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Corbett resigns as coach

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 cited personal reasons as the unexpected decision.

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

After struggling through an 8-19 season in 1986, his first as A&T, Corbett improved the next year by posting a 21-7 record and a trip to the MEAC Championship games. From there, one success should follow another in A&T's men's basketball program.

The Aggies reached the next seven league tournament rounds 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 1946 graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., received a master's degree in physical education at 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.

Though eight seasons of play, Corbett's teams won 199 games with just 59 defeats. They captured four MEAC 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 paint a complete picture, Corbett is believed to be the most successful basketball coach in A&T history.

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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 that 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 Student Library 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 I 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 Alme Young, director of the library. "She has a mind filed with a glowing history of A&T College and A&T State University. To talk with her is to become spellbound as she recounts her experiences here. To know her is to recognize (to) family and friends and a vitality not easily explained."

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 Wences Gibbs, dean of the School of Education." Gibbs later became president of the University.

Gibbs, who celebrated her 100th birthday during A&T's centennial celebration described by Thompson as "a person pure from the very first to talk."

She often spoke with him about her family, which consisted of patois, five siblings and an aunt; Thompson especially remembers a conversation with Gibbs where 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. Yall shut up, then you can tell us what you have to say.' Dr. Gibbs 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 presidium and dean conference in Jarrett Auditorium.

Thompson went on to work for a number of A&T administrators, including F.A. Williams, who was the first dean of the graduate school. Thompson said there was not much difference between the students of 1942 and students today.

"Today's students are concerned about the problems of society more than back in 1942, particularly regarding community improvement and cultural diversity," she said. "In 1942, they were preoccupied with concerns of African-Americans; 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 the answer to your problems."

"Helping to find books and materials is something that Thompson has been doing for the past 17 years," Harris also teaches students how to prepare bulletin boards and lectures in different cultures. "When lecturing to students about teaching," she said, "I tell them, 'Don't just explain, but explain things so that we can actually 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 Ocean Grove Church, where she is a member. She has also taken several music courses at A&T.

My mother attended college and followed 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, she is very active in other organizations, including Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Delta, and Phi Mu Epsilon musical fraternity.

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

Earth 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 closer 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 sought after positions." Other programs include business, agriculture, public health, engineering, health and nutrition, and community development.

Benefits of Peace Corps service include career opportunities, educational and financial incentives, Eaton said. "Being able to take charge of a Peace Corps project shows that you have strong leadership skills to prepare you for entry in almost any world." The Peace Corps gives volunteers hands-on international 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 degree and reintegration after serving in the Peace Corps.

The financial benefits of the Peace Corps include round-trip transportation costs, medical and dental care, 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 the particular country.

"We only will you the opportunities to live in another country, travel around the world (and) make a difference," Eaton said, "but you get a chance to learn more about yourself."
What's up Nikki?

I've been dating this guy for a year and he still isn't ready. I have no idea what to do.

And, I just started a new job and I'm not sure if I'm going to like it.

I'm feeling really stressed out and I don't know what to do.

I'm also considering moving to a new city, but I don't know if I'm ready for that.

What should I do?

Raped

by Nix

I was raped before I knew what raped was. I was greatly influenced by the raped movie and was given a new language. I was raped by my husband's eyes.

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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 ballplayers would serve as a building block for the 1994 campaign, 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 pleased with what we have." The team is currently centered around a few seniors, Lots Bailey, Michelle Carter, Lisa Watkins, Jerri Cantrall and Linda Jones. The team has about four to five freshmen and sophomores, and the rest are juniors.

Saunders said that he was proud of those three of the team's weaknesses in improving prior to this year's schedule.

He also commented on the future of his departing players. "With the attitude these girls have shown, 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 Central's volleyball team kicked off its spring season last Thursday, falling to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro at UNC-G. However, although the Tornadoes' win, we played well," said coach Ingrid Cray. "This is the first match we've had playing 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 development of team unity for returning players and adds another dimension to the collegiate game," Cray noted.

"Our volleyball team doesn't play or practice in the off-season as much as the other teams do during the regular season. Cray observed. NCAAs (National Collegiate Athletic Association) rules state that you can practice no more than eight hours a day during the off-season," she said.

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

The Aggies' next match today Sat. at 3:30 p.m. against UNC-G in Durham. 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 tomorrow, March 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 the 'New Generation' during this season."

"Since 'New Generation' started helping out, we've been playing in the games and less fights," he added.

Twenty young men will be participating in Saturday's game. The players are 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 Cameron Maynard. Maynard, a former A&T quarterback, was the 1991 and 1992 Intramural Most Valuable Player and led his team, Football II, to two straight Intramural championships.

"I feel honored and privileged to be selected for the East All-Star team," Maynard said. "I'll represent my team to the best of my ability.

"I will think more about those students that are put in situations of need than think about myself. I don't think about myself. I don't think about that, that can be unselfish. I don't think about myself. I don't think about myself. I don't think about myself. I don't think about myself. I don't think about myself."
Area institutions ease the woes of homelessness

By Donna Price
Staff Reporter

GREENSBORO—Mary, a homemaker living on Randleman Road, said to be in a Greensboro restaurant, eating alone.

Although basically all she really wanted was a hot meal, when asked why she was there, 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 coming to the store."

Mary is just one of the approximately 2 million homeless Americans 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 wearing a nifty garbage bag.

Currently, the building used for the program is leased annually for $1 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, so that the organization hoped to be able to buying a neighboring vacant house in the heart of Greensboro's homeless in the future.

"Newspapers such as 'The New York Times' and publications like the 'Wall Street Journal' acknowledge that even the 2 million figure may be inaccuracy 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 had 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 Hispanic Jews in Gowanus, N.Y. But the situation is not hopeless. In the Triangle, agencies such as the Urban Ministry are attempting to reach out to the homeless.

The Urban Ministry is a shelter for homeless men on Martin Luther King Drive. The agency is currently centralizing all of their resources, including volunteers, in its new facility on East Lee Street.

Mark S. Mauserd, director of Pathways, said the new building would house administrative offices, emergency assistance, a night shelter, and the 'Poores' House,' a soup kitchen.

The Pathways program is designed to assist homeless families, Smauder said. The Pathways program, which accommodate up to 14 families, presently houses 12 families, including 20 children.

These families are allowed to reside at the Gateway center for 12 months. The average stay is 52, Smauder said. Participants must be residents of qualified 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 Peter'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-Saturday, the kitchen has found that they can serve well over 200 meals.

"We have a shelter called the Red Shield Lodge in which homeless men can stay up to three days," said Tim Willford, assistant to the commanding officer.

"After the three-day program, they have to get on our program in order to reside at the lodge. This program will assist the homeless man in need of not just food, but also provide therapy sessions to build up his self-worth and dignity. In return, the participants pay $5 to $10 per meal. Also, he receives two hot meals a day."

The Food Bank of Western North Carolina provides all of the non-perishable goods and commodities to the agency.

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

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

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

Fraternities and Sororities attend summit by Leonard States
Correspondent

Members of black fraternities and sororities have come together to make a commitment to go back into black communities and assist them. These black students how touch their dreams of equality, a society that more closely resembles the N.C. A&T students at the Seventh Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit.

Mary Shy Scott, 2nd supervisor of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., challenged campus Greeks to assist young black students in an effort to survive in the real world and show them how to take advantage of their goals and dreams.

"The struggle needs to continue so the commitment to excellence won't be in vain," she said.

The wall between black students' freedom to pursue their goals is not coming down as quickly as it should be in America, Scott said, adding, "If the changes are not occurring as quickly as we want, 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.

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 25 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 Leitner, director of Bell Labs' 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 induced into the National Academy of Engineering and the first African-American to be made a Bell Labs Fellow.

Mitchell said he remembered culminating 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.

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