New Editor-in-Chief Seeks to Keep Student Body Informed

Sherry Rogers
Associate News Editor

Skimming through a 1986 edition of The A&T Register you may run across the name LaVonne McIver-Special to the Register. In 1987 the same name appeared but with a different title-staff writer. Throughout this year LaVonne McIver has certainly become a recognizable name associated with the campus paper as she served as news editor.

With those experiences behind her it’s not surprising that she was elected to serve as editor-in-chief this upcoming school year.

LaVonne Dressinia McIver, is a native of East Orange, New Jersey where she was a 1985 graduate of C.J. Scott High School.

Her parents Della and Thedder McIver both attended A&T and encouraged her to attend also.

“It was almost a given that I would attend A&T since my parents as well as other family members did,” she said.

“My greatest inspiration is my mom. She always tells me that the sky is not the limit and that you can do anything if you dedicate yourself.”

Crediting Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief of Essence Magazine as her mentor, McIver says that her ultimate goal is to also own her own women’s contemporary magazine geared toward the black female.

“Susan Taylor seems to put her heart and soul in all that she does,” says McIver. “I especially enjoy her editorials,” she added.

According to McIver the decision the run for editor-in-chief was something she decided her freshman year.

“The position of editor-in-chief strongly interested me because I can directly influence what issues deserve university attention.”

Although McIver has many goals for the upcoming year her major concern is to keep the student body informed.

“My major objective is to keep the students and faculty informed on a wide range of issues and to make sure The A&T Register remains the medium that students look to for Aggie sports, lifestyles and mainly news,” said the 21-year-old print journalist major.

Keeping in stride with her pursuit to become a professional journalist, preferably a national correspondent, McIver will intern this summer with Greensboro News and Record.

“I am very excited about interning this summer, hopefully I will gain first-hand experience working with a professional organization,” she said.

According to Dr. Richard Moore, vice chancellor of university relations, the experience she gains through interning will prove to be an asset as she acts as editor-in-chief.

“I think she’ll do a very good job next year. She’s impressed people with her ability and she’ll get good experience down at the paper this summer,” said Dr. Moore.

By continuing to work directly with the communications department and the print journalism classes, McIver hopes to get students more involved with the paper.

“I think she has the leadership skills that one would need to possess to be an editor-in-chief. She has had the opportunity to work in almost every position at the paper, says Dr. Mary Tuggle, chairperson of the department of speech communications and theatre arts. “She is a person who has tried to be a newspaperman not just a journalist. She will be able to provide leadership and support that the staff will need.”

Adjustments have already been made in the editorial board, some positions have been added and others deleted. This was done in order to present a broader view of the university, according to McIver.

McIver plans to implement a Spotlight On Your Health column.

“Students need to be more in tuned with their mental and physical health, therefore I felt there was a need for a health column.

She also plans to sponsor debates between candidates for SGA offices and to work closely with the radio and television stations. But she is most excited about The A&T Register sponsoring a short story contest.

“This will allow students to exercise their creative writing skills and will allow the editorial board an opportunity to judge works other than news articles,” she said.

She was recently honored at the Communications Awards Banquet as an outstanding print journalist student. Her other awards include the Cub Award for excellence in writing, Service Award for outstanding contributions to The A&T Register and she recently received a scholarship from a former professor, Mr. Kenneth Campbell.

“Mr. Campbell sparked my initial interest in journalism and inspired me to pursue a career as a professional journalist, I owe a great deal to him,” she added.

The 1988-90 Register staff inducted at their annual banquet include: LaVonne McIver, Editor-In-Chief; Mark Ausbrooks-Managing Editor; Sherry Rogers-Editor in Charge of Campus Events; Juan Cherry-Editor in Charge of Off-Campus Events; Business Manager; Natasha Osborne, Chief Reporter; Cynthia Roberts, Staff Writers; Angel Lies Simmons and Kim Carrington, Art Editor; Derrick Virgil, Chief Photographer; Sherry Montgomery, Distribution/Circulation Manager; Monica Langham and Kimberly A. Clark, Head Typist; Jini Davis, Advertising Manager; Sylvia Moore.

Flood Damages Barbee Hall

Jacqu L. Corry
Special to the Register

A stoppage in one of the toilets in Barbee Hall caused a flood in suite 305 at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, according to the dormitory director.

Schnelle Barnette, who lives in the counselors suite directly below suite 305, was also affected by the flood.

“All of a sudden I heard a cracking sound and realized that water was dripping from the ceiling,” Barnette said.

Security arrived shortly after 1:30 a.m. and stopped the water from causing any further damage.

However, the women in the suites affected by the flood had a tremendous problem to deal with. It took several hours for them to sweep the water out of their suites. It also damaged the students personal belongings.

“I am so glad I was in the suite at the time,” said Tanya Carver. “Because all of our belongings may have been damaged.”

Housing officials say they plan to reimburse the students of any losses.
Sylvia Olds
Staff Writer

While most North Carolina A&T State University students were enjoying Aggie Fest 1989 on the practice field of the Aggie stadium, the Army ROTC cadets were on the practice field at Ft. Bragg.

The Aggie battalion had already scheduled a field training exercise for those cadets who plan to go to Advanced Camp All American this summer. Although most of the students were somewhat upset about missing the weekend festivities, they realized that the conflict occurred when the Aggie Fest date was changed.

"My students know that whenever possible, we try to schedule training exercises around school activities," said Cpt. Elbert Hutchinson, the primary instructor for the juniors.

"This time it was unavoidable, because we had planned the FTX far in advance and it's very difficult to change training exercises at Ft. Bragg," he said.

Although disappointed, most students said they felt that the training was very beneficial because the training concentrated on areas that would be evaluated critically at camp.

"I was almost heartbroken about missing Aggie Fest," said Lisa Dillard, a junior in the program. "But I realized that after the concert, I'd still have Advanced Camp to have to get through. And in the long run, that's more important."

The training included a day and night time land navigation on Friday. Cadets slept in the field Friday night and then went on the range to zero and qualify their weapons Saturday.

"That was the most fun for me," said James Holloway, a junior. "I was thrilled to be the fist to zero my weapon, and the time just seems to freeze when you're out there shooting."

By zeroing the weapon, the cadet aims for a circle in a silhouette on a target about 25 to 50 meters away and attempts to place all shots in that circle.

"This is a test to ensure accuracy and precision," said Cpt. Hutchinson.

After being given 18 rounds of ammunition in which to do this, the cadet then moves on to another range and attempts to qualify the weapon.

To qualify, a person must hit at least 23 out of 40 pop-up targets ranging from 50 meters in distance to 300 meters.

"I've never even handled a M-16 in my life," said Hubert Wagstaff, a sophomore. "I was proud of the 12 shots I made, even though that wasn't qualifying."

After sleeping in the barracks Saturday night, the cadets woke-up at 6am Sunday to take a PT test which consisted of sit-ups, push-ups, and a timed mile run.

"I was so sore, I slept all the way back to Greensboro," said Lisa Chisom, a senior. "I couldn't believe that we had to take a PT test on Sunday morning."

After cleaning the weapons and the barracks, the cadets were fed a hot meal and then boarded a bus to return to Greensboro.

"The weekend was still considered a success," said MSG Robert Lindsay, one of the training non-commissioned officers. "The students went out and learned a lot and had a lot of fun."

The cadets regret missing the weekend activities but say that they had their own brand of fun in the fields of Ft. Bragg.

I pride myself in making the best out of any situation," said Nick Snow, a junior. "We had our own Aggie Fest: ROTC style."

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"Music is an inner thing," he explains. "It's something you hear and automatically feel, regardless of what language you speak...the voice is the original instrument and people can always relate to that, which is why I always try to include vocalists on my albums."

LONNIE LISTON SMITH first learned about music from his father, an original member of the Harmonizing Four gospel quartet. While growing up in Richmond, Va., Smith learned to play piano, tuba, trumpet, and later studied voice in high school and college. As a youngster, his favorite jazz artists were Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Bud Powell, and Charlie Parker.

After graduating from college with a bachelor of Science in music education, he worked in a house band at the Royal Theater in Baltimore and backed up all the acts including the Supremes and Flip Wilson. He later worked for a while with Rassan Kirk's combo and moved through in-cumencies with Art Blakey (1966-67), Joe Williams (1967-68), Pharoah Sanders and Lonnie Thomas (1969-71), and Gato Barbieri. It wasn't until after he joined Miles Davis that he decided to step out on his own. "When I got with Miles, I saw a whole new world and gained more confidence in myself," he recalls. Smith's next step was to form his own group, the Cosmic Echoes, which led to highly successful albums such as "EXPANSIONS, VISIONS OF A NEW WORLD, REFLECTIONS OF A GOLDEN DREAM, RENAISSANCE, LEVE, LOVELAND, EXOTIC MYSTERIES, SILHOUETTES, REJUVENATION, and MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY(1987)."

Lonnie Liston Smith

Smith will be performing in Harrison Auditorium on May 6.
Harassment

Recently while engaged in a conversation about sexual harassment I was told something that really disturbed me. I am not writing this editorial to shed a dim light on the university. Or do I wish to jeopardize my standing with the university. But after listening to others discuss this ugly incident I was forced to respond.

I think most people will agree that sexual harassment on campus should not be tolerated. A college campus attracts a diverse group of people and it is not surprising that sexual harassment does occur. But when it does occur it should be confronted head-on not covered up.

Picture this. You are a female student who is told by your instructor that you must have a topic approved for a paper fair enough. But when you arrive at the professor's office instead of approving your topic he wants to approve you. You are so devastated by this event that you tell a "higher authority" about it only to be told that you should keep quiet because you may give the university a bad name.

I was appalled last week when I heard that a certain professor was falsely discussing what happened to this young lady. I have to wonder if this person were the daughter of that professor would he still be so malicious. I seriously doubt it. It also disturbs me when I hear students mainly in her particular department discuss the incident because more times than not they blame the victim and falsify much information.

The most important component of a university is its students. The purpose of any university is to enlighten its students academically and culturally, not to spread rumors. I think this person has experienced enough. To be constantly reminded of this bad experience adds insult to injury. You may be asking yourself why then if I don't intend to add insult to injury would I write about the matter. Well, I can only say that I am so angry that students and professors have acted in such an unprofessional manner that I had to address the issue.

This may or may not have been an isolated incident but in any case professors, faculty and students should take special care not to spread rumors about any student.

How would you like it if you had to be in almost everyday contact with someone who sexually harassed you?
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Football Alumni Association Formed

David Pickens
Staff Sports Writer

It's time for the former players of the A&T football team to get off their "seats" and do something for the Athletic Department, according to A&T Intramural Director Ralph Brown.

Brown organized what would have been the first A&T vs. Alumni game. But due to weather conditions, the game was cancelled for April 15th and was unable to be rescheduled.

Players to come back included Linebacker Jonnie Coleman who holds the A&T record for most tackles in a season, Ernest Riddick, who was named Associated Press All-American, and cornerback Chris Barber, a reserve on the Super Bowl runner-up Cincinnati Bengals.

"We accomplished more this year getting the athletes back together than we did in the past 10 or 15 years," said Brown. "Words can't describe the feeling we had."

The former players formed the A&T Football Alumni Association.

The president of the organization is former A&T Quarterback Alan Hooker who lead the Aggies to their first ever MEAC championship in football.

"We're going to get everybody together that's played here to help support the game and the association," said Brown.

The A&T Football Alumni Association is trying to raise $40,000 to 60,000 a year for athletic scholarships.

"We know what we are doing," said Brown. "With the support of members I know we can reach our goals." "We have received support from players who played back in the 50's and 60's," said Brown.

The next meeting for the A&T Football Alumni Association will be on August 14, at A&T stadium.

This will be a time for the new players to meet the old, have a cookout, and talk to former players who played in the NFL.

The players have already set their Alumni Football Association Day for September 3, when A&T will host North Carolina Central University.

"We hope to make this an annual event and we look at having the Alumni game played every year the morning of Aggiefest," said Brown.

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