New doctor sold on HBCU experience

By Jaime Canty
Staff Writer

There is a new doctor at North Carolina A&T’s Sebastian Health Center.

Enrico Jones, a Nashville, Tenn., native, came to A&T through the Karl Bertrand internship program.

Jones, who is a resident at Moses Cone Hospital and will work part-time at A&T, took his bachelor’s degree from Tennessee State University, another historically black school.

“Attending a black university was a positive experience for me,” Jones said, “because it gave me that ‘at home’ feeling that you don’t get anywhere else.”

At the age of 35, Jones graduated from medical school on Mother’s Day of 1995. Prior to becoming a doctor, he was a deputy sheriff in Nashville, Tenn.

“When I became a sheriff, my goal was to make a little money and to pay off a few bills that had piled up,” he said.

After serving as a sheriff for seven years, and hating the thought of another day at work, he realized it was not the right career for him.

“Being a policeman was not what I wanted to do,” he said. “It was an unfulfilling, thankless job” which left little room for creativity or mind expansion.

In medicine, he found a field that meets his needs. Above all, he said, it is not monotonous.

“On an average day, I see people with everything from coughs and colds to sprains and strains,” Jones said.

Helping those who are sick gives him a sense of satisfaction.

“If you enjoy doing something, then you will continue to do it,” he said. “It won’t be a labor for you.”

Jones prefers the smaller, more personal setting of the clinic to being in a large hospital. Working at A&T, he said, has been especially beneficial.

“Coming in contact with young blacks in college keeps my spirits up,” he said. “It keeps me positive.”

Jones advises those who want to go into the medical profession “to apply him or herself and have fun while they are learning.”

Ten-year alliance with Xerox nets grant money for students in A&T’s College of Engineering

By Mitchell Jennings
Staff Writer

The alliance between the Xerox Corporation and North Carolina A&T continues to be prosperous

Fort: A&T will act on survey data

By Edward Fort
Chancellor

For some time, the University of North Carolina System has been collecting data associated with the attitudes of students as related to services gleaned on the 16 campuses.

This data has consistently pertained to services ranging from, but not limited to, academic advising, financial aid administration, availability of internships and co-ops, levels of satisfaction with computer laboratories, food service quality, availability of career services training, development of comprehension skills, development of writing skills, availability of book store services, nature of extra-curricular activities on the campus, quality of campus counseling centers, services of the business/cashier offices, adequacy of health services facilities, adequacy of the residence halls and the registration process.

In reviewing student attitudes concerning these services - primarily those attitudes secured on the basis of mandatory surveys administered to senior students during the late 1980s and more recently, in 1994, 1995, and 1996 - we have sought, as an administration, to give substantial attention to the concerns expressed by the students at A&T - and what we could do - within the confines of our budget, to improve upon the status quo.

During the fall of last year, we began the personal letters, a number of students and faculty and sought to determine what further changes they felt were appropriate and necessary in service areas such as some of those cited above.

The response was overwhelmingly helpful. Numerous letters were gleaned from this effort. For example, a number of students indicated the need for the concept of operationalizing a shuttle system, on-campus, to alleviate parking problems.

Other students urged that the University improve its...
Greek Summit stresses spirituality and respect

By Chowan Green
Staff Writer

The 11th Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, was held Feb. 7-8 in the North Carolina A&T Student Union. The theme of the Summit was "A Paragon for the New Millennium."

The Summit opened with a program directed by Rachel Geathers, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council. The purpose was presented by Bryant A. Sharpe, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort introduced the speaker of the night, Benjamin S. Ruffins. Ruffins, vice president of corporate affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, gave an inspiring speech on scholarship, staying in touch with God, and maintaining respect for each other as a race. After Ruffins spoke, a cabaret was held at Bur-Mil Park.

Saturday's schedule featured several seminars, including: Sorority Focus - The Challenge: Am I My Sister's Keeper?; Fraternity Focus - The Challenge: Am I My Brother's Keeper?; Empowering Leaders to Redirect Their Anger; Murder We Wrote: Student Homicide in Southeast Missouri State University; A Rededicating to Our Founding Principles; The Final Chapter: Unit or Perish?; and Should Colleges/Universities Dissociate Themselves from Fraternities and Sororities?

The speakers included LaToya Davis Marsh, a nurse at Moses Cone's Healthcare Group and a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Thomas Barkdale II, CEO of Barkdale Foundations and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; Joseph Whittaker, chair of the A&T department of biology and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity; Mazie Butler Ferguson, assistant legal counsel to A&T and a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Betty J. Glenn, chair of the A&T department of nursing and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and Rasheed-Ali Cromwell, president of the Student Government Association at A&T.

As members of different sororities and fraternities gathered together to find a common bond and to work together, programs and ideas were presented on how to become more unified on campus. Also, ideas were presented on how to regain sororities and fraternities that uphold the value of scholarship, service to the community and brotherly and sisterly love.

The Summit maintained this spirit from start to finish. It ended with everyone gathered in a Greek Chain singing: "That's What Friends Are For."

A&T gets $200,000 GM grant

The General Motors Foundation (GM) continues to support North Carolina A&T State University in its mission to achieve excellence in the field of education.

Oxall Thorn, director, Manufacturing Operations Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems and Barbara J. Anderson, manager, Business Process Consulting & University Relations Team Coordinator for General Motors recently presented A&T Chancellor Edward Fort with a $40,000 check.

This initial $40,000 is part of a $200,000 grant which will be paid to the university over a five-year period.

"Our contribution of $200,000 over five years to the university is in recognition of North Carolina A&T State University's full commitment to excellence under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Edward Fort," said Thorn.

"We are proud of our long standing relationship with A&T. The university is a benchmark for excellence in producing quality graduates in engineering, technology and other fields."

The scholarship grant is being distributed among engineering, computer science, business & economics and engineering technology majors.

Students receiving scholarships must major in electrical, industrial or mechanical engineering, business or technology.

The minority students selected must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 with a minimum of 12 hours per semester and must be United States citizens or permanent residents.

The grant will also fund a Pre-College Summer Program and a Math Engineering Institute to be held for college-bound high school students who are interested in the above majors mentioned.

A faculty development and Career Planning & Development program will also be funded from the GM grant.

Chancellor Fort, in accepting the $200,000 commitment from General Motors, praised the company for its decision.

"It's great news," he said. "This GM commitment demonstrates, once again, the national recognition which our university enjoys, as evidenced in this decision on behalf of our students in engineering, technology and business."

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Broadcast students can call on Hughes for help

By Eric Pugh
Staff Writer

Many times we take for granted the things and the people that are instrumental in our education and lives, and see staff and faculty members as mere tools for the achievement of our goals. Patricia Hughes, however, is much more than that.

For broadcast communications majors, Hughes is the smile that we need in times of distress, or the kind word that helps us to hold on and accomplish our goals.

She takes pride in being an Aggie and helps us do the same. Hughes is a processing assistant for the television studio suite. She has been working in that position for the past 10 years.

She graduated from A&T with a degree in administrative services, then returned to work at the place she loves most. She takes pride in her job and extends herself to motivating broadcast students.

When she comes across the inevitable look of disgust or disappointment on their young faces, she has a ready remedy: "In the midst of a day that seems that everything can and will go wrong," she says, "pray, pray and pray some more." Her words will not go unheeded. Believe that much.

Some students say she should have her own advice column.

Others joke about the sofa beside her desk, as she's a psychiatrist-in-waiting. How to deal with difficult professors is a common question. Hughes' answer is as follows:

"Many times students feel that professors take pleasure in making their lives difficult," she says. "I had a professor that I hated while I was in here in school. I later found her to be a friend and someone that became close to me."

"The only problem was I didn't realize her friendship until after graduation. "Professors are here to make you better, so look past the exterior and see their intentions."

To those who believe that success is not measured in materialistic items but rather by the number of people you have helped to achieve success, Hughes is in a class by herself.

Department has unique offerings

Don't forget foreign language

By Nichole Rose
Staff Writer

The wide variety of programs available through North Carolina A&T's Foreign Language Department just may be the best-kept secret on campus - but all that is about to change.

The department is taking the time to make sure students are aware of its unique offerings.

Foremost among these is the study abroad program, which gives students the chance to spend their summers in such far-flung places as Costa Rica, Africa, Mexico and Paris, to name a few. The department also sponsors conversational and cultural tables in French, Spanish, German, Russian and African cultures.

Cultural events are also an important item on the department's agenda, and the long list includes:
- the Foreign Language Extravaganza: an Awards Day program; essay, poetry and writing contests; and foreign film festivals.
- Students struggling with their language studies can find help through department-sponsored tutorials.
- Pi Delta Phi, the national French Honor Society, and Alpha Mu Gamma, the national Foreign Language Honor Society, offer tutorials in Spanish, French and German, and A&T's Spanish students teach the language to preschoolers through the Child Development Laboratory on campus.

For information on these or other foreign language programs, contact the department at 110 Crosby Hall or call 334-7886.

How would the teaching of Ebonics assist in the successful teaching of standard English?

Or would it lower the standards of black students?

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Donya McKeller

"Teaching Ebonics would help a little because it would give the students a reference from the way they talk to 'correct grammar.' I don't think that it would lower the standards because, just because you teach it doesn't mean the students will actually use it like that, as we can see with the English that is already taught. Students and grown-ups alike don't always speak 'proper' English, even though they were taught it in school. So who is to say the students will use Ebonics?"

Natalie McNair
Computer Science
Junior

"I think as black Americans, we need to speak American standard English, but as a college student, and a black man, I strongly think we need to teach our black folks clear English, rather than jargon or slang."

Mitchell Jennings
Communications - Print
Senior

"When I was studying to be a broadcast student, I thought that the better your English was, the better your chance of getting the job. I think this is because people do not think about the way you speak."

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If he's really, really lucky, then you're bound to see...

By Brian Holloway
Editor-in-Chief

As St. Patrick's Day comes upon us, there are times I really want to believe in the luck of the Irish. You know, the whole thing about picking up a four-leaf clover and having good luck for the rest of the year (or something to that effect).

So as the weather gets warmer, and I begin to search for a little luck, here are some things that we could get a little luck on:

If the Aggies get lucky, maybe some of these talk shows and news shows will stop telling us how upset we are about the O.J. Simpson trial. To tell the truth, if they polled most African-Americans (a word they love to use as much as they love to say the "n word" whatever that is), probably 90 percent of them will say that they don't care one way or the other. After all it is not our money they want.

I am really tired of the Gerald R. Rivers and the Charles Grudin's of the world telling us that Johnson Cochran and the O.J. Simpson case set race relations back. The truth is race relations are already set back, and people like Rivera have probably just discovered it.

Oh and I love the things they do with the polls. Ah, yes, the wonderful polls which are so easy to dissect. Twenty-two percent of whites think the man is not liable, while 45 percent of blacks think he is liable. Considering that the white population doubles the black population, the same amount of whites who think he is not guilty is equivalent to the number of blacks who think he is guilty. So, what racial divide?

We could use a little luck in finding a parking space when we get to campus. Unless you have an a.m. class, you will have a hard time finding somewhere to park. If we are lucky there will be a rise in parking stickers and an increase in the number of parking spaces.

The third thing that would make for good luck is if the school newspaper editor could be chosen by the chairperson of the communication's department or by a vote of the writers.

Why the editor-in-chief has to run with the SGA is crazy. When politics and the media mix, it makes for an ugly dish. Let the SGA continue to run on some popularity platform, while The A&T Register chooses the most qualified journalist for the job.

The fourth and final lucky endeavor I see Holloway, page 5

Black schools need stronger student leaders

What has happened to student leadership? A&T is supposed to be the flagship among HBCUs, yet it seems the leadership at the smallest school is stronger and more serious about bringing change to their universities. Recently in Fayetteville, the students were celebrating their victory over Winston-Salem State in the CIAA tournament and decided to have some marshmallows over an open fire. The security saw the flames and began macing innocent party people because they (security) assumed the kids were starting a fire to their dorms. Their own living quarters?

Responding to the students' concerns, Jeremy Hollandsworth, SGA president at PSU, is calling a summit for HBCU presidents to discuss police brutality as a group instead of an individual school.

His leadership shows the initiative he claimed to have when the students elected him president. He shows his courage and ability to stand up against the administration and defend those who elected him instead of those who try to use him as a puppet.

Then, at Shaw University, SGA president Trevor Wells took a more liberal approach in his fight to give the students what they deserve. He appeared on television saying Shaw's Chancellor Talbert O'Shaw should leave his position because the students deserved better.

He risked his future for those who felt he would protect them from the administration. The last time this was seen at North Carolina A&T was when an SGA president was just elected to position and immediately went to the papers and asked Chancellor Fort to step down. This leadership had been missing at A&T before Keith Bryant and has been lacking since Keith Bryant.

Perhaps these smaller schools can fight for what their worth because they are not in the national spotlight like we are. This causes administration to tighten up and watch closely to what we do.

Then again, we are in the spotlight and the flagship, I really feel we need to show this leadership and represent like Aggies.

Future SGA Revolutionary

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"Complete Awareness for Complete Commitment"
Martin: Surveys help A&T help you better

By Harold Martin
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Since 1988, the University of North Carolina System has conducted a mandatory Senior Survey which has been administered to the graduating seniors of each of the constituent institutions. The intent of the survey is to continually assess the level of satisfaction of graduating seniors with their universities on such activities as the quality of instruction, the quality of academic advisement, the accessibility of faculty, and such services as the quality of housing, the quality of food service, the quality of the bookstores, and the quality of the registration process.

The results of the survey from each campus are compiled annually and disseminated to university administrators, state legislators, and others in a report entitled, Results of the Spring (Year) Graduating Senior Survey.

Changes in policy

Until recently, the University of North Carolina General Administration has had little to do with each institution's administration to address those areas that were in need of the greatest level of attention.

The University of North Carolina, under mandate from the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, is now developing new budgetary policies, entitled, Performance Planning and Budgeting (PPB) and Incentive Funding, to be implemented in the Fall of 1997, in which the results of the Senior Survey will influence the annual appropriations to each North Carolina campus.

Clearly, these impending budgetary policies will have negative impact on the already constrained budgets of the institutions with low survey results.

The results of the past several Senior Surveys administered to graduates of North Carolina A&T have provided very valuable feedback to the campus' administration, especially in those areas where students have indicated significant levels of dissatisfaction.

Admin to do better job

The administration has always taken the results of the survey very seriously and has attempted to implement strategies, with appropriate funding, that have been geared to improve those areas that were in need of attention.

It is clear to me that we must do a better job of informing you, our students, of the many things that we have done and continue to do to address these and other issues on our campus.

Investments have been made, and will continue to be made, even when budgets are constrained.

It is the administration's commitment to address these concerns while also attempting to minimize the impact on raising tuition and fees.

The Senior Survey is not the only survey instrument that is now being used to get feedback on our students. The quality of the services provided to them is the evaluation that they believe they are getting here at North Carolina A&T.

In addition to the Senior Survey, the University also conducts a Freshman Survey, which is administered to all entering freshman students in the Fall of each year, and a Sophomore Survey, which will be piloted for the first time on our campus during the Spring 1997 semester.

Again, the University administration will use the collective results of each of these surveys to continue to review and address the concerns of our students.

It should be noted that the results of each of these surveys will be factored into the new budgetary policies that are currently being developed by the University of North Carolina for implementation in the Fall of 1997.

Through the next few issues of the A&T Register Newsletter, I hope to share with you some of the actions that have been taken by the University to address many of the areas that our seniors have continually identified as problematic.

If you wish to share some of your comments with me, you may send me e-mail at hlm@garfield.ncat.edu.

Fort registration process by gearing up for telephone registration.

We are now attempting to describe actions taken by the University to address concerns expressed by students, as related to the University System mandated surveys referred to earlier. To achieve that end, a short series of articles and at least one editorial will appear in the student newspaper, as penned by Vice Chancellors Martin and Sullivan Welborne.

These articles will be geared to inform the student body of the nature of these changes and what we hope to achieve for the future. Vice Chancellor Martin's editorial appears in this edition of the A&T Register.

It is our hope that if increasingly large numbers of students are aware of the University's attempts to address their concerns, the awareness will be reflected in improved survey results with respect to customer service at North Carolina A&T State University.

As we have stressed on more than one occasion publicly, the State Legislature is now moving into a new direction with respect to how portions of the total University System budget will be funded and then earmarked for the individual campuses.

This new funding procedure, as indicated in the accompanying editorial, has been identified as Performance Based Budgeting. Simply put, it means that the University System will gather data geared to define how well the individual campuses are performing in a variety of areas ranging from operation of computer labs to the administration of registration services.

Portions of individual campus budgets will then be based upon how adequately these services are viewed - as seen in the eyes of students on the campuses. However, if our campuses are unable to show substantial levels of satisfaction with these various services, the net result will be fewer dollars for this University's budget.

We are convinced that we must continue to improve services for the student body. Thus, we have spent an enormous amount of time, and available dollars, seeking to concentrate on changing the manner in which we provide services for students. The results have been heartening and a classic example is that associated with the establishment of an information desk in the foyer of the Dowdy Administration Building. The expert sitting at this desk assists students with questions concerning financial aid, the Treasurer's Office and the Office of the Registrar.

Another example relates to our rapid attempts to complete the computerization process which could lead to telephone registration by as early as the Fall of this year. Another example relates to the way in which we have, during the past 18 months, completely rearranged the way in which academic advising occurs on this campus. Every student on this campus now is exposed to a trained faculty advisor who personally monitors that student's progress through the programs to which he or she is exposed.

We need your reactions to the future articles which will be written on this topic by Vice Chancellors Welborne and Martin. We shall continue to listen to your concerns, and then take action geared to correct deficiencies. Your input is, clearly, appreciated.

Holloway

hope is reached is the one of financial aid. It has been hard enough for blacks to get a quality education, but to cut off all loans for students like the government is proposing to do, will hurt the future of this country. It is sad when an average student with potential to be something great - if he can get to a higher place of learning - is sud-

denly denied the right because he does not have the money. It's time that some of these big shot non-affirmative action brothers get off their high horse, and understand what is happening.

Once again, we are being asked to operate under equal standards, but we are not given equal leverage to stand on.
Don't quit! Each loss brings a lesson in life

By David Gainer
Production Manager

Life. Life is full of mysteries, many of them never being solved in our time. As we journey through life, we come upon many tests which have to be passed, situations we have to face, and raising the fear of our importance. Sometimes this comes when a love leaves our lives. Other times, we simply don't get what we want. We are rejected.

In those situations, the temptation to just give up is lurking too close to home. No one likes to fail. No one wants to be the outsider.

This fear and doubt begins to grow on us and causes our senses to dull. We don't hear people telling us it's going to be alright. We can't say we feel lonely and need comfort. We tend not to see those around us who do care and want to be there in those times of need.

That's when it's time to look into our hearts and ask ourselves who we are, not who we wanted to be.

The q-word is the easy way out. It's too easy to not achieve a goal and stop there in fear of failing again. Without failure, there is no success. Just as without lies, there is no truth.

How do you know when you have succeeded when you have not failed?

Pulling it together is the hard part, but with the support of those around you, you will begin to see how failure can make you a better person.

Learning instead of sulking from it is key. Once your mind registers the better way to get something done, you can outwit fate and reach the splendor of success. Thus failure would not be a negative thing, just a setback.

The sun always rises in the morning, yet we can't always see it behind the clouds. Knowing the sun is there assures us it is day and with that, we continue with life.

Thus realize behind all the negativity and feelings of depression, there is a light. You just have to acknowledge that light, that source of energy which is there to keep you going everyday.

One day this light will knock and ask if it can come inside. It is that day a new life is born and failure is just a memory while working towards your new goals and future takes precedence. It's then off to conquer the world.

Reading an article in Time about Bill Gates, who dropped out of Harvard to pioneer the computer industry and revolutionize the entire world, he joked whether or not the universe was made specifically for him.

Rocking back and forth, he pondered this question before admitting he "had no proof."

This concept of proof can be applied anywhere. But the only proof of failure is when you find yourself using the q-word.

Greeks got inspiring message from A&T graduate Towns

By Chowan Green
Staff Writer

In May of 1990, a young black man began his journey to becoming a leader for others to follow. Today, he is making a difference for black people and continuing a family legacy that will never die.

Darryl C. Towns is an influential young black man and a dynamic speaker, as he showed at the 31th Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit at North Carolina A&T on Feb. 8.

Towns was born to two A&T graduates, and graduated from A&T himself in 1990 with a B.S. in economics. He served as A&T's Student Government Association attorney general from 1987 to 1988, and was vice president for external affairs in 1988-89. He also was president of Phi Beta fraternities, a resident assistant in Alex Haley Hall and a member of the Economics Club.

Towns was elected to the New York General Assembly in 1992, representing the 54th District, and is now serving his third term. He chairs the subcommittee on mass transit and is a member of committees responsible for children and families, mental health, oversight analysis and investigation, transportation and veterans affairs.

Towns lives in New York with his wife Karen, who also is an A&T graduate, and his daughter Jasmine Eldolphina.

Strong, wise Black women keep getting the job done

By Chowan Green
Staff Writer

As we celebrate Black History Month, there are many women who we do not know who contributed many achievements to society. In short, they got the job done.

The following Black women are just a few examples of how a strong and wise woman can make a great difference in someone's life.

First, the lady who has been "getting it done" for nearly half a century - Dr. Dorothy J. Height.

Height is a dream maker, earth shaker and crusader for human rights. She has served in numerous leadership positions with the YWCA, the National Youth Movement and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration, the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute and the National Centers for African American Women.

In 1957, Height assumed the position that she still holds today - president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). As she maintains this job, she carries out the dreams of her mentor and friend Mary McLeod Bethune to "leave no one behind."

Next is someone who has been called the most powerful woman in the Southeast - Beverly Harvard. She is the first African American woman in America and much of the Western world to head a police department in a major city.

From a beginning as an Atlanta patrol officer in 1973, she has risen to oversee the largest municipal law enforcement agency in Georgia, with 2,500 police officers and civilian employees, five divisions and an annual budget of more than $100 million.

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A&T raises $61,000, tops United Way goal

By Eric Pugh
Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T faculty and staff united to become the second largest contributor in the United Way's "Partners of Giving" campaign.

A&T, which joined forces with four other institutions as part of the State Employees Combined Campaign, raised $61,169, exceeding its goal of $60,000.

Institutional goals are based upon the number of people on staff and their average income. A&T's 1,219 employees donated an average of $53.33 in this drive.

Staff members were given the opportunity of having their donations deducted from their paychecks over a 12-month period, and had the personal choice of how their donation would be used. This year's top three choices included Sickle Cell Anemia, The Hayes Taylor Y and - for the first time this year - Black Child Development.

Though A&T exceeded its overall goal, its 61-percent participation was a decrease from years past, said Interim Director Harriet F. Davis, who has been working with the campaign for six years.

The physical plant, with 100-percent participation, stood out as a major exception.

"You can count on them, no matter the cause," Davis said with a smile.

The basic motivation for giving is "to give back as a University," Davis said. A&T benefits by knowing it has given back to the people of the community who have given so much to this institution of higher learning, she said.

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Although no goal has been set for the current drive, Davis said, the amount raised will increase.

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B-CC UMES take MEAC indoor track titles

By Wendy Wilson

Singerly, a 6-5 forward from Howard University was named 1996-97 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and headlines the men's All Rookie Basketball Team as voted by the 10 league head coaches and selected members of the media (16 voters). Singerly, a Washington, D.C., native, was the top choice on 11 of the 16 ballots and had 1,176 voting points to out-distance Hampton forward Doug Belton (252 points) and Florida A&M guard Darryl LaBarrie (202). Singerly averages 16 points, highest among MEAC rookies, and 6.0 rebounds.

Belton, runner-up to Singerly, averages 10 points, 4.2 rebounds and makes 50 percent of his field goals. LaBarrie averages 13.3 points and 2.2 assists. Those three were joined on the All-Rookie first team by guard Joel Hoover of Maryland Eastern Shore and forward OTes Alston of Morgan State. Hoover ranks second in the NCAAs with 3.4 steals per game and averages 12 points. Alston averages 8.0 points and four rebounds.

The MEAC All-Rookie Second Team consisted of guards Troy Lewis of Coppin, Damay Smith of Hampton and Raynor Moore of South Carolina State, and forwards Jermaine Hollaway of Howard and Tony Mitchell of A&T.

Danielle Dawson, a 5-8 guard from Hampton University was voted 1996-97 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Women's Rookie of the Year and headlines the All-Rookie Basketball Team along with runner-up Monique Liddell of Morgan State.

Dawson, from Petersburg, Va., received 10 of the possible 15 first choice votes and had 1,027 total voting points. Liddell received two first choice votes and nine seconds to total 425 points. Darria Boyd of Howard also received two firsts for 200 points and MD Eastern Shore's Nicole Council had the remaining first. Dawson ranked fifth in the MEAC in scoring with 15 points per contest and ranked second in assists (3.5 pg) and steals (3.2 pg). Liddell, a 6-0 forward, averages 12 points and 6.6 rebounds.

Dawson and Liddell were joined on the Women's All-Rookie First Team by Council, South Carolina State's Tereena Wright and Delaware State's Geannetta Jackson. Council, a guard, averages nine points, along with two steals and assists per outing. Wright leads her team with 11 points and six rebounds per game. Jackson averages nine points per contest.

The second team consisted of Howard's Boyd, her teammate Regan Carter, A&T's Latoya Wilson, FAMU's Crystal Worlds and Coppin's Ayesha Dockery.

Aggies put two on all-rookie MEAC teams

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Xavier Singerly, a 6-5 forward from Howard University won the women's division and the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore men's crown during the 17th Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Indoor Track And Field Championships held on February 23 and 24 at the Greensboro Coliseum. B-CC won the indoor event for the first time, while UMES won its second straight after sharing title with the Aggies last season.

The Lady Aggies tied for sixth place with Howard and the Aggies came in third. Nicole Carter of B-CC won the title of MEAC Outstanding Female Performer Award and her head coach, Curtis L. Pittman was tabbed the MEAC Outstanding Coach for the women's division. Johnny Splunge of UMES was named the MEAC men's Most Outstanding Performer for the second consecutive year, while the MEAC Outstanding Coach Award went to UMES mentor Charles McLaughlin.

With track being one of the most successful sports on the campus, it does not get the attention that it should get because it is not a revenue sport. "On this campus, the revenue sports are featured. Once we get an All-American and/or participate in the NCAA Division I Championship, the attention will transcend both A & T and Greensboro and we will be in the spotlight nationwide. Once the nation starts noticing us, then those people in the area will realize what we have going here."

Despite the lack of a championship during the fall and winter season, the track team is looking forward to repeating its stellar performance from last season. With only 19 people on the team, a lack of depth will certainly cause a few roadblocks in the areas of fatigue and over-exertion. "We have really got to be on top of our game. We must focus on the major contributors. We are still in our developmental stage."

With 19 members, the team, according to coach Thompson, only has seven to eight men that carry the weight of the team. Members like Odell Benders, who is ranked 20th nationally in the 55 yard dash, certainly add spark to the team.

In the outdoor season, coach Thompson states that fans should watch for dynamic performances from Shawn Archer in the hurdles and jumps, Damon Vaughn in the triple and long jumps, Marcus Thompson in the sprints and Maurice Francis in the hurdlers. Aside from a dynamic performance by the coach, Thompson and his team are looking forward to a dynamic performance by the fans in Aggieland as well.