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Student Turnout Important Factor

By Michelle Howerton
Special to the Register

North Carolina A&T students turned out in larger numbers than expected during Tuesday's city council elections and incumbent Alma Adams said the student turnout was a determining factor.

"I was overwhelmed. It let me know that students can make a difference," Adams said.

"I'll continue to support A&T and the students," the second term councilwoman said. "I'll be an accountable leader." Over 545 District 2 residents cast their vote. Students passed out literature about different candidates and urged their peers to vote.

"There were five times as many voters here today than were in the primary elections in October," said Precinct Chairman, Thomas Woodson.

"The majority of the voters now seem to be students. It used to be local residents," he said.

Alma Adams

The majority of the votes from the district were for Alma Adams who received 415. Her opponent Gravess received 115 votes. Many students said they were appalled with the turnout last year. Fifty-five students voted in last years race.

"People died for our right to vote, and if we don't use it, it's wasted," senior, McShawn Yancey said.

Sophomore Lynn Ialey said, "students are not utilizing our voting powers after our forefathers have fought so hard for them. We need to wake up."

Although Greensboro residents voted for smoking restrictions in public places, District 2 voters rejected the proposal 259-207.

SGA president, David Miller said he was pleased with the student turnout.

"There was a 400 plus increase in voter turnout since the primary," Miller said.

"The student vote is significant. It just goes to show that when candidates campaign seriously, students do respond."

Lorillard Workers Might Boycott

Smoking Ordinance Receives Thumbs-Up From Residents

By Kimberly Rembow
Special to the Register

Greensboro voters decided Tuesday to adopt a controversial referendum that restricts smoking in restaurants and in large retail stores.

The referendum passed by 173 votes, 29,809 voted were cast. The referendum makes Greensboro the toughest city in the state with mandatory smoking regulations.

"It was a victory for Greensboro to Alleviate Smoking Pollution," group spokesman, David Huddins said.

Workers at Lorillard, a cigarette manufacturer in Greensboro were among the most disappointed that Greensboro residents chose mandatory enforcement.

"We though we had the support of the Greensboro community since it's one of Greensboro's leading employers," said Ray Smith, a Lorillard employee.

Lorillard workers were out in full force Tuesday at precincts urging voters to vote against smoking restrictions.

"I feel as that I've been betrayed," said Ron Thomas, Lorillard worker.

Some Lorillard workers plan to stop patronizing restaurants who are caught in the middle of the non-smoking ordinance.

"If we have to boycott some restaurants to get our point across then we will do that," said Lorillard worker, Kathy Steele.

Greensboro resident, Sue Alston said the rights of smokers are being violated.

"We should have the option, not some law to tell us where and where we cannot smoke," said Alston.

But some residents who do not smoke welcomed the referendum.

"As a non-smoker I feel that it is only right for smoking to occur in designated areas," said Greensboro resident, John James.

Some residents said they voted for the referendum because smoking is hazardous to the health of Greensboro residents.

"I'm glad the people of Greensboro realized that smoking causes health risks to others," said Joyce Ramsey.

The ordinance cannot become effective until it is officially approved by the Greensboro City Council, which is expected to address the issue this month.

The ordinance also would ban smoking in all public elevators. Violation of the ordinance is punishable by a $25 fine.
Condom Machines Still Up For Grabs

By Mark A. Ausbrooks
Managing Editor

Although Chancellor Fort said he would decide on the condom issue by Tuesday, Oct. 30 he said Friday, Nov. 3 that the condom issue must be discussed with the faculty before placing them in dormitories.

Fort discussed the condom issue at the faculty senate meeting Tuesday.

Pamela Hunter, president of the faculty senate said the senate does not usually discuss non-academic issues.

"We deal with academic matters, and some faculty matters," she said.

The issue was not voted on. "We are supposed to communicate our opinion on the subject," said Abu Azam, member of the senate.

"Nothing has been officially decided upon," he said.

"My position on condoms has altered one hundred and eighty degrees from what it was five years ago. I would be for (condom) machines in order to save lives," said C.D. Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina System.

Dr. Roland Buck, vice chancellor of academic affairs said the university believes the condom issue is so important that the entire campus must have input.

"The administration is not ready to make a decision because this is such an important issue," said Buck.

"The students input will out way more heavily in this matter," he said.

The students voted 827 to 292 in favor of condoms last semester.

Buck also said the university wants to know what the North Carolina University system policy is on this issue. C.D. Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina System said that condom policy is determined by each campus.

"My position on condoms has altered one hundred and eighty degrees from what it was five years ago," said Spangler.

"I would be for machines in order to save lives," he said.

Three out of the 16 schools in the university system have condom machines in their dormitories. A&T would be the only predominantly black institution in the system to have condom machines in dormitories.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Appalachian State University, and the University of North Carolina at Asheville have condom machines.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill installed condom machines this summer. The condom machines are in the students' dormitory, and the student union.

The condoms are sold for fifty cents a piece. Condoms are sold in stores on campus and are available free in the health center.

"The chancellor's committee on AIDS recommended that condom machines be placed in the dormitories and the student union," said Dean Donald Bulton, vice chancellor of student affairs at UNC at Chapel Hill.

Bulton said the condom machines were no cost to students.

"The company that installed the condom machines pays us a portion of the receipts, and we use the money for educational purposes," he said.

A&T Professor Recognizes Misused Resources

Michael Troutman
Staff Writer

Western technology is needed to erase the problems of diminishing and misused resources in developing countries. One person who recognized this need is North Carolina A&T State University Associate Professor Dr. G. B. Reddy.

In Zambia, Dr. Reddy, a soil science and environmental microbiology recognized that a pressing agricultural problem was developing. Excessive amounts of rainfall coupled with the low fertility and the amount of acid in the soil caused a loss of nitrogen in crop production.

"This would be a good place to contribute something to alleviating the unique problems the country was having with nitrogen retention," Reddy said.

Out of his desire to contribute something to helping the people of Zambia, Reddy developed a proposal which would become "The Fate of Fertilizer Nitrogen in Crop Rotation Systems in Zambia," a nation of 6 million people in southern Africa.

The proposal established a project in which the planting of corn one year would be alternated with peanuts the next year.

Reddy hoped to prove that the peanuts worked to retain additional nitrogen used in planting the corn. As corn and groundnuts are two staples in the Zambian diet Reddy's project would help native farmers to develop an efficient and productive method of crop rotation.

USAID provided Reddy with a $100,000 grant and in 1988 the project was underway at the Mississ Arts Research Station. Reddy was aided by Zambian doctoral candidate, Alfred Makupa in the project.

A return trip this year by Reddy was made to review the results of the first year's work and to coordinate the second year's strategy.

The project is scheduled to be complete by the end of July 1990. At that time Reddy will submit a formal written report to USAID and the Zambian government. Reddy said he hopes that report will persuade the federal government to seek additional funds from international sources to continue work on improving agricultural output.

Reddy who has taught at A&T for 10 years was not accustomed to the trials of working in developing countries. Meals were regularly limited to one a day and travel outside of the city was often accomplished by bicycle.

"I really think that the money spent on the project is worth the effort. It's working out well," said Reddy.

Reddy also noted that the project is not limited to a Zambian audience. The work can be applied anywhere else in the world where the same problem exists.

"There are a lot of other countries with similar farming practices. The knowledge gained and the skills developed through this project can be applied worldwide," Reddy said.

"We've had a lot of questions from students," Reddy said. "I think this is a very important project. It gives the students a lot of hands-on experience."

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Panel Discusses Apartheid

By Sherry Rogers
Campus News Editor

As long as Africans are oppressed anywhere in the world, African Americans should not consider themselves free, a panel of student leaders and native South Africans told students at a forum on Apartheid Tuesday.

The five-person panel included David Miller, SGA president, LaVonne McIver, Editor-in-Chief of The A&T Register, Glenn Wilson, president of the History Club and student representatives, Reggie Thabede and Dumisani Mahlasela, natives of South Africa.

Many people neglect the importance of apartheid because they are not directly affected by it, said Miller. "None of us are free until all of us are free. Our destinies are intertwined, and senior business education major said.

Mahlasela agreed, "black America's support is very important," he said.

Mahlasela said that sanctions could help the blacks in South Africa.

McIver said to compare the struggle of Afro-Americans in the sixties and Apartheid in the 80's is not fair.

"In America a majority was being asked to incorporate a small minority," the 22-year-old senior said.

"But in South Africa a small minority is being asked to incorporate a majority. They (white South Africans) have more to lose," she said.

Members of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. said they sponsored the forum to increase the student........ cont. on p.3

From left to right, LaVonne D. McIver, Editor-in-Chief of The A&T Register, Glenn Wilson, History Club president, Dumisani Mahlasela and Reggie Thabede, South African natives.

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Letter to the Editor:

A new movement is slowly taking form today in the world of Africans in America. This new movement involves correcting many inaccuracies that Africans have been taught in America about their original homeland, Africa.

The movement is called Afrocentric consciousness. Being Afrocentric means that an African person in America is aware of the fact that in the past he has been brainwashed about the history of Africans. Being Afrocentric also involves correcting all the facts about the early advancement and powerful history of Africa.

Being Afrocentric or having an Afrocentric consciousness means learning and teaching as much as we can about the historical achievements of our people and our culture. As the world stands today many people were savages in the jungles of Africa before the white man saved them from themselves. It is a fact that Africans were taken from a land rich in life, spirit, and culture. The truth is the white man stole and took credit for innumerable things that originated from an African mind.

As Afro-Americans, we need to concentrate less on the American and more on the African. The truth is in America we live in a racist society. The educational system of America teaches young, enthusiastic children of all colors that people of the black race are inferior, lazy, uncivilized, and unimportant.

The media in America contributes to stereotypes and racism by showing Afro-Americans in negative roles the majority of the time. Afrocentric blacks can offset all negative roles through racial unity and the teachings of true history.

Knowledge of Africa is needed to offset the oppression and mental slavery of Africans all over the world. Knowledge is power. The correct application of knowledge is critical to the struggle for racial independence from all negative influences.

The excellence and advancement of the African culture means there is something within black people on a spiritual plane. It means you know something that is above and beyond the American society. You can be black and you must practice being Afrocentric for the very survival of your history, your culture, and your people.

Eric Short
History Club member

The black woman is often the backbone of the black and (sometimes white) family. Black woman have been conditioned to be strong, supportive individuals. However, if you took a look at this campus, you wouldn't know it. Sisters are so busy cutting down each other it's no wonder the black man frequently turns his attention to women of other races. It's time the black woman takes a close, real close look at what it is to be an African American woman. Pop those blue contacts out so you can clearly see what we are saying.

Sad to say the black woman is often stereotyped as a gossipping, back-stabbing person. It's even worse that the one receiving the knife is usually another black woman. There are two common denominators in all black women; their color and their sex. With these two prominent, unifying characteristics, why do black women look down on each other? Sisters need to learn to appreciate each other.

Our race has already been generalized as a people who segregate among ourselves. Instead of crustizing this idea, our women strengthen it.

Sisters you need to wake up. Stop cutting down and start building up. You are all in this together. This is not meant to judge or accuse. The Brat Pack is concerned.

So, until next time this is the Th Brat Pack signing off. Have a nice weekend and we hope pre-registration went okay.

Let sisterly love continue.

Peace.

The lead column on the opinion page is written by the editor in chief of The A&T Register. It does not carry a byline. None of the columns on this page necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire staff.

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Sherry Rogers
Campus News Editor

Energetic, vibrant and enthusiastic are qualities often used to describe cheerleaders. But contrary to what many believe, it isn’t all fun and games for A&T’s Gold Squad.

“Cheerleading is a sport that isn’t taken very seriously,” said junior, banking and finance major, Cynthia Richardson.

“Although we are not viewed as true athletes, we are and our job is not easy,” added Richardson who is also a member of the softball team.

The squad is currently in training for a national cheerleading competition January 5 and 6 in Dallas, Texas. If preliminary requirements are met, including a video taping of the team’s routine, A&T will be the first predominantly black squad to participate in the event.

According to head coach, Melanie Keaton, the event will be a great opportunity for the squad.

“This will be an excellent opportunity for national recognition, prizes and awards. It will also mark the first time a predominantly black university has ever participated,” said the former N.C. State cheerleader.

Larry Peterson, captain of the squad said he is very excited about the competition.

“We are the underdog we’re not going in with any pressure on us,” the senior communications major said.

The squad hopes their participation will not only promote the image of the cheerleaders.

“Everything we do on the national level enhances the image of A&T. It displays our versatility,” said Lisa Stigler, a marketing major.

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Gamble Hall Ceiling Collapsed

Valerie Beeton
Special to the Register

But after dashing out of his dorm room to try and figure out where the trembling was coming from he realized that the ceiling in his Gamble Hall dorm room had collapsed.

Porter said that the ceiling in his dorm room had collapsed.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, at about midnight Daniel Porter thought Greensboro was having an unexpected earthquake.

His roommate, Daryl Townes was out of town when the accident happened. He noticed a small crack in the ceiling before he left but did not think the entire ceiling would collapse.

“It should not take any more than one incident to convince the residents of Gamble Hall that there may be some other unseen hazards,” Townes said.

The major exodus from Gamble may appear to be an inconvenience but the housing staff has students safety in their best interest,” he said.

Gamble Hall residents were moved to Scott Hall.

“The transition from Gamble to Scott has not been an easy one. However I do feel secure with a new roof over my head,” he said.

Note:

Look For An
Aggie Basketball

Season Forecast In The
November 17 Issue
Of The A&T Register
Aggiettes Change

Style of Play

By Lawrence Sherrod
Special to the Register

The North Carolina A&T Women's Basketball Team and their coach, Tim Abney, are looking forward to the 1989-90 season. But according to Coach Abney, it's going to be tough.

"I have a young team this year. It's going to take a while for us to get a feel for each other, but I'm pleased with their intensity, desire, and hustle," Abney said.

The team has changed their style of play this year. They will concentrate more on pushing the ball up the court and full court pressure. They will also play a faster paced game.

An injury to the forward or center position would be devastating because the team is not deep in those positions, according to Abney.

This year's roster includes four freshmen, four sophomores, four juniors, and one senior.

The team has two returning starters, Helena Creamer and Tammy Hammond.

Sophomore, Hope Rush said that the new players have potential.

"They look good in practice and I think they will be able to come through in a game," the High Point native said.

"They also have a lot of desire and that's a big factor in being a championship team," Rush said.

Diedre Cheeks the team's star player from last year won't play this year because of academic commitments.

Sherry Massenburg, a junior from Stony Creek, Va. said the team has the talent to compensate for Cheeks' absence.

"We have to pick up where Diedre was and we have the people to do that," she said.

"We have Kim Wells, Helena Creamer, and some great outside talent," the 5'5" point guard said.

"We have championship material and we have to work as a team to reach it."

Coach Abney said that the first six games which include Wake Forest, UNC Charlotte and Appalachian State will indicate the team's overall playing ability.

Abney said he also thinks that Howard and Delaware State will be very tough this year in the MEAC.

Coach Abney's philosophy is everyone contributes. "I'm depending on the whole team to work as a unit. Before this season is over, everyone will contribute."

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History Club Forum Provokes Debate

By Angelicia Simmons
Staff Writer

Religion and politics often provoke long and heated conversations. A&T students might want to add another subject to that list-African Americans in Greek letter organizations.

On November 2, 1989, the History Club and some members of Greek-letter organizations sponsored a forum to discuss whether African Americans should join Greek letter organizations.

In an almost packed room 123 in Gibbs Hall the audience and members of the panel relayed their feelings about the issue.

"Why would any African-American people be walking around wearing the Greek-letters knowing their history of what Greeks did to their ancestors, that's like a Jew walking around with a broken cross on their chest," said History Club member, Sandy Person.

But members of the Greek panel said that the Greek lettering does not matter.

"It's the service and what is behind the organization," said panelist Vicky Johnson, a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

"What is your criticism of the Greeks?" she asked.

"If we do not call ourselves Africans, instead of African-Americans, then we have not done our job," she said.

Members of the History Club said that African Americans should not join Greek letter organizations because Greeks tried to destroyed Africa.

"The Greeks conquered everything that African-Americans had and destroyed it during the time that Egypt was at it greatest peak," said Persons, a sophomore electrical engineering major.

The forum was adjourned after an hour but many audience members stayed to learn more about the issue.
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