McCollum reflects on years at A&T

by Tanza Bennett
Staff Reporter

"Blacks have come a long way since the Sixties," said N.C. A&T mathematics instructor Cardosa McCollum, "when we had to sit in the balcony at the movie theaters, ride on the back seats of buses and eat out of the back of white-owned diners."

McCollum, a native of Durham, N.C., with a bachelor of science degree in math from A&T, said that he has seen diverse changes in the student body during his 39 years at the university.

Black students in general tended to stick to their own communities and colleges more frequently 25 years ago than today, he observed. "Before desegregation, all black students attended the same college. Today, many African-American students attend predominantly white universities as well as historically black universities."

McCollum said he believes that educated African-Americans are receiving higher pay and better job opportunities, which are advancements due to the civil rights movement.

"Today, he said, "more blacks are finishing college, which better equips them with skills not available 25 years ago."

A&T plays a vital role and fulfills an important responsibility in preparing its students for the world after graduation, said McCollum.

"North Carolina A&T offers excellent programs in business and engineering," he said. "The school has helped numerous African-Americans prepare for the suitable job markets they face."

The advancement of African-Americans in the United States is due to leaders such as U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and Langston Hughes, McCollum said.

He said he believes that young black Americans would like to follow the patriotic teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. to solve the social and economic problems facing African-Americans, but that youth are more apt to be catered to the fiery, aggressive, charismatic style of Malcolm X.

McCollum said he vividly remembers how A&T students of the past participated in the sit-in movements in Greensboro and other activities to help fight segregation.

Graduating A&T students will be well-prepared for the future and will be productive members of society, he noted.

"The bright, intelligent and talented students attending our world-class university is the key to keeping me motivated," McCollum added, urging students to "try to be the best you are, strive to stay on top."

SGA stresses Black Studies

by Towanna Dickens
Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association will continue its push for mandatory African-American studies this semester by adopting "Black Studies" as the theme that it has chosen to emphasize during February, Black History Month.

"The series of programs scheduled are for the enjoyment and entertainment of the student body," said SGA President Eric Smith.

The various activities range from an observance of the anniversary of the lunch counter sit-ins (the Greensboro Four) to a viewing of an African-American Family Video. "We hope everyone is enlightened and that's what we're pushing to do," said Smith.

Deborah Wilson, an agricultural education student, said, "I feel the SGA has done a good job of planning activities for 'Black Studies Month' and we need to support them more, as well as to continue these activities not only in February, but every month as well."

by Deborah Bell
Staff Reporter

When he thinks about his former college classmate Martin Luther King, Jr., says Wayman McLaughlin, a philosophy and humanities professor at N.C. A&T since 1967, "even to this day I give him a warm hug."

Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. was one of the finest persons with one of the most incisive minds that I have ever known," observes McLaughlin.

Born in Danville, Va., McLaughlin received his Ph.D. from Boston University, majoring in metaphysics and with a minor in the history of philosophy.

the second black to receive a Ph.D. in my field," he says. "I worked my way through school. I received forty dollars in student aid during the entire time in school."

Rev. King even officiated at McLaughlin's marriage to his wife, Zenobia. The couple have five daughters and one son.

McLaughlin speculates on how King would view today's "almost obnoxious search of young African-Americans for their identity."

"King would say, McLaughlin believes, that this quest is a positive search for the truth inherent in the need for a larger self. As on the belly of the lizard on the rock, there is dust from long, long ago."

"So, too, this quest of our young people reflects the need for a new historical frame of reference, rooted in a more total, objective understanding of the past," McLaughlin imagines King saying. "Cultural diversity is not the solution, since it over-emphasizes differences. Multi-culturalism is not the answer, as it spotlight many cultures with one being superior. Cultural pluralism is a more coherent view. It maintains unity amid differences."

Despite higher minority visibility in the economic, social and political areas, McLaughlin says that King would not believe that African-Americans have reached the "promised land."

While certain blacks, particularly scholars and entertainers, have achieved visibility in the circles of the majority, "King would view an individual such as these as "not more than a principle-less pepper, a powerless person, or a high-falutin Uncle Sam," McLaughlin says.

Referring to the fact that "our young (black) people are dying like flies on the streets," McLaughlin says he takes some hope from the words of African-American poet Langston Hughes: "Hold fast to dreams/for when dreams die,Life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

If King were to redefine the American dream today, McLaughlin concludes, he would tell listeners that "the dream is that the Fatherhood of God inspires the brotherhood of man."

Students from A&T College began, February 1, 1960, what they called a "passive sitdowns demand" at Woolworth's downtown five and dime store in Greensboro. The "sitdowns" sparked a mass "sitdown" movement throughout the south. This photo is a reprint from a February 5, 1960 issue.
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Students kick off Black History Month with "All Black Day"

by Karl Tripp
Staff Reporter

Webster's dictionary and Root's thesaurus define "black" as "determined of light, dark, gloomy, solemn, atrocious and wicked." "Black" has historically been stereotyped as an aspect of a negative gesture or connotation: Black market, black sheep, blackmail, black cars and the color associated with death and funerals.

The A&T Student Government Association (SGA) tried to revert to stereotype Monday by kicking off Black History Month with "All Black Day." All administrators, faculty, staff and students were asked to wear black.

The SGA Executive Board released a statement asking participants to show that "Black is indeed beautiful and not derogatory."

"We want the students to become proactive, to stimulate discussions and to make a change daily," said Theron McConneyead, SGA vice-president of external affairs.

The SGA urged students not to let the event end by simply wearing black, but to think black as well.

"Let's make this the first day to resurrect that 'Aggie Pride' that's been dead since the '60 sitcoms," said one A&T student. "Let's put A&T back on the map as a positive term by making radical changes just like we were once known for—demanding mandatory black studies, black ownership at the bookstores. A&T, stop being the living dead, the walking nombes. Wake up mentally as well as physically."

Jazz Showcase to be held

The North Carolina Jazz Network, Burroughs Wellcome Co. and the North Carolina Arts Council will present the fifth annual N.C. Jazz Showcase on Sunday, February 25 at the ArtsCenter in Carrboro.

Eight of the state's best jazz ensembles have been selected to perform for agents, recording industry representatives and jazz fans in the ArtsCenter's intimate concert setting.

This year's Showcase begins at 1 p.m. with a panel discussion, "Make It Happen!" (or "How to Succeed in Presenting Jazz") led by Lawrence J. Simpson, Ph.D., managing consultant for The Mogus Group, a consulting agency for artists and other non-profit groups such as the Ohio Arts Council and the National Jazz Service Organization.

Joining Simpson on the panel are Wanda Montgomery, director of programs for the Afro-American Cultural Center in Charlotte, Gregg Gellb, saxophonist, educator and founder of the Heart of Carolina Jazz Orchestra from Sanford, and A.B. Cook, WNAA radio announcer and jazz promoter from Greensboro.

Following the panel discussion, "Jazz for Listening," a small group showcase, will take place from 3-6 p.m., with six artists and groups expected to perform: the Beth Cornelia Quiner, Matt Kendrick Uni-Jazz/Art, the Oranges Band, Daryl Ryan, the Wasabi Brothers and the Lee Waggs Quiner.

After a buffet supper for registrants and musicians, the showcase resumes at 7:30 p.m. with "Jazz for Dancing," featuring the New Orleans sound of the Swamp Cats and the Latin Jazz beat of the Ricardo Granillo Group.

Jazz fans and professionals who want more information can call Jane Reinecke, the Showcase Coordinator, at (919) 967, 6256 or the ArtsCenter at (919) 929-ARTS.
Jury candidates asked if they engaged in riots

LOS ANGELES (AP) - As a trial that began Wednesday for four policemen accused of beating Rodney King, more than 300 prospective jurors were asked if they had engaged in any of the events that followed the first trial. The prospective jurors also were asked if they would be able to remain unbiased if a verdict could result in a new trial.

Davis asked prospects that their identities and written answers would remain secret forever. And he told them the jury will be sequestered at a hotel away from families or friends for the duration of it.

The officers are charged in the videotaped beating of King after he was arrested on March 3, 1991. When, a rookie who was still on probation, was fired after the beating, the others have been suspended since then.

The officers' trial opened a year after they went on trial on assault charges in state court in the mostly white suburb of Simi Valley. Verdicts last April acquitting them of most charges triggered deadly riots. More than 50 people died and $1 billion in damage was done.

After the new federal grand jury indicted the officers on charges they violated King's civil rights, the officers' lawyers said they would file a suit on the grounds it would cost $14,000 a year to hire every U.S. court clerk.

The $14,000 in assistance would be available palted out, according to recommendations of the

implementing such reforms would "subject students to a courtroom breech someday not worth it," said Law Verdicts? "Do you fear the prospect of a trial even following a verdict in this case?"

Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott admires the new uniforms worn Wednesday by outfielder Reggie Sanders. Later in the day, she was suspendeding for making racial slurs.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) - For decades, the in-court student government at the University of Alabama has been the Machine, a shadowy collection of white fratrities and sororities highly skilled at getting its people elected.

Few people have been able to overcome the power of the Machine, which has backed many student leaders who later made their mark in politics, including a number of congressmen.

Even a leader-to-be like George C. Wallace was no match for the Machine. When he ran for governor in 1960 he got 41 percent of the vote.

But after a non-Machine candidate for student president reported being beaten and shot and a cross was burned outside his dorm, Machine administrators shut down the student government.

While school officials say there is no proof the Machine is to blame, leaders of the crossburners deny any role, administrators and many students say it's too late to turn back.

"When the crosses are marked by maintained students, that's just a clear indication that something has to happen," said Harry Kropp, vice president for student affairs.

Marge Schott, a non-Machine candidate for president of the Student Government Association, reported that a man entered her home Sunday night, bruised her cheek, huffed her, cut her face with a knife and told her she was allied with the wrong people.

Two months earlier, a cross was burned on the lawn of the white student's off-campus house, and threatening notes with the "machine" rules" were put in her mailbox and on her doormat.

This week, the university suspended campus elections scheduled for next week.

"Reform of student government on this campus has my full support," said university President Roger Sayers Tuesday.

Kropp said that for several months, a number of people have made allegations of threats. Although some fear the Machine, a coalition of members of 27 fraternities and sororities, said it was nothing to be afraid of.

"But, he said, "There is an undertone involving the so-called Machine, and it will be discussed.

The Machine-backed candiday for student president reported being beaten and shot and a cross was burned outside his dorm, but the Machine was respectable. It's thought to be really horrible it happened," he said.

Marge Schott is a Phi Mu sorority, one of 48 Greek organizations at Alabama and one of the organizations that make up the Machine. But, the Machine endorsed Ethel, a member ofBeta Theta Pi.

Marion Trone, a member of a non-Machine fraternity, said the administration "should have investigated the situation at a long time ago, when's the SGA, the way it's been run."

"They should have given the Machine a chance," she said. "Marge Schott is not a very nice woman. This is a group association with this group.

North Carolina attack victim meets with Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) - A North Carolina man who was beaten as a gay bar, allegedly by a group of white youths, said the incident showed the need for the government to protect the rights of gays and lesbians.

Crain predators he was intimidated in a press in President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on AIDS cases on the armed services.

"I was beaten by people who were supposed to be protecting my rights and freedoms," Pridden, 28, of

Raleigh, N.C., said Tuesday. "I know that I am gay. I can live with it as a black man without being gay."

Pridden said every time he went downtown to find gay America. "I can ask any black who has been to the white bar for a white man who has been to the white bar for the Machine. But, he said, "If there is anything by Schott's Davis' my million-dollar dollars.

I'm not gay. But, he said, "If you don't like gays just leaves, "I was too mad to feel anything. This just shouldn't have happened to anyone and I'm sure in a way, that's the SGA, the way it's been run."

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"Today the Machine is a little club of thugs and wards," he said. "And I don't blame my sister for not wanting to be associated with this group."
Here comes the hook: Aggie forward Jamaine Williams #21 drives in a shot over a Bethune-Cookman defender.

Huddle up: Women's head basketball coach Tim Abney instructs his team during a timeout.

Photo essay by Doug McCullough

Flying high: #12 Phillip Allen soars over a N.C. Central defender for an easy two.

True champions: Head football coach Bill Hayes holds up the championship trophy for the 1992 season as his players signal, were number one!!

In your face: Florida A&M defender #22 gets a up close view of a Phillip Allen #12 slam.

Shooting for two: Lady Aggie' Angela Hill goes up for a potential score against the Lady Camels.

Out on the break: Hope Monroe #22 pushes the ball up the court for A&T as the Lady Rams give chase.

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This Week's Games
Feb. 6 (Saturday) A&T versus Delaware State, 5:30p/8:00
Feb. 8 (Monday) A&T versus Maryland E-S, 5:30p/8:00

MEAC Player of the Week- Jamaine Williams/NCA&T
"When the truth is ugly..."

By Mike Sutton

A&T Register Editor

Righteous, more than a few A&T administrators and students are probably flabbergasted:

"We're not going to tell them anything," the college said in an article published in the Butler Herald.

"They may be asking themselves, "did the A&T Register and Morgan State University play a role in the loss of basketball.""

So, why were they telling us what they had to do?

"Well, they're just protecting the public," the college said in another article.

The A&T Register is a student-run newspaper that is the official publication of A&T. It is published weekly during the school year by the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University students.

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Gay rights, too, by Lisa Johnson

Guy rights! Black rights! All rights — that's the issue.

When I was a junior at A&T, I was somewhat anxious about the upcoming elections. I was concerned that our white president would try to prevent the African-American basketball team from playing its games at home.

But then I thought about it and saw what the issue was all about: The African-American basketball team is a part of our school. Despite the fact that the team has not always been successful, the school has supported it. I realized that what is at stake here is the principle of equal treatment for all students, regardless of race.

The policy that our president has proposed will allow students to vote on the issue of whether they prefer white or black basketball teams. This is the type of decision that should be left to the students themselves. By allowing them to vote, we will be giving them the opportunity to express their opinions on an important issue.

So, why should we allow students to vote on this issue? They are the ones who will be affected by the decision. They should have a say in what happens to their team. By allowing them to vote, we are giving them the power to make the decision that affects them.

In the end, it is important that we support the African-American basketball team. They have worked hard to get where they are today, and they deserve our support. By allowing students to vote on the issue of the basketball teams, we are giving them the opportunity to make a decision that will affect their team.

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Open Letter from SGA President to the Student Body

I would like to thank you for your efforts in the proposed budget for the African-American basketball team. Your support has been invaluable, and I am grateful for your dedication.

The Executive Board of the Student Government Association (SGA) has worked hard to ensure that the African-American basketball team receives the funding it needs. The SGA has been active in negotiating with the administration, and we have been able to secure the necessary funds for the team.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the SGA who have worked so hard to make this happen. Their hard work and dedication have been crucial to the success of the African-American basketball team.

Thank you again for your support. Together, we can make a difference. Let's keep working towards a brighter future for our African-American basketball team.