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## Average, So Far

# Students Rate Miller's Performance

By Mark Ausbrooks  
Managing Editor

Students at North Carolina A&T State University said David Miller has done average job as student government president and has lacked consideration for student concerns in an informal poll conducted on campus this week.

"He has been coming up with good ideas, but has not done a good job in organization," said Walter Herring, a senior industrial engineering major from Goldsboro.

David Miller, said that he has been doing a fantastic job as student government president.

"I think I've restored credibility to the university," said Miller.

Some students said homecoming was illustrative of his disorganization. They said the talent show, which is the third biggest event next to the homecoming game, and dance was a complete failure.

"The talent show was a disaster. He could have easily cut off a certain number at the door, and everyone could have enjoyed the show," said A. Johnson, an early childhood major from Greensboro.

The talent show was cancelled because campus officials said the number of students attending the show was a fire hazard.

"People worked hard on these acts and he should have rescheduled the show."

Some people in the student government association said the lack of organization is Miller's fault.

"The disorganization has to fall on David's shoulders," said a high ranking official in the student government association, who refused to be identified.

But, Chancellor Edward B. Fort says that Miller has done an excellent job leading the student body.

"His emphasis has been

upon academics and responsibilities students have," said Fort.

"He has spoken eloquently about the university, world wide freedom for the oppressed, and homeless in this country and elsewhere."



David Miller,

"He attempts to do everything on his own," said a high ranking official in the student government association, who refused to be identified.

Miller said that in certain situations he can't afford to wait to track down officers.

"As president all responsibilities fall upon me," said Miller.

Students say that Miller has not been a very friendly president.

"Last year's president was more open. He might be doing a good job but I haven't seen anything," said A. Johnson.

"He needs to be friendlier. You can't approach him with a problem."

"The disorganization has to fall on David's shoulders." -high ranking SGA official

Miller said that student teaching and other projects have kept him busy this semester.

"I'm generally a friendly person, and I support all the student organizations," said Miller.

"I'm a person like anyone else, and the pressure

sometimes gets to me."

Students said that Miller's strong point is his speaking ability.

"He's very opinionated. He has a lot of good things to say," said Garla Lover a sophomore from Washington, D.C.

"His big talk last year was aggie pride. But, I haven't seen it," Glover said.

Students say that when something is wrong on the campus Miller is in the forefront. He is not, however when there are no immediate problems.

"He has echoed the sentiments of students in times of conflict and controversy, but in times of comfort he seems not to have a great deal of concern," said a member of the student government association, who also refused to be identified.

# Accounting Workshop Proves Beneficial

By Betsy Peoples  
Special to the Register

The ALOBEAEM Society along with Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors fraternity, sponsored the 11th annual Private Industry Workshop February 14-16 in Merrick Hall.

The workshop focused on helping accounting students obtain internships for the summer.

20 companies were represented. These companies included: Alcoa, Amoco, Baxter, BP America, Cargill, Inc., Caterpillar, Corning, Equitable, Exxon, General Electric, General Motors, Glaxo, Heller Financial, Honeywell, International Paper, Martin Marietta, Midcon, Phillip Morris, U.S. General Accounting Office and Westinghouse.

"Some students attain as many as seven to ten offers," said Dr. Quiester Craig, dean of the

school of business and economics. "While away on these internships in cities around the nation, students are forced to be more responsible. These internships also enhance their book development," Craig added.

To aid the aspiring accountants in their interviews, students had the opportunity to meet and mingle with representatives at a reception held at the Greensboro Sheraton on Wednesday, the 14th.

Among these representatives were several Aggie alumni. Miss A&T 88-89 Monee' McGuire returned to campus, searching for interns for the Equitable company. McGuire encourages students to set high goals.

"Always strive for the best," she said. "Don't assume anything, but always be willing to take a chance," said the New Jersey native. "Remember the best lies within you," she added.

Aggie alumni Derric Gregor, founding president of the Beta Alpha Psi Fraternity, is an auditor at General Electric.

When asked to give some advice to fellow aggies, the certified public accountant said, "take advantage of opportunities that present themselves on campus and beyond. It is very critical to get exposure. I encourage students to become involved in organizations on campus such as Toastmasters, a public speaking organization that develops effective communicators," said Gregory.

"I suggest that students make good use of the environment here at A&T. The basic skills for success are here. Moreover, students must discipline themselves so they can prepare to compete," added Gregory.

Other alumni included John Vanfield (Amoco) Edward Peterson (BP America), Demetri Stockton (GE), Juanita Foxx (General Motors), and

Milton Kirby (Heller Financial).

Dr. Mark Keil, chairman of the department of accounting said that workshop allows students to put their practice to work.

"We don't want them to just practice in the classroom, we want them to experience it in reality. Also, students earn money and are exposed to corporate America," said Kiel.

Darian Fultz, a sophomore accounting major says he is looking forward to a summer internship.

"I believe this is a good way to have hands on experience in the field of accounting."

There were several workshops and seminars on interviewing techniques, resume writing, dress attire, and communication skills to prepare the students for the two days of interviews.

"Students will benefit very significantly from this workshop," said Diana Robinson, advisor of the

ALOBEAEM Society. "It gets students ready for professional interviews. By the time they graduate, they should be well qualified," Robinson added.

Kimberly Clark, president of the accounting club (ALOBEAEM) interned last summer at Marin Marietta in Oak Ridge, TN.

"I enjoyed interning with the private industry. Soon I would like to intern at a public accounting firm so I can have a

Steven Coffin, a representative for Equitable Company said the Private Industry workshop is very effective in developing a communication channel between the representatives and students.

"Students resumes and transcripts are sent to companies well in advance. This makes everything much more comfortable. I feel I have already met the student," Coffin said.

# Pershing Rifles Honor Grimes

By David Pickens  
Sports Editor

In the struggle for civil rights, A&T became a major focal point during the 1960's. During Black History Month, the Pershing Rifles, a military fraternity at North Carolina A&T State University commemorated Ernest Grimes a former Pershing Rifle.

Grimes was shot during a confrontation with the Greensboro police. He died on May 22, 1969. After a racially motivated riot at Dudley high school students at North Carolina A&T State University

staged a massive protest against the incident at Dudley.

The riot happened after Claude Barnes, an African-American student won the election for student council president, but was not allowed to assume the position.

Barnes received 400 more write-in electoral votes than his opponent. But, people feared him because he was considered a radical. Barnes was a Black Panther and had planned to deliver a speech before a crowd of supporters after school in the parking lot.

Before a speech could be delivered, Greensboro police

arrived. The police dispersed into the crowd with blackjacks and tear gas. Many people were injured.

When A&T students received word of the violent attack of the Greensboro police on Dudley's students, the Aggies got involved.

Cadet Terrance Body, the commander of the Pershing Rifles delivered the address at the commemoration.

"The importance of this day is that we not forget who we are and what we represent as PR's to this campus and nation," said Body.

Before the candlelight visual began, members of the Pershing Rifles performed a changing of the guard. Cadet Marshall Jones was one of the guards who said it as an honor.

"I feel like a privileged individual," said Jones. "This let's people know what our organization is about."

Since the death of Willie Grimes in 1969, the Pershing Rifles have worked diligently to keep his memory alive.

Second Lieutenant, Keith Parker, a recent graduate of A&T came back to witness the occasion.

"As far as Willie Grimes Day is concerned, it tightens my heart," said Parker. "Especially with all the racial things occurring again. To have this generation commemorate those who gave their lives in the struggle for civil rights is a very positive thing to do."

As the ceremony Pershing Rifle members played the taps as students paused in silence. James Degraffenreid was a close friend of Willie Grimes and remembers him well.

"Willie was one of the most strong minded men I ever had the opportunity to meet," said Degraffenreid.

# Harrison Players Perform 'A Soldiers Play'

By Lawrence Sherrod  
Staff Writer

"A Soldier's Play," Charles Fuller's Pulitzer Prize winning drama, will be performed by the Richard B. Harrison Players of North Carolina A&T. The play will run February 23 - 26 at the Paul Robeson Theatre on the campus of A&T.

Although the play was the

inspiration for the movie, "A Soldier's Story," starring Howard Rollins and Denzel Washington the audience shouldn't expect to see the movie acted out on stage, according to senior theatre arts major Demetrius Wharton, who plays Captain Richard Davenport.

"We don't want to come off as a carbon copy of the movie.

Since the movie was derived from the play, 'Soldier's Play' will contain certain scenes that weren't in the movie," the Louisville, Kentucky native said.

Since the movie deals with the military, Derek Stewart, who portrays Private First Class Melvin Peterson, is hoping to get some help from the Army

ROTC department.

"We're going to have to know such things as saluting a superior officer and marching. We'd like to set aside 15 - 20 minutes of rehearsal for drilling because we have to compensate for a lack of military training," the senior theatre arts major from Washington, DC said.

The play takes place during World War II, in 1944, at Fort Neal, Louisiana. An African-American Master Sergeant, Vernon Waters has been murdered while returning to his quarters from a non-commissioned officer's club. The investigation of the murder is the centerpiece of the story.

The military police then sends Captain Davenport, a

black lawyer, to question black and white servicemen about the murder. Speculation about involvement by the KKK is rampant. However, the story

reaches a climax when the truth about the murder is revealed.

"The play is important to see because it makes important statements about racism as well

as the black man's struggle for identity in a white society. It also points out the class structure within the black race itself," said Wharton.

Tickets are \$6.00 for general admission and \$3.00 for A&T students with I.D. Curtain times are 8:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m.

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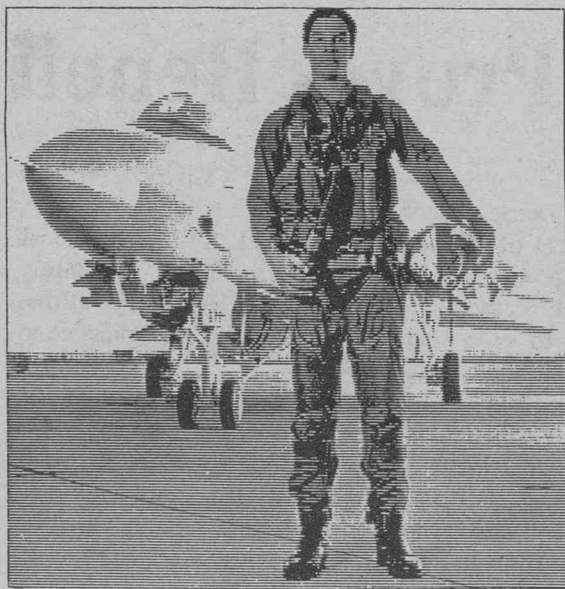
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## History Month

# Malcolm X: The Life, The Lesson, The Legacy

By P. Angelicia Simmons  
Staff Writer

Malcolm X once said, "have you forgotten that once we were brought here we were robbed of our name, robbed of our language, we lost our religion, our culture, our God, and many of us by the way we act, we even lost our minds."

Although many African-Americans have not forgotten this fact that Malcolm X spoke so forcefully about, many African-Americans did forget to take time out on Wednesday, February 21, 1990, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his assassination to salute "our shining Black Prince."

"For most of the years since the assassination it's almost as if the African-American

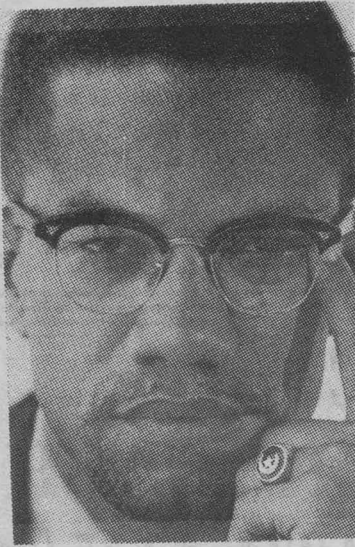
community has suffered a cast of collective amnesia, wrote Ron Daniels in this month's Essence magazine.

"The reality is that Malcolm, an uncompromising critic of the American system of racial oppression and economic exploitation was not a favorite of the United States government. And America's ruling elite has been anxious to steer us away from his memory and his philosophy," Daniels said. He is the founder of the African-American Progressive Action Network (AAPAN).

Malcolm X was four when a fire destroyed his house.

Many believe the Ku Klux Klan was responsible. He was six when his father, a follower of Marcus Garvey met a tragic death. The outspoken leader was 15 when he dropped out of

eighth grade, and 21 when he was convicted and sentenced to ten years in prison.



Malcolm X

"Don't be surprised when I say I was in prison; you're still in prison. That's what America means, prison," Malcolm X said in one of his greatest speeches,

'Message to the Grassroots'. While in prison Malcolm met

the Honorable Elijah Mohammed, which led to his membership in the Nation of Islam and to his fame as a great orator.

While he was praised for his speaking ability Malcolm was also one of the

most slandered public figures of our time. The American government, as well as the media, attached unruly and outrageous names to him. He was and still is known to some as a "racist," a "hate-monger,"

and a "terrorist." The AAPAN encourages all to learn more about this tenacious man's ideas and philosophies.

Many college students on a majority of the college campuses in accordance with the AAPAN, are launching a campaign to get signatures of thousands of African-Americans on a

proclamation to declare May 19, Malcolm X's birthday an African-American day of commemoration.

For more information on the Malcolm X Commemoration Commission, contact Dr. James Turner, African Studies and

Research Center, Cornell University, 310 Triphammer Road, Ithaca, N. Y. 14853 or call: (607)255-4625.

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# Crime Prevention Unit Offers Tips

By Frieda Hall  
Staff Writer

Students at North Carolina A&T State University will enjoy a eight days of no classes, rest and relaxation during the annual spring break recess. The break begins March 2 and ends March 11.

North Carolina A&T's Crime Prevention Unit, part of the university campus police

department, offers some valuable safety tips.

Most students look forward to spring break and going home rather than securing their valuables in their rooms or apartments. The crime prevention unit suggests that all students secure items such as computers, stereos, and televisions by placing them out of sight. Students should store valuables in a closet, lock them in a foot locker, or store them at

someone's home in the area until the break is over.

In the past there has not been many objects reported stolen over spring break, according to the unit.

Students should lock windows and doors, and close blinds and curtains. Especially if you live on the ground floor. This could deter would be assailants from breaking into your room.

Students should make sure all electrical appliances are

unplugged. This could avoid any electrical shortages that may lead to a fire.

The Crime Prevention Unit also offers safety tips for students leaving their cars on campus. The unit recommends that you park your car in a well lighted area, lock all car doors and remove any valuables from sight to make your car less of a target for thieves.

If you are planning to drive your car home it is a good idea to get your car serviced before getting on the road. Check your oil, water, and other fluid levels, your brakes, and your spare tire. These little things can make a difference when you are traveling long distances.

If your car breaks down while on the road pull over to the side of the road, put your hood up, and wait until someone pulls over to help you. Ask them politely if they could call the police or call a tow truck.

Remember, looks can be deceiving, so do not get into cars

with strangers, particularly if you are a female traveling alone.

These are just a few messages that the Crime Prevention Unit offers A&T students to ensure safety. Take these suggestions seriously and you could have a pleasant and enjoyable spring break rather than a disastrous one.

## Sithole Lectures

Dr. Elkin Sithole will speak on "Political Change in South Africa: Implications of the Release of Nelson Mandela," Thursday, March 1, 1990 at 7 p.m., in room 123 Gibbs Hall at North Carolina A&T State University.

Sithole, Zulu, by tribe, was born in New Castle, South Africa where he received his early education. He is currently professor of anthropology and ethnomusicology at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. His special fields are African culture (their origins, languages, oral love, political institutions, descent and kinship, tribalism and modernization, cult and religion, ecology and economic systems), the music of Africa and social change.

Sithole received his teachers diploma from St. Frances College in Marionhill and later a Bachelor's of Arts in psychology and anthropology from Natal University in Durban, South Africa. He studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London and received a Licentiate diploma from that institution. He came to the United States in 1966 to study music composition and theory at Hartford University and later received a Masters of Arts in anthropology at Wesleyan University. In 1976, Sithole earned his Ph.D. at Queens University of Belfast in Northern Ireland.

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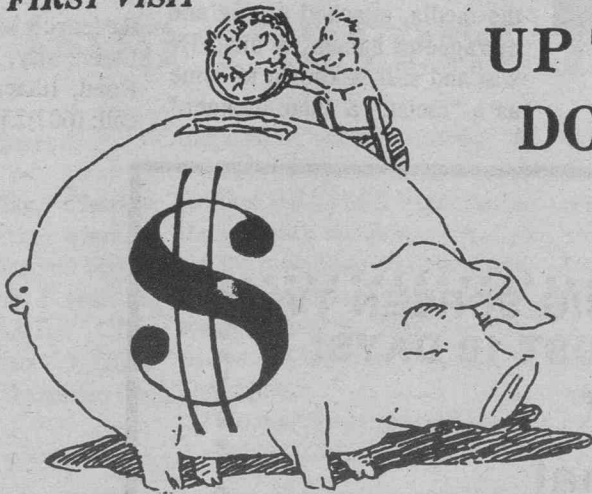
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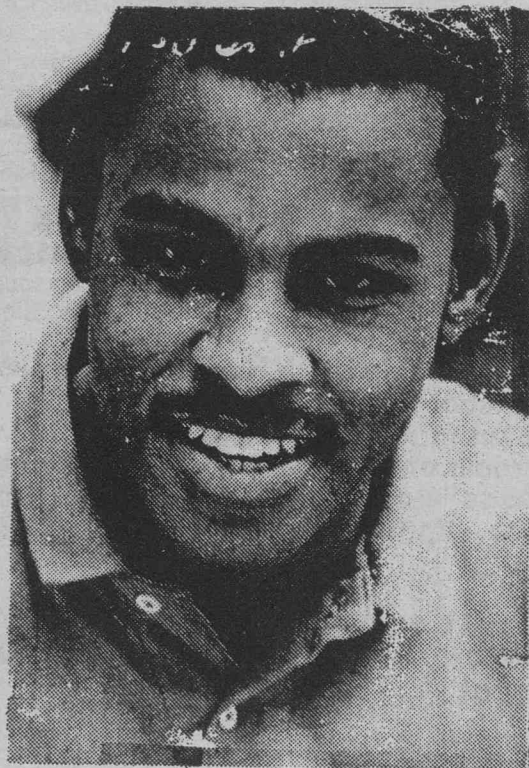
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# Aggie Sports

## Coach Corbett Captures 200th Win Football Honors Team Named

Aggie basketball coach, Don Corbett won his 200th game since coming to A&T as he led his young squad to a 83-75 victory over Winston-Salem State. The win broke a five game losing streak that dated back to January 27.

The Aggies are now on a two game winning streak, following A&T's first road win of the season over conference rival South Carolina State 68-63. Free throw shooting was the day to the Aggie win over the Bulldogs of SC State. Bobby Moore and Glenn Taggart converted one-and-one opportunities into scores with under a minute left if the contest.

The win lifted the Aggies to 8-13 overall and 4-8 in conference play. The Bulldogs dropped to 9-14 overall and 5-7 in league competition.

Team boss, Don Corbett hopes the consecutive wins will prove to be the needed momentum going into their next game against Howard on February 17 in Corbett Sports Center.

### Aggies still tops in MEAC

A last second free throw by Helena Creamer was the key to the Aggies remaining undefeated in the MEAC, as they upped their league record to 10-0 with a 44-43 edge over South Carolina State's Lady Bulldogs. Overall the A&T ladies are 14-6. The Lady Bulldogs slid to 7-17, 3-7 in the MEAC.

A&T's Creamer and SC's Deisha Campbell led all scorers with 12 points each.

S.C. State stayed in the game as they led through much of the first period. A&T took the lead the first time with 1:59 left in the half. At the break, A&T led 26-22.

In the second period, A&T led by as many as six points, but the Lady Bulldogs would not give up. The game went down to the wire when Tabitha Barber tied the score 43-43 on a short jump shot. A&T's Creamer was fouled with one tick left on the

clock, and went of the line for two shots. Creamer missed the

first shot, but she swished the second to seal the victory.

### Baseball around the corner

One of the interesting aspects of this schedule is the addition of the Greensboro Hornets. On April 4, at 7 p.m., these two teams will meet with the proceeds of the game going to A&T for scholarships. On April 26, The Aggies will play Duke and the Hornets will play Myrtle Beach in a double header in Greensboro.

After last years dismal record of 1-23-1, the Aggies are in a rebuilding mode. It will not be an easy task, as they face a tough schedule that includes the likes of Wake Forest, Duke, UNCC, Norfolk State, and Virginia State.

Coach Jackson is hoping that the team will play competively as the Aggie baseball team put together an all-out effort to upgrade the baseball program.

### A&T's runners place sixth

A&T's men and women track team finished sixth in the

MEAC Indoor Track Competition held this past weekend at the "Tin Can" on the campus of the University of North Carolina.

The men's team garnered 25 points for their efforts. Individually, Rudolph Brown placed second in the 60 yard hurdles with a time of 7.3. Carl

Chapman came in fifth in the 60 yard dash with a time of 5.4. Stanley Hicks tossed the shot

put 43' 3/4" to place third. In the 880 yard dash, Terrence Smith finished sixth with a time of 2:03.3.

On the women's side, A&T tallied 32 points as they also finished sixth. Joanel Kellman placed first in the long jump with a leap of 19'5", two feet ahead of the nearest competitor. Terrell Sanders 38'10 1/2" toss of the shot put was good enough for third place honors.

In the 60 yard hurdles, Zarinah Aleem came in fourth with a time of 8.3. Teammate Almastine Johnson placed

second in the triple jump with a jump of 36'2"

### Football academic team

Head football coach, Bill Hayes has announced his All-Academic team for Fall '89. The team includes all the members of the Aggie football team that maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average during the past semester.

The list includes: Alonzo Barnett-3.3, Rudolph Brown-3.07, Walter Bufford-3.38,

Anthony Carrington- maintained a cumulative average of 3.07, Rodney Edwards-3.15, Charles English-3.3, Kirk Graham-3.3,

Sherwood Jones-3.0, James Lancaster maintained a cumulative average of -3.0, Earl Lewis-3.0, Julian Mercer-3.66,

Carl Paige-3.46, James Turner maintained a cumulative average of 3.5, and Bennie Walker-maintained a cumulative average of 3.5.

## Sports Hall Of Fame Honors Alumni

An outstanding player, a former baseball star, and an Aggie athlete who excelled in both sports, has been selected for induction into the A&T State University Sports Hall of Fame. Ken Free, another A&T alumnus will be honored with the Hall of Fame's Special Recognition Award.

The induction ceremony will be held during a luncheon Saturday, March 3 in the F. A. Williams dining center on the campus.

The new inductees are Walter Bennett of College Park, GA, an honorable mention All-American football player for the Aggies in 1975; Eugene Tapscott, of Newport News,

VA, a former All-CIAA pitcher during the early 1950's; and durable Robert P. Smith of New Jersey, a two-sport A&T star in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

Free, who also starred in baseball for the Aggies, is being honored by the A&T National Association for his longtime service as an athletic administrator.

A native of Vicksburg, MS, Bennett tight end for four years for the Aggies. He earned All-MEAC honors in 1974 and 1975, and was a third selection on the Associated Press' Little All-America team and second team on the Jet Magazine team. He has served as a project engineer for Coca Cola USA and

a manufacturing supervisor for General Motors. Today, he operates his own limousine service in Atlanta, GA.

Tapscott, a native of Washington, DC, won all 15 games in which he pitched for the Aggies in four years of play. In addition, he batted over .500. He was a member of three A&T championship teams and was selected All-CIAA for two

consecutive years. Tapscott served for 25 years in the US Army, retiring as a full colonel. He also operated a Shell Oil franchise.

Robert Park Smith is a native of Morristown, NJ. After starring in football and baseball

in high school, he served in the US Army, where he was named to the All-United Kingdom Football Team.

At A&T he excelled as a halfback and defensive back on A&T's football team, and as the leftfielder on the baseball team. He starred on A&T's 1950 CIAA championship team, and led the Aggies to two consecutive baseball championships. He later became one of the first players from a historically black university to sign a professional baseball contract. he played three years with the Milwaukee Braves organization.

A native of Harrisburg, PA,

Free grew up in Greensboro. He has served as MEAC commissioner since 1978. He played third base and shortstop three years for the Aggies. He signed a contract with the New York Mets chain in 1960 and played three years. A noted recreation specialist, Free has held supervisory positions in

that area for the state of North Carolina and the city of Greensboro. He presently serves on the NCAA Basketball Committee.

Reservations for the induction luncheon may be secured by calling the A&T Alumni Office at 334-7583.

# Lifestyles

## Welborne Gives Back Service

By Amanda Williams  
Special to the Register

Sullivan A. Welborne, a 1963 magna cum laude graduate of A&T has been diligently giving back to his alma mater with his services for 18 years.

Welborne began working at A&T in 1971 as the assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and an assistant professor of education.

The duties of the assistant vice chancellor of student affairs are to supervise six of the departments under student affairs,

to advise the student government association and to assist the vice chancellor.

Welborne is the acting vice chancellor of student affairs.

"The only difference in the duties of acting vice chancellor is now decisions have to be made by me. Before I would aid in the decision making process," said Welborne.

Being a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Welborne says he is honored to be in the acting position of his fraternity brother, Dr. Roland E. Buck who resigned in December.

"I feel I am in a good position to deal with students since as

assistant vice chancellor, I dealt with student concerns also," said Welborne.

Prior to working at A&T, Welborne had experienced some of the many complications that came along with the civil rights movement.

Welborne's first teaching job was at Brooks High School in Prince Fredrick, MD. in 1965. During this civil rights time there was not any housing for blacks who were outsiders. This presented a problem for Welborne.

The principal of Brooks High arranged for Welborne to

live with a lady on a farm in Prince Fredricks for two years while he taught at the high school.

"I thought that was a great teaching opportunity,"

replied Welborne. "Living on the farm was great."

After teaching at Brooks High, Welborne taught at Bowie High in Bowie, Md. He found the students to be

"more urban". This was his first integrated teaching setting.

Moving closer to his current place, Welborne then

taught in his native town of Lexington, North Carolina. He was dean of students and a teacher there.

Reflecting on his current position Welborne only dislikes one thing about A&T.

"Some students make assumptions without having facts," he said. Welborne

advises students to prepare for the total environment outside the university.

"A good balance of academic skills as well as social skills will help."

## A&T Observes Engineers Week

By P. Angelicia Simmons  
Staff Writer

If you walked through McNair Hall on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University this week, you may have noticed several activities

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school of engineering were asked to participate in the week's activities.

Sunday, the student engineers attended New Light Baptist Church, followed by a picnic that afternoon. On Monday,

engineering students learned more about African-American heritage. They listened to the inspirational words of Carlton Waterhouse, the guest speaker for the occasion.

Perhaps, when you were taking your usual route to Gibbs Hall on Tuesday, you noticed several high school students looking around in awe. The school of engineering sponsored a visitation day for surrounding area high schools. Students from East Guilford, Page and Smith High Schools attended.

Wednesday, another guest speaker, Skip Austin, enlightened the engineering students on the topic of entrepreneurship. Thursday, Kodak sponsored a banquet for the engineering students at the Four Seasons' Holiday Inn.

Friday, the engineering students will sponsor a T-shirt and button day.

The department that has the most participation will receive certain prizes to carry back to their department.

"The most participation so far has come from the chemical engineering department. They have really done a great job in the successfulness of this week," said Dean Shaw, who is the acting assistant dean of the school of engineering.

Shaw said that he sees a good future for African-American engineers.

"There are big efforts in trying to push minorities into the field of engineering because many believe that by the year of 2000 there will definitely be a shortage."

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# Greek Summit: Campus Hazing Must End

By Mark Ausbrooks  
Managing Editor

Henry Ponder, General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated said that hazing is no longer tolerable and reminded the audience of mostly the eight black greek letter organizations on campus that their founders never had to put up with a brutal pledging process.

Ponder was the keynote speaker at the fourth annual

undergraduate Pan - Hellenic Summit sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

"Leaders don't select other leaders by how much abuse one can take," said Ponder who is also president of Fisk University.

"If they made it through with out foolishness why do you think you need to put people through foolishness?"

Ponder said that the pledge process needs to be revised, and that the brutality tradition must end.

"I call upon all those who

proudly don Greek colors to control the mistakes of the past," said Ponder.

Ponder said that he will attend a meeting in St. Louis with the presidents of the eight black greek letter organizations. The main topic of would be hazing.

"I know that out of that meeting the pledge process will change to no more than seven days, and no less than three," said Ponder.

"This change will not just be Alpha Phi Alpha, but all African American greek lettered

organizations."

Ponder said that North Carolina A&T has been on the cutting edge of change.

"When the four A&T students sat down and demanded service they started a movement that has never ended," said Ponder.

Ponder said that this university was the first to start the two week pledge process.

"When it gets changed to seven days you must find a way to do it in seven days. It is not my problem. It is yours!"

Some members of Greek Lettered Organizations disagreed.

"I think that it is to short already. If Greek letter organizations drop to a seven day process it will be just like a club like the MAA, or the NAACP," said June Lea, a member of the Alpha Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

Natasha Osburne, member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated said that people will have to learn to live with the process.

"There is nothing that we can do about now if it goes through. It won't affect me," said Osburne.

Ponder said that black greeks are the leaders of the future. As leaders he said they need to go and make the needed changes in the world.

"It is my belief that your education will, or has, transformed you and that together we will be the force to transform the world," said Ponder.

Ponder told the said not to be mindless.

"The chief task of the college years is for the student not only to gain the ability to identify perspectives, weigh evidence, and make wise decisions, but also to learn how to think about thinking and to enjoy thinking," said Ponder.

Ponder said that greeks must address real problems, and petty

rivalries among greeks must stop.

"There can be competition for excellence, there can be justifiable pride in achievements in the areas of science, education, humanity and solution to the world's problems," said Ponder.

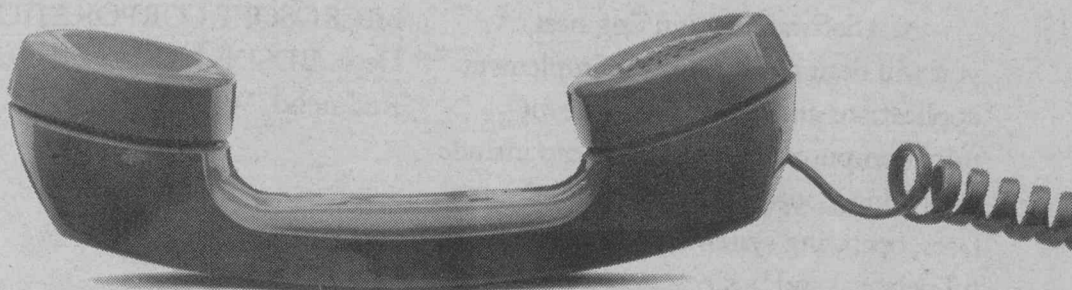
"We are not fulfilled by winning step shows, fashion shows or beer drinking contest," said Ponder.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort said that hazing must be stopped.

"Ponder's remarks were right on target," said Fort.

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