Miller Builds on Strong Foundation

It's Miller Time

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News Editor

Some people may seek political positions for notability, prestige and wealth. Although our new SGA president hopes to end up in the political arena he is not interested in personal gains.

David Miller says that he is a service orientated person and is not concerned with becoming a millionaire overnight. “The greatest gift a person can give is an opportunity to a young person who is trying to make it,” the 22-year old business education major said. Miller, who was reared by his grandmother says that she instilled ethics in him at an early age. “I grew up in a Christian background. My grandmother instilled me principles, morals and high self-esteem,” he proudly said.

It is not surprising that Miller is successful in his political endeavors. He is inspired by yet another ‘Aggie great’, congressman Adolphus Towns. “He has become somewhat of a mentor. I can tell him anything and he will give me insight and understanding, he said smiling. “He is always a telephone away.”

Miller see’s himself as being guided by the students as well as being a strong leader. “I think I am a consensus of the two. I take the issues they ar—

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Miller plans to continue to be active in the community, “I firmly believe that what effects the community effects A&T and vice-versa. We are connected.”

Miller, who is currently Vice President of internal affairs says that he is in the process of making the adjustment to SGA president. “My short term goal is to make the transition both mentally and physically but my long term goal is to bring credibility, visibility and an open line of communication from the students to the SGA.”

Miller says that he does not plan to make many changes. “However, I do intend to modify and build on the structure that is already there.”

Miller said that in his term as SGA president he hopes to articulate the concerns of the student body to the administrators. He also plans to provide the students with programs that will enlighten them both culturally politically and socially.

Miss A&T:
Sensitive, Charming

Sherry Rogers
Associate News Editor

She’s intellectual, charming, beautiful, sensitive, full of charisma, and last but definitely not least, she’s Miss A&T 1989-1990.

Introducing… Michele Yvette Crawley

Crawley hails from Vienna, Virginia, where she is a 1986 graduate of George Marshall High School. The daughter of James and Regina Crawley, Michele is the oldest of two children. She has a 14-year-old brother, Michael.

Crediting her parents as being the major influences in her life, Michele says that they support her in all endeavors.

“They always say, do the best that you can, in all that you do,” said Michele imitating her parents.

The choice to run for Miss A&T, was not a spare of the moment.
Spotlight On Your Health

Sleep condition: Problem of Mental Stress

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Sleep is a mirror of moods. Sleep problems can be either the cause or consequence of mental stress.

In fact, one key indicator of good physical and mental health may be the absence of sleep problems.

Researchers are now finding an underlying biological relationship between sleep and our moods. Some suggest that changes in our body's internal clock may be at least partly responsible for some severe mood disturbances.

We already know that almost half of those who suffer from serious insomnia also have high levels of psychological stress. Twenty-one percent of serious insomniacs who took part in a major U.S. sleep survey reported patterns of symptoms consistent with major depression—a prevalence three times higher than those with less serious sleep problems.

Researchers know that depression and sleep disturbances often appear together. Some psychiatrists report that depriving certain patients of all or selected parts of a night's sleep sometimes helps ease depression.

However, patients with panic disorder, a severe form of anxiety, seem to get worse if deprived of sleep. These findings provide evidence that panic disorders have discernible biological underpinnings.

For more than 30 years, clinical investigators have specialized that some or all of the symptoms of the depressive disorders, including manic-depressive illness, may be associated with abnormalities in the timing or phase control of the circadian system, the body's biological clock.

For example, many of the characteristic abnormalities of sleep in depression—early morning awakening, short total sleep time and early appearance of dreaming—are consistent with a "phase advance" of the circadian clock. That is, when a depressed patient goes to sleep at midnight, the body's internal regulating mechanisms look like those of a normal person at 6 a.m.

In addition, there is some evidence that certain circadian rhythms, such as body temperature, have shallower peaks and valleys in patients with depression.

Poor sleep is a symptom of certain types of anxiety disorders, including generalized anxiety disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. Medicines commonly prescribed for both sleep and anxiety disorders may be effective in part because of their action on the central circadian pacemaker. This pacemaker ap-

Howard Stays on Her 'Marc'

She has adjusted well to that challenge during her past four years as A&T. Graduating with a grade point average of 3.5, Howell serves as president of A&T's chapter of Beta Kappa KI National Honoray Society and has spent two years as a MARC scholar.

Growing up as the youngest child and the only female in a single parent family can be tough.

But for North Carolina A&T senior Temple Howell, the challenge was never too hard.

"I was always able to hang with them," the 21-year-old biology major says. "Anything they could do, I could do better."

As her brothers went on to become a preacher, a doctor and a naval seaman, Howell experienced an even greater challenge to become equally as successful as them.

"MARC is a scholarship given to students in biology, chemistry and animal science who plan to conduct research after graduation," she explained.

Howard stays, however, that the success she has received is due much to the efforts of her mother.

"I don't know what I would have done without her," she says.

Howell, whose father was killed during the Vietnam war, idolizes the efforts of her mother.

"It's not enough that she single-handedly raised four children by herself, but she did such a great job with it," she explains. "How many mothers do you know that could send all four of their kids to college and still in them a determination needed to graduate and succeed?"

But Howell does take some of the credit herself. Accepted to medical school at East Carolina University, she feels that she's overcome some difficult boundaries.

"I'll tell you, there were times within the past four years that I thought I wouldn't even make it out of A&T," she says. "Classes got so tough that I was ready to give up on both my undergraduate and medical degrees."

And as she hung in there, Howell was able to achieve her ultimate goals.

U.S. Adults Do Not Exercise

With over 40 studies conducted over the past 25 years linking exercise and health, current statistics estimate that just 20 percent of U.S. adults get enough regular exercise to have a positive impact on cardiovascular health. Furthermore, 50 percent of people who start exercise programs drop out shortly thereafter.

Medical experts attribute these statistics to lack of public knowledge about the health benefits of regular, long-term exercise, and bad exercise experiences, including boredom, sports-related injuries and disreputable health clubs.

In May, over 600 quality health clubs across the U.S. will launch a program to try to turn these statistics around. The public service campaign called "Commit to Get Fit," features fitness evaluations and personalized exercise programs all free and open to the public throughout the month. Commit to Get Fit was created by the IRSA, the Association of Quality clubs, and is sponsored by Life Fitness, Inc., to encourage more people to begin and stay with exercise programs.

Fitness evaluations and exercise prescriptions are just part of this month-long celebration. Other activities include seminars and demonstrations of fitness and health related topics.

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ARMY NURSE CORPS. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.
Kimberly Carrington  
Special to the Register

Women in a man's dominated world is becoming a reality and not just an idea.
As we sat in an office filled with constant interruptions patrol officer Lenora Lee, of the A&T Campus Police Department, enthusiastically talked about being a female officer.
"It has been exciting and a challenge," Officer Lee said. "It's much different from that of a secretary, it's an aggressive world.

Officer Lee expresses that she enjoys being a police officer because it gives her a lot of freedom. "I like working a swing shift," she said. "I've met a lot of people since I've been here."

The campus police work swing shifts that change every week.

While there were frequent interruptions of call-ins to the station, Officer Lee managed to talk about why she decided to be a police officer.

"I wanted to help people," she said. I'm concerned about the crime in the Black community.

Officer Lee stated that she has seen a lot of Blacks get the raw deal and just wanted to help.
I've always wanted to help people," she said. "I decided to be a police officer about five years ago and have never regretted a day."

Officer Lee stated that she chose to work at A&T because she wanted to live in Greensboro and did not want to be a city police officer.

While being disturbed by more call-ins, Officer Lee comments that prejudice has been encountered from the men on the force.
"I feel the men are still trying to get used to us," she said. "I think that the men are threatened because we (women) are equal to them."

Officer Lee says that in everyday encounters she has to prove her capability as an officer.
She also comments that the men sometimes do make chauvinistic remarks, but all in good fun. "They do it because I'm doing my job," she said jokingly.

Officer Lee doesn't see herself as being in a man's world. She sees it as just another job. "If I thought it was just a man's world I wouldn't be able to survive," she said. "Anyone can be an officer."

When asked how she thought the other police officers viewed her, she said. "I hope they see me as a competent officer."

Officer Lee stressed that she is trying to portray a caring but firm image to her fellow workers as well as the students.

Along with herself there are five other female officers on the force. Officer Lee says the women on the force have a good relationship. "We all have good working relationships," she said. "It's like a little bond."

By being a female on the force officer Lee states that she is motivated to stay because she feels she is putting positive input into the students. I'm motivated to go on when I've helped a student to find the positive things in their lives," she said. "I like just giving someone a smile."

Lee has an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

While fidgeting with a pencil Lee says there have been no major problems with enforcing the law. "I get the same respect as the men do," she said.

She did recall one occasion that was really stressful while working at a dance held in the Gym. "Four or five fights broke out," she said. "There were about 500 students, there it was really getting out of control. We finally got it under control," she said laughingly. "I will always remember that, it was my first."

Lee is married and lives in Greensboro. She says that she and her husband had to deal with adjustments because of the long hours.

"You have to have the lines of communication open," she said. "I share my job with my husband."

Crawley—
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ment decision for Michele.

"Every since I've been here I've been observing the past queens and I felt as though I possessed the worthy qualifications," she giggled.

According to Michele, people don't realize the extent of Miss A&T's obligations.
A lot of people aren't aware of the responsibilities that go along with the title of being Miss A&T. She is a representative as defined in the constitution and that's what she does," she said.

"It's her option to participate in various school related functions. Although Michele will have added responsibility next year she says she will strive to continue to be an excellent student next year."

"I am a student first and foremost," she said.

Michele describes herself as being academically inclined, fun-loving and an extrovert.

During her free time, Crawley enjoys singing, drawing and swimming. She is a member of Alobeam, Beta Alpha Psi, Alpha Lambda Delta and the A&T Fellowship Gospel.

When asked the advice she would give to aspiring Miss A&T's, the accounting major responded by saying, "Be careful of what you say and do. Don't be intimidated by people's negative comments and most importantly excell in your academics."

Although she is very excited about serving her term as Miss A&T, she says that she is also somewhat paranoid.

"I'm already experiencing a bit of paranoia. I'm always wondering what people are thinking," she said with a grin. "Nevertheless I will be myself."

Michele someday hopes to own her own accounting firm.
SECOND OPINION

Student fed up with Instructors

Paula A. Hamilton
Managing Editor

Note: The views in this week's editorial do not reflect my personal opinion only, but are the collective views of public relations majors within the communications department.

As students within the department of communications at North Carolina A&T, we feel that the time has come to voice our concerns on what seems to be an irrelevant issue to many of our administrators.

The slackness and apathy shown toward students by many, but not all, instructors must cease. In a poll of some of the communications students, the number one concern was the need for more serious-minded instructors who keep abreast of current technological advances and have a genuine concern for enlightening students. Students stated incidents of instructors teaching material not connected with the implications of the course title, instructors not being prepared for class assignments and instructors who feel were not capable of teaching a class but were also assigned more responsibilities in the department.

Many of students also feel that the quality of the instruction we are receiving from these "less than enthusiastic" teachers will hinder our abilities in the professional world. It is a genuine concern that we are not learning what we need to know to maintain a decent job after graduation.

We realize that some of the problems lies on our shoulders in that we have not spoken out properly to let the department know of our concerns. And that is the general purpose of this editorial.

We also know that funds may not be available to bring in a David Brinkley as an instructor. All we ask is that our concerns be heard and evaluated thoroughly.

Candidates Congratulate Miller

Dear Aggies:

In the aftermath of what will certainly go down in A&T's political history as one of our most exciting elections ever, our leader has been chosen and we, the other presidential candidates would like to take this opportunity to commend, to congratulate, to assure, and to thank you the people for the roles played in our last SGA presidential race.

To David Miller, our newly elected president and student representative for this upcoming year, we say congratulations and best wishes as you take hold of the laurels of leadership. We want to commend all of the SCA and class officer candidates involved in the election process for running a race chartered for the most part on the high road of moral decency and mutual respect. It was a stressing race. It was a tough race, but it was a good race.

Certainly, in viewing the active role played in the race by so much of our great student body, all rumors, assumptions, and theories of an apathetic student body have been crushed in the sands of activism and student concern about the destiny of our SCA and of our campus.

At this hour of hours of course we pause as any candidate does upon falling short of the mark and wonder what went wrong, what could've been done differently, and what strategies should've been but were not implemented. It is of course much easier to chart a best possible route after you reach an end than at the beginning and many have in hindsight offered their theories and post race suggestions. Nevertheless, we were dreamers who presented you "a vision of excellence." We were servants enough to offer you "proven leadership" and we were bold enough to declare that "people must always be the ultimate issue."

We would like to assure the student body of our enthusiasm in looking forward to this upcoming school year and the opportunity to serve and to represent you as the opportunities present themselves. Certainly, we would be remiss if we didn't pause to thank all of the people who helped out with our campaigns. It was your tireless hours of posting flyers, sliding letters under doors, making posters and banners, and lobbying for us that made the race so colorful, so exciting, and so memorable. Ideas were born. Bonds were made, and new friendships were established. We feel that we were firm in our convictions and true to our objectives.

In the final analysis, it should be noted that the only real losses in this race were strictly numerical, too votes too few, however in theory and in principle, it is you the people who were ultimately all winners in that you were spurred to think, to choose, and to act out your role in the democratic process. On this note, let us march forward into the next school year with high hopes, unbounded optimism, and firm ambitions.

Barry L. Ray
David Hill
Derick M. Virgil
Head Track Coach Says We Will Be Well Represented

Mark Ausbrooks  
Staff Writer

Head track coach Roy Thompson of North Carolina A&T expects the female 400 meter relay, 100 meter dash, and the 200 meter dash to be represented well at the NCAA championship.

The North Carolina A&T female track team has a 1988 Olympian in Ruth Morris, a participant in the Atlantic Conference nationals, and the 400 meter relay team, which was one hundredth of a second from qualifying for the NCAA championship last year.

"This year the girls are more experienced," said Thompson. "We must keep a positive attitude, and we will do well."

Morris, who represented the Virgin Island in the 400 meter dash and the 200 meter dash, said that the team is stronger because they have spent three years together.

"I feel that we can make the NCAA if we continue to work hard," said Morris. "I hope that my Olympic experience will help the team as well as myself."

The teams most recent event was the Georgia Relays where Morris was on the 400 meter relay team, and placed third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.90.

"The 400 meter dash is a race that I do best in, but I like the 100 meter," said Morris.

Morris admits that she will not know how confident she is until the middle of April, which is the bulk of the season.

Chandra Jones, who anchors the 400 meter relay team and came in second at the Georgia Relays with a time of 11.81, said that the team is getting closer to qualifying and getting better every week.

"We would have qualified last year for the NCAA championship, but during the heart of the season we got kicked out of the dorm and had no place to stay," said James, who transferred from Indiana State two years ago.

The 400 meter relay team consists of Joanel Kellman who won the long jump event at the Georgia Relays, with 20-0 1/2, Ruth Morris, Sherry Campbell, and Chandra James came in second in the Georgia Relays with a time of 46.1.

Young Team Learning

David Pickens  
Special to the Register

The women's softball team may be young and inexperienced, but they have the will to learn the game, according to their head coach.

In his first season as coach, Michael Ferguson knew that the season would be a learning process for him as well as the players.

"It's learning as you play," said Ferguson. "It is all a new experience."

Currently the team has a record of 1-4 with all losses to St. Augustine College and one victory over crosstown rival Greenboro College.

"We learned a lot from those losses," said Ferguson. "I am pleased with the progress that the team has made up to this point in the season."

With only three seniors on the roster leadership, will be a very important factor in the success of the team.

Ferguson said that senior Lawanda Sullivan has accepted the role of team leader and added that she is the player-coach of the team.

"Our team is young on experience but we have a good attitude that will help in learning the game," said Sullivan.

Ferguson said he is also pleased with play of pitcher Valdenia Reeves and shortstop Beverly Hooker.

Coaching a team for the first time is a great responsibility and assistant coach Paul Stokes realized this and has volunteered his time to the team.

"He's (Stokes) a good helper to the team," said Ferguson.

Coaching takes a lot of hard work. The A&T softball team currently has a record of 5-6.

Father and Daughter  
Join in Common Goal

David Pickens  
Special to the Register

There is more than one Stokes' on A&T's 1989 softball roster. Paul Stokes, assistant coach of the softball team, says he has a lot to offer and is delighted to help the team any way that he can.

Stokes was asked by his daughter, Paula, who is a member of the A&T team to help coach the team this season.

"My daughter called me and said that the team did not have enough transportation to get to a game at St. Augustine College," said Stokes.

After taking the team to Raleigh for the game, he was asked by Paula to volunteer his time to coaching softball and accepted it.

Stokes, a native of Reidsville played baseball at Booker T. Washington high school and while serving in the Army.

"Today, I advise any young person to go to college because it's definitely worth the effort." —Stokes

"I have three daughters and I taught all of them the game of softball when they were young," said Stokes.

Stokes other daughters also play competitively.

Porchia, 25, is a member of the N.C. Central softball team and Phyllana, 16, plays for the Reidsville Senior High softball team.

"When coaching I try not to get emotionally involved," he said. "I never show favoritism."

The players have different attitudes which you must learn to understand, according to Stokes.

"You have to learn the personalities of the players," said Stokes.

As a volunteer, Stokes is not on salary, but he said that he gets his reward from teaching the game to others.

"The team is young and the pitching is a little weak, but overall we have a pretty steady ball team," said Stokes.

The A&T softball team currently has a record of 5-6.

Onetime Inactive Child  
Finds Career as Sports Director

Belinda Terry  
Special to the Register

For a person who never played a sport as a teenager, Drexel Ball is certainly in the thick of it now.

As a child, Ball had asthma. "My parents were very protective over me for fear that I would have an asthma attack if I played a sport," Ball said.

Ball wears two hats: assistant director of university relations, and director of sports information at A&T State University. He is chiefly responsible for the athletic program information for fans, alumni and the media.

"I give out information about the players and statistics information," Ball said.

Ball travels with the football and the men's and women's basketball teams during their seasons.

"I work closely with the athletic travels, I find a new experience each year," Ball said.

work "satisfying and challenging."

"I encourage people to get into sports information if they have an interest in sports," Ball said.

Ball finds the only shortcoming of his job is being away from his wife and child.

"If I go to Florida with the basketball team, we leave on a Thursday and don't return until Tuesday, that's a long time," Ball said.

Ball is an avid tennis player.

"If I'm not at home you'll find me on the tennis court trying to strengthen my backhand and forehand," Ball said.

Ball, who has worked at A&T for seven years, hopes to be here a while.

"I hope to continue for a long time because it's rewarding," Ball said.
LIFESTYLES

Army ROTC Student on the Road to Success

Sylvia Olds
Staff Writer

Charles Roseboro, an A&T student and Army ROTC Cadet Captain is certainly on the road to success.

He was selected by a unanimous vote from the Army ROTC instructors at Campbell Hall to receive the prestigious George C. Marshall award.

The selection was based on Roseboro's superb performance at Advanced Camp last summer and his diligent work in the ROTC program.

"I was surprised but extremely honored to receive the award," says Roseboro, smiling. He seems unaffected by the praise he's been receiving from both the instructors and the students.

The award is given annually to the top cadet at each university during a four-day seminar.

This year the seminar will be held in Lexington, Va. at the Virginia Military Institute on April 11 - April 14.

"The seminar consists of a series of round table discussions that will broaden my perceptions on the world situation," says Roseboro. The topics will range from Western Europe and NATO's Central front to the Warsaw Pact, he says with a look of intensity.

According to Roseboro, this seminar will tie in with his branch assignment, which is military intelligence. He will be attending a six-month Officer's Basic Course in Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. Roseboro's first choice of duty station is to be assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg.

Roseboro, a sociology major from Maryland, has good reason to be proud, says MSC Robin-son, one of the training non-commissioned officers. "The George C. Marshall Award is given to the cadet who shows an exceptional amount of leadership and scholastic ability."

Roseboro is a member of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, a prior commander of the color guard and a distinguished Military Student as well as a member of the Sociology and Social Work Clubs.

Roseboro is dedicated in his role of preparing the juniors this year for Advanced Camp. He takes his job as the company commander for the juniors seriously and says it has shown him a lot about himself.

"I truly thank God for affording me an opportunity to interact with such an outstanding group of cadets and grow from the experience that we have shared."

Army ROTC gets New Sergeant Major

Sylvia Olds
Special to the Register

Monday at 11:30 a.m., Robert E. Allen officially took over as the new sergeant major of the Army ROTC department at A&T State University.

Allen began working at Campbell Hall in September of last year, but had not been officially promoted to the rank of sergeant major until Monday.

"There's a lot of paperwork involved in being promoted in the army," said Allen. "Even though I had made the promotion list in 1988, there's only a certain number of promotions that can be given a year."

There was an official ceremony held in Campbell Hall with members of both the Army and Air Force attending. Lt. Col. Foster, the professor of military science, pinned on Allen's new rank.

Allen said that he felt somewhat intimidated when he first came to A&T. He said that he felt that the previous sergeant major was a "tough act to follow."

"SGM. Scott was looked upon by many of the students as a very special God," said Allen. "I see that he did a good job in training the cadets so I just want to carry on where he left off."

Allen, who is a native of Ft. Carson, Colo., said that this is his second time working on a college campus.

"It has it's rewards and advantages," says Allen of the difference between working on a military post and a college campus. "There's a more relaxed atmosphere and I get to work with students, not soldiers who are set in their ways."

Allen will be working with the Aggie Battalion for the next three years and says he will enjoy getting to know the other instructors and students he works with.

"My wife and kids love it here, so I guess I have no choice but to stay now," he jokingly added.
Students Supported Aggie Teams

Anthony Newkirk
Special to the Register

Despite the losing seasons in football and basketball during the 1988-89 school year, students still supported the teams considerably, according to Drexel Ball, A&T's sports information director.

"The student support has been as well as to be expected," said Ball. "We didn't have the crowd that we had in previous years, but we had a significant number of fans to come out."

There was no overwhelming drop in crowd support, according to Ball.

"I don't think there was a significant decrease in attendance," Ball said, considering this was a very disappointing year for the football team and the men's basketball team as well."

Ball added that in his travels to other schools, he noticed that the Aggie crowds are usually larger.

"I've travelled to other schools and I think our school has more support than any of the other schools in the MEAC," Ball said.

Ball concluded that support for the A&T athletic teams remained consistent.

"Regardless of the seasonal ratings the students, faculty, administration and alumni support was still strong," Ball said.

Aggie students also believe Aggie Pride is still alive.

"A lot of the support comes from a long tradition of 'Aggie Pride', which will always last regardless of the situation," said John Berry, sophomore Aggie fan.

Cruise Lines Offer Employment

Cruise Lines International is offering employment information and job listings on over 40 major cruise ship lines. Companies are recruiting immediately to fill positions available this spring and summer. Countries of registry include: Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, China, the Bahamas, Canada, and others.

People of all ages are encouraged to investigate this unique and exciting employment adventure. Cruise lines employees command above-average wages in a refreshingly new and different atmosphere. Although designed to suit the individual with short term plans, these positions can advance into full-time careers.

Cruise ship companies will pay for all interview expenses, on-board training, room and board, food, laundry and full medical coverage. All companies offer reduced fares for family members and friends.

Staff members are encouraged to interact with passengers and may enjoy the ships' nightlife which includes clubs, casinos and shows. Employees also benefit from the opportunity to enjoy duty-free shopping and sightseeing in foreign ports.

According to Patrick Kennedy of Cruise Lines International, "Cruise ship employees find their employment experience exceptionally valuable and meaningful. It's a chance to spend time in exotic getaway spots while simultaneously earning excellent wages in their fields of specialty. Cruise line jobs appeal to a wide variety of interests and tastes. There truly is something for everyone." Positions available include: accounting department personnel, activity directors, athletic directors, clerks, deck hands, entertainers, lifeguards, photographers, computer operators, massage therapists,

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Benson Lectures on Wright

An A&T professor of English, lectured Wednesday, April 5, on the Short Fiction of Richard Wright in the McNair Auditorium.

Dr. Joe Benson, professor of English and Graduate professor in English and Afro-American Literature, spoke briefly to a crowd of approximately 200 students and faculty on the life and career of Richard Wright.

According to Benson, Wright's career spanned three decades from 1930-1960. During this span Wright published several stories and essays, and became the first black American whose work appeared on national bestsellers lists.

"The greatest of all his works was Native Son," said Dr. Benson. "It was the first novel to deal with the racism concerns in America."

According to Benson, Native Son was rewritten for the stage and became one of the first plays by a Negro playwright presented on Broadway.

Dr. Benson also discussed in the lecture the short story "Black Boy," which told of Wright's life as a youth. This story gained recognition as a remarkable autobiography.

Also discussed in the lecture was the first book published by Wright: Uncle Tom's Children, which consist of four books united by a basic theme.

"They are designed to be read in order," Dr. Benson said. "Each story is linked together by the creation of a new character."

As the lecture began to come to a close, Dr. Benson gave several elements used by Wright for writing short stories. These elements include beginning with a basic premise, using opposites in the story, having a movement from one emotional pole to another, a climax, the conclusion, and the use of dialogue.

"We should all use these elements in writing short stories," said Dr. Benson. "They are certainly solid and concrete elements to use in any style of writing."

Dr. Benson said in closing that he became interested in Richard Wright while he was in college.

"I found there wasn't a great deal written about Wright," Dr. Benson said. "I then decided too step in and research Wright."

Dr. Benson later did his college dissertation on Richard Wright.

As we see Wright has made a great impact through his writings on Americans, both white and black, that has assured him a place among the notable writers of twentieth-century America.

Aggie Fest 1989

P. Angelicia Simmons
Special to the Register

On April 22 at 12:00 noon, the curtains will go up and "Aggie Fest 1989" will begin. "Aggie Fest" will be held on the Aggie practice field until 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Sullivan Welborne, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs, stated that "the outcome will be the same as last year. We're hoping for a better job this year. It will be great, especially if the weather holds."

"Aggie Fest" tickets this year will cost $8.00 and the musical guests will be announced Monday, April 10.
Finch Wins "That's significant," said Rollin McCrory, a member of both the advisory group and the foundation.

Allan Finch, an architectural engineering student from Windham, N.H., is the first non-minority student at the historically black university to win the award. A North Carolina A&T State University student has received the sixth annual NAMASKAR Foundation Award.

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WorldTeach is a non-profit program of Harvard University's social service organization, the Phillips Brooks House Association. They each received a check for $100 and a certificate. Three others were considered for the award. They were Donalna Hulen, an electrical engineering student from Greensboro; Wanda Surgeon, a medical engineering student from Greensboro; and Walthea Yarbrough, an industrial engineering student from Franklinton. Finch has a 3.7 grade point average. Last summer he was elected president of the National Architectural Student Organization. The award, which includes a $1,000 stipend and a medal, is awarded to the senior engineering student who has excelled in scholarship and leadership. "He chose A&T because of the uniqueness of A&T's architectural engineering school." Here's a young man who could have gone to any school in the country," said McCrory.