100th birthday bash set for Dr. Gibbs

Greenboro, N.C. - The morning which is still impressive to the elder statesman, Dr. Warnoth T. Gibbs, is that TRuminis his eye and his immense sense of humor.

Gibbs recently was a visitor, Gibbs chides himself he must be, 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 celebrate a birthday of 100 years this Sunday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium. While his family and the community are excited about the approaching event, Gibbs is tending all it in stride.

Seated in a comfortable chair on his sun-porch, with his first prepared up on a banana, he told a reporter, "I'm doing all right and I just can't get cinch."

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 of the State of North Carolina.

Gibbs accomplished a lot in A&T in his five years in president, including getting the university accredited for the first time by the Southern Association. But he really carved his niche, he said, during the historic 1960 lunch-counter sit-in.

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

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 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. I didn't bother one," he said.

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

Gibbs, a native of Louisiana, was resident of Greensboro for 66 years. During his 40-year tenure at A&T, he served in several capacities. He was 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 at a Harvard-trained-nonsense teacher but they also remember an exponent of a bit of humor in the classes.

Whenever A&T alumni gather across the nation, they still want to know what "Drus" Gibbs is doing, remembering the second most important position he held at the University for so long.

Age has also dimmed Dr. Gibbs wit and his recollection. He talks with much accuracy about being born and growing up in Tiny Baldin, L.W. 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 five black Army Officers. It was also in Boston that he met his late wife, Marie 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 her 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."
Adding Insult to Injury

By Lawrence Benton
Managing Editor

North Carolina Governor Jim Martin has declared a Confederate Flag Day, which is to be recognized across the state; a Confederate Flag is flown high over the state capital building in Raleigh as we speak. He has added that the flag symbolizes the pride of the South and the rich history of the region. However, the flag has caused controversy and sparked debates about its history and symbolism.

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 the de Klerk government, but the white South Africans were still fearful of losing their power and are telling the blacks not to expect to see sweeping reforms, but only promises.

War: Too Much, Too Little, Too Late

By Letitia Wiggins
Campus News Editor

No "Stepping Allowed"??

On Friday, March 29, 1992, the History Club held a party in Moore Student Center. In the frenzy of the party, we spotted a "Stepping Allowed" sign on top of the toilet stalls. It was a sign that read, "No Stepping Allowed." Why was this sign up? Could it possibly be an indication of the party being too wild or perhaps the sign was just for decoration?

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 regarding this important topic, write, call or come by The Register, we'd like to know what you think.
Faculty Feature: Eli Mbumina

By Crazy Catnaps
Steel 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 consciousness about the community throughout the country," he said.

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

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. JoAnn O'Mearney, book reviewer for Greensboro's News & Record, will serve as moderator.


"A" and "H" Tops in International Awareness Weeks

By Jodi Roland
Special to the Register

North Carolina A&T's International Students Association hosted its annual International Awareness Week from March 15-22.

This year's theme, "Global Awareness in 1992 and Beyond," focuses on the diverse cultures around the world. Sharon Martin, ISA advisor, says that the theme is an attempt to show A&T students, faculty and Greek-letter organizations the differences of the world.

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

Sade DeShield, advisor and director for Morrison Hall, and a native of Liberia, contributed artifacts for 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 in living in the United States.

"I want them to experience their own culture in comparison to living in the states and what sugges- tions 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 neighbor- ing college. The match was coordinated by ISA member Rio Kangaroo.

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 Tara's Pride

It's springtime again in Ag- geland, 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, how- ever, we just have to keep trying, and hopefully the econ- omy will get better as the days go by," said Lawrence Sherrer, senior print journalism major.

Although the economy has slowed down, company recruit- ing from A&T has not.

"North Carolina A&T is in good posture for fall jobplace- ment," said Leroy Warren, director of the career planning and placement cen- ter.

"The reason for this is mostly all of A&T's programs are nationally accredited, and even when the economy slows down, companies and governmental agencies have a tendency to continue toward schools where programs are strong," Warren added.

Each year, the recruiting season lasts from Oct. 1 until April 30. 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 as- sist the students in their job efforts.

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

According to Warren, A&T has one of the highest univer- sity percentage rates for job placement in the United States. Warren said the campus is receiving the jobs they just have to make themselves available.

Even though the placement center is optimistic, some seni- ors have to take extra steps to ensure a stable future.

"The current job market looks very bleak, that's why I'm going to graduate 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 advan- tage of other opportunities, such as higher education, some stu- dents are not affected by the re- cession at all. "If you- body has senior fever, it's mine," said Stephanie Boone, senior print journalism major. "I'm not put off by the current job market. I'll pick harder and hit the pavement longer. I am ready to go! Goodbye A&T.

Through the mixed feelings, one thing with which students agree was the need to utilize all of their re- sources.

"Black students, attending black universities need to pre- pare themselves," said Crystal Harris, senior biology student.

"We need to get as much education as we can possibly get, and take advantage of such re- sources as the student career placement center. Only by exploiting our skills can we hope to break into the job mar- ket."
A&T receives new Ph.D. program

Old library welcomes new research center

by Charlotte Carson
Staff Writer

Now that North Carolina A&T has a new library, what will happen to the old one? Chancellor Edward B. Fort, the Provost 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 Dr. Charles McShane, vice chancellor for Business and Finance. A three-story addition will be constructed to accommodate laboratories, graduate student offices, and administrative offices. A new building will cost $17 million. Altogether, $300,000 has been accepted for the library and an additional $1 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

A&T Student Recalls Russian Experience

by Lydia Wagner
Campus News Editor

Tony Watlington, SGA Vice President of Internal Affairs, said the trip to Russia was not only memorable but very educational and rewarding.

This past November, Wat-
lington went to Russia and attended a two-day conference at the Moscow Institute of 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 colleagues on the role of the Third World in U.S. Society," said Watlington.

The conference was sponsored by the Conference on Disarmament in the United Nations to reduce nuclear and chemical weapons from those nations while mutually many Third World nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America are developing their arsenals. Watlington said he agreed that the Third World will by necessarily play a significant role in the future of 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 subsequent debates were very fruitful and the students and the university went home with all they wanted.

However, Watlington said his trip included more than just the conference. He said he met 50 members one incident by which he was very impressed.

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 showing 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 almost physically pulling him away.

"I think that American students need to know how that doesn't happen in Russia," said Watlington. "We have an opportunity from an early age to meet people from all over the world, including our own country, without the racism of the Soviet Union," he said.

Watlington said that he was surprised to point out that the students at the university were truly international thinkers and expressed interest in sharing cultures.

Other highlights of his trip included a visit to a snow and ice covered Moscow in Zagor, dinner at the Russian Foreign Ministry with a government official, a visit to Red Square and viewing of the changing of the guard at Lenin's tomb, and viewing lots of military monuments, and reconsidering Spishnikov, and the marble and granite lined subways.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND MUCH SUCCESS TO ALL OUR 1992-93 ELECTION WINNERS!!
The national top senior basketball players from the four predominantly black athletic conferences will be in the 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, pin the All-Stars from the CIAA against the SIAC and the MEAC versus the SWAC in the opening round contest on Wednesday, April 22, climax with a Black College Sports Legends Banquet on Thursday, April 21, that will pay tribute to some of the greats ever in the history of Black College football and basketball. Among those being honored are Clarence “Big House” Gaines, Eddie Robinson, and John McLendon.

All games in the event will be played at the Scope Arena in downtown Norfolk.

A national Blue Ribbon Commission, chaired by Nainihan 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, 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, presidet of Howie Evans Communications/Sports Unlimited International and director of Black College All-Star Week- end, said, “Black College All-Star Weekend is being con- sidered to provide a showcase event for the many exceptional college student-athletes and Future of the CIAA, MEAC, SWAC, and SIAC, the tournament will also honor the top academic achievers in Black College athletics.

Tentational All-American Black College Women and Men’s Academy team will be hon- odered at the Legends banquet.

The Big Three: The CIAA All-Stars: Shel- don Owens, Shaw University, Walter Hard, Virginia Union; Fred Benjamin and Larry McCord, Norfolk State; Mark Sherrill, John C. Smith; Charles Jefferson, Virginia State, Travis Spells, Fayetteville; Kenny Brown, Hampton; Emanuel Calloway, Fayetteville; Terrance McCoy, Shaw University.

The SIAC All-Stars: Har- rold Ellis, Morehouse; Steve Reed, Miles; Larry Lewis, Morehouse; Young Burtier, Savannah State; Stewart Watkins, Morehouse; Reuben Harvey, Alcorn State; Reginal Turner, Morris Brown; Gary Hunt, Tuskegee; John Boyd, LeMoyne-Owen; Larry Washington, Paine College.

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