joke, especially at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

The paper, printed in Mebane by Hinton Press, Inc., must be completed by 5 a.m. on Fridays. If all goes well, it is put on the press Friday morning and is delivered to campus by 1:30 p.m. and then circulated that afternoon.

Working to complete the paper on Wednesday and Thursday evenings is usually non-stop.

The last thing we need is someone calling or stopping by late Thursday evening expecting us to drop whatever we are to doing to make sure their tidbit of information gets in.

News Events/Press Releases should be sent in on Tuesdays by 7 p.m. Announcements such as campus haps are due in on Wednesdays by 5:30 p.m. No material will be taken on Thursdays.

The Register gladly welcomes contributions of news articles, campus haps, advertisements, etc...but please realize that The Register, just like any other newspaper, adheres to deadlines.

Elders

Paula Hamilton
Managing Editor

As if the Joe Mavretic situation were not enough, A&T recently found itself in the midst of more state-wide publicity.

A recent article in the Raleigh News and Observer defamed the school by suggesting it merge with other North Carolina institutions. The article questioned not only the curriculum of A&T, but also the curriculum of North Carolina Central, implying that predominately black institutions are underqualified in educating its students.

The Greensboro News and Record, as well as Chancellor Edward Fort, both came to the nation's defense with rebuttals stating that A&T was a school of great character that produced top graduates who could contend with graduates of any other school.

The question remains, however, as to why A&T is suddenly being ridiculed to such extremes.

Granted, there will always be skeptics who will downgrade the institution only because its predominately black. But why is the controversy surfacing so heavily now?

As a producer of astronauts to presidents, it should be obvious to the public that A&T is a school of traditionally successful scholars. There should be no doubt or speculation as to whether A&T is able to educate properly.

My suggestion to those who do have doubt is to make sure they have the complete facts before making general assumptions. If that means a visit to the campus or doing background research, so be it.

But if one can not find facts to back up his/her statements as proof, then there need be nothing said at all until that problem is remedied!

LaVonne McIver
News Editor

Oftentimes I listen to my elders discuss their lives. More times than not they regret having not reached their goals. They speak about dreams unfulfilled, promises they have broken and ideas that led nowhere.

Many of us lack direction in our lives. We know where we want to go but fail to chart a course. Some of us believe in the misconception that upon graduation we will become instant successes.

We should learn from our elders that a fulfilled life is not guaranteed. We have to work hard to reach our goals. Graduating from college is just the first step of many.

When talking to my peers I sometimes ask them other than a peice of sheepskin that says that they have successfully completed their course of study, what do they have to offer prospective employers? What traits do they possess that would aid in their desire to become entrepreneurs? Most of the time they look at me expressionless.

Reality is that there is not one black president of a Fortune 500 company. We don't even have one black dean in our Engineering School and we attend a predominately black institution!

We've only just begun. Graduating from...
Student urges other to become active in school's future

Aggies it is time for a change. I believe much of the destiny of this University lies in the hands of the student body. And as a body, we are at a standstill. I attribute this standstill to two influences. One is the lack of motivation and awareness among students, and the other is the lack of active participation from students. One may argue that the administration and limited budgets provided to our University create an environment that results in the lack of motivation awareness and achievement. That does not take away from the responsibility of the school's administration to seek greater financial and material contributions from the state, federal government, alumni and community at large. As students we need to ask ourselves, what have we done to help? We have used administrators and limited budgets as our scapegoats too long, and it is "Time for a Change."

The time has come for the students of A&T to come together, bringing all their physical and intellectual abilities together to improving themselves and this institution. Our enhanced support, through a more balanced program of cooperation and coordination with all the student organizations - principally those that are directly responsible for not only voicing but fulfilling our needs and ideals. The SGA is primarily responsible for being that organ of expression that should initiate these changes we need.

It is to our own downfall that the student body remains unmotivated and unaware of the school's plight. Students do not participate in organizations, activities and functions, hence the present day stagnation. No leadership can set without a mandate, and that is severely lacking from the SGA, SUAB and NAACP and numerous others. Their mere existence is to serve students and implement student resolution. Yet by and large we do not know the roles of our student organizations. It is clearly "time for a change."

We cannot and should not rest on the laurels for the SGA and the great leaders of A&T of the 60's and 70's. Our time is now and we must act.

It is apparent from all that has been happening at A&T, a serious question needs to be raised. What is our role as students? Where were we when the state provided UNCG with a six-story library, fully equipped and modernized. Yet we had to wait for a five-story library that shall barely meet our requirements in light of the school's expansion? Where were we when the state provided the Agriculture program at North Carolina State $63 million and A&T nothing? What's more degrading is a North Carolina representative having the gaul to publicly admitting to such a farce. Can we expect a Division I school to be proud of a new stadium where the track would not meet the standards for holding a high school meet? The same can be said for the swimming pool in Corbett, which for all intensive and purpose is hardly open for student use.

With the crisis facing the African-American in this society, how is it that a mandatory black history class is not offered in a predominantly black institution but is offered at some predominantly white colleges? "at and where are we in his thing? crime, poverty, literacy that continue to encroach and exhibit the African-American? Fellow Aggies we need to ask ourselves those questions, it is "time for a change."

Some of the immediate concerns we should look into is the need for a mandatory black history class. Establish more programs help and promote black consciousness and how blacks can infiltrate and participate in a white-dominated society while retaining their culture and social heritage. Other existing issues that need to be addressed are the limited cafeteria hours, the inadequacy of the mail center, which cannot supply basic needs as stamps. If we are truly concerned in fostering an environment to attain academic and social excellence some of these requirements need to be met.

There is clearly more of a need for constructive change among students and student leaders and their involvement in many campus activities than there is need to call for change within the administration of this university. However, if there is ever the need for us to seek change within administration, we will be more effective as a group than we will as few individuals. I am confident that this body wants to see more changes. It is clearly time for a change. I challenge all of us to move into this era of change.
Student candidates gear up for class elections

The following is a complete listing of all candidates running for office for the 1989-90 school year. Elections will be March 29.

Student Government President: David Hill, David James Miller, Barry Lamont Ray and Derick Mack Virgil.

Vice President of Internal Affairs: Charles C. McCullough, Jr., Marvin Walton.

Vice President of External Affairs: Antonio Blow, Mark Anthony Middleton.

Secretary: Margaret Kanipes
Treasurer: Tascha C. Chalmers.

Attorney General: Maya Brown, Kim Renee Wolch.

Miss A&T: Michele Crawley, Pamela Lettie Harrington, Michelle I. Newbold, Kamala O. Parker, Wanda Reed and Felicia Singletary.


Election Committee: Eric Curry, Angela Eaddy, Christopher Gillespie, Dwayne Johnson, Angela McCullough, Lavonnya Sanders.

Candidates for senior class offices are: president-Steven V. Jones, vice-president-George A. Thomas, II, secretary-Anita F. Bonner, treasurer-Sonji Lucas, miss senior-Joeydell Johnson.

Persons running for junior class offices include: president-Arthur Parks, III and Vincent T. Snipes, vice-president-Terrence F. Milton, secretary-Amanda Patterson, treasurer-Veronica Walker, miss junior-Frieda Hall.

Candidates running for sophomore class offices are: president-Tony Watlington, vice-president-Dororan K. Kirkland and Gerald Anthony Morrison, secretary-Zanda F. Bryant and Charissa L. Peppers, treasurer-Roderick M. McLean, miss sophomore-Tasha Vaughn.
National Football League to Raleigh?

RALEIGH, NC (UPI) - The New York Jets and the Philadelphia Eagles will play a preseason game in Raleigh as part of an effort to land a National Football League expansion franchise for North Carolina. Businessman Jerry Richardson, a former player with the Baltimore Colts, said Wednesday:

"The game between the Jets and Eagles will be played on Aug. 19 at Carter-Finley Stadium, the home field for North Carolina State University that seats 47,000. The game will be televised locally and may be televised nationally," he said.

Richardson, the president of a food service company that owns several restaurants in the region, said he has tried since December to convince the NFL that the region has the infrastructure and the potential to support a professional football team.

"This is much more than a football game," Richardson said at a press conference. "This is our chance to send a strong message to the NFL about the interest and tradition of the National Football League in the Carolinas as well as demonstrate the tremendous market the region represents."

Richardson said he will be at the NFL owners' winter meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., later this month to continue to compete against Memphis, St. Louis and other cities also trying to land an NFL franchise.

Richardson said the owners have not formed a franchise committee and no dates have been set for discussion about any franchise. "It's my understanding they want to resolve a collective bargaining agreement with the players before they consider expansion," Richardson said.

Richardson said the success of the Charlotte Hornets has expanded the possibility of an NFL franchise in the Carolinas. "We have a commitment from the Buffalo Bills to play in Charlotte or Columbia, S.C., the last week of the preseason," he said. "The Bills' opponent has not been selected."

"Anytime you can get an NFL football team in the area you create excitement. It's healthy for the Carolinas," Shinn said. "Our plan is to get an NFL franchise in the Carolinas. That's my goal. I don't think he'll do it."

Basketball season ends in disappointment

Cedric Bryant

Sports Editor

The A&T men's and women's basketball teams ended the 1988-89 season with close MEAC tournament losses but the outlook for next year looks good for both teams.

The men were defeated by Coppin State, 71-5, in the first round of the tournament and ended their campaign with an overall record of 9-18 and a conference mark of 6-10.

First team All-MEAC selection Glenn Taggart led the Aggies in scoring with 18 and Travis McRae shared high rebounding honors with six.

"I feel the kids gave a lot. We just couldn't put it together," said Aggie coach Don Corbett. "It was a very disappointing season."

The Aggies lost in the conference semifinals played at the Greensboro Coliseum to Delaware State 52-51 in a game that was decided on a last second shot. Paulette Dennis was the high scorer with 20 and Helena Creamer and Tammi Hammonds both pulled down 9 rebounds.

"We wanted to win 20 games, the regular season title and the tournament and although we fell a little short I was pleased with the effort my ladies gave me," said Aggie coach Tim Abney.

The women finished their season with an overall record of 17-12 and 11-3 in the conference and were regular season co-champions of the MEAC with Howard University.

The men will lose two valuable starters in Chuckie Benton and Corvin Davis along with valuable reserves Charles Howard, Rodney Bowens and Lloyd King but with an added year of maturity for the remaining players next season the Aggies will be the darkhorse in the conference.

"We're looking forward to next year," said Corbett. "We're going to hit the recruiting trail hard and see what happens."

The women will have to fill the voids created by the loss of Paulette Dennis and Kim Broadnax but after sharing the conference title for two consecutive years they will be hard to beat.

"It will be difficult to replace Paulette and Kim but hopefully we can compete a little harder next year if we have a good recruiting season," said Abney.
Elections

Challenge yourself this year and the next by taking on one of the interesting areas on campus. The A&T Register could be the place for you. Join a part of the university that has operated for 100 years.

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Miss Walker (the house mother), but Miss Walker came out of her room just as Claretta pushed Naomi down.

Miss Walker wanted to have Claretta expelled, but Naomi lied and tried to cover for Claretta’s coming in late and drunk despite the way she had been treated by Claretta.

Two weeks later, on the night of induction Naomi died of pneumonia. The sorority decided to induct her into their chapter and everyone agreed except Claretta, she issued a final challenge, however she was outnumbered and Naomi was inducted into Rho Kappa Epsilon.

Naomi was portrayed by Charlotte Belton who hails from Rose Hill, N.C., and is a sophomore professional theatre major. Charlotte chose acting because she enjoys getting away from herself and becoming different characters. In reality, Charlotte is a lot like Naomi in that they are both shy and from small towns. Rho Kappa Epsilon is Charlotte’s mainstage debut.

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