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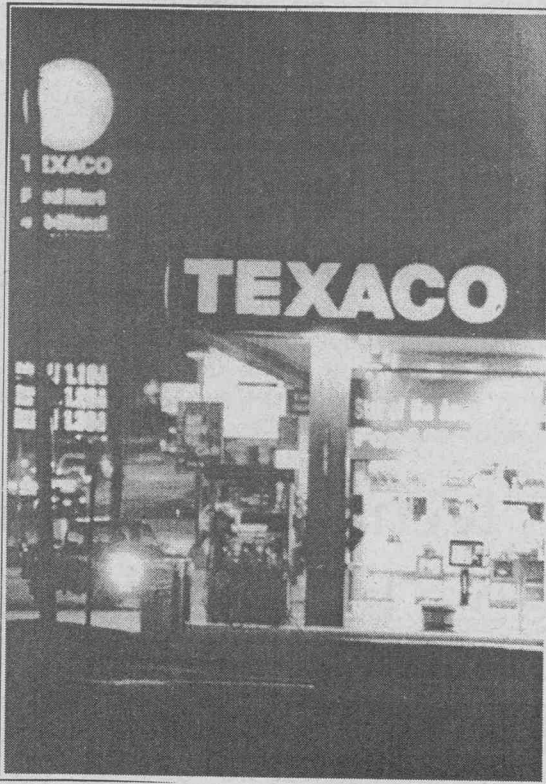
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Texaco controversy ignites boycotts nationwide



After allegedly using racial slurs, Texaco causes America to once again focus its attention on a black-white issue further tearing this country apart. Boycotts have begun everywhere on the fueling company's remote sites, expressing the disappointment in the behavior of these gentlemen. Jesse Jackson, A&T alumnus, heads this boycott as his Rainbow Coalition makes its rounds spreading the word of the boycotts.

Photo by Ariadne DeGarr

Joeletta Patrick reigns with 'flavor of integrity'

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

Elegant, graceful, responsible and proud; in the tradition of the most celebrated black queen, Nefertiti, she reigns embodying all these qualities into one.

All hail the queen.

The tradition of electing a college queen is very important at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Although no one can pinpoint its origin, each year students from HBCU campuses elect a female representative.

At North Carolina A&T State University, Joeletta Patrick has the distinguished honor (or nightmare depending on your interpretation) of holding the position of queen, wearing the crown and having the responsibilities that come with the position of queen.

Patrick is a native of Greensboro and majors in electrical engineering at A&T. She has been very active while at A&T. She has served as a student senator and resident adviser.

Patrick has a strong faith in God and a strong commitment to the community. She works diligently on community projects as well as devoting countless hours representing A&T.

In the tradition of a queen, Patrick recently completed one of the most lavish Miss A&T Coronations in recent history (an event that warranted a front page picture and article on the coronation in the *Greensboro News and Record*).

"Everybody sees the coronation," Patrick said. Of course, this spectacle to celebrate the representatives of clubs and organizations was met by a lot of questions about expense and practical spending. But, after all, the purpose of electing a queen is so that she can be set apart while remaining a representative of the campus.

A true queen must also have character. Patrick is quick to point out the specifics of her character.

"My flavor is one of integrity, it's one of self-esteem, self-pride and one of morality," Patrick said. Patrick's character is one based firmly on her faith in God.

With a gold pin inscribed "Jesus" perfectly placed on her chest, Patrick said, "Its okay

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Students voice their concerns about topics around campus

By Ronda White
Managing Editor

The North Carolina A&T department of business and finance held a town meeting Monday, November 18 to discuss how the department can address the concerns of students and faculty.

"Once you tell us what your concerns are," said Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor of business and finance, "we'll do our darndest to address them."

McIntyre made sure to stress that the forum was not a problem-solving process but an information-gathering process. He said the concerns would be recorded, then prioritized and a task force would be appointed if necessary.

Representatives from all of the offices of business and finance were on hand to record concerns and answer any questions.

Treena Fort, a sophomore and president of Barbee Hall, raised the issue of maintenance. She questioned why it takes so long for the utility plant to replace locks and install air conditioners. Another concern she raised was that she would like to reduce her meal plan next semester. Fort also suggested that registration booklets be issue one week before registration instead of the on the day registration begins.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance Maxine Davis address Fort's concern about altering the student meal plan from semester to semester.

"When the alternate meal plans were set, it was decided that the plans would be made at the fall semester. I can't say that it will stay that way, but right now meal plans are set in the fall for the entire year," Davis said.

Another student, Joseph Rucker, raised the issue of the campus police department and the parking problem.

"Why does the A&T police department charge between \$25-\$35 for tickets when the city only charges between \$5-\$15?" Rucker asked. He also suggested that there should be a limit on the number of parking stickers sold. Two-thousand stickers should not be sold, he said, when there is no guarantee that 2,000 cars can park on campus.

McIntyre mentioned that the parking committee has developed a comprehensive plan about A&T's parking dilemma. They are now studying the cost of A&T parking tickets and will be taking up the issue of whether the cost is justifiable at the next meeting.

Marcus Bernard, a junior, wanted to know why a student can not live on campus without having the meal plan.

Dr. McIntyre explained that the university, in an effort to keep fees as low as possible, enrolls all boarding students in the meal plan because it is cheaper for a large group.

Jamila Kemp, a junior from Atlanta, complained that she does not get her bill from the university until the week it is due.

Another junior, Mark Springfield, stressed the need for professors to understand learning disabled students.

"One of the few students on campus with a documented learning disability, there is a need for people like me who learn slower to have teachers who understand. Now we are being overlooked and put under the table because professors do not want to deal with us. We just want our fair chance like the other students," Springfield said.

Springfield, also complained that physical education majors are not recognized as part of a "department" but only as support staff.

"Someone has to do this. We keep the athletes healthy. But without the athletes and the

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CAMPUS CRIME

Nov. 8-10

Fraud: Tia Brown, a student, reported that her textbook allegedly was stolen and resold to the University Bookstore by Demetric Arnold, a non-student.

Burglary: Julius Seymor, a student, reported that his stereo was stolen from his residence.

Larceny: Shaunita Bynum, a student, reported that \$63 was stolen from her residence by unknown person(s).

Nov. 7

Possession of Marijuana: William Dean and Terry Carmichael II, both of 300-B Scott "A" dorm, allegedly were found with a small portion of marijuana in their room.

Nov. 4

Larceny: Kitty Harrigan, director of Holland Hall, reported that some Homecoming decorations valued at approximately \$20 were taken from the lobby of Holland Hall sometime during the weekend. There are no suspects.

CAMPUS BRIEFS**Fraternities, sororities unite, develop bonds**

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

A Greek mixer held Nov. 15 gave members of North Carolina A&T fraternities and sororities the chance to ignore their differences, get to know each other and develop the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood that are central to their existence.

The A&T Pan-Hellenic Council sponsored the mixer, which was attended by members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho sororities and Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternities.

Fraternity and sorority members wore their distinctive trademark paraphernalia and colors while dancing to music and mingling among each other.

The highlight of the evening was a game designed by Jacqueline Glover, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which required participants to locate members of other sororities and fraternities who fit into certain categories.

Biology Club, Tri Beta organize blood drive

Before students return home for the Thanksgiving holidays at North Carolina A&T State University, the Biology Club along with Tri Beta organization will be asking for their blood.

As each year patients need blood, the blood supply continues to decrease.

The only solution is to somehow have the supply increase along with the demand.

These Aggies hope there will be a larger turnout than in past blood drives.

If anyone is left on campus Nov. 27, there will be a blood drive in the Student Union during most of the day.

"People do not realize the importance of donating blood," said Sang U. Ine, nursing major.

Registration signifies time to prepare for spring already

By Teresa Robinson
Staff Writer

The rush around campus started Nov. 4 and hasn't stopped yet.

It's registration time again.

The week of Nov. 4-8 was dedicated to early advisement of North Carolina A&T State University students. All students were expected to visit their academic advisors or department chairpersons for assistance in choosing their spring classes. Actual early registration followed on Nov. 11-13.

Students who came to A&T in the fall of 1995 or later faced an added twist as well. They are required to take a three-hour course in Global Studies and African or African-American studies before graduation. These requirements can be met through a student's general education component, major course requirement or through an elective.

Students in schools, colleges and departments with internal and external constraints, such as accreditation and certification, can also

meet their African/African-American and Global Studies requirements through a series of courses in which those issues are consistently integrated into the course material.

Courses that count toward the African/African-American requirement include the Survey of Afro-American Literature, History of Black Music in America, History of Jazz, Literature of Afro-French Expression, History of Africa to 1800, and United States Slavery.

Courses that count toward the Global Studies requirement include International Marketing, National Security Forces in Contemporary American Society I, International Economic Relations, History of Latin American, The Modern Middle East, and Problems of Contemporary Africa.

Students who did not register for classes during normal registration can register late beginning Friday, Jan. 10 at 8 a.m. These students are required to report to Corbett Gymnasium or their major department or school in accordance with the schedule listed in their Spring 1997 handbooks.

Technology invades technical school with grades retrievable by telephone

By Purity Blake and Melody Chalmers
Staff Writers

North Carolina A&T students who have been at the mercy of the mails as they awaited their grades in the past can take heart. In a matter of weeks, getting grades will be as simple as making a phone call.

"Aggie Access" is A&T's version of the computerized grade service that has been adopted at many college campuses. It goes on line at A&T December 22.

Through a phone call and an identification number, students can access their semester grades and their cumulative grade-point average anytime, day or night.

Out-of-town students get an added benefit: The number is toll free.

"It is convenient and it seems to be easy to use," said Courti Claggett, a sophomore.

"I think it's a good thing to have," said Jamie Perkins, a junior. "You don't have to worry about going to Dowdy or running down instructors for your grades."

Other students said "Aggie Access" should have been installed years ago.

"It's way behind the times," said Stacey Greene, a junior majoring in print journalism. "A lot of technology that community colleges have, A&T is lacking."

Doris L. Graham, A&T's registrar, said implementing the system required a full year of planning. Now that it's here, she said, expectations are high.

"I think it's going to work fine," Graham said. "You can get your grades over the phone and you do not have to worry about going to Dowdy."

"In talking with other schools who have the program, it seems to be a success."

The service starts with a recorded greeting from Miss North Carolina A&T. Students can then enter their student identification number and a personal identification number (PIN) that is available from their academic advisor.

To get started, students should have received a telephone access card from their advisor during early registration advisement Nov. 4-8.

Students who encounter missing grades or incomplete grade reports on "Aggie Access" are advised to wait 24 hours and call again. Releasing your PIN to others is discouraged, as it allows access to your personal records.

Song is one of the few in "Who's Who"

By Sylvia Tabron
Staff Writer

Some day in everyone's life, he or she will be acknowledged or known for something that he or she has done regardless of whether it is good or bad. However, here at North Carolina A&T State University, we tend to focus on the positive, and attempt to never fail to give honor where honor is due.

That focus extends to the faculty. A&T, to paraphrase the Marines, is looking for a few good teachers. And Dr. Yong-Duan Song is one of them.

Song was recently listed among "Who's Who Among America's Teachers," an honor bestowed only after nomination by one or more

former students, and only if those students are among the top five percent who make the student Who's Who list themselves.

Song's selection followed his receipt of the Faculty Teaching Excellence Award from the College of Engineering last May.

"While it is quite honorable for me to be chosen to receive the teaching award and to be included in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers, I still feel I have a long way to go," said Song, who earned his Ph.D. in 1992 and became an assistant professor in A&T's electrical engineering department in 1994.

There are many outstanding teachers in the College of Engineering, Song said, and he owes any honors he receives to the motivation that his colleagues provide.

Have a safe Thanksgiving holiday!!!

Honor students travel to NCHA for seminar

By Teresa Robinson
Staff Writer

It is time to think about honors courses for the spring semester. Students planning to take courses for honors credit need to remember these things:

- For English or biology courses, check the university schedule for a listing of courses available for honors credit;

- the music department has no honors courses;

- all other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences allow students - with the instructor's permission - to take for honors credit

any course being offered.

Dr. Dorothy Mason, professor in the history department, is the advisor for the Honors Program and has facilitated its advancement. Toward that end, she traveled recently with A&T students Melody Chalmers, Jacquelynn Phillips, Hurley Williams, Jr., Keisha Taylor, Teresa Robinson and Nataki Brown to the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Honors Association in Charlotte.

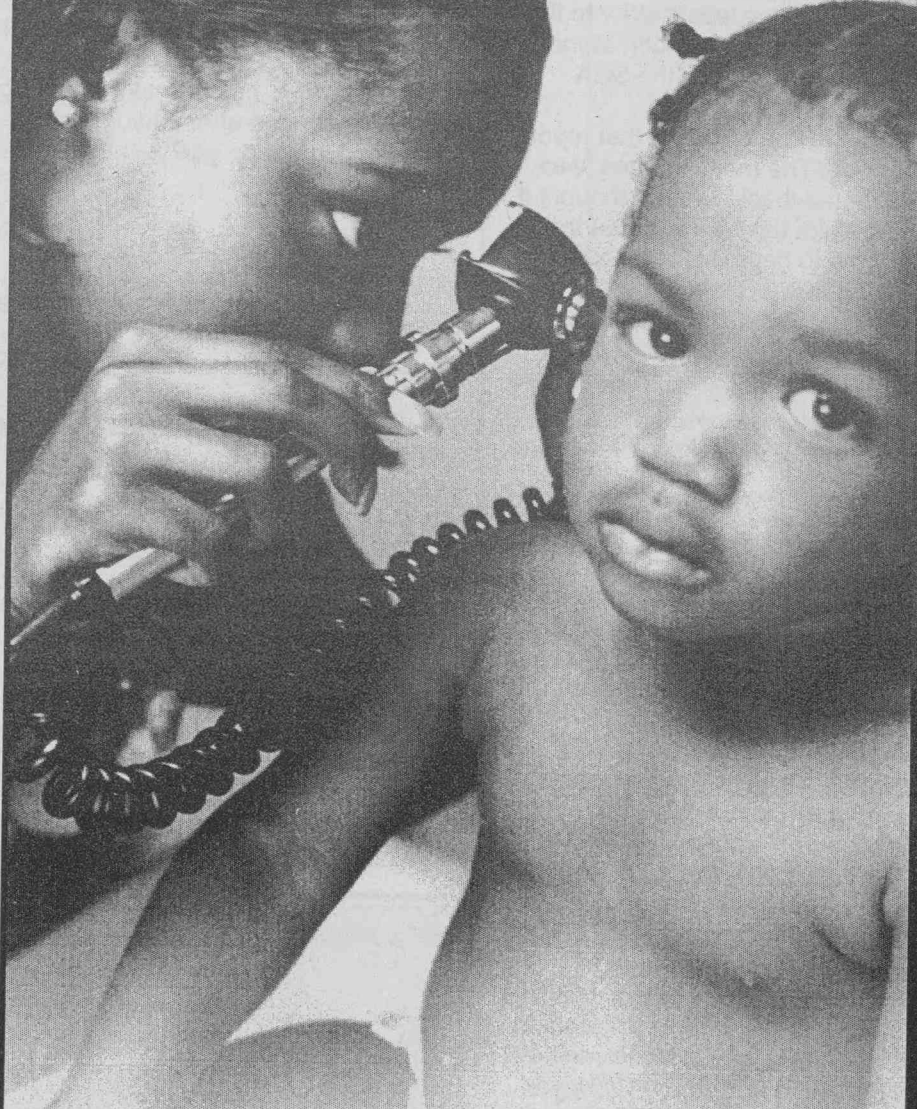
"The seminars truly enlightened me about the various honors programs across the state," Brown said. "I hope that A&T can incorporate some of the innovative ideas of other honors programs into its existing program."

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*--Nataki Brown,
North Carolina A&T honor student*

In mid-October, honors students Delia Gamble, Derri Lassiter and Tammy Wagner participated in the Annual Meeting of the National Association of African-American Honors Programs, hosted by Benedict College at the Adams-Mark Hotel in Columbia, SC. Gamble represented the nation of Croatia in a brief version of the Model United Nations.

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East Market plan brings promise of better atmosphere

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

A&T students eat, make photocopies and go to the movies, but we have to do it on the other side of town. It would be nice if students without cars had a Kinkos or a movie theater within walking distance.

Or would it not be enjoyable to have several restaurants to choose from instead of just Burger King or Parker Bros. Not saying those restaurants are bad, but quite frankly you get tired of having it your way.

The appeal of having several restaurants to choose from will draw more students to the campus and provide more money for the campus. It's especially important for freshmen coming to school knowing they will not have a car. Giving them a place to go when they are tired of cafeteria food will attract more students.

At a recent town meeting, some of these things were discussed as plans to redevelop East Market Street into more of a college strip began to become a reality.

The process for remodeling the East Market area started last November, and some construction has been completed near Winston Street, which is about three blocks from A&T. The process is said to take about three years, but that should be well worth the wait.

It is strange that both UNCG and A&T are state supported schools, but Tate Street and East Market do not resemble each other. If the locals would cooperate, East Market would be a nice place to construct stores where students could get work done or have entertainment.

Admittedly, there are plenty of places on Summit Avenue. You have Sonic Burger, Wendy's, Arby's, McDonalds and the ever-popular Citgo chicken and pork chop sandwiches (chicken and pork chops from a gas station? America has gone too far with this wholesale thing).

But Summit Avenue food places are too far of a walking distance and finding a ride is like finding a contact lens. Students need places they can go to hang out, socialize and get a decent meal.

During the winter time there are no places to really "hang" that are near the campus. Because, generally speaking, most black people don't like to socialize on the strip in 20 degree weather.

If A&T students really push this idea, it would be the start of attracting more students, and it would be an opportunity for students not

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STAFF VOICES

SGA full body meetings brings out what's called an 'Aggie attitude'

By David Gaines
Production Manager

With the new SGA administration came a new attitude. It's an attitude I believe we all should adopt as true Aggies.

During each of the three SGA meetings, tempers have flared, opinions have been exchanged, questions have been asked (extensively) and knowledge has been spread; all of this in the hopes of improving our beloved North Carolina A&T State University.

I've always heard without pains, there are no gains, but at times, the meetings are embarrassing.

During the last one, Umar Riggs, former Economics Empowerment chairperson, presented some interesting data. After being told the decision had not been made as to where the concert was going to be held, Riggs introduced a copy of a letter, dated two weeks prior to the meeting, agreeing to have the concert at the Greensboro Coliseum, signed by the SGA president and VP-External Affairs.

But, there are some papers that reportedly show otherwise. The meeting, then, was said to get student feedback. Uhhh, I thought it was clearer than White Lake (of the 80s) that the students wanted to have the concert at home. Our home, that is.

Unfortunately, like the signed agreement said, the A&T Homecoming Concert, or shall I say, "The Hip Hop Convention," was held over there.

Was the Aggie Dog really green, though?

The SGA did accomplish an impressive feat. Several actually. With enrollment decreasing and now below 7,000, A&T had to give back money allocated to the school for not meeting the quota.

Meanwhile, a letter apparently was going around stating the SGA was responsible for having the computer labs close down at 5pm each day.

Realizing the importance of the use of computers and the impact they have on the future, the Edward Fort IRC has been designated to remain open for 23 hours a day.

Rasheed-Ali Cromwell made it clear not everything you read is true. He was targeted in the letters and reassured the student body the labs would not be shut down on us. The funds for maintaining the computer labs are immune to cutbacks because of legalities.

Instead, there has been a hiring freeze, from my understanding, and spending is being watched more carefully.

This, of course, brought up questions about exactly how the money is being spent. In a report from the finance committee, there is only \$20,000 left for SGA to utilize for the rest of

the year. Five or maybe six times that has already been spent. And we only get a 10-minute report of where the money went.

Most of it went toward Homecoming festivities. Though Winston-Salem State was only charged around \$16,000 for the Fugees to perform where they did not share the stage and plus they sang, "Killing Me Softly," A&T sacrificed \$35,000 for them to perform with others and no "Killing..." And we had the same promoter?

SGA does deserve applause for its efforts in raising money for the Wellness & Fitness Center. In a mere 30 minutes at Homecoming game's halftime, they raised a reported \$5,000!

Yet, when Umar Riggs attempted to have an alternative concert where all the proceeds would go toward the W&FC, he got nothing from SGA but a headache with "damn" written all over it. I, personally, tried to go to the alternative concert after seeing just one flyer advertising it, but no one was there. I said, NO ONE...

It's all good, though. At the meetings, we all discuss this as Aggies. This raises a very important question. How does an Aggie act?

Some say civilly to the point where if told to shut up, an Aggie shuts up? I came to A&T believing when an Aggie is told to shut up, an Aggie gets louder. I thought when an Aggie is told to sit down, an Aggie gets in your face. I really had the perception that when an Aggie was told not to do what he or she wanted to do, that Aggie, as I am an Aggie, did it and did it with an Aggie attitude!

Hey, we have a long way to go as Aggies and as black people. We may argue at times and not like what each other has to say or even not like each other, but we are all we have. We're all we are EVER going to have.

Just remember as I was told one time, "No Pains, No Gains."

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'Divided, we are minority; together, we are majority...'

On November 5, 1995, the State of California voted yes to proposition 209. For those people who do not know or as a friend told me, "not into politics," proposition 209 brought an end to affirmative action.

Being that California, which has a large population of minorities, did away with affirmative action, it probably won't take long for smaller, more conservative states with less minorities to follow suit.

Something that disturbs me even more than the abolishment of affirmative action is that black Republicans were giving speeches and interviews for why they feel affirmative action should be abolished. They stated laziness being the biggest reason.

Are they foolish enough to believe they got their positions in life without affirmative action or someone's quota?

I'm sure they worked hard. Do they not realize that they give racist members of their political party reason to call our people less intelligent? By sticking an African American or two in

a suit with a title out in front of cameras and call them lazy rather than help them, just sends out the negative message of no matter how far up the ladder we put them, we can take them down, or more commonly known as divide and conquer.

Do these black Republicans think we can work any harder to get any less? I think they are looking out for themselves, because the uplifting of our people doesn't come from name calling or assumptions.

Until we have equality for women and minorities across the board, affirmative action should not be abolished.

Blacks, Hispanics and Asians: divided we are minorities; but together we are the majority. Next election day, let's be heard.

--Melissa Murdock
communications major from York, SC

E. Market

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to have to run over to the other side of town to get things done. And let it be stated that this idea of reconstructing East Market is not about a merger; it is about finally recognizing A&T for the growth it has gone through over the last 15 years.

The reconstruction of East Market will also give people the opportunity to realize that black businesses can prosper in the right environment. The new stores will give the community more of a "college town" appeal. It is not fair that a college the size of Guilford College should have more facilities near its campus than A&T.

If students on campus want to order a pizza, they can not even order it from the Dominos located on East Bessemer, which is directly behind the campus. Instead, they must order from Golden Pizza, which is in Golden Gate shopping center, and Golden Pizza's prices are not all that low.

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Town Hall

from front

support of the faculty and staff, we're living in vain," he said.

Eugene McDonald, faculty member of the university computer center, questioned why the circle adjacent to the IRC, once reserved for faculty parking, was changed to student parking.

"Students take up those spots 24/7 and there is no place for us to park," she said.

Vice Chancellor Maxine Davis responded by saying that there is a proposal to increase parking in that area (Albermarle Circle) and near the African Heritage Center.

Roderick Brown, a senior marketing major who worked on the Parking Committee when it proposed a shuttle service, addressed yet another traffic concern.

Dr. McIntyre said that the shuttle service was an issue that was still to be addressed. He added that the proposed shuttle would increase student parking fees by about \$35.

Brown, who is also an Aggie Escort, suggested that money be invested in vans instead of the non-insulated, leaky golf carts now in use.

"Why can't we have vans? Let responsible students with good driving records drive them. Vans would be better vehicles and they are a lot safer," Brown said.

The cafeteria concerned other students.

Tonya Saddler, a senior elementary education major, wanted to know what was going to be done about the long lines in the cafe, running out of eating utensils and the cafe running out of cups or glasses.

Some of her other concerns were that students are only served 100% real fruit juice at breakfast (she said she would like to have it during the day as well) and that the cafe only serves pork at breakfast (the old food service served turkey bacon and sausage).

"I was excited about the food service at the beginning of the year, but now the lines are too long and then when you get out of line, you can't find a seat," Saddler said.

You can't go back to your room with your food because they don't have the take-out line anymore."

Jesse Bell, director of the cafeteria, is addressing the take-out issue and has decided to go back to the old system. As far as plates and utensils running out, he said, students can help by not removing them from the dining hall.

A second complaint about the cafe came from Natasha Lunsford, a junior biology major. She wanted to know what steps were being taken to improve the cafeteria's low B sanitation grade.

Sharon Lunsford, the assistant director of Auxiliary Services, explained that the low grade was not about the food but about the repairs and renovations being made in the cafeteria.

"The low grade came from physical things," Lunsford said.

She also mentioned that repairs being made in the cafe should be completed soon and that once they are, the health inspector would be requested to come out again and re-evaluate the cafeteria.

Shakia Gee, a sophomore accounting major, addressed the issue of the housing process.

Dr. Welborne, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said that the proposal for the coming year would require that July 1 be the deadline for all housing. Rooms would be released after that date if students hadn't accepted them.

That way, Welborne said, rooms would become available to students who did not get a room in the first lotteries.

Welborne also said that a committee was looking into putting more lighting in the quad [the square area between the student union, Martena, Barnes, Crosby and Merrick Hall].

"We are concerned with the safety of students in that area," he said.

Although many other concerns were raised — from lowering speed bumps to publishing a newsletter for off-campus students — everyone in attendance left with the assurance of the department that their concerns were heard and that the department would do their "darndest" to address them.

Patrick

from front

to be God-fearing and still be a student."

Patrick also fits the description of a queen by being responsible. Recently, Patrick visited her former middle school where she took advantage of her position to encourage the kids to stay in school.

"As Joeletta an electrical engineering student, I'm not too sure they would have been as eager to invite me back to come and speak, but as Miss A&T, I was able to go back and speak to the students to encourage them to get their education," Patrick said.

Patrick not only takes advantage of her position to serve as a role model for others. She also takes pride in her position, and she exhibits that pride constantly with a big smile and friendly

attitude.

"Whoever the students are, that's who I am," Patrick said. Patrick was involved in coordinating the "I Love A&T Week," which was started last year. She also is helping SGA promote the Aggie license plate and plans to improve the position of Miss A&T.

"I'm trying to make the Miss A&T position a little better and making it more competitive against the other queens," Patrick said.

Future queens will be loved and despised, celebrated and scorned. But for now, Joeletta Patrick truly represents the qualities of a queen. She is elegant, graceful, responsible and proud of her university.

So, all hail the queen.

Aggies end successful season not so successfully; mauled 35-0

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

After sealing a perfect season at home with a 17-12 victory over the Grambling Tigers, the North Carolina A&T Aggies hoped to end the year at 9-2 overall with a strong showing in the MEAC with a 5-2 record with a victory over South Carolina State in the Battle at the Border at Memorial Stadium in Charlotte for the second annual Carolina Classic. The Bulldogs, coming in with a 3-6 overall record and 3-3 in the MEAC, definitely had different plans for the Aggies.

Suffering their first shutout since losing to Appalachian State 45-0 in 1994, the Aggies fell to the Bulldogs, 35-0. The last time that A&T won over SC State came in 1992, with a 24-21 victory in Greensboro. SC State leads this series between these two rivals, which started in 1924, 17-14-2. After the performance in Charlotte on Nov. 23, the Bulldogs stretched their winning streak to four games.

In the pregame press conference, head coach Bill Hayes stated that his team had "reached their big goal by defending Aggie stadium and promoting Aggie Pride by winning all of its home games."

Did the Aggies concentrate so greatly on reaching this goal that the intensity needed for road trips was sacrificed? With a 38-3 loss at Howard and the 35-0 loss in the Classic, two embarrassing outcomes against arch rivals, you have to wonder.

As SC State head coach Willie Jeffries noted, the tone of the game was established by the Bulldogs first play from scrimmage as senior running back Kenny Back broke an initial tackle and eluded the Aggies' secondary for an 83-yard touchdown with 13:20 left in the first quarter. The Aggies could not seem to "get it together" on the offensive side of the ball as they left the quarter without a score.

Both the Bulldog and Aggie defenses shut down the opposing offenses in the second quarter but with 2:04 left before the half, running back Dennis Walker from SC State bulldozed his way into the end zone from two yards out. Cedric Oglesby connected on his second point after attempt of the day as the Bulldogs took a 14-0 lead with them into the locker room at the half.

"I kept thinking that we would get it together," Hayes said.

Jeffries commented that he expected the Aggies to come out in the second half with a renewed sense of purpose. Both coaches were proven wrong as the Aggies put forth one of their worst third quarter performances of the season.

SC State full back Eugene James plunged into the end zone with 7:19 left in the third from nine yards out. After the Aggies went three and out, Bynum added another score to his resume with 3:58 showing on the clock with a six-yard run.

The Bulldogs of SC State came into the game with the title of one of the worst teams in the red zone for the season. When asked about his team's performance against the Aggies, Coach Jeffries said,

"The players stepped up, made plays - the execution was much better inside the 20."

With three of the Bulldogs' five touchdowns coming from inside the red zone, the improvement was tremendous.

The last score came early in the fourth quarter as Bynum capped off his record breaking senior season with a 43-yard touchdown run with 13:58 left in regulation. Oglesby completed a perfect day on point-after kicks as the Bulldogs cemented their victory, 35-0.

The only bright spot for the Aggies came during the postgame presentations as senior line backer Michael Hamilton was named defensive MVP. Hamilton had a total of 12 tackles, four of which went for a loss of eight total yards. Hamilton was the second leading tackler in the game.

Bynum needed only 48 yards coming into the competition to break SC State's rushing record of 1,388 yards, which was set in 1993 by Michael Hicks. Not only did Bynum break this record but he broke his personal record for rushing yardage in a single game, as he exploited the Aggie defense for 307 yards on only 28 carries, averaging 11 yards per carry.

Before this game, Bynum was ranked fourth nationally in Division I-AA. After this stellar performance, his ranking nationally with the NCAA as well as pro scouts is bound to skyrocket.

"He is much better in person," Hayes said, "than he is on tape."

The Aggies struggled on all sides of the ball. The leading rusher for the Aggies was Michael Basnight who only accumulated 50 yards on 11 carries. Ben Garrett completed only five of 11 passes for 47 yards and chalked up one interception.

Rodney Woodruff attempted to execute the shotgun offense but fell short of the calling as he only completed one of three passes for nine yards and gave up an interception as well. Monty Key ended the competition with eight punts and an average of 43.1 yards.

Despite the fact that both teams ran 62 plays, from the score, it is obvious that SC State executed its 62 plays much better than A&T.

The Bulldogs ended the game with 482 total yards as the Aggies struggled to get 171 yards. The Aggie running game was definitely not in Charlotte as it produced only 115 yards on 48 carries. The Aggie rushing defense allowed 424 yards from 55 carries. Turnovers proved costly for the Aggies as well. In addition to the two interceptions, the Aggies fumbled twice and lost both in key moments of the game.

"We got outplayed," Hayes said afterward. "SC made more effort all around. There were too many insignificant penalties (11-12 yards). SC made up their mind that they wanted to win the football game."

"We knew they were a good team of good athletes. We are just not talented enough to come into a game halfway ready and come out winners. We got our fannies whipped."

Aggies ready to roar on the court

Young, maybe, but prepared to accomplish the job

By Mitchell Jennings
Sports Writer

"Young" is the word that best describes the 1996-97 North Carolina A&T women's basketball team. The roster includes four freshmen and seven sophomores, of which only LaTania McIntyre - who made the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference all-rookie team as a freshman - made a significant contribution last year.

Nonetheless, the Aggies believe they will be competitive. A MEAC championship, they say, is within their reach.

"What we have to do is take the upperclassmen and the younger players and mesh it together to win the MEAC," said Nisha Watson, the Aggies' senior leader.

How far the Aggies go, coach Tim Abney

said, will depend on Watson and her senior classmates.

"If they have a great year, they can lead the pack," he said.

Last year's team won 18 games but lost two key starters. Dawn Walton averaged 9.9 points and 7.4 rebounds and Hope Monroe averaged seven points and three rebounds.

In their absence, Abney is looking for major contributions from sophomores Jillian Bridges and Halima Cotwright. Between them, they averaged six points per game last year.

With a year of experience under their belts, Abney says, their output is likely to increase.

"We expect each player to advance and mature from year to year," he said. "Through maturity, the confidence should come, which should lead to more production for the team."

Playing time, Abney said, will be reserved for those who play team ball - and team ball only.

"There are no 'I's' in team," he said. "We can do it as a team."

"Playing as a team is going to be our biggest strength."

The incoming freshmen at least have the

"We expect each player to advance and mature from year to year. Through maturity, the confidence should come, which should lead to more production for the team."

--Tim Abney
A&T Women's Basketball Coach

BASKETBALL

Lady Aggies predicted for a third place finish

Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) announced October 10 during the Basketball Tournament press conference in Norfolk, VA, that according to its poll of women's head coaches and Sports Information Directors, the Howard University Lady Bison have been picked to win the league regular season title by a landslide.

The city of Norfolk will host the 1997 MEAC Tournament. Howard, the defending tournament champion, received 358 of the maximum 360 points and 19 of 20 possible first place votes.

Florida A&M's Rattlerettes, who won the regular season title a season ago, were second in the prediction poll with 280 points. North Carolina A&T registered 256 points for third, while Delaware State and Coppin were a close fourth and fifth with 200 and 199 points, respectively.

The remaining squads were voted as Hampton with 134 points, Maryland Eastern Shore (133 points), SC State (96), ninth and the remaining first place vote to Bethune-Cookman (83) and Morgan State (81).

The Lady Aggies are coming off a trip to the MEAC Tournament finals and look for more success with the return of a splendid backcourt combination of Nisha Watson and Latania McIntyre along with a fine nucleus.

The sparkplug is all-purpose guard Watson, who averaged 12.4 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals per contest last season.

Her running mate, McIntyre, a long-range bomber who led the MEAC in three point percentage (60 of 152, 40%), averaged 10 points per game and led the league in free throw shooting (81%).

Tomara Bogans, who averaged seven rebounds last season, will lead the frontcourt along with Jillian Bridges. Three newcomers, Nyah Ferreira, Fatima Battle and Latoya Wilson, could see significant playing time.

After finishing fifth in the MEAC with a 9-7 record and 18-11 overall, the Lady Aggies are hoping to improve both offensively and defensively as they push toward a championship.

After losing starting forwards Dawn Walton and Hope Monroe as well as starting center Chas Tolson along with guard Angela Greene, the Lady Aggies will have a few shoes to fill but the senior leadership of Watson and Bogans is bound to pull the Lady Aggies together.

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'Tough man syndrome' creates void in public schools

Johnathan Prevette is the child marked for life, all because of a kiss: One he didn't ask for but one he was willing to give. Another little boy, not far away, is punished because of his curiosity, and now a little black girl is marked literally because her teacher felt it was necessary to write "don't forget your glasses" on her face.

What has happened to our school systems? What messages are they trying to send the children of the 90s and future adults of the 21st century?

Right now they aren't setting many good examples, and some seem to be making up the rules as they go along.

The Johnathan Prevette story is the event that turned the small town of Lexington into the center stage of controversy. A girl supposedly asks Johnathan to kiss her, so he does; but it doesn't end there. The school officials at Southwest Elementary School accused the 6-year-old of sexual harassment. They kicked him out of class for a day and made him miss playtime, and an ice-cream party with his classmates. The rest, as they say, is history.

His story caught local headlines and was the lead story at television stations around the Piedmont. The snowball effect soon set in and the first grader made everything from the *London Times* and *USA Today* to the pages of *Time* magazine. He even starred in a local parade.

Unfortunately, Johnathan Prevette is among many young people across the country who have fallen victim to an interesting trend.

School administrators have taken on the "tough guy-syndrome": the one that either sacrifices one child through punishment for the "greater good" or, rather than dealing with the situation, hides behind the rules and punishes



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despite extenuating circumstances.

The administrators set out to prove one point: there are no exceptions.

Initially, school officials at Southwest Elementary said Johnathan broke existing rules against sexual harassment. Later, they backed down from that ruling, saying that he only violated a "general school rule" that prohibits "unwarranted and unwelcome touching of one student by another".

Another school disciplinary ruling also comes from right here in the Piedmont and provides yet another example of the "tough-guy syndrome."

A nearby school suspends a Kindergarten because he brought his mother's beeper to school. The child says the only reason he took the beeper to school was because he "liked the way it sounded."

His mother didn't even know he had the beeper. In fact, school officials there even said, "there are no exceptions," when asked to respond to the ruling.

But more recently, a teacher in South

Carolina took the abuse of power to another level I never imagined possible. One of her students, a little girl, kept forgetting to wear her glasses to class. So, instead of talking to the child or even discussing the matter with her mother, she wrote "don't forget your glasses" on her face with a marker.

The teacher claimed that she was trying to help her remember to wear her glasses. To make matters worse, the little girl is black and the teacher is white. It makes you wonder what happened to the ethics in "E"ducation. When will we ever find it?

The teacher resigned last week, but now she wants to be reinstated. As far as I'm concerned, the evidence that she doesn't deserve to return to the classroom is written all over the face of that child, and although the marks may wash away in a couple of weeks, the emotional scars have marked her for life.

Where are the good teachers, like the ones we had, that actually cared enough to talk to the students and parents and "straighten it out" instead of hiding behind the rules and taking matters into their own hands?

Granted, we do need to discipline children when they have done wrong. However, before school officials put their foot down, they need to be mindful of who they're stepping on and how hard they're landing. Mediation is the missing key to disciplining students, and school officials need to put it back into the educational system.

Instead of making an example of the child, officials need to reach the child, talk to the child, and teach the child. In that way they might actually learn something more than just the three R's — they'll learn values.

And administrators need to transform those values into instruments of learning, not institutional confinement.

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