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A&T Hopes to put a Man on Mars

Projects designed to put a man on Mars and lessen soil erosion in North Carolina are typical of the research being engaged in by A&T State University professors and students.

According to an annual report released recently by Chancellor Edward B. Fret, the University's researchers generated a record $8.6 million for 100 research projects last year. The total for research the year before was $6.0 million.

The total enabled A&T to retain its third place position in the amount of research funding generated among the state's 16 public universities.

"This is another indication of the increasing strength of our professors and researchers," said Fret. "It also speaks well of their commitment to write worthy proposals to attract this amount of funds and their willingness to try to involve themselves in some of the societal concerns."

In all, the report, A&T last year received a total of $12.6 million in extramural funding. The total included the research funds, $1.3 million for special projects and academic institutes and $2.7 million for developmental programs.

Prominent among the recent research grants totaling $1,075,500 was for the Mars Mission Research Center, which A&T is operating in conjunction with scientists of North Carolina State University. A&T's research for that project is to collaborate with NCSU's scientists in the designing of an appropriate structure for the Mars mission, and to process and fabricate, test and model composite materials for the space craft.

Another big grant was the $896,544 by the National Aeronautics and Space administration for the NASA Space Technology Development Program.

"This will be extremely high technology research," said Fret, "with projects concerned with space station research, and Earth observation system, payload calibration and the development of a robotics hand." He said this grant is designed to increase the participation of minority academic institutions and small businesses in NASA research initiatives.

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Marvin Watkins, director of research administration, said A&T researchers engaged in more than 100 research projects last year. Departments sharing the research funds included Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Plant Science and Technology, Agricultural Economics, Animal Science, Agricultural Research, Electronics, Home Economics, Chemical Engineering, Agricultural Extension, Architectural Engineering, Mathematics, Transportation Institute, Agricultural Education, Engineering, Psychology, Chemistry, School of Agriculture, and English.

Scholarship Presented in Honor of Student Leader

Sherry Rogers
Campus Editor

In memory of a 21-year old A&T student from Raleigh, who died on June 16th, the SGA and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., have organized an academic scholarship in honor of the student leader.

Elflist Smith, a biology major, was noted for his active participation in various clubs and organizations. He was a member of the Men's Council, the SGA, and the SUAB.

He also served as Freshman Class Vice President, Sophomore Class President, vice president of the Council of Students, and a member of the Student Government Association.

Elflist, Smith Faculty and staff members remembered Smith as an exceptional student.

"He was a gentle soul with a great spirit. He was always positive and always had a smile on his face," said Dr. Doretha Fouchee, Smith's former biology instructor.

The initial pledge of $1,000 was made by close friend and former SGA Secretary Stephanie Adams followed by a $1,000 donation by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which Smith was a member of. Other organizations that made financial contributions were, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

To be eligible for the scholarship the following criteria must be met:

- a junior or senior class standing
- a biology or education major
- a 2.5 GPA
- proven financial need
- not be the recipient of a full scholarship

Pictures will be taken for all organizational queens on Sept. 21. for our Oct. 6th Homecoming issue. The photos will be shot at the Register house between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. No make-up date will be set.

Queens should dress appropriately. If appointments need to be made call The Register House between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

A&T Professors visit England

Two professors from the School of Technology at A&T State University were invited by England to assist their nation with the development of a national curriculum in technology education.

The two men, Dr. Elridge James, an assistant professor of technology education, and Dr. Robert Pyle, a professor and chairman of A&T's Department of Technology Education, recently returned from England where they spent several weeks visiting schools and colleges and discussing the American system of technology education.

The A&T teachers consulted in London, Birmingham, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, New Castle and Wales. "There was quite a bit of interest," said James. "We were busy the whole time there. In fact, we had some 17 hour days."

James said he also noticed a difference in the professional designation of persons trained in technology education in England as compared to the United States. "What they call an engineer in England is just a mechanic here."

He said that one of the outcomes of the visit will be an exchange program between A&T and Great Britain. "They will send professors here and we shall send some of our people over there," said James.

"Every where you go in England, the place is saturated with technical education," said James. "The technology officials liked the A&T program of technology education better than any other they had seen in this country."

The A&T relationship with England came about last Spring when several of its education leaders came to Greensboro to study the university's program. After the visit, they invited James and Pyle to come to England to assist them.

James said the Americans noticed that the English technology programs were top heavy in electronics. "They didn't seem to understand that technology education, in our system, included education in wood, metals, plastics, automotive, construction and occupational safety. We really broadened their repertoire."

A&T is one of three colleges in North Carolina with an accredited technology program. The university offers majors in construction management and safety, electronics and computer technology, manufacturing and automotive technology and technology education.

-- John F. LaFolka

President, Keeper of Records and Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
TUTORING SESSIONS for the National Teacher Exam (NTE), the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), and other standardized exams (GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, MAT) will be held twice a week throughout the Fall 1989 semester: on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. in 201 Crosby Hall. The Monday session will be conducted by Dr. Robert Levine and the Wednesday session by Dr. Mary Brookhart. These tutoring sessions are sponsored by the English Department and make use of test-preparation material purchased with grant from the A&T Industry Cluster.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION will take place in the police administration building, 1308 Salem Street, today from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. After today, the office will return to normal hours - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All vehicles must be registered today to avoid ticketing and/or towing.

This edition of The A&T Register is dedicated to the late, Ellist N. Smith. "We must not let his dying be in vain. By coming together and unifying his dying will not be in vain."
-Darryle Townes

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There is a better way.
New bookstore gets an A

Angelecia Simmons
Staff Writer

You may have noticed the size, location and interior design. All of this is the result of the Bookstore Advisory Committee, which was established in May.

Mr. Tommy Ellis, the chairman of this committee, and Mr. Andre James, director of auxiliary services, worked together on the project.

The new bookstore is located in what used to be Brown Hall cafeteria. Students can pick out their own supplemental books versus supervised service.

Students and faculty will soon be able to purchase personal computers from the bookstore. Yes, computers! Students and faculty will have a choice between Apple or IBM computers before the end of the semester.

The major purpose for the relocation was to provide a more spacious facility for the students.

"The school itself had outgrown the student union facility. There was no space to serve the student body because of the size of the old bookstore. With the new facility, there is greater space."

Not only does the Bookstore Advisory Committee think the new bookstore is a tremendous improvement over the old one. But senior, Tascha Chalmers thinks so as well.

"Yes, the geographic location has helped. It's bigger and it has more room for expansion. Hopefully, it will lessen the amount of time to get books, the political science major said.

"It will have a greater assortment of books so that A & T students will not have to travel to UNC-G to purchase educational books," she said.

During Homecoming, the new bookstore will have its official grand opening. The committee invites each and every AGGIE to help them celebrate this event the AGGIE WAY!

The new bookstore will soon have computers.
Equal Opportunity

During the past couple of months the media has focused a lot of attention on the state of the black race in America. Every week or so there is yet another program that tries to analyze some aspect of race relations, poverty or drug abuse.

I don't know what brought on this renewed interest but I do know that there still are places in the United States where a black man dare not tread. I won't bore you by talking about some of the latest incidents. We are all or should be familiar with them.

'Those of you who think the days of overt racism are over are dangerously mistaken. Every year or so there are thousands of violent incidents that are clearly racially motivated, some are more publicized than others. It makes me wonder if the media hoopla is nothing more than a battle for ratings.

After all, the privileged has always gotten a kick out of the predicaments of those who are less fortunate. So there you have it, the jokes on us. We watch these programs and think to ourselves, "Oh those poor people, that could never happen to me."

Never say never. We are all in the same boat, some sinking faster than others. Some, barely staying afloat. But, we are all struggling for a common goal. We are all oppressed people-some more so than others-but limits are placed on all of us.

I will never forget reading an article that surveyed about 100 white males under the age of 12 and likewise for black males. They were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Many of the white males wanted to be the president of the United States. The black males set much more so-called "reasonable goals." Surely not because they did not want to be the president. They were, however, aware that they did not have an equal opportunity. Just as we don't.

We will never have an equal opportunity if we don't become politically active and fight back.

The Winning Spirit

Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

The Bill Hayes era has arrived, and it may have not satisfied everyone in the North Carolina A&T community, but in due time everyone will become a believer.

Coach Hayes, who has always been associated with winners will soon bring a championship to A&T. Hayes came to the Aggies without having a chance to recruit a single player his first year. There always has been an adjustment period for any great college coach. If you look back a couple of years you will note that Lou Holt of Notre Dame and Vince Lombardi the great Green Bay Packer coach did not win the National Football League championship his first year.

There are some people who criticize situations that they have no knowledge of. It would be really hard for a fourth grader to seriously try to debate the great theories of Einstein, or discuss the mysteries of the pyramids with any intelligence. It really disappoints me when people criticize the football team for a bad performance when they have not even played sandlot football, and have no concept of the game. When there is a lost please try to build up the players instead of trying to tear them down.

I feel that A&T is very fortunate that they have an athletic director that has a sports background and understands the whole picture of athletics. The A&T community is very lucky that we have a chancellor that is very supportive of the sports programs.

I hope that the A&T community will be very supportive this year. Let us start by rooting the Aggies on Saturday. When the team has the field stand up and be heard. Let University of the District of Columbia know that they are at Aggie Stadium!

Career Preparation

Sherry Rogers
Campus Editor

In an article I read in Newsweek's "MY Turn" column entitled "Students of Success," author Lynne V. Cheney focused on a study conducted by the Carnegie Foundation which said that today's college students choose majors, not according to their interests and talents but toward areas that prove more financially promising.

This is not at all surprising. Right here on A&T's campus there are majors that are deemed less important than others and for this reason students often branch out into areas where they are less competent and therefore perform ineffectively. Students fail to realize that regardless of their area of specialization, an employer is most concerned with the type of grades the student has obtained, work experience and willingness to succeed.

According to the author, a student's best career preparation is one that emphasizes general understanding and intellectual curiosity: "a knowledge of how to learn and the desire to do it." Those majors often avoided, like literature, history, philosophy and the social sciences are those areas believed to develop such mental habits.

We must not sell ourselves short by disregarding our academic strengths and those areas that we most enjoy, to struggle in areas in which we don't belong.

As the author states, "Those students who follow their hearts in choosing majors, will most likely end up laboring at what they love. They're the ones who will put in the long hours and exert the effort that underlies achievement. " And they're the ones who will find the sense of purpose that underlies most human happiness." And I agree. How about you?

Editorial Policy

Our readers are encouraged to submit their opinions to The Register in the form of letters to the Editor. We will not publish them unless they are signed, but we will withhold the writers' name upon request. Letters may be typed or written legibly and may not be more than 350 words in length. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters that are libelous or poor in taste.

The deadline for submitting letters is Wednesday at 8 p.m. All letters must include a name, telephone number, and local address for publication.
Noise level is high in library

Veanda Martin
Staff Writer

How many times have you heard a student say, "I can't study in the library, it's too noisy" or "the library is for socializing?" Not only do these statements represent opinions of many students, but it is almost an accepted fact at Bluford Library.

The Task force on Special Library Concerns, chaired by Ms. Inez Lyons, is addressing problems such as the noise level in the library, mutilation of library property, and the heat and air conditioning regulation. Plans are being made to designate areas for erour discussion.

"Many students go to the library to socialize, distracting the students who are studying," said Bernadine Hudson. "Why do students socialize in the library? People can socialize anywhere."

The noise level in the library has been a deterrent for many years, causing students to move to other campus buildings and institutions as a study facility.

There is an understood "atmosphere" that should exist in any library; conducive for studying and concentration. Respect for students who are studying is violated when students talk aloud as opposed to whispering.

"The noise needs monitoring. It irritates me when I'm studying in the stacks and students gossip, disregarding those that are concentrating," said Horace Johnson.

The library staff is equally responsible for the regulation of the noise level. I seldom hear the library staff requesting students to lower their voices when conversing.

Mrs. Alene Young is the director of Bluford Library and is receptive to questions or suggestions. She can be contacted at 334-7792.
Dorsett Serves the People

Kimberly Carrington
Staff Writer

A former Associate Professor in the School of Business and Economics at A&T said, she is still doing what she does best—serving people.

"Over 30 years of my life was spent at A&T," said Katie Dorsett, Guilford County Commissioner.

Two years ago Dorsett decided to leave the educational scene and pursue a lifetime goal of working full-time in public service.

"I've always been involved with volunteer programs that provided services to the community, I just enjoy any people-oriented thing," Dorsett said, being a county commissioner is just an extension of her educating students. Dorsett has also served a two year term as city council woman.

As we sat in her office, Dorsett talked about the duties of a commissioner. County commissioners represent a specific district. She represents primarily Southeast Guilford County. She is responsible for the health, education and welfare of the citizens in the community.

"Being commissioner requires commitment, time, energy and understanding," said Dorsett. "It takes a great deal of humanitarian efforts to make sure all residences receive the best quality of life."

Dorsett has to prove her competency and ability to produce effectively.

"I face a dual-form of prejudice everyday," she said. "Some of it is very subtle."

She said, she feels she has to communicate the conscious needs of the black community. She tries to inform the black community about what is happening in the county government. She also said that it has always been perceived that a woman's role is not to make decisions, but to give service.

"I prove to be an exception to that rule," Dorsett said.

Dorsett strongly encourages blacks, both men and women to become involved actively in local government.

"Blacks need a clear understanding of the process of local government county and city," she said.

"It has to begin at an early age," she said. "We can't wait until we've become adults to get involved. We must start with our children, instilling in them leadership roles."

Dorsett is serving a 4-year term as Guilford County Commissioner and will declare re-election in late January 1990.

"I want to continue some programs I began in this term and see some other programs developed in the next term," she said.

"I want to promote more black entrepreneurs in our communities."

She is currently a member of Community College Board of Trustees and the Public Health Board.

A&T Receives over 1 Million for Programs

A&T State University has received a $1,032,306 federal grant to enhance more than a dozen of its academic programs and services.

The Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education was announced by Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor. The grant will be effective October 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990.

"These funds will greatly enrich the university's ongoing thrust for continued excellence," said Fort. "They will enable us to embellish the learning and living atmosphere for the students. They will be the ultimate beneficiaries of all this activity."

Fort said the grant will be directed by Dr. Charles Williams, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Mrs. Sandra Totten, assistant Title III coordinator.

Under the grant, Dr. Sandra Alexander, director of the Learning Assistance Center, will continue to enhance and implement a retention program for students with undecided majors in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Beverly Malone, dean of the School of Nursing, will continue to enhance a Registered Nursing program with continued support of evening courses, on site courses, and a weekend baccalaureate programs. A faculty development component is also included in the grant.

Dr. Arthur Bell, chairman of the agricultural education department, will continue to develop a computerized model for instruction which will facilitate the acquisition of high tech skills for Agricultural Education for the development of telecommunications and microcomputer capability to support continuing education. Instructional TV, Cable C.W. Systems, video cassette recorders, and microwave communications will all interface with the Microelectronics Center to support on campus and community instruction for the continuing education (degree) program.

A&T State University Pepsi-Aggie Homecoming Golf Tournament is an idea whose time has come.

When the two hundred golfers set off at 11:00 a.m. at Bryan Park on Friday, October 6, that will be the combination of what started as just "Something To Do."

The tournament was the brain child of Dr. Alfred E. Smith and several other Aggies. People were coming in to town for the big Aggie Homecoming celebration, and they needed something to do on the Friday before the football game. Ten or twelve of the graduates decided to form a golf game. From that small number, the tournament has blossomed into one of the major homecoming events. Last year the tournament, held at Bellaire Golf Course, attracted a record 186 golfers, and 50 others had to be turned away.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the A&T Athletic program. The championship trophy will be donated by Greensboro physician Dr. Alvin Blount in honor of the late E. S. "Judge" Douglas, a long time Aggie supporter. Dr. James "Clipo" Williams is chairman of the A&T Athletic board, and Orby Moss Jr. is athletic director.

Persons wishing to register for the tournament may contact Moss at 334-7686 or Meeks at 334-7182. All registrations ($35 per person) must be received by September 22, 1989.
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Defense lineman, Reggie White closes in on a Winston Salem ball carrier.

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