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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 you're concerns are," said Charles McIntyre, vice president of business and finance, "we'll do our darnest 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 officers of business and finance were on hand to record concerns and answer any questions.

Trenna 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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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 alumna, heads this boycott as his Rainbow Coalition makes its rounds spreading the word of the boycotts.

Photo by Adriene DeGarr

Joelletta 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, Joelletta 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 majored in electrical engineering at A&T. She has been very active while at A&T. She has served as a student senator and resident advisor.

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 to see Patrick, page 6

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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.

Nov. 4 marked the second day of Nov. 4 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-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 colleges and departments with internal and external constraints, such as accreditation and certification, can also meet their 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-American requirement include the Survey of Black Music in America, History of Jazz, Literature of Afro-French Expression, History of Africa to 1800, and United States Slavery.


Students who did not register for classes during the fall 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 at 8 a.m. to register 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

"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 started with a recorded greeting from Mits 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!!

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 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 who wore 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 fraternities and sororities who fit into certain categories.

Bi ology 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 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 Song L. Song, nursing major.

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CAMPUS CRIME

Nov. 8-10

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

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

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

Nov. 7

Possession of Marijuana: William Down 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

Larcency: 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.
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, Jacquelyn Phillips, Hurley Williams, Jr., Keisha Taylor, Teresa Robinson and Nataki Brown to the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Honors Association in Charlotte.

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In mid-October, honors students Delia Gamble, Derri LaSitter 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.

Become part of the federal Health Resources and Services Administration’s National Health Service Corps (NHSC). The NHSC offers exceptional opportunities to students who are committed to serving America’s medically underserved.

EXTERNSHIPS
Train with interdisciplinary teams and acquire the skills to provide culturally competent care through the Fellowship of Primary Care Health Professionals. Most offer stipends.

SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited number of scholarships are available. Receive tuition plus expenses and monthly stipends in exchange for service at an NHSC site where you are most needed. Minimum service commitment is two years.

Medical, nurse practitioner, physician assistant and certified nurse-midwifery students who are committed to practicing primary care in health professional shortage areas are encouraged to apply.

Scholarship applications must be submitted by the last Friday in March.
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 with 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 restau-

rants 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 redevolop 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 Chicco chicken and pork chop sandwiches (chicken and pork chops from a gas station? America has gone too far with this wholesaling thing.)

But Summit Avenue food places are far 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 cam-

pus. 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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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 (exten-

sively) 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 pain, 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 report-

edly show otherwise. The meeting, then, was said to get student feedback. Umar, 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 agree-

ment 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 decreases and now below 7,000, A&T has 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 IJC has been design-

ated to remain open for 23 hours a day. 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 civility 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! EVERYONE has to have.

Just remember as I was told one time, “No Pains, No Gain.”

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Complete Awareness for Complete Commitment
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

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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.

That is why it is important that this project, which is funded by the American Planning Association, is so important. It will put some of our black money back in our black neighborhoods and it will make other businesses have a better appreciation for our business.
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 Joletta an electrical engineering stu-
dent, I'm not too sure they would have been
eas easy to invite me back to come and speak,
but as a part of A&T, I was able to go back and speak to
students to encourage them to get their educa-
tion," 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 consistently with a big smile and friendly
attitude.

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

"I'm trying to make the Miss A&T posi-
tion a little better and making it more competi-
tive against the other queens," Patrick said.

The future queen with her crown and gown,
celebrated and scorned. For now, Joletta felt
like the Aggie Homecoming Queen.

Patrick truly represents the qualities of a queen. She is elegant, graceful, responsible and proud of her
university.

So, all hail the queen.

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By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

After sealing a perfect season at home with a 17-12 victory over the Drumming 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 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 Bulldogs of 1992 were executing from scrimmage as junior running back Kenus 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 Bulldogs and Aggie defenses shut down the opposing offenses in the second quarter but with 2:04 left before the half, running back Den-
is Walker from SC State bulldozed his way into the
down zone from two yards out. Cedric Oglesby con-
nected 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 to-
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 third quar-
ter 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, Busyn added another score to his resume with 3:58 showing on the clock with a six-yard run.

"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," Hayes said.

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

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

Busyn needed only 48 yards coming into the competition to break SC State's rushing record of 1,386 yards, which was set in 1993 by Michael Hicks. Not only did Busyn break this record but he broke his personal record for rushing yards 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, Busyn 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.

"I think he's better in person," Hayes said.

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"The Aggies struggled on all sides of the ball. The team of the Aggies was Michael Banstatt who only accumulated 50 yards on 11 car-
ries. 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 Char-
lotte 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 penalties (11-112 yards). SC made up their mind that they wanted to win the foot-
ball game.

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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 Hallama 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 benefit of impressive prep credentials. Nyah Ferreira, Fatima Battle and Latoya Wilson were all-conference performers in high school. Playing at the next level, however, will require an adjustment.

"In high school, they were asked to do everything," Watson said. "Now, they must bring their one or two major strengths of their game and help the team win."

Injuries may slow the Aggies for a while. Watson is coming off of September knee surgery and, though her rehab is reportedly going well, she may not be ready until late November.

Senior forward Tomara Bogans, a second-team all-MEAC tournament pick last year, has been hampered by an arch injury. She hopes to be with the team by December.

— Tim Abney
A&T Women's Basketball Coach

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 Rattlers, 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 (129 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 Greene, and 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.

"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

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Johnathan Prevette is the child marked for life, and 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 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 “un warranted 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 Kindergartner 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 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?

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 Rs— they’ll learn values.

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

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