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Students call for revote on studies

Faculty and students discuss concerns at forum

by Scottie Holloway
Staff Reporter

Frustrated A&T students demanded action on proposed mandatory black studies from administrators in a faculty/student meeting last Thursday in Harrison Auditorium.

The History Club, a coalition of student organizations, and other concerned students pushed for a re-vote by secret ballot on implementation of mandatory African-American studies in the university's core curriculum.

Dr. Pamela Hunter, Senate Chairperson, said students and faculty needed to be aware of action taken by the Faculty Forum on April 8, 1992. She noted that a motion was passed stating that African-American and other multi-cultural courses should be accepted and strongly recommended as curriculum core options for the satisfaction of humanities, social sciences and free elective requirements.

"What was passed last spring at the Faculty Forum (strongly recommended African and multi-cultural studies) does not satisfy the student's number one demand, which is mandatory black studies," an angry student later responded.

Students claim the issues are

much broader than the implementation of African-American studies. Some said they feel that student interests are not being served and faculty members have lost touch with black student needs.

"From my perspective, faculty is answerable to no one if they are not answerable to students first," said Eric Short, a senior public relations major. "Students brought up this issue, support this issue, and demand that faculty push this issue through."

Chancellor Edward Fort responded by saying he felt the issue would not be resolved through politics and demonstrations.

"My position has not changed," said Chancellor Fort, who supports mandatory black studies. "It's important that although we are a black campus, it should not be used as a basis for pulling for the institutionalization of racism against other students who come to this campus."

Since their quest began for mandatory black studies, students have received over 2,000 signatures on a petition urging adoption of the studies, unified several student organizations and marched to the administration building to discuss their

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Speaking out: Student Government Association President Erica Smith addresses students and faculty at last Thursday evening's A&T History club meeting on mandatory African-American studies at Gibbs Hall.

Aggies applaud Clinton's election

by Jacquelyn Pittman
Staff Reporter

Students at N.C. A&T reacted positively last Wednesday to the news that Democratic nominee Bill Clinton had been elected President of the United States.

Clinton's stated intention to "re-unite the United States" and jump-start the sluggish economy drew praise from some voters.

"Democrats are for change, and we need change," said Serena Henderson, a freshman nursing major.

"Hopefully, he will correct all the things that are messed up."

Verdie Williams, a communication major, agreed. "I like Clinton's plan of action," she said.

"I hope the Democrats make our economy better," said Divetta Hairston, a freshman from Winston-Salem.

Issues such as the economy, the federal deficit and health care brought students and other voters to the polls in record numbers.

"I decided to vote because I wanted change," said Marquita Harris, a junior marketing major.

Although Clinton narrowly lost to sitting President George Bush in North Carolina, Democrats regained a majority on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.

Some students said they felt that universities would benefit from a Democratic administration, because spending on state schools would increase. Better-educated students would have more potential in the tough job market, said LaQuisha McMiller, an architectural engineering student.

"I feel like this will bring more jobs to the students that are graduating

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History club president says studies are a focus for change

by Greg Williams
News Editor

The student-led movement for mandatory African-American studies at A&T has become a catalyst for change on campus and in the surrounding area, said A&T History Club President Dwayne Patterson.

"The thing I'm most proud of is (that) we have the opportunity to bring out the fact that black studies is not the only thing" that needs to be addressed, he said.

Patterson said the larger issues have been outlined in a list of seven demands, including:

- A resolution to mandate that each incoming student be required to complete a minimum of six credit hours in African and African-American related courses;

- An open discussion between students and faculty through the

mechanism of the Faculty Forum;

- A committee dedicated to the recruitment of black students, specifically black males;

- The reconstruction of the N.C. A&T mission statement so that it reflects the needs of this black university and the black community;

- Disciplinary action to be taken against the dean of business, Quiester Craig, for his intimidation of faculty and disrespect to students during the Spring 1992 Faculty Forum;

- A meeting between Craig and the student body;

- Approval for the Black National Anthem, "LEV and S," to be included

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Chancellor Fort responds to A&T students

After hundreds of A&T students demanding mandatory African-American studies marched on Oct. 26 to confront Chancellor Edward Fort, he released a statement responding to their concerns. The text of that statement follows.

On Monday evening, October 26, 1992, several hundred of our students marched to my home and then to the Dowdy Administration Building to share with me their concerns regarding their desire for mandatory black studies at the university.

Three senior administrators and I met for

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Alumni enrich A&T and Greensboro

by Lori Ingram
Staff Reporter

The North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association raised \$58,000 through the sale of tickets to the annual alumni concert Homecoming weekend, an alumni affairs official said.

The high turnout and ticket sales for the show, which featured Phyllis Hyman, demonstrate the flood of money pumped into school coffers and the local economy every Homecoming, said Sampson Buie, director of Alumni Affairs.

"Homecoming is a time when the A&T alumni come back home," Buie said. "At least \$2.6 million was spent by alumni last weekend for purchasing hotel rooms, buying souvenirs, tickets for football games and other Homecoming activities."

A&T alumni consistently give donations to the university to help strengthen programs and help students achieve greater success academically, Buie said.

"Members of the Alumni Association give annually," he said. "In 1991, there was an all-time high of \$534,000 in annual giving."

The purpose of the Alumni Association is to strengthen ties between the university and its alumni, Buie said.

"The alumni play an active role in student recruitment," he noted, "and they also participate in the college job fairs here on campus."

The Alumni Association focuses on helping future A&T students as well as present ones, Buie said. Each year, four regional alumni scholarship awards are given to talented high school students.

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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Students targetted by new community service program

by Corey Cartwright
Staff Reporter

A new community service program hopes to harness the energy of the more than 20,000 college students in the Greensboro area and channel it into volunteer work.

The program, called Campus Community Connection, has established satellite volunteer centers at A&T, Greensboro College, Bennett College, Guilford College, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

A&T's volunteer center is located in the lobby of the Memorial Student Union Building.

"Through the Campus Community Connection center, students will find it easier to link up with the agencies and organizations they would like to help," said Sandy Leonard, program director for the Voluntary Action Center.

"This fall, there are over 20,000 students enrolled (at local universities), and during these times of budget cuts in the human services community, these students represent a tremendous untapped resource," she said.

The program was initiated when the Voluntary Action Center received a

\$4,000 grant last July from the Foundation of Greater Greensboro to begin a volunteer recruitment and referral program on the five campuses.

Students who visit the volunteer center in the A&T student union lobby Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. will have access to information about community agencies and the issues they address.

The center also features a list of areas where volunteers are needed in the community, including any information on required training and the times volunteers are needed.

Campus safety concerns stressed at conference

by Lori Ingram
Staff Reporter

Speakers at a conference on crime prevention at A&T Thursday night warned students that the same dangers they face in the city exist on campus as well.

"The main objective of the conference is to heighten the awareness of crime prevention on the university campus," said Dorothy Harris, assistant vice chancellor for Student Development.

The conference, titled "A Safe Campus Environment is Everyone's Responsibility," presented issues that require the attention of all colleges and universities today, Harris said.

The workshops addressed issues such as date rape, multiculturalism, and a possible escort service for better campus safety, she noted.

Safety on campus is a national issue that is acknowledged by colleges and

universities, Harris said. "The conferences are designed to keep students knowledgeable as to what steps to take for crime prevention," she added.

Harris said that an escort service may be established. The conference reviewed model programs so that A&T can develop an effective escort service.

"The biggest outcome of the conference (is) the awareness of safety practices and ways to develop programs to have a safe environment on campus," she said.

New doctoral program aims for spring start-up

by April Dillard
Staff Reporter

The School of Engineering's Doctorate Degree program has more hurdles to cross before it receives final approval, an A&T administration official said last week.

Dr. John Kelly, associate dean for the School of Engineering, said that he was working under the assumption that the program would be approved, and had already started marketing the program and recruiting applicants.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved a proposal for Ph.D. programs in electrical and mechanical engineering at A&T last March.

The decision whether the program will fly is now in the hands of officials at General Admissions for the University of North Carolina Systems, who will evaluate the program

for approval.

A&T hopes to be ready to offer the new doctorate program by April of 1993. Kelly said that the deadline for General Admissions' decision was at the discretion of evaluators there, so no firm timetable for the program's possible start-up date was available.

However, Kelly said, "We are absolutely on schedule, working aggressively to insure all of the details are handled."

There were 95 students enrolled in the master's degree program for electrical engineering in 1991. That number increased this fall to 100. The number of students in the master's program for mechanical engineering also rose, from 35 students to 40.

Those enrollment figures were one of the determining factors in selecting the two majors for doctorate degree programs, Kelly noted.

Kelly said that he

expected doctoral programs to be established in other engineering majors, depending on the number of students enrolled in each master's degree program. Industrial engineering is a strong candidate for an eventual doctoral degree program with 55 master's student enrolled this year.

Additional financing for the doctorate program will be necessary to fund faculty positions in math and chemistry.

A&T Chancellor Edward Fort is well aware of the support system and additional funding needed for this program, said Kelly.

About 1300 engineering students are enrolled at A&T at the baccalaureate and master's degree levels. Approval of the program would make A&T the first historically black institution in North Carolina to offer a doctorate, and set A&T in a more competitive league, Kelly said.

Hail to the Queen



1992 Homecoming Queen Mabelle Cato unveils her royal robes at last Thursday's coronation ceremony. For a complete look at this year's Homecoming celebrations, see the photo essay in this issue's Focus section on page 4.

Centennial campaign nets \$20 million in scholarships

by Cynthia Melton
Staff Reporter

As a result of A&T's Centennial Campaign, between \$10-20 million in endowed scholarships will be available to A&T students, said James Hicks, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The primary emphasis of the Centennial Campaign was to raise both endowed and nonendowed scholarships for A&T students, he noted.

"Seventy to 75 percent of A&T's students are on some kind of scholarship or financial aid," stated Norman Handy, vice-chancellor for Development and University Relations and administrator of the University Foundation.

"The North Carolina A&T University Foundation aims to develop a partnership between industry and the foundation in order to take care of that need," said Handy.

Corporations such as AT&T, Honeywell, General Motors, and Ford Motor Company are among the Fortune 500 companies supporting these scholarships, Handy explained.

A student needs to have

at least a B- average, ideally a 3.4 or better grade point average and a 900 or above SAT or ACT score to meet the criteria for these scholarships, he noted. The funds are available to graduate and mostly undergraduate students because they are based on academic standards, not need.

The Bryan Endowed Scholarship targets incoming freshmen in the area of science, engineering, and technology. The General Motors Scholarship aids students in engineering.

"There are a few scholarships available for talented students," Handy said. "For example, the Lionel Hampton Endowed

Scholarship (is) for those students in the choir or band who have a 2.5 or better GPA."

The alumni-sponsored Ray Charles Endowed Scholarship for Arts and Humanities will not be available for at least one to two years. However, the alumni association has other scholarships available in the fall.

"Students need to apply for these scholarships early in the spring for the next fall," said Handy.

For information and guidance on these scholarships, students should contact their department heads.

Holland Hall wins dorm decorating contest

Holland Hall won first place in A&T's annual Halloween decorating contest last Saturday with a display titled "Blue Death Cemetery."

The lobby of the building featured a graveyard decorated with trees, leaves, spiders with cobwebs, bats and

tombstones boasting such epitaphs as "Your flight is over," a message aimed at the North Carolina Central University Eagles.

An Aggie Bulldog stood in the center of the graveyard, glowering over a casket.

Alumnus turned politician tallies another victory

by Corey Cartwright
Staff Reporter

"I really enjoy associating with my fellow younger Aggies and students. It keeps me from getting cobwebs in my brain," said N.C. State House Representative Herman Gist, Sr., (D-Guilford) who ran unopposed in the last week's election.

Gist, 65, a native of Spartanburg, S.C., attended Carver High School and played varsity football and basketball. "Once I finished high school, I attended Claflin College in Orangeburg, S.C., and in 1946 I transferred to A&T," he said.

Gist, who received an honorary doctorate of humanities from N.C. A&T in 1990, recalled fond memories of his days at his alma mater. "I finished all my requirements for graduation with a B.S. degree in biology except for about three credit hours, and completed those in 1964," he

said.

Founder of the Triad Minority Development Corporation, Gist commented that he had always been involved in public service.

"I have always enjoyed being involved with the young people in the community, especially those that come from lower income homes," he observed. "I used to own a truck that I would use to haul the boys' baseball and football teams to and from practices and games."

Gist first had political aspirations in the early 1970s, when he made a bid for a Guilford County Commissioner's seat and a position on the city council. He was unsuccessful both times.

However, in 1983 Gist was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives and has been there since, usually running unopposed.

"In 1990, I was opposed by a Caucasian gentleman, but I still was able to win a landslide victory with the help of my supporters and the Democratic Party," he said.

Although Gist has participated in many major projects during his tenure as a state legislator, the one he is most proud of is the new \$16 million Bluford Library at A&T. "I did feel this new library was very important for A&T and the community, so I urged everyone in the N.C. General Assembly to allocate the necessary funding for it," said Gist.

Gist ruled out seeking a political office other than his current office in the N.C. House. "I feel like my political base is established on a local level and that's where I feel I'm most effective," he exclaimed. "If I was younger, I would consider seeking a (U.S.) Congressional seat, but now I'm just concerned with doing a good job for the city."

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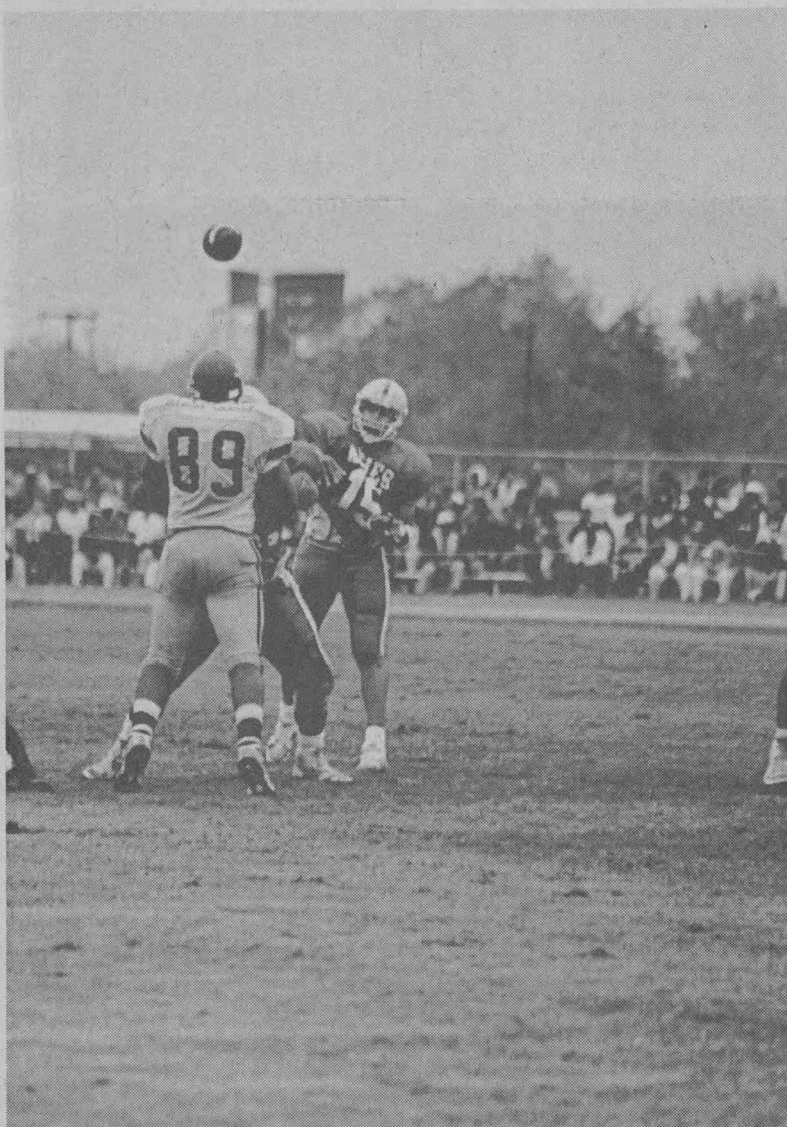
Homecoming Images



Hitting the high note: Singer Phyllis Hyman belts out a song at the annual alumni concert.



Her royal highness: New Homecoming Queen Machelle Cato is bedecked in her cape (above left) and approached by her Aggie subjects (below left). Below, Aggie defenders converge on Bethune-Cookman's ball carrier at the Homecoming game.

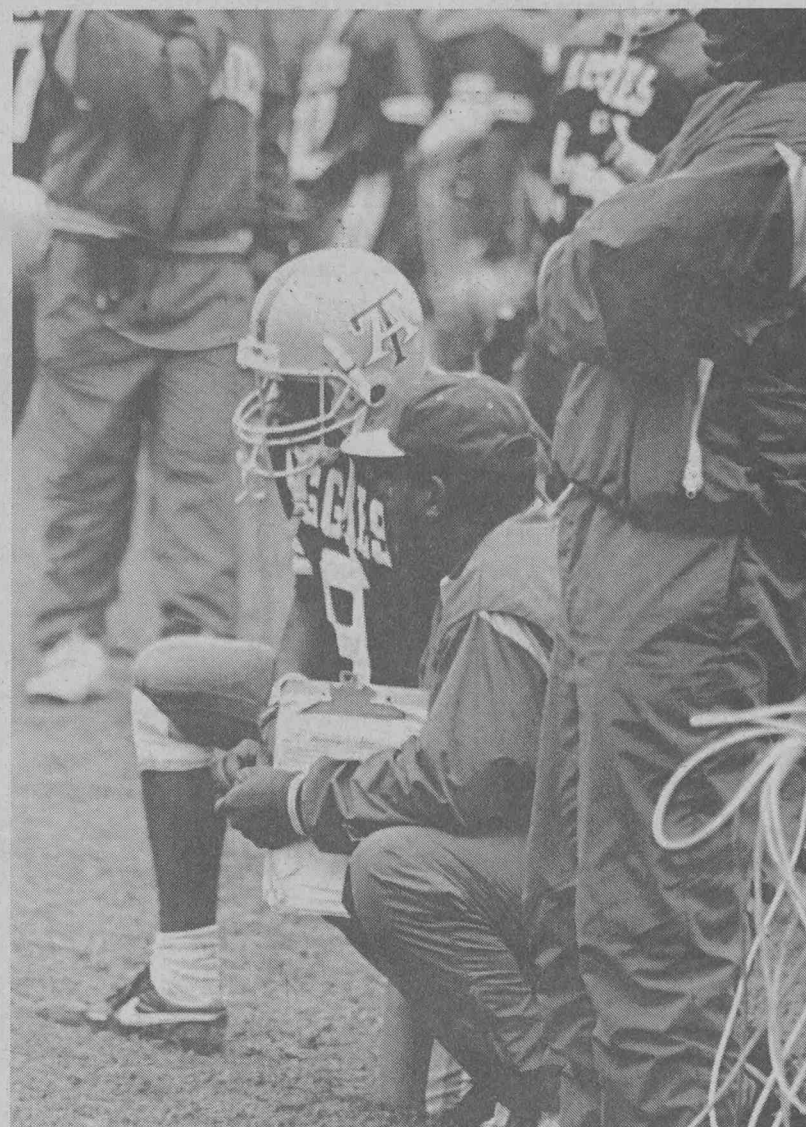


Letting it fly: Aggie quarterback Adrian Starks unleashes a pass during Saturday's game.

Photo essay
By
Doug McCullough



Passing the crown: 1991 Homecoming Queen Pam Askew (right) and new Queen Machelle Cato share the spotlight.



Sideline strategy: A&T Head Football Coach Bill Hayes confers with a player during the Homecoming game.



Stepping out: Organizational queens and their escorts strut their stuff in the court of the newly crowned Homecoming queen Thursday night.



Sharing the stage: A&T alumnus Rev. Jesse Jackson chats with university officials and SGA President Erica Smith before speaking to students and alumni.

U. S. Representative urges cap on Congress salaries

GREENSBORO, N.C.—U.S. Rep. Howard Coble (R-N.C.) said that he has agreed to be a plaintiff in a federal lawsuit aimed at repealing an upcoming congressional pay raise. Coble has agreed to join forces with a Denver-based legal foundation which is trying to prevent a 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for members of Congress from taking effect on January 1, 1993.

If the COLA goes into effect, the annual salaries of Senators and Representatives would be \$133,644, up from the current \$129,500. Annual COLAs became law by the passage of the 1989 Ethics

Reform Act, which Coble voted against.

The Denver-based American Constitutional Law Foundation, Inc., has announced plans to file a lawsuit in order to stop the COLA from taking effect. Coble and U.S. Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) have said they will become plaintiffs to that lawsuit. Other members of Congress and candidates for Congress are being asked to join the lawsuit.

Congressman Coble said he agreed to join the lawsuit because taxpayers should not have to foot the bill for another Congressional pay raise at this time.

"This is another example of Congress feathering its own nest while everyone else is out on a limb," Coble said. "My joining this suit as a party plaintiff is consistent with my earlier vote to defeat the congressional pay raise and co-sponsorship of bills to repeal the congressional--and other federal raises--in the Ethics Reform Act."

A number of taxpayer watchdog groups have argued that the COLA is unconstitutional because of the ratification of the Madison Amendment on May 18, 1992. The amendment states that "No law, varying the compensation

for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect until an election of Representatives shall have intervened."

A number of groups have written to House Speaker Thomas Foley saying that because the Madison Amendment was adopted this year, it nullifies the automatic COLAs approved in 1989.

These groups state that because of the Madison Amendment, Congress must pass a bill into law specifying the dollar amount of any congressional salary increase. Among the groups are the National Taxpayers Union, Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens Against Government Waste and U.S. Term Limits.

The automatic COLAs

also will inflate the pensions of members of the House and Senate which are computed as a percent of preretirement federal wages, the percentage increasing with length of service, Coble said.

The congressional pension system--in which Coble has refused to

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Peace Corps seeks to tap spirit of volunteerism

WASHINGTON, D.C. -

Volunteerism appears to be on the rise in the United States, according to figures released by the Peace Corps.

The grass-roots international development agency, which was founded during the Presidency of John Kennedy, reported a 15 percent increase in the number of applications in 1992 compared to last year.

The Peace Corps offers skilled Americans of various backgrounds a chance to share their skills by living and working in one of 90 developing nations worldwide.

One of the reasons for the surge in applications to the Peace Corps can be traced to the results of a 1990 study by

the Gallup Organization, a Peace Corps spokesman notes.

The study showed that 58 percent of American teenagers were active volunteers and 62 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 44 volunteered on a regular basis.

The Gallup Study also indicated that volunteerism in the United States was at its highest level ever, with approximately 98 million Americans sharing their time and personal resources.

Americans volunteered an average of four hours per week in 1989, contributing a total of 120.5 billion hours valued at \$170 billion. Those figures represented a 23 percent overall increase in the level of

volunteerism since 1987.

Peace Corps officials said they were especially interested in individuals skilled in areas such as education, agriculture, health, forestry, business, and engineering. Peace Corps volunteers receive hands-on work experience, graduate education opportunities and financial aid, free travel, paid living expenses, free medical and dental care and a \$5,400 end-of-service bonus.

Peace Corps recruiters will conduct on-campus interviews at A&T on Nov. 17 and 18. Interested students can sign up with the Office of Career Services.

Award to honor slain civil rights activist

A slain civil rights activist will be honored through an award given to college students who are catalysts for social change in their schools and communities, a Los Angeles-based activists' foundation has announced.

The Michael Schwerner Activist Award will be presented every spring to five college students who have challenged some form of social injustice, promoted positive solutions for change and inspired others to make a difference, said Alan Gleitsman, founder of the Gleitsman Foundation.

Schwerner was a Cornell University graduate and civil rights activist who

was kidnapped and murdered along with two co-workers in Mississippi in 1964.

Recipients of the award will each receive a \$1,000 prize. Nominations for potential Michael Schwerner Activist Award honorees may be submitted by a nominee's fellow students, campus faculty, staff members, alumni and others.

"People often have important solutions to critical needs, but feel they are not powerful enough to confront the system," Gleitsman said.

"By recognizing students who have successfully effected change, I hope that others will realize their own potential and will initiate

positive actions on behalf of causes important to them.

"The result will be a better world for us all," he added.

Nomination forms, which must be returned no later than Jan. 31, 1993, may be obtained by writing to the Gleitsman Foundation, 6100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 400, Los Angeles, California, 90048-5111.

In addition to the Schwerner Activist Award, the Gleitsman Foundation also presents a biennial Gleitsman Award for People Who Make a Difference, which honors social activists working within the United States.

Most students receive aid

WASHINGTON (CPS) - Nearly 60 percent of full-time undergraduates receives some student financial aid from federal, state or other sources, the U.S. Department of Education reports.

More students in private institutions received financial aid than in public schools, and in private, for-profit institutions, nearly nine out of 10 students received some form of aid, said the 1992 report.

The report contains 60 measures of preschool, elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

Among the findings related to college students:

Federal support for education rose 19 percent between 1983 and 1991 to an estimated \$54.6 billion.

The number and percent of bachelor's degrees earned in the natural sciences, computer sciences and

engineering dropped during the last half of the 1980s.

Between 1980 and 1990, costs for tuition, room and board rose more rapidly at private colleges than at public institutions - 49 percent vs. 26 percent. Although the rate of increase for college costs continues to outpace inflation, in 1990 tuition, room and board at public institutions as a proportion of family income was lower than in the mid-1960s.

ROTC hosts trick-or-treaters

On 28 October 1992, AFROTC and Army ROTC joined together at Detachment 605 to hold their Third Annual Halloween Party.

The Halloween Party provided a safe alternative for Trick-or-Treaters from the local schools in Greensboro, North Carolina from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

Cadets from AFROTC and Army ROTC used their creativity to turn Detachment 605 into a haunted house filled with witches, goblins, ghosts, and zombies.

The Air Force

Leadership Lab was used as a refreshment area, and the Army Leadership Lab was used as a prize area.

Some of the games consisted of musical chairs and pin the nose on the witch. A pinata was made, also. Prizes for the winning participants in the games consisted of candy, gift certificates, and cup cakes. A Halloween cake went to the person who broke the pinata.

Area businesses and NCA&T State's radio station made this event possible. Area businesses donated some of the

refreshments and prizes which helped to defray expenses.

Flyers posted throughout the community and WNAA, the university radio station, provided publicity for the event.

Detachment 605 plans to continue the Halloween Party with high expectations for the upcoming years.

This event has given AFROTC and Army ROTC cadets an opportunity to give back to the community by providing a fun, and most importantly, a safe Halloween for the children for our future.

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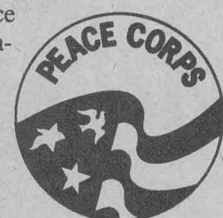


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SPORTS

Aggiescrush DelawareSt. in Homecoming victory

Set sights on MEAC championship

by Keith Bullard
Sports Editor

The thought of repeating as Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Champions has the Aggie football players in a two-game, must-win situation if they want a shot at the NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

After the Aggies 24-10 win over Delaware State last Saturday, the Aggies are tied for first in the MEAC Conference with Florida A&M and South Carolina State, second in the Sheridan Black College Poll and tied for 17th with William and Mary in the National College Athletic Association (NCAA).

The Aggies credit Saturday's win to quarterback Adrian Starks.

"Adrian has been playing well the last couple of weeks," said A&T Head Football Coach Bill Hayes. "Adrian is a little bit older, (age) 22. He gives us good leadership."

Starks completed seven of 15 passes for 114 yards, rushed for 43 yards and threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Rudy Artis with 2:22 left to decide the game.

"I'm just trying to make the best of it because this is my last go-round," said Starks. Starks credits the defense for the victory. The Aggie defense held Delaware to 103 yards passing and 111 yards rushing. The league's leading rusher, DaKiel Shorts, was held to zero yards on six carries. The Aggies finished the game with 407 yards of total offense.

Two A&T players earned MEAC player of the

week honors for their contributions in the Aggies' victory.

Linebacker Leevary Covington, a Rockingham junior, was named defensive player of the week after recording 15 tackles and one forced fumble in the victory over Delaware.

Placekicker Carl Warren was the league's rookie of the week. The Fayetteville freshman kicked field goals of 21, 37, and 27 yards to tie a single-game school record for field goal conversions.

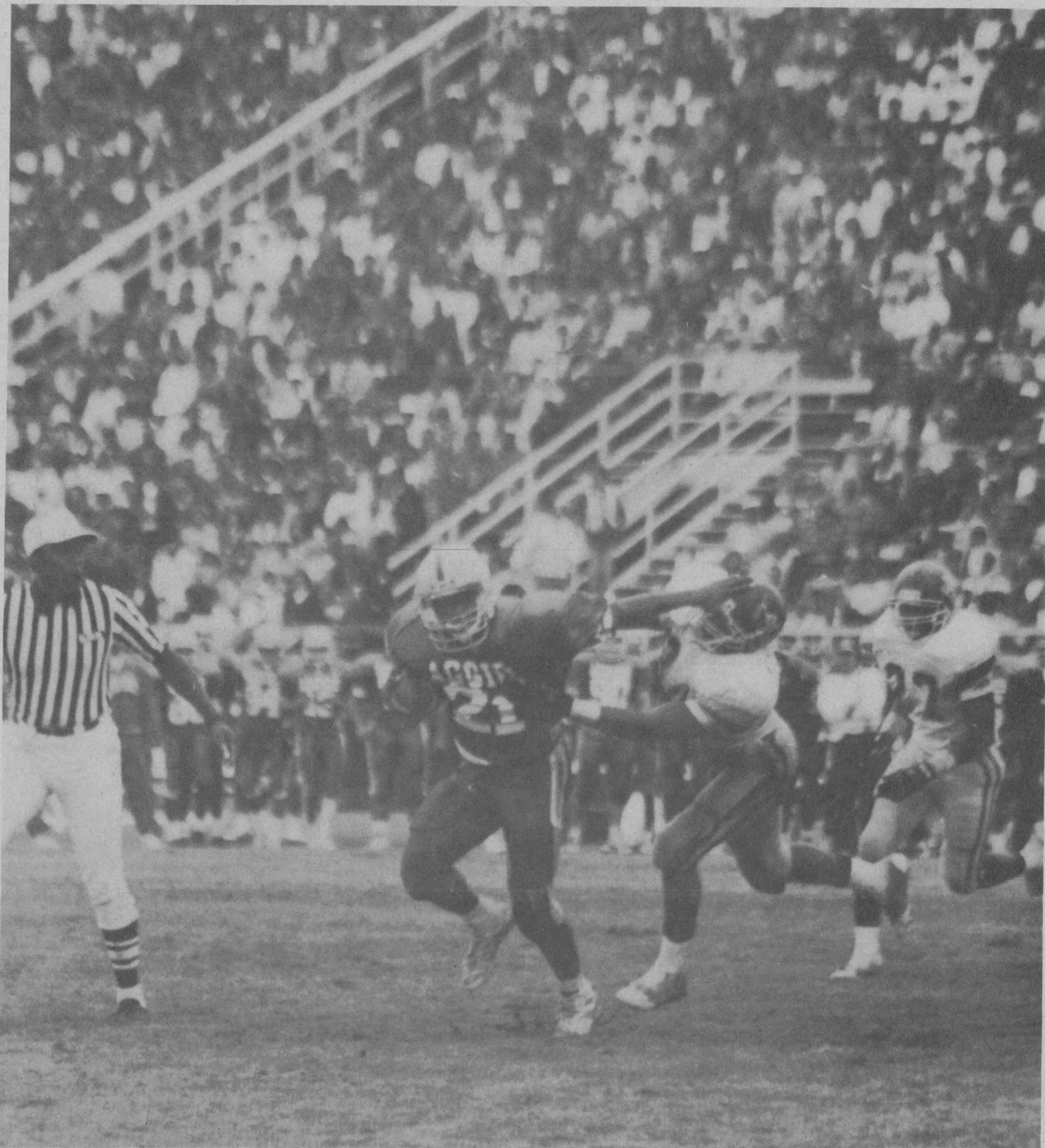
The Aggies now have their eyes set on the NCAA Division I-AA national championship, but first they must earn an invitation into the 16-team tournament. If the Aggies can win their last two games, they will clinch the MEAC title and have a chance to compete in the tournament.

"We really think we can win the national championship," said Starks. "That's been our goal all season."

If A&T wins, it will share the MEAC title with Florida A&M.

A&M's last game is against a struggling Bethune-Cookman Squad which has won only one game this season. Florida A&M will likely play in the Black Heritage Bowl this year because the Bethune-Cookman game comes after bids for the playoffs are extended.

Hayes said would like to pay attention to the last two games, not due to competition but for personal reasons.



By Keith Bullard
Sports Editor

Back off: Aggie running back, Barry Turner, eludes Wildcat defender for another touchdown.

North Carolina A&T Aggies defeated the Bethune Cookman Wildcats 30-22, October 31, during Homecoming. The Aggies were a heavy favorite coming into the game against an 0-2 opponent. They controlled

the game and apparently had it wrapped up in the third quarter until Bethune shocked the Aggies when they exploded in the fourth quarter with 15 points.

The Aggies were able to hold the Wildcats off

and escape with a win. The Aggies totaled 363 yards of offense while Bethune totaled 383 yards.

James White rushed for 99 yards on 12 carries and Rudy Artis caught two passes for 69 yards.

Quarterback Adrian Starks completed five of 15 passes for 108 yards. This win made

the Aggies one step closer to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title.

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| 1. Florida A&M | 7-2-0 |
| 2. N.C. A&T | 8-1-0 |
| 3. Central St. Ohio | 7-1-0 |
| 4. Grambling State | 7-2-0 |
| 5. Hampton | 8-1-1 |
| 6. Alcorn State | 6-3-0 |
| 7. Delaware St. | 6-3-0 |

Sports Calendar

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

DECEMBER 4: Clemson Opener, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.

AGGIE BASKETBALL (MEN)

DECEMBER 1: UNC Charlotte, Greensboro, 8:00 pm

4-5: First Bank Classic, Milwaukee, WI, TBA (Manhattan, Texas Christian, Marquette, A & T)

12: Virginia State,

AGGIETTE BASKETBALL

DECEMBER 1: UNC Charlotte, Greensboro, 5:30

3: Winston-Salem State, Greensboro, 7:00

8: Campbell University, Greensboro, 7:00

Greensboro, 7:30 pm

18-19: Acme Boot Classic, Clarksville, TN, TBA (A & T vs. Vanderbilt, Arkansas vs. Austin Peay)

FOOTBALL

NOVEMBER 14, at Appalachian St.

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1992 MEAC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	Conference	Overall
1. Florida A&M	4-1	7-2
tie. A&T	4-1	8-1
tie. S.C. State	4-1	6-3
2. Delaware St.	3-2	6-3
3. Howard	1-3	5-4
4. Morgan St.	0-5	2-7
5. Bethune-Cookman	0-4	1-7

Aggie greats to be inducted

by Keith Bullard
Sports Editor

North Carolina A&T State University will induct four of its former athletes into the A&T Sports Hall of Fame

on November 21.

A wrestling great of the early 70's, Melvin Jerome Fair, Hurdler, Ed Carter, who graduated in 1952; Roland Floyd Eller, an Aggie

championship baseball player on the 1954-56 team and leader of the baseball team from 1948-52 Fank Mahon, are the inductees.

Current manager of

the Golden State Warriors and former A&T basketball standout, Al Attles will be the speaker during the banquet. For more information, contact 334-7583.

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approximately 3 and one-half hours on Monday night. At that time, the students expressed their strong desire to discuss with the faculty the issue of their preference for mandatory black studies.

The students' concerns were based on the fact that this issue had been considered by the Faculty Forum on April 8, 1992. At that time, the Faculty Forum, while not mandating black studies, adopted a resolution authorizing students to take up to 12 hours of African-American studies to satisfy the core curriculum requirements: six hours in humanities, six hours in social sciences and free electives.

The concerns of the students regarding black studies were based upon their belief that they needed an additional opportunity to share

their perspectives with the faculty. During the meeting, it was stressed that curriculum changes are a faculty responsibility, and that the students should follow an orderly mechanism for the expression of their concerns to the faculty.

Accordingly, on Tuesday morning, Oct. 27, 1992, I met with the senior administrators of the university, including the academic deans, to share concerns expressed by the students on Monday evening. It was the collective view of this group of administrators that an opportunity should be created to encourage a student-faculty dialogue.

On Tuesday afternoon, at 4 p.m., a representative number of students and administrators (and) faculty

met, including students of the SGA (Student Government Association) and History Club. The students selected their own representatives. As a result of these discussions, it was jointly agreed that a forum would be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, 4-5:30 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium to provide the requested dialogue between the students and the faculty. The compromise format for the Thursday forum was mutually agreed upon by student representatives and administration (and) faculty.

As chancellor, I asked the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs to strongly urge faculty participation in the Thursday forum. It was agreed that: 1) any students with class conflicts would be accommodated; 2) a majority of the presentations would be

made by the students; 3) the forum would be hosted by the president of the SGA; 4) the chairperson of the Faculty Senate would be provided with an opportunity to make a presentation.

Lastly, it is important to note that the students' desire for faculty-student dialogue has been responded to as expeditiously as possible. It is imperative that I take this opportunity to assure the A&T family (our students, staff and faculty) that the university's approach to this issue has and must ensure not only the students' right to share their concerns, but also the university's obligation to honor the established curriculum approval processes, including the established prerogatives of the faculty.

I also stress to the students that the chancellor and other members of the administrative team would do

all that we could to urge faculty participation, but that faculty participation could not be mandated.

In conclusion, this summary is provided to members of the A&T family so that we all may be up-to-date on the events surrounding

this important issue and that we collectively respect the rights of the students to engage in meaningful dialogue with

the faculty, based on the assumption that the dialogue must operate within, and be consistent with, the existing rules of the university.

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grievances with Chancellor Fort.

Students are now pressing administrators to discuss other issues: the recruitment of more black males; the increasing number of white faculty members at the university; a possible merger with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG); and the singing of the National Black Anthem at all ceremonies and university functions.

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"We have 20 full-time merit scholarships," he noted. Buie said that alumni were looking for new areas where their involvement would benefit A&T students.

"The alumni love A&T," he said. "It is one of the most important segments of the university."

programs and demands, it would be a great asset for us."

The history club has more than 100 paying members from all areas of campus, Patterson said, adding that the diversity kept the opposition guessing.

"They're from all different majors, fraternities and sororities," he said. "That's what's important about the history club. (Members of the administration) don't know what perspective we're coming from."

culture, to implement black culture and to uplift spiritually," Short noted. Subsequent attempts to label the club as racist are just a distraction tactic, he said.

"Never let it be said that we are saying white students don't have a right to go here," Short said. "Never let it be said that we are saying that white faculty don't have a right to teach here. That's not the issue. The issue is black studies."

The movement also has received support from various alumni chapters, Patterson said.

"The amount of money contributed to A&T through the Alumni Association is tremendous," he said. "If they would decide to restrict their funds in support of our

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from the university," she said. "This is going to be the best four years in political history."

Cheryl McCoy, a junior nursing major, was drawn to vote by health care issues addressed by the candidates. "We as blacks can strive for longevity and better medical services to increase the black population."

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participate--bases retirement benefits in part on a member's average annual salary for the highest-paid three consecutive years of covered service. As a consequence, any increase in congressional salaries brings higher monthly annuities for

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in the opening ceremony at all University functions.

The media have oversimplified the demands and who is pursuing them, Patterson said.

"They want to make it 'black studies' and the 'history club' but it's (also) the SGA (Student Government Association), the student

coalition, students on this campus and a whole lot of issues," he said. "The media can isolate and separate, but when you're forced to deal with the whole thing, it's hard to get your hands around it."

Patterson, a junior business education major from Westbury, N.Y., said the movement had the full support of the SGA and SGA President Erica Smith.

"She has the lead,"

Patterson said. "She's taking the heat as SGA President."

History club member Eric Short added that "the SGA has been at the forefront of this for years."

"We're trying to get Erica's name out there more to show this is not just the history club, but the whole student government," Short added.

The history club was organized to "serve the black community, to look for black

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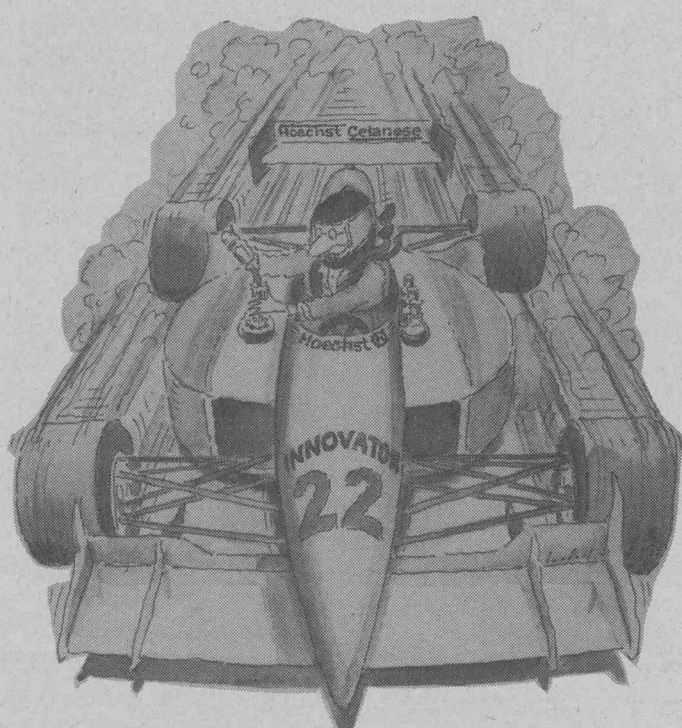
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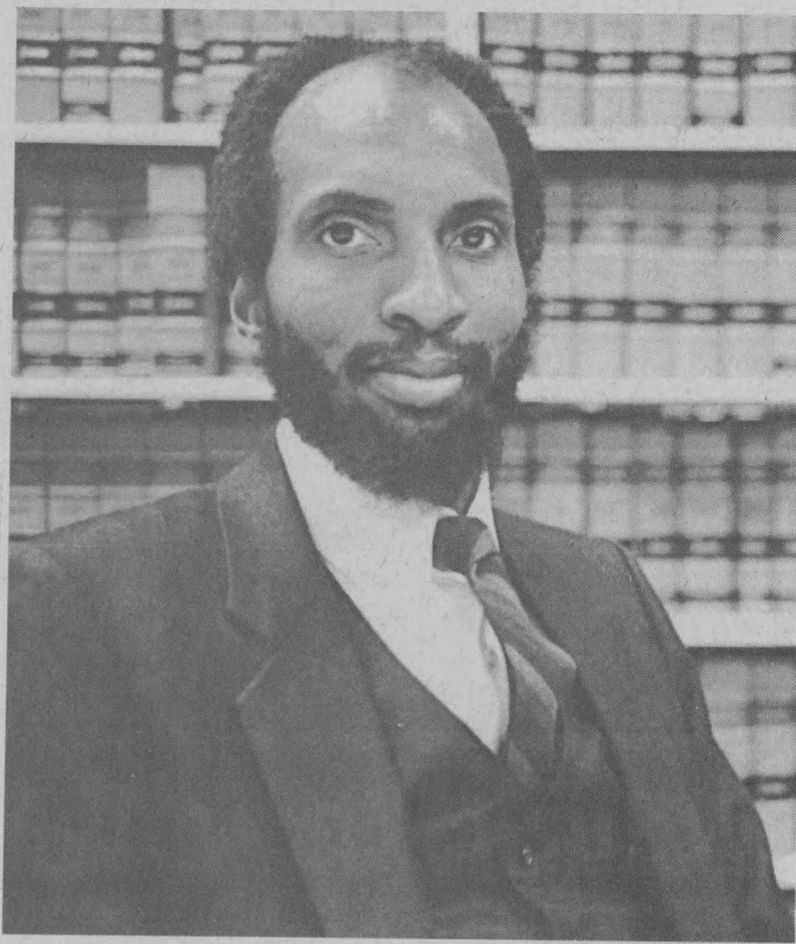
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OPINION

Racial "redlining" a subtle form of housing discrimination

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



You have the right

On Oct. 20, African-Americans won a major victory against housing discrimination when a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled unanimously that the federal Fair Housing Act prohibits insurance "redlining," the company practice of refusing to provide, or charging higher prices for, homeowners' insurance based on the racial composition of a neighborhood.

The ruling, announced by Judge Frank Easterbrook in Chicago, came in a lawsuit brought two years ago in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by eight black homeowners against the American Family Mutual Insurance Company. The homeowners, represented by the ACLU, the NAACP, the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee and lawyers of Hall, First and Patterson, have won the right to prove at trial their claim that American Family systematically tried to avoid underwriting insurance policies for homebuyers in neighborhoods with either a significant or an increasing black presence.

The American Family decision has given blacks powerful tools with which to challenge redlining around the country. Previously, inconsistent and weak state laws were all that the victims of this type of racial discrimination had to rely on. Now the ACLU and other advocates can invoke more stringent federal laws in their efforts to prove that insurance companies contribute substantially to housing segregation in the United States.

Prior to the American Family decision, it was not clear whether the Fair Housing Act could be used against redlining. The provisions of

the 1968 Act, which was hastily written and passed after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., are broad and don't list the specific illegal practices that enforce housing discrimination. Accordingly, in 1984, in the North Carolina case of Mackey v. Nationwide Insurance Cos., the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that home insurance redlining was not covered by the Fair Housing Act.

In 1988, Congress tightened the language of the Act by directing the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to specify the types of discrimination that the Act outlaws. HUD then itemized the links in the chain of housing discrimination and included redlining as one link.

A lower court in Wisconsin, however, ignored the new HUD regulations and, citing the Mackey decision, refused to apply the Fair Housing Act to American Family's redlining practices. Judge Easterbrook would have

none of that. Writing on behalf of the appeals court, he said "(e)vents have bypassed Mackey...Lenders require their borrowers to secure property insurance. No insurance, no loan; no loan, no house; lack of insurance thus makes housing unavailable."

The importance of the fight against housing discrimination was underscored by this past spring's civil explosion in Los Angeles. Insurance redlining and other practices that make life difficult in the inner city neighborhoods helped perpetuate the racial segregation and community deterioration that sent most whites and many middle-income African-American families fleeing to the suburbs over the past 20 years.

Insurance redlining helps trigger exodus and community deterioration in two ways. First, insurance agents avoid neighborhoods that blacks are integrating in significant numbers, which

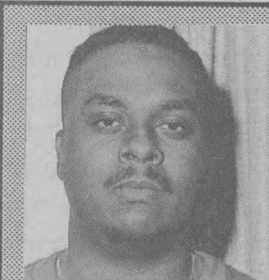
contributes to destabilizing those neighborhoods for homeowners, who confront the risk of living uninsured, and for those who want to sell their homes in the present or future.

Second, insurance agents either refuse to write policies in inner-city neighborhoods or overcharge for policies, which makes home ownership either untenable or unaffordable in those neighborhoods, and drastically lowers property values. Everyone who can get out of these traps gets out, leaving behind largely segregated communities of black folks with meager resources. Such communities, where property values and the inhabitants' incomes are at rock bottom, are burdened with the least of everything -- especially during a recession: less money for schools, few businesses, few jobs, hardly any services.

The ACLU is working in the courts to defeat racial discrimination in every way so that our communities can be strengthened instead of destroyed. The violence and mayhem that erupted in L.A. was not sparked solely by the exoneration of police officers who perpetuated a racist act. It was also a product of the deeply

entrenched, institutional racism in housing and employment that concentrates poverty in places like South Central L.A. and Milwaukee.

Insurance redlining is one of the tentacles of institutional racism that has to go if our inner cities are to become more livable. When insurance companies are required to operate according to principles of fairness and equity, the human and physical landscape of urban America will be less blighted than it is today. As of October 20, the Fair Housing Act has finally become a formidable resource among the many required to wage our struggle for equal treatment.



Greg M. Williams
A&T Register
News Editor

"X": A movie worth the wait

The movie "X" will be released on Wednesday, November 18th and I have heard it said that the world will never be the same after it. Ever since Spike Lee announced his plan to do a movie on the life of Malcolm X, I have seen Malcolm X's face, name or sayings on everything from sneakers to beer mugs. But, I hope that the movie is as vivid as the "Autobiography of Malcolm X" written by Alex Haley. The book was emotionally written as dictated by Malcolm X, I expect the movie to be as effective.

The book outlined the life of Malcolm X from his childhood days in Lansing, Michigan to his murder at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem. My imagination took me to Detroit where Malcolm X got his name Detroit Red. I was in Harlem when Harlem was where white people hung out. I was in Boston where Malcolm shined shoes at dancehalls. I saw three black men gun down Malcolm X as his children watched from the crowd.

If the movie follows close to the book, we are in for a history lesson that will leave a lasting impression on the minds and hearts of all viewers.

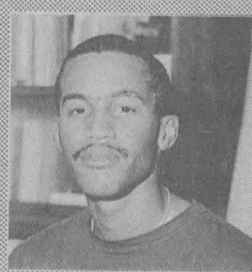
During his pre-Muslim era, Malcolm X was caught up in the crooked-capitalistic ways in the street, but he was still kind hearted, he was not evil. Upon his conversion to Muslim teachings by the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X was able to direct all the energy he used for negative things to the uplifting and enlightening of black people.

Malcolm X was a powerful figure in the black community and society fears such audacity. Malcolm was attacked daily by the media and politicians for his self-defense teachings. By the time Malcolm X departed from the Nation of Islam, he had a large following and influenced many people from all walks of life.

Malcolm X epitomizes the idea of giving his life for a cause. I guess that's why people get upset when the "X" symbol, which carries a meaning beyond any single definition, is exploited for commercial gain.

The "X" is a symbol that is more sacred than the star-spangled banner for many; a symbol of a man and his teachings more important than any of our "America fore-fathers" and their contradictory constitution; a symbol for a time when our race is on the brink of spiritual and social revolution.

Be prepared to go through the spectrum of emotions as you watch the movie and be prepared to sit-down for 3 hours and 20 minutes. But that's a small allocation of time to view Malcolm's 40 year odyssey of America. See you at the movies.



B.J. Evans
A&T Register
News Editor

A "Magician" should never reveal his secrets

It was about this time last year (Nov.7), when Earvin "Magic" Johnson shocked the world with his announcement of his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers because of his contraction of the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Johnson was cool; he displayed that trademark smile and he handled the constant pressure from the media just like he always had. He admitted he practiced unsafe sex and would become a national spokesman for the AIDS foundation. He even was able to remain strong despite having his reputation cursed by the syndicated tabloid magazines, but he was still Magic.

To make a long story short, Johnson was selected to participate in the annual National Basketball Association All-Star game and play with the first NBA led olympic basketball team. Johnson had a great showing. Afterwards, everyone knew he would be back; back to show the world that a person with the HIV virus can still live a normal life. But tragedy struck while Johnson was playing in a preseason game this year against the Cleveland Cavaliers (Nov. 3). He was scratched on his right arm and began to bleed. Johnson again retired because other players were in fear of contracting the disease from him.

Once again, the tabloid magazines were on top of him with more allegations as to how he contracted the disease. But instead of continuing his crusade to educate the world about AIDS, he goes on 20/20 and Oprah Winfrey the following day and tells the world how women just threw themselves at him and that sometimes one woman was not enough so he had to go for two. Later he added that he slept with six women at one time; maybe the tabloids were right. I think, however that Johnson is indeed feeling the pressure from the media, and feels he has to prove that he contracted the disease heterosexually instead of homosexually as rumored. Is this the type of image he wants to portray. We all can't be like Wilt Chamberlain. As a kid growing up I always thought a magician was at his best when their tricks were hidden, silly me.

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