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News Scope

Club offers support for youth

by Kim Mayhew
Staff Reporter

Saving black youth is the main item this year on the agenda of N.C. A&T's Eta chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, a spokesman said.

Kevie Wilkins, a member of the fraternity, said "Save Our Youth Awareness Week," which took place Mar. 15-19, was the first leg of a push to help black youth in the community who may have fallen victim to drug abuse, pregnancy, child abuse or peer pressure to break the law.

The central focus of the program was to encourage students and members of the community to spend an hour per day with a youth Mar. 22-26.

This was the first time the fraternity had dedicated an entire week to the youth in the community around the University, and "it was a big success," Wilkins said.

The week of activities included a youth campus tour, a youth development seminar, "Save Our Youth" button day and a talent show.

One of this fraternity's primary goals has been to provide services to the youth of the community, Wilkins said. Such services include tutoring, mentoring and counseling at Allen Middle School and the Windsor Recreation Center.

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Corbett resigns as coach

From Staff Reports

After a 14-year run during which he compiled a record of 256 wins and 143 losses, Don Corbett has left his position as head basketball coach at N.C. A&T State University, announcing his resignation just six days after the Aggies were eliminated in the first round of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament on March 5.

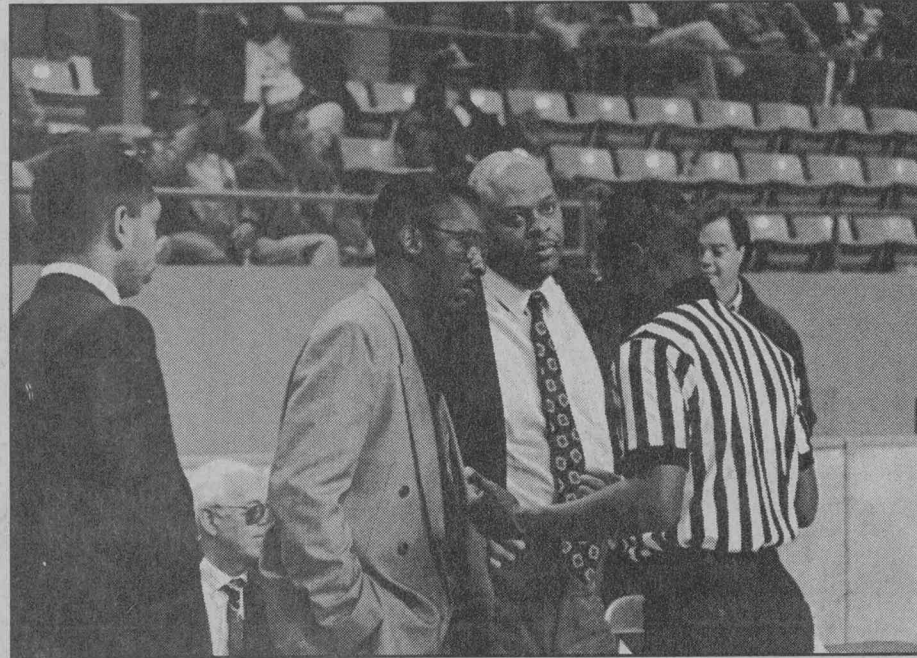
Corbett informed Chancellor Edward B. Fort of his decision Thursday afternoon, March 11. He will remain part of the A&T staff as a member of the faculty.

"I have served for fourteen years as the basketball coach at North Carolina A&T State University," said Corbett. "These years have been very rewarding years, ones that I will always remember and shall always cherish.

"However, at this point in my career," he said, "I feel that this is an appropriate time for the University's basketball program to move in another direction."

Corbett also cited personal reasons for the unexpected decision.

"For me personally, I too need the opportunity to have some free time; time free of pressure to enjoy my family, pursue other goals or even just simply to smell the roses," he said. "Therefore, I have decided to step down as head coach at the University. My plans are to remain at the University and in the city of Greensboro."



Parting shot: Don Corbett (center) listens to the explanation given by the official.

After struggling through an 8-19 season in 1980, his first at A&T, Corbett improved the next year by posting a 21-7 record and a trip to the MEAC championship game.

From there, one success would soon follow another in A&T's men's basketball program.

The Aggies reeled in the next seven league tournament crowns and yearly bids into the NCAA Division I Basketball Championships. Along with his team's success, Corbett was voted MEAC Coach of the Year six times and Outstanding Tournament Coach six times as well.

Corbett, a 1964 graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., received a master's degree in 1965 from the University of Illinois before taking on his first coaching job at Carver High School in Columbus, Ga., where he had grown up.

After two successful years there, he went on to South Carolina State for a year as an assistant and later to Tennessee State for three years. In the fall of 1971 he returned to his alma mater, Lincoln.

Through eight seasons of play, Corbett's teams won 159 games with just 59 defeats. They captured

four MIAA titles and participated in the NCAA Division II Regionals five times. His career coaching record stands at 415 wins and 202 losses.

Though past A&T records do not give a complete account, Corbett is believed to be the most successful basketball coach in A&T history.

Career Stats

Yr.	College	W-L
1971-72	Lincoln University	*+ 22-6
1972-73	Lincoln University	* 19-7
1973-74	Lincoln University	+ 18-8
1974-75	Lincoln University	*+ 19-9
1975-76	Lincoln University	+ 20-8
1976-77	Lincoln University	*+ 22-6
1977-78	Lincoln University	22-6
1978-79	Lincoln University	17-9
1979-80	NCA&T	8-19
1980-81	NCA&T	**@ 21-8
1981-82	NCA&T	**# 19-9
1982-83	NCA&T	**# 23-8
1983-84	NCA&T	**# 22-7
1984-85	NCA&T	**# 19-10
1985-86	NCA&T	**# 22-8
1986-87	NCA&T	**# 24-6
1987-88	NCA&T	**# 26-3
1988-89	NCA&T	9-18
1989-90	NCA&T	@ 14-15
1990-91	NCA&T	17-10
1991-92	NCA&T	** 18-11
1992-93	NCA&T	14-13
Totals		415-202
*/ MIAA Championships		
+ / NCAA Division II playoffs		
@ / NIT tournament		
** / MEAC regular season champs		
# / MEAC tournament champs and NCAA Division I playoffs		



Now's the time: Jesse Jackson Jr. urges students to strive to be better.

Jackson returns home

From Staff Reports

Student protestors chanting "Black studies now!" at last Wednesday's N.C. A&T Honors Convocation found their call echoed by keynote speaker Jesse Jackson, Jr., who graduated from the University six years ago.

Addressing an audience of more than 800 honors students and faculty, Jackson said, "I support those students who support black studies.

Black studies should be mandatory."

The statement of support came after protestors interrupted A&T Chancellor Edward Fort's introductory remarks with the chants.

A 1987 magna cum laude graduate with a bachelor of science degree in management and a 1990 master's degree in theology from the Chicago Theological Seminary, as well as a law degree from the University of Illinois, Jackson is president of the "Keep Hope Alive" Political Action Committee and vice-president at large of Operation PUSH.

He turned much of his half-hour convocation speech into an argument for mandatory studies at A&T, comparing the plight of Haitian boat people turned away from American shores to the situation facing American blacks.

"The only difference between the Haitians and black people in this country is the boat ride," he said, referring to the boat rides endured by slaves a century ago. "We got off in Charleston and they got off in Haiti.

"Black studies prepare students to deal with the real racist world," Jackson added.

Jackson stressed that the honors students in attendance were "not there by accident," noting that success did not just come from preparation and opportunity, but rather being prepared when opportunity presented itself.

"Achievement without preparation is called the lottery," he said.

He urged students not to just occupy the space surrounding them, but to do something while they had that space. "It is our challenge not just to occupy space, but (that) the world that we live in should be a little better place because we lived," he said.

"It's not the briefcase," Jackson said. "It's not the money. It has everything to do with, 'What change did I make? Am I honoring my people?'"

Jackson also touched on the qualities that African-Americans should look for in their political leaders.

"Prior to 1984, the only criteria for the black community to elect a President (of the United States) was (based on) who had the best record on civil rights," he said.

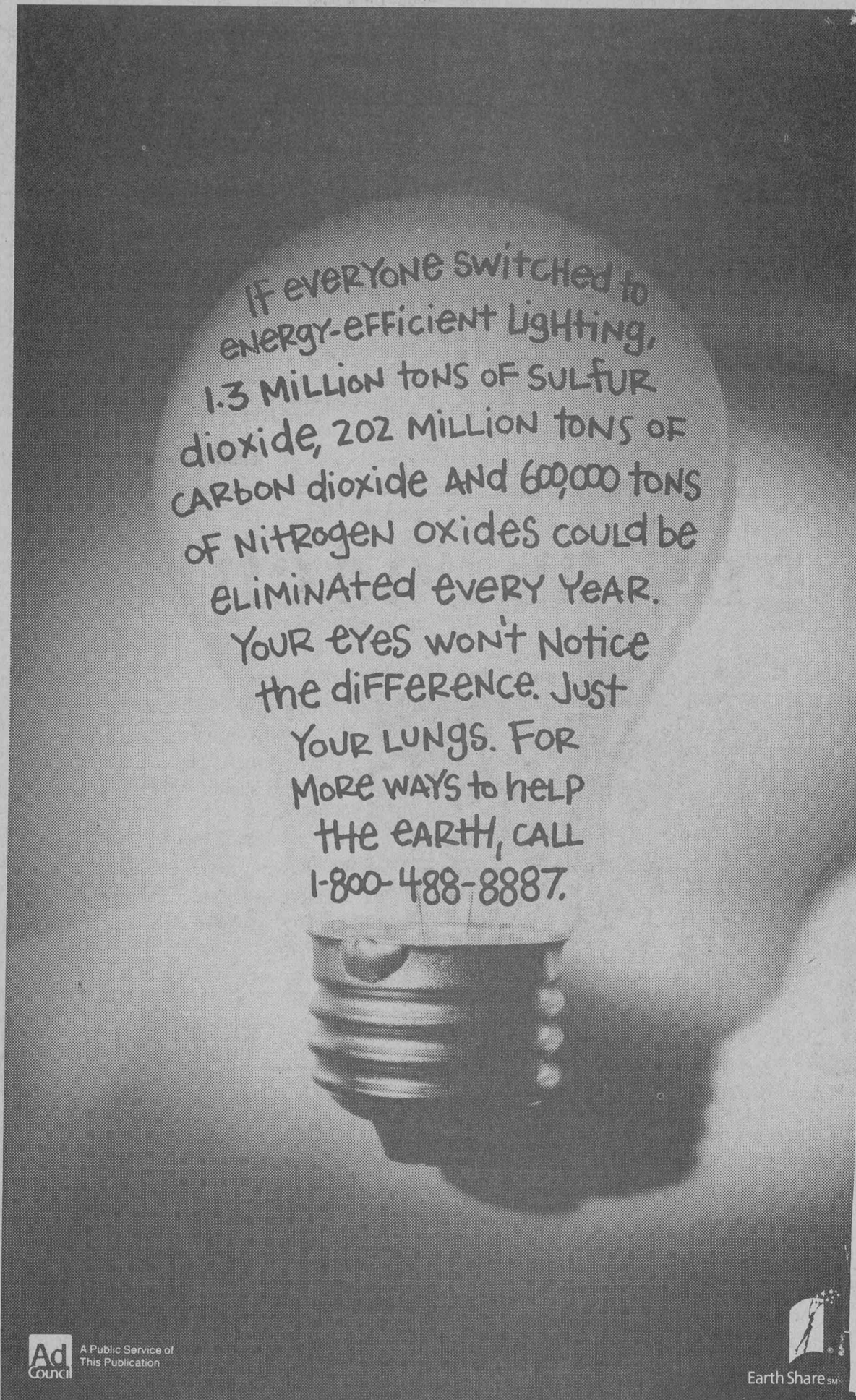
When his father, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, ran for President, the black community "thought he had a personal agenda," he said. He called this a "Barbie doll" decision, based on the observation that everyone seems to prefer a white doll over a black one, including blacks themselves.

"One out of every 100 black boys and girls" assumed the most intelligent doll would be a white one, Jackson said.

"How do we turn our black boys into black men?" Jackson asked rhetorically. He concluded that the goal of producing a new generation of black leaders couldn't be done through action on the streets, the armed forces (which he said fragmented black families), the jails or colleges.

Instead, the guidance of "a group of older men" familiar with the civil rights struggle was needed, he said.

At the conclusion of Jackson's speech, protestors again shouted slogans in favor of mandatory black studies as Fort spoke.



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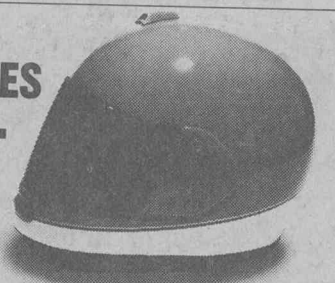
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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

No retirement in sight for employee

by Nettie Rowland
Correspondent

At an age when most people have long since retired and are sitting around relaxing, reflecting on the things of the past, N.C. A&T's Allie Thompson is completing her 50th year on the job.

Thompson's current job as a library assistant in the Bluford Library's Teacher Education Materials Center and previous stints as an executive secretary have spanned half a century; not many A&T employees have enjoyed that kind of tenure.

"This is the only place I have ever worked," said the Alabama native. "I haven't worked anywhere else."

Faculty and students can see Thompson, who lives near the campus, walking briskly to and from work each day. She has done this since she first came to the University in 1942.

"Some people ask me why I tell my age," said the petite Thompson, who is 74. "But it's a blessing to live as long as I have. I like what see when I look in the mirror."

"There are so many things that I could say about Miss Thompson and her tenure at the University," said Alene Young, director of the library. "She has a mind filled with a glowing history of A&T College and now A&T State University. To talk with her is to become spellbound as she recounts

her experiences here. To know her is to recognize (a) closeness to family and friends and a vitality not easily matched."

Thompson was a junior at Henderson Business College in Memphis, Tenn., when she came to A&T to attend an Adult-Youth Conference. "I met a lot of people who were friendly, and everybody looked like they liked me and asked me to come back to work when I finished college," Thompson said.

"I was 24 years old when I came to work at A&T," said Thompson. "My first job was secretary to Warmoth Gibbs, dean of the School of Education." Gibbs later became president of the University.

Gibbs, who celebrated his 100th birthday during A&T's centennial was described by Thompson as making "a person feel free to talk."

She often spoke with him about her family, which consisted of her parents, five siblings and an aunt. Thompson especially remembers a conversation with Gibbs wherein she explained how she obtained her good listening skills from her mother.

"I told him that whenever my mother was talking and we would interrupt, she would say, 'Mother is talking. You listen; then you can tell me what you have to say.' Dr. Gibbs



Daily walk to work: Allie L. Thompson takes her daily stroll from her home to A&T. (Photo by Otis Hairston)

just laughed," said Thompson. "We all came from the 'old school.'"

Gibbs praised Thompson's executive skills, and rather than dictating responses, simply gave her his correspondence and asked her to answer it. College President F.D. Bluford soon heard about her abilities, and asked her to take the minutes at a president

administrators, including F.A. Williams, who was then dean of the graduate school.

Thompson said there was not much difference between the students of 1942 and students today.

"Today, they are concerned about the problems of society more than back in 1942, particularly regarding to community improvement and cultural diversity," she said. "In 1942, they were preoccupied with problems of Afro-Americans alone; that is, people in our community. But today they are concerned about people all over the world."

Shavonne Harris, a junior elementary education major who is in a job program that Thompson supervises, said, "Ms. Thompson is always pleasant and always willing to make conversation and listen. She always wants to help you find books and materials."

Helping to find books and materials is something that Thompson has been doing for the past 17 years. She also teaches students how to prepare bulletin boards and lectures to different classes.

"When lecturing to students about teaching," she

said, "I tell them, 'Don't just read, but explain things. Be able to correlate whatever you do and make it sound interesting.'"

During her spare time, Thompson enjoys playing the piano, something she has done since the fourth grade. For ten years, she played for Grace Lutheran Church, where she is a member. She has also taken several music courses at A&T.

"My mother trained students in the young people's choir at church, and my father played the guitar and accordion, so I come from a musical family," Thompson said.

She also loves to dance, which is something she also learned to do in elementary school, as well as write poetry.

Thompson said she never had time to think about marriage. "I was always busy doing something," she said.

Besides her church, Thompson is very active in other organizations, including Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Delta Kappa and the Mu Phi Epsilon musical fraternity.

When asked if she's considering retirement, Thompson quickly replied, "No, I enjoy my job."

Peace Corps schedules recruiting events

by Towanna Dickens
Staff Reporter

Representatives of the U.S. Peace Corps, an international program organized to help countries in need of food, shelter, health and education, will be visiting the N.C. A&T campus next Monday and Wednesday to recruit volunteers.

"The Peace Corps offers a unique opportunity for those who are just coming out of college," said Peace Corps Area Manager Brad Eaton.

Eaton, a native of Greensboro and graduate of Greensboro College, said, "Our goal is to increase the minority awareness at the historically black colleges, because they need to know about the benefits being offered through the services of (the) Peace Corps."

There are more than 6,000 Peace Corps volunteers helping out in more than 90 nations in central Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific, Eaton said.

"Being a volunteer in the Peace Corps allows you to gain more experience with close country government-authority decision-making," he noted. "You also get the opportunity to learn the different languages of different cultures as well."

"We are having a hard time filling up those various skill areas such as education, science and math," Eaton

explained, "which seem to be our most requested positions." Other programs include business, agriculture, civil engineering, health and nutrition and community development.

Benefits of Peace Corps service include career opportunities, education and financial rewards, Eaton said. "Being able to take charge (in a Peace Corps project) shows that you have strong

Schedule for Peace Corps Recruiting Events in the Greensboro Area

Mar. 29: Evening Information Session
5-7 p.m.
N.C. A&T State University
McNair Engineering Building
Auditorium

Mar. 30: Evening Information Session
6:30-8:30 p.m.
UNC-Greensboro Campus
McIver Lounge, Elliott
University Center

Mar. 31: Agriculture Information Session
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Carver Hall, Carver Hall
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leadership skills to prepare (for entry) in the work world." The Peace Corps gives volunteers hands-on project management experience, responsibility and non-competitive eligibility for federal

government jobs, he added.

"Students need to be aware of our Peace Corps Fellows Program that assists those students in graduate school," he said. The Peace Corps Fellows Program has received a \$6.7 million grant from the DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest Fund that will allow 800 graduates at 15 nation-wide universities to earn their master's degrees and teacher certification after serving in the Peace Corps.

The financial benefits of the Peace Corps include round-trip transportation costs, medical and dental insurance, paid vacation and a \$5,400 reimbursement after completion of two years of service.

"To be eligible for Peace Corps service, you have to be at least 18 years of age and you must have good will, determination and motivation," Eaton said. A bachelor's degree or extensive experience in agriculture or a skilled trade is also required.

All volunteers receive cultural and language training in the country in which they will be serving, he added. The training usually includes the history, customs, political and social backgrounds of that particular country.

"Not only will you have the opportunities to live in another country, travel around the world (and) receive the benefits," Eaton said, "but you get a chance to learn more about yourself."

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Features

What's up Nikki?..

What's Up, Nikki?

Before I begin my regular column, I want to set the record straight on some advice I gave to a young man pledging a fraternity, who signed himself "Hanging on a Limb."

Although I still stand by my advice to see your ordeal through, I failed to mention N.C. A&T's official policy regarding hazing: no hazing in any form is allowed at this university and should not be tolerated. I apologize for this omission.

What's Up, Nikki?

I've been dating this guy on and off for seven years. In the course of the years, we have only been truly committed to each other once. We always seem to find our way back to each other when we are involved in other relationships.

We are so much alike, yet when we are together we can't get along. I guess you can say we are too selfish to consider what the other person wants. The only time we get along is when we are being intimate.

He is now incarcerated for selling drugs, but he calls me trying to reconcile our relationship. Recently, I found out that he has a pregnant woman living in his house waiting for him to get

out of jail. He has never lied to me before this incident. I have strong feelings for him, but I'm scared to tell him. Should I tell him how I feel now that he is in jail, and has real time to think about me and the type of relationship he wants?

—Around the Way Girl

Dear Around the Way Girl: Although you stated in your letter that you feel he has never lied before, I think you should rework that to say you have never caught him in a lie. You speak as if you were destined to be together, when all you have to build on is sex; sex, I might add, that seems to be an outlet from the other relationships that you both have.

In my opinion, I feel you should move on, because to answer your question, the type of relationship he wants is with the pregnant woman who is presently living in his house waiting for him to come home. Have enough love for yourself to make a change now. I think you deserve it.

What's Up, Nikki?

There's this girl in Curtis Hall who's a real b----. She parades around thinking she can tell everyone what to do and when to do it, and half of the time, they do what she says. She's trying to be a

mother hen, but she has no chicks on this hall.

I'm the type to tell her about herself, because she's no friend to anyone, not even herself. She bullies the girls

on the hall into thinking that her friendship is vital and they are too scared to say anything to her. I don't know if that are on dope or dog food, but I know they all need to seek Jesus. Prayer is the answer. I would really like your opinion for the frightened little girls of Curtis Hall.

—The Peacemaker

Dear Peacemaker:

As you grow older and become more mature, you cannot take responsibility for everyone. Stay focused on your purpose here at A&T, which is to receive a quality education. The female that you refer to should not be your concern if she is not bothering you. You seem to be able to handle yourself. One prayer that can help you through this is the serenity prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

What's Up, Nikki?

I believe that I am an attractive, popular young lady who most guys cannot help but give a second look. I have

a problem. This guy I am seriously interested in just does not seem to notice me. I also have another problem with this guy. I mean, he has got it going on, but he has this big reputation as a "woman getter" and most of the girls I associate with say he is definitely "mo' better." So, Nikki, what should I do? Should I overlook his reputation and go for it? And if I decide to try to get with him, how do I go about doing this without appearing to sweat him?

—Mystified in Merrick

Dear Mystified in Merrick:

You say you are an attractive woman, so you have nothing to lose by pursuing this young man. I want to define "pursue." I don't mean chasing him down, but just letting him know you'd like to get to know him better.

As a black college woman, have confidence in yourself to make the first move. Start by introducing yourself and ask for his phone number, then call him. After a few phone conversations, you should be able to tell if he's interested. If he is, take it slow; don't do anything that allows you to go beyond your morals or values. If he's not interested, it's his loss and time to move on. Don't worry: there will be someone else to give you a second look.

Are you having trouble relating to the female population because of how you dress? Do you feel your boyfriend is slipping away into someone else's arms? Okay Aggies, you asked for it and it's here, your own personal advice column at the A&T Register called *What's Up Nikki!*.. a question and answer column designed to help our readers with their problems. If you need Nikki's advice please follow these guidelines:

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Raped

by Nix

I was raped

before I knew what raped was.

I was raped of my land
and was thrown upon a place
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I was raped of my language
and was given a new language.

I was raped of my sexuality
before my husband's eyes.

He was given no choice
but to watch.

I do not blame him for my rape.

I was raped of my children
before I was able to name them.

Although I was raped of my most precious things,
the worst rape was of my pride.

Once I lost my pride,
I almost died.

I struggled to regain my pride.

I was raped when I was young,
I survived because I grew old.

By-pass CB4, not Sommersby

by Renee Nixon
Arts Reporter

Rating System:

- Full Price — Great
- Matinee — Good
- \$1 House — Okay
- Rent — Bad
- Cable — Horrible

"Sommersby." Rating —
Matinee

Stars: Richard Gere, Jodie Foster

Sommersby: Ask, "How important is a name?"

What if your husband left to go fight in the Civil War and was gone for six years? Before he left, he was mean and hateful. He never said one kind word to you and never "touched" you after you had his son. You'd probably never want to see him again and wouldn't care if he ever came home.

Then, unexpectedly, he does. But when he comes back, he's different: kind, sweet, caring and loving. The question becomes, is it him? Laura Sommersby (Jodie Foster) is faced with answering that question.

Laura needs to know if the man she has taken into her home, her bed and her heart is really her husband. Throughout the movie, small incidents occur that make her wonder if this man really is Jack Sommersby (Richard

Gere). And if he's not, and you were Laura, would you give up a man you have fallen in love with all because of a name? I don't think so!

As soon as Laura begins to truly believe that he is her husband after all, he is arrested for murder. She then tries to prove that he is not really Jack Sommersby, and therefore innocent.

When the judge walks out for the first time, the audience on screen and off gasped at the same time; he's black (James Earl Jones).

To be honest, the best scene in the movie is a courtroom confrontation between the judge and a redneck.

By the end of the movie, you will fall in love with the characters just as they have fallen in love with each other. Although you'll anticipate the ending, you'll still be sitting on the edge of your seat with a tear in one eye and your hand over your mouth saying, "No!"

I must admit that I was surprised by the chemistry between Gere and Foster. They were very believable as a young couple in love.

I recommend this movie for all those who want to fall in love or already are. The movie proves that a man is a man, no matter what he is called.

The million-dollar question: why was "CB4" made?

"CB4." Rating — Rent
Stars: Chris Rock, Allen Payne, Chris Elliot

I saw "CB4" over spring break. Why? I don't know. I can't believe that I risked my life during the so-called

A Critical Thought

"snowstorm of the century" to see this sad, sorry movie.

Albert Brown (Chris Rock) and two friends decide they want to be rap stars: gangsterrappers, this is. They do everything in their songs, including cussing, insulting women and respecting no moral standards.

To become gangster rappers, Albert and his friends change their names and their look to Jeri-curls and jail clothes. The idea comes from a local drug dealer who was arrested, and the group is named CB4 in "honor" of Cell Block 4, where the dealer is now living.

As the movie moves on — barely moves — Dead Mik (Allen Payne) increasingly sees the world in

simplistic shades of black and white. Albert becomes more and more ignorant, sprinkling every statement with curse words and profanity.

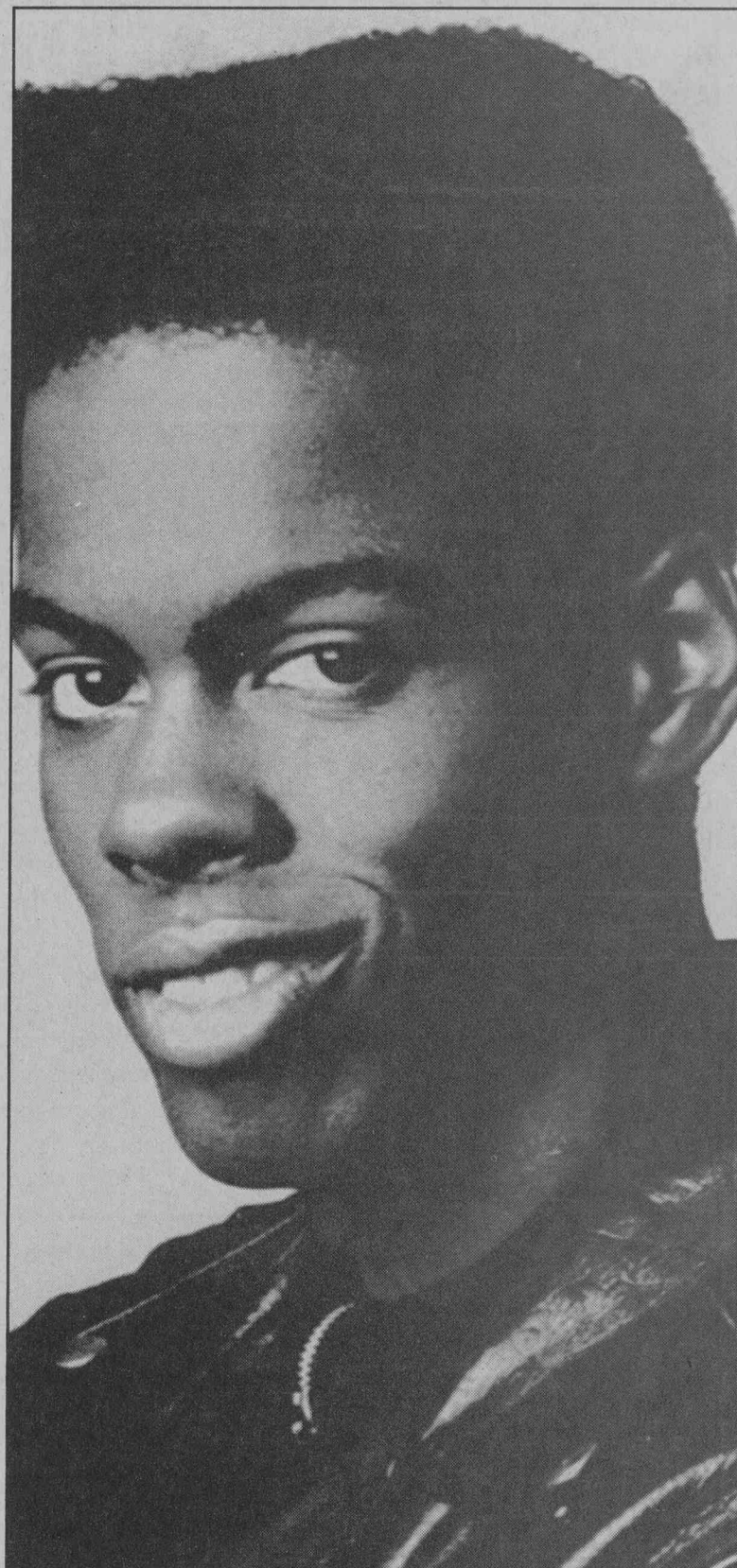
There were several loose ends left in this movie. For example, the plot leads viewers to believe that Dead Mik will get involved with a beautiful, young reporter, but the romance never materializes and that plot thread seems to lead nowhere. Albert's girlfriend gets mad at him when he calls her his cousin, but we never find out if they get back together. A greedy mayor tries to ban the group from singing in his town, but the film never gets back to the mayor or says anything else about it.

I can't say too much about the plot of this movie because actually it didn't have much of a plot. But I will say this: I went into the theater expecting nothing and came out with nothing.

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SPORTS



The checks come in: Lt. Col. Tate Williams (third from right) receives checks for A&T's Fitness and Wellness Center. From left to right are: James Upchurch, potentate of Khalif Temple; Theron McConneyhead and Erica Long, A&T Student Government Association; Roger Stanfield and Sam Richberg, businessmen; and Waddel Pearson, retired educator. At right are Chancellor Edward B. Fort and Dr. James Williams, chairman of A&T's Board-in-Control of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Fitness and Wellness Center campaign off and running.

From Staff Reports

Nearly 200 N.C. A&T and community volunteers are participating in a national phonathon as part of a "Blitz Campaign" aimed at helping to fund the University's proposed \$2 million Fitness and Wellness Center.

"The present fieldhouse is antiquated," said A&T Chancellor Edward Fort. "It contains no accommodations for female student-athletes or for visiting athletic teams. It has only six showerheads for 140 athletes."

The proposed two-story complex would provide space for athletic administration, weight-training, therapy rehabilitation and sports medicine. The facility would also contain meeting rooms and classrooms for conferences, workshops and offices for coaches and staff.

The center would include new locker rooms for both men and women and a laundry area, and feature an Aggie Hall of Fame, Memorial Room and trophy showcase areas.

"We have received a lot of cooperation from the University, the community and our national alumni association," said Tate Williams, who is directing the campaign. "We have made good progress, but we still have a long way to go. I

hope that our friends will continue to support us as we push toward a successful conclusion of the 120-day campaign."

"We are going all out to generate the funds for a world-class facility," said Fort. "Our 7,500 students and the community are deserving of this center. We have received the endorsement of the A&T

National Alumni Association and we are confident that our friends will also support us in this venture."

Willie Burden, director of athletics at A&T, said the facility would

greatly enhance the effectiveness of A&T's athletic program as it continued to compete in Division I in all sports except

football, where it competes in I-AA.

"We already have an outstanding 7,500-seat basketball arena in Corbett Center, and a superb 17,500-seat football facility in Aggie Stadium," Burden added. "The construction of the Fitness and Wellness Center will enable this university to maintain its posture as a leading educational institution in the Southeast."

The center's funding is dependent on private financial support because no state dollars area available for the project, according to a promotional brochure

about the campaign mailed to A&T employees.

Williams said the campaign strategy included mailing letters to more than 20,000 A&T alumni, visits to a number of alumni meetings and the month-long phonathon. The second phase of the campaign will be a corporate drive, he added.

Those wishing to contribute to the center can reach the campaign office at 334-7273.

Lady Aggies looking to improve

by Brian Caldwell
Staff Reporter

The 1993 N.C. A&T women's softball team may be falling short in the win/loss column, but the players have never fallen short on desire, the team's coach said.

Mark Saunders, in his first year as coach, said that he felt the balance on the team would serve as a building block for the 1994 season, and that the players were improving with every game.

"With the odds stacked against the team because of the slowly developing recruiting," he

said, "we are facing very tough competition in an all-Division I schedule, but overall, I am very proud."

The team is currently centered around five seniors: Lois Bailey, Machel Cato, Lisa Watkins, Jerri Carter and Letesha Jones. The team has about four to five freshmen and sophomores, and the rest are juniors.

Saunders said he felt that one of the team's weaknesses was in its pitching rotation. North Carolina high schools do not use the fast-pitch style of softball, which makes it very difficult to recruit in-state pitchers who

can quickly make the adjustment to the nationally used fastpitch.

It will take time for the team and coach to grow together, Saunders said, and "I am certain that a confident coach breeds confident players."

He also commented on the futures of his departing players. "With the attitude and character of our seniors, I am sure that they will all go on to be successful career women," he said.

Spring volleyball digs into action

by Lisa Johnson
Staff Reporter

North Carolina A&T's volleyball team kicked off its spring season last Thursday, falling to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro at UNC-G.

"Although we didn't win, we played well," said coach Ingrid Cruz. "This is the first time we've had spring volleyball and they are doing a swell job."

During the regular season, the Aggies finished 11-21 overall and fourth in

the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament held in Baltimore, Md.

"The spring season places emphasis on individual skills, development of team unity for returning players and aids in physical conditioning and strength training," Cruz noted.

The volleyball team doesn't play or practice in the off-season as much as it does during the regular season, Cruz observed. "NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) rules state that you can practice

no more than eight hours a week during the off-season," she said.

"The spring season is preparing us for our tough Division I schedule next year," Cruz added. "We have eight players returning and four newcomers. We are all working hard for next year."

The Aggies' next match is Tuesday, Mar. 30, against UNC-G and Catawba at UNC-G. The first match starts at 3:30 p.m. and the second at 5 p.m. The team will also play two additional matches that are yet to be scheduled.

All-Star game set for season finale

by Lisa Johnson
Staff Reporter

The N.C. A&T Intramural Basketball program will hold its 1993 Intramural All-Star game Saturday, Mar. 27, at 6 p.m. in Moore Gym.

The program, operated under the direction of Ralph Brown and Mike Singletary, is sponsored by the "New Generation" campus ministry.

"I have a great supportive staff," said Brown. "Mike has been a tremendous help along with 'New Generation' during this season."

"Since 'New

Generation' started helping out, it's been prayer before the games and less fights," he added.

Twenty young men will be participating in Saturday's game. The players were chosen by Singletary and work-study student officials, depending on the leading scorers from each individual intramural team.

One player to watch in the All-Star game will be Connell Maynor.

Maynor, a former A&T quarterback, was the 1991 and 1992 Intramurals Most Valuable Player and led his team, Football II, to two straight Intramurals championships.

"I feel honored and privileged to be selected for the East All-Star team,"

Maynor said. "I will represent my team to the best of my ability."

Maynor said, "Intramurals give us something competitive to do in our spare time to keep some of us out of trouble. Anything that is competitive or creates a challenge, I love to do it."

"Intramurals give those students who haven't been recruited for basketball a chance to play," Brown said. "The Intramural Program is treated like a real athletic program with a regular season, a tournament, an All-Star game and a banquet for all intramural athletes."

The All-Star game will be followed by an AMWAY fundraiser game pitting the Greensboro Police Force against WFMY-TV2.

No surprises at MEAC tournament

by Staff Reporter

The 22nd Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Women's Basketball Tournament was again conducted along with the men's division for as many seasons.

This year's affair was played March 4-7 at Norfolk, Virginia's Scope Arena for the third straight time.

The South Carolina State Lady Bulldogs successfully defended its title with a 65-54 win over Coppin State in the championship game. Trailing 26-22 at the half, Wanda Wiggins with 21 points and MVP Sonya Wilson with 20, led a rally to overtake Coppin and new coach Tori Harrison. Francis Doctor had 15 points and 18 rebounds to pace Coppin.

SC State, seeded number one, defeated Bethune-

Cookman 81-50 and Morgan State 80-61 on its way to the title round. Coppin, the third seed, downed Howard 70-53 and escaped North Carolina A&T 51-49. NCA&T had upset two seed Florida A&M 75-68 in the quarterfinal. In the other games, B-CC nudged Maryland Eastern Shore 62-61 in Thursday's first round elimination match, and Morgan stopped Delaware State 83-70 in the quarterfinal tiff.

The 22nd Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Men's Basketball Tournament was played March 4-7 at Norfolk, Virginia's Scope Arena for the third consecutive year, and a new champion was crowned in as many years.

Number one seeded

Coppin State College of Baltimore captured the championship with a convincing 80-53 win over the inspired Delaware State College Hornets, who had climbed out of the seventh seed slot.

Coppin led just 36-30 at the half, but timely three-pointers and the rugged inside play of MVP Stephen Stewart wore Delaware State down.

Stewart, brother of Washington Bullet and former Coppin star, Larry, had a game-high 24 points. Stewart had earlier been voted MEAC Rookie Of The Year.

Sidney Goodman, who had four three-pointers, added 16 total points and Mike Thomas 10. Coleman Scott chipped in nine points and 11 rebounds. Delaware State was led by Andre Griffin with 16

points, and Andrew Miles with 12.

Coppin defeated Howard 65-57 and Florida A&M 81-69 to reach the finals. Delaware State got by North Carolina A&T 88-79 and South Carolina State 75-64 in route to the title match.

In the other games, Howard defeated Bethune-Cookman 86-72 in Thursday's first round elimination contest, and in quarterfinal, FAMU slipped by Morgan 90-87 and SC State needed a buzzer-beating shot to down Maryland Eastern Shore 59-57.

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FOCUS

Area institutions ease the woes of homelessness

By Donna Price
Staff Reporter

GREENSBORO—Mary, a homeless occupant of Randleman Road, sat quietly in a Greensboro restaurant, eating.

Although basically all she wanted was a hot meal, which I gave her money for, the restaurant manager volunteered what little of her history he knew.

"Mary was a 4.0 GPA student," he said. "She was going to graduate valedictorian of her class. However, one day she just flipped. I've heard her parents have tried to bring her home and get her help.

"However, she just keeps returning to the streets."

Mary is just one of the approximately 2 million homeless at large in America today, another lost soul that much of society turns its back on. They come in all ages and races, from the man on the corner holding a sign asking for help to the woman pushing

a rusty garbage cart.

Currently, the building used for the program is leased annually for \$1 from the United Way. Williford said that the organization hoped to buy a neighboring vacant house to accommodate more of Greensboro's homeless in the future.

Newspapers such as "The New York Times" and publications like the "World Press Review" acknowledge that even the 2 million figure may be inaccurately low, because many homeless people living in rural areas do not seek assistance in area shelters; therefore, they are not accounted for in national reports.

"New York Times" reporter Sarah Lyall has found that many homeless people are mentally ill, war veterans, or victims of drugs and alcoholism.

The homeless of America are often beaten, neglected and mistreated as well. In Brooklyn, N.Y., a grand jury is investigating

the assault of Ralph Nummons, a black man almost beaten to death by a group of Hasidic Jews in Crown Heights, N.Y.

But the situation is not hopeless. In the Triad, agencies such as the Urban Ministry are attempting to reach out to the homeless. The Urban Ministry has a shelter for homeless men on Martin Luther King Drive. The agency is currently centralizing all of their programs, except Pathways, in its new facility on East Lee Street.

Mark Sumerford, director of Pathways, said the new building would house administrative offices, emergency assistance, a night shelter, and the "Poter's House," a soup kitchen.

The Pathways program is designed to assist homeless families, Sumerford said. The Pathways facility, which can accommodate up to 14 families, presently houses 12

families, including 20 children.

These families are allowed to reside at the Pathways center for 60 days. The average stay is 52, Sumerford noted. Participants must be residents of Guilford County to be eligible for residence in the program.

After the 60 days are up, each family's future living situation is decided on an individual basis. A director, assistant director, three resident managers and a Project Uplift social worker are present to help the families get back on their feet.

The Poter's House soup kitchen operates in conjunction with the Food Bank, which is composed of seven restaurants that donate food to the Urban Ministry. The kitchen will serve any homeless person between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday. On a typical Saturday, the kitchen may serve well over 200 people, said Pat Spain, director of Poter's House.

She stressed that all the participants in the Pathways program were volunteers.

"I would like to see more people participate in these programs," Spain said. "Ironically, I haven't seen any service organizations from N.C. A&T or UNC-Greensboro supporting us."

The Urban Ministry's programs are funded by churches, government grants and individual contributions.

The Salvation Army, located at 224 E. Lee St., is another agency which aids the homeless.

"We have a shelter called the Red Shield Lodge in which homeless men can stay up to three days," said Tim Williford, assistant to the commanding officer. "After the three-day transit program, they have to get on our program in order to reside at the lodge. This program will assist the homeless man in finding job placement and provide therapy sessions to build up his self-worth and

dignity. In return, the participant pays us \$50 per week. Also, he receives two hot meals a day."

The Food Bank of Winston-Salem provides all of the non-perishable goods and commodities to the agency, he added.

The lodge holds up to 20 occupants, and they can reside there unless health problems arise that require nursing assistance. The Salvation Army does not provide health care, Williford said.

We also have a night shelter in which the homeless can stay on cold nights," he said. "The night shelter contains 10 beds in which occupants are allowed to stay two nights. All of our women and children are referred over to Pathways."

The Salvation Army's programs are funded through federal, state and local government grants, the United Way and private contributions, Williford added.

Fraternities and Sororities attend summit

by Leonard Staten
Correspondent

Members of black fraternities and sororities need to make a commitment to go back into black communities and schools to teach young black students how to achieve their dreams of equality, a sorority leader told hundreds of N.C. A&T students at the Seventh Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic

Summit.

Mary Shy Scott, 23rd supreme basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., challenged campus Greeks to instruct young black students how to survive in the real world and show them what it takes to accomplish their goals and dreams.

"The struggle needs to continue so the recommitment to equality will not be in vain," she said.

The wall between blacks and real freedom to pursue their goals is not coming down as quickly as it should be in America, Scott said, adding, "and if the changes are not occurring as quickly, then we are not progressing."

Scott stressed the need for Greek organizations to invest time in the black community and to help each other up the ladder of success.

Conference to be held

From Staff Reports

A conference aimed at strengthening the network among black college students and community activists in North Carolina has been scheduled for Apr. 2-4 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Titled "Black Students Building a Revolution: Time for Some Action!", the conference at

UNC-CH's Frank Porter Graham Student Union is designed to help black leaders develop basic grassroots advocacy skills to better serve black children, according to a press release.

The Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) is a component of the Children's Defense Fund's (CDF) Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), which was kicked

of nationally on March 8.

The BSLN is coordinating efforts with the CDC to ensure that all eligible children receive a chance to participate in the Head Start program and that every child is properly immunized.

Those wanting more information on the conference can contact Eric Bridges at 489-9386, Darriel Hoy at 684-6328 or Charles McNair at 914-2926.

A&T graduate named Black Engineer of the Year

From Staff Reports

A 1969 N.C. A&T chemistry graduate has been named the 1993 Black Engineer of the Year by "U.S. Black Engineer" magazine.

"I knew I wanted to major in chemistry as early as the 11th grade," said James Mitchell, who has been working for 23 years at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J., where he heads the Analytical Chemistry Research

Department. "I always enjoyed math and science. I had several science fair projects and I was a good student."

The "Black Engineer of the Year" awards conference in Baltimore was hosted by the Council of Engineering Deans of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Mobil Corporation.

A native of Durham, N.C., Mitchell pursued his undergraduate chemistry

education at A&T, graduating from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1969 and earning his doctorate in chemistry from Iowa State University.

His analytical chemistry research and that in materials engineering have "helped to revolutionize the electronics industry," according to a University press release.

"In the past year alone," said Robert Laudise,

director of Bell Lab's Processing Research Laboratory, "he has been responsible for a number of important accomplishments that contribute to the increased global competitiveness of the U.S. electronics industry."

As a result, Mitchell is one of only a handful of blacks to be inducted into the National Academy of Engineering and the first African-American to be made a Bell Labs Fellow.

Mitchell said he remembered enrolling at A&T with very few material resources.

"I needed financial assistance," he said. "I had no money and I was admitted to A&T with a loan, a small tuition scholarship and an on-campus job."

He had praise for his chemistry teachers at A&T.

"I feel that A&T prepared me extraordinarily well for my graduate study,"

Mitchell said. "My chemistry teachers were stimulating and exciting and they grounded me well in chemistry and math."

Mitchell said that being named 1993 Black Engineer of the year was gratifying to him, because he wants to be a role model for young African-Americans.

"Some of them may want to pursue careers in this field," he said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

As a senior, I am very upset and disappointed with A&T's lack of communication with students who do not live on campus.

Due to this lack of communication, not only I, but other seniors as well, have consistently missed certain events that specifically

pertained to us. Senior pictures, senior picture retakes and even senior class meetings were missed.

When I called to ask why many of us were not informed of these various things, I was simply informed that it was not their responsibility, and that flyers were put up in all of the buildings on the bulletin boards (I haven't seen many).

Well, since then, I have gone out of my way to see when events pertaining to me might be held. I almost missed senior class dues, invitations and my senior class ring. Had it not been for a friend of mine who also lives off-campus, I would have missed the opportunity to purchase senior invitations, my senior class ring and to pay senior dues.

I find it truly amazing how a bill of some nature (such as tuition or a traffic ticket) can find its way through the mail and to my house, but a notice of when pictures are being taken or when class meetings are being held seems to be null and void.

-Cordelia Blanding
Senior
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