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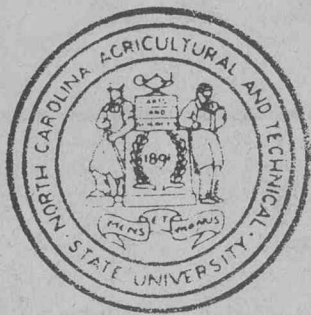
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# A&T REGISTER

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## Miss. A&T, SGA officers elected

By Betsy M. Peoples  
Associate News Editor

A record voter turn-out Wednesday resulted in a landslide victory for new SGA President Erica Smith and new Miss A&T Machel Cato.

After the results were announced by elections committee chairman Tyrone Stanley, Smith, who defeated Donovan Kirkland, was buried in hugs by supporters.

"I'm real excited and grateful," said Smith, who won with 841 votes. "It was a very hard campaign. I'm glad things worked out the way they did."

Smith said she believed both she and her opponent were well qualified for the position. "Students stood to gain a lot from both of us. I really think I appealed to the masses of the people by going out to meet them one-on-one. But the best thing I had going for me is God's grace."

Smith said in speaking to the students, "As your president, I will not anoint myself with power, I will empower you. With the power of the people we will be able to progress and rebuild Aggie Pride."

Her primary goal while in office is to strengthen the bond between students, the executive board and faculty.

"I have a strong belief in the power of a woman," said Smith, the first female president since 1987, "because no one can underestimate the power of their mother."

The hand the rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

After calling home and being embraced by hugs and kisses from supporters, Cato was "overwhelmed" at her victory.

She believes she was elected because she is down to earth. "I have no problems associating with anyone on and beyond campus. I am an effective communicator, I do not discriminate. "I don't look on the outside of people, material things or their physical presence.

I look at what is more important...their character."

Cato won with 663 votes, 327 more than her closest competitor Cynthia Brown. There were six competitors for Miss A&T.

Theron McConneyhead, who won the Vice President of External Affairs seat by defeating Anthony Tucker, with 780 votes said that his campaign has been proven leadership.

"I feel the students checked my record and found that my record was true," said McConneyhead.

"Overall the student body has been disgruntled with the political process. This year the students made sure they selected people who will listen and hear their voice and not just cater to an elite group."

McConneyhead told the students at the speeches to "invest in stock that will not drop."

"This year their stock will rise and continue to rise with this new regime. There will be an open door policy. In the past the SGA seemed to be a covert organization that students could not find. This is your SGA we are giving it back to you. So the door will always be open."

Vice President of Internal Affairs, William Kearney ran unopposed.

Rodney Boone, won the Attorney General seat by defeating Catherine Netter. Boone had 825 votes.

Sonya Evans was victorious in gaining the seat for SGA Treasurer by defeating Joannee Moody with a total of 760 votes.

SGA Secretary, Felicia Thompson ran unopposed.

Current SGA President Tony Watlington said this has been the highest voter turn out in five years.

Watlington said the present SGA board will ensure that the new members will do well. The SGA executive board has planned a retreat for the newly elected members and the prevailing board. There the officers will discuss end of the year reports and future plans."

Watlington said all of the newly elected officers are very capable. "What I like about the new president is that she's not afraid to speak up."

She's honest has morals and she cares about people."



Erica Smith

Watlington said as treasurer, Smith returned the fiscal integrity of the SGA around. "Erica restored the fiscal integrity. I will be happy to pass the gavel onto her."

The officers of the sophomore class are:

President Kecia Williams, Vice President Tiffany McCullen, Secretary Sheryl Harrison, Treasurer LaTashia Satterfield, Miss Sophomore Angela Banks.

Winners of the junior class are: President Tanya Sherita Boone, Vice President Robert Holt, Barbara Shoffner, Treasurer Ronald Kilgore, Miss Junior TaWanna Benbow.

Winners of the senior class are:



Machel Cato

President Chrisaun Yarborough, Vice President Carson Funderburk, Secretary Sherrish Holloman, Treasurer Shavone Harrison, and Miss Senior Tanja Darden.

Election Committee Chairperson is Carlton Brooks. Committee members are:

Alexis Baskerville, Andrea Bynum, Africa Hakeem, Kara McKoy, John Morris.

Student Judiciary Council Chairperson is Kimberly Brown. Council members are:

Keith Barron, Trina Caviness, Kevin Dockery, Libra Dumas, James Frison, Roosevelt Long, Jr., Ronatta McCoy, Terri Thomas.

## 100th birthday bash set for Dr. Gibbs

Greensboro, N.C. - The one thing which is still impressive about that elder statesman, Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs, is that twinkle in his eye and his keen sense of humor.

Greeted recently by a visitor, Gibbs chuckled vigorously as he exclaimed, "I'm doing fine for an old man. I'm getting up in age, you know."

Gibbs, best known as the president-emeritus of North Carolina A&T State University, will be honored by A&T and several community groups on his birthday, Apr. 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

While his family and the community are excited about the approaching event, Gibbs is taking it all in stride.

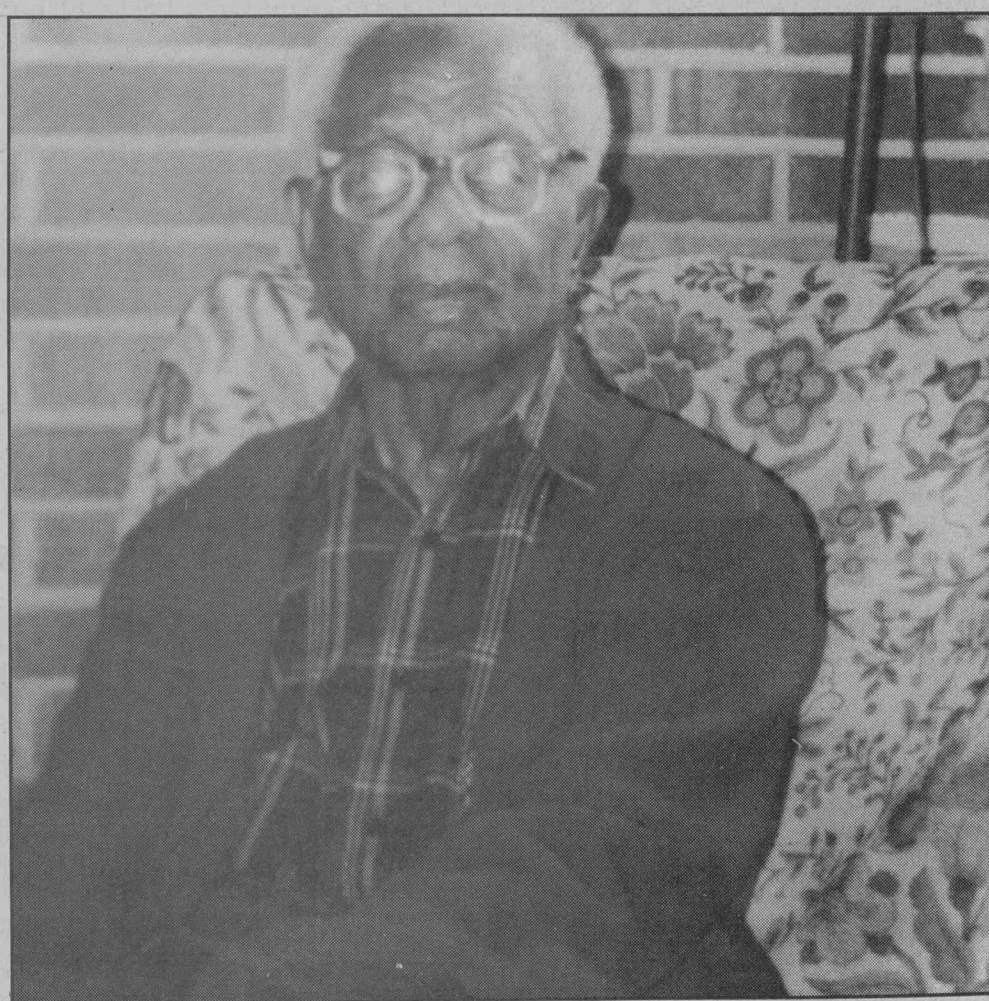
Seated in a comfortable chair on his sun-porch, with his feet propped up on a hassock, he told a reporter, "I'm doing all right and I just can't get excited."

The Gibbs birthday party will be open to the public, but it will be highlighted by appropriate tokens from the President of the United States, the Governor and the Mayor of Greensboro.

Gibbs accomplished a lot at A&T in his five years as president, including getting the university accredited for the first time by the Southern Association. But he really carved his niche in the University's history during the historic 1960 lunch-counter sit-ins.

During the height of the demonstrations, the city's power structure wanted Gibbs to clamp down on the students who were marching in the streets for their rights.

Gibbs politely told them: "We teach our students how to think, not what to think." The rest is history as the students successfully launched a



Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs

national protest movement against segregation.

Gibbs well remembered his handling of that event. "I had studied government, history and international relations and that prepared me for handling that situation. It didn't bother me," he said.

Gibbs has received a lot of honors, but one which genuinely touched him was the Board of Governors' University Award which he received last November for illustrious service to higher education.

Gibbs, a transplanted Louisianian, has been a resident of Greensboro for 66 years. During his 40-year tenure at

A&T, he served in several capacities.

He was the dean of men, instructor of military science, professor of history and government, dean of the School of Education and General Studies and president of the university. He retired in 1966.

As a teacher of government at A&T, Gibbs became a legend to thousands of the students he taught.

They remember him as a Harvard-trained no-nonsense teacher, but who always ejected a bit of humor in the classes.

Whenever A&T alumni gather across the nation, they still want to know how "Dean" Gibbs is doing, remem-

bering the second most important position he held at the University for so long.

Age has also not dimmed Dr. Gibbs' wit and his recollection. He talks with much accuracy about being born and growing up in Tiny Baldwin, LA, which he recalled is just "10 miles from the Gulf of Mexico."

But most of all, he talks with fondness about his early schooling in Gilbert Academy, which was a day and boarding school founded by the United Methodist Church for blacks, and which attracted lower and middle class students.

After several years at the school, Gibbs entered Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, where he finished high school and college.

After earning his liberal arts degree from Wiley, Gibbs entered Harvard University. He was there at the outbreak of World War I and he left college in 1917 to become one of the first few black Army Officers.

It was also in Boston that he met his late wife, Marece Jones Gibbs. After the war, Gibbs finished his degree and earned a master's at Harvard. He arrived in Greensboro in 1926.

Gibbs has been retired since 1966. He now lives with his daughter, Elizabeth Gibbs Moore, in his comfortable home 1000 Ross Avenue. His son, Dr. Chandler Gibbs, is a retired physician in Poughkeepsie, New York.

When asked for any observation about race relations he wished to make as he nears his 100th birthday, Gibbs said, "We (blacks) haven't solved all of our problems, but we are working."

## Marketing Group Seeks Students

PHILADELPHIA - Providing a profit-sharing strategy with undergraduates, the newly formed Collegiate Marketing Group is looking for a few good men and women.

Over the next few weeks, CMG will be accepting registration from students who wish to earn money and develop sales skills on a part-time basis during the 1992-93 school year.

Marketing a direct mail order catalog, participating students will earn a 15% commission on orders once they have hand-delivered the catalogs to prospective buyers.

CMG has targeted recruiting fraternities and sororities who may wish to incorporate the company's program as a chapter fund raiser.

All students are welcome to enroll before the May 15, 1992 deadline in order to receive catalogs in September.

The catalogs will feature appealing, reasonable-priced merchandise that has been selected from a variety of name-brand manufacturers to assure quality and reliability.

Students who would like to join the CMG marketing force should forward a twenty-five dollar check made payable to "The Collegiate Marketing Group." Do not send cash.

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# ON THE SERIOUS TIP

EDITORIALS AND VIEWPOINTS

## Humanity or Vanity?

By Greg Williams  
Editor-in-Chief

On March 18, 1992, almost 70 percent of the white minority in South Africa voted to share the power with the black majority. The overwhelming vote showed support for de Klerk but the white South Africans are not ready to give up their power yet and are telling the blacks not to expect to see sweeping reforms, but to be patient.

I suppose they think black majority should be grateful for this vote of "confidence". But the blacks still can't vote, segregation still remains in some institutions, and education largely remains segregated while most blacks are attending inferior schools. It's like the man who stabbed you in the back wanting you to say thanks for pulling the knife out half way.

European countries embraced the white government and talked about instantly lifting sanctions. de Klerk is being viewed as a hero but what are the true intentions of the South African government?

AP reported that the current government wants to have a constitution written stating that the white interest must be protected under a multi-racial democracy in what would amount to a "white veto" over any future government. The whites say they will not surrender power until their demands are written in a new constitution. Nelson Mandela and other African National Congress(ANC) leaders say the demands "perpetuate apartheid in disguise" and must be the last "whites only" vote.

Pro-apartheid whites say they won't abandon the struggle for a white homeland even though they lost the referendum. Extremist are trying to assemble private armies for what they predict will be a race war.

The new political system will be in the works for the required 1994 elections but until then the white government plans to stay in power.

All the reforms and changes sound wonderful but the fact is that the black Africans were raped of everything they owned and realistically can not be optimistic about getting any compensation for a life time of oppression.

The referendum allows blacks to own land anywhere, but where will they get the money since there is an unemployment rate of more than 50 percent among blacks. Is it because the Africans are lazy and do not want work? Do they just want to sit around and fight each other? That's what is being relayed by South African, American and European press.

The truth is that South Africa is still in a colonized, captive state. Until last week, they would be shot if they were caught in the wrong part of town and still probably would be.

As for the fighting, it has been reported that South African military forces have dressed up in the colors of opposing political factions (usually the ANC or the Zulu dominated Inkatha Freedom Party) and bombed or open fired on trains, houses, schools, large crowds and even packed school buses.

The South African government has successfully portrayed the blacks as wild, uncontrollable animals. The black American's civil rights struggle shows that people can come from the mires of slavery to the pentacle of our diverse culture.

But the obstacles are different in South Africa, as they are caught in a cycle which is a four way war: The Inkatha freedom fighters vs. the ANC vs. the white government vs. the pro-apartheid whites.

The situations is distressing and can't be dismissed as being on the final road to peace. The game that the 5 million whites are playing with the 30 million blacks is a true sign of inhumanity, and can not be disguised through the vanity intended media exposure.

## Adding Insult to Injury

By Lawrence Sherrod  
Managing Editor

North Carolina Governor Jim Martin has declared Mar. 4 Confederate Flag Day, which is to be recognized across the state; a Confederate Flag is flying high over the state capital building in Raleigh as we speak. He says that the flag symbolizes the rich history of North Carolina. The flag is also the biggest direct insult to the black community since President Bush vetoed the 1991 Civil Rights Bill and nominated Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court barely a month later. It is ironic that Confederate Flag Day follows so soon after Black History Month because the Confederate Flag represents an era considered to be one of the darkest chapters in black history.

To understand what the flag really symbolizes, you have to go back to the days of the Civil War when slavery was alive and kicking. The Confederate States, including North Carolina, were led by Robert E. "the original redneck" Lee, who wanted to keep slavery because he had a source of cheap labor; he figured that he'd have to pay a white person to work for him and, since blacks were considered only three-fifths of a person anyway, what difference did it make?

Meanwhile, not-so-honest Abe Lincoln, who led the Union, wanted to free the poor black folk since he couldn't send them all back to Africa. After the Civil War ended and blacks were "freed," they had to face terrorism from a new underground group that called themselves the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who supported the ideas that led to the formation of the Confederacy.

The Klan made lynching blacks a nightly ritual and the government made half-hearted attempts to stop it. No lynching was complete without the Confederate Flag waving in the background complemented by a burning cross (just ask David Duke).

So much for "rich history." It's been 127 years since the end of the Civil War and things are still the same. There is a new form of slavery afflicting the black community (drugs), the Klan is still acting in a terrorist capacity and the government is still making half-hearted attempts to do anything. And, somewhere in Raleigh, Jim "Robert E. Lee" Martin thinks of blacks as three-fifths of a person and it doesn't matter that Confederate Flag Day is an insult to the injury that was done by slavery and segregation. I wonder if Martin supports the flag-burning amendment that went to Congress a couple of years ago?

## Too Much, Too Little, Too Late

By Letitia Wiggins  
Campus News Editor

Now that all the campaigning has stopped and the elections are over, what's next? I'm sure many students, not unlike myself, have a lot of questions that need answers. How well will these candidates live up to their campaign promises? What will those candidates who were not elected do now? Was all the money and time that these candidates put into their campaigns really worth it? Those are just a few questions to which I would really like honest answers. Even though I'm not sure about how the elections affected everyone involved, I do have an opinion about this year's campaigns and elections.

First of all, I think that most of the candidates, with the exception of a few, spent too much money this year on their campaigns. I think that the flyers, posters, banners, etc. are all good ways of making sure people remember your name but by no means should they have reflected the candidates' ability to perform. Moreover, I think this year's election ended up being a popularity contest. By that I mean, some candidates used the fact that they are popular with the students and the administration as an indication of how well they could do the job. That, I thought, we could have done without.

Secondly, I hope the new officers genuinely meant everything they said in their campaign speeches. Otherwise we will see the same type of "leadership" we saw this year. Personally, I am tired of scandal and corruption in the SGA office. Even though I won't be here next year to see how well these officers will do their jobs, I sincerely hope, for the sake of this university, that the SGA officers create a more positive image for themselves because the negativity that is associated with this year's SGA is simply beyond reproach.

Finally, I hope that those candidates who didn't win won't decide to take a back seat now. I heard some very good plans and ideas for enhancing the university and I think those candidates who came up with those plans can still be very instrumental in implementing them even though they don't hold an office. Nevertheless, it will be very interesting to see just how smoothly the SGA will run next year and just how happy the students will be with the choices they made.

## No "Steppin' Allowed"??

Eric Short  
Staff Writer

On Friday, March 20, 1992, the History Club held a party in Moore Gymnasium. On the flyers advertising the party we stated that "steppin" would not be allowed at our function. We offer this explanation of that policy to clear up any misunderstandings that may have come out of this decision.

Firstly, no disrespect was intended to any Greek letter organization. We welcome everyone to our various functions on campus. We also are mature enough to deal with our counterparts in a professional manner.

The main reason behind our policy of no "steppin" was that we felt this move would foster a sense of unity among all students. We wanted one night out of the year where we all could come together as college students and have a good time, safely. We did not want anyone to feel left out or isolated. We understand that "steppin" at gym jams is an Aggie tradition but sometimes tradition needs to be questioned and evaluated.

From our evaluation we found that some students who are not members of Greek letter organizations often feel left out when the "steppin" begins. We also know that some students outside of these organizations love to see the fraternities and sororities step. Since we wanted every one to feel welcome, we requested that Greek letter organizations refrain from "steppin".

Hopefully, there are no hard feelings from anyone, Greek or non-greek. If anyone has any questions we trust that they would be mature and righteous enough to address us with them. We invite those with questions and comments to our meetings, every Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. inn Gibbs 318.

### TOPIC OF INTEREST

The battle for mandatory Black history courses is coming to an end and it appears that the battle is being lost. What do you feel can be done? If you have a comment or opinion concerning this important topic, write, call or come by The Register, we'd like to know what you think

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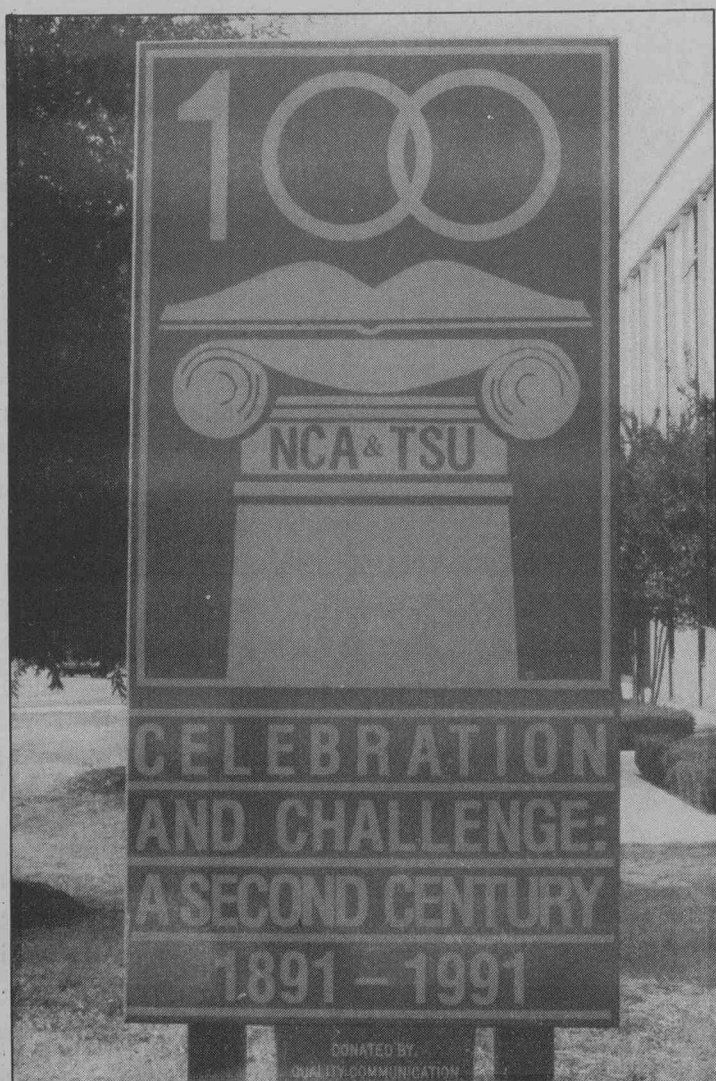
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# OUR PEOPLE, OUR PRIDE

CULTURAL NEWS & EVENTS

## Writers Forum Scheduled for April 4

The second annual O. Henry Festival Writers Forum will be held Saturday, April 4, 1992, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Greensboro Historical Museum, 130 Summit Avenue, Greensboro. This event is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by the O. Henry Festival, and the Greensboro Historical Museum, the Writers Forum will feature novelists Jill McCorkle, Orson Scott Card and Bill Morris, and poet Marie Gilbert.

With panel format, the writers will talk about their own experiences in writing, publishing and teaching.

There will be an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions directly to the writers. Jon Obermeyer, book reviewer for Greensboro's New & Record, will serve as moderator.

Jill McCorkle lives in Durham, NC, and her first collection of short stories, *Crash Diet*, will be published in April by

Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

She is the author of four novels: *July 7th*, *The Cheerleader*, *Tending to Virginia* and *Ferris Beach*. Her short stories have appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Southern Review*, *Cosmopolitan* and *Seventeen*.

Orson Scott Card of Greensboro, winner of the Nebula and Hugo awards is the author of over fifteen novels, including *Ender's Game*, *Speaker for the Dead*, *Xeno-*

*cide*, *Seventh Son*, *Red Prophet* and *Prentice Alvin*.

His most recent book is *The Memory of Earth*, the first in a five-volume series.

Bill Morris is a columnist for Greensboro's *News & Record*. His first novel, *Motor City*, will be published by Alfred A. Knopf this summer. An excerpt from that novel, "Motorama, 1954," is featured in the current issue of *Granta* magazine.

Marie Gilbert lives in Greensboro, NC, and is past president of the North Carolina Poetry Society.

She has published four collections of poetry: *The Song and the Seed*, *From Concert*, *Forever New*, and *Myrtle Beach Back When*.

Prior to the Writers Forum, at 1 p.m., student winners of the 1992 O. Henry Festival short story and illustration contests will be recognized at an awards ceremony.

O. Henry Festival programs receive funding from the Tannen-Sternberger Foundation, and in-kind support from Henley Paper Company and Deal Printing Company.

Articals, suggestions or comments for the Our People, Our Pride page should be mailed to The A&T Register, Box E-25, Greensboro, NC 27407

## Faculty Feature: Eli Mbumina

By Corey Cartwright  
Staff Writer

Many of you have seen him sitting quietly behind the desk of Crosby Hall's language laboratory but most of you don't know anything about the person who operates the equipment for students and faculty.

When Eli Mbumina came to the United States in 1980, from Zaire, Africa, he felt a slight culture shock because of the very disciplined nature of his native homeland.

"In my country, there is more focus on the family and a collective belief in solidarity throughout the country," he said.

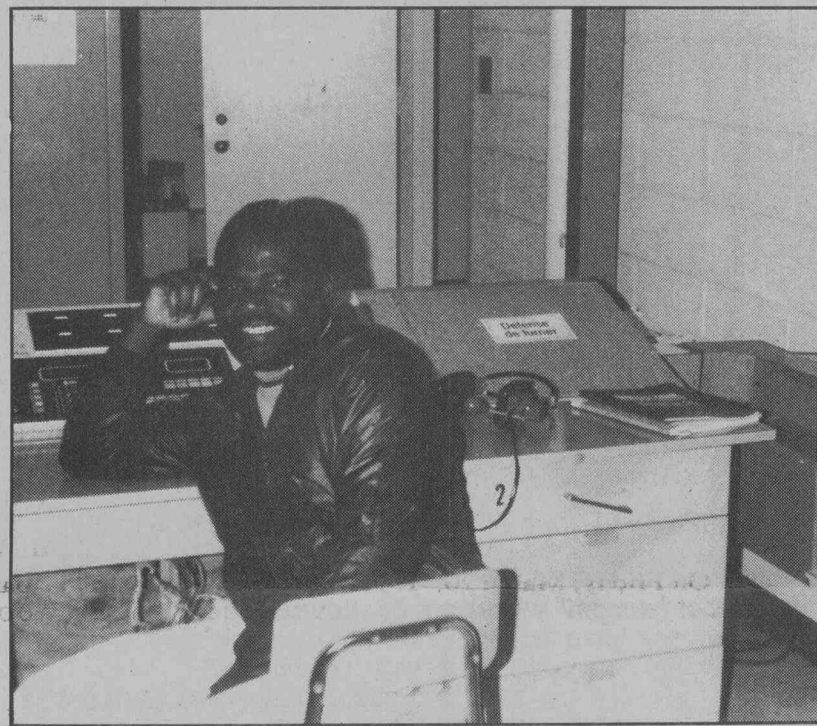
Mbumina attributes his healthy adjustment to American society to his exposure of the educational system through the two historically black colleges he has attended.

Mbumina received his B.A. degree in economics from Winston Salem State University in 1983. He is now a French Education major at N.C. A&T State University.

Last year he was inducted into the French Honor Society and is now working on getting his North Carolina Teaching Certification.

He has been a substitute teacher for the Winston Salem, Greensboro and High Point school systems for three years, which has given him a significant amount of exposure to the discipline problems that all American teachers are now facing.

"I have been substituting for about three years now and I really enjoy it. However, working with kids that age I run into a lot of routine discipline problems," he said.



Eli Mbumina

Mbumina attributes these discipline problems to the lack of supervision young American students receive, along with all the many freedoms they enjoy at home such as radios, televisions, and telephones.

"In Zaire, the family

acts as a very strong influence on the youth to be well disciplined and to academically excel in school," he said. "I'll have to be strict on the students to insure they'll follow the rules and regulations of the school, however I also plan to be very fair to the students I teach."

## A&T Hosts International Awareness Week

By Lisa Roland  
Special to the Register

North Carolina A&T's International Students Association hosted its annual International Awareness Week from Mar. 23 to 28.

This year's theme, "Global Awareness in 1992 and Beyond," focuses on the diverse cultures around the world. Sharon Martin, ISA advisor, is hoping for strong support from A&T students, faculty and Greek-letter organizations.

International Awareness Week began Monday with an International Exhibit in the Memorial Union. Artifacts from various countries were on display.

Sadie DeShield, assistant dorm director for Morrison Hall and a native of Liberia, contributed artifacts from her country along with ISA members.

Another attraction during International Week will be an international exchange forum in which international students will discuss their culture, background and how they adjusted to living in the United States.

"I want them to explain their culture in comparison to living in the states and what suggestions do students have for those going abroad," said Martin.

On Mar. 27, a soccer match will be held in Holland Bowl between A&T and a neighboring college. The match was coordinated by ISA member Rico Kahungi.

International Awareness week will conclude on Mar. 28 with a banquet in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Joseph Segars of the U.S. Department of State will be the guest speaker.

## Aggie Seniors catch the fever

By Tangela Parks  
Chief Reporter

It's springtime again in Aggie land, and with the spring comes "senior fever", when thoughts of parties give way to thoughts of jobs and the future.

Many seniors, however, are uncertain about the job market.

"The current recession is making job hunting more difficult than it normally is, however, we just have to keep trying, and hopefully the economy will get better as the days go by," said Lawrence Sherrod, senior print journalism major.

Although the economy has slowed down, company recruitment from A&T has not.

"North Carolina A&T is in good posture as far as job placement is concerned," said Leon Warren, director of the career planning and placement center.

"The reason for that is mostly all of A&T's programs are nationally accredited, and when the economy slows down, companies and governmental

agencies have a tendency to gravitate toward schools where programs are strong."

Each year, the recruiting season lasts from Oct. 1 until April 15. The career planning and placement center, located in Murphy Hall, hosts five career days, including other various activities throughout the school year in order to assist the students in their job efforts.

Not only does the placement center provide permanent job opportunities, but summer internships and part-time jobs as well.

According to Warren A&T has one of the highest university percentage rates for job placement in the United States. Warren said the students are receiving the job offers they just have to make themselves available.

Even though the placement center is optimistic, some seniors are taking extra steps to ensure a stable future.

"The current job market looks very bleak, that's why I'm going to grad school," said Erin Smith, senior industrial

technology student. "By going to grad school, I believe that I'll have a better chance in the job market."

While the recession has some students taking advantage of other opportunities, such as higher education, some students are not affected by the recession at all.

"If anybody has senior fever, it's me," said Stephanie Boone, senior print journalism major. "I'm not put-off by the current job market. I'll strive harder and hit the pavement longer. I am ready to go! Good-bye A&T."

Through the mixed feelings, the one thing with which most students agreed was the need to utilize all of their resources.

"Black students, attending Black universities need to prepare themselves," said Cruzita Henry, senior biology student.

"We need to get as much education as we possibly can, and take advantage of such resources as the student career placement center. Only by sharpening our skills can we hope to break into the job market."

## United Arts Council Awards Grants

Twice a year, the Community Cultural Projects Pool, administered by the United Arts Council, awards grants to non-profit organizations for arts related projects in Guilford County.

The Community Cultural Projects Pool utilizes monies made available by the North Carolina Arts Council through the state's Grassroots Arts Program.

Grassroots Arts Program monies are allocated to local distributing agents in direct proportion to each county's population.

Within the community, the grant monies must be match by local monies.

This locally administered funding has helped provide the necessary impetus for communities across the state to establish a comprehensive array of arts programming.

A May 1, 1992 deadline has been set for grant applications. Local projects meeting criteria established by the North Carolina Arts Council and the United Arts Council of Greensboro are eligible.

Applicant organizations must be non-profit, have their

tax-exempt status and have been incorporated for at least one year.

Each applicant is required to submit a draft for approval prior to completion of the final application.

Interested organizations should contact the United Arts Council of Greensboro, Greensboro Cultural Center,

P.O. Box 869, 200 North Davie Street, Greensboro, N.C. 27402 or by calling (919) 333-7440 for an application packet by April 15, 1992.

## A&T History 1930-1938

1930	College received "A" Rating by N.Y. Department of Education
1930	Original Dudley Building destroyed by fire
1930	Dudley Building Built
1930	Home Economics Department Established
1931	School of Education and Sciences named (Changed from College of Arts & Sciences)
1932	Rated "A" Class College- Negro National Accrediting Agency
1932	First Sorority established (AKA)
1934	First Honorary Degree Awarded
1936	College received approval from Southern Association for Negro Colleges and schools.
1938	Educational Workers Credit Union established at College



# ON THE YARD

CAMPUS HAPS, INFORMATION & NEWS

## A&T receives new Ph.D. program

Greensboro, N.C. - A&T State University, already the national leader in the graduation of Black Engineers, achieved another milestone on Mar. 6 when its request to plan and offer Ph.D. programs in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering was approved by the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors. A&T will become the first historically black university in the state to offer Ph.D. programs in engineering or science.

The Board also approved a new master's degree program in computer science and baccalaureate degree programs in construction management, electronic technology, and manufacturing systems.

Additionally, the Board's resolution included planning authorization for the following new programs at A&T: an intermediate-level program in educational administration, and master's degree programs in nursing, chemical engineering and civil engineering.

The historic mission change for A&T was approved as a part of the Board's long-range plan for 1992-93 to 1996-97 for the University system.

"I want to commend President C.D. Spangler and the

Board of Governors for their extraordinary action of approving this authority to offer doctorates, the first at a historically black institution in North Carolina," said Dr. Edward B. Fort, Chancellor of A&T.

He said A&T hopes to be ready to offer the new doctoral programs by 1993.

In making the motion to approve A&T's request, Charles D. Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs, said "In the face of change, we cannot be unchanging and static."

Spangler said "This is a special day for A&T."

"I am absolutely ecstatic," said Fort, after the Board's vote. "It is a moment of history and it reports that this state has said in a loud voice that A&T is on par with some of the giants of this country in respect to producing scholars in science and engineering."

"The University thanks and endorses president Spangler and assures him that his vote of confidence will be prized in this University's history."

Also applauding A&T's mission change was Dr. Harold Martin, dean of the School of Engineering.

"It certainly means a different level of competitiveness for our programs," said Martin. "It will have an impact on recruiting of students and faculty, and funding for our research programs."

"We shall continue to implement quality programs and compete with other universities with similar programs."

A&T, which enrolls 1300 engineering students is the top producer of black engineers at the baccalaureate and at the master's degree levels. Faculty members of the Engineering School generate more than \$7.5 million in research annually.

Prior to the Board's action A&T had been strongly supported for the Ph.D. programs by a noted group of consultants appointed by Spangler and by Spangler himself.

Spangler said, "North Carolina A&T State University can be the premier black engineering school in the nation. It is a place where it can be dominant. We ought to work with them."

In its report, the consultants, a group of current and former college presidents, stated "A&T operated a respected engineering school."

"It attracts well-qualified

students, garners sizable research grants, and places its graduates in responsible jobs in important companies and universities.

"The case for granting doctoral degrees in some fields of engineering at A&T rests on some undeniable facts. A&T should be allowed to proceed now with the planning and implementation of the proposed Ph.D. degrees in electrical and mechanical engineering."

The offering of doctoral degrees at A&T was a major long range goal initiated by Fort and his administration.

"The moment I set foot on this campus ten years ago, I was convinced after reviewing the background and talents of the faculty and the ability of our students that this awesome talent should be tapped to the fullest extent that is possible," said Fort.

The university offers undergraduate majors in electrical, chemical, architectural, civil, industrial, mechanical and agricultural engineering.

The university offers the Master of Science in Engineering degree.

## Old library welcomes new research center

by Chekeitha Graves  
Staff Writer

Now that North Carolina A & T has a new library, what will happen to the old one?

Chancellor Edward B. Fort, the business and finance committee and the Interdisciplinary Research Center committee are planning to reconstruct the building. The building will become the Interdisciplinary Research Center.

This center will house engineering, technology and the College of Arts and Sciences departments.

Putting these departments in one building will allow a greater interaction of research, study and ideas, said Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor for Business and Finance.

A three-story addition will be constructed to accommodate laboratories, graduate student and faculty offices and administrative offices.

It is estimated that the building will cost \$17 million. Already, \$500,000 has been accumulated; the remaining \$16.5 million will have to be raised.

The project will consist of three phases.

Phase I will include the laboratories for the physics department which the university

has.

Phase II will include areas for the engineering department's Center for Composite Material Research, Mars Mission Research Center, ceramics and NASA Aerospace and Human Engineering Systems.

The technology department will be adjacent to the computer center.

Phase III will include biology, chemistry, psychology and mathematics departments.

The Computer Center and the physics labs will be on the ground floor. The computer center will include tape and general storage.

The first and second floors are for CCMR/MMRC, ceramics, biology, graduate student offices. The second floor will also contain a combination of a high bay and a mezzanine.

Support offices, multi-purpose rooms and a mechanical penthouse will be on the third floor.

Faculty and IRC administrative offices and interaction areas will be located in the center of the building on top three floors.

It is estimated that construction will take at least five years.

## A&T Student Recalls Russian Experience

by Letitia Wiggins  
Campus News Editor

Tony Watlington, SGA Vice President of Internal Affairs, says his visit to Russia was not only memorable but very educational and rewarding.

This past November, Watlington went to Russia and attended a two-day conference at the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, where faculty, students and the university's rector (equivalent of chancellor) participated in roundtable discussions on East-West relations in the post Cold War era and how the international community should respond.

"My charge was to present my paper and lead a group discussion with my Georgian colleague on the role the Third World will play in the post cold war era," said Watlington.

"I briefed the group on U.S. - Soviet bilateral efforts in the Conference on Disarmament in the United Nations to reduce nuclear and chemical weapons from their arsenals while simultaneously many Third World nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are rapidly developing their arsenals."

Watlington said the group agreed that the Third World will by necessity play a significantly greater role in the United Nations and other international forums.

He said that other topics discussed were how to convert to a market economy, new security systems for Europe, ethnic unrest, and how diversity should be viewed as an

asset rather than a liability.

Watlington said the roundtable discussions and scholarly dialogues were very fruitful and the students at the university were hospitable.

However, Watlington said his trip included more than just the conference. He said he remembers one incident by which he was very dismayed.

One day he and another student were touring downtown Moscow with an American exchange student who speaks Russian fluently.

As they approached the subway entrance their tour guide fell in the snow and twisted her ankle. Watlington said as he was helping her up three Russian males came over and began shouting racial slurs at her.

"From their tone and mannerisms it was quite clear that they didn't think she should be with me and the other African American student," said Watlington.

"They continued with foul language while naming several sub-saharan African countries and then, in very clear English, one referred to me and my colleagues as 'black monkeys' before someone finally pulled him away."

Watlington said this was the only negative aspect of his Soviet trip, but, "it proved very clearly to me that the ugly head of racism and stereotypes we seek to eradicate daily in our own country is not unheard of in the Soviet Union," he said.

Watlington said that he wanted to point out that the students at the university were truly international thinkers and

expressed an interest in sharing cultures.

Other highlights of his trip included a visit to a snow and ice covered monastery in Zagorsk, dinner at the Russian Foreign Ministry with a government official, a visit to Red Square, a night view of the changing of the guard at Lenin's tomb, and viewing lots of military monuments, a monument commemorating Sputnik, and the marble and granite lined subway system.

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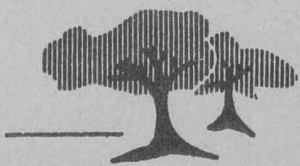
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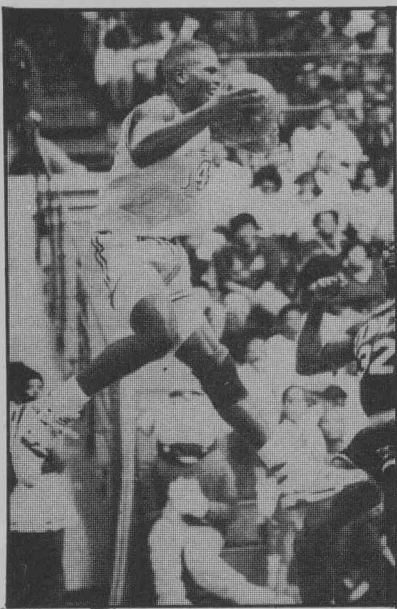


# SPORTS

## Aggie Seniors Honored

The nation's top senior basketball players from the four predominately black athletic conferences will be in Norfolk VA., April 21-24 to participate in the Black College All-Star Weekend.

The selection of players came from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA), Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).



**Dana Elliott**

The event, pits the All-Stars from the CIAA against the SIAC and the MEAC versus the SWAC in the opening round contest on Wednesday, April 22, climaxed with a Black College Sports Legends Banquet on Tuesday, April 21, that will pay tribute to some of the great achievers ever in the history of Black College football and basketball. Among those being honored are Clarence "Big House" Ganie, Eddie Robinson, and John McLendon.

All games in the event will be played at the Scope Arena in downtown Norfolk. A national Blue Ribbon Committee, chaired by Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer, John McLendon, will select a 10-

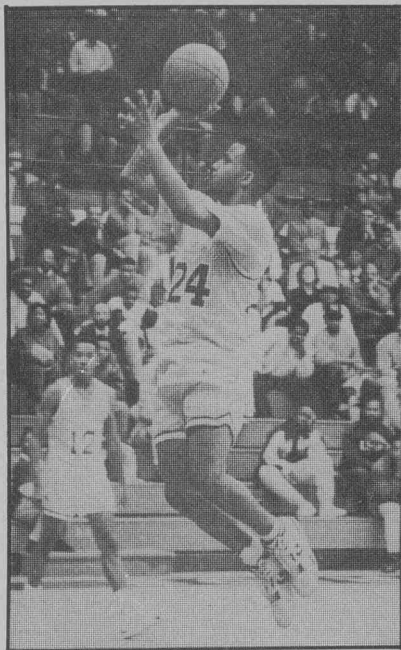
member Black College All-Star team after the championship contest. This team will challenge the United States All-Star squad selected from the nation's top Division I schools and conferences.

Also the women's All-Star team, that is to be announced later, will take on the U.S. Women's All-Stars on Thursday, April 23, prior to the Black College All-Stars Championship contest.

Howie Evans, president of Howie Evans Communications/Sports Unlimited International and director of Black College All-Star Weekend said, "Black College All-Star Weekend is being conceived to provide a showcase event for the many exceptionally talented student-athletes - males and females who participate in intercollegiate athletics at over 100 predominantly black universities and colleges nationwide.

All-Star Weekend will give them a stage in which they can display their individual talents. There are limited opportunities for these young women and men from black institution to participate in the many post-season all-star events across the nation-- in Hawaii, Japan and Europe. "Post season all-star events and the NBA camps afford scouts, coaches and personnel from various professional leagues to observe players who are fortunate to receive invitations to participate in such events; it also seems to enhance the participants image, and in many cases, his/her marketability.

"Athletes from predominantly black institutions rarely receive invitations to participate in these events that often lead to the NBA, the CBA, the European, Mexican and South American professional leagues. But how many



**Bobby Moore**

players from the CIAA, MEAC, SWAC, or the SIAC get an opportunity to try out for teams in the league?

Black College All-Star Weekend hopes to fill that void," stated Evans. In addition, Evans said the event will also honor the top academic achievers in Black College athletics. The national All-American Black College Men and Women All Academic team will be honored at the Legends banquet.

CIAA All-Stars: Sheldon Owens, Shaw University; Walter Hurd, Virginia Union; Fred Benjamin and Larry McCloud, Norfolk State; Mark Sherrill, Johnson C. Smith; Charles Jefferson, Virginia State; Travis Spells, Fayetteville; Kenny Brown, Hampton; Emanuel Calloway, Fayetteville; Terrance McCoy, Shaw University.

SIAC All-Stars: Harold Ellis, Morehouse; Steve Reed, Miles; Larry Lewis, Morehouse; Young Rucker, Savannah State; Stewart Watkins, Morehouse; Reuben Harvey, Albany State; Royce Turner, Morris Brown; Gary Hunt, Tuskegee; John Boyd, LeMoyne-Owen; Larry Washington, Paine College.

### LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR

To: The Student Body  
From: Chancellor Edward B. Fort  
RE: Student Behavior At Athletic Events

The issue before this Administration is whether or not this campus is going to be safe during athletic events-- e.g. safe from threats, fights, confrontations between disputing individuals "off the field/court" and free from general hoodlumism. The issue before us is whether or not individuals who represent 99 percent of the student body, can safely attend our athletic contest without fear of molestation, threats by goons or rowdyism, by characters who should not even be present at these games. The issue before the Administration is whether or not parents who send their youth to this university for a good education-- can feel that their children are safe on the campus, should they choose to attend athletic events.

As chancellor, it is my responsibility to provide an atmosphere wherein safety is paramount, students can attend athletic contests and return to residence halls unscathed. And I intend to ensure, as much as humanly possible, that safety.

The simple solution to the problem is to stack the stadium with 150 police officers. But the problem with that approach is that it won't work! You can place 1000 police officers in Corbett gymnasium, but unless the crowd is willing to abide by the rules of common decency and our moral code of "no rowdyism" - the police "show of force" approach will not work! Dr. Martin Luther King, during his lifetime, preached non-violence, but he also insisted that laws and regulations must be in place to control people's behavior. You cannot, he insisted, legislate morality. But you can control behavior via legislation.

The following sanctions will become effective, immediately, for all athletic events housed on campus -- and/or as involving any of our students at away games or at off campus locations in the city of Greensboro...

- Any student expelled from an athletic contest by our campus police will be immediately and summarily dismissed from the university and barred from all athletic contests for one year. Any repeat of said behavior will result in permanent expulsion from the university.

-If a fraternity or sorority group is involved in any kind of "incident" during an athletic contest - one requiring police intervention--

- (a) The guilty student will be summarily suspended from A&T for one year.
- (b) The fraternity, sorority or other student organization will be suspended from all campus activities for one year.
- (c) If the group's membership (single person or numbers of persons) is involved in a repeat performance--permanent expulsion from the university will be the penalty.

-Any student identified by police or video camera as being guilty of throwing debris on the floor or field of an athletic contest will be expelled from the university for one year. Any repeat of said action will mean permanent expulsion from the university.

-Any student found by the campus police to be in possession of a weapon at any athletic contest will be permanently suspended from the University with no opportunity for appeal -- unless case by case circumstances, as judged by the university chancellor, warrant same.

-The chancellor will contact the president or chancellor of any university whose student(s) is/are involved in the above described activities, and he will recommend that the CEO of that campus invoke similar sanctions.

We do not intend to allow our campus to become a haven for rogues, goons, hacks or those bent on destruction. We will act forcefully to deter their behavior. We intend to protect our coeds and all persons attending our athletic contests.

I shall, as your chancellor, do everything possible to help you graduate. And then I will, if your grades warrant same, help you go to medical school, law school or get into a Ph.D. program, by writing letters of recommendation on your behalf. But I shall not sit idly by and see any of you destroy this world class university. And you would not want me to do so.

I expect your full cooperation regarding these aforementioned regulations. You will be a part of the proud Aggie spirit/tradition and the university will thank you -- as will I.

E.B.F.

cc: Board of Trustees  
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SWAC All-Stars: David Arceneaux, Texas Southern; Derrick Harvey, Mississippi Valley; Darryl Pope, Prairie View; Deon Myricks, Jackson State; Anthony Burwell, Tennessee State; Ranquel Smith, Jackson State; Danny Gort, Alabama State; Marlon Willis, Mississippi Valley; Tyrone Silmon, Texas Southern; Steve Rogers, Alabama State.

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