Freshman orientation big success

By: Michelle Howerton
Chief Reporter

Another school year is upon us and, as always, a group of new freshmen arrived on campus eager to experience life away from home for the very first time. Freshman Orientation was held as usual to try to make the transition to college life as comfortable as possible. According to a few of freshmen, life as an Aggie is an exciting challenge which all of them are ready to conquer.

Orientation was not all fun and games though. One inevitable aspect of becoming a student at A&T is the placement test. Three hours were set aside during the orientation for students to take the reading, English, and math placement tests.

Perhaps one of the most stimulating events was the freshman convocation. Rev. Tyrone Crider, national executive director of Operation PUSH, addressed the freshmen and their parents with an inspirational message to get students off on the right foot.

"He (Crider) really motivated me," said Frankie Cokley of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. "He spoke of things and people in society, like M.C. Hammer, and he related those things to school. He said a lot of things about blacks should boycott Nike products because they do not give any money back to the black community."

Cokley, who comes from a predominantly white high school, had to try to adjust to "new" surroundings. She says that the friendliness of the people in Barbree Hall and in her classes have made her feel very comfortable.

In fact, she's so comfortable that she has not begun to miss home!

Todd Summers, a Greensboro resident, has come to realize that college is very different from high school, but he sees A&T as a very good university and is ready to tackle the challenges as an industrial technology major.

"There is a lot more responsibility when you're in college," said Summers. "I had to adjust to the change, but it hasn't really been that hard."

At September 5, the number of freshmen enrolled was 1,077. There are many people who have decided to further their education and perhaps become a prominent figure in years to come.

According to a few of the freshmen, life as an Aggie is an exciting challenge which all of them are ready to conquer.

A number of activities were scheduled during the summer and fall freshman orientation sessions. Participants in those activities seemed very impressed with what A&T had to offer. And, amazingly enough, some of them even thought that the registration system was good!

"I didn't have any problems at all with registration," said Nicole Jones, a freshman from Roxana Ralpicks, North Carolina. "I was able to get all of my classes through pre-registration."

Gantt vists Greensboro

By: Rhonda Debnam
Staff Writer

The Depot, the usual site of most college jams, was to a different site on Thursday, September 6, 1990. Instead of its usual packet of atmospheric of blasting music and dancing students, the Depot was filled with balloons, signs, buttons, and posters and most of all with hundreds of supporters chanting, "HARVEY! HARVEY!"

After several cookouts called "ALL-AMERICA GANTT COOKOUT", which raised $24,000, throughout various cities, Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, N.C. and democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, made a stop in Greensboro, N.C.

Wearing a navy blue suit, a blue shirt, and a burgundy paisley tie, Gantt proceeded to address the overwhelmingly receptive audience. Gantt is also immersed in clean air and the environment.

"Pollutors," he thinks, "should pay!"

Bustin' through the line

Senior guard Kevin Williams (61) helps tailback Kevin Acker (23) to a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Week performance against WSSU. The Aggies beat the Rams 27-16. A&T has a 3-0 record.

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Stop the Madness!!!

The greatest lesson that the Bible teaches us is to love one another. It seems, however, that some African-Americans here at A&T and in the surrounding area do not read the Bible like they should.

Within the last two weeks there have been several outbreaks of violence on and near campus involving African-Americans, and it has got to stop!

When confronted about the situation, many students offer the same sentiment: “Most of the time people who don’t even come on campus and start trouble.” While that is a problem that the administration and campus police must deal with, the problem of a modern day civil war within the African-American community remains unaddressed, unexamined, and putting the safety of thousands of innocent people in jeopardy.

For example, there was an incident at the Alpha Phi Alpha dance last Friday evening. Not only did students have to worry about being tripped by a stampeding crowd or crushed while trying to exit Moore Gym, but they also had to worry about being in the path of a stray bullet. It’s unfortunate that our students have to deal with these variables whenever they attend a function.

Many people feel that drugs and alcohol have a lot to do with the violence. Tension arises between students involved with the distribution and/or use of drugs and alcohol, thus creating an atmosphere of conflict which eventually leads to a fight. For example, there was an incident that occurred last semester when a resident advisor made a statement about the increase in alcohol and drug related problems.

Another reason seems to be envy. Somebody has something you want and they are making fun of it. ie. stereotypes, jewelry, etc. While I am unaware of an incident of that nature occurring in this area, I do know of a young woman who was killed by another young woman over a leather coat. If those are the reasons for black on black crime, then we as a race have a warped sense of materialistic value. When your time comes, you can’t take it with you, so why would you raise such a fuss over it?

The race community has made a valiant attempt at trying to solve this very serious problem with “Self Destruction” and “We’re All In The Same Gang.” I applaud and commend their efforts, but apparently African Americans can’t see the forest for the trees; they’re dancing to the beat yet failing to understand the message that the song is trying to relay: PLEASE STOP KILLING EACH OTHER!!! It’s hard for me to understand why African Americans would turn on one another after what we as a race have gone through over the last 300 years. During the 18th and 19th centuries we were stolen from Africa and brought here to be slaves (it is estimated that 100 million Africans died during the Middle Passage), yet we remained united and gained freedom. During the 1960s, we fought along with Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X to gain equality. And we gave our support to Nelson Mandela when he asked us to help him crush apartheid. I hope that we can get together and form a bond that can save our generation and educate the one that follows us. It’s important that we do because black on black violence is one of the dimmest chapters of the African American way of life, and that would definitely be “Self Destruction.”

Please don’t penalize students!!!

Upon arrival on campus for the Fall 1990 semester, you may be surprised to find the weather was still nice, the class work load was still light, and it seemed almost like summer had never left. Thus you saw them! Signs located at the entrance of all parking lots on campus. The signs informing you that you must have a validated vehicle sticker to park on campus.

That is no surprise to you, but what the sign fails to mention one small detail. Of course, it mentions the 24 hour enforcement, but what about the validation increase? How does a 90% increase in the cost of a validated sticker grab you? Yes, you read it right, the price of the validations fees has jumped from $15.00 to $60.00 for students and from $22.00 to $90.00 for faculty members just since Spring ’90 semester.

What could possibly be the purpose for such an outrageous increase? Mr. Joseph E. Daughtry, Director of Police and Public Safety Administration, gives three reasons: (a.)...it’s time was time for an increase. “(b.)...student enrollment has increased.” “(c.)...the increase in validation fees will provide the necessary funds to improve the overall parking situation at A&T.”

Mr. Daughtry justifies the increase because of the fact that throughout his 18 years with department he has seen enrollment steadily increase. His position is that it doesn’t take 18 years just to figure out that with an annual increase of students comes an annual influx of vehicles on campus. To make it more sense to collect revenues for improving the parking situation until the entire plan is mapped out and the projected cost of the project is realized. Sounds like Mr. Daughtry and the committee responsible for the approval of this increase subscribe to the old adage of putting the “cart” before the student.

I say don’t penalize the student for having a necessity. Let him or her spend $35.00 on groceries or books instead of paying it on accumulated parking tickets or in get their car out of the way.

Whose parking idea was it anyway?

When the semester began on August 27th, whether you are a returning student or a faculty member you may have noticed that a few changes had been made concerning the parking on campus. There had been an increase in the price of parking permits and there had also been changes as to where students could park on the campus.

Students who live on campus would either leave their cars parked at the dorms or if they are like any other typical college student they preferred to drive to class in order to avoid the long walk back to dorm.

On the other hand, those are the students that commute on a daily basis, who definitely need the areas on campus to park their vehicles and to some, parking anywhere on campus would satisfy them the most.

Even though students are constantly complaining about the increase of parking permits, shortages of parking spaces and the new signs that prohibit students from parking in various parking areas on the campus. The complaining alone just don’t seem solve the problem.

I do not know exactly whose idea it was to enforce such a new rule on the campus, but to me it is so unfair. Doesn’t there seem to be more students on the campus than faculty members? At least I would think so since there are so many empty spaces in the various parking lots all during the day.

You must look at the parking situation in two ways: (1) There are many students on this campus than faculty members in which student deserve the privileges of having more areas to park. (2) The campus is far from completely full on the campus all during the day. It’s definitely a fact, consider the issue.

Sure it’s ok for faculty to have reserved parking space I am not discouraging that. I know if I was an instructor I would have a reserved space also. One thing that needs to be considered that students are paying a price to attend this college and also for parking permits.

Some students are paying for the parking permits now how about a space to park it.
Campus Haps

On The Yard

Freshman class selects leaders

By: Lawrence Sherrod
Campus News Editor

The freshman class of 1990 held elections to select their class officers on Wednesday, Sept 12, in the Student Union.

Rodney Boone, a native of Greensboro, N.C., was the election for freshman class president. His primary goal is to bring the entire student body together on one accord. "The goal of the freshman class is to promote leadership, scholarships, and create unity among all students here at North Carolina A&T State University," the math education major remarked. Boone has a second goal, which is to work with the upcommers in beginning a second century of excellence at A&T.

Kimberly Young, a computer science major, was elected to the office of vice president. The Hymsville, Md native sees her position as more than just adding a back-up to the president. "As vice president, my duty is to assist the president in all activities, but, my goal is to help my peers to create a class that A&T has never seen before. I feel that this class can accomplish a great deal if we believe in ourselves and support each other. Together we will always be successful," she commented.

Kinya Nance was elected to the office of class secretary. The nursing major from Bowie, Md is ready for the challenge that the upcoming year holds. "When I ran for office, I knew that if I was elected as freshman class secretary that the position would require hard work, and I am both ready and excited to get started. Feel that the freshman class is going to go for this year," Nance remarked.

Charlotta, N.C., native Melva Peed was elected to hold the office of class treasurer. The business administration major believes that financial inability is an important factor in the overall success of the freshman class. "The financial goals of the freshman class are to supply sufficient funds for freshman activities and keep an accurate account of moneny transactions while maintaining freshman awareness of expenditures and profits," Peed said.

The young woman who was selected to be Miss Freshman is Karlel Tipp, a native of Morehead City, N.C. Tipp has committed herself to representing her fellow classmates in a manner that will gain them recognition. "As Miss freshman of A&T, I plan to represent the freshman class in a friendly and mannerly way. The freshman class of 1990 holds outspoken, determined, and courageous qualities. I feel like I'm that strong voice who would stand by her fellow classmates in any situation," the broadcast news major commented.

The turnout for the campaign speeches and the voting was the largest for freshman class elections in recent years. Each candidate was well reviewed by the audience, which made Nance feel that the freshman class had unlim- ited potential for success. "The turnout for the election speeches showed that we as a class are a supportive and united group. Unity is the key for success and together we can achieve it," she remarked.

Young, also impressed by the crowd support, plans to bring everyone together for a common purpose. "I aim to bring this class together. I aim to increase the energy of our class. I expect the support of everyone and the support of the other classes. We will have a good year. I am determined.

SOOMEONE YOU SHOULD MEET

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AGE: 18
CLASSIFICATION: Freshman
MAJOR: Chemical Engineering
HOBBIES: Playing cricket or croquet.
MOST INSPIRED BY: Father, mother, brother and uncle.
GOAL: (S): To become a physician.
HOMETOWN: Baroda, India
FAVORITE BOOK: Biography of Gandhi

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Osie Davis and wife Ruby Dee have co-hosted and co-produced two seasons of the critically acclaimed PBS series "With Osie and Ruby." Both starred in the highly acclaimed Spike Lee movie "Do the Right Thing." Ms. Davis is presently co-starring with Burt Reynolds in the new CBS television series, "Evening Shade." Ms. Dee was named "Best Actress of the Year" by the NAACP and was presented with the 22nd annual "Image Award" for her performance in "Do the Right Thing."

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Our People, Our Pride
By Eri Short
Staff Writer

President and Harlem Nat Turner was a freedom fighter for enslaved African in the year 1811.
Nat Turner was born in Southampton County, Virginia. At a young age, Turner showed himself as a leader.
He realized that slavery was against all natural and universal laws and felt that it was his destiny to uplift his people from this inhumane and unrighteous existence.
In the Mayflower, by Lerone Bennett, Jr., Turner is depicted as a "mystic with blood on his mind, a preacher with vengeance on his lips, a dreamer, a visionary, a revolutionary." As Turner grew in age and experience, the qualities of a visionary leader began to show.

Turner was a strict student of the Bible and often rendered powerful and emotional sermons that rejected the hypocrisy of slavery. Often in these sermons, Turner claimed that God had spoken to him through symbolized revelations. He professed to have received a vision from the Heavenly Father.

Because Turner was such a dynamic speaker and because he had a large following of slaves, he was able to convince others to join him in the completion of his heavenly vision. Due to his increasing popularity, Turner was labeled by his followers as "The Prophet."

Turner felt that it was his divine call to declare "war" on the oppressors of his people. Turner organized a tight band of runaway slaves with one thing in common; a deep and profound sense of hatred towards slavery. The revolution of the slaves in Southampton County was one of the bloodiest and most violent revolts in American history. The revolutionaries, many innocent people, got caught in the crossfire. This type of atrocity should be exposed; however, when any group of people is forced in live in a constant state of physical and mental bondage.

At the end of the African revolution, Nat Turner was executed by his captors. Although the revolt was small, the impact of Nat Turner and his ideals still serves as a reminder today of the tragic effects of oppression.
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The Big Score

Aggies in full swing

By: Serena Lowe
Staff Writer

Full Sports have begun, but maybe you did not know from all the noise at the football field that Aggie volleyball team is in full swing.

First year head Coach Carmon Todman, an A&T alums and former member of the Virgin Island National team, has requested that her squad turn up the HP for more fan support.

This year team consisting of six returning players has Acting Athletic Director Dr. Deborah Calloway, looking to increase in attendance will strengthen the morale of the players. "I believe that with Coach Todman's experience A&T's volleyball team will strengthen. The goal is to get more scholarships for volleyball and other female athletes," said Dr. Calloway.

Coach Todman commented, "The team spirits are high now and if their playing continues to improve they can excite the excitement of the game. At practice they work on the basics. In the game they work to put it all together and hold on to the lead through out the match.

These female athletes are learning to decrease negative attitudes and enhance team work. Caryn Mc Callough, a freshman setter, agrees with this philosophy. A native of Greensboro, she has played against teams that have been coached by Todman. "I'm getting good experience from playing with Coach Todman. I plan to improve my game especially setting the ball. This is something we disciplined in practices," said Mc Callough.

Coach Todman wants the Aggies to learn the game and be more appreciated toward the sport. Her hopes are to teach them to be good teachers to other students. This will help next season when rebuilding a team. "This team's very coachable because they are willing to learn. The freshmen seem especially eager," noted Coach Todman.

Jennifer Paisne, a junior from Warrenville, N.C., feels that the team will not know its full potential until they meet other MEAC teams in November. "We compete with four teams from our conference, on September 28, but we don't play the other teams until next year. MEAC Championship tournament at the end of the season," exclaimed Paisne.

Most of the team's opponents are not Division I teams.

The squad receives much needed support from other Aggie athletes and many fans, who have come to see them in action in their first two home preformance. The next home match is schedule for October 4 against Winston Salem.

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Spencer Hamilton (68) and James White clear a path for Barry London

Coach Hayes intensively watches the Aggies bulldog to another victory.

Western Carolina's Andy Schultz is bulldogged by a host of Aggies.

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