Decision made on MEAC suspended game

From staff & wire reports

A plan to replay a basketball game between N.C. A&T and Morgan State that was suspended when a bench-clearing brawl left each team with only three eligible players was scuttled by Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) officials Wednesday, when they announced that the victory would be awarded to Morgan State.

The decision reversed an earlier ruling by MEAC Commissioner Kenneth Free that the game would be replayed at a neutral site, minority and media representatives. That announcement drew protests from students at both schools and reporters.

Templers flare. Above, Security steps in to the action on the court, gets out of hand below. Officials discuss the situation at the scorers table. Below, Aggie players wait for the officials ruling on the game.

Robert C. Acho Jr., a legal clerk. Marshall's law firm, which had won the case, said the Supreme Court's ruling was a victory for the school and its students.

MEAC representatives were mum about the reasoning behind the reversal. "We don't want to talk about it now," said a senior MEAC official who wished not to be identified. "We're over it and that's it."

Morgan State -- which led the Jan. 11 game 35-31 when it was halted without more than 10 minutes left in the first half -- had appealed to the MEAC's ruling committee to be awarded the victory, as was the case when a 1989 MEAC game between Morgan State and Howard University was halted by a similar melee.

An MEAC press release said, "After discussing the options set forth by the MEAC Appeals Committee, it was decided unanimously that the game should be declared finished at the point it was suspended by the game officials. The team in the lead should be declared the winner by the score of the game when suspended."

The Appeals Committee -- comprised of Eastern Shore President Richard Hyche, President of Bethune- Cookman College Donald Bronson and MEAC President Henry Brooks -- discussed Morgan's appeal via teleconference on Tuesday and said that the decision was final.

When Morgan State Athletic Director Joe McKey said that he was pleased that MEAC officials followed the conference precedent set in previous years, A&T Athletic Director William Burdett expressed his department's desire to leave the incident behind and focus on the rest of the season.

A&T Head Basketball Coach Don Cottrell was unavailable for comment.

A statement released by MEAC Commissioner Kenneth Free said the appeals committee believed "the decision is the best interest of the universities involved and the image at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference."

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was one of two justices who
were all the way and declared that
the death penalty was unconstitutional under any
in 1977 which struck down
capital punishment laws then
the books, Marshall was one of
a man who cannot be made a
criminals.
By the early 1970s, he was more often in the
minority. In 1974, he dissented from a ruling
invalidating a plan for busing pupils across school districts
to achieve racial integration.
—- a giant step backward - from the court’s 1954 Brown decision striking down school
segregation.
He was again in the
minority in 1966 when the
court voted 6-3 to permit
Norfolk, Va., to end the
cross-town busing of
elementary school students to
achieve racial segregation.
One of his sharpest
dissent came in 1977 when the
court ruled that states were
under no legal obligation to
pay for ‘‘therapeutic’’
abortions for women on
welfare.
I am appalled at the
ethical bankruptcy of those
who preach a right to life that
means, under present social
policies, a bare existence
in utter misery for so many poor
women and their children,’’ he
said.

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won the landmark Brown vs
The Board of Education
degregation case before the
court in 1954.
‘‘Brown is a
element of hard working
preservance and something
for us to look up to and
strive for,’’ says history club
spokesman Eric Short.

Marshall, the
grandson of a slave, was born
July 2, 1908, in Baltimore,
son of William and
Nannie Marshall. He grew up
in comfortable but not affluent
circumstances. His father
was a headwaiter in private
clubs. His mother was a
schoolteacher.
‘‘My father,’’ he said,
‘‘never told me to become a
lawyer. But he turned me
into one by teaching me to
argue, to prove every
statement I made, and by
challenging my logic at every
point.’’

A penchant for
playful mischief in grade
school was responsible for
introducing the young
Marshall to the Constitution.
He was forced to memorize
a portion of the document each
time he was disciplined.

‘‘Before I left that
school, I knew the whole
thing by heart,’’ Marshall
once said.

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Chavis encourages students to stand up

By Kim Mayhew

"I believe the USA needs Dr. King's dream in 1993 than we did 30 years ago when he first marched in Chicago." said Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. said at a press conference at the A&T student union last week.

Chavis, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of United Church of Christ, said, "We (Black Americans) have made some progress, but we still have a long way to go."

"But as the white only signs have been taken down we do not know how much progress we have actually made," he noted.

A native of Oxford, NC, Chavis holds a bachelor of science in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's degree in divinity from Duke University and the doctor of ministry degree from Howard University. Chavis is a member of the famed "Willingham Ten," a small-town organization that supported the desegregation in the Wilmington area in the 1960's. Chavis has served on the board of the Walter M. Chrysler Ten, Chavis spent 4½ years in prison. In 1978, Amnesty International cited the Wilmington Ten as the first official case of political prisoners in the USA. A 30-year service of the board that Chavis was involved with the Wilmington Ten, Chavis spent 4½ years in prison.

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The A&T State University Marching Band, directed by Dr. Johnny Johnson, assisted by Errol Forrester, was selected as the Honor Band for Gov. James G. Martin's Inaugural Parade on January 9, 1993.

“The A&T Band has won a number of honors in recent years and has appeared in some of the nation’s most outstanding parades,” said Hodge.

The A&T Band consists of 136 musicians from across the University. “Only about 10 percent of them are music majors,” he said. In fact, most of them are engineering and business majors.

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Information on A.M. frequency

Raleigh—Visitors to North Carolina can now turn to the AM Frequency and listen to North Carolina highway safety.

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, with a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, has set up ten AM transmitters that can be heard at the eight locations where interstate highways enter the state.

The systems signal, which has a broadcast distance of six to eight miles, provides information concerning automobiles and commercial vehicles, such as alert bell laws, drinking and driving, and speeding zone information. Motorists can tune to 530 AM to hear these messages.

We're very excited about this informational system," said Robert L. Ferguson, N.C. DMV commissioner. "We feel it is important to provide as much highway safety information as possible to our visitors."

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Clinton reverses limits on abortion as foes march

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Friday lifted restrictions his Republican predecessors had imposed on abortion, declaring, "We must free science and medicine from the grasp of politics."

An estimated 75,000 opponents marched through the capital on the 20th anniversary of legalized abortion.

"Abortion should be 'safe and legal but rare,'" said Clinton.

Organizers of the annual anti-abortion march from the White House to the Supreme Court tried to use Clinton's action to rally their troops.

About 75,000 marchers turned out, according to Capitol Police, but may seemed destined to living with a new administration unfriendly to their cause.

"I don't believe we're going to accomplish anything legislatively," said marcher C. Roy McMillan, head of the memorandums too.

- Allow abortion counselling at federally supported hospitals.
- Permit research using fetal tissue from abortions.
- Allow abortions at military hospitals and funding for overseas population control programs.

Clinton also pledged to review a ban against importation of RU-486 and the ban should be lifted.

That's a determination the Food and Drug Administration has to make.

The new president said the restrictions he was lifting had interfered with both the progress of medical science and with the ability of doctors to care for their patients.

"The American people deserve the best medical treatment in the world. We're committed to providing them with nothing less," he said. "Our vision should be that of an America where abortion is safe and legal but rare."

White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said Clinton "wants to make sure that the federal government sticks with Roe vs. Wade," the Supreme Court decision 20 years ago Friday that legalized abortion.

Just before Clinton signed the memorandums, there was a minor scuffle near the Supreme Court as marchers protesting that decision clashed briefly with abortion-rights court demonstrators. A trio of police motorcycles and one police cruiser, all with sirens wailing, pushed their way through the crowd and herded the abortion-rights demonstrators back to the sidewalk.

The march resumed without incident a few moments later.

"The press and the media think we're going to just get tired and go home, but we didn't get tired 20 years ago and we're not tired now," march coordinator Nellie Gray told the crowd of demonstrators assembled on the Ellipse behind the White House before the march started.

"We took some tremendous hits last year, no doubt about it," Pat Buchanan said. "And things don't look good. But we must keep fighting."

The anti-abortion demonstration began at mid-morning with a prayer vigil outside the White House.

"Please God, give him the courage to do what is right," Operation Rescue director Randall Terry prayed, accompanied by about 300 other abortion foes.

Terry said of Clinton: "Freedom of Choice?" above a photograph of a fetus. On a muddy slope beneath the Washington Monument, protesters planted patches of small wooden crosses.

They respect their views but he lives here. He feels that these are decisions that must be left to women in their private lives," Stephanopoulos said.

"You can't change a long, difficult road the last 12 years to try and protect this... Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

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Dr. Shapiro explained, "Radial keratotomy is a procedure which was developed to help myopic and astigmatic people. The procedure we are doing here at Shapiro Eye Care affects approximately 25% of the people in America."

"This procedure allows the surgeon to sculpt or redesign the curvature of the eye by making several small incisions in the cornea."

"After radial keratotomy, glasses may not be necessary or may only be necessary for specific instances. This procedure may also benefit patients who are unable to wear contact lenses. Radial keratotomy is done at Shapiro Eye Care and does not require a general anesthesia."

Dr. Shapiro states, "The typical patient that may benefit from this procedure is the 20 to 60-year-old who prefers not wearing glasses or contact lenses. Our goal is to try to correct our patients' vision as close to 20/20 as possible. However, not every patient can be corrected to 20/20 vision, but greater than 95% of the patients should have 20/40 or better vision without glasses."

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Procedures corrects nearsightedness

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I have a right to be hostile

I recently had an intense conversation with two black females that announced UNCO. The conversation centered around race and the stereotypes that either strengthen or handicap it. In the middle of the conversation, one of the females asked why black people are so mad. She said she saw it around black slavery and feels that she has just been treated like she has. I had to pause, to keep from raising my voice. Once I gained my composure I explained why some black people, or any other race, could be mad, and why that anger is sometimes like a raging fire.

I began by telling her that slavery was only the tip of the iceberg. I told her I was mad because when I look at my family tree I only see a few generations. I have no idea where I come from. I know my parents are from North Carolina, but were there my earlier ancestors from beyond the western boundaries? Where am I originally? This void made me angry.

I told her I was mad because once slaves were supposedly free, it took hundreds of years to acknowledge our existence as humans. And so many of the white mentalities have really abandoned the historic views.

But that everything I ever my mother has been hardened by a blatantly racist South and covertly racist North. Though time has a way of healing wounds, there are certain abrasions that are not healable. I feel lingering pain.

One of the females argued that they were not there and they should not be held to the same standard. I told her that I was not there either, I paid every discipline because I woke up as a black male, the traditional teaching song of history. Also, an Auggie. I was married by every white person that knew my name if I took in the fight against Morgan. The Chancellor sold the fight against ten seconds, but yet for me to receive national recognition from beyond the western boundaries? Am I originally? This void makes me mad.

It might seem contradictory that a story about the incident is on the front page of this paper, and it is almost a contradiction. The staff had many debates about this story. The logic behind the story is that we learn to journalism at The Register. If it is news, and the decision on the game is news, then we are supposed to cover it; objectively.

The conflict comes from the stipulation that black people do not know how to act and print the story seemingly reinforces this. I argued that A&T already has a reputation for fighting because of the infamous A&T vs. N.C. Central Battle, which was repeatedly shown on CNN, ESNP, and every news station in the country and we had been held up to a national public since our stations bypassed the more traditional and tried the situation out of proportion.

But just when you think it is safe to pick up a paper, here it is looking you right in the face. It is almost like shaking myself in the back. How to deal with the issue until we decided that this(Greensboro, A&T, The Register) is our learning ground, and if we plan to become professional journalists that we have to be able to write about things that are close to our hearts, even if the news is unfavorable.

The philosophy behind the whole concept makes me angry also. The concept is that in order to survive in the "real world" we often have to step on our own people. The solution to that problem is to get our own businesses, and redefine the term "real world." To survive in this "real world," we can not step on each other but we have to reach down and help the next man up.

If anyone is offended by the story, I apologize. I apologize for making me angry also. But all of the anger that I feel, I am learning to harness into a usable source of energy. I guess as long as I am angry, I will have the incentive to survive for myself, and my family, and the lives around me. The only way my anger will diminish is if racism diminishes. I guess I will be angry until I die.

Greg M. Williams
A&T Register
News Editor

Maya Angelou's Inaugural Poem

A rock, a river, A tree Has to species long since departed. Metalled the mausoleum The donkey, who left drudgery of life On our planet floor. Any bird's alarm of their hunting down Is lost in the floor of day and age.

But today, the Rock calls out to us, clearly, forcefully, Come, you may stand upon me Back and face your distant destiny. But seek no haven in my shadow. I will give you no footing place down here.

Yes, created only a little lower Than the angels, have cracked too long in The breaking darkness, Have lain too long. Face down in ignorance. Your minutes spelling works. Amed for slaughter. The Rock cries out to us today, you may stand upon me. But do not hide your face.

Across the soul of the world, A River sings a beautiful song. It says, come, real new by my side.

Each of you a boundary country. Delicate and strongly made, proud. Your arum smuggling profits High and your color want upon me. My shores, currents of death upon by the sea. Yet today I call you as my specimen. If you will truly war no more. Come, Calm in peace and I will sing the song The Creator gave to me when I stood the Two and the rock were one.

Before crimson way a bloody scar across your brow and when you yet know you will know peace to place and peace. The River sang and sang on.

There is a true yearning to respond to The singing River and the crying Rock. So say the Asian, the Egyptian, the Jew, The African, the Native American, the Sioux, The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek, The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh.

The Gay, the straight, the Preacher, The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher. They all hear

The speaking of the Tree.

They hear the hush and last of every Tree. Speaks to humankind now. Come, here me beside the River.

They hear yourself beside the River.

It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it. "Anonymous"

As students at North Carolina State University, we all know of friends who came in to us as freshmen, but now aren't here. We also are familiar with the "Super-Senior" syndrome. That's where students come in, but they don't get out. Looking back over all the classes, tests, and teachers, we find that the students got lost in the stress involved in just surviving.

What does it all mean?成功 in college? What does it take to be the black average? We will all learn life lessons from our own peers who are striving to improve the quality of their lives through education. We will feel the pain of the disappointments. We will feel the zeal of the achievements. We will get to know each other better so that we can all come together.

This column will serve as the voice for the black average. We will learn from each other what it takes to succeed in college and life. Hopefully, we will come to a better understanding of others and ourselves throughout our shared interaction with each other. Once we have a better understanding of ourselves, we then can progress towards improving who we are and deciding where we want to go. This column is called "BE AVERAGE," because that is what life is all about.

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