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Arggies Strive For Ph.D Program

By Leida Wiggins, Sports Editor

The prospect of North Carolina A&T State University being granted a new doctoral and master's degree program may soon become realities, according to a report prepared by a consulting group University of North Carolina System President C.D. Spangler and the Board of Governors.

If North Carolina A&T is accepted into a doctoral program, the university, as well as the engineering department, would become the first historically black university in the state to have such a degree program of offerings.

"I firmly believe that the implementation of technical Ph.D. programs at A&T is the right thing to do and that now is the right time to do it," said A&T Chancellor Dr. Edward B. Fort.

Fort says that A&T's PH.D. programs would be linked not only to the economics of the state but also to the nation as well. "These programs would provide qualified scientists and engineers not only in this region of North Carolina but throughout the state."

"I view the implementation of technical Ph.D. programs at A&T as a wonderful opportunity for highly qualified minorities and others and a significant opportunity for local and state wide industries and to benefit from this new source of technical talent," Fort adds.

Fort added that A&T is proceeding with plans for a new program to meet the submitted formal proposal soon.

"There is little doubt that North Carolina A&T State University should be allowed to proceed now with planning an implementation of the proposed Ph.D. degree in electrical and mechanical engineering and we recommend such authorization," the report states.

Chancellor Fort has praise for Dr. Harold Martin, dean of the School of Engineering, and the faculty for their extraordinary talent and commitment to the students. He also praised the students for their enthusiasm and readiness for doctoral instruction.

Dr. Martin pointed out that A&T, a 100-year-old land-grant university, has always assumed a leadership role in the field of engineering education and research.

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A&T Chosen As Research Center

North Carolina A&T State University's designation by the Historically Black Research University Foundation for Science and Technology as a research university will result in much enhanced funding for its science, engineering, technology and business programs.

Dr. William E. Hogan, vice president of Academic Affairs and director of the Historically Black Research University Foundation of Washington, D.C. announced A&T as one of the winners of the nation's competitive awards and stated "our goal is to provide a minimum of $10 million over five years."

Hogan said the program seeks to address the fact that all doctoral degrees awarded in the physical sciences, mathematics and computer engineering sciences, only 17 percent go to blacks.

Hogan said the initial six institutions and two more still in discovery are considered eligible by the Washington, D.C. based foundation to receive targeted financial, technical and scientific resources from private industry, industry and federal research institutions.

"This type of activity is important and welcome intervention for the private sector into the sponsorship of advanced and fully competitive education, not just for the Afro-American student, but an important harbinger for American higher education generally," Fort said.

Fort said the foundation will provide funding for A&T's professor and students to engage in collaborative research with the other black research universities, and with major federal organizations and universities.

"The idea," said Fort "is to have A&T and the other universities make a major contribution to the nation's critical need of graduating more blacks in the sciences, engineering, technologies and business, both in the undergrad and graduate and P.H.D. levels."

The other universities designated as research centers included Clark Atlanta University, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, Howard University, and the Morehouse School.

The foundation says the program will support the HBCUs with funds awarded for infrastructure projects, as well as chairs in mathematics and science.

Funding for universities will be provided with the opportunity to secure advanced degrees and industry experience.

A&T was in 1984-85 graduated more blacks than any other college or university in the nation.

The University also leads the nation in the granting of master's degrees in engineering. A&T's School of Business and Economics was the first historically black accounting department to gain national accreditation.

The A&T Register Staff would like to wish all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Pageant Queen Visits A&T

By Leida Wiggins, Campus News reporter

North Carolina A&T State University has become committed to increasing its white student enrollment by seeking white faculty and staff to volunteer as recruiters.

"We're a part of a desegregation consent decree under which the university is still operating," he said.

"We believe that the university has to recruit white students just as historically white institutions have to recruit students," said Evans.

The General Administration also requires the university to set aside some scholarships specifically for the recruitment of white students.

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Jungle Fever Blues
Greg Williams
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, a letter from the office of Dr. Hayes, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, stated the need to enroll white faculty and staff to aid in the recruiting process in order to increase white enrollment. The letter called for faculty and staff to go to high schools, two-year colleges and shopping malls, that's right malls, to recruit recent white students. I wonder if in 1991, when A&T was the Agricultural & Mechanical School for the Colored Race, there were white recruiters being enlisted to do the same. The school was an all-black school before the separate but equal garbage. Now that we've become equal and better than those we've been separated from the start, it is time to lead the way. So, since the mineral with UNGC fell through for now, the state must have said, "If we can't beat them let's join them." But it's not going to San Sam, anymore.

A&T is a historically black university. Right now, as a whole, we're a predominantly black university. But, our school of engineering is not according to a source, the enrollment is 41 percent, foreign is 62 percent, and white is 17 percent. 60 percent is not black. Our meat and potatoes, our trump card, our ace-boo-coin you know what I mean, has been studied, and measured, and are being taken to become the forefront. The government strikes again.

If you look around campus, there are a lot of fair-skinned brothers; not by choice but probably because of a racist slave master who forcibly took advantage of a black woman. A&T, like the black woman, has been raped and the government has been violating our school without our consent. Where does it stop? Does it stop? How long must we take this situation? According to Hayes, we have no choice by law. Sure, our athletic teams are predominantly black and our overall enrollment is over 80 percent black, but our future is questionable.

To say we don't want any non-black students is racist, but for the government to force us to increase white enrollment is racist also. Anyway, didn't Bush shoot down a bunch of civil rights bills because they were 'quota bills'? I guess that only applies to minorities, unless the minority happens to be the power structure. Does the 'A' in A&T stand for Appetite? Are we under way to be controlled by the minority at A&T? It's something to think about, huh?

Worst Time For Increase
James E. Low

The United States is in a recession, and A&T's students are going to be hit hard with the mandatory $150 housing increase. In state students living on campus will be paying $1,914 and out-of-state students will be paying $4,441. Almost 100 percent of all of the students are going to be hit in the worst possible time. Many students were not aware of the increase before leaving the university last semester. Consequently, most students would not budget their summer monies for a tuition fee increase they did not know was coming.

So this spring some students face paying not only for textbooks and other incidentals for a tuition increase as well. This will be a problem for many students. I know many of you are thinking that students waste most of their money on concerts, the latest Coach at Burger King. Not so.

Many students work in order to pay their own tuition, receiving little subsidization from their parents, and many students will now be faced with the fact that they must spend more hours working which, in the long run, will certainly affect their academic performance. And not lost, however: Students have three solutions to the increase. The first is to get another job. Many students already on some form of financial aid, another loan would only increase the huge debt waiting for them when they graduate.

Another solution is to get a better paying job. But with the unemployment rate so high, I would dare say that this is somewhat realistic. I am somewhat sure that many students find themselves already in it for the job. The only solution is the most dreadful one of all — withdrawal from the university. But a lot of students who are in the money-less crunch time they just might not be able to afford to stay in school. I am sure that the $150 fee increase was not implemented to decrease the number of students, but it may just do that.

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The Lesser Of Two Evils
Lawrence Harel
Managing Editor

Would you rather have your money stolen or be lynched? That is the question that many voters in Louisiana had to answer last Saturday when they voted for their governor.

They had been divided between Republican Berty Johnson, a former Nazi and grand wizard for the KKK, and Democratic Governor Edwin Edwards, who has been investigated for corruption, and Republican David Duke, a former Nazi and grand wizard for the KKK.

Duke claims to be a born-again Christian, but a former campaign official says he is still associated with the National Association for the Advancement of White People, an organization he founded back in the early 30's. If elected, he promises to get tough on affirmative action, school desegregation and public housing.

He says he "believes in the preservation of Western Christian civilization." Isn't that the answer given when someone asks Klansmen if they belong to the Klan? Wasn't the white man's raison for invading Africa to spread Western Christian civilization? Edwards was the 'people's choice' in the election, but his past is as clear as a mud puddle. Over his career he has earned a reputation as a huckster, gambler, and a womanizer and he has been investigated five times by a grand jury and the Internal Revenue Service between 1972 and 1980.

He was indicted on charges of racketeering and has been accused of accepting bribes from companies trying to win state approved for new hospitals. Several top aides were sent to prison and his trials have ended in hangs, jury acquittal, or dismissal. To his critics, he is, however, responsible for keeping the New Orleans Saints football team from moving to Florida.

Tough choice? Well, it wasn't that for Louisiana's citizens who voted Edwards back into office with 61 percent of the vote. Despite all the stink Duke has against him, he still got 657,557 of the nearly 2 million votes. Race relations in America improving? I think not.

From checking into the controversy surrounding the gubernatorial race, it's clear that Louisiana got the lesser of two evils. The way I see it, the voters voted for Duke and not for Edwards. Had there been another candidate with a reasonable reputation, neither man would have won.

Steel Magic, Still Cool
B.J. Evans
Sports Editor

As one would expect, national syndicated magazines have already started exploiting the Magic Johnson story. Two weeks ago, a broadcast reported the retirement of Ervin "Magic" Johnson, the superstar point guard for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The report stated that Johnson had contracted the Aids virus, and was advised by team doctors to retire from basketball. Johnson had already missed the first three games with the Lakers because of a flu-like illness that decreased his strength and made him lose weight at a rapid pace. "Hesaid," the infection had been discovered in a blood test for a liver problem.

Soon after the shocking and unexpected news of Magic's retirement, people wanted to know how he contracted the disease. Popular magazines like the National Enquirer, Star, and Globe, produced headlines stories that features Magic in their own assumptions of how it happened.

Each magazine has different headlines that read: Magic had sex with over 1,000 women. One suggested that Magic's relationships with porn-star Heather Hunter, tv actress Robin Givens and singer Paula Abdul attributed to the virus. Others suggested that his friends from downtown L.A. contracted the virus from a blonde bombshell "the story you've been waiting for."

This type of hype is not the way, we all know that he got the virus through heterosexual contacts and not his. But, with what a media is in a new situation? Magic has taken on the fact that he has the virus, and admits he didn't practice safe sex. He has also pledged to become a spokesman for Aids prevention, so why the meaningless hype?

If Magic's message is to come off to peers and others about safe sex, the crueled ideas and irrational publications will tarnish, not only the message but the harsh reality behind the deadly disease.

Maybe I missed something along the way, but when Magic first came out with the information, everyone was sad, yes, but praised him for his courage and thought if anybody could get the right message across, it could be Magic! So why continue the hype?

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Greensboro Native Selected As Air Force Colonel

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.—A Greensboro, N.C. native was recently notified by the Air Force that he was selected for promotion to the rank of colonel.

Lt. Col. Earlton C. Donnell, Jr., son of Earl Donnell, Sr. and the late Rechee Donnell of Greensboro, will soon replace the silver oak braves on his shoulder boards with silver eagles.

Donnell is currently the chief of the selection division at Headquarters Air Force ROTC at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. "I’m extremely pleased at this accomplishment. It’s quite a momentous occasion. The competition gets tougher with each new rank."

Donnell graduated from James B. Dudley High School then earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from North Carolina A&T State University. He was commissioned as an officer through the Air Force ROTC program in June 1969. Donnell went on to earn a master's degree in sociology from Peabody University. His military education includes Squadron Officer School, Air University and Staff College, and the National Security Management Course.

Donnell began his Air Force career as a navigation student and earned his wings in May 1970. He is now a Master Navigator with more than 2,800 flying hours in T-43 and B-52 aircraft.

"Initially, I planned on giving the Air Force about five years, but I’ve quickly realized that I like what I was doing and the rest is history," he said.

"I enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of the newest generation of technology and personnel. It was with teamlike, dynamic people."

The colonel selects his father as his early role model and encouraged him to pursue his dreams. "Today, I still see my father as a role model, but I also greatly admire Gen. Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

Donnell’s Air Force assignments have ranged from California and Michigan to Georgia and Vietnam. He has flown 52 combat missions over Vietnam served as an instructor in the 19th Bombardier Missile Wing, and as a department head of personnel at California State University in Long Beach, Calif., among others.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Sibert Named Associate Vice Chancellor

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Dr. James Sibert has been named associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs at North Carolina A&T State University. His appointment was announced by Dr. Edward B. Fry, president.

Sibert formerly served as assistant director of counseling services and is a native of Trinity, N.C.

Sibert’s former positions at A&T include senior counselor, Thirteen College Curriculum Program; university guidance counselor; and psychology instructor.

He also served as the director of career planning and placement at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Sibert received his B.S. degree in biology and education from North Carolina Central University, the M.S. degree in guidance counseling-advising from A&T, and his Ed.D. in education administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"The university’s student affairs division is an environment which changes constantly. Therefore, programs and services must always be amenable to the changing world around us. We have to adapt our activities and adjust to satisfy the needs of the students in their development both personally, socially, emotionally and academically," said Sibert.

Sibert is superintendent of Church School at Matthew United Methodist Church, president of A&T’s child development laboratory, member of Volunteers to the Court, Guilford County; member of the Greensboro Historical Commission.

Students Speak Out Against State Policies

As the Fall ’91 semester begins to wind down, there has been a scramble to get prepared for the Spring ’92 semester.

However, while standing in these lines, you may have noticed the gradual increase in the number of Caucasian students also signing up for classes.

This rise in enrollment of Caucasian students is primarily due to the recent revision of the policies regarding minority recruitment programs by all members of the UNC System.

"How do African-American students feel about this program? Several students were randomly polled and asked to contribute their opinions on the subject, and all of the participants rejected the idea of caucasian recruitment efforts."

The student social organizer, some students felt that the number of historically black institutions is already steadily on the decline, mainly due to similar recruitment programs.

As a result, the opportunity for many African-American high school graduates to attend a predominantly black college are being decreased as these types of recruitment programs continue to expand.

Junior political science major Marcella Eubanks felt that... "programs like these will perpetuate what has been a social and academic "safe haven" for young African-American students for the past 100 years.

White students who enroll at A&T, up until recently, had received scholarships which covered their entire expense base at A&T.

However, the African-American students surveyed felt that providing substantial financial assistance to white students whose parents are not classified as lower income bracket creates a system which not only can be exploited by African-Americans seeking higher learning, who simply do not have the necessary resources to attend any university.

Another major aspect mentioned by the students was the low numbers of minorities in traditionally white pride at A&T.

The validity of the entire A&T Minority Recruitment Program was brought into question by Angela Simmons, a senior political science major.

"I felt the avid recruitment of caucasians under the banner of minority student, was a policy in dire need of re-evaluation."

"When I think of the situation, I put this question to originators of the program: What about the rising number of undocumented black men and women being sent to prison instead of college?", Simmons asked.

"I really think we need to re-organize our priorities and start reaching out into the community and providing assistance to those unfortunate individuals who need it the most."

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Around the Block

Community News & Events

Daughtry Addresses Crime Issues

By Stephanie Rose
Community News Editor

Greensboro Police Chief Sylvester Daughtry told over 100 concerned members of the community that crime has increased 22.5 percent, and that black males make up 68 percent of the total homicides in Greensboro at New Light Baptist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 19 in a discussion about crime in the community.

The discussion was held as part of the NAACP's membership meeting and aimed to open communication between the Greensboro Police Department and the black community.

Daughtry said that the department has an extremely heavy case load this year because of an increase in murder cases and that they have made more arrests.

He said that the homicides are more difficult to investigate.

Daughtry added that it is not unusual for victims to have been killed by someone that was close to them or someone they knew.

"Three crimes are aid to prevent when it takes place in the privacy of the home," he said.

According to Daughtry, young people today have little or no value system and the family, one of the most important aspects of the African-American community, has all but disappeared.

"If a person grows up unloved, has no self-esteem and little education, by thistime that person is 14, 15 or 16 they usually come in contact with us," the chief also said.

He cited the high unemployment rate, the overcrowded prison system and the turning away from the church, the backbone of African-American society, as reasons for the increasing crime rate.

According to the Greensboro police chief, the communities need to return to traditional values.

"When all institutions in our society have failed, we are in trouble," said Daughtry.

In the question and answer session, some audience members attacked the Greensboro Police Department's efforts, alleging that some officers have lacked ethical attitudes and that the same expedient and efficient response that occurs in the white areas is not found in the black communities.

"Most officers agree that they should be professional and they're already subject to be used by us," said Daughtry.

"We deal with people you wouldn't want to deal with and we do the best that we can with the resources that we have," Daughtry added in that an effort to reduce crime the department has set up neighborhood resource centers at four sites throughout the city.

The program has reduced homicide at the site locations by 87 percent.

"We want to implement community-wide efforts," said Daughtry. "And we ask that you be patient with us in the conditions in which we work."

Alumni In The News

Dr. Velma Spight, a 1953 graduate, Director of Education at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, was selected as a participant in the Maryland Consortium - Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Seminar 91 to Ghana and Ghana. The six-week summer study-abroad program was designed to enhance the awareness of specially selected Maryland educator's international and global concerns.

Stephanie Johnson, a 1984 graduate, has been promoted from Corporate Staff Accountant to Financial Analyst for the broadcasting division of Cox Enterprises Inc. Johnson was a senior accountant for Coopers & Lybrand of Atlanta.

Frances Huntley-Cooper recently became the first black mayor in Flushing, Wisconsin. Ms. Huntley-Cooper earned her degree in social services from North Carolina A&T and a master's degree in social work from UW-Madison.

Tori Williams, a 1990 graduate in chemistry from North Carolina A&T, was former minority access to research careers (MARC) Program trainee, has co-authored a paper entitled "Suppression of Lymphocyte Proliferation by Uncon Lymphoid Secretory Proteins of Pergnant and Nonpregnant Guinea," published in the June 1991 issue of Thromb. Gen., a journal dealing with the reproductive physiology of livestock species.

Ola Eguarue, curator of the African Heritage Center.

The university gave the Center $6,000 to defray operational costs, but this is not enough, however, we get money from the College of Arts and Sciences for special needs," said Eguarue.

The fundraising activities were held in the main lobby of the gallery and featured entertainment by the "In the Black," jam band.

Heritage Center Holds Fundraiser

Following that A&T's own Dr. Elmer Greymyn African Dance Group performed. The event also had activities for young children which included an unusual shield making craft activity as well as African Folk tale readings.

Later that afternoon guests were treated to African meal consisting of African baked chicken wings and African doughnuts sponsored by the Safari Restaurant and Disco.
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History Club Promotes Afrocentricity

By Lawrence Grady
Managing Editor

Ask any member of A&T's History Club whether they prefer the "Eurocentric" or "Afrocentric" view of the past, and the answer will be a unanimous yes.

On Nov. 17, the club compared the two perspectives in front of a standing room only crowd at a forum in Gibbs Hall.

The purpose of the forum, according to History Club President Eric Short, was to "acknowledge that we as people have contributed greatly to society.

"We felt like the information we had needed to share because, looking at the present educational system, this information is overlooked in the history books," Start said. "Timely is critical. The History Club is trying to find positive solutions to the problems we see everyday."

Each club member researched a particular aspect of Afrocentricity, from religion to diet, and gave reports based on the information they discovered. Club member Corey Hugan began the forum by giving an overview of both Afrocentricity and Eurocentricity.

"Afrocentricity places what we know and don't know about ancient Africa and places it at the center of our being," he said. "Eurocentricity is an emphasis on European culture and reduces the contributions of Africans." A value chart was drawn to illustrate the differences between the two. The European values were: love, community, and religion. "The African values were: cooperation and humanity as holistic, everyday contributions," Short said. "Members of the forum set up the forum based on the idea that if you can reach one, it will make a difference."

Chris Powell, another club member, agreed. "The people gave a good response to the information given," he said. "We want to get truth to the people. Not because we want to give them a sample of Afrocentricity. Then they'll be hungry for more knowledge so they can help us stop the madness in the streets." Club member Tonya Sumners reported on Harriet Tubman, one of the first great female leaders of Egypt. Hapshetsut took over rule of Egypt after the death of her brother.

Because she wore male clothing during the time of her reign Hapshetsut was viewed as a man. For many, she wore male clothing to avoid any conflict concerning her reign. Hapshetsut built the temple of Deir el-Bahri located in the Valley of the Kings on the west bank of the Nile. She later built Uthokis at Kurnah, Egypt in memory of her physical father. Religion was also an interest topic for discussion. According to club member Erik Roberts, the 10 Commandments came from the 147 Negative Confessions. "The people killed" comes from "I have not killed."

Roberts also revealed that the Nativity was taken word-for-word from the story of the Virgin Mary giving birth to Elo- n, who preceded Christ by over 4,000 years.

Overall, says club member Kevin Rossetti, the forum "awakened a lot of people in ways of things we didn't know."

Like Egypt being the first civilization, (The forum) will make people hungry for knowledge about themselves.

Transportation Institute Highlighted

By Donna Prince
Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T's Transportation Institute was started in 1990 in the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Association. The Center was established with a $150,000 research and training grant in July 1990.

The Center, through the university's involvement in the field of Transportation Research, Usage and Technology, is organized as a core. The Transportation Institute is formed in a multi-disciplinary research unit in the School of Business and Economics. A&T Welcomes New Librarian

By Dale Whitman
Staff Writer

Along with the many students that came to A&T this semester was new faculty member Doris Mitchell.

Mitchell, a native of Jasper, Ala., is the academic development officer at Bluffton Library. Her duties include building and evaluating a collection that meets the needs of the institution.

Her goals for the library are to expand its resources so that it will be a primary source of information for students.

Mitchell worked at Howard University for 13 years as an assistant director of undergraduate libraries before joining A&T's staff in March. She says she came to Greensboro to live in a safer, more comfortable environment.

"The changes that I see are good changes for me in terms of coming to a smaller environment here in the Greensboro area," she said. "I feel more comfortable here in terms of crime, though crime is everywhere.

Mitchell feels she came to A&T at the right time because of the Centennial Celebration. She had the opportunity to attend various events and hear interesting speakers. She encourages students to get involved with the library and welcomes any suggestions that may help the library's growth.
MEAC Title Up For Grabs

By Dr. RJ Evans
Sport Editor

Saturday, in front of a national television audience, the North Carolina A&T Aggies will take on the South Carolina State Bulldogs in the final game of the season.

This game has a very high degree of magnitude because, if the Aggies win, they will clinch their first championship since 1988 and have the go-ahead to represent the conference in the Alamo Heritage Bowl on December 21 in Miami’s Joe Robbie Stadium.

However, if A&T loses, it could keep a possible four-way tie with Delaware State, Bethune-Cookman and South Carolina State, pending each team wins their perspective games.

If this scenario should happen, there would be four co-conference champions in the MEAC. More importantly, the Alamo Heritage Bowl Committee would then choose the team to represent the MEAC in the Bowl game.

"We don’t want a lot of confusion; in terms of who the conference champion is, we want to be the outright MEAC champion, and if we win this game, we feel we deserve to be that," said Head Coach Bill Hayes.

South Carolina State’s offense operates from a diverse option set and poses a serious threat to the Aggies’ Blue Death Defense," much like Delaware State.

"Our defense has gotten better; we feel like we’re going to be more physical, and we have to be, to stop their running game," Hayes said.

Aggies Stop Swedes

By Cathy Baker
Staff Writer

The Aggies outlasted, outran, outshot, and outscored the Swedish National Basketball team 69-63, in Tuesday night’s preseason exhibition game in Corbett Sports Center.

"The guys showed a lot of character and desire to win by beating a professional, Olympic team," said head coach Don Corbett.

"And if we can keep a team who averages 79 points a game to 61 points, we could have a very promising year in the conference."

The Aggies started off slow defensively in the opening minutes of the first half, giving up a 6-2 lead. Despite being behind 13-8, the Aggies were ahead by three points at halftime.

In the second half, pressures all MEAC pick, Dana Elliot and transfer Jemison Williams, picked up the scoring and led the Aggies with 13 points each.

"I was worried at first because my shot was not falling, but I knew in the second half, after hitting my first two baskets, everything was going to be alright," said Elliot.

Corbett says good defense and strong rebounding were also major factors in the Aggies victory.

"Darryl Cherry’s pass deflections and Thomas Gamers two rebounds at the end of the second half were really the turning points in the game."

"This game gave me a chance to see exactly what our strengths and weaknesses are so we can prepare for our season opener against University of Charleston on Dec. 2," said Corbett.

Weight Room Closed

By Keith Richard
Staff Writer

The closing of Moore Gym’s weight room has caused a disturbance among A&T students about the schools ability to provide adequate recreation for it’s student body.

Moore Gym, a place many students and residents of Greensboro gather to play basketball and lift weights, was closed during the second session of summer school because of vandalism.

"Also, due to the room’s condition, A&T would be held liable if there was an accident," Director of Intramural Ralph Brown said. "We had students who wanted to lift weights so bad, they would break into the weight room. Students have done that and more. They have gone to the field house where the football players lift and were asked to leave."

Bill Hayes, head coach of the Aggie football team does not think this is an example of giving athletes special attention.

"The field house is inadequate for the team and the lifting room (the) student body they would give us a big mess."

Brown has made one exception. The weight lifting classes are allowed to participate during class hour.

Some students are not taking the situation lying down. Dean Moore, a up-and-coming industrial engineering major, was the leader of a petition that circulated around the campus which was given to Dr. Sullivan-Wilbourne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"I feel that any student should be allowed to have easy access to the athletic facilities on campus because of the major role of student of our accomplishments," said Moore.

Sources say there are two weight rooms left on campus, Corbett Sports Center and the field house. Students are not allowed to use these facilities.

Dr. Deborah Callaway, chairman of the physical education-department, was the person responsible for closing the weight room.

"It is the most vandalized building on this campus," said Callaway. Reopening the weight room depends on funds and there will be no more free weights.

Brown says they are looking forward to replacing free weights with Nautilus Machines, which have cables connected to the weights for self-spotting.

Brown says Nautilus is a good opportunity for gifts to lift.

"We do not need a second-hand weight room, we need a first-hand weight room unstudents will have some place to lift and become physically fit."

The estimated cost for the weight room is $30,000.

Brown has held two benefit basketball games to support the weight room and the needy on Thanksgiving.

On Nov. 9, the A&T administrative team played the faculty-staff team. The annual Blue vs Gold game was played later that evening.

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