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THE A&T Register

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Tension builds as elections approach

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

It's probably one of the greatest rematches of all-times. Ranking up there with Ali-Frazier, the 49ers-Cowboys and the Celtics-Lakers of the 80's. In the famous and over used words of Michael Buffer—"LEEEEEEEET'S GET READY TO RUUUUUUUMBLE!"

The challenger is democrat Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, first black graduate of Clemson University. In their last fight he lasted until the 12th round only to lose by the slimmest of margins, a split decision perhaps.

And the champion, he is known throughout the world. He has been the champion for four consecutive and he is the undefeated and undisputed 75-year-old senator for North Carolina Jesse Helms.

Rematch from 1990 race

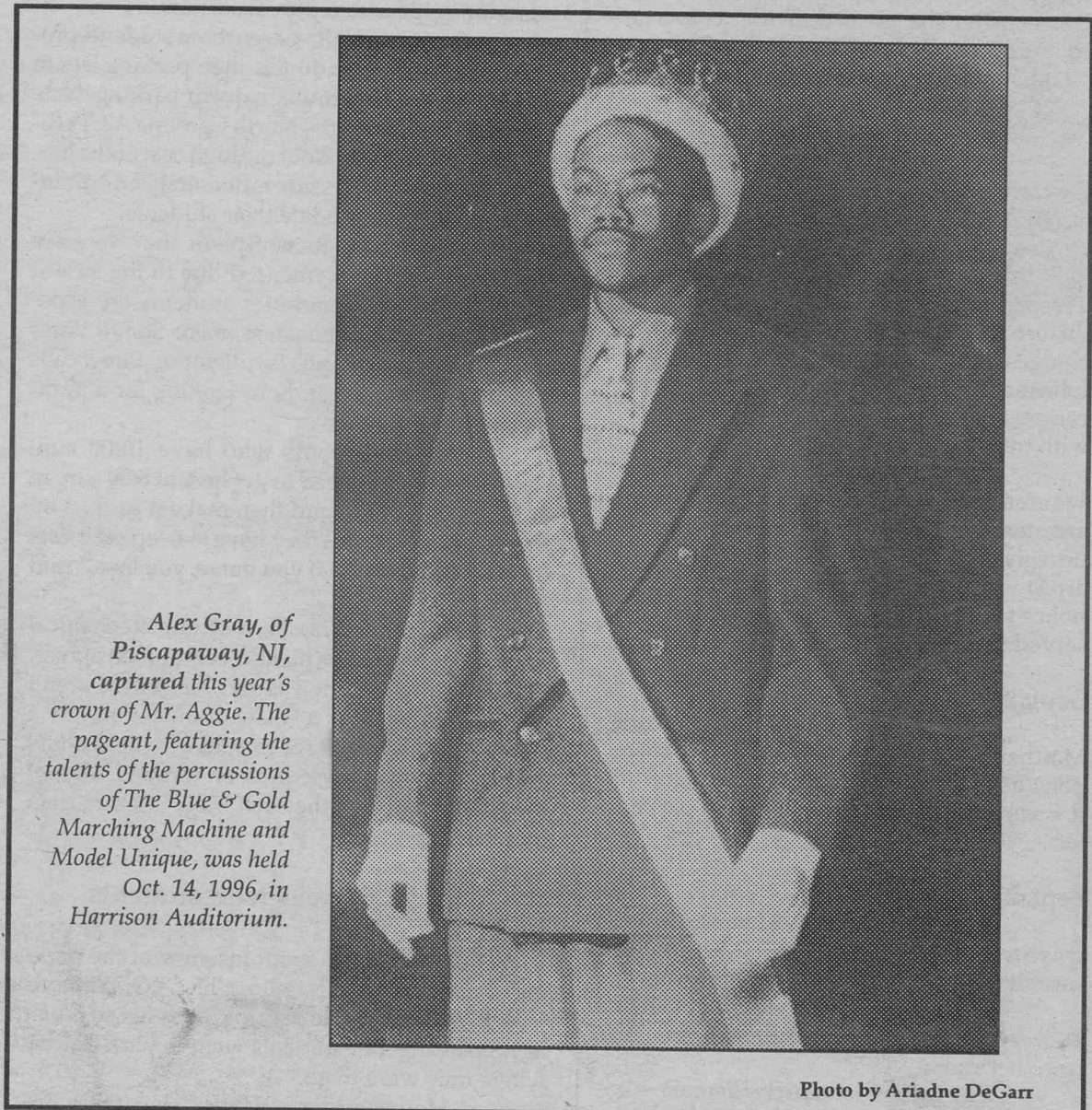
Six years ago Helms defeated Gantt with 53 percent to 47 percent with everybody from Denmark to Ireland interested in the race. It was the ideal headline. Here you had Jesse Helms, a powerful senator, who hadn't been close to defeat in his elections. Going up against a man who grew up in public housing, broke the color barrier at Clemson and then became the first black mayor of a major city in North Carolina.

There is still some hype around the North Carolina senate race, but not nearly as much as it was in 1990. Now Gantt has a chance to sit down and really reflect on what is important in this race.

"It's real important him to reach out to the younger generation," Duane Marshall, a junior civil engineering major said. "I think that's where he has Jesse Helms beat. If we can get every young black man and woman out to the polls, Harvey Gantt will have a chance to win."

Gantt's platform is a basic and routine one

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Alex Gray, of Piscapaway, NJ, captured this year's crown of Mr. Aggie. The pageant, featuring the talents of the percussions of The Blue & Gold Marching Machine and Model Unique, was held Oct. 14, 1996, in Harrison Auditorium.

Photo by Ariadne DeGarr

Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar addresses drug issue in African-American community

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

Addiction in the Black community is a serious problem. We have all read the staggering predictions of the future of black males. In addressing the problem of addiction, Samuel Hay, the Executive Director of the Theatre Department, wrote Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar. Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar is a play which was inspired by the Alice Childress novel, A Hero Ain't Nothin But A Sandwich.

The play focuses on 15-year-old Jamal Johnson, played by Phillip Joel Williamson and his addiction to crack. In attempts to help appease his girlfriend's addiction to crack, Jamal meets with a dealer named Watusi, played by Vondell Richmond.

Although at this point Jamal is not addicted to crack, Watusi takes advantage of Jamal's youth and convinces him to sell crack, but warns Jamal not to become a user. Eventually Jamal gives in to his curiosity and begins to use crack and ends up owing Watusi \$1500 in "cream" or drug money.

Jamal's on again off again relationship with crack forces his families involvement, whose members can see Jamal's sporadic behavior and suspect his relapse.

Jamal's mother Rose, played by Jayne Ward, grandmother, played by Margaretta Scales, and stepfather Butler, played by Ron Dortch all try to deny Jamal's problem but when he begins to do anything, including steal from his own

home, to get money to satisfy his addiction his family takes just as drastic measures to save him.

His mother is willing to show Jamal tough love by forcing him to leave home, his grandmother is willing to use voodoo and his stepfather Butler, a former Jazz musician, is willing to take Jamal on the road to help solve his problem.

But as Jamal's habit increases his appeal to his family decreases. Consequently his family prepares to take more drastic measures to save him which include his grandmother's obsession with putting Jamal out of his misery with her 22, and his eventual rescue which comes in the form of Butler sharing his past addiction habits and how he overcame with Jamal.

The play also comments on sexual addiction in the form of Kofi, Jamal's best friend, played by Eric Kieron Johnson and Butler's extramarital affair with Emma Lee Dudley, played by Kelli Brown. At one point in the play, Jamal and Kofi try to strike a deal in which Jamal will stop using crack if Kofi stops having sex, but Kofi backs out of the deal when Jamal mentions that the deal is to include all of Kofi's sexual partners.

This play is a story of triumph. Each character has some minor addiction. Jamal is addicted to crack. Kofi is addicted to sex. Watusi is addicted to money and power. Grandmother is addicted to hating Butler. Rose is addicted to Butler's attention. Butler is addicted to feeding his ego and image as a strong man. Emma Lee Dudley is addicted to her vain thoughts of her-

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CAMPUS CRIME

Oct. 8

Power Outage - The entire campus lost power due to problems experienced by Duke Power at an off-campus location. Power was restored at 2:25 p.m.

Harassment - Tanya Christian, student, reported that two males in a red Geo Prism pulled along side her as she was walking near the corner of Bluford and Laurel. After she ignored their attempts at conversation, she said, they shouted obscenities and sped away.

Sept. 27-29

Vandalism - female student reported the front glass of Morrow Hall was broken out by a man who allegedly struck it with his fist.

Carrying Concealed Weapon/Trespassing - Officers responding to a disturbance arrested Nathan Johnson on charges of carrying a concealed knife. Johnson had been previously banned from campus, campus police said, and charged with trespassing.

Operating Unregistered Vehicle/Wanted for Assault - Male student was arrested and charged with operating an unregistered vehicle and resisting arrest. An arrest warrant on file with Greensboro police for assaulting a female was also served.

Sept. 26

Larceny of a Motor Vehicle - Korie Matthews, student, reported that unknown persons stole his 1987 Cadillac Deville while it was parked in the Student Union parking lot.

Sept. 25

Warrant for arrest - Male student was arrested for an outstanding warrant for assault with a deadly weapon.

Larceny - Female student in Holland Hall reported that personal items were taken from her room.

Vandalism to vehicle - Female student reported that two tires were cut on her 1994 Toyota Camry. Her vehicle was parked in the Holt Hall lot.

Sept. 23

Larceny of a Motor Vehicle - Female student reported a vehicle that was under her control but was owned by another female student was stolen from the Haley parking lot.

Sept. 20-22

Drug Activity and Underage Drinking - A male and female student were verbally warned of drinking alcohol underage and smoking marijuana in Cooper Hall. The remains of the drugs and alcohol were disposed of.

Students want more answers, attention for parking concernsBy Aiysha Bey
Staff Writer

The controversial parking issue- too many students, too few spaces - continues to be a common gripe across the consortium.

Last year, UNC-Greensboro students protested the decision to double their parking fees in order to fund a multimillion dollar parking deck. Like their counterparts, North Carolina A&T students also complain about the high cost of the limited parking. The pressure is definitely on administration to accommodate their students.

Most students complain that they are unreasonably inconvenienced due to the lack of parking spaces. Commuter students are especially upset. Senior business major Sonya Vines feels parking on campus is ridiculous. She recalls spending as long as an hour looking for a parking space before class.

"Most students who have 10:00 a.m. classes know they need to get here at 8:00 a.m. in order to get a space and then make it to class on time. They know that they have to keep their cars there all day because if you move, you lose," said Vines.

Lawrence Branch, a senior mechanical engineering major, (who also commutes) agrees, "The parking situation is terrible. There aren't enough spaces. It is a waste of money to buy a sticker because you have to park on a back street instead of being able to park on campus. Part of the problem is that they sell more stickers than they have spaces."

Chief disagrees with students

When asked about his view of the parking situation, Campus Police Chief, J.O. Williams feels there is adequate parking. "It is not so much as no parking, but students want to park exactly where they want to go."

However, he estimates that there are roughly 3500 spaces on campus and an average of 3700 parking permits are sold. He believes this is justified since "not all 3700 students are on campus at the same time."

Williams compares A&T's practice with other schools in the consortium. "UNC-G and Carolina routinely sell 30% to 50% over the amount of spaces they have. We sell about 1% over.

Another common complaint is the amount of tickets written daily. The accumulation of parking tickets due largely to inadequate spacing, doubles the cost of parking for many. Gary Morrow, a Junior business management major, remarks, "The police don't have anything else better to do than to check parking stickers. All I know is that I keep getting tickets. I've gotten about five total tickets the two years I've parked on campus.

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--Gary Morrow,
Junior business management major

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A major concern of the student body is the fact that nobody knows where the revenue generated from the parking tickets and tow-always that occur daily on campus.

"There is a misconception about the great amount of parking revenue generated. Upkeep salaries are really expensive. The money goes to building parking lots, their repair and upkeep, and salaries for processing and enforcement staff," said Williams of the situation.

\$200,000 worth of tickets, permits

Approximately \$200k is the generated gross revenue from parking tickets and permits. After the expenses are paid, the budget usually goes over by about \$300k.

Students feel that the university needs to do something immediately to alleviate the parking situation. The most common suggestion is to build more parking lots. According to Williams, in order to build more parking lots, money needs to be set aside each year in the budget until the money is saved.

This makes building another parking lot a long-term goal. There is currently a proposal to create spaces in the fenced in area behind Marteen and Price.

Williams estimates that this will cost about \$150k and presently, there is not enough money in the budget to fund it. Another possible solution, a shuttle service operated by the Greensboro Department of Transportation, is now being researched.

A single 24 passenger bus, including a driver would cost around \$100k and would from parking revenue. There would more than likely be an increase in the price of parking permits.

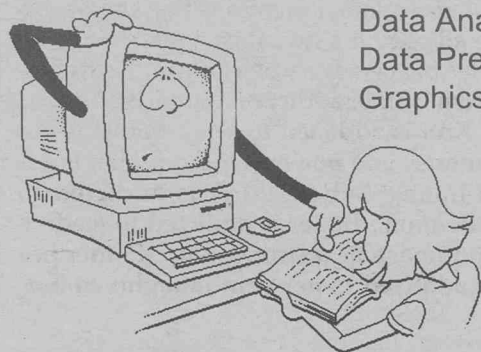
Students have their own creative views on possible short term solutions. Morrow believes "They need to spend more of their time and money protecting the cars. Somebody broke into my car and messed up my ignition trying to steal it...More parking spaces, less parking sticker patrol."

Cost effective short term solutions are necessary until the money is saved for long term projects.

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Jackson encourages Aggies to represent at the polls

Staff Report

Voter registration has been of vital importance on A&T's campus due to the upcoming elections.

As a final step in securing a high voter turn out, the university coordinated a vote registration rally featuring A&T alumnus the Rev. Jesse Jackson. During the rally Chancellor Edward Fort stressed the importance of voting.

"The key is this," he said. "Get out and vote. If students don't vote, then programs designed for them, such as minority scholarships, could be eliminated."

Jackson talked about how many young people are willing settle for what is given instead of striving for something more.

"If you have no dignity level then you have no insight level and you will not fight back," he said.

A&T prepares for future

Teachers, students exposed to Internet, on-line teaching skills

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

Count the School of Education at North Carolina A&T State University among those that have been caught in the rush to reach people through computers and on-line services.

Recent federal mandates require teacher education programs to emphasize computer usage and literacy. A&T's most recent response came in the form of an Oct. 10 workshop entitled "The Technology Possibilities."

About 30 teacher education students attended the two-hour seminar, which was brought to Webb Hall via live telecast from Georgia.

The program emphasized the recent increase in on-line capabilities at many schools and the means for incorporating multimedia devices into lessons and developing innovative educational software.

"You'll have the right to vote and not use it. You adjust to mediocrity. You adjust to failure."

Jackson went on to say that the American dream was at stake during this election and that the American dream is equal protection under the law. He made it clear that everyone should vote because as of now there is no equal protection under the law.

The civil rights leader also pointed out that only registered voters have a say so in the criminal justice system.

"Jurors, judges and district attorneys will decide your fate," he said.

"Only registered voters have a thing to say about that. Only registered voters are picked to sit on juries and that being able to sit on a jury allows people to take an important part in the criminal justice system."

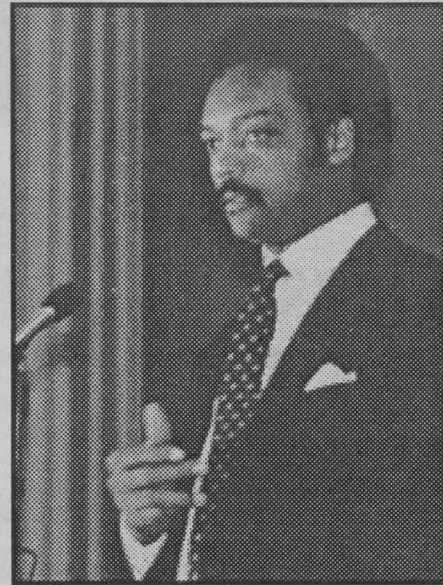
He also admitted that it is time to end using race in politics. He emphasized not letting politicians race bait America into a lower status. He said we must deracialize politics.

Jackson added that society wants to put a black face on welfare, but when the welfare program started under President Eisenhower, the face of the poor was that of whites.

"Even today the majority of people on welfare are not black," Jackson said. "The majority of poor people are not on welfare. They work everyday."

Affirmative action was also discussed by the leader of the Rainbow Coalition and Operation PUSH.

He said white men should not blame affirmative action for the loss of their jobs, but the actual culprit, which he says is corporate downsizing.



Jesse Jackson

File Photo

Hedrick W. Ellis, a former teacher now serving as an educational consultant with Tom Snyder Productions, a computer software company, addressed a practical problem: How to serve a group of students when your classroom has just one computer.

The solution, he said, is simple: The COW, or Computer on Wheels.

Ellis demonstrated that, by connecting a computer to television sets, several students can see what's being done on one computer.

Teacher's Workshop President Dr. Renet L. Bender, a former computer science professor at Clemson University and University of Georgia who has written a book on the use of multimedia and computers in the classroom, gave an introductory lecture and fielded the students' questions.

Diane Burnside, a language arts teacher from Fairmont, W.Va., discussed implementation of multimedia software and internet-based

instruction in several curriculum areas.

Michael Brown, eastern region sales manager for One Touch Systems, focused on the expanding field of distance education.

At least one A&T student came away impressed.

"The experience was an asset to my educational development," said Sanchia Spoons, a junior.

Grades retrievable via phone

Staff Report

Beginning December 23, 1996, through the Office of the Registrar, all students will have telephone access to their semester grades and cumulative grade point averages.

Each student is required to pick up his/her telephone access card from their academic advisor during Early Registration Advisement, November 4-8.

This telephone access card will have the student's name and

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Halloween season brought more than just tricks & treats

By Brian Holloway
Editor-in-Chief

It is important for Aggies to vote on Tuesday. Not just for local politicians, but also it is important that they vote for a good presidential candidate or things might get a little scary.

Halloween will be gone by the time we elect the next president. However, going to the polls this Tuesday could be similar to Halloween. Filled with skeletons in the closet, horror stories if your candidate doesn't win and politicians wearing mask to cover up their true selves.

However, the most resembling characteristic of this election to Halloween is the part when you ask for trick or treat. Mrs. Stanley down the street usually gave you a treat-you know candy, bubble gum or a sugar stick. Don't expect the same thing from our presidential candidates.

No, the only thing it seems we're going to get is a trick. First we have Mr. Bob Dole, who is so desperate right now he's going to Ross Perot for help. Obviously Dole doesn't watch CNN. Because if he did he would know that Ross Perot thinks too much of himself to give even his little 5 percent chance of winning to Bob Dole.

If Dole watch CNN he would also know that he needs a lot more than 5 percent of the vote to beat Bill Clinton at this point. It appears that he's having so much fun picking on Clinton, that he's forgotten that it will probably be Clinton who has the last laugh on Tuesday.

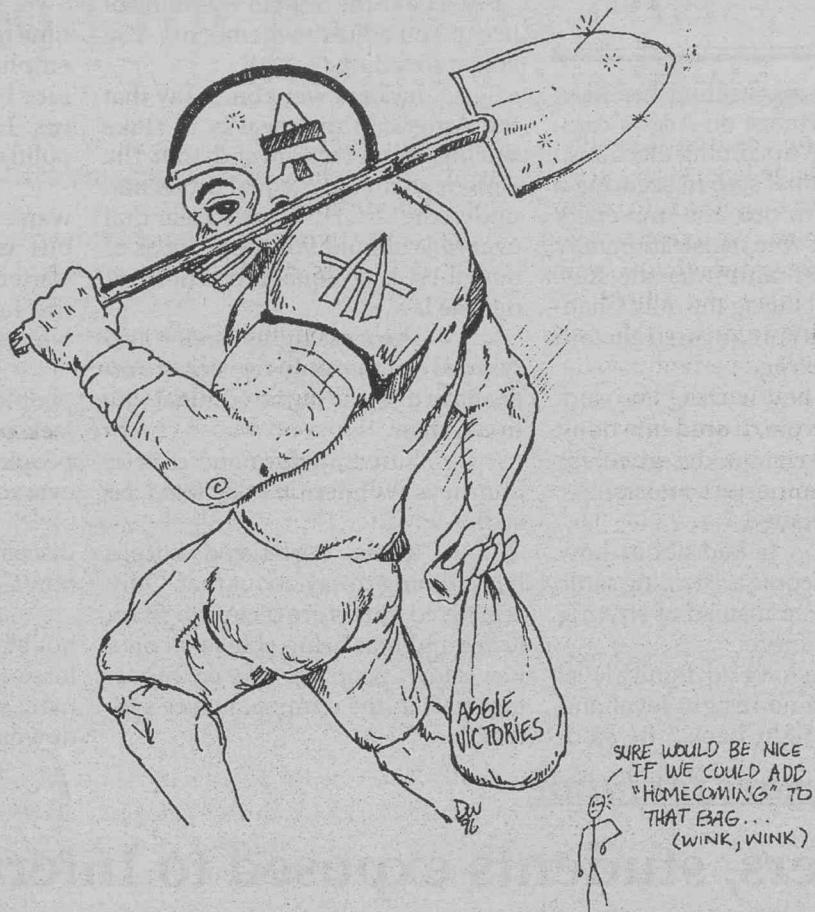
If you pick Dole it will be more a trick than a treat. If elected, the education for a black man as we know could be in jeopardy. When he talks of cutting student loans and affirmative action, it doesn't take a professor to figure out who he's targeting.

As for Mr. Clinton, it seems he has the knack for getting into trouble, but never being punished for anything. Here's a guy who has been accused of cheating on his wife, bad business deals and taking money from foreign countries to finance his campaign. Despite the allegations, he's still 20 points ahead of Dole.

Bill Clinton has been fortunate enough to have a relatively peaceful global world around since he took office in 1992. However, that all could change if Boris Yeltsin health doesn't get better and Russia gets into a civil war. Also if China's threats to bomb Taiwan become a reality.

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... AND THE "GOLD RUSH" CONTINUES...



STUDENT VOICES

Student questions OUR efforts to upgrade computer situation, to keep OUR money

After asking around, I learned that each room on campus is equipped with a special data box for telephones, cable and computers' modems.

On the little boxes that hold the phone jacks and cable line hookups, there are two other plug-ins. They are labeled "data 1" and "data 2."

Currently, if you hook up your computer and modem to the telephone line for Internet access, you are disconnected each time someone calls the room. This is quite irritating and inconvenient.

These data plug-ins are supposed to solve this problem by giving computer users a line free from incoming calls. Each student would receive their own line for their computers' modem.

Problem is, the university hasn't activated these lines yet. I question if it is because it is too expensive for each room to have three telephone lines instead of simply one?

I find this appalling that we are not entitled to this service. Computers are the future and here at A&T, we are falling behind in computer literacy. Rumor has it even our computer labs are going to be closed down early each day like 5pm next semester because of lack of funding.

How does the computer aspect of the university not get enough money to stay open

for a "world-class" university, yet we can afford to have a concert at the Greensboro Coliseum?

Isn't that money we are losing by having an event off the yard when we should keep the money WE spend here on campus to improve our home?

After all, the concert is one of the state's largest money making events! How can we allow the money to slip out of our hands?

I say we hold OUR events on OUR home, keeping OUR money in OUR pockets. Call me arrogant and selfish, but I do not see THEM doing anything for us!!!

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Men of Scott C demanding administration to improve living conditions in dormitory

In the residential hall of Scott C, we have been struggling in our attempts to get a functioning change machine. We question why?

After two months of hearing the Physical Plant and administration was going to rectify this problem, we have been patiently waiting and waiting and waiting and...

And we're tired of waiting! How can we claim to be attending a world class university and we can't even get some quarters to wash our clothes?

What is the administration waiting on? We wonder if the other dorms are suffering from this same insulting lack of attention.

Actually, our machine was fixed for a few days. We suppose the overflow of usage from almost all of us, just eagerly waiting to use it, put the cheap piece of, yessir, out of commission.

Does the university even know about these conditions? What

about the fact we have no soap dishes in the showers or no key to open the side door causing an inconvenience in having to be limited to only two doors right across from each other?

These conditions are a negative reflection of the so-called commitment to serving the students who pay the salaries of those who are claiming to take care of us.

We are in the process of assembling our petitions and organizing to take more forceful measures where we feel it necessary.

With nearly 300 occupants, each of us sacrificing AT LEAST \$2500 a semester, and as high as \$6000 a semester, we do feel it is imperative this neglect is fixed immediately!

That is a lot of money asking simply for a dollar's worth of change!

The Men of Scott C

Editorial

from page 4

Then you never can tell what Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia's pots are always boiling. Add Korea, Bosnia and the Persian Gulf to the recipe and the Clinton's peaceful pot may boil over. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that much of Clinton's campaign money comes from the Indonesia Riady family.

It is not good for Clinton to receive money from a family in cahoots with a foreign dictator to influence the American election. And besides that it's a campaign crime. Again Clinton getting into trouble but not being punished.

Despite Clinton inconsistencies, he may the sweetest piece

of candy in the bag. Just imagine a Republican president with a Republican senate, that is real scary. Plus the stock market has gone up 2,300 points since Clinton has been in office and crime as decreased significantly.

We must not forget about Ross Perot no matter how hard we try. It must be a great feeling to be so rich that you have nothing better to do than run for president. He's able to finance his own campaign and even if he loses-he can just use the election as a tax write-off.

Yes, Ross it must be nice. Ross is definitely a trick. And entertaining one nevertheless.

NEWSROOM

By Dameon Williams



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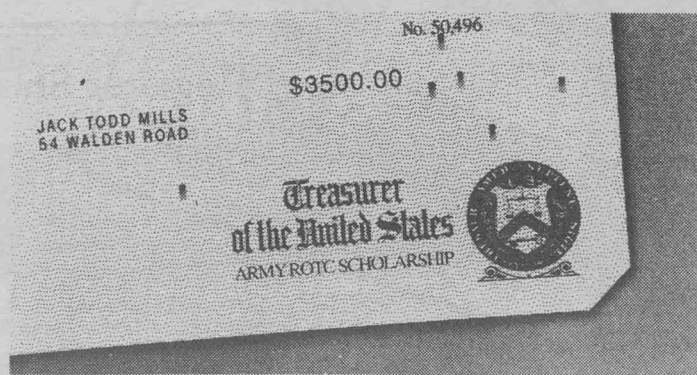
New shuttle system preparing to shuttle students between two local universities. If you have a valid driver's license and full coverage insurance, call transportation department at either NCA&T or UNC-Greensboro.

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Voting from front

for most democrats. Affirmative Action is needed, no to quotas, likes the idea of NAFTA. He is, however, sceptical about U.S. companies down sizing and sending jobs overseas. He is against discrimination in the work place, but still has not publicly opposed gay marriages.

"When Jesse Helms runs those ads he's shows that he's not worried about any of the important issues," Marsina Jones, a sophomore political science major said. "He's just trying to make Harvey Gantt out to be some bad guy that he isn't."

Harvey Gantt said in a CBS interview that he has never spoken face-to-face with Helms either time they have faced each other. Gantt says that's just another indicator of how Helms takes the voters for granted.

In his acceptance speech Gantt told his supporters the promise of America was made real to my parents and my family.

"We need to worry about the American dream being lost in special interest and big corporations. The folks who make deals on their behalf and not on behalf of the American people," he said after he won his second straight democratic nomination.

Jesse Helms, who was on the scene long before Rush Limbaugh knew what a conservative was.

Play from front

self. Tokoso, Jamal's girlfriend, played by Moria Denson, was addicted to crack but when the story begins she has already overcome her habit. But the play deals as much with overcoming addiction as it does with addiction itself. As each character grows they also learn to overcome their addictions.

This play is a powerful testimony of how the Black family and community can preserve in the face of obstacles. Just as the message and theme of this play are in line so is this play's timing and power, it deals with addiction just when it seems that Blacks had given up the hope of overcoming.

The performances were powerful. The message is powerful. This is a play that deals with a timely issue at the right time.

How it came to life

It is hard to believe that this play almost never was. When Hay sought to write this play, he contacted the Alice Childress' estate, at which time the agent of the estate turned Hay's idea to script a play based on Childress' novel down. From there Hay contacted Childress' husband jazz artist Nathan Woodard, who gave Hay the eventual nod to script the play.

Hay spoke of the play's message saying, "Here was a message of hope for addicts that you could do it without any worry. But you must be completely committed to overcoming. My challenge was to write a play that said that without preaching."

The play was directed by Frankie Day Greenlee, Acting Program Coordinator for A&T's theatre department. Greenlee said, "A director's job is easy when you have a god script. 'Doc' (Hay) made so many changes to the script and this is the end result. I know by the people's response to the play that it worked", (in achieving its message).

Hay, who has written ten plays, some winning national awards, began writing Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar in March. When asked about the experience of writing the play, Hay said simply, "It was a good experience. I enjoy writing."

Bluford Library serves dual purpose improvising for lack of hangout spots to chill at on campus

By Ronda White
Managing Editor

For students here at A&T, the academic challenge of attending a "world-class" university is a constant struggle. Aggies have been meeting and exceeding that challenge, as well as staying on top of the social scene, in ways that might surprise a few.

For students, the best way to cope with academic stress is to incorporate a social activity. But unlike other Greensboro colleges or universities, there are not a lot of things to do around the campus. Actually, there aren't really any. No bars, no late-night eateries, no coffee cafes—nothing.

Enter Bluford library. For the past several years, the campus library has served a dual purpose—to provide resources to its students, as well as being a haven for social and study bugs.

Not your average scene

Check the scene: As you enter the library, there are flyers taped to the wall, "Dr. So & So's study group is meeting on the second floor"; in the lobby several students stand around talking, waiting for other students; someone is making a phone call, "Where are you, we were supposed to meet at 8 o'clock?"

On the second floor, you can forget about finding a seat. Every table is decorated with textbooks, library books, notebook paper and sometimes, the weary arms and heads of frustrated stu-

"If you really want to study in the library, you have to just go in there and get lost—don't make eye contact with anyone."

--Manu "Moon" Kennedy
senior OSHA major

dents. With all the commotion, the noise level stays to about a dull roar.

On the third floor the Aggie football team studies, holding it down on the field and in the classroom.

Manu "Moon" Kennedy, a senior occupational safety and health major says "It all depends on what floor you're on, it's more of a gathering place to socialize than a place to study. I thought that was the whole purpose of the library—to provide a place to study. The best place for me to study is in the basement around the back, by the government documents."

Studying still a possibility

There is hope and a strategy for students who would really like to study in the library. "If you really want to study in the library, you have to just go in there and get lost—don't make eye contact with anyone," Kennedy says.

But for now, throw out the idea of the library being for geeks and nerds or people who have no social life. At A&T, if you haven't been to the library, you haven't been in the mix.

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No barrier too strong to hold Lee back

By **Chowan Green**
Staff Writer

What Patricia Lee has experienced in her 45 years is, on the one hand, not unusual.

She grew up in a large family, much larger than what is common today. She endured her share of racial discrimination. She was married, bore two children, and is now divorced.

But there is another side to Lee, and it sets her apart from just about any 45-year-old that you know.

She is, believe it or not, a college freshman - and she lives on-campus in Holland Hall.

The road that brought her to this point in her life was filled with hardships that only a strong woman could survive.

Patricia Lee is that woman.

"I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengthens me," she said.

Speaking to her, and hearing her tale, one

can feel the strength.

She was born in 1951 in Roanoke Rapids. She and her seven sisters live many miles apart now, yet they have remained close.

"I was raised in a loving home which was poor in money but rich in love," she says.

In her own life, she continues what she was taught - giving and sharing love.

Her son, Edwin Sykes, is a sophomore at A&T, and her daughter, Felicia, lives in Charlotte.

Patricia and Edwin speak daily. When they pass each other on campus, Edwin said, he introduces his mother to his friends - though they sometimes don't believe him.

The only downside to his mother being here, he joked, is that sometimes it's just like being at home.

Enrolling at A&T brought Lee physically closer to her children, but that's only part of her motivation. To take on such a task, pursuing a nursing degree at age 45, required something more.

She explained.

"I want to be the first black Florence

"I was raised in a loving home which was poor in money but rich in love."

--Patricia Lee

Nontraditional freshman at A&T

Nightingale," she said.

Her list of ambitions is long. She won't stop with a mere bachelor's degree, she says, but will obtain her master's and doctorate as well. Ultimately, she wants to work in geriatric nursing. Barriers, she says, will not stop her - and they never have.

Lee graduated with honors from John Armstrong Chaloner High School, a school that no longer exists, in Roanoke Rapids. She attended Stanly Community College in Albemarle and then Halifax Community College in Weldon, NC.

As a child, she said, she experienced many racial barriers - yet always knew that they would not stop her and that she would attain her goal of helping people as a nurse.

She remembers the white family that lived near her as a child, and how she and her sisters would play with the white children. And she remembers the day that it ended.

One of the white children came to Lee and, much to her surprise, told her that their father had said that if they continued to play with Lee and her sisters that they would have to paint their faces black.

From one of her sisters, who sued her employer for racial discrimination and won a multimillion dollar verdict, Lee saw the means for fighting back against racism.

Those experiences and others like it stuck with Lee, yet they did not wear her down. Instead, her resolve became stronger. We live in a racist society, she says, but a black person can reach their goals if they are strong and determined.

For examples of that, she could start with herself.

Ntuen flees WVU without any regrets

By **Sylvia Tabron**
Staff Writer

Impressed with the student population at North Carolina A&T State University and convinced that he could really "teach" here, Dr. Celestine Ntuen left West Virginia University 12 years ago and has not looked back since.

Ntuen teaches industrial engineering - the integration of machinery, manufacturing and machines and how they operate in the workplace. His purpose, he said, is simple: "To develop knowledge to my students and skills."

In 12 years, as much as his students may have learned, he has learned something as well: patience and tolerance.

He has achieved a great deal as a teacher, he said, but still has goals to reach.

"My ... students need to develop a sense of discipline," Ntuen said. With that accomplished, he said, 99 percent of the job would be done - "but that catches a lot of work."

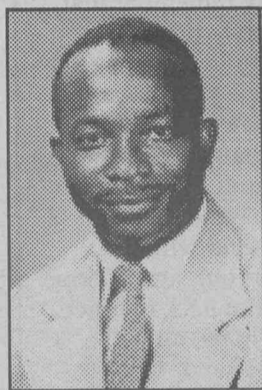
The 15 to 20 students enrolled in each of Ntuen's classes are hit with their share of basic assignments, but Ntuen always has a higher goal in mind - teaching them to transfer their problem solving skills from the classroom to what he calls "real life."

Twelve years have shown Ntuen what can make or break a student. Those who struggle tend to lack motivation, work too hard or work

too much at outside jobs, he said. Many successful students, on the other hand, ask questions or continuously seek help.

Ntuen will soon have the chance to put his philosophies in practice in his personal life. He has four daughters - two in high school, one in middle school and one in elementary school.

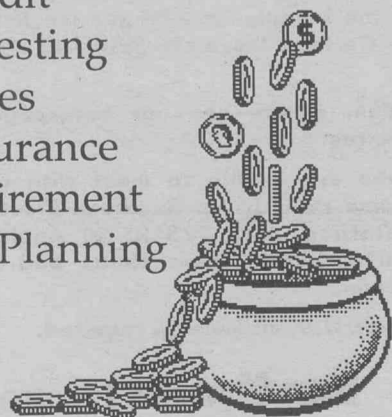
Where they will attend college, he said, is not yet known - "But they are going," he said with a smile. "They have no choice."



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*"Keep Hope Alive!"***Impact of elections will be felt for years to come**

It's the first week of November and that time for the presidential election. Back in 1992, black voters proved to be very loyal to the Democratic Party. That year, President Bill Clinton carried 93 percent of the African-American votes.

Can he do the same in this year's election? With a look at our options this year, it looks as if history may repeat itself.

Interest rates are staying the same. Laws and bills are being passed left and right. It's all a part of what I like to call "Clintonomics": To get as much done between now and election day so he can show and prove.

After all, Clinton is a really good politician, isn't he? Aside from the little bumps along the way like the Whitewater trial and the FBI files saga, his track record as far as progress goes looks pretty good.

Unemployment rates are down on the whole. The stock market is pretty stable right now. Granted these are not the best of times, but they sure aren't the worst.

So when we go to the polls, will we take all of the aforementioned factors into consideration, or will we just vote for Clinton for simpler reasons? (1) "He's a Democrat," (2) "He's our only hope," and (3) "No one else will be" willing to make decisions on behalf of our interests and concerns so we'd better have at least four more years of 'security'.

Those are just a few of the comments I've heard during this year's campaigning. Honestly, I don't blame them for this rationale.

We all remember what happened in the Bush-Reagan eight-year era of Republican

domination. Or deficit increased. The recession hit us. Unemployment rates went up with interest rates. Those were some pretty bad times.

If you were old enough to remember, blacks had a tougher time surviving during those years than anyone else.

So maybe we do feel "safer" with Clinton, but what do our leaders have to say? So they agree with us? Jesse Jackson is just one of many black voices of America. What does he have to say?

According to his speeches, aside from the one he did here at his Alma Mater, Clinton is the ticket. For those of you who stayed up long enough to hear his speech at the Democratic National Convention, you may remember that his "keep hope alive theory" flowed throughout his message.

Keep hope alive meaning, "Listen up, he may not give us everything we want, but he's willing to listen and give us more than the others over in the "House of Republicans" ever will.

Clinton is our sign of hope, and by putting him back in office, you can keep it (hope) alive." Think about it. When it comes down to the choices for President Clinton or Senator Bob Dole, do we really have a choice?

The Republican Party knows we don't have anywhere else to go. They don't want us, but to get into office, you can rest assured that Bob Dole will gladly accept your vote to get the electoral votes he needs to win the numbers game.

Of course, there's a black

**Talking With Toy**

spokesperson for the Republican Party too: Colin Powell. He's a great speaker, if I must say so myself, but it will take much more than one great speech during prime time of the Republican National Convention to get me to switch tickets.

You can't fault him for being a Republican. Before 1939, most blacks were Republican. However, that doesn't mean that I should go back without proof that the change will shift in my favor. Sorry Dole.

Let's face it, deep down inside, blacks don't trust the Republican Party as a whole. Besides, one black face can't paint a pretty picture over the nightmares your party has given us.

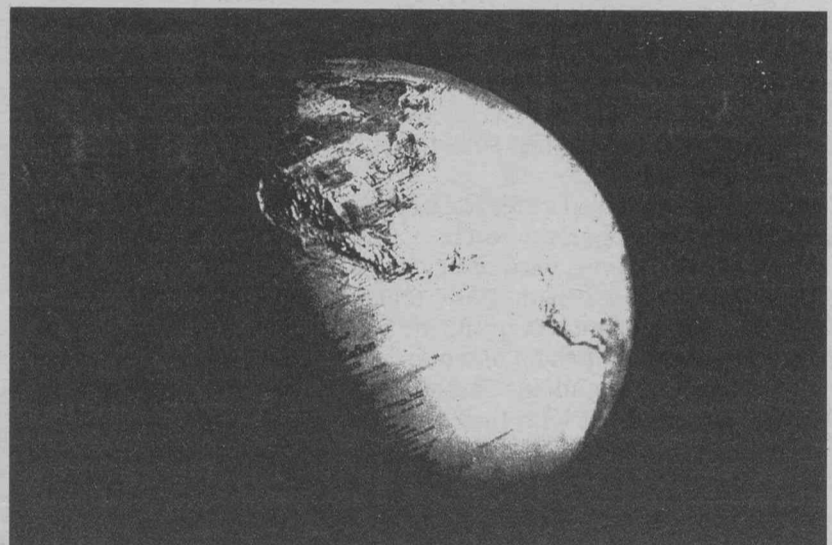
So on November 5th, please vote by all means and remember that we are voting on other governmental officials and referendums here in the Piedmont that will affect us for a long time.

So please know who and what you are voting for. As far as the presidential race, I say Clinton is the better choice, but don't take my word for it. Do your homework. Check his track record for yourself.

You'll see, and maybe even fully understand why the words "Keep Hope Alive" are synonymous to the sentence: "Give President Clinton four more years in office so we can build, mold and preserve the rest of our lives."

Think over it long and hard, because the decision we make on this election day will affect the rest of our lives.

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Spike Lee produces yet another hit film discussing black issues, concerns

By Marq King
Staff Writer

Don't call it a comeback, Spike was here the last two years. The question is where were you? With the exception of *Girl 6*, the black community slept on two very well-crafted films in the form of the misnamed *Crooklyn* and lyrical suspense drama *Clockers*.

Unlike the majority of films this season and more importantly, *Get on the Bus* IS worth the price of admission. The plot revolves around the interaction between the passengers of a bus traveling from L.A. to the Million Man March.

The provocative Lee deftly uses the characters to discuss various issues afflicting black folks. Charles Dutton, of *Roc*, plays the content, hard-working family man. He is the positive catalyst constantly inspiring the voyagers, providing common-sense perspectives and propelling the story.

Andre Braugher, from *Glory* and *Murder One*, is the insecure, misogynist, pompous, shallow actor Flip. Flip could be called the negative catalyst. He is the converse of Dutton. He constantly confronts those who he feels superior to/threatened by in order to solidify his place in the group pecking order.

This is also enhanced by Braugher's dark complexion, he doesn't seem to be pretty enough to be an actor. His confrontations lead into the two minor discussions; color consciousness and homosexuality.

Roger G. Smith plays the stereotypical confused mulatto, Darrell. Although prominent, Spike treats the character very harshly. Embittered, Darrell is seeking revenge for his father's murder. Spike sets up Darrell at least 10 times to display a traitorous attitude; from his girlfriends initial assertion that he has nothing in common with them, to his promise to try to destroy a reformed Crip by the name of Jamal.

Gabriel Casseus plays, Jamal, the reformed gang member now youth counselor; Jamal represents salvation and brotherhood.

Ossie Davis is a dying old man looking for redemption. He is the spiritual guide on the journey. He is the soul of the men's aspirations. The other vocal passengers (notice the three men who never speak) are hope represented in the form of a U.C.L.A. student (Hill Harper); a comedian full of one-liners (Steve White); a gay couple on the outs (Isaiah Washington and Harry Lennix); and a small time black bubble gum manufacturer (Bernie Mac).

The strongest performances were delivered by Thomas Jefferson Byrd and Deaundre Bonds who played Evan Sr. and Evan Jr. The father and son were burdened by a court order for

the son to be tethered to father for 72 hr.

In the case of both actors it was the physical nuances which seemed to define and detail their characters. Evan Sr., the errant father, always seemed the to be leaning or off balance with his head always moving in a capricious snakelike manner. It intensifies his characters negative projection and implies a history of drunkenness.

He is man trying to climb back up from a mistake through shame and uncertainty. Junior's facial contortions voice all of his feelings with a impulsive and unabashed honesty which is almost surreal. Junior means everything he says. He represents the goal of the journey; the salvation of the black youth.

Get On the Bus is a complete work. I strongly recommend this film to all people concerned with the plight of the black community. *Get On the Bus* is Spike's strongest example of story telling since *Do the Right Thing*. The unsophisticated manner in which the story is related makes it more accessible to the audience than *Clockers*.

The key factor was the lack of subtlety.

The environment of the bus allows the passengers to say things they would not ordinarily say. If you listen closely you will notice that the characters are speaking at each other, instead of to each other. The setting allowed Spike to make more speeches, because you can't truly begin to know someone in 72 hr., snap judgments are appropriate in the context of this film. Spike achieved his goal, because if you are reading this article you have probably talked to someone you respect about our movie.

For those who have lost faith in Spike, or those who were pleasantly surprised check this or reminisce. The first bus driver became distracted, consequently he lost his path. Notice Darrell's lack of rhythm, and singing voice.

Is Flip telling the truth about getting the part with Denzel Washington? The Spotted Owl is an endangered species.

Ossie does not speak much after the fight; why?

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The North Carolina A&T State University Aggie football team has come out racing on the Black College Polls after a lackluster season last year. Placing as high as second (to Florida A&M after a one-point loss), the Aggies now stand as the sixth ranked team on the Black College Polls.

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Aggies returning 6 cagers, redeeming 10-18 season

College basketball fever already beginning to stir

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

After dramatically taking the NCAA berth out of the grasp of Coppin State for two straight years, the North Carolina A&T basketball team decided to take a year off from March Madness, "The Big Dance" and any other cliché you can think of.

The Aggies suffered through a 10-18 season last year, as head coach Roy Thomas struggled to find a lineup that suited his team. With the Aggies out of the picture, Coppin State's ticket to the big dance went to South Carolina State last year. The Bulldogs destroyed Coppin State in the MEAC championship game, leaving Coppin State with another great season but nothing to show for it.

Even with all their past failures in the MEAC tournament, the Eagles should again challenge for MEAC supremacy. Of course, it's the tournament that has bitten Coppin State where it hurts, which makes for an interesting regular season as teams position themselves for the upset.

The A&T Register Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Basketball Projections:

1. Coppin State

Location: Baltimore, Md.
Arena: Pullen Gymnasium
Capacity: 3,000
Coach: Ron Mitchell
Nickname: Eagles

Coppin State has dominated the MEAC regular season over the past seven years. Their last trip to the NAAs, however, came in 1993. In 10 years Ron "Fang" Mitchell has averaged 18 wins a season as Coppin State's head coach. Don't look for anything less from the Bulldogs this season.

The Eagles return five starters including 6-8 forward Tequin Mott (19.0 ppg, 7.4 rpg and 64 percent from the field), who had thoughts of entering the NBA Draft after his successful junior season. The other returnees are guards Antoine Brockington (12.0 ppg) and Julian King (6.0 ppg) and forwards Jerel Seamon (3.5 ppg) and Reggie Welch (16.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

The Eagles recruited four heralded freshman to help them get over the MEAC title game hump.

2. South Carolina State

Location: Orangeburg, S.C.
Arena: Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Capacity: 3,200
Coach: Cy Alexander
Nickname: Bulldogs

After tying Coppin State in the regular season, the Bulldogs dominated the Eagles in the MEAC title game. However, gone from that MEAC championship team is all-conference performer Derrick Patterson along with two other key performers in the frontcourt—all of which will make it hard for the Bulldogs to compete up front with likes of Coppin State and N.C. A&T.

Instead, the Bulldogs will depend on their backcourt to get them to the NCAA tournament. Roderick Blakney, a 5-10 blur and Rookie of the year in the MEAC, will be depended on to lead the Bulldogs. Blakney is excellent at passing, scoring, defending and even rebounding.

BASKETBALL

3. North Carolina A&T

Location: Greensboro, N.C.
Arena: Ellis F. Corbett Sports Complex
Capacity: 6,500
Coach: Roy Thomas
Nickname: Aggies

Although it crushes our heart not to pick the beloved Aggies No. 1 in the conference, we know when MEAC tournament time comes the Aggies usually have an upset up their sleeve.

After suffering through countless lineup changes and a 7-8 MEAC season, the Aggies should jump right back into contention. Thomas returns six key players from last year, three of whom were playing together for the first time after transferring in.

Thomas, who likes to dabble with junior college talent, should have all of his newcomers and transfers from a year ago ready to play as a team. Returning for the Aggies is 6-4 senior guard Tarik Beasley, who averaged 11.0 ppg. Jamel Grey will handle the point guard duties, while Kimani Stewart and Marcus Williams will add inside power.

4. Hampton University

Location: Hampton, Va.
Arena: Hampton University Convocation Center
Capacity: 7,200
Coach: Bryon Samuels
Nickname: Pirates

The new kids on the block could cause trouble in the league. Hampton spilt two games with South Carolina State last season and was

The A&T Register Preseason All-Conference Team

First Team

Forward: Terquin Mott, Sr., Coppin State
Forward: Chris Nurse, Sr., Delaware State
Center: Jerome James, So., Florida A&M
Guard: Reggie Welch, Sr., Coppin State
Guard: Rodney Blakney, So., S.C. State

Second Team

Forward: John Woods, Jr., UMES
Forward: Melvin Watson, Sr., Howard
Center: Chris Nurse, Sr., Delaware State
Guard: Alistair Henry, Jr., Bethune Cookman
Guard: Tarik Beasley, N.C. A&T

competitive against George Washington, Old Dominion and James Madison. JaFonde Williams, the Pirates' top player, graduated in May, which leaves the Pirates with a 25.0 ppg gap to fill.

Guard Al Bell, who averaged 15.0 ppg last season, and Torrey Farrington (4.1 ppg) should help fill the gap. The Pirates also return seven players who saw significant playing time a year ago. Hampton also has four freshman coming in to help them during their first campaign in the MEAC.

5. Bethune-Cookman

Location: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Arenas: Moore Gymnasium, Ocean Center
Capacities: 3,000; 8,400
Coach: Maurice Sheals
Nickname: Wildcats

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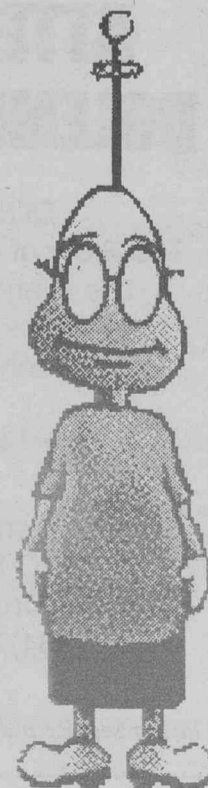
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Predictions

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Bethune-Cookman could be ready to throw in the towel before the MEAC schedule begins. Check out their pre-conference schedule and send your get well cards to Maurice Sheals tomorrow. The Wildcats will play Florida, North Carolina, Central Florida, Kansas State, Creighton, St. Peter's and Long Beach State all before Dick Clark rocks in the New Year. If the Wildcats can pull off a few victories with that schedule, their RPI rating could go through the roof.

Despite what their nonconference record may be entering the conference, the Wildcats should be much improved from their 12-15 record of last year. Reggie Bellamy (8.7 ppg 6.4 rpg) is one of the top forwards in the league. Alistair Henry is a textbook point guard and Maro Miller (12.8 ppg) will be counted on to be the Wildcats' top scorer.

6. Florida A&M

Location: Tallahassee, Fla.
Arena: Gaither Athletic Center
Capacity: 3,365
Coach: Mickey Clayton
Nickname: Rattlers

The Rattlers had a disappointing 3-13 MEAC finish last year. To improve on that disappointment the Rattlers must follow the Mapp. Scientific Mapp (yes that's right Scientific) dished out 70 assists last year in a reserve role for the Rattlers. This year he will be the starter and he hopes he'll have a lot more directions in which to pass the basketball. Jerome James, a 7-1 285 pound beast in the middle, averaged 11.9 ppg, 8.1 rpg and 4.4 bpg which ranked third in the nation. If the Rattlers can get consistent play from 6-6 forward Sean Black and guard Guy Walton, they might finish better than predicted. But until then they're stuck at seven.

7. Maryland-Eastern Shore

Location: Prince Ann, Md.
Arena: Taves Gymnasium
Capacity: 2,000
Coach: Lonnie Williams
Nickname: Fighting Hawks

The Fighting Hawks have one of the youngest and most talented teams in the MEAC this season. How coach Lonnie Williams uses that talent could determine how UMES competes this season. Junior forward John Woods (10.5 ppg) was second team all-conference a year ago, while sophomore forwards Bram Reynolds and Ron Christian made second team all-MEAC rookie team last year.

To ask one of those young players to step up and replace Aaron McKinney and William Grady could be a little too much to ask.

8. Howard

Location: Washington, D.C.
Arena: Burr Gymnasium
Capacity: 2,700
Coach: Michael McLeese
Nickname: Bison

The Bison struggled with a backcourt duo that could produce last season-plus they caused the fewest turnovers in the league last year. Those struggles may continue this year, but coach Michael McLeese is quickly trying to correct the problem.

Jabari Outz returns as the Bison's leading scorer. He averaged 17.7 ppg. New-comer John Linehan (Chester, Pa.) may have been the best defender coming out of the Philadelphia area last year. Eric Dedmon can play both backcourt positions. In the frontcourt, Mel Watson should provide scoring and rebounding. Two more promising freshman—6-9 Garrett McCormick and 6-10 Simon Ogunlesi—could give Howard a future dominating duo.

9. Delaware State

Location: Dover, Del.
Arena: Memorial Hall
Capacity: 3,000
Coach: None
Nickname: Hornets

The biggest question the Hornets have to answer this season is: Who in the world are they going to hire as their coach? At press time, the Hornets had not yet decided on who was going to replace Fred Goodman, who was fired after last season. As for the players, the Hornets' leader should be 6-6 senior center Chris Nurse (10.0 ppg), who led the MEAC in rebounding the last two years. Sophomore guard Terrence Hood made 58 3-pointers, while junior Javan Steadham is the leading candidate for the point guard position.

10. Morgan State

Location: Baltimore, Md.
Arena: Hill Fieldhouse
Capacity: 6,500
Coach: Chris Fuller
Nickname: Bears

It could be another disappointing season for the Bears if they don't improve drastically on defense. Last year the Bears gave up 79 points a game, while letting opponents shoot 47.5 percent from the floor. The Bears will return three starters, 6-5 Dwayne Holmes, Chris Watson and Jerad Rucker.

The MEAC office contributed the information for these teams.

BASEBALL

A&T's baseball team prepares under new coach, outlook

By Mitchell Jennings
Sports Writer

The North Carolina A&T baseball team has a new coach and a new outlook.

Mike Shumate has spent his first weeks on the job looking for improvement on a daily basis. Spring may be a long way off, but high expectations have translated into high intensity in fall workouts.

"When we play our intrasquad games, we play it like we're playing (defending NCAA champion) Louisiana State University," Shumate said. "We play our intrasquad games with a lot of intensity. That way when the season starts we will be able to relax and have fun."

Right-hander Corey Lima, a senior whose fastball flirts with the 90-mph mark, leads the pitching staff. He is joined by right-handers Sharee Hopper, Jayson Moore and Reggie Burns and left-hander Jamaal-Stewart Cook.

Al Holland, Jr., son of former pro pitcher Al Holland, is a candidate for pitcher and catcher.

Shortstop Rodriques Thompson is expected to again be the offensive leader.

The remaining question is whether the rest of the Aggies will follow suit. So far, Shumate is optimistic.

"I want to see progress as a team and build a strong program," he said.

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Parking

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Branch says that "If they can't build anything, they need to say freshman can't have cars."

Vines agrees, "They need to restrict freshman from having cars. They are already guaranteed housing."

Since this seemed to be the general consensus among upperclassmen, a recent study was conducted. Williams reported that despite contrary belief, the number of Freshman with cars was not significant enough to warrant their decision.

Branch also suggests "They should reserve the Union for commuter students but I don't want them to have another excuse to hand out tickets. Administration could also work out a deal with the Masonic Temple lot is empty all day long, just like the adjacent baseball field parking lot. They should let students park at the stadium and then take a shuttle of students 10 minutes before and after the hour back to campus."

Although, these seem to be logical quick

fixes, the only current parking project benefits visitors over students. Meters are being put in front of the Union to accommodate A&T's visitors, many of whom get ticketed or towed.

The same thing will occur at Dowdy. This will eliminate the need for temporary parking permits. The meters are designed to be more user friendly and at the same time generate revenue. It's more like a service. It was suggested that students without parking stickers would benefit from this as well.

It appears that the most current parking changes are not designed to benefit the students. Long term, costly projects, like a parking deck have been discussed for years. According to Williams, UNC-G's parking deck ran over \$8 million dollars for 600 spaces.

This doubled the price of their parking stickers. They went from \$100 to \$200 to help pay for it. A&T student parking stickers are the third lowest in the 16 school consortium.

"A lot of people think it is our fault. They (faculty) run the parking committee and make the rules. We just enforce them. I personally feel that there is too much emphasis on faculty parking, when it is the commuter students who are getting the raw deal.

"There are approximately 2800 on-campus students and they can park near their dorms and walk to class. But there are about 4000 commuter students who have the hardest time trying to find a place to park."

The plight of the commuter students is a point on which administration and students both agree. Vines, Morrow and Branch (all commuter students) complain they are tired of having to get to campus two and three hours early before the start of their first class and being chained on campus all day, in fear of losing their spaces.

As time progresses, more and more students are becoming disenfranchised because of the parking situation.

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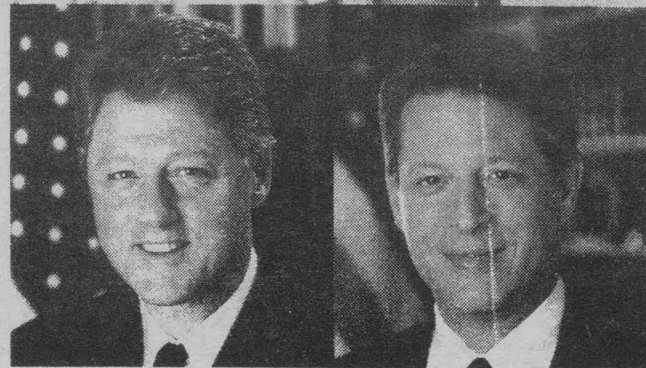
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