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Marcorp, A&T students discuss new ‘cafe’ changes

By Chad Mckelvey
Business Manager

Students were impressed with the Marcop Food Services company’s improvements to “the cafe” at first. However, now they have noticed a variety of problems in many areas.

These issues were addressed Thursday night in Williams Cafeteria in a roundtable discussion between students and Jesse Bell, the cafeteria director, and Marcop representatives.

Many students at the meeting complained that Marcop “slacked off” from providing the efficient services they showcased in September when they took over.

“The veggie line has really become poor and inadequate,” said sophomore Alisha Bey, who expressed the same reservations for the quality of the rest of the cafeteria service. “When they first got here, there was more of a selection, and it tasted better. But now, it is the same food everyday and it tastes worse.”

Another main problem was customer service. Many students had complaints as to the everyday etiquette of the cafeteria employees. “If you have a complaint, then they listen to you and they’re pretty nice, but as far as regular everyday manners and respect go, they are really bad,” said sophomore Denitra Slaughter. Slaughter also com-

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Gantt falls short at polls regardless of increased Aggie voting turnout

By Josephine Kerr
Staff Writer

Disconcerted, amazed, shocked and confused are just a few of the many words that described the painful emotions experienced by the supporters of senatorial hopeful Harvey Gantt.

On November 6, the state of North Carolina declared incumbent Republican Jesse Helms as its senator. You will see editorials saying it’s the same old Helms. You’ve doggone right it’s the same old Helms,” stated Jesse Helms, as he talked to his supporters.

Throughout the entire election, Helms never accepted Gantt’s invitation to a debate. Instead he relied upon television ads to convey his messages to the people.

Of course, this is the 75-year-old Helms’ fifth term in the senate, but more specifically, his second victory against former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt. This defeat has many individuals questioning whether or not race plays a considerable role in the election.

“In North Carolina people vote along racial lines. The new progressive people vote for Harvey Gantt and those people who believe in the values and morals of the ‘Old South’ vote for Helms,” stated Keith Bryant, coordinator of Students for Harvey Gantt.

Despite the help Gantt received from the “new progressive voters,” it’s important to note the voters who are more interested in the politician and his ideas than in their racial background. Now, it’s important for the new Aggies to vote as they discuss politics with one of the Delta Sigma Theta soror in the YMCA.

After much criticism, North Carolina A&T State University students pulled it together in an effort to prove they do in fact, affect the polls. Nataki Brown (right) and the Delta Sigma Theta Security Inc. showed their support by passing out encouraging door hangers for those who voted and encouraged everyone to retrieve a friend or two to continue bringing Aggies to the polls.

Some Aggies, like Ariadne DeGarr (right bottom), photo editor of the A&T Register Newspaper, and other voters in the district had waited impatiently and after much anticipation, were informed they were not registered to vote after all.

Carmen Hynes waits patiently to cast her vote as she discusses politics with one of the Delta Sigma Theta sorors in the YMCA.
Festivities sparked that Aggie Pride

By Purity Blake
Staff Writer

"Aggie Pride: Reality or Just a Vision?" was the theme of Homecoming '96. It was a year of anticipation, to see if we were going to be victorious on the football field or go back to our separate homes and talk about how we could've or should've won.

Important as the game was, Homecoming is, by definition, much more than that. It's a time for Aggies to come back to a place they once frequented. AGGIES from all over came together again to celebrate the spirit of AGGIE PRIDE and to make it a reality. If for some reason you couldn't make the celebration, here's some of what you missed.

The "Comedy Connection," featuring comedians D.L. Hughley and Earthquake, was held Friday, Oct. 26 in Corbett Sports Center. Kicking off Homecoming with a barrel of laughs proved to be a good idea.

"I laughed and laughed and cried and cried," said Jemela Davis, a sophomore majoring in special education. "I had a trying day, but all my cares were swallowed up in laughter because the jokes were funny and I liked being in the midst of the crowd."

Mo-Del Uniques, a fashion and modeling club, hosted its annual Homecoming fashion show at the Carolina Theatre on Wednesday. In previous years, the show's unique and professional production had drawn capacity crowds to Harrison Auditorium. This year, a variety of fashions from area stores and was, as usual, a hit with students.

"I liked the show," said Chad Lockhart, a freshman majoring in music. "All the scenes were good and I liked the clothes that were shown. I especially liked the outdoor scene and all the cream and white.

The coronation of Miss North Carolina A&T was held Thursday in Corbett Sports Center, with Jocets Ovian Patrick taking the crown from reigning queen Taiwan Barkdale. Natalie Gant of SGA N-4 was the pageant's "Fortune Winner," while the "Purity Company" selected two other students, a freshman and a sophomore.
**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Time approaching for pool sharks to put up or shut up on the table**

*Briefs by Staff Reports*

Throughout the week, Aggies can be found in the basement of the Memorial Student Union engaging in some recreational activity. These activities range from an African-American patented game of Spades, a little bowling on the defined alley ways (or gutters for some), martial arts or whatever video arcades are down there or of course, the game of pool.

Those who can play pool well, though, will be awarded with a trip to Knoxville, TN, if they can prevail through the tournament coming up Nov. 21.

In the game room, the annual tournament will determine who will represent North Carolina A&T in intramural sporting events held annually among the different schools' SUABs in the region.

**Season for giving ready to provide for needy**

Thanksgiving is rapidly sneaking up and soon follows the time for charity and sacrifice. As organizations prepare for food and clothes drives, collecting nonperishables and ways for those less fortunate, the Biology Club and Tri Beta are already sponsoring a blood drive.

"I give blood every year because I know the importance it can make," said Karen Libson, freshman chemical engineer major from Sanford. "I've had family members in accidents and it's good to get their transfusions." Units will be set up Nov. 27 in the Memorial Union collecting blood from the Aggies. Students can donate between 8:30 am to 1 pm.

**Sophomore class meeting planned for clothes drive**

Following a class meeting of less than 15 sophomores, Latoya Washington, sophomore class president, has planned another meeting to discuss plans for a clothes drive.

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 21 in the Memorial Student Union.

Flyers will be posted to further inform sophomore about the meeting and verify the time and date. Without a dramatic increase in participation, though, the plans to give to the homeless and less fortunate are at risk.

**Kevin Sturdivant receives WFMY-TV scholarship**

Kevin Sturdivant, junior communications-broadcast news major, has been selected to receive this year’s WFMY-TV Scholarship.

Sturdivant currently works as an editorial assistant at the Greensboro News & Record, and he is the features/entertainment editor for the A&T Register University Newspaper.

The award is given annually to a faculty selected recipient who is rewarded $1000. WFMY-TV is part of Gannett Broadcasting, home of The USA Today.

**Aggies witness Earthquake, D. L. during comedy show**

By David Gaines

Production Manager

Homecoming '96. Many hard feelings were felt this year as the infamous Homecoming concert was moved off the yard and saw immature behavior, ruining the concert for some as well as the step show the night before having its share of physical melee.

A brighter moment, though, was the Homecoming Comedy Show which featured D.L. Hughley, known for hosting BET’s Comic View.

D.L. Hughley gave the finale to a Comedy Show which had many in tears, begging for him to stop.

After a late start from the planned 8 p.m. on Nov. 1, the audience packed in Corbett Arena was greeted by Toby Brodie, vice president of external affairs. He passed the mic, after a few quick announcements, and the show was on.

The show began with a former Aggie who received absolutely no cooperation from the DJ. By the time he played what was supposed to be house music but wasn’t, the joke had faded.

Regardless, he prepared the audience pretty well for the following comics.

“All the fine girls say ‘ho’ all the hoes say ‘fine girls’” he said, sparking only half-crowd participation.

After the talking about the hassle the University gave him, flying him into Winston-

---Nicolie Pomeram

Fayetteville State University student

Salem instead of Greensboro, it didn’t take long for him to catch on to Barry White’s voice always on W71, almost as if he was a DJ.

“I think a few Aggies thought we were funny until Earthquake (a featured comic) put them in their place. That made the show the bomb!” said Edward Thomas, freshman, electrical engineering major from Hampton, VA.

As soon as Earthquake, a comic from Atlanta, GA, approached the stage, he was welcomed by a few Aggies who seemed to believe they were comics themselves. It did not take long for Earthquake to shut them up.

“Why you wanna bother me while I’m at work?” said Earthquake. “I don’t bother you at your job.”

Censoring a few words, Earthquake told of how he politely steps aside as these Aggies take the next order while waiting for the fries to finish.

Thanking he had ran out of jokes, Aggies continued to challenge the comic and soon learned Earthquake could have been their daddies if the dog hadn’t beat him up their stairs.

Then he tripped on their girlfriends. Apparently, Earthquake was with his girlfriends when he was trying to get his driver’s license. In the middle of it, she had asked what yield meant.

“Slow down.”

“What... 

don...

yield...

mean...” she finally said, taking her sweet time asking the second time.

“I was crying he had me laughing so hard,” said Nicolie Pomeran, visiting communications major from Fayetteville State University. “A&T always have the plat comedy shows.”

After the Aggies settled down, Earthquake was able to finish his show, which had the crowd prepared for the main show, D.L. Hughley.

Hughley wrapped up the show with his trademark humor seen all over television. He has been on Comic View, Del Comedy Jam, Showtime at the Apollo, The Fresh Prince of Bel Air, Out All Night and numerous other shows and comedy specials.

Hughley took the crowd back to the days of growing up and how black families are. Everyone had the mayonnaise jars for glasses; everyone mumbled threatening words to their parents just low enough for them not to hear; and everyone had an experience in one or all of his scenarios when it comes to the taboo.

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African Americans still fail to realize importance of voting

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

African Americans for some reason still don't see the importance of voting. Only 14 percent of African Americans in North Carolina voted. Just 19 percent nationwide voted. It's hard to point out one specific reason for our absence at the polls. Maybe 14 percent of the people in this state realize what a struggle it was just to be able to have the right to vote. People in the 1950s and 60s were killed just so future African-American generations would have the power to choose their leaders.

However some poor, uninformed people still sit at home or in their dorm rooms complaining about the system, but they are unwilling to do something about the system.

If voting was not important, then why did some white people fight so hard to prevent us from voting? True, there are no quick solutions in this country, but when one does not cast a ballot to vote he/she is just another part of the problem.

They're contributing to the problem because they have no say in what the government is attempting to do to them. Not voting all that is happening to this young black generation is an attempt to put them back in chains.

For example, Jesse Helms has called blacks everything short of nigger, yet he continues to get elected into office. This is a man against student loans, which some blacks so happily receive every semester. If this guy and his ideas push through senate then where is the money going to come from to educate your kids?

Helms even wanted to rid us of that awful thing called AIDS funding. Oh there's definitely a reason to vote.

The attempting to cut off welfare and make people go to work. Affirmative action was voted out in California. Sure, when a white person comes off welfare, they will be more inclined to get the job. Why? Because there will be no more affirmative action. Then where does the black race end up? Being servants by getting hard labor and clean-up jobs.

Not to attack the profession, but too many janitors coming from the black community is not good. Therefore, by not voting at all, it is putting shackles around our feet and saying those disgusting words: "Yes sir, no sir and what ever you masur." see Voting page 5

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Do cats outnumber Aggi dogs on campus?

The number of felines present on North Carolina A&T's campus continues to grow at an alarming rate. After the sun has set, these silent and clever creatures begin to scrounge through the trash cans and abandoned buildings looking for nourishment from either thrown away food or rodents and reaches.

Being that A&T is a state-supported school, one animal control organization suggested the state is obligated to minimize the number of four-legged scavengers on this campus, being that this is state-owned. A large number of cats is a threat to the students.

It was said that when the number of cats increase, food becomes scarce, meaning there is competition. Once this stage is reached, the cats become aggressive. As the temperatures fall and food supplies remain scarce, the cats become malnourished and ill. Ill cats have the tendency to be short-tempered and can possibly attack other cats as well as students.

When cats are poorly fed and begin to fight for food, diseases can spread rapidly, endangering anyone attacked by a cat.

Excuses provided in defense to correcting this problem have mainly been that nothing can be done to prevent cats from entering the campus being that it is an open campus. This may be true, yet cats wouldn't settle in an area where there is a lack of food supply. If the trash cans were not easily accessible, the cats wouldn't find food so easily.

Also, the abandoned buildings under a number of campus buildings provide shelter for the cats. If the buildings were more properly secured, the cats would be forced to leave the campus.

Though realistically not all the cats can be rided, the majority of them can be reducing the risk of harm to the students. Many may believe the cats are harmless and nothing needs to be done because no one has been attacked.

If this problem waits until someone is attacked, it will be too late. It is also not worth the sacrifice for someone to be attacked before administration or the state does something about it.

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Aggie expresses opinion on Affirmative Action

By Chowan Green
Staff Writer

As a young black adult growing up in this world, do you sit and wonder why you are unable to get a job? Why a white sales person will look at you with suspicion when you enter their store? Why white students feel the need to attend predominantly black schools?

"You are not alone," says Michael Jackson from his popular song. In the '60s, there is "affirmative action." Many businesses use this trend today. However, within this racist society that we live in, the question still remains: Does affirmative action help black Americans or is it just a way for white Americans to say that they are helping the Black race.

Affirmative Action is defined by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights as "any measure, beyond simple termination of a discriminatory prac-
tice, adopted to correct or compensate for past discrimination or to prevent discrimination from recourring in the future."

Initially, it was aimed primarily at redressing dis-
crimination against blacks. As practiced today, it covers a wide range of public and private activities, including employment and educational opportunities, housing, business and eco-
nomic development.

Today, affirmative ac-
tion is being challenged and the majority of California wants this program cut from the system.

As an Aggie, I don't feel that affirmative action should be cut. I feel that this program is something positive, and that it gives opportunity and employ-
ment to blacks.

I feel that places should not be set aside for white stu-
dents at HBCUs. HBCUs are here to incorporate blacks be-
cause when they were developed, whites didn't allow blacks to receive an equal education.

Also, this trend is being challenged because society feels that blacks have had enough time to create an equal environ-
ment for themselves.

However, we know that affirmative action today benefits all minorities, women and blacks. Why shouldn't we be on the end of this list when it was first established to assist them?

In conclusion, will affi-
mative action benefit the black race? I feel that it will only ben-
efit the black race when black Americans are hired and then they take the initiative to work hard to bring in other black em-
ployees. We cannot wait for the government to help us. We must help ourselves.

As Supreme Court Jus-
tice Scalia states, "Government can never have a 'compelling interest.'"

Does NCA&T have a full-time mascot?

One thing I enjoy about black schools is the level of intensity at events. And no other school matches the hypeness here at North Carolina A&T.

But, I was wondering if we are going to have a mascot at every home game next semester for the basketball games.

This semester the new Aggie Pep Club called the Live Wires. Their presence at football games could have been a factor in the turnaround in our football team.

There's even a chance at the Heritage Bowl if either FAMU or Howard loses a game, and we don't lose, and Howard goes to some playoff, so I've heard.

I also wanted to know if they will be present at the basketball games as well.

I watch sports on television a lot and all the great teams have a mascot or an idol figure, like Chief Zee of the Washington Redskins, to inspire the crowd and increase the amount of support for the teams.

Having a mascot roaming the court sides will in-
deep, in my opinion, get our Aggie wild crowd hyped up.

In turn, the Aggie basketball team will turn it up a notch and make a solid run at the MEAC crown in bas-
ketball, too.

I remember when the Aggies went to the NCAA tournament. We need that enthusiasm back. We need that intensity back. We need a mascot.

With a mascot present at every game, the Live Wires bring the pain and maybe even some steppin' during halftime or Hugo the Hornet visiting us, we have a very good chance this year of bringing home a MEAC championship.

Either way, I know I will be at the games losing my voice hollering to the end, "Aggie Pride!"

At least we still have the Pep Band. Look for me in section number two!

—Todd Hockney

They don't want to pay for education. They don't want you to have affirmative action. They would much rather see you in chains.

As the SGA went from door-to-door trying to get people to vote, one person referred to being saved, saying "God would handle everything." If that were the case there would be no need for us to be in school. We could just sit around while God hands out million dollar jobs and fancy cars.

God gave us the ability to think and make choices of our own for a reason. We did sit around and wait for God to do everything for us we would be no different from the birds. Those people dying in the 60s were men and women of God. They sacrificed their lives so your life could be easier (Sound familiar?).

We use excuses like a suspect with the murder weapon in his hand. Step making excuses and make a change. Get the education that they are seeking so hard to take from you and start a business. Hire African-Americans in the business to offset the removal of affirmative action. Don't listen to people lie to you about the ineffectiveness of your vote.

This is a country that your ancestors help build and what it is today. Black leaders have implemented laws to make it better for minorities. But it's funny: the minori-
ties who seem the least interested are blacks.

Latin Americans, Mexicans and others are benefiting from our 400 year struggle while we sit around and smoke the devil's blunts.

Wake up and see what blacks are allowing America to do to us. While we have a voice remaining in our system let's go about letting the voice be heard. If we are not happy with the performance of democrats like Jim Hunt we should let them know through the power of the vote.

The reason Jesse Helms had no fear of losing is because he was depending on black people not voting. He refused to debate with Harvey Gantt because he didn't want to lose the white democrats that he already had on his side. It would be great if in 2002 someone respectable runs against Jesse Helms and defeats and puts him to shame because of the black vote. We are a diverse and unique people who can bring about change. The protesting is over. Now it is time for action. The strongest blacks in the world are in this country because their ancesors survived the slave ships years ago. Start showing the strength that is apart of you by making a change. Vote not for yourself but for future generations.

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NEWSROOM
By Damon Williams

SO THERE THEY ARE, TELL THE CONGRESS..."YOU COME IN MY OFFICE..."

WELL, I'M NOT HAVING ANY OF THAT.

YOU ARE HIRED, REALLY?

TOO ANNOYING!

YOU CAN'T ONCE THE GAME STARTS!

YOU WERE HIRED, NOT THE DOOR Flat.

YOU DON'T COME IN HERE AND TALK ABOUT MY BUSINESS. THEY DON'T COME IN MY OFFICE AND TALK ABOUT MY BUSINESS..."
The toughest job you’ll ever love

Aggies conquer challenge of Peace Corps

By Tracey Clay
Staff Writer

When searching for competitive and challenging jobs, many college students overlook the Peace Corps because they know little or nothing about it beyond its time-worn slogan: "The toughest job you’ll ever love." Several North Carolina A&T faculty members and former students, however, have gone one step further.

About 12 A&T students have served in the Peace Corps since its creation 35 years ago. Working in the areas of education, health, business, agriculture, engineering and the environment, they have contributed to the development of 130 countries. John Paul Owens, John Robinson, John O’Sullivan and Conchita Nigade served as Peace Corps volunteers before joining the faculty at A&T. Chevalier Dyson, a 1996 A&T graduate, is currently working in an animal husbandry program in Morocco. Monica Mills, manager of the Peace Corps regional recruiting office in Washington, D.C., says A&T students have proven their worth to the program.

"N.C. A&T graduates traditionally are very competitive Peace Corps candidates," Mills said. "Many students have shown a commitment to service during their years at N.C. A&T and want to continue that commitment to serve - now overseas."

The Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 with the goal of fighting hunger, disease, illiteracy, poverty and lack of opportunity worldwide. More than 140,000 Americans have served, and some 6,500 volunteers in 95 countries are serving at present.

Though Peace Corps workers are regarded as volunteers, the label can be misleading. The "volunteers" receive monthly allowances for food, housing and clothing, free medical and dental care, transportation to and from overseas sites, and 24 annual vacation days.

Some volunteers also qualify for deferment of student loans during the period of service, cancellation of some Perkins Loans, and volunteers who complete a three-month training program and two years of service receive a $5,400 readjustment allowance.

Also, volunteers receive preference for federal government jobs, and can compete for scholarships and assistantships at more than 50 colleges and universities.

Qualified applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old and in good general health. There is no upper age limit, and married couples who do not have dependent children are eligible for placement.

For more information or for applications, contact Felicia M. Neuringer, Public Affairs Specialist, 1400 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22209. Neuringer can also be reached at 703-235-9919, 1-800-334-8580, or by e-mail at fneuringer@peacecorps.gov.

Honors program offers rewards to students who excel beyond others

By Teresa Robinson
Staff Writer

With the constant advances of technology and the continuous need for well-informed people in the workplace, college and universities face increased demands as well.

One of North Carolina A&T's responses to this has been the Honors Program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Honors Program targets diligent students who possess the skills to succeed in their respective fields of study. It is equal parts demanding and rewarding.

"The program helps to provide enlightening opportunities that broaden the horizons of its participants," said Melody Chalmers, a junior participant in the program.

Chalmers said she was honored when she received her letter of acceptance into the program. Although honors courses will be a bit tougher than mainstream courses, she said, graduating with honors will make the extra work worth it.

Requirements for graduation from the Honors Program include completing at least 12 hours of Honors course work with no less than a grade of "C." A minimum grade-point average of 3.0 must be achieved in all Honors courses taken for Honors credit.

In addition, students must have a GPA of 3.0 in their major.

Besides preparing students for graduate study and professional endeavors, the program seeks to enlighten students through seminars, independent research, and additional extracurricular activities.

Several Honors Program participants recently attended the annual meeting in Charleston at Central Piedmont Community College, where they were informed of the latest advances in the program.

Procedures for enrolling include contacting the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for application materials. Expanded student involvement raises the prospect of enlarging the program's boundaries to other colleges and schools on campus and found at other universities.

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Web link: Network 90 co-sponsor of gangsta rap forum

By Ronda White
Managing Editor

With the tragic, violent death of Tupac Shakur and the ever-present debate of "gangsta" rap in the media, opinions on the subject of rap music range dramatically.

Students, parents and the community will have the opportunity to voice their opinions at a public forum, "Rap Against the World."

The forum will be held Monday, November 25 at 7 p.m. in rooms 212-213 of the Student Union.

Sponsored by Network '90, the campus communication organization and Triad Black Media Professionals, the forum is designed to give parents and students in the community an open, no-holds-barred outlet to discuss the various influences of rap music on today's society.

Panelists from WJMH (102 JAMZ) and WNAA radio stations have already been confirmed. Other panelists are slated to include parents and community activists.

The forum is free and open to the public.
Ganelle gracefully works amid all men staff

By Sylvia Talbourn
Staff Writer

Are you the only woman in a workplace full of men - or vice versa? Could you handle the pressure of a situation like that, yet keep a positive attitude?

Dr. Ganelle Grant-Moultry Grace, the only female faculty member in North Carolina A&T's industrial engineering department, has faced those questions and more.

Dr. Grace, a native of Winston-Salem, came to A&T in December of 1993. She majored in political science as an undergraduate at UNC-Chapel Hill, and envisioned herself becoming an attorney.

Somewhere along the way, however, she discovered that "it was boring." She turned to industrial engineering, taking her master's degree from A&T and a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech.

Industrial engineering is the field that best suits her personality, she says, but it comes with a twist - very few women pursue this line of work, and fewer still end up on college faculties.

Nonetheless, she has been pleased with her choice. She is "treated fairly," she says, and has experienced very little sexism. Her students - male and female - "look up to me as their role model," she said.

Aggies travel to Costa Rica, receive better understanding of culture

By Keeno Whittingfield
Staff Writer

The Department of Foreign Languages developed Summer Study and Travel Abroad Programs for North Carolina A&T student participation this past summer. The Study Abroad program to Costa Rica was in conjunction with the Universidad Interamericana and took place from May to June. Students lived with selected Costa Rican families and attended classes on the campus of Universidad Interamericana in San Jose, Costa Rica. The students who studied abroad had to go through an application process and be accepted.

This summer the Study Abroad Program allowed these students to receive six credit hours for two Spanish courses from the University and have a better understanding of another culture.

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GRANT: "In most the other hand, "are more open-minded to things that are beneficial to them."

What motivates her most, Grace said, is knowing that her students look up to her and want her advice and encouragement. In her own time as a student, she said, she had no such person to turn to. Playing that role for others thus has special significance.

"I was intimidated by my advisors," she said. "Now that I am an advisor for the freshmen (industrial engineering) students, I want them to be open enough to ask or tell me anything."

"Knowing that I want to be the best example for my students is part of my motivation."

With the motivation, she said, comes a certain amount of pressure. Having others look up to her creates the need to meet their expectations.

She meets the challenge head-on. What some might view as stumbling blocks, she said, are there to make her stronger, and will not deter her from anything that she wants to do or anybody that she wants to be.

The tough side of her, however, has a softer counterpart. When asked to give one word that described her, she gave three:"I am friendly, easy to get along with, and ambitious," she said. "I go out of my way to help anyone and I want my students to feel comfortable when they are with me."
Aggies showed out at polls, coming out in droves

In years past, students here at North Carolina A&T were criticized for lack of voter participation at the polls. Even officials at the Guilford County Board of Elections talked about us.

They talked about how we always complained, but never took the time to go out to the polls when it came time to vote. Granted, a lot of us did show up to vote when election time rolled around, but not enough of us came out to prove a collective and sincere concern for the issues that would affect us.

With each new election year, campus leaders like myself and others would tell election officials about how we were trying to get more Aggies to come out to the polls, but officials still had that "I'll believe it when I see it" attitude.

As a matter of fact, one told me, "That's what you guys said last year." Even people in our community began to think that we didn't care anymore. Many of our professors were frustrated with our low voter turnouts as well. However, this election year, we made a comeback.

This year, I'm proud to say our campus-wide voter registration campaign efforts through the Student Government Association and the Council of Presidents were not in vain.

Our efforts to get Aggies to go out to vote paid off. We came out in droves, literally. Every time I tried to go vote the line was so long, I consistently checked back in between classes to try to vote.

Finally, I decided to wait in the long line that stretched all the way out the door to make sure my votes were cast. The long lines were tiresome, but they made me feel a sense of pride.

It was beautiful to see so many Aggies voting this year. The part of the day that touched me most was when I called the Student Union after the polls were supposed to be closed around 7:40 election night. I asked a student if they had closed the polls.

The student told me that there were still long lines in the Ballroom, filled with at least 100 Aggies and others from the community who lived in that precinct and were still waiting to vote.

So I decided to call our other precinct, Hayes Taylor YMCA around 8 p.m. to see how things were going there. Officials there told me that more than 150 people were in line waiting to vote.

I smiled again to myself, and was proud to know that Aggies turned the voting polls inside-out in such a spectacular fashion.

Nationally, voter participation was at its lowest figure in years, but locally, our Aggies put our vote where our mouths were.

Granted, your presidential elections are always larger than your other elections, but I'm hopeful that our rise in voter participation is a sign of more to come.

However, we must keep in mind that we should not and cannot afford to be complacent now that we've cast our votes. We must hold these elected officials accountable, whether we voted for them or not, for issues that will affect us as students here at this historically black institution, and as citizens in these so-called "United States."

Kelkar providing leadership for over a decade

By Sylvia Tabron

Dr. Ajit Kelkar joined North Carolina A&T in 1985 after completing his Ph.D. at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., in 1985. He lives in Greensboro with his wife Vinaya and their two children.

Kelkar became professor of mechanical engineering at A&T earlier this year, and serves as coordinator of the department's mechanics and materials faculty group.

Kelkar recently was reappointed to the North Carolina Supercomputing Center Allocation Committee, which reports to the University of North Carolina general administration on high performance computing resources and needs. The appointment began with the 1996-97 academic year.

Members of the committee contribute as investigators within their respective disciplines, providing peer review for prospective users and researchers in an attempt to ensure the best use of supercomputing resources.

Kelkar's research interests include finite element modeling, composite materials, fracture mechanics, high temperature materials, ceramics and composites. He has worked to characterize damage in composite laminates subjected to low velocity impact and to develop micromechanics models of composites.

Kelkar's related work includes geometrically nonlinear plate and membrane problems, fracture toughness studies, and large degree of freedom finite element simulations of car crashes.

This project required substantial computational time on several of the largest Cray Research supercomputers that are available to American academic institutions.

Kelkar has published more than 50 articles on these topics, and he continues to work to develop progressive failure prediction models of composite laminates subjected to low velocity impact as well as fatigue behavior of structures fabricated through the resin transfer and mold process.

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plained that workers "shut the lines down 30 minutes early, and try to kick students out shortly after it closes."

Terrence Muhammad led the Muslim and health-conscious students in voicing their displeasure of the fact that chitterlings were served on Soul Food Day.

"First of all, pork is an unhealthy meat, because if it was (healthy) then the FDA would not have regulations against using pork grease to cook with," said Muhammad.

"And if they are going to serve pork, then do not use the same utensils to serve pork with as you do the other food," he added.

Muhammad went on to say how he felt that the Soul Food Day concept was stereotypical, and that serving chitterlings and pigs feet on top of that adds insult to injury.

Aisha Bey put the whole "respect" situation in perspective by saying, "It is kind of a give-and-take situation. I know that they can serve students, but I know that if I worked in the cafeteria and had to deal with some of the students' attitudes, then I would become snappy myself."

Bell said that the problems are a direct result of the fast change-over between food service vendors.

"We made the transition into A&T within the last two weeks in August, and had to hire what Shaw had left behind," Bell said. "So we are trying to retrain cooks and other employees to give them a chance to keep their jobs and improve the quality and service of the food itself for the students at the same time."

Town meetings one step to improving ties with students

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

Complaints! Complaints! Many students have complaints regarding many aspects of campus life, but very seldom are they given an opportunity to voice their concerns.

That, however, may be changing.

A Town Meeting held Oct. 16 at Harrison Auditorium gave North Carolina A&T students the chance to air their grievances to faculty, staff, and administrators, of the Division of Business and Finance.

Offices and departments that fall under this category include the Business Manager, Purchasing, Auxiliary Services, the Police Administration, Property Management, Telecommunications, the Campus Mail Center, Administration, Risk, Insurance and Safety Affairs, OSHA, the Budget Office, the Department of Human Resources, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Maintenance, Plumbing, Electrical, Heating, General Accounting, Payroll, Comptroller Reporting, Accounts Payable, Systems Development, Systems Accounting, and Contracts and Grants.

Long lines and slow disbursements of money headed the students' complaints. Although some students agreed that the Treasurer's Office had improved its service to students, others were still dissatisfied with the length of time it took to receive refund checks and the long lines at the Financial Aid Office.

Despite the criticisms, administrators saw the town meeting as a good idea. Ultimately, they said, it will be will be a catalyst for improvements and changes.

He also complained of the lack of equipment, and the fact that Auxiliary Services and Business Management handles all of the executive decisions, like equipment replacement.

However, the heart of his concern was with the students themselves. He welcomes the opinions of the students he serves, yet he is also disappointed with the conduct of students in the cafeteria.

Bell and the cafeteria workers' main concerns are students not taking up trays, walking out with cups, bowls and silverware, and leaving paper cups and dirty napkins on the floor.

Freshman Hassan Valentine said the discussion was promising.

"I don't know about what Shaw did, but I think that the fact that Mr. Bell listened to what we have to say was a step in the right direction," Valentine said. "Now whether or not he acts on what we have said is another story, so it can be good and bad depending upon how you look at it."

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Aggies await legendary coach Robinson, Tigers

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

The Aggie football team will end its home season on Saturday, Nov. 16, against the Tigers of Grambling State University. Though the Tigers are not considered to be quite the football powerhouse that they have been in the past, the crowd will be in for a very exciting game.

North Carolina A&T has only played Grambling five times since the existence of the Aggie football team. The most recent battle was at the Texas State Fair in 1991 where the Aggies came away victorious, 26-12. This game was Aggie head football coach Bill Hayes’ first time coaching against the legendary Eddie Robinson as an Aggie.

When asked about his feelings of coaching against Robinson in Aggie stadium, Hayes replied, “I am excited and honored to have Coach Eddie Robinson come to Greensboro.”

Hayes said that he admires Coach Robinson because “he actually coaches.”

“Coach Robinson does not dictate or act in an administrative manner; he uses x’s and o’s just like a real coach. He is involved in every aspect of the game. He is the first one to arrive at practice and the last one to leave,” said Hayes.

Eddie Robinson has truly become the epitome of football coaching.

Robinson truly a legend

With a tenure as Grambling head coach for more than 56 years, Robinson has become one of the most publicized coaches in the history of Black College football, as evidenced by his recent Burger King commercials.

Robinson has won nine National Black College Football Championships. On September 28, 1985, Robinson tied Alabama head coach Bear Bryant’s record of 323 career victories with a 23-6 defeat of Oregon State.

On October 4, 1985, the Tigers defeated Prairie View, 42-0 to propel coach Robinson into the driver’s seat as the winningest coach in college football.

Coach Robinson has enjoyed this position even since, starting the 1996 season with an all-time record of 402-149-15.

When asked about the game, Coach Hayes stated, “I will not be as surprised by Coach Robinson as I was the first time I coached against him. I have gotten plenty of practice over the years through all-star games. Though I respect him, I hope we win.”

Kickoff time is 12:30 in Aggie Stadium.

FOOTBALL

Defense, offense compliment

Gridiron warriors rushing towards MEAC supremacy with ground game

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

“I am very happy with the progress of this team; we have established our personality.”

The personality mentioned by head football coach Hayes is that the Aggies are the only team that can run, especially in Aggie stadium. With the number one rushing offense and defense in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conferences, the Aggies have surprised many.

The 6-2 overall record coupled with a 5-2 conference record is the product of a team coming together.

The Aggies rush for an average of 274 yards per game, sparked by Michael Basnight, ranked fourth in the MEAC, averaging nearly 80 yards a game.

Junior college transfer Eric Clark has spawned some enthusiasm in the Aggie running game as well, especially after his performance for 150 yards in the 7-5-7 homecoming victory over Bethune-Cookman College.

Once a running back on the scout team, Clark has emerged to become an intricate part of the Aggie offense.

Luther Leak has connected on seven of 11 field goals to give himself third place in the MEAC standings. The success of the rush has also allowed the Aggies to control the game clock with an average time of possession of nearly 36 minutes a game.

The Aggie offense has also been successful on the ground (55%) and fourth down (58%), conversions.

While the rushing offense has scored 28 touchdowns as of Nov. 2, the rushing defense has only allowed the opponent to score on six occasions. The defense allows only 84 yards rushing per game.

Add the success of the secondary and you have the number two total defense in the MEAC, allowing only 265 yards total per game, and the number two scoring defense in the MEAC, allowing only 18 points per game.

The Aggie defense is also first in the MEAC in third down conversion defense, allowing only 24% of the attempts to be successful.

Terry Costin is third in the MEAC in interceptions with three. Costin leads the team in tackles with 31, three for a loss of 18 total yards. With his three interceptions, Costin has broken up 17 passes.

While Costin is causing havoc in the secondary, Chris McNeil is a quarterback’s worst nightmare come true. McNeil is second in the MEAC in quarterback sack category with eight for a loss of 68 total yards. McNeil has 13 total tackles, 11 of which went for a loss of 77 total yards.

Monty Key has also contributed to the success of the Aggies with his punting. Key leads the MEAC, averaging 44 yards a punt and is ranked among the top five punters in the NCAA I-AA division. With each spectacular perfor-

mance, Key’s stock with the pro scouts continues to rise.

“Our team is responding well to their coaches,” said Hayes. “They enjoy each other as well as the coaches. We want to win all of our home games to make up for our poor home record last season.”

“We want to do well in the conference because of the lack of respect we got in the preseason. The team is learning my philosophy and is highly motivated. This is the formula for success,” said Hayes.

STATS 101

Aggie Football

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No Carolina A&T-Garrett 1 run (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-FOG Leak 32
No Carolina A&T-Ja Harris 37 pass from Garrett (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Shufford 15 pass from Garrett (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Garrett 5 run (kick failed)
No Carolina A&T-Garrett 2 run (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Shufford 2 pass from Garrett (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Shufford 12 run (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Basnight 54 run (Leak kick)
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No Carolina A&T-Knight 2 run (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Knight 6 run (Leak kick)

No Carolina A&T 0 10 14 7 31
Delaware St 0 0 0 0 6

No Carolina A&T-Douglas 42 pass from Garrett (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-FOG Leak 18
No Carolina A&T-Wynn 6 run (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Cookman 22 pass from Garrett (Leak kick)
No Carolina A&T-Douglas 10 run (Leak kick)
Delaware St-Hill 15 run (two-point conversion failed)

A&T Del St
First downs 23 16
Rushed-yards 67-287 40-220
Passing yards 200 89
Sacked-yards lost 1 0
Return yards 55 0
Passes 14-20 6-21
Fumbles-lost 4 1
Penalties-yards 7-48 15-129
Time of possession 25:29 34:31


PASSING: Beltline Cookman-Perkins 13-90-82, Walker 5-16-17-9, Reed 0-1-1. No Carolina A&T-R Woodruff 3-30-48, B Garrett 4-70-76, Sadler 0-2-0.

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Danville duo pacers
women's cross country

By Mitchell Jennings
Sports Writer

The "Danville Connection" leads the North Carolina A&T women cross country team. Cicely Marshall and Latoya Smith, both from George Washington High School in Danville, Va., are proving to be a formidable one-two punch for the Aggies. Their high school is better known for its nationally-ranked basketball and football teams, but that may be changing.

Marshall, whose sister Santosha is a star on the Aggies basketball team, is the cross country team's top runner. Her best performance came at the UNC-Pembroke Invitational All Comers Meet in September, where she placed 22nd overall against stiff competition from the likes of N.C. State, South Carolina, East Carolina and UNCW.

Marshall's prowess takes on added meaning when you consider what she does in the winter and spring. She's a sprinter for the Aggie track teams, specializing in the 100-meter and 400-meter hurdles and the 1,500-meter relay.

"Cicely is dispelling the myth of sprinters not doing well in long distance events," A&T coach Alita Sutton said.

Smith, a freshman, has consistently placed second for the Aggies, behind Marshall. She and Marshall share something else in common as well: As out-of-state athletes, they are not on scholarship. Instead, they run for the sheer love of the sport.

Sutton, a graduate of A&T and Durham's Hillside High School, is looking for more people like Marshall and Smith. Despite a "fabulous job" from ROTC members Crystal Armor and Joyce Craig, volunteers who ran for the Aggies at the Eagle Classic at North Carolina Central, Sutton would rather not face that kind of crisis again.

Interested students can contact her in her office at Moore Gym, and scholarships are possible for instate students.

Sutton, an A&T graduate, racked up most valuable player honors on the track, volleyball and tennis teams during her career.

VOLLEYBALL

Spottswood hailed as MEAC's queen of volleyball court

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference announced its 1996 All-Conference Volleyball Team and Coach of the Year as selected by the league's 10 head coaches for the sport on Nov. 6, 1996.

Michelle Spottswood, scoring 440 points, received top honors for the NC A&T Lady Aggies. Brandi Charlston from FAMU and Fay Wang from UMES were the two top vote getters with six first-team marks of the possible 10 (coaches could not vote for their own players) and two second team marks.

Spottswood is on the MEAC first team for an unprecedented fourth consecutive season. She is a senior setter who averages nearly nine assists, second best in the MEAC, three digs and one service ace per game.

Spottswood also has a hitting percentage well over 24%. Lakeya Mason, scoring 330 points, received All-MEAC second team honors for the Lady Aggies.

Ramona Riley-Bozier received Coach of the Year honors. Riley-Bozier, head coach at Morgan State, was tabbed with this declaration for the second straight year in a row.

Coach Riley-Bozier guided her Lady Bears to a 9-1 MEAC record, tying for first in the northern division of the conference and an 23-8 overall regular season mark. A former graduate of Morgan, Riley-Bozier was an All-American track performer and an All-MEAC Volleyball Tournament pick in 1985.

She has coached at Morgan since 1988.

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No Pains, No Gains

Unnoticed things need to be taken a bit more seriously

By David Gaines
Production Manager

As we carry on with our collegiate careers at North Carolina A&T State University, we witness a myriad of things which will remain on us. Our first homecoming concert which I hope was at home for most of you Aggies.

Some things, though, go unnoticed unless we take the time to really look around. Many of the things we see, we will not remember for long, as they are simply passing thoughts in our minds. But if we really took the time to think about these things, we’ll see they are quite trivial and some need to start being taken serious.

For instance, have you ever noticed the “25mph” sign posted by the crosswalk in front of the bookstore? Chances are if you drive, you probably haven’t. Some drivers do not even see the “Not Turn On Red” sign at the intersection of Bluford and Laurel street either.

What about the “Pedestrian Traffic: Sunrise to Sunset” sign above the gates to the walkway behind the bookstore. Funny how those gates are kept open 24 hours a day. Why, they sometimes are closed on holidays.

Have you ever noticed a police officer, or shall I say Aggie Security personnel, walking or riding a bicycle amongst the student body, which increases mobility and efficiency in reacting to a call? Hmm, neither have I. What about the security pole near Morrow and Morrison Halls still wrapped up in an orange bag denoting it is still out-of-order? Or what about the wires jutting out the ground near Hodgkin Hall by the steps leading to Gibbs Hall? I wonder what was supposed to be there. Then there’s the pole sticking out the ground between Graham Hall and the annex; it just sticks out and watches people walk by wondering what in the hell it’s supposed to be.

Have you ever noticed the back door of Marteena Hall which is rarely locked? What about the number of students in the building after dark without security? Dangerous for students to be in there when anybody can sneak in there and pose a threat to students free from security.

Have you noticed the number of IBM compatible computers as opposed to Macintoshes, which is pretty even, yet it is impossible to find PageMaker or Photoshop on the IBM's? And why is Netscape Navigator the only Internet browser on the Taowa's? Internet Explorer 3.0 can be found on selected computers, and it seems to be a favorite. Have you ever noticed a “This computer not printing” label, after typing your paper and thinking you were going to print it?

Have you ever noticed the TAKFAP (The Artist Formerly Known As Prince) cursors on any computers I was probably sitting at? Don’t ask. Have you ever noticed the number of students in the computer labs between 8-10 a.m., typing furiously for papers due that day, when they could have been typing them the previous night? I have, because I’m in there as well.

Have you ever noticed male residential halls seem to always have plenty of benches to sit on while the female residential halls have few if any benches at all? Ain’t that a bench? Have you ever noticed the flyers still posted which advertise past events? Did you notice that before they were past events? Have you ever noticed that an SGA full student body meeting barely has 10% of the student body there? Have you ever been to an SGA full student body meeting? At the least, have you seen the funky, eye-appealing flyers produced by the SGA advertising committee headed by Anthony Council and Vintory Moore?

Have you ever noticed a clock on campus revealing the correct time? A petition was passed around and signed by numerous students, yet the clocks haven’t been set correctly. By time they do, it will be time to spring forward an hour. Have you ever noticed our Spring Break isn’t even in the spring? Have you ever noticed the new counters in the Aggie Den? Did you know the snack bar in the Memorial Student Union was called the Aggie Den? Then do you ever think you’d miss an “Aggie Burger”?

Have you ever noticed a roach? A given.

Have you ever noticed the trash on the lighting fixture above the doors leading into the cafeteria that has been setting there since last semester which should have been cleaned up already? You probably put it there. You probably will put more there. I’ll probably be there until next semester.

Have you ever noticed the model of a renovated Memorial Student Union in the Union’s lobby and asked yourself, “When?” Have you ever noticed the new name of what was once called Old Bluford is now Edward Fort Interdisciplinary Research Center (Fort RIC) and asked yourself, “What?” Have you ever noticed the conditions of the campus dormitories, any of them, and asked yourself, “Why?” Have you ever noticed an administrator saying there are plenty of pictures to park and asked yourself, “Where?” Have you ever noticed the mad number of pictures all over the yearbook and asked yourself, “Who?”

So subtle, yet so noticeable. Life at A&T can be a trip when you take a closer look at it. If anyone tries to answer even half of these questions, they’ll probably go insane. The last thing anyone would want to do on this campus is lose their minds. Maybe our pa- lence, our sleep, our appetite or our Homecoming, which all somehow contribute to our prepa- ration for the future, but please do not take away our minds. Nothing hurts more than African Americans losing their minds in this twisted society.

Funny, isn’t it, how I was once told, “No Pains, No Gains.”