Homecoming Expected to Draw 20,000 People

The A&T State University Homecoming celebration, which has been a major attraction in this city for nearly 100 years, is expected to attract more than 20,000 persons from October 1-8.

The theme this year will be "Stepping out with a Purpose in Mind." During the week, the university's faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, will host a major college football game, coronations, gospel and rock concerts, the annual founders day convocation and a mile-long parade.

The observance will get underway Sunday, October 1, with a Student Government Association sponsored revival in the Memorial Student Union at 7 p.m. This will be followed on Monday by the Student Union Advisory Board's 7:30 p.m. coronation in the ballroom.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the university's international students will hold a 7:30 p.m. coronation in the ballroom.

Wednesday's event will be a 7 p.m. talent show in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium. The 99th Founders Day Convocation will be held on Thursday, Oct 5, at 10 a.m. in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium with an address by Dr. James Lyons, president of Bowie State College. At 7 p.m. that night, coed Michelle Crawley will be crowned "Miss A&T State University for 1989-90." Fridays activities will open with the 11th annual Pepsi Aggie Homecoming golf tournament at 10 a.m., at Bryan Park.

Other activities include a 5:30 p.m. pep rally, a 9 p.m. step show in the Corbett Sports Center, an alumni kick-off reception at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons and a pre-dawn dance beginning at 11 p.m. in the Corbett Sports Center, featuring national Rap music stars Public Enemy and others.

The Chancellors breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Williams Cafeteria will open activities on Saturday followed by the Homecoming Parade at 10 a.m. in East Greensboro. The Homecoming highlight will be the 1:30 p.m. football game in Aggie Stadium between Florida A&M and A&T. At 8 p.m. the SGA will sponsor a Homecoming concert featuring Pop/Rhythym and Blues artist Sybyll, Sky, Today and Rob Base. The Alumni Homecoming Ball will be held at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons.

The concluding activities will be the annual alumni workshop service on Sunday, 11 a.m. in Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

The A&T State University Homecoming, from October 1-8 is expected to attract over 20,000 people. Petes Grill Alamance Oil Co. and Bills Video World are among the many companies sponsoring floats in the Homecoming Parade.
The A&T Register incorrectly reported in the September 22 issue that the university purchased a house at 1700 Bluford St. The University actually purchased a house at 1711 Bluford St.

ACCOUNTING STUDENTS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Three senior accounting majors at A&T State University received national scholarships awarded by the National Association of Black Accountants at its annual convention in Atlanta.

The $1,000 scholarship winners are Marvin Vines, Cynthia Williams, and Lisa Owens.

Vines received the NABA/General Elecric Scholarship. He maintained a 4.0 grade point average in accounting and 3.87 overall on a 4.0 scale. Vines is a member of A&T's ALOBEAEM Society, which is a NABA student chapter, and is a recent inductee into Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting fraternity. Marvin is a native of Raleigh, North Carolina and attended Enloe High School.

Williams also received the NABA/General Elecric Scholarship. She has a 4.0 G.P.A. Among her activities is membership in A&T ALOBEAEM Society, Alpha Chi Honor Society, the A&T Fellowship Gospel Choir, the Jazz Ensemble in which she is a vocalist, and the Wesley Foundation in which she has served as president. Williams is from Portsmouth, Va., and attended Norcom High School.

Owens is receiving the first Travis C. Tomlin Scholarship. She serves as vice president of the ALOBEAEM Society and coordinated its 10th annual Private Industry Workshop. Owens is from Lawrenceville, Va., and attended Brunswick Senior High School.
Mail Center gets Poor Grade

Letter To The Editor:
I am writing this letter as a general commentary regarding the services at the campus mail center.

Recently, my parents had a package insured and sent to me through the U.S. Postal Service as "priority mail." The package was due to arrive August 30, 1989. I received this package on September 5, 1989. I went to the mail center on three separate occasions and talked to three different people regarding my package. My only request was that they check to see if I had received a package. I was always rudely told, "If you don't have a blue slip in your mailbox, you don't have a package." No one ever checked. I understand that mistakes are made and they may have inadvertently neglected to give me a blue slip.

On September 5, 1989, I received a message (by phone) from the mail center saying that I had received an insured package. I went to the mail center that day to check my box. I had a blue slip! I went to the window to receive my package. When I signed the checklist I discovered that my package did in fact arrive on August 30, 1989. Had my request been granted, they would have discovered that I had package.

In discussing my situation with other students I discovered that mine was not an isolated incident. My concern lies in the fact that they are in the business of customer service dealing with the public. Not only were they not courteous, but they were not willing to serve.

Jonetta McCullough

Camera Corner by Nicole Largent

What does the phrase, "It's a black thing you wouldn't understand mean to you?"

This means no matter what color, origin, creed or sex black is such an complex word of only four letters that no one will ever be able to copy, create, establish or destroy. 
LaVonne Webster

"This statement refers to the struggle of African-Americans which is not over. To be black in white America is something that only the "people of color" would understand.
Tamara Bowden

This statement erects the historical consciousness of the white and black individual. It indicates the fact that the black man is the original man. He was here first. Do you understand? 
D.S.P(Dark Skinned Posse)
Homecoming Week Warning: Don't Drink and Drive

Juan Cherry
Community Editor

"Dog James!" These are the last words I yelled as the music blasted, the tires squealed and the 1975 orange T-top Corvette I was riding in slammed into a telephone pole leaving me dazed, terrified and sober.

The event was A&T's Homecoming 1986. It was anxiously awaited, strategically planned, longingly anticipated.

The festivities started at about 12 p.m. on Saturday when I began ironing my clothes, preparing to take my shower and then I considered the choice beverage for the day--Colt 45. A&T's campus was packed. There were people from everywhere coming to do everything on this particular day. My incompence in the incident/accident was James Smith, who came up from Fayetteville, N.C.

We began drinking at about 1 p.m. and continued well into the night. The scheduled events were, the football game which I vaguely remember, going to the cafe to get something to eat and then drinking some more "browns" until we went to the concert that night.

The temperature was cold, but I couldn't feel it. The lunch was bad, but it didn't matter and the drinking was all that counted.

The concert that featured Go-Go band Trouble Funk and Cherelle was excellent. I don't know if it was because of the group's performance or mine.

After the concert, at about 1 a.m., we went back to the dorm room to discuss the events for the remainder of the evening. James suggested he and I go to Burger King to get some food. I agreed.

James was a known drinker. There's no one I knew that could drink like him. He was like my big brother in the drinking world. Everyone who knew James strived to drink like him.

The fact that both of us were drunk was irrelevant. I was hungry, besides, Burger King was only about a half mile away. I guess I was being warned throughout the trip to Burger King, because on two separate occasions, we were cautioned.

We met two girls on the way, and they laughed at how drunk we were. One of them directed a statement to me. "I know you are not going to ride with him anywhere, " she said.

My answer, "I trust my man James, he ain't gon' let nothin' happen to me."

"Okay," she said with a sign of warning in her voice.

When we got to Burger King, I ordered a Whopper, no onions, and fries, of course I didn't have onions making my breath smell bad.

As we left Burger King, the voice of wisdom spoke up again.

"You better not ride with him," a young lady quipped. "You guys are going to have a wreck."

"Later for her," I said. "Come on man, let's go!"

Well in approx 45 seconds, it was all over. As we turned down Sullivan Street, I remember eating my fries and saving my whopper for when I got to the room (if I only knew).

Just then I heard the tires, music and then I heard myself yell. I couldn't believe it. The car was actually going to hit the telephone pole and there was nothing I could do about it.

I found out those

seatbelt laws they have now are to be obeyed. When I realized I was going to hit the pole, I thought, "Maybe my arm can stop my head from hitting the windshield, like the Publisher's Clearing House winners always say, "That's what I used to think."

I remember James, the hero he is reaching over to hold me back from hitting the windshield, but it was no good. We both hit.

I tried to get out but I fell. I was pitiful and afraid.

Two men carried me into the nearest house and laid me on the couch. James was alright, and I guess I was too.

I felt the blood trickle down my face as I lay on the couch. This can't be happening I thought. This is Homecoming. I'm supposed to be having fun.

Role Models

By Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

When I was growing up I never had a father around to be my positive role model. I was fortunate that I had a grandfather who I could see doing positive things, like going to church, providing for his family, and everything that a black male is said not to be capable of doing.

The media would have a great time using my father as an example of the average black male who is not taking care of his responsibilities. My grandfather was a blessing for me, because I was able to see everything that a black man is supposed to do.

My grandfather worked for the department of highways for more than twenty years, and even when he retired he continued to be active. It was not his responsibility to help raise me, but I am happy that he did his part. Life would have been extremely tough for me right now if he had not taken that extra time to explain things to me.

The role that a person can play in your life is not always fully understood or appreciated. I might not have been a "bum" if my relatives were, but if that is all I know there might be a good chance that I would be in the same position. Children who do drugs do not wake up one day, and say I want to smoke crack. Children who sell drugs do not wake up and say I want to sell. The children watch and observe, and make their own decision.

Our generation can be the one that is able to change all negative images of blacks by being productive role models. The strong black females, and positive black males need to help whenever they can by directing and guiding. Remember, if you can help just one person along your way to success you have made a difference.
dePriest Marketing is off to a Fast Start

Yolande Davis
Staff Writer

There's no business like your own business and there's no business entrepreneur, Raymond King knows better than his own.

"If you have the talent to do your own thing, then you're wasting your time and your talent working for someone else," King said. "My talents and my potential was being wasted by being employed."

King has assumed a new title that he shares with his wife Susan, as employer, owner and operator of dePriest Marketing.

King's business manufactures and distributes a unique line of nearly thirty concentrated cleaning, deodorizing and most recently, personal care products for the home and car. dePriest products are unique said King, because they provide consumers with concentrated products for better economic value with alternative, non-traditional cleansing fragrances.

"Years ago you would have never imagined a lemon fresh Clorox bleach and those other type products, so people are gravitating towards products that will do a good job in cleaning, but also smell good," King said.

King, 33, first started experimenting with chemicals about a year ago while still employed as an emergency medical technician with Guilford County.

"My first product was a little wick deodorizer that I was playing with while I was still employed," Kind said. "We've grown from one product to over twenty products we manufacture ourselves."

Although he is not a trained chemist, he soon realized that the two entities of medicine and chemistry were very similar. "Medicines are chemicals," King said. "You mix medicines together to achieve a desired outcome and it's the same way with chemicals. It's really not that difficult, but I guess you have to have an aptitude for it."

Some of the products dePriest Marketing manufactures include: car deodorizer, "Odor Buster," the company's first product, and laundry detergent, with products ranging in price from $1.50 to $6.50.

Since its beginning in June, 1988, the company has experienced enormous growth in its product offerings and its distributorship.

"At this point we have over 475 distributors spread out all along the east coast, specifically in North Carolina," King said modestly. "But we have people as far as Hawaii and California who are distributors."

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Hayes Says Team has Improved

David Pickens
Chief Sports Writer

With an even record of two wins and two losses, head coach, Bill Hayes insists that his young A&T football team has made a lot of progress.

"We've worked real hard," said Hayes. According to Hayes, the Aggies have improved on both sides of the football and have pretty good statistics. The A&T offense lead the MEAC conference in rushing offense and placed second in total offense.

"But statistics don't win ball games," Hayes said.

Hayes, who was hired late in the recruiting season started out with 34 players. The team roster is now up to 90 players.

The majority of these players are freshman and junior college transfers.

"We're not making any changes," said Hayes. "We feel we have our best players playing now."

Hayes mentioned several times in the past that he wanted his team to develop a defensive personality.

"Nobody has driven the ball on our defense," said Hayes. As the Aggies prepare for their upcoming game against Norfolk State, Hayes said he hopes his team will slow down Norfolk's running game.

"When working on stopping the run you can give up the pass," said Hayes. The Aggie defense has had problems giving up the pass this season.

"We want to establish our running game and make big plays with the pass," he said.

The Aggies hope to improve the field goal unit, and the coverage teams.

Hayes said, the Aggies have improved since the start of the season but young football team still needs to improve.

"They will respond to the challenge," he said.
Seminar gives Pointers to Freshmen

By Mark Ausbrooks  
Managing Editor

The first of four seminars entitled, "skills for student success" was held Tuesday in the Memorial Student Union by the counseling service center at North Carolina A&T.

The seminar is geared toward freshmen, but is open to all students.

"I am satisfied with the turnout," said a smiling Robert Wilson, director of counseling services.

"Students seem to be motivated and concerned with their lives."

The seminar was planned months ago.

"This is a great program. I never thought that it would be this big of a turnout," says Kim Braxton a freshman majoring in chemical engineering from St. Louis.

"I really like how the faculty got involved. It gave us a chance to meet a lot of them."

Wilson said, the seminars are designed to help freshmen make the adjustment from high school to college.

"There are not that many colleges that offer a program such as this but a lot of students lack study skills coming out of high school, and this program can be the answer for them," said Angela Butler, freshmen class president.

"The program gave me pointers on how to improve my study skills plan my day, prepare for classes, and use time wisely."

Wilson said, the counseling center tries to teach students that future employers will look at grades, motivation, and the will to succeed.

"In high school I had six classes, came home and studied, but in college you have time in between classes that is not always used wisely," said Braxton.

Professor Returns to A&T

David Pickens  
Chief Sports Writer

Dr. Connie P. Baggett, who was an Associate Professor of Agricultural Education at Pennsylvania State University recently returned to his alma mater, A&T State University, where he received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Education.

Dr. Baggett returned as a consultant for the Agricultural Education program on computer instruction in Agricultural Education. The computer lab is located in Carver Hall.

According to Dr. A. P. Bell, department chairman, everyone should be computer literate. This is what the program was designed to do. In addition to the computers, there are five printers to be used with these computers. Baggett said he feels as technology changes we should adapt our instruction to these changes. "These computers are the latest in software material," said Baggett.

The computers work off a 3.1/2 inch diskette which students may use for individual work.

Since the installation of these computers, they have been a great asset to classroom instruction.

Last semester a group of students worked on the computers to prepare for the National Teachers Examination (NTE).

Before the arrival of the IBM Model 30s, the students only had a practice textbook to study.

On the computers, the student can work out test problems. If they run into difficulty, the computer will make corrections and show the students how to work the problems. From this type of preparation, there was an increase in the passing rate in all classes, according to the department instructors who stressed that there is the need to keep up with technology.

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Rather than succumb to some of the questionable precalculated business strategies of today, King has formulated his philosophy for business based on quality, economics and based on Christian principles.

"We're trying to create an environment which people are successful in business because they are relying on Christ," King said. "DePrist means, the Priest in French, so since Jesus is our priest, DePrist Marketing is helping people to become successful based on biblical principles."

DePrist has grossed over $100,000 within the past year. King said he also markets a line of industrial products, one of which is a germicide that has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency to kill the AIDS virus.

"It has a wide range of germ and viral killing properties," said King. "Whatever you're cleaning, it kills the germ."

Besides his desire to develop a business that is self-supporting and successful, King said he feels his company will serve as a positive role model that will equate to more black-owned businesses.

"The black community must start using out of their talents for themselves as opposed to using out their talents for somebody else," King said. "It will help the race and it will help society as well."

But for right now, King said he is just, "happy about being in business."