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Conference Features Famous Communicators

North Carolina A&T State University's Speech and Communication Department will hold its 10th annual Mass Media Conference on March 30-31. The theme of the conference is: Communications in the 90's: Change, Technology, and Opportunities.

The conference is expected to attract over 250 students and professional journalists to A&T's campus from various colleges and universities as well as professionals from other areas of communications.

Representatives from the communications field will conduct workshops and seminars informing students of the technological and theoretical developments in the areas of print media, broadcasting, and public relations.

A student and recruiter job fair will be held to expose students to internships and employment opportunities in their chosen fields.

June Cross, producer of CBS Saturday Night with Connie Chung will be the banquet speaker on Friday, March 30. As a producer, Ms. Cross has done extensive research and editing of story ideas including AIDS in the military, and profiles on the Tawana Brawley advisors, and singer Natalie Cole. Cross has also been producer and correspondent of the MacNeil/Lehrer report. In this capacity she covered Star Wars and Arms Control and displacement of Connecticut manufacturing workers.

Keynote speaker for Saturday's opening session will be Thomas A. Johnson, president of public relations, advertising and marketing for Thomas A. Johnson Associates (New York) and a former New York Times reporter. In

previous positions Johnson has provided public relations and marketing services to Phillip Morris, Heublein, Kentucky

fried Chicken and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Johnson is director and founder to Third World Trade Institute, an organization's whose activities are designed to aid small businesses in create dialogue with government agencies involved in international trade.

Other workshops will be led by Dr. Valerie Lovelace of the Children's Television Workshop in New York; Bill Jones, southeast Regional coordinator for CBS News; Maurice Cox, media manager for Pepsi Cola; Brenda Andrews, publisher of the Norfolk Journal and Guide; Dr. John Kilmanjaro, publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker; and

Bryon McCauley, business writer for the Greensboro News and Record.

Persons seeking additional information are asked to contact Dr. Richard E. Moore at (919)334-7582.

Focus On Prison Reform

The state of welfare and prison reform is the focal point of the 21st annual Jim Isler Urban Affairs Conference at A&T State University on Wednesday, April 11 in Gibbs Hall, Room 123 at 9 a.m.

Theme of the conference is "The Time is Now: Our Future Demands, Welfare and Penal Reform."

"The emphasis of this outstanding conference will be on the National Family Support Act, which covers unemployment, AFDC, child care and job training," said Dr. James Johnson, a conference coordinator. "We will also address the penal system by examining alternatives to incarceration, and the possibility that the erection of larger prisons might not be the answer

to the problem," he said.

A keynote speaker at the conference luncheon will be Attorney Timothy Proctor of West Point, Pa., Proctor, son of Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former president of A&T, who is currently an attorney for Merck, Sharp and Dohme, a major pharmaceutical company.

Another presenter for the conference is Linda Thurston, director of the American Friends Service Committee's criminal justice committee. She is also chairing a national committee for the observance of the 200th anniversary of the penal system in the United States. N.C. Sen. William Martin, an advocate of the Family Support Act and penal reform, will also address the conference.

The Urban Affairs Conference,

which has attracted thousands of area citizens, was originated by a group of sociology students at A&T during the 1960s. The idea

for the conference was to bring together educators, students,

social workers and law enforcement officials, and the general public to discuss major

societal questions of the day. The conference is named in honor of Isler, a graduate of A&T who was an executive of the Greensboro United Way.

Registration for the conference may be made by calling Dr. Johnson or Dr. Sarah V. Kirk at 334-7895 or 334-7896.

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On Campus

Quilters Depict University's History

A dedicated group of A&T State University supporters are meeting twice a month to complete an elaborate centennial quilt that colorfully depicts the university's history.

The quilters, whose quilting skills range from that of novices to seasoned veteran quilters hope to complete their project by January of 1991 when A&T begins a year-long centennial celebration.

"These quilters are discovering or re-discovering some of the joys that quiltmakers of the past have always shared," said Dr. Lillie King, assistant vice chancellor for development at A&T, who initiated the idea.

"A quilt seems to me like one of the most appropriate ways to represent the fantastic history

and accomplishments of this great university in a way that will attract attention and encourage reminiscing. It will also serve as a reminder to those who view the quilt in the future of the heritage and the values which A&T holds dear."

King said the quilt will be designated as "Commin Roots: The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Centennial Story Quilt."

The quilters are an enterprising lot. For the past six months they have spent a lot of time researching information about A&T. The steering committee of the project recently spent a morning pouring through historical files in the archives in the F. D. Bluford Library at A&T.

On another occasion, they

met with Mary Robbins of the Guilford County Agricultural Research staff, who teaches quilting. They spent a day reviewing old photographs in the Public Information Office at A&T, and they met and talked to a group of community quilters at the Warnersville Community Center.

The A&T quilters include alumni, retirees of the faculty and staff, students and community friends. All of the quilters are women, but Anthony M. Dalco, A Greensboro silk screener, serves as the artistic assistant for the project.

"We are definatley looking for male quilters," said King. The quilting project includes the special expertise of Mrs. Mattye Reed, retired curator of the A&T African Heritage Center. Reed

has an outstanding collection of quilts and books on quilting.

King said the completed quilt is expected to be 120"x120", which could fit a king-sized bed. The quilt will contain at least 82 blocks of varying sizes. It will be permanently displayed in the new \$16 million A&T library currently under construction.

King said the blocks will depict such milestones as the chartering o the university, old buildings, the aggie bulldog mascot, alma mater, present

campus sites, and historical campus personalities, and important events like the 1960 sit-ins. Each student organization on the campus has been asked to contribute a 3"x1"

block which will become parts or a mosaic for the quilt.

"This is more than just a quilting project," said King. "It has turned into a social happening. It provides time and opportunities for special networking, reminiscing, sharing, restoring or strengthening old friendships and just caring. Participation provides great opportunities for self expression and creative exploration since many of the blocks are designed by the quilters."

Members of the steering committee for the quilt are: Mattye Reed, chairperson, Margaret Headen, Anita Rivers, Mary Robbins, Bernice Foster Sabrina Alexander, Lillie King and Anthony M. Dalco.

Retired Agricultural Educators Honored

Six Greensboro residents who enjoyed outstanding careers as agriculture teachers, extension agents and in other agriculturally related professions have been honored by the Department of Agriculture Education and Extension at A&T State University.

The retired educators rendered a combined total of 220 years service to the state.

Cited at the department's recent banquet were Dr. Rudolph Artis, George C. Baugham, Dr. Willie T. Ellis, Dr. Charles A. Fountain, Luther J. Morris Jr. and Willie J. Walls.

Artis graduated from A&T with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1952. He earned his nasters and doctorate degrees in extension education from Cornell University. He served one year as County Argicultural Extension Agent in Winston, three years as Associate Professor of Social Science at Elizabeth City State College, four years at Professor of Sociology at North Carolina A&T State University. In 1971, Dr. Artis was appointed Director of Registration and Records where he served until his retirement in 1989.

Baugham graduated from A&T with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education in 1935. He earned his masters degree at

the Pennsylvania State University. He taught agriculture at the Bladen County Training School and Bladen Central High School, Elizabeth High, and East Bladen High until his retirement from teaching in 1974.

He was the first black to serve on the Bladen County Board of Elections and he served on the Advancement and Cooperation Board to help low income people start and succeed in business. He was a member of the North Carolina Rural Development Corporation Board.

Ellis graduated from A&T State and received his masters degree in agricultural education from A&T in 1958. He received his doctorate degree in agricultural education from Cornell University in 1968. Ellis started his career as Veteran Farmer Training Teacher at Conetoe High School in Edgecombe County.

He taught vocational agriculture at Armour High School in Riegelwood. He served on the State Department of Public Instruction Staff as Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture. Ellis joined the Agricultural Education Faculty at A&T State University as associate professor and served full time in the department until 1973.

From 1973 until his

retirement in 1989, he held the rank of full professor, served as direcotr of instructional development, assistant and associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, director of enrollment management, Title III coordinator, and Affirmative Action Officer. In 1978, Dr. Ellis received the Distinguished Service Award to Agricultural Education at the Southern Regional Agricultural Education Conference.

Fountain, who recently retired as professor of plant science from A&T, graduated from Hampton Institute with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He received his masters degree in horticulture from Michigan State University and earned his doctorate in horticulture from Michigan State University.

From 1979 until his retirement in 1989, Mr. Walls

worked as vocational director and assistant superintendent of Columbus County Schools. He served on the State FFA Board of Directors and Executive Board of the North Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

He has been a Gospel DJ for 27 years. He is currently President and Manager of Radio Station WVOE in Chadburn. Mr. Walls has completed 39 years of service.

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South African Changes Forced

By India Holland
Special to the Register

In honor of International Awareness Week, March 18-24, a lecture was held Wednesday March 21 in the Memorial Student Union on "The Challenges of Change in the International Environment."

Three South African students, Ehrenfried Neroro, Notshoanesi Lefoka, Tumelo Chipfupa and the Rev. Ntshalepula Chabaku, a graduate of A&T talked about how the changes in South Africa effects black students in the United States.

"I am an ordinary servant of God," said Chabaku. "Many of us don't realize the powerfulness of being students," he said.

Neroro said that the United States played a role in the changes.

"Power at last!" shouted

Neroro as he began to explain the changes in South Africa.

Neroro said that apartheid was costing too much money. And that change did not come without pressure.

"Progress comes out of change," he said. "South Africa was forced to change. It's too expensive to continue the apartheid."

Chipfupa says that since changes are being made Black South Africans must fight for equality in South Africa.

"Our country has been taken from us," he said. "Our right to make our own black history has been robbed from us. There has always been a struggle for freedom."

Chipfupa encouraged students to learn the history of South Africa. He said the students must realize that the decisions made in South Africa

will effect their lives.

Lefoka said that he is looking forward to many more changes in South Africa.

"The future will be bright and we will someday be free," he said.

Chabaka said that students can make a difference.

"I never changed my commitment only my strategy. This is who I am. We never need to say that I didn't know.

We need to ask ourselves, 'what did our people die for'. They died for their mother land," he said.

"As students we need to be aware that there is a need for change and the challenge is

there. Let it not be said, 'where were you when we were struggling?'" Chabaka added.



Tumelo Chifupa lectures in the Memorial Student Union during International Awareness Week.

Moslem Population Increasing In United States

By P. Angelicia Simmons
Staff Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program sponsored a lecture March 14 on "The Muslim World: A Demographic Profile." Dr. Fasihuddin Ahmed, an Associate Professor of Sociology at A & T was the guest speaker.

Ahmed began his presentation by explaining the

difference between two terms.

The first term was the Islamic state, which he says is a legal and political term which means Islam has been declared a state religion.

The second term was Islamic laws which means that Islamic law has been implemented as the basic law of the specified country. Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Kuwait fall into this category. I

According to Ahmed, Moslem countries are the fastest

growing countries in the world.

"This is not because of conversion," he said. "But because of the high fertility of the Moslem women found in the various Moslem countries. And also because of the immigration that has and is taking place in the present by Moslems."

In 1988 there were 980 million Moslems, constituting approximately 17 percent of the world population. Studies show

that by the year of 2020 the only countries with an increased Moslem rate.

23 percent of the world's population. Cosmoros, Maldives, and Western Sahara's Moslems constitute 100% of their total population.

Moslems dominate 40 nations around the world.

The Middle-East and other neighboring countries are not

Moslem's are also on the rise in the United States. Today, there are five million Moslem's living in the U.S.

Ahmed was born in Lahore, Pakistan and has been in the U.S. for eighteen years. Before arriving at A & T, where he has been since 1978, he worked as a United Nations Middle-Eastern Population Advisor.

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Aggie Sports

Moves to Norfolk

Coppin State Wins MEAC Conference

In a tight Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference win the Coppin State Eagles maintained a late second half surge to edge by the North Carolina A&T Aggies 50-54 and capture their first MEAC conference title.

Aggie guard, Bobby Moore sparked the Aggies to an early 1-6 lead when he canned two straight three-pointers with 18:23 left in the half. The Eagles stormed back behind forward Larry Booth to tie at 13 with 10:27 left in the half. But it was short lived. The Aggies quickly pulled ahead with a jumper by junior forward, Jimmy Humphries and led the rest of the half putting the Aggies on top at halftime 24-18.

The Aggies held on to their halftime lead until 3:40 in the second half when a steal by Coppin forward, Phil Booth sparked an Eagle comeback. It was downhill from there for the Aggies. After the steal Eagle guard, Larry Yarbray canned a three pointer to put the Eagles on top 45-43. The Aggies would'nt see the lead again.

The Aggies called a time-out hoping to regroup. But the Eagles went ahead 48-43 with 2:44 to go when Booth converted another steal into a three point play. The Aggies pulled within three, 47-50 when guard Bobby Moore hit the last A&T basket, a three pointer at 1:03. The final score was 54-50.

"I knew coming down the stretch we would play hard," head coach Ron Mitchell said. "We didn't play exceptionally well, but were fortunate to get that win."

The victory captured an automatic NCAA bid for the Eagles. Coppin stand-out Reggie Isaac says the teams performance will help gain Coppin State national recognition.

"It is more important for the school than the team, the junior from Philadelphia said.

The first seeded Eagles got to the finals after defeating crosstown rivals Morgan State 90-67 in the first round. The Eagles then moved into the semifinals with their seventh straight victory and 24th of the season. After a brief scare early in the first half when the eighth seeded Morgan Bears jumped out to a 9-2 lead the Eagles embarked on a 14-0 spurt and

pulled to a 24-12 lead with 18:50 left in the first half. At halftime the Eagles enjoyed a 42-23 lead and were about forty minutes away from their first win in the Greensboro Coliseum.

After halftime the Eagles lead by as much as 23 at 72-49 with 7:18 remaining. The Bears never posed a serious threat to the Eagles after the half. The final score was 90-67.

After the Eagle win defending champion South Carolina State edged Bethune Cookman 78-71. The game was close much of the first half with Bethune Cookman leading at halftime 34-35. Sophomore forward, Juan Ramos and junior forward, Travis Williams combined for 30 second half points to boost State past Cookman.

After the Coppin State win Florida A&M led by Terry (Too Tall) Giles overpowered the Howard Bison 69-53. After a slow first half Giles scored 19 points in the second half to lead all scorers with 24 points. Howard center, Tyrone Powell led the Bison with 12 points.

"I missed a couple of open shots in the first half, Giles said. It was kind of cold in the gym but I knew I had to be patient."

In the third game of the day, defending champion South Carolina St. earned a semifinal berth by defeating Bethune Cookman 78-71. Forward Travis Williams and center Juan Mason spearheaded the bulldogs win. Williams poured in 23 points and Mason 23.

"It was a great team effort, coach Cy Alexander said. "The big guys really did it."

In the final first round game the Aggies of North Carolina A&T pulled off one of the two upsets they would capture in the tourney when they defeated third seed Delaware St. 96-75. After struggling much of the first half the Aggies were behind 38-34 at halftime. The Aggies outscored Hornets 62-37 in the final half.

Aggie guard, Bobby Moore spearheaded the assault with 25 points. Center, Colin Spady fueled the inside portion of what turned out to be A&T's greatest offensive production of the season. He had 24 points and standout guard, Glenn Taggart poured in 16.

"This is what we've been looking for all season a blowout," said Spady. "We couldn't have picked a better time than tonight."

In semifinal action the A&T Aggies pulled off their second upset when they edged by favorites Florida A&M 65-64 in the second semifinal game. The Aggies were boosted by a great clutch performance by guard, Glenn Taggart. He scored A&T's final six points and put the Aggies on top with 23 seconds left. But, it was another Aggie guard, Bobby Moore who turned the tide for the Aggies with a

trio of three-pointers in the second half to put the Aggies on top 40-34 before fouling out.

In other semifinal play South Carolina St. gave favorites Coppin St. a clinic in slowdown basketball for much of the game. But, in the end the Coppin came out on top 48-37. The Bulldogs were not even expected to make into the sem's. They sustained a major setback a week before the

tournament began when Co-Captain Ricky Byrd punched teammate Chris Felix, his roommate on the road, after a game against the Aggies the team they would have faced if they had overpowered Coppin.

After the tourney MEAC Commissioner Ken Free confirmed speculation that the tournament would move to the Scope in Norfolk, Va., the former home of the highly popular Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

In ladies play Delaware St. shocked top seeded North Carolina A&T 68-54 in the semifinal round. Delaware went on a 30-5 run against the Aggies and at the nine minute mark scored 11 unanswered points. Delaware shut down the Aggies leading scorer and rebounder, Helena Creamer.

"We knew that in order to win we had to stop her (Creamer)," said coach Mary Bowman.

It appeared like the Aggies couldn't buy a basket while standout Delaware St. center, Shervon Hunter couldn't miss.

She finished with 20 points. Guard Sabrina Allen spearheaded the attack with a three-pointer that gave the hornets their initial lead. She finished with 16 points.

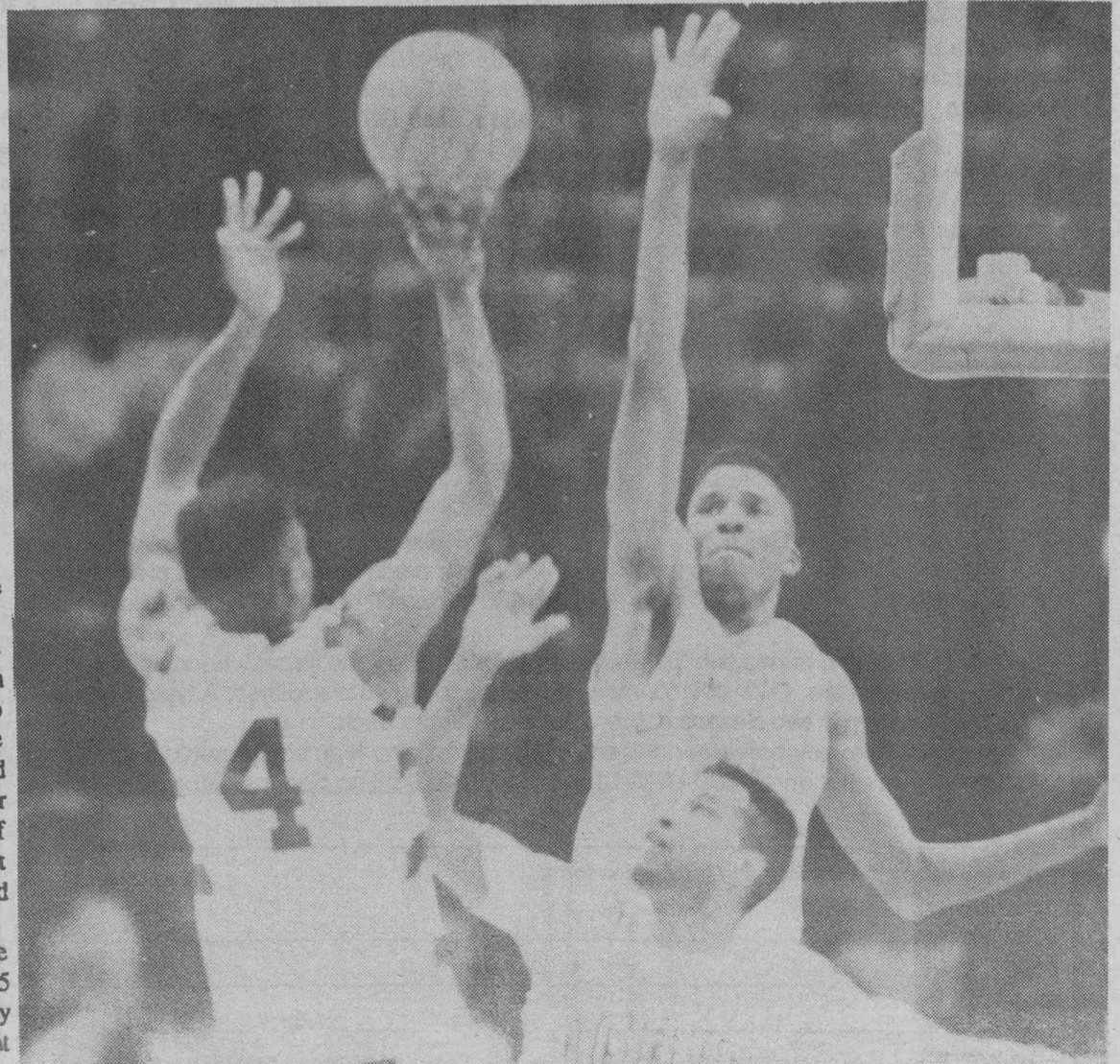
In the second ladies semifinal game Howard defeated Morgan St. 75-73 setting up a rematch

between last years teams with Howard seeking its fourth consecutive title.

The game was close much of the first half with Howard on top at halftime 37-33. But Howard forwards Karen Wilkens and Roslyn Evans combined for 20 second half points to lead the Bison out of the woods and into the championship game.

In ladies final play experience proved to be the deciding factor as the Howard Bison captured their fourth consecutive MEAC title with a convincing 84-60 win over Delaware St..

"They know what winning is all about," said Delaware St. coach Mary(Honey) Lamb-Bowman. "There experience took over," she said.



Aggie guard Bobby Moore and Dana Elliott defend a Coppin State player during this MEAC tournament.

Football Recruiting Hard Work

Some people liken football recruiting to a hurting experience. You know what you want or need, but you'll take what you get. That is not the case with Aggie head football coach, Bill Hayes.

"If you follow that philosophy, you'll never win any football games," Hayes said. "The guy who works from that standpoint will not have a good career in this business. In order to stay competitive with other teams you must recruit the same caliber of players as your opponents," Hayes added.

With this year's recruiting class in place, the Aggie coaching staff think they have

found what they were looking for, especially in the area of running backs.

"We had a good defensive team last season, but we were lacking on making the big offensive plays. We think we have the talent to do that now. We were looking for backs who could run, jump, catch and cover, and I think that we found those RBs who take us to the next level."

Coach Hayes, in his second season as team boss of the Aggies has had two good years of recruiting.

"I came to A&T with a three-phase program as it relates to recruiting," said Hayes.

"In our first year we wanted

to increase the size of the team. I wanted big people. We were able to do that. The second year we wanted to upgrade our skill positions. I think we have done a good job at that. Year three, which is next year, we want to concentrate on the specialists, kickers, punters, and field goal kickers."

Out of the twenty-five members of the 1990 recruiting class, six are running backs. They are, Hayward Cloud (6'2,

198), Sherman Chiles (6'3, 245), both from Winston-Salem, And Fred Ingram (5'10, 180) from Charlotte's East Mecklenburg High School.

Rounding out the backfield are: Dee Simpson (6'2, 195) from Lumberton; Barry Turner (6'0, 190) from Gastonia; and James White (5'11, 195) from Elizabeth City. Along with the returning backs from last season, Hayes will have some much needed depth in the backfield to beef up his running game.

"Most often there are many schools recruiting the same player. If you can't get the top player, which is the player everyone wants, then you try for number two, and so on," Hayes said. "Once you get down to four and five, you're in trouble because you won't be able to match up with the competition," Hayes said.

To add some size to the offensive line Hayes brought in five big linemen to provide some distractions for opposing defenses. Tyrone Brown (6'4, 275), Ronald Paisant (6'2, 260), Spencer Hamilton (6'3, 260), Robert Holley (6'3, 295), and John Williams (6'1, 280) will provide the bulk to fill up the holes left by Bryan Nance, Craig Holloway and Barry Lunden.

Two receivers and a return specialist are also members of the class of thirteen offensive recruits. They are tightend Albert Twitty (6'3, 210), wide receiver Antonio Leach (6'1, 185) and

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Football

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return specialist Shawn Pope (5'9,170).

Hayes hopes to find his number three quarterback in the crop of red-shirt freshmen and newcomers. Since his top two quarterbacks are on the baseball team, and will not participate in the spring the number three quarterback will handle spring training. They include the likes of Dexter Davis, (96'5,190);

Kevin Davenport (6'2,215); Anthony Perkins (6'2,190), as well as newcomers, David Russell (6'2,182); and Gerrod Griffin (6'2,195).

Incoming newcomers James Brower (6'2,251), Leevary Covington (6'2,247), and Trevercris Newton (6'2,255) will add muscle to the defensive line. In the defensive secondary, the addition of strong safeties

Barcardi Ayers (6'2,215), John Dixon (6'3,190), and free safety Curtis Burgins (6'3,175) will add youth to an already young team.

Linebacker Gregory Clark (6'1,230) and returnees from last year will vie for the spot vacated by MEAC "Player of the Year" Demetrius Harrison.

The loss of Demetrius Harrison will leave a large gap in the linebacking corps.

"You can't replace a guy like Harrison. He makes twice as many tackles as anybody in the league," said Hayes. "A guy like that is irreplaceable. Guys like that comes along once every ten or fifteen years."

Hayes had a pleasant surprise

that has impacted on the third phase of his recruiting program, to upgrade his kicking game. While watching a soccer match. He found two African born students already on the campus who had potential as field goal kickers. Along with that, Hayes was able to use the talents of a native North Carolinian.

Vincent Nyanor, from Nigeria, had never played the game, but according to coach Hayes, he has great potential.

"Although Vincent was new to football, he was not new to

kicking," Hayes said. "He consistently kicked long field goals in practice. He kicked one for 61 yards," Hayes added.

"Overall, the quality of our players have improved. With the two recruiting classes we have good size and speed. Our enemy is youth. Youth is also our strength. We are loaded with first and second year players. We hope that works to our advantage. Young players respond to coaches better and are more excited about challenges."

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SECOND OPINION

Elect Responsible Leaders

Letter to the Editor:

I have been a part of the landscape of A&T student politics for the last four years. I have protested and petitioned the university's administration, helped to register voters and encouraged student participation, run and held high office as well as run and lost high office. I have been criticized and complemented. I have followed and been followed, taken orders and given orders. I have been on the outside and on the inside. I have drunk from the bitter and the sweet cup of public service. It is from this collective experience that I view some of the things that are going on within the context of our student government and weep.

I weep because I believe too often students are not critical enough of their elected leaders. Expectations will in many cases impact upon the performance of individuals. I believe those in the education profession will vindicate this assertion. This current year in my assessment has yielded one of the most expectationless SGA administrators in recent history. If it were not for David Miller quite honestly one could easily conclude that our SGA executive board were being held hostage somewhere by some foreign power.

There is nothing wrong with having president who cares. I have worked closely with David Miller on important issues since my arrival at A&T and consider him a friend. There is no question in my mind about the president's concern or ability. However, our student government is interesting in that each member of our executive board is elected rather than appointed. They each have very specifically delineated responsibilities in our constitution. Therefore, the president works with who we elect, not with who he appoints. His vice-president is chosen by us. Aggies, I am very disturbed without our current vice-president of internal affairs. Not with him a person, but as a responsible public servant. Allow me briefly to provide some historical context.

Last year I ran against Antonio Blow for the office he currently holds. During the deliverance of campaign speeches, I stood in the wings with my younger brother, Lloyd-William Middleton who would later introduce me, and listened to an intelligent, able young man who I consider and still consider a friend and a role model, ramble on for about 15 minutes in a blatant, and at times incoherent attack on my person and character. What was really sad was that Mr. Blow's speech, when he wasn't talking about my personality, was mainly a regurgitation of well known and loved Jesse Jackson text. (Unedited and unacknowledged I might add.) He should write his own speeches or at least give credit for borrowed ones if he is to go any further than Joe Biden did. The amazing thing is that Mr. Blow did not mention anything government related. He just talked about me. It was one of the saddest moments in A&T political history and a sad moment for me personally to witness such an able person politically prostitute himself in such a grand way. To make a long story short, Mr. Blow won the election by about 7 or 8 votes. Hardly an overwhelming majority but a legitimate victory nonetheless. I immediately extended congratulations to him and pledged my support and assistance to him and urged my supporters and constituents to do the same. The problem is that there has been nothing to support. The student senate has not reported out one piece of legislation this year and you're lucky if you can even see Mr. Blow at a public function where an executive officer's presence would be appropriate. My point, because our expectations and criteria were low we imposed Mr. Blow upon ourselves. Mr. Blow may very well be the first politician in history to do exactly what he said he would do, nothing.

This is no way an attempt to vilify Mr. Blow. I wish merely to illustrate that while we may have a charismatic and articulate president, we must be as vigilant when electing the rest of the executive board. We must raise our expectations of our elected officials. Our student government officials are paid monthly stipends. I support this action because student government when approached correctly is a very involved job. When approached incorrectly, it's a take the money and run situation. We must elect honorable men and women who will accept the responsibilities as well as the rewards of public service.

If I sound like a sore loser, it's because I am a sore loser. It makes me very sore when someone calls me names, gets a job because he does it so well, goes underground after he gets the job and resurfaces once a month to collect a check and then disappears once again. The real surprise is that Antonio Blow is now running for attorney general of the SGA. I hope he has a better understanding of that position than he obviously does of his current one.

As we approach election day here on campus, I certainly hope that we will have high expectations for those shoulders we will thrust the mantle of leadership upon and will be wise enough to learn from past mistakes and bold enough to change the course of student politics here at A&T. Let's make our student government act like a government in 1990-91.

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Flaws Haunt Blacks

The Black Agenda for the 1990's is to first take a first hand look at what's happening to the Black race. And this look will enhance our awareness of where we are and the direction we need to take. Self-confrontation plays a vital role in this process.

We need to confront ourselves and realize that we as a people have many flaws. And to overcome these flaws we need to identify them. We need to find the problem, create a solution and work on them as a single unit.

Also, we need to conclude in our minds that the only means of getting ahead as a race when the whites are in the majority and have the dominant power is through education. Once we have educated ourselves, we can discover what's going on in the world around us and get into positions that can determine our future. We need to take control of our destiny.

In the political arena we need to realize our political rights and use the power of voting. We tend not to vote because of lack of knowledge. We allow ourselves to be subjected to ignorance and continued discrimination. Therefore, we have a misconception of the candidates and a misrepresentation of our political aims. Decision making is in our own hands.

The social structure of the black community is important in the existence of the black race. The black family needs to stay together because it is the backbone of our social status. There are more and more of our families being raised by single parent households and mostly by mothers. Then we need to ask ourselves, where is the black male? Statistics report that there are more black males in America's prisons than in colleges and universities. This should tell us that our social structure is unbalanced.

The backbone of the black community is the black church. The black church is our foundation. We need to continue to support our churches because they focus on the well being of our community. Many activities are centered around the church.

The black agenda for the 1990's is simple but yet complex. We, as a race should come together and find a common ground. Then, we can excel in all aspects of society which enables us to benefit as a whole and beat the system that exist. Only we can control our destiny and by taking charge of our altitude, we can fly high as we set forth to go.

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University Goals Provide Direction

In observance of Self-Study Week the University encourages all students to become familiar with the goals and the mission of the university. Following are the goals of the University.

-To help students to improve their interpersonal and communication skills.
-To insure adequate career preparation for students that will enable them to lead productive lives.

-To develop innovative instructional programs that will meet the needs of a diverse student body and the expectations of the various professions.

-To maintain an environment which fosters quality instruction and encourages the further professional development of faculty and staff which supports the ideals of academic freedom and shared governance.

-To assist students in developing their powers of critical and

analytical thinking.

-To promote managerial efficiency in all administrative functions including the continued development of operational efficiency and productivity in the accounting and fiscal system of the University consistent with the needs of the various university programs and functions and with the expectations of state and federal regulations.

-To assist students in developing in-dept competence in at least

one subject area for a global economy and for an environment with changing technology.

-To aid students in the further development of self-confidence and a positive self image.

-To identify and secure additional sources for internal and external funds to support the development of competitive financial aid awards to academically qualified students and to needy students.

-To further develop and maintain the institutional research and

planning processes that are necessary for the continued competitiveness, relevance,

productivity and credibility of the University, its programs and its operations.

-To develop and maintain undergraduate and graduate programs of high academic quality and excellence.

-To encourage research and other creative endeavors by the faculty and students.

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