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# THE A&T Register

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## Trustees plan many changes for A&T's campus life

By Jaimee Canty  
News Editor

Committees of the A&T Board of Trustees discussed campus renovations and other issues of interest to students during its regular meeting Wednesday in the Dowdy Building.

The board offered no specific time table on any of the projects. Dormitory renovations such as tile replacement to remove asbestos, and a new sprinkler system in Curtis are planned. Hines Hall and Moore Gymnasium are to be renovated as well. The tennis courts are to be replaced in the spring.

Barbee and Cooper now have Internet connection. Students can hook up to the web or the Internet in the dorm rooms, instead of having to go to one of the computer labs. The other dorms are to be wired for computer connections as well.

Student Information Systems Plus, which keeps track of student data, will eliminate the hassles of registration and keeping track of one's financial aid status.

Registration for spring semester 1998 was done via telephone, which allowed students to use a personal access code to call in and pre-register. Seventy-five percent of the student body registered by phone. The project was deemed a success, and as a result students will soon be able to register for classes on the Internet.

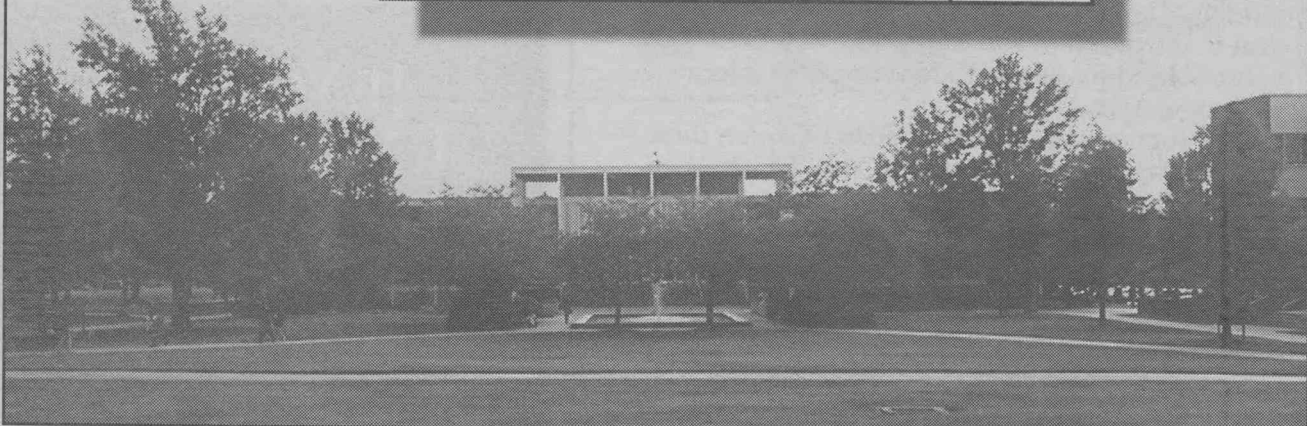
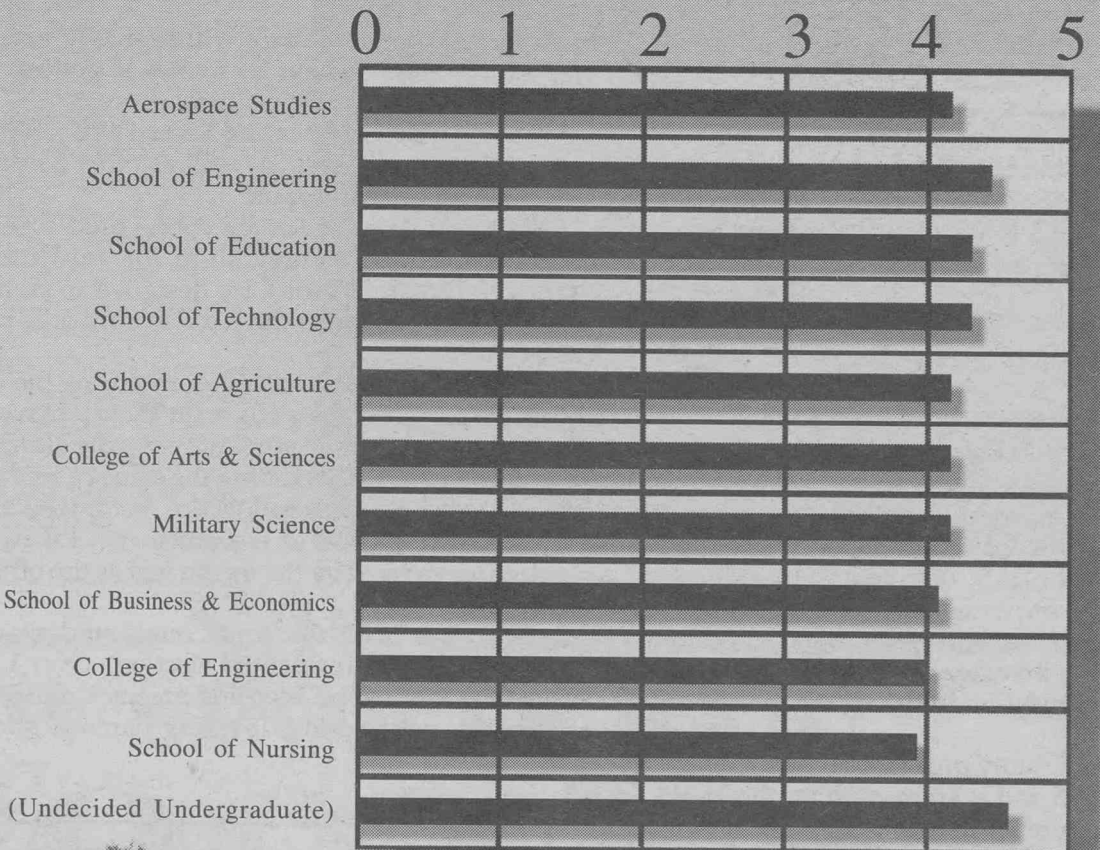
Scott B is the pilot dorm for Access Control Systems. The building is being prepared for use with ID cards instead of keys. Monitors have been placed at exit doors as well.

During the Chancellor's report he addressed a process to make the book-buying easier for students. Next semester, the bookstore will offer "pre-pack" counters. This will cut down on the long lines

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## What YOU Said...

The University of North Carolina - General Administration asked each of the 16 institutions to provide a system whereby students could provide feedback to faculty relative to instruction. This has been accomplished at A&T by implementing the student evaluation process that employs a Student Opinion Form (SOF) that was designed to ascertain the aforementioned. The SOF is composed of 27 items to generate information across four board areas of instruction which include course organization, preparation and mastery of course content, communication and rapport, and assessment and evaluation. The response choice uses a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. The following are the spring 1997 results:



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## Anyansi to head NACRA

Dr. Chi Anyansi-Archibong, an A&T associate business professor, recently became the 19th president of the North American Case Research Association.

NACRA was founded in 1958 to educate faculty and promote the art of the case method of teaching and learning. The organization comprises more than 550 faculty members, most of whom are business school professors in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and other places throughout the world. NACRA is the first and oldest case-study oriented organization that has evolved to in-

clude research and application as well as a strong journal, the Case Research Journal.

Before assuming the presidency of NACRA, Anyansi-Archibong served in several elected and appointed positions including vice president for programs and memberships and board member. She is also founder, director and president of Southeast Case Research Association, an affiliate of NACRA.

As an ardent case-research and -teaching champion, Anyansi-Archibong has conducted several case workshops and seminars for other

professional organizations and schools. She has received several awards for written cases and serves on editorial boards of several case journals and on case-development steering committees.

Anyansi-Archibong has written more than 22 teaching cases, edited several case books and carried out over 15 case-workshop sessions on teaching and developing cases.

A member of the School of Business and Economics faculty since 1987, Anyansi-Archibong is a professor of strategic management. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

# Aggies attend conference on violence prevention

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

A&T students and faculty members and three local public school counselors traveled to New Orleans last month for the Minority Male Consortium's Third National Conference on Family and Community Violence Prevention.

The A&T School of Nursing's Family Life Empowerment Center is a member of the consortium of 19 historically black colleges and universities devoted to preventing violence

among minority males.

During the consortium's third conference, Oct. 10-14, Dr. Janice Brewington, director of the A&T center and an associate professor in the School of Nursing, moderated a symposium titled "Violence and Historically Black Colleges/Universities and Minority Institutions."

Dr. Randolph Hawkins and Dr. Joyce Dickerson, of A&T's sociology and social work department, also made presentations.

"The aim of the conference is to provide the public with violence-preven-

tion strategies," Brewington said.

"What really came out of the conference is that dealing with the issue of violence requires collective participation - the community, researchers, educators, clinicians and politicians," he added.

The conference included two days of student-leadership training for those students who serve as mentors and student assistants in consortium centers.

The A&T students who attended the conference are freshmen nursing majors John Brandon, Vernon Fowler II

and Emmanuel Lea; Demetrice Tyrell McGirt, a senior business administration major; and Jumond Greeme, a junior speech pathology major.

The counselors who attended the conference were Tracy Jarman of Lincoln Middle School, Jennifer Rogers of Dudley High School and Mary Griffin of Southeast Guilford High School.

A&T's Family Life Empowerment Center is funded by a three-year, \$632,000 grant awarded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health, under the Minority Male Consortium.

# Never Too Early

## Underaged voters practice casting ballots

By Jacqueline Koonce  
Staff Writer

When asked if he enjoyed the Kids Voting program, nine-year-old Dale Tonkins, he replied, "Yes!"

Son of Nagatha Tonkins, instructor/broadcast news adviser at A&T, he said he learned that "some people in America always vote. In North Carolina most of them don't vote."

The sophomore voter began last year. When asked if he thought everyone should vote, the fourth grader replied, "Yes because they have a right to." Dale attends Brooks Global Magnet School.

Thousands of other students, grades K-12, voted for their favorite candidates through the Kids Voting USA program in Guilford County Nov. 4.

Kids Voting is dedicated to improving citizen involvement in the U.S. democracy by educating youth about the importance of being informed voters and by increasing voter turnout now and in the future. It is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots organization in the school and community.

The Guilford County program of Kids Voting was founded in 1996 and is sponsored by the News & Record and a number of area businesses and individuals. The News and Record donates \$40,000 per year to the program and is its main organizer. The national headquarters of Kids Voting USA is located in Tempe, Ariz.

The program started in Arizona in 1988 after three businessmen on a fishing trip in Costa Rica learned that its country's flourishing democracy has a voter turnout of 90 percent, the highest of any western democratic country. The main reason for this high voter turnout is that children go to the polls with their parents.

Van King, editor of the News and Record, said the program came about when he "heard about it several years ago." He continues, "I talked with people at the elections board and found out that the program increased voter turnout. A breakfast was held where business leaders were invited to discuss the program.

As a result of their hard work \$80,000 was raised the first year and \$90,000 the second year. They had enough money to hire a clerk to oversee the program. The executive director is Patricia C. Vreeland.

King said, "The \$40,000 is used to pay for curriculum materials, the salaries of the part-time director and administrative assistant, and printing costs for supplies. We also donate office space.

"However," he continues, "it's basically a volunteer effort. One thousand volunteers participate in the program."

King said that he sees three key benefits of the program. The first benefit is getting kids interested. He said, "Getting kids interested is a great start." The second benefit is getting parents more interested in voting. "When the kids ask their parents why they aren't voting, the parents won't be able

to explain. Therefore, they will probably vote as well." The third benefit he names is getting the community aware of the political process.

King said that the News and Record will continue to support this program, as well as other community programs they support.

To teach students about the voting process, educators developed a curriculum for students in grades K-12. The lessons are designed to coordinate with and enhance the regular academic program.

After exposure to the curriculum during the fall, the students go to the polls with their parents or guardians (high school students can vote alone) to cast votes on ballots including the same candidates and issues as the adult ballots do. Volunteers staff the Kids Voting polls at the precincts. Likewise, results are reported by the media just as the official results are.

In 1996, over 22,000 Guilford County students cast votes in the 1996 presidential election. Over 1,100 volunteers assisted by adopting precincts and staffing the kids voting polls. Teachers, parents/guard-

ians, and students gave the program positive evaluations.

Kids Voting research conducted by Bruce D. Merrill, Ph.D., Director, Media Research Program, the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Telecommunication, Arizona State University, showed an increase of adult voter turnout averaging 5 percent in 1996 in communities with Kids Voting.

The research by Steven Chaffee, Ph.D., the Janet M. Peck Professor of International Communication at Stanford University indicates that there is a "trickle up" effect; parents become more interested and knowledgeable about the election process because of their children's interest.

Furthermore, the program causes increased discussion and interaction between the student and parent(s) and an increased interest in reading the newspaper in watching TV news.

Currently, the Kids Voting program is in 41 states plus the District of Columbia. Mecklenberg County (1992), Wake County (1996) and Guilford County (1996) have successful Kids Voting Programs in North Carolina.

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## Davis named development director

Harriet Davis, a former A&T communications specialist, has been named director of development in the university's division of development and university relations.

Davis has worked at A&T for 18 years and is very active in fund-raising for the university and the Greensboro community.

A former instructor in the department of speech, communication and

theatre art, Davis received her bachelor's degree in speech communication and her master's in adult education from A&T.

She is a member of several organizations including the Leadership Greensboro Alumni Association, the Junior League of Greensboro, the A&T Alumni Association and the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

## TRUSTEES

*from front*

and crowded aisles in the bookstore, because students can buy a pack that includes all the textbooks they will need during the semester.

And to improve customer service, the chancellor said, the staff of the Dowdy Building will be required to wear name tags so that students can easily identify them.

Customer-service training also will soon be required of Williams Cafeteria employees. The Food Service Committee is responding to students concerns about treatment from cafeteria personnel.

### Future Plans for A&T

- Replace asbestos in dorms.
- Renovate Hines Hall.
- Renovate Moore Gym.
- Install sprinklers to Curtis Hall.
- Replace tennis courts.
- Install Internet connections to all dorms.
- Internet registration.
- Replace dorm keys with cards.
- Administration wearing name tags.
- Aggie veterans memorial.

wars will be erected between Marteena and Crosby halls.

• The Beta Gamma Sigma Key, denoting the School of Business and Economics' membership into the National Honor Society of accredited business programs, will be displayed in Merrick Hall.

The university plans a "clearinghouse" in cooperation with area hotels to secure rooms during Homecoming for alumni and visitors. A&T's Homecoming is the largest in the state and brings thousands of dollars to the Greensboro area each year. This co-

operation would offer rooms at a guaranteed rate and allow Aggie alumni to stay near campus during Homecoming festivities.

In other discussion:

• A memorial monument honoring Aggie veterans killed in action during World War II, the Korean and Vietnam

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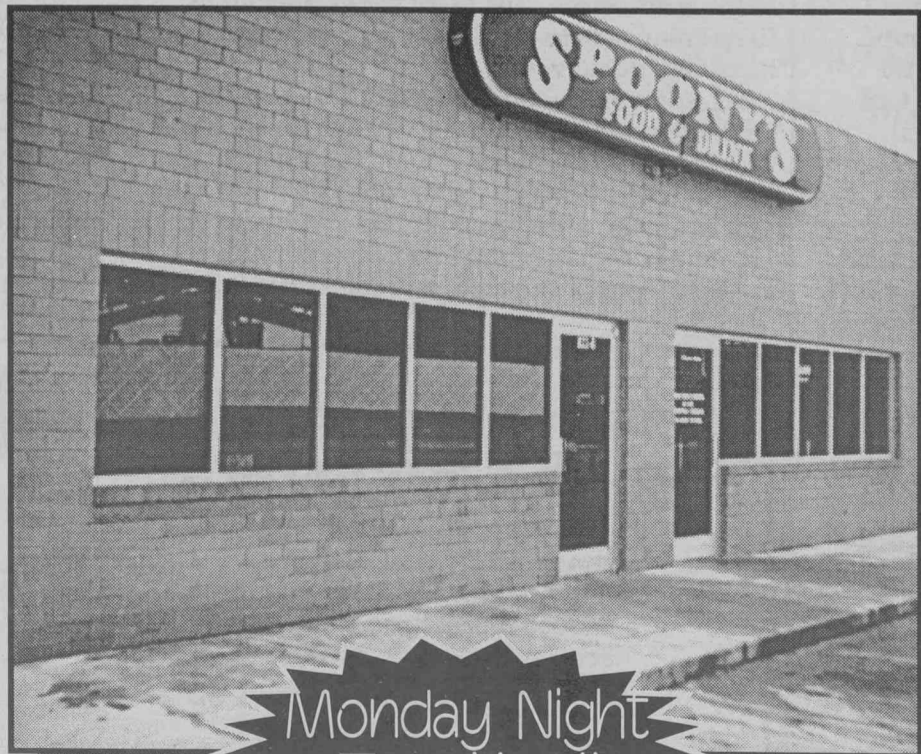
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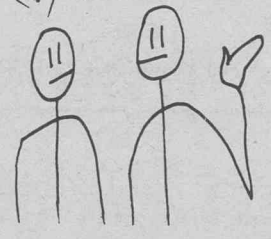
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# More focus needed in technological advances

By David Gaines  
 Editor in Chief

In the past few years, technological advances have altered nearly every industry around. Even pumping gas can be done without ever coming in contact with a human.

During a recent home, I learned high school students are learning how to use computers already. E-mail and the Internet are becoming household words. Modems and mice are no longer intriguing, rather another learning tool alongside the 3-ring binder and no. 2 pencil.

I never thought I'd see the field of journalism affected by these changes. All we've ever needed was a tape recorder with solid sound quality, and a typewriter. Maybe word processing software, but not for several decades from now. Right?

Actually, journalism is completely dependent on today's newest advances. Layout at some major dailies such as the Raleigh News & Observer is done completely with desktop publishing software. When writers are out on assignments and closing in on deadlines, laptops and cellular phones give them the option of simply e-mailing their stories. Even photographs today are taken with digital cameras, never seeing an ounce of developer fluid.

All major newspapers have web sites, and their writers are assigned e-mail. The A&T Register even has its own web site.

This technology has excelled so rapidly, it is becoming almost impossible and unaffordable to keep pace. A year ago, a computer with a clock speed of 166 MHz was fast. Today's computers now can top 350 MHz.

Seventeen-inch monitors were luxury last year. Today, companies are stretching monitors as large as conventional TVs. The Internet is now accessible using conventional TVs.

In an effort to stay ahead, universities are trying to wait a little longer at a time to upgrade their

computer hardware and software, but in just six to 12 months, the equipment can be nearly obsolete. An instructor once told me it only takes six months for computer standards to change.

Realizing the need to be prepared for what the industry asks (in journalism and every other field), we depend heavily on our administration to provide us the opportunity to become exposed to these advances. The hefty prices prevent us from being able to purchase the software and hardware ourselves.

Yet, sometimes I do not feel that is the case. Selfishly speaking, I feel the newspaper should have access to a scanner, a photocopier, a phone line for the fax (which we are unable to use), an office camera, more than one computer able to layout a newspaper, a printer able to print camera-ready plates and Internet capabilities for e-

mail and gathering news from the Web.

Sometimes the problem is people do not understand this technology. They do not know the difference between a Macintosh and a PC-based computer, let alone the specifics. Not only are some students clueless to these advances, instructors and professors are ignorant to computer technology.

Workshops and forums should be offered more often. One was recently offered for free by Vintory Moore, senior from Aurora, NC, and other students in Frazier Hall.

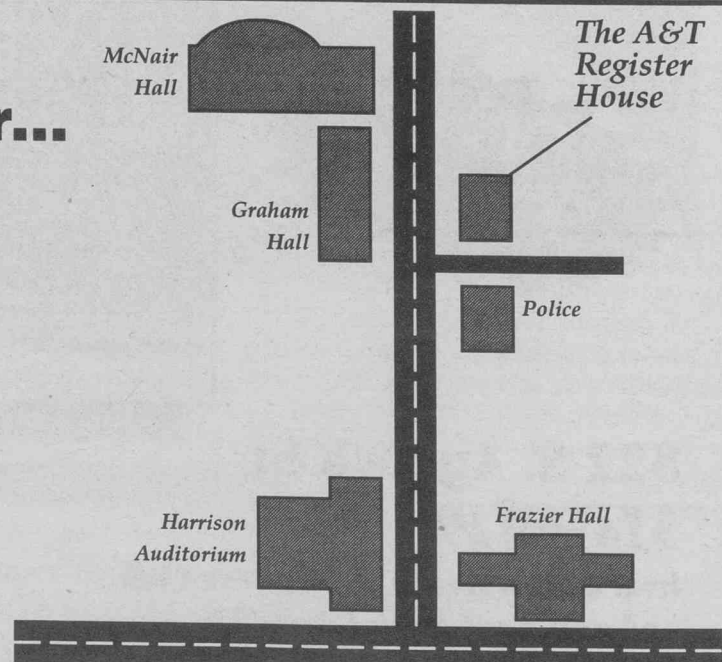
The initiative they took is one step to gaining on technology, but the students cannot do it alone. Those we depend on need to analyze the importance of technology and make moves to educate us not only on our majors, but the technology being used in our industries, too.

## Suggesting story ideas to The A&T Register...

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# Aggie entrepreneurs offering computer solutions

By Jaimee Canty  
News Editor

Bryant Computer Solutions solves the problems that most people face when searching for a computer: Finding the right computer at the right price.

Steve Chapman, a senior majoring in electronics and computer technology, and Lovell Bryant, a sophomore electrical engineering major, are the proprietors of Bryant Computer Solutions, a home-based business. By operating out of Bryant's home, they are able to offer lower prices and avoid overhead costs.

This small business caters to the customer, by custom-building each computer according to the person's needs.

"We ask exactly what it is that you need and how you will use your computer," Chapman said. "We try to let the customer have as much input in the building process as possible," Chapman said.

Computers made by Bryant Computer Solutions offer the customer more options than the standard Macintosh or IBM that can be purchased from a computer store.

At a computer store, each computer comes with certain specifications, and the prospective buyer has little say on its components. "In the store you are given certain specifications; with us everything is customizable," Bryant said.

Bryant and Chapman encourage other blacks to strike out and become entrepreneurs. "There are not enough black-owned businesses. We don't really own anything," Chapman said.

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Steve Chapman  
senior electronics and  
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in those perspective fields," Bryant said.

They also want Aggies to be more supportive of one another and to cooperate. "Here at the university [NC A&T] you have this competition between electronic and computer technology majors and electrical engineering majors.

Computer science students do their own thing... Instead of attacking one another or competing, we need to find positive solutions to benefit us all," Bryant said.

Chapman also feels that more unity is need amongst Aggies. "Black people are overly competitive. Instead of trying to make everybody an individual, we need to come together and unify... we need to find another way to interact besides parties," he said.

According to Chancellor Fort, we are members of a world-class university. One can question whether or not we are living up to that motto. "The people who attend the university make it world-class. If people are doing mediocre things, then it is a mediocre university..."

"We led in the Civil Rights Movement, now it is a different time... we need to start leading in something else," Bryant said.

These Aggies are gaining experience that they can utilize in their careers. "There are not a lot of black people for me to learn from. Therefore, I am having to go through trial and error [on my own]," Bryant said.

Bryant plan to pursue a career in the computer manufacturing field, while Chapman plans to attend law school.

## Director Johnson speaks in Berlin World Congress

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Joyce H. Johnson, director of the Transportation Institute at North Carolina A&T State University, recently traveled to Berlin to speak at the 4th Annual World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems.

The international conference, held Oct. 21-24, drew about 4,000 politicians, scientists, transportation experts and managers from the public and private sectors. With the theme, "Mobility for Everybody," the conference showcased the latest in transportation technology.

Johnson spoke during an executive session entitled "Education and Training-A Key to ITS Success."

The goal of intelligent Transport Systems is to make roads and railways safer, and to help conserve the environment by relieving the burden on

existing transports networks.

Johnson serves on the Board of Directors of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America, an organization that fosters a public/private partnership to make the U.S. surface transportation system safer and more effective by accelerating the development, integration, acceptance and development of today's advanced technology.

Since 1970, A&T's Transportation Institute has linked employers with A&T students and graduates who are uniquely prepared for the transportation field by the institute's interactive program.

Designated by Congress as an Urban Transit Institute in 1991, the institute collaborates with government agencies and private firms on various research projects. It also provides scholarships and enrichment opportunities.

## Swan recognized for excellence

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Dr. George Swan, CLU, ChFC, an associate professor of business law at North Carolina A&T State University, has been recognized by a national organization for insurance and financial services professionals.

Swan qualified under Professional Achievement in continuing Education program of the American Society of CLU and ChFC and The American College.

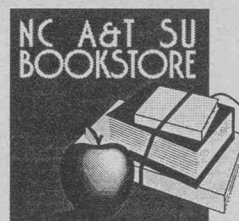
As a PACE qualifier, Swan is committed to earning a total of 30 continuing education credits every two years in a variety of insurance and financial

services areas.

The American College is a distance educational institution offering professional designation and degree programs in insurance and financial services. The American Society is an organization of insurance and other financial service professionals.

Swan has been a member of A&T's faculty since 1989. He has a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Toronto.

He was sworn into the District of Columbia Bar in October and is listed in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who in America."



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# A&T swim team well in single home meet

## Lady Aggies hope to have more home meets next year.

By Sonia Clark-Murray  
Staff Writer

The Lady Aggies swim team put forth its best Monday night against the women's swim team from Pfeiffer College. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to beat the Falcons from Misenheimer.

Consequently, the Lady Aggies lost their only home match of the season. The two teams went head to head in the pool at Corbett Sports Center.

Evidently A&T's first women's swim team has put in a lot of hard work and has terrific team spirit, but it just couldn't match the speed of the 2-2 Falcons.

However, the match wasn't a total runaway for the Falcons. There were a couple of close races. In the 100-yard free style, Na'tell Miller of A&T came in at 1:08, just five seconds behind Pfeiffer's Lucy McFarland.

Miller, a senior from Greensboro, stayed just a few yards behind the Winston-Salem native. She quickened

her pace toward the end of the last lap, but could not catch McFarland.

"I am not disappointed, because A&T is just getting started," Miller said after the meet.

The 200 Yard Individual Medley also proved to be a challenge for the Falcons. Among the swimmers in this race was Pfeiffer's Jamie Jones, who is a nationally ranked swimmer.

She was neck-and-neck with A&T's Jessica Pike from the beginning of the race until the last lap when Jones managed to pull away.

A senior from Charlotte, Jones concedes that Pike, a freshman, gave her a run for her money. "She surprised me a little," said the computer information systems major.

Jones added that for a new team, the Lady Aggies have strong swimmers. Jessica Pike of Raleigh also seemed surprised how well they did. This was Pike's second-best finish.

"I wasn't expecting it to be that close," Pike said.

Perhaps the highlight of the meet

came during the last race, the 200-yard freestyle relay. It began with Jessica Pike swimming the first leg and taking a considerable lead. Diane Rogers and Na'tell Miller swam second and third, respectively and maintained the Aggie lead.

By the time A&T's Chana Jackson entered the water to swim anchor, the crowd was on its feet showing much Aggie Pride. However, Jackson was not able to hold onto the lead and lost by less than one second.

According to A&T coach Denise Adams, all four Aggie swimmers in that race, swam their personal best for the season. She noted how far the team has come since the first practice: Most of the women could not swim

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I expect to see great things from A&T over the next few years."

Marcia Vanore  
Pfeiffer Coach

across the pool. And of the 19 swimmers on the team, only five have team experience.

"(Monday) night, we looked like a college team," she said.

Pfeiffer coach Marcia Vanore was equally impressed with A&T's performance.

"A&T has some good swimmers and fine facilities," she said. "I expect to see great things from A&T over the next few years."

And as a gesture of goodwill, the Aggies exchanged gifts with the Falcons at the end of the match. This is a custom on the international level of competition as a way of extending hospitality and friendship, Adams said.

The Lady Aggies have four more meets this semester; all are away.

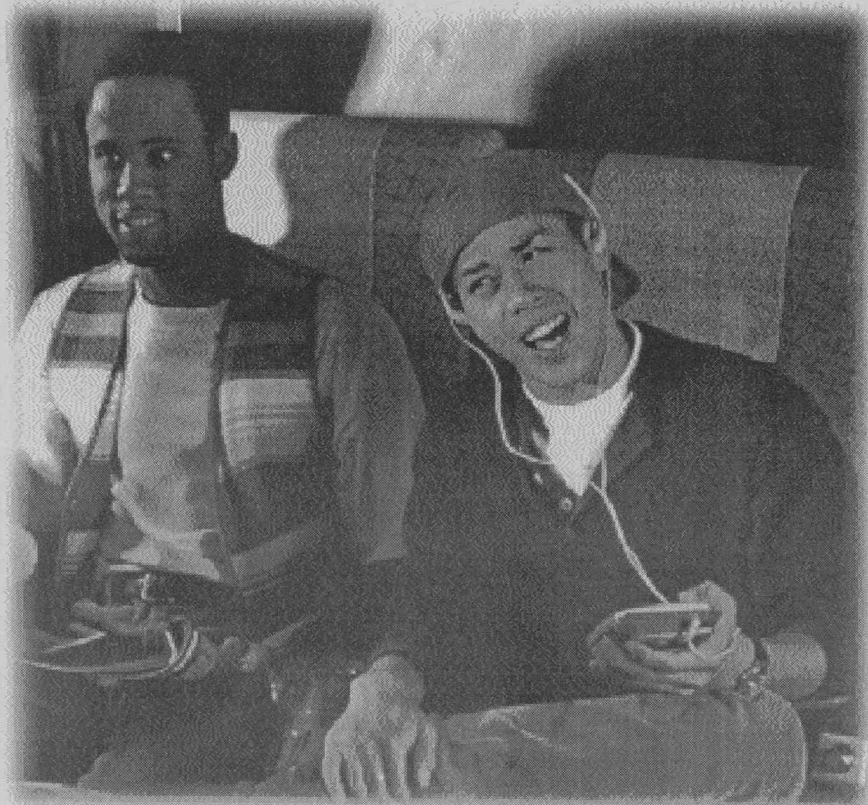
On Feb. 7 there will be a one day invitational at A&T. And the Aggie swim team will participate in the Southern Women's Conference Championship in Davidson.

Although there was only one home match this season, Howard University and St. Frances College in Pennsylvania have already said they would bring their swimmers to compete in Aggie territory next year.

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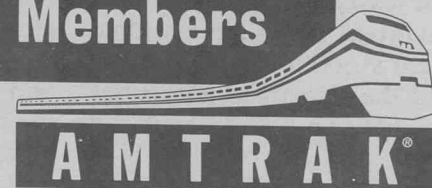


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# Aggies spoil GSU's Robinson's home finale

By Marq King  
Sports Editor

The A&T football team won the game, but Black College football lost its most successful leader. In his curtain call, Coach Eddie Robinson sought to add to his record NCAA 408 wins for the Grambling State Tigers.

Bill Hayes, the Aggie coach, remained undefeated against Robinson with the 37-35 win.

The desperate Aggies held off a late game charge for the victory that moved their record to 7-3 overall and placed them in a fourth place tie with Howard.

Rodney Woodruff and Michael Basnight led the Aggie offense, which finally assisted the first-ranked Aggie defense with a strong effort. Woodruff came in as the emergency

starter and put up the best numbers of any A&T quarterback this season.

Basnight hustled for a combined 131 yards rushing and receiving on 22 touches.

Grambling started strong scoring on the initial kickoff, but from that point on, the Aggies dominated the game. A&T seemingly put the game away on the second possession of the half. Basnight scored a touchdown from 42 yards out on a double reverse in which Woodruff smashed a defender for the key block downfield.

That put the Aggies up 30-14.

The Tigers tried valiantly to win the last game for "Coach Rob," drawing close to the Aggies at 30-27 and 37-35. But the Aggies persevered and protected the lead.

The Aggies finish the season against rival S.C. State this weekend in the Carolina Classic held in Charlotte.

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	Conf	Overall
Hampton	6-0	9-1
Florida A&M	4-2	8-2
S.C. State	4-2	8-2
<b>N.C. A&amp;T</b>	<b>3-3</b>	<b>7-3</b>
Howard	3-3	6-4
Morgan St.	2-4	3-6
Bethune-C	1-5	4-6
Delaware St.	1-5	3-7
Norfolk State	0-0*	3-7

\*not eligible

### MEAC Volleyball

#### Southern Division

	Conf	Overall
Florida A&M	7-0	16-13
<b>N.C. A&amp;T</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>11-17</b>
S.C. State	2-4	9-18
Bethune-C	1-5	6-17
Norfolk State	0-5	8-17

#### Northern Division

	Conf	Overall
Morgan St.	10-0	21-9
Howard	8-2	15-14
Hampton	5-5	15-19
MD-E. Shore	5-5	6-19
Delaware St.	2-8	2-19
Coppin St.	0-10	0-31

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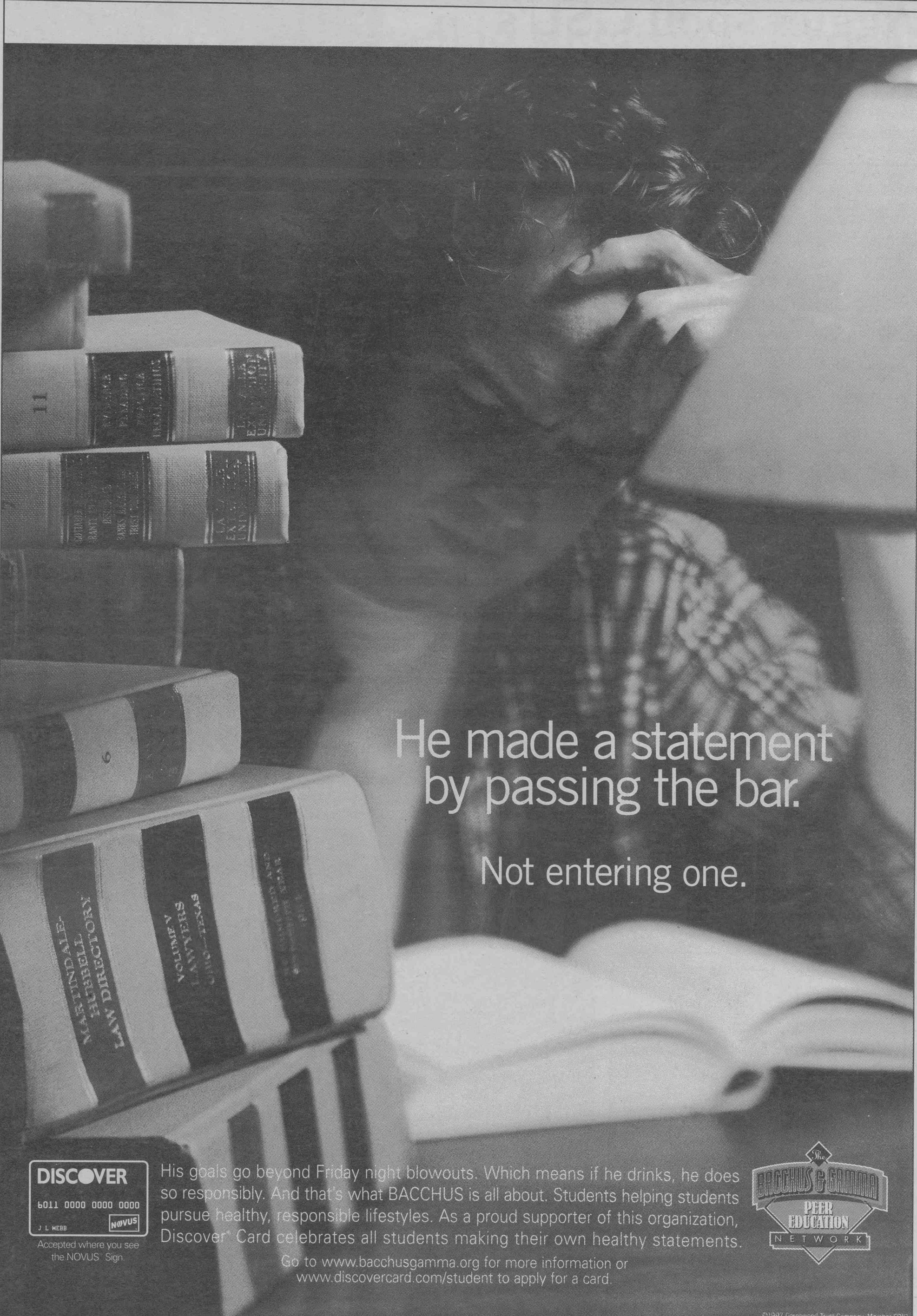
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