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Students voice mixed reactions

Condom Machines Delayed

By Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

Although the installation of condom machines in dormitories on A&T's campus was approved last year by The Student Government Association, no machines have been installed.

The students voted 287 to 292 in favor of installing the machines last semester during the SGA elections.

"It was my understanding that condoms would be installed following the election results," said former SGA President Lee Christian, who initiated the proposal.

SGA President, David Miller said the election demonstrated overwhelming support for condom machines.

Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor of student affairs said he thinks it's a good idea.

"It is a good thing to place condoms in the dormitories because it will help stop the spread of venereal diseases," he said.

If condom machines are installed, dormitories won't be the only place students can obtain them.

"This may seem like a drastic measure, but it is not more drastic than someone dying of AIDS," said Herb Gray, a senior political science major.

The John Sebastian Health Center provides condoms to any student who requests them. The infirmary has bought six boxes of condoms 100 each for $31.38 per box.

Condoms are not the only form of birth control provided to students at A&T.

The health center gives Johnson & Johnson birth control pills to female students who request them.

"The majority of the students don't go to the infirmary to pick up condoms," said Buck.

The final decision to install the condoms is up to Chancellor Edward B. Fort, who will meet with Buck, Monday to have a final discussion concerning the matter.

"I will make a final decision on Tuesday," said Fort.

Students at A&T have mixed feelings about the issue.

Darlene Bost, 18, a freshman from Charlotte, said the machines are an excellent idea.

"My boyfriend uses condoms," said Bost.

"If you don't use condoms you are at risk of catching a disease."
Black Elderly Remain Misunderstood

Carolyn Moore, an assistant professor of social work and sociology at Bennett College, lectured on "The Elderly Black Woman and Man," in the Pheiffer building on Bennett's campus.

According to Moore, the black elderly should not be looked at from a symptomatic perspective, but should be defined in more positive terms. "Blacks have their own subculture that exists with a normative structure. We have our own values about health, food and going to the doctor," Moore said.

The majority of the population views the black elderly as disinterested in services and isolated from the community, she said.

According to Moore, poor transportation could account for the isolation. She also said the elderly are more comfortable with familiar surroundings. She said some programs are designed to take the black elderly outside of their communities, this could also account for their isolation.

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Moore offered several suggestions on how to respond to the special needs of the black elderly:

> Encourage ties with the church and fraternal organizations

> Begin spending more time researching and discovering the needs of the black elderly

> Try and help people maintain their independence in their homes as long as possible

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The right choice.
A hand-lettered sign on a blackboard in the basement of McNair Hall at A&T State University states: "Chemical engineers, make detergents, household chemicals, gasoline, soap, and pharmaceuticals. To that sign one might add that they also make MONEY.

The fact that starting salaries for chemical engineers are now at roughly $35,000, makes Dr. Franklin King, chairman of the university’s Department of Chemical Engineering beam.

A&T will graduate its first group of chemical engineering majors in May. King said the 12 young men and women are being "literally haunted for employment by chemical companies and other firms". "In June, 1989, chemical engineering positions paid more than any other type of engineering," said King. "The situation is so good that some companies are starting to pay signing bonuses to those whom they hire."

King helped to begin A&T’s chemical engineering major in the fall of 1985 with six students. Currently, there are nearly 100 students in the program.

"Things are going very well," said King. "In terms of student strength, we think that we have an SAT average as high as any chemical engineering school in the nation. Our concern is that we want more students in the program." A&T graduated one student, Steven Coleman, in the program last May. He is enrolled in a graduate engineering program at the university.

King said growth in the program is due to the outstanding support of the university, the General Administration and A&T’s corporate friends, which are contributing a number of student scholarships. "We also have outstanding equipment and laboratories at A&T," said King. "We feel that if we can get a student to come visit us, we have a good chance of getting him or her to enroll here."

He said another strong point of the program is the fact that every junior chemical engineering major in the department was placed in a job last summer.

Krystal Williams, one of the graduating seniors, completed a summer internship with the pharmaceutical corporation, Eli Lilly, in Indianapolis, Ind. "I used my engineering skills to learn how to operate a process reaction colorimeter," said Williams, a native of Greensboro, N.C. King said 65 percent of the chemical engineering majors are women.

King said outstanding placement opportunities are available for the graduates with chemical, food, pharmaceutical, textile, petroleum and beer manufacturing companies.
A&T Upsets Howard

By David Pickens
Chief Sports Writer

From start to finish it was a defensive struggle. But after all the quarters were played the A&T Aggies upset the Howard Bison 13-9 in MEAC play.

"I thought we were really well prepared on defense and it is a tribute to our defensive coaches," said coach Bill Hayes.

The Aggies trailed 9-0 in the second quarter. In the third quarter defensive back Walker Bluford broke through the Howard line and blocked a punt. Teammate, James Witherspoon recovered the blocked punt for a third quarter score. The extra point by barefoot kicker, Billy Whelton cut Howard's lead to three.

"It put us back in the game," said Bluford. "It's just a ten man rush which we worked on about 30 minutes every practice."

Young quarterbacks have to learn when to throw the ball, when not to and when to throw it away," said coach Bill Hayes.

The A&T offense struggled through much of the first half while gathering only 87 total yards.

A&T quarterback, Cont. on p. 5.

The Aggie band performs in the stands during the A&T vs. Howard game.

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Aggies Battle MEAC Champs

GREENSBORO-The Aggies football team, still retaining hopes of winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title, plays at defending champion Bethune-Cookman Saturday in the first of a three-game road stretch which will also determine whether the Aggie finish with a winning record.

But second-year A&T coach Bill Hayes isn't looking beyond the puzzling Wildcats, a team which has been brilliant one week and inept on another.

"Don't let last week's performance mislead you," Hayes said. "Bethune is a good football team. They've big, strong and physical. They like to pass the ball and we've had some problems defending it."

The Aggies have made some improvements in that area. In last week's 13-9 victory over Howard, A&T's secondary picked off three Bison passes with safety Lopez Pettis getting two of them.

For his effort, Lopez was named the MEAC defensive player of the week, the first honor for an A&T defensive back this season.

The victory could prove costly for the Aggies Quarterback Connell Maynor missed part of the first half against Howard because of a badly bruised shoulder. He returned to lead the game-winning drive. Fullback Tim Anderson suffered a severely sprained wrist and is questionable for Saturday's crucial matchup with the Wildcats.

While the Aggies ended their home schedule with a win over Howard, Bethune-Cookman ventured out of the league wars and suffered a 34-0 setback at the hands of Albany (Ga.) State.

So the MEAC rivals will enter the contest with much at stake. A&T (1-2 in the MEAC, 4-4 overall) will try to surpass the .500 mark for the third time this season. A victory also would significantly increase its chances of producing a winning season for the first time since 1986, when A&T captured the league title. The scenario is quite similar for the 2-2, 3-4 Wildcats.

Bethune-Cookman has enjoyed tremendous success against the Aggies. The Wildcats boast a decisive 10-2 edge in the series and have lost only two meetings to the Aggies in the decade, including last year's 38-10 victory.

A&T vs. Howard
Cont. from p. 4

Connell Maynor who suffered a bruised shoulder during the game tried to obtain the lead by looking for big plays. On several possessions instead of passing the ball he took a loss of yardage.

"Young quarterbacks have to learn when to throw the ball, when not to and when to throw it away," said coach Hayes.

With 8:52 remaining in the game defensive back Lopez Pettis intercepted a pass by Howard's, Jay Jones and ran it to the A&T 44 yard line.

The Howard defense backed the Aggies to their 34 yard line. On a second and 20 situation Howard nose tackle, George Moore was called for roughing the passer. This kept the drive alive for the Aggies. With a fine mixture of passing and rushing the Aggies found themselves on a second and goal situation at the 9 yard line...

With time winding down Maynor dropped back looking in the endzone and found receiver Larry Orie for a touchdown leaving the score 13-9.

"Overall this was definitely our best defensive game," said Hayes. "Were playing 500 ball now, which is pretty good."

The Aggie cheerleaders Invite the public to attend their routine Friday October 27 in Holt Gym to be filmed for the National cheerleading competition in Dallas Texas Jan. 5 and 6.

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Focus

Images

We often think of our heroes as flawless. It is easy to fall in love with the image of a leader. It is not difficult to sometimes forget that our heroes are human and they have faults like everyone else.

In the Rev. Ralph Abernathy's book, _And the Walls Came Tumbling Down_, he devotes a chapter to the night preceding Dr. King's death. He suggests that King had sex with two or maybe three women while he was married. I do not know if Dr. Martin Luther King was a womanizer. But even if he was, the gains that he initiated for African Americans cannot be undone.

Instead of dwelling on what might or might not be true let's emphasize the facts. The facts speak for themselves. He was the catalyst of a movement that initiated many gains for African Americans.

After talking with friends about the book I was surprised to learn that they were angry because Abernathy wrote about the incident not because it might be true. They had undoubtedly fallen in love with King's image and not the man. Falling in love with an image is very dangerous because once the image is shattered there is nothing left concrete to hold on to. If my friends had endeared the cause he fought for it wouldn't matter what people wrote about him.

Friends Are Hard to Find

Mark Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left an impression on the world that will never be forgotten. Many people view him as the alpha and the omega of the Civil Rights movement and so do I.

The last temptation of Christ, a movie that was highly protested attempted to portray Jesus Christ as something less than Godly.

Ralph Abernathy's recent book _And the Walls Came Tumbling Down_ is an attempt to destroy the image of a wonderful leader. The book will definitely become a best-seller. But I must ask myself, what won't one do for a dollar? Isn't destroying the image of a leader more important than money?

Abernathy says he was a very close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King. He also says that he and King discussed every detail of their lives with each other. Well, that leads me to believe that King trusted him with every aspect of his life. Abernathy even states in his book that King wanted him to take over the movement that he had lead.

A friend is someone who knows you well, and usually is a supporter, or sympathizer. I guess when King was buried Abernathy's friendship with King was buried also.
The play is about a woman minister and her struggle to keep her followers "on the straight and narrow." While confronting the problems in her own personal life,

Monica Scott, who played Margaret Alexander, gave an outstanding performance. Her portrayal of the fiery minister who sacrificed everything to be a good servant of the Lord was very touching.

Joy D. Moore, who played Alexander's loyal sister "Odessa," was spunky and confronted the angry church members with the true grit of a trooper.

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Expo Features
Noted Black Attorney

Greensboro-An address by noted black attorney Patricia Russel-McCloud will highlight "Going Places: Career Planning Expo '89" to be held at A&T State University on Wednesday, November 1.

Sponsored by the university and Black Collegian Magazine of New Orleans, La. the daylong program of activities will include workshops, seminars, small discussion groups on career awareness, and other motivational speakers. McCloud formerly associated with the Federal Communications Commission, will speak at the opening session in Harrison Auditorium at 9 a.m.

The Career Planning Expo and mini-workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom. From 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. a gospel music concert, featuring the A&T Gospel Choir will be held in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

A&T is one of several colleges and universities selected by Black Collegian Expo. Leon Warren, director of career counseling and placement at A&T said the program is designed to demonstrate that the rewards of pursuing a college degree are worth the struggle and sacrifice involved.

"It is also designed to reach the not so highly motivated students to show them that they too can be successful and to inspire them to higher goals," said Warren.

All of the programs are open to the public.

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