Students march for black studies

About 400 A&T students favoring a mandatory African-American studies program at the university marched to the administration building Monday evening to press their demands with Chancellor Edward Fort.

Club holds forum

By, Jacqueline Plummer

Black Americans have "adopted a value system that is inherently racist," said Latitia Hill, a member of the N.C. A&T Student History Club, at an audience last Thursday at a forum on mandatory African-American studies at A&T.

"Racism is our greatest threat," said Latitia Hill, introducing the forum. "We attend a black university, but still lack the knowledge of racism.

"Either something is wrong with black people or"

Cato: Born to be a leader

Machelle Cato was crowned Miss A&T last week and the Homecoming festivities moved into high gear.

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SGA President out to make a change

Erika Smith
Staff Reporter

Establishing mandatory black studies requirement, reaching a 98-percent voter registration rate and fostering students' spiritual, cultural and academic growth will take priority during the coming year, says Erika Smith, Student Government Association (SGA) President for 1992-93.

Smith, a senior mechanical engineering major, says she takes pride in being the second female president in the organization's history. She stresses the need for women, who make up 51 percent of the student body, to run for office.

"I believe the black woman is a strong member of the family which (is the basis for the community)," she says. "It's society in general that's made us subservient to men."

Smith cites her mother and two sisters as inspiration for her budding political career. Her sister Alicia Smith is a senior chemical engineering major and national officer of Delta Sigma Theta.

The duties of the SGA president range from membership on the Board of Trustees to a role as communication liaison between faculty and students. She is also an ex-officio member of all campus organizations.

Smith says her good working relationship with faculty, administrators and her staff is a result of her status as SGA treasurer prior to running for president. Her other activities include Delta Sigma Theta, Tau Beta Sigma and Phi Sigma Tau.

Her demanding schedule leaves little time for personal life. Smith notes, she mediates to gospel music on the radio every morning to relax, and attends United Institution Missionary Baptist Church.

She confesses to feeling constricted sometimes and unable to loosen up like an average student. "I don't want to let anyone down," she says. "My desire to succeed keeps me going."

Fresnen enrollment: Make History

This year's freshman class is the largest in North Carolina A&T State University's history, according to admissions officials.

"There are 1,500 plus freshmen that were enrolled this year," said John Smith, director of admissions. "North Carolina A&T represents to black students the best possible academic and social environments for them attended.

"We have seen that black students will look at predominantly black schools and the students tend to choose an environment where they will gain success with a caring faculty and staff," he said. "North Carolina A&T is that school."

Although specific figures were not available at press time, applications from out-of-state students have kept pace with increasing in-state applications, Smith said.

Our problem in admissions is not being able to offer admissions all qualified out-of-state students," he said. "The state mandats the number of freshmen admitted to the university not exceed 18 percent (of those who apply). This year the number was 22 percent. Approximately 50 percent of the applications come from out of state."

Women outnumber men in this year's freshman class, Smith noted. "Unfortunately, this is a mirror of society in general, where black males appear not to have the support services available at a young age to promote educational opportunities to go to college," he said.

Black males need to be encouraged to go to college, not just at A&T, but nationwide, Smith added.

Smith said he believed that freshmen enrollment at A&T would continue to increase in the future as long as there were facilities to accommodate them.

"I obviously never want to see the day that a qualified student is put on a waiting list (due to overcrowding)," he said. "I have been here for 18 years and during my tenure I have seen this campus grow and become a university we should all be proud of."

Increased enrollment has also put greater pressure on the ability of the school to house the additional students.

We have a mandate to house all freshmen that apply for housing within an established deadline," said Joe Williams, director of housing and residential life. Williams said all freshmen who applied for housing this year received rooms.

Corey Foxa, a computer science major from Durham, agreed. "I basically came to A&T because my relatives attended this school. Campus life is all right. It's very different from high school (that you learn to adapt to the change)."

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Career Services points students in the right direction

In April Delia Staff Reporter

A merger between the Career Planning and Placement Center and Cooperation Education will enable companies to send half as many recruiters to campus but achieve the same results as an administration official said last week.

The new organization resulting from the Sept. 1 merger has been named the Office of Career Services.

Outbacks in the number of recruiters on campus payrolls led to the restructuring, said Leon Warren, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Career Services.

Before the merger, companies had to go to two locations to service the students, Warren said. Now there is one central location, permitting companies to send their recruiters to the same job as two in the past.

Located in Room 101 of Murphy Hall, the new office is open for student registration any time during the academic year.

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The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball coaches are looking forward to the upcoming season during the 1992 Operation Basketball Press Luncheon Monday at the Hayes Taylor YMCA in Greensboro.

The coaches gave the coaches a chance to discuss the strength of their programs and the expectations of their teams. Each team lost key players from last year and the coaches expressed concerns over whether their positions can be filled.

A&T's Aggies are looking forward to winning their 14th MEAC Tournament, the first since 1988. The Aggies were picked as the defending champions in the conference this year. They finished the season 18-19 overall and 12-4 in the conference. The Aggies shared the conference title with Howard last year.

Coach Don Corbett cannot rely on the outside shooting of Bobby Moore or Daren Ellis this year. The backcourt will be led by freshmen sensation Phillip Allen. Allen is a contender for the point guard position. He averaged 6.4 points per game (ppg), 47 assists and 45 steals.

Daryl Cherry will switch from guard to forward. He will form the guard-guard tandem with senior bomber Buck Royster. Royster has nine ball-handling skills and may see some time at both guard positions. Thomas Turner, a forward-come, came on very strong late in the season and should be a key player on the bench. He had 9.7 ppg and 5 assists per game (apg).

Special attention is being focused on A&M forward-center Jamaire William. He scored 13.4 ppg and averaged 14.9 ppg, blocked 1.6 shots per game and rebounded 7.9 ppg.

Golf and Tennis Tournament scheduled

The MEAC talks Basketball

Sports

The Aggies of North Carolina A&T find themselves in a must-win situation this weekend as they play host to the visiting Wildcats from Bethune-Cookman.

A&T comes into this game on a dramatic comeback win over Howard last Saturday 16-14. Quarterback Adrian Stark's last two-yard touchdown run with 1:32 left in the game helped secure an Aggie victory, 21-16.

The win moved the Aggies into a third-place Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tie with South Carolina State at 2-1, which makes the game even more important.

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"You know, it's so ridiculous. If I don't call my parents every Sunday at exactly 5 o'clock, they think I was kidnapped by aliens, or something. Anyway, one Sunday me and Mark, we decide to take off and check out the city. So we're hanging out and I look at my watch. 5 o'clock. Alright, so my calling card and I head down to the local pool hall. (which I happen to know has a payphone) And I tell the folks the Martians send their best."
Student rally

Members of the BAC have applied parking permits on UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Paul Hardin this semester to draw up plans for a free-standing black cultural center on the UNC campus. Their efforts include a workshop on the administration building and a controversial rally in the Dean E. Smith Athletic Center featuring filmmaker Spike Lee, which drew thousands of students and media representatives across the country.

When the group of A&T protesters arrived at the chancellor's house, student leaders discovered that the chancellor was not home, and removed the group to the Doudly Building, where it encountered Fort on the side.

Cato

Attending a historically black university has made her proud of the achievements of African-Americans. Cato said, adding that she wished more alumni would find a way to contribute to the university.

Unfortunately, blacks aren't in a position to give back to their university," she said. "I do believe you could contribute in other ways. Programs could be established for alumni students to campus and hold seminars, interviews and provide tips on career development, she said.

It could be done "throughout the year, not just during our job fair," she added.

Cato has participated in collegiate pages this year, in Atlanta, Georgia. Asked to provide a definition of what she would be, the student said, "Bittersweet, pecan, chocolate and ebony; all the colors of the brown, the blackskapers are beauty-to-me, because blackness is the quintessence of beauty."

She wants the university to continue to increase its parking spaces.

Patterson, a senior, said she would be "Miss A&T who cared, first and foremost. I'm here for the people and I'll always be an Aggie."

History forum

"...or something is wrong with the system," he added.

The forum, titled "Resurrecting the Truth" and held at the Hayes Taylor YMCA, focused on studies recommended to implement mandatory black studies since 1990.

Faculty members cited fears that such mandatory studies would hinder the college's effort to attract white students and jeopardize the university's accreditation as a justification for rejecting the proposal.

Members of the A&T History Club argued that self-knowledge is the key to overcoming oppression and that the university has a responsibility to educate every student of the contributions of African-American studies.

The increase in prices was justified. A study comparing parking prices at 16 area universities and found that the "parking fees between the universities are not fair," as the student said. "It was time for a change."

Many students argue that the construction of a parking deck would alleviate much of the parking problem on campus.

"If they (the traffic department) are going to charge us so much money, we should be able to see where our money is going," said Vendie Williams, a public relations major.

University police said they are discussing plans for the construction of additional spaces around the student center and other areas of the campus for the 1993-94 school year.

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Student rally

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Homecoming

a.m. at Bryan Park and Oak Hester Park respectively. The second annual Aggie Bowling Tournament will be held 1:00 p.m. in Buffalo Lakes. 6:16 p.m. at Greensboro Cultural Arts Center, there will be live entertainment and comedians as a benefit for the A&T field house campaign.

Saturday's events will include the Chancellor's Inaugural Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at J.W. Williams Calederia, the annual mile-long Homecoming parade at 10:00 a.m. in East Greensboro, and the annual Homecoming football game between A&T and Bethune-Cookman at 1:30 p.m. in Aggie Stadium.

The Alumni Homecoming Show and Dance will be held at 9:00 p.m. in Joseph S. Knox Convention Center, with entertainment by noted singer, Phyllis Hyman. Another dance, "Aggie Nostalgia '92" will be held at 9:00 p.m. in the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center.

The Homecoming celebration will be concluded with an 11:00 a.m. alumni Worship Service in Harris Auditorium.
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You Have The Right

By John A. Powell
National Legal Director
American Civil Liberties Union

Today's headlines indicate that the United States is facing a race relations crisis of a magnitude not seen in a generation. One issue around which passions are surging is multiculturalism.

Minorities are demanding that our schools provide young people with a more accurate and inclusive picture of American and world history. Arguing that our society's diversity is a source of individual and collective enrichment, multiculturalism's advocates call for an end to overemphasis on the European influences in American culture to the neglect of the contributions of non-Europeans.

This demand has led to textbook revisions, new curriculum guidelines for the public schools in New York State and the creation of "cultures," ideas and values banks for undergraduates at California's Stanford University, among other changes around the country.

Those who take exception to this demand claim that such changes threaten the dominance of "Western Civilization" in the content of American education. The opponents of multiculturalism see any deviation from the educational "norm" set by Euro-Americans as a threat to our society's purported "European" heritage and identity.

They also claim that the concept does not accommodate any standards. The false assumptions underlying such criticisms of the multicultural approach are precisely what educators who support it see to be correct; the assumption that American culture is basically European, and that greater ethnic and racial inclusiveness automatically means "no standards."

From its very beginnings, the culture of the United States has been a mixture of ingredients from different cultures. Indeed, most cultures throughout the world are amalgamations of several cultures. At this juncture in our history, it should be clear that diversity itself is the essence of American culture.

Elements from various peoples have come together for many hundreds of years to form an indivisible cultural entity that is uniquely American.

Moreover, our culture is always evolving and changing. It has been in the process - particularly since the year 2000 - that the racial group of Americans will be in the majority. Second, multiculturalism know full well that standards are important. They merely contend that standards defining a European perspective are not universal; they are not the only standards.

How absurd it would be to pressure that the Japanese of Texans don't have standards just because their standards would be to say: I am the most powerful; therefore, I set the standards. But that obviously lacks legitimacy. Multiculturalism's opponents are not the only ones when asked out some wrongheaded people. Some of its supporters have too. For example, the belief that each racial or ethnic group should focus almost exclusively on its own history and culture, without learning much about other groups and cultures, is counterproductive.

Among other things, that approach would only reinforce racial and ethnic hostilities. Young people must learn about, and learn to appreciate, humanity as a whole. Inevitable, when we talk about our society's cultural diversity, the question arises whether we Americans can or should "believe" - that is, assimilate - into one homogenous mass. In the 1960s, the civil rights movement indirectly answered the assimilation question with its drive for integration.

Many integrationists believed that, in the absence of segregation and the oppression of African Americans, the differences between people would fade away. Others, pointing out that many Euro-Americans who press the case for assimilation do so out of fear and prejudice toward people with non-European backgrounds, argued that the case was too high. People of color were expected to abandon the distinctive features of their identities and assimilate into the alleged "white" norm.

Today, such theoretical considerations are irrelevant. Instead of being mostly integrated, our society is more polarized and segmented than it was 20 years ago. And we know now that the purportedly "neutral" and "universal" values we were all supposed to accept without question were really composed of a game plan for keeping certain people up and others down.

Does multiculturalism promise an end to racism in education? No. Educators warn that, while reworking curricula along multicultural lines is not by itself an adequate response to racism. In addition to learning about American culture, our young people must also study the history of American race relations, our society cannot be understood without a sense of the role of race and racism.

The issues in the multiculturalism debate are complex, but one thing is clear: To prepare all of our children for the future, we must educated them about the true nature of American culture and society, cultivate our many- shuttered American heritage and work harder -- together -- to defeat racism.