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McNeil receives proper recognition

Simply put, Chris McNeil played like it was Sunday while it seemed that everyone else was playing on Friday. This season he racked up 21 sacks for 110 negative yards. In his four games and one year career at A&T, McNeil amassed an astounding 31.5 sacks, only four sacks off the career record.

This year he was rewarded for his efforts. McNeil was named All-MEAC first team defensive, MEAC defensive player of the year, Div. 1-AA first team All-American defensive player of the year.

McNeil will be joining fellow Aggies James Clyburn and other collegiate stars in the Hula Bowl in Hawaii. Early in the season, McNeil said of offensive schemes designed to neutralize him, "I don't worry about that. I will do my thing regardless." If they double team me that means one of my teammates will have more of an opportunity to make a play and when they are forced to play me one-on-one, I am confident that I can cause some type of disruption."

- Marq King
Sports Editor

### Project Reach targets STIs

**By Jamie Wiggins**

**Staff Reports**

Project Reach was formed over three years ago by the New York/New Jersey Connection. Its purpose is to serve students with an awareness of the increasing epidemic of STIs or Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV or Human Immune deficiency Virus at A&T.

The project was choreographed by Diane Robinson formerly of the Triad Health Project and currently of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont. Robinson is also one of the authors for Projects Reach, along with Janet Lattimore of the Sebastian Health Center.

The goals Project Reach would like to obtain include helping to prevent HIVs and STIs on campus, eliminating stereotypes, myths and rumors on campus associated with HIVs and STIs, increasing the responsibility of the individual when it comes to sex (using contraceptives), putting Project Reach on a technological level (e-mail, homepage, etc.), and making Project Reach vital to A&T.

Some of the activities that are conducted in Project Reach include training sessions for members dealing with awareness for STIs and HIVs, Drop Dead HIV Knowledge Week where members give out pamphlets and condoms to students and also travel to local apartment complexes informing residents where to go for HIV testing. Also members sponsored a forum in Gibbs Hall on the safety and awareness of STIs and HIVs.

In the future, president of the club, Lionel Claudio, would like to "set up a Project Reach for..." see REACH, page 8

### SGA, admin. discuss issues at open forum

By Kimberely Dixon

Staff Writer

Chancellor Edward Fort and the Senior Staff of NC A&T met Thursday, Nov. 4, with the University’s students for an open forum to address their issues and concerns. The event took place at Corbett Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

There were two panels on the forum; those who were on the Student Government Association executive board and the Chancellor along with his cabinet. The SGA executive board members included President Arthur Smith, Acting Chief of Staff Jesha Parson, Vice President of Internal Affairs Thomasina Lentz, Vice President of External Affairs Nathan Ingram, Attorney General Tyi-sanna Jones and Treasurer Angie Wilson.

The administrative panel included Chancellor Edward Fort, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sullivan Welborne, Vice President for Business and Finance Charles McIntyre, Vice Chancellor for Development Ben Rawlins, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles Williams.

The event was moderated by A&T alumns Rev. Nelson Johnson of Faith Community Church. He opened the event with a prayer followed by giving the agenda of the forum. A 10-minute opening statement was read by Chancellor Fort and President Smith in the first part of the forum.

In the second part, each side of the panel had 10 minutes to discuss the following topics: constitutional rights, communications, safety and facilities.

Ingram spoke for the SGA on constitutional rights. He made reference that the SCA had not been given the chance to choose an academic advisor. They were simply appointed by the University’s administration. The constitution says that the SCA is to choose an advisor. Dr. Welborne spoke for the administration staff and said if President Smith wants an advisor, to give him the name.

Communications was presented by President Smith. He compared how fast the Chancellor responded to his “legal complaint” (2 hours) to how long it took for stu... see FORUM, page 3

### Aggies join others in SOARS Conference

By Joya Wesley

University Relations

Nearly 200 students and faculty members from colleges and universities across North Carolina participated in the annual SOARS Undergraduate Research Conference at A&T.

The two-day conference, Nov. 13-14, featured more than 70 oral and poster presentations of research conducted by undergraduate students in the natural sciences, mathematics, engineering, the humanities, behavioral and social sciences and education. The banquet speaker was Dr. Shirley McBain, president of the Quality Education for Minorities Network, a non-profit organization that was established to help implement recommendations contained in the QEM Project’s action plan for providing quality education for minorities.

"We definitely had one of the most successful SOARS conference to date,” said Dr. Alvin Kennedy, an A&T assistant professor of chemistry and the 1997 coordinator.

Dr. Valle Guthrie, an A&T chemistr professor who also serves as the director of the Greensboro Area Mathematics and Science Education Center, was conference chair.

SOARS, which stands for Seizing Opportunities for Advancing Research Scholars, is an annual event sponsored by the North Carolina Council for Undergraduate Research, a group of faculty from North Carolina historically black colleges and universities, Embry-Riddle University and UNC Asheville.

The annual conference provides valuable experience for young researchers.

"These kinds of experiences help to motivate you to define your thoughts..." see SOARS, page 8
Students excel with Mentoring Program

By Raegan Burden
Staff Writer

Fifty-five students are now receiving paid, hands-on experience in the A&T Mentoring Program, which helps students prepare for their future careers.

The Mentoring Program was established to give students the opportunity to acquire on-the-job experience before graduation. By providing participants with a profession, full-time position, students develop necessary occupational skills and habits.

The program was developed in 1993 by Lillian M. Couch, human resources director, and Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor of the division of business and industry, and arranged the funding. The program is directed through the human resources department by Mentoring Program director Donna Hart, and Associate Director of Human Resources, Glen Hall.

In the Mentoring Program, students are selected through application to shadow a faculty member in their chosen major for an academic year. Throughout that year, the mentees are provided with realistic assignments like the ones they will face after graduation. Mentees are paid $8 per hour and must work 10 hours per week.

"Money is not the issue, which is one reason why mentees can only work 10 hours per week. We don't want this job to interfere with any academics," said coordinator Hart. "This program is more like an intern and is used to market the abilities of each student."

Currently, there are five students on a waiting list. More openings become available as students graduate from the University or drop out of the program.

There is no shortage of students wanting to be mentors but finding it difficult to find a better job marketing the program," said Hart.

The Mentoring Program is open to students in all fields of study, full-time or part-time. To be eligible, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, submit a letter of recommendation from an administrator or faculty member, and write an essay stating their career objectives and reasons for wanting to become a mentor.

The deadline to apply for the upcoming spring semester is Dec. 18. Applications are available in the Human Resources department, on the second floor of the Dowdy Administration Building.

Tips on Preventing Rape

- Do not travel alone at night.
- Be cautious of anyone giving you undue attention or getting close.
- Know where you are going and take the safest routes to get there.
- Walk briskly, act assertively. Know where you are going. Don't give off signs of helplessness or confusion.
- If you are being followed or harassed, drive to the nearest, safest, and most secluded spot.
- Ask anyone you ride with to wait until you are safely in the building.
- Plan the fastest escape routes out of your house in case you ever have to exit quickly.
- Give no indication on your mailbox or in the phone directory that you are female or living alone.
- Always check the peephole viewer to see who is outside your door.
- Before entering your car, visually check inside and around it to be sure that no one is in your place.
- Keep some money with you in the car in case an unexpected problem arises.
- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas.
- Know who you date; set limits prior to the date.
- Do not leave a party with someone you just met; no matter how fine he or she is.
- First/Blind Date? Go to a public place or double date.
- Be wary of behavior that makes you uncomfortable; if it persists leave.
- Be assertive. If someone is pressuring you, firmly say "no," and mean it.

"By shining our light on it [clothing or bed sheets] we can pick up special salvia," he stated. "It is important that rape victims receive a medical examination and counseling. Many women act on their initial reaction to rape; they wash profusely and get rid of their clothing. Victims often feel dirty and want to forget that the rape ever occurred.

The victim is forever scarred by the event; you don't want to be raped, beaten and sodomized. That will affect you mentally and physically for the rest of your life." Rape also goes unreported due to the victims' feelings of responsibility, guilt and shame.

Captain Addie Harrison, University Security Supervisor, said, "The truth of the matter is that black women report rape less often than any other group of women. In my opinion, due to our image, and how we try to live with the mistakes that we make, and are too embarrassed to report it to us."

Gilchrest advised residents to avoid situations in which a rape or sexual assault may occur. "I learned about the new date rape drug. It definitely needs to be taken off the streets.

"Never get into a car with six guys you don't know, just because they drive a new car... You have to protect yourself," he said.

Women should also think about the decisions that they make. "Don't go to see a guy in Cooper Hall at 3 a.m. to talk. What you do now can affect you for the rest of your life. Crime prevention is not just a policeman's problem, it's your problem, too," he said.

Vansstory residents left the workshop with a better understanding of rape. Lutara Creech, a nursing major from High Point, said, "I think it a good idea, but I'm not sure if it's good for college students."

"I think it's important that we learn more about the different rape drugs that are out there. It is definitely needed to be taken off the streets," Amelika Williams, a nursing major from Warren, was pleased that Gilchrest was candid and sincere. "He didn't try to make it sound like rape and sexual violations do not occur on A&T's campus, when they do. He was direct.""The more we talk about it, the more it will realized that rape is not a crime of passion but a violent crime," Cap- tain Harrison said.
Bookstore appreciates students' patronage

By Corey King
Staff Writer

A&T Bookstore has undergone significant changes since reclaiming ownership on July 1, 1996. Major changes include: renovations, a point scale system, new registers for more efficient check out, a teller machine and notary services.

The bookstore also provides a pre-package system which allows incoming freshmen to pre-order textbooks the summer before their arrival. Instead of standing in line for hours to make purchases, the books are packaged for them upon their arrival on campus.

Tim Moore, bookstore manager said, “The main mission of the faculty and staff is to serve the students. The objective of the changes is to provide goods and services which meet their needs educationally.”

The bookstore has also provided incentives to show students that their patronage is appreciated. Student Appreciation Week, for example, is observed from Nov. 24-Dec. 6. By presenting a coupon found in the last issue of the A&T Register and a student I.D., students receive 20 percent off their total purchases. Items excluded from this discount are computer supplies, hardware, software, textbooks and electronics.

Also, the bookstore recently presented Miss A&T, Bridgett Herring, with a free class ring.

The bookstore plans to continue with various other incentives throughout the year. On the tentative schedule of events is a Senior Day, when seniors will be fitted for cap and gown and other announcements and invitations. Seniors also will receive a 25 percent discount on purchases. Moore promises to continue to run ads to make sure that students are aware of all new products and services.

A&T welcomes new attorney

By Marcus Croom
University Relations

Lesley A. Renwick, a former assistant district attorney in Dallas, has been named assistant legal counsel at A&T.

Renwick, a Thomasville native, will assist Benjamin Rawlins, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs, with legal analysis and advisement concerning the University, internally and externally.

Renwick has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a law degree from Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston.

She was licensed as an attorney by the State Bar of Texas.

As an assistant district attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney’s office, Renwick investigated, prepared and prosecuted felony and misdemeanor criminal cases including 72 jury trials.

FORUM from front

dents to find out about the forum (7-9 days). He also spoke on how miscommunication was part of the
case of the forum. Dr. Martin, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, responded in defense of the
University.

Jones presented the safety problem at the forum.

She spoke on several problems including the block-
ing of streets, poor lighting and no lighting in the
quad area. Batton, Associate Vice Chancellor for
facilities and McIntyre responded for the adminis-
tration.

They reported that there were plans to put lights in
the quad area.

Lentz presented the problems of facilities. Prob-
lem areas included dorm maintenance, Hines Hall, computer access, library access and lack of facili-
ties. Dr. Martin and Chancellor Fort said that lack of funds was one problem.

Dr. Fort said that there are plans to expand the
Memorial Student Union.

The third part of the forum gave students a chance
to question the University administration and the
SGA.

Students questioned about the lack of furnish-
ings, renovating Scott Hall, reopening the Scott Hall Annex, underfunding, street blocking, parking
problems, athletics and several other issues.

Hassan Valentine of Charlotte said, “I think it was
long overdue. You can see the frustration that
had built up by problems not reaching administra-
tion. It’s up to the students to follow up on com-
plaints. You can’t say the administration didn’t hear
us, but you can’t expect them to [make change] just
due to how they heard us.”

“Sometimes things are done to pacify the imme-
diate frustrations, but if following up doesn’t take
due care of it, that’s almost inevitable that you’ll see the same problems occur,” he added.

Laverne Frierson of South Carolina said, “I’m
glad they agreed to do the forum so we could get
some communication flowing. I hope the sugges-
tions and solutions that both sides agreed on will
actually take place.”
What have you done for me lately?

By David Gaines
Editor in chief

Recently, I was invited to a meeting organized by four students wanting to bring change to A&T. They invited almost 18 other student leaders, but only nine of us were able to make it for the entire three-hour duration. More than half the student present were either freshmen or sophomores. I applied to be on the student committee for the University. The major concern was how to implement every aspect of this University to accomplishing their goals. In an attempt to regain the Aggie Pride, improve student life, prevent the extinction of affirmative action and simply preserve A&T as an HBCU, they want to educate the student body. Of the invited guests at the table, there was the History Club, SUAB and the campus newspaper.

Immediately, The A&T Register was questioned and basically criticized. The general consensus is The A&T Register is not being read by the students. However, if you rewrite something you never taken the time to read?

I was questioned if the paper can offer campus events. Well, we've written from the first issue about Keith Bryant's vie for a City Council seat, Black College Day in Charlotte, social events at B&D Lounge. The Big Brother program, the Aggie QUEENS and MEN programs which participates with a local middle school and the unveiling ceremony of A&T colors on a ferry in Wilmington.

Someone asked if we were going to write about affirmative action issues. Try issue five. What about the Register's stance on Malcolm Speaks, which covered the blockades and Homecoming issues? Homecoming was covered in issues 2-3, the blockades were covered in issue 4, a feature on Malcolm Boney's newsletter appeared issue 5.

Understanding engineer majors and organizations are not the only ones who work hard, we have brought attention to other campus organization. We have an engineering major, a computer science major, and a business major. Maybe not everything in the paper will affect each and every student, but every story has an effect on someone on this campus.

Yet, I can understand the criticism The A&T Register receives every year. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed at this great university. There needs to be more focus on the administration's decisions. The housing conditions, parking, tuition, the registration process, the security guard, the blockades which need to come down and basically how the students feel about all these issues.

Understanding The A&T Register is a means for the students to voice their opinions, I encourage everyone with an opinion about anything concerning this campus to write a letter to the editor. We will print your concerns without editing the content, as falsely accused before.

We welcome all ideas and even assistance in gathering this news. Send all your ideas to either editorinchief@uno.com, calling 334-7700 or dropping them off in the News Editor's office created between Graham Hall and Barney Hall, two white buildings down from Sebastian Health Center.

In order for us to work together, we have to be in the Register. For more information about how you can be a part of the Register, visit editorinchief@uno.com.
Professional sports on its way to Triad

By Semaj Marsh
Special to The A&T Register

If the Triad community is sincere about becoming an emerging metropolitan in the 21st century, and a Major League Baseball team would be a huge stride in the right direction. As it now starts to seem more and more likely that local businessman Don Beaver will accomplish his coup of buying the Minnesota Twins, area residents should realize the positive impact such a move would have on the region's national identity.

Sure, Greensboro already plays host to the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, but in all truth, the city is only baby-sitting the team for the next two years until a new arena is constructed in Raleigh. However, the Triad could have a permanent sports franchise of its own if Beaver's deal goes through as expected.

Granted, this depends on if the same politics and community leaders whom often trumpet the call for economic development, can loosen the vice-grip on their beloved pennies and put their money where their mouth is. Beaver has said in order to bring a team to the Triad, Guilford and Forsyth County must raise $140 million toward the cost of a $210 million ballpark.

This money could come in the form of an imposed sales tax on prepared food—something that has sparked a public outcry.

The one cent sales tax will be levied on meals served in area restaurants and some prepared foods sold in grocery stores.

Roughly, that means if you spend, for example, $30 dining out, the extra 1 cent to your bill will be 30 cents. Is that really too much to sacrifice to have a big league team in your own backyard?

That proposed new stadium will be located south of Kernersville on the Guilford/Forsyth County line and owned by non-profit group appointed by both counties' board of commissioners.

The stadium referendum is scheduled for May 5, 1998, during the regular primary elections. Beaver has said that is the tax referendum is not approved he will move the team to Charlotte, but he insists his first choice is the Triad.

So far, recently re-elected mayor Carolyn Allen has consistently dodged the baseball issue, saying she has yet to make up her mind.

Maybe Allen and other local leaders should take notes from the drive and commitment Don Beaver has shown in dreaming his dream of baseball into a reality.

For once, a community leader has emerged with vision and a strong sense of hometown loyalty. Triad residents should praise and support his efforts, rather than gripe over changes that will probably end up beneath their couches anyway.

Escaping harms from smoking nearly impossible

By Kyenba Woods
Special to The A&T Register

If you are a non-smoker, think about how you feel when someone around you lights up a ciga-
rette. An ongoing debate is whether or not smok-
ing is a positive, or negative effect not only on the smoker, but on all others around the smoker.

Research shows that the smoke expelled from one cigarette is composed of two specific types: mainstream smoke, which is the smoke that a smoker inhales each time he takes a puff; and sidestream smoke, the smoke that non-smokers breathe in through the atmosphere.

Compared to mainstream smoke, sidestream smoke consists of twice as much tar and nicotine, almost three times as much carbon monoxide, and over three times as much benzpyrene and ammog-

One of the many who is being harmed by the smoke is a group of people who are exposed to secondhand smoke. In the United States, more than 40 million nonsmokers are exposed to secondhand smoke on a daily basis. These nonsmokers have no choice in the matter. They are simply exposed to the smoke, and they suffer the consequences.

There is a movement to force these beliefs on everyone through the law. Abortion may be against one person's religion, or it may conflict with another's idea of when life begins. In both cases, it still comes down to what the individual believes. In today's society, forcing one's religious beliefs and philosophies upon another person is unacceptable. Why not give the same respect to the decision of abortion?

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Abortion should be an individual's decision

By Delicia Barnes
Special to The A&T Register

In the United States there are a va-
riety of people with a variety of back-
grounds and cultures. From the White House, the court house, the church house and the school house, tolerance and ac-
ceptance of others is stressed. However, one of the most personal decisions one can make is under attack by these same "acceptance" spokespersons. Abortion is denounced based upon the personal beliefs of a few.

There is a movement to force these beliefs on everyone through the law. Abortion may be against one person's religion, or it may conflict with another's idea of when life begins. In both cases, it still comes down to what the individual believes. In today's society, forcing one's religious beliefs and philosophies upon another person is unacceptable. Why not give the same respect to the decision of abortion?

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An eye must be kept on those in control and the beliefs those individu-
als press on this society. This belief control system will not stop with abor-
tion. While one person's beliefs may be right for them, it may not be right for the next person.

There is a delicate balance between protecting the rights of society as a whole and protecting the rights of the individual.

One of an American's toughest as-
signments is to keep his or her indi-
viduality yet think of the greater good at the same time.

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**No Dollars, No Change**

**Younger alumni not as willing to give back**

By Hugh Hunter  
Special to The A&T Register

Throughout the years at A&T, the Alumni Association has been known for its major contributions and donations. However, compared to UNCG and other noted colleges and universities, over the past few years the contributions from the Aggie alumni has not been up to the other major college and university levels.

Alumni from other schools, such as UNCG, have been able to give back to the university. This allows them to install new programs, construct new buildings on campus and improve living conditions for on-campus students.

Velma Speight, Director of Alumni Affairs at A&T, has seen an increase over the years from the older alumni donations to the University compared to today's younger alumni donations.

Speight explained that the young Aggie alumni do not have the spirit to give back to the University these days.

She also noted that the younger Aggie alumni belong to other groups or organizations that can take away from giving back to the University.

Speight added that the University has to do what it is supposed to do to nurture the younger generation and give back to the University and its importance. Getting involved in the system will allow better changes to come forth.

Tamika Hooker, Director of Alumni Affairs and a well-noted Aggie alumna said, "At A&T there has not been any instructions on giving back. No one ever taught me that when I went to school. Students need to know that if they do not give back to the University, it will not be around [much longer]."

Hooker also explained that every little bit that is contributed can and will make a difference for a future Aggie. During Freshmen Orientation Week, it is important that the alumni instill in freshmen that giving back to the University is important to preserve the Aggie tradition.

In 1995, there was more participation from the alumni than today. A&T and the individual departments on campus have to do a better job of communicate to the students and alumni on how to improve it. Those who have a minute to talk to them, they seem to understand it is more than just saying, "Fix it. Make it better. Make it more interesting."

Everything is going to take some time to get more "TP" in the dormitories to preserving affirmative action in the UNC system. But nothing is going to get accomplished without communicating.

The meeting was a first step towards meeting this goal. I applaud this young group of students for organizing such a much-needed event.

In no way do I discourage them from continuing what they are setting out to do. Actually, I am proud of their actions and am willing to help in every way possible. Amid the criticism, I do not take it personal, but see it as a frustration of the students just not receiving the information they should know.

With this in mind, I say let's get to work. What A&T needs most are young, energetic leaders who are not going to wait for someone else to stand first, but take that stand and make a change themselves.

One positive move they made was going to those who have been fighting before they even graduated from high school. At the meeting, there were Aggies who have been here longer and know how the system works.

Aggies have already brought change to A&T and made national history at that.

There is no doubt when students organize, history can be made. This meeting is just one of many to come where we come together and take control of our futures.

And assisting in everything that will be accomplished, The A&T Register plans on playing a vital role. If no one else knows how important it is to utilize the campus paper, trust me, we do.

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**Scholarships awarded to Aggies**

By Jovia Wesley  
University Relations

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able to communicate with each other. This does not mean the "What have you done for me lately?" meetings I barely survived. If the newspaper is as powerful as you, the students, see it as being, write your ideas in a letter to the newspaper for print.

I have yet to meet someone who has criticized the paper who has visited the newspaper with ideas on how to improve it. Those who have a minute to talk to them, they seem to understand it is more than just saying, "Fix it. Make it better. Make it more interesting."

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A&T Scholarship program was established in 1989. Dr. Jesse Marshall, a club member who headed the scholarship division for student aid, served as the liaison between the club and A&T.

The program is designed to provide support to students in A&T's School of Education.

After four semesters, the newspaper is on its third adviser, second department chairperson, second dean and second public relations director. There are no more than four returning active members from last year's staff. The majority of the staff consists of freshmen and sophomores.

Most of them aren't even close to graduating. Majors and have not written for a newspaper before. They are simply students-like the four who organized the meeting-who want to help in any way possible.

The newspaper is a studentrun newspaper, though we do not control our own funding. Considering the above, I couldn't be more proud of the diligence these students have put into the paper.

Last year, there were only 10 issues printed all year. The year prior, only seven. The production level of this newspaper has dramatically increased, as well as the overall quality of the newspaper. For those who were here before 1995 would know. I cannot fault the freshmen and sophomores for not being able to see the vast improvements we have undergone here.

I am confident, though, we will form a positive working relationship and continue to improve our similar goals. With their added help, The A&T Register will begin to print more stories focused on student concerns. We hope that the university will make this staff paper has seen in years, we will begin to have more of an impact on what's going on between the students, SCA and the administration.

Cooperating with each other, we will see to it that changes occur on campus. No student will ever not have a means for voicing their opinions. The A&T Register is completely committed to this, and I will see it personally gets done. But, no one is going to @#$% with The A&T Register!
Parking still an issue among students

By L. Rachell Miller
Special to The A&T Register

Aggies, is five of your $10 worth of gas burned up searching for a campus parking space? Hey, I know the feeling. Sometimes I feel like I spend more time cruising for a parking space than I actually spend in class! Ever since I can remember, parking at A&T has always been a problem. Students and faculty pay big bucks for parking permits every year and still are not guaranteed spaces.

Commuter students, who make up over 50 percent of A&T’s student body, suffer the most from this dilemma. There is nothing like getting up early,studiously driving across town to class only to be without a place to park.

Unlike on-campus students, commuters can’t leave their cars at home then take a hop, skip or a jump to class. I’m sure this predicament regularly causes commuters to be late for class.

Over the past four years, the University staff has taken strides to alleviate parking problems. The Student Union parking lot was paved, Holt Hall and Aggie Stadium were opened for parking and spaces behind Marlenea Hall were cleared.

Despite these efforts, parking spaces are still scarce. Most of the Student Union parking is continuously occupied by on-campus students from Scott and Cooper Halls—leaving few spaces for commuter students. Futhermore, students complained that the stadium and Holt Hall were simply too far away from their classes. So the University faculty nobly made another attempt to remedy the situation; the Aggie shuttle system was born.

The shuttle system is a useful innovation but is severely flawed. My biggest contention is why in the world did the faculty buy those tiny mini-vans? Twelve students pile into an eight-passenger van leaving the remainder of those at the shuttle stop forced to wait for the next shuttle.

Students squeeze tightly into the seats while other students sit or stand in the aisle of the van.

There is barely enough oxygen to go around for everyone in the van! Those who could not cram themselves into the first van wait another 35 to 20 minutes for the next shuttle, but, by that time, the student is more than a half hour late for class. Many students as a result lose their motivation to attend class. Either an additional shuttle should be purchased or the existing shuttles should be replaced with larger capacity vans.

The faculty may argue that not enough students utilize the shuttles to purchase new ones. However, many students are deterred from using the vans because the shuttle system causes consistent tardiness to class. A second reason is there is too large a gap between shuttle arrivals during the peak hours of class. If a student misses the first shuttle, they must wait another 15 to 20 minutes for the next shuttle. Wait time drastically increases if one of the shuttles is down.

More shuttles should be in operation during peak class hours.

Does shuttle bus relieve parking woes at A&T?

By Tracy Holloway
Special to The A&T Register

Students question whether or not the Aggie shuttle system has helped decrease parking problems on campus.

The Aggie shuttle is the latest attempt to curb the parking problem. Students who do not have a parking permit are prohibited to park anywhere on campus. Even visitors must have a permit. However, with the University’s newest implementation, off-campus students can park their cars at the Aggie Stadium and then use the Aggie Shuttle to classes.

Some students say that the Aggie shuttle van only satisfies the needs of off-campus students. “What about the students who live on campus and would prefer to drive their cars to class?” lamented Brittany Gummers, “They’ve paid for their parking stickers and should be able to do that.”

On-campus students, especially those with cars can be seen driving around in circles looking for a space to park.

Most take their chances and resort to parking in empty reserve spaces or tow-in areas. Supervisor of Parking, Darlene Norman, stated that their statistics show that approximately 3,000 tickets are given out monthly. “Don’t the parking officials know that people park in undesignated spaces because there’s nowhere else to park? A lot of students can’t find a space to park their cars in and then they’re late for class,” said Jenine Barnam.

Some suggestions to alleviating the parking problem are to build a parking deck and to make use of the empty land between the cafeteria and Murphy Hall. Parking on campus may continue to be a problem until steps are taken by University officials. Until then, students may have to consider leaving their cars behind and walking to and from classes.

Any students that have questions pertaining to parking on campus can pick up literature at the University Parking Services office on Laurel Street directly behind Scott-A Hall.

FYI

Bluford Library is now open 24 hours from the study room to checking out books.
Aggies always aware of styles

By Jamie Wiggins
Staff Writer

At A&T students are looked upon for their style and sense of dress by other students, some of which consider themselves the “fashion experts” at A&T. Is this a problem for students? Yes and no.

Yes, because some students are negatively affected by remarks that come from those who deem themselves the “official” fashion police. For the people who have experienced these insults, it is unfair. Everyone has the right to dress as they please.

Kyla Smalls said, “The expectation of our peers can often be emotionally disturbing when it comes to dressing well, but those who taunt students concerning their appearance are the ones who appear insensitive and immature.”

Although dressing nice and looking good is a plus, it can also be a minus when you assume that everyone should dress as well as you. Some people are individuals and do not feel the need to stay up on the latest fads. Respect them for their individuality and continue to have your own in the process.

Some students who feel this is not a problem at all. There are individuals who could care less about the way their peers view them. According to J. C. Crawley, “If you are secure and happy with the way you look, what other people say and the way they look at you would not bother you.”

Fine dressing is something in which A&T is famous for when viewed by other colleges. However, if we are to maintain that status of fine dressing, good attitudes must accompany the keen sense of style evident in A&T students.

1998 summer interns being courted

The Fund for American Studies is recruiting student leaders from colleges and universities to participate in its 1998 summer Institutes at Georgetown University in Washington.

Undergraduate students will gain critical work experience through internships in public policy, politics, business, journalism, or international affairs and will earn credits through course work at prestigious Georgetown University.

The final application deadline is March 15, 1998. There is no minimum GPA requirement, and students who have been active on campus are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships are available to each of The Fund’s three seven-week programs: The Englandichst Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems, the Institute of Political Journalism, and Bryce Harlow Institute on Business and Government Affairs.

Each of the institutes includes internships throughout the city, courses at Georgetown University taught by top-notch faculty, and unique opportunities to meet and talk with national and international leaders at site briefings, lectures and evening dialogues.

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UNC-General Administration approved new degree program

By Meishla Hunter
Staff Writer

The Department of Foreign Languages has received approval from the UNC-General Administration to offer a new degree program in Romance Languages, B.A. in Romance Languages—non-teaching and Romance Languages—teaching. This degree in Romance Languages will have concentrations in French or Spanish.

Students who select Spanish as their concentration will obtain 36 credits in Spanish and 18 hours of French. Students selecting French will obtain 36 hours of French, 18 in Spanish.

These courses are taken in addition to the general requirements.

Department Chairperson Dr. Nita Dewberry said that this degree in Romance Languages is very marketable for jobs ranging from business to tourism.

“All major corporations have ties, globally, especially to Latin America,” she said. “There is also a shortage of foreign language teachers, specifically Spanish language. Students should be made aware of the numerous opportunities that accompany this degree.”

“In addition to learning the languages, students are familiarized with the traditions and rituals of many countries that have Spanish or French as their native language,” she added.

If interested, contact the Department of Foreign Languages 334-7986.

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other colleges to adopt.” Project Reach has up to 75 members. There are no dues to join the club, however donations are welcomed.

The club’s executive board consists of President Lionel Castro, 1st Vice President Cabral Cambell, 2nd Vice President DeMarcus Noland, Director of University and Community Relations Philip C. Thompson, Treasurer Charles Epps, Secretary Kadeba Watson and Historian Shyla.

If interested in joining Project Reach, send e-mail to projectreach@ncat.edu or attend one of the group-sponsored interest meetings.

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and focus your energies,” Dr. Harold Martin, A&T vice chancellor for academic affairs, told students at the banquet.

“It encourages you to understand and to appre- ciate research and that in turn will motivate you to pursue graduate study.”

Pursuing graduate study is especially important for minority students, especially in math, science and engineering.

McBay presented statistics showing among other facts that the state and nation are a long way from achieving goals set by the National Science Foundation for minority scientists and science teachers.

“It’s very important to have a corps of young people coming along,” McBay told students. “That’s why it’s so important for you to come along and earn those Ph.Ds. You’re extremely important for our collective future.”

The schools participating in the conference were the six members of the consortium along with Johnson C. Smith University, Bennett College, Appalachian State and Guilford College.

Educational Testing Services adds more testing capacity

Responding to increased demands for appointment to take the computerized Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Educational Testing Services has added testing capacity.

ETS is using graduate-school candidates with February 1 admission deadlines to register immediately for the GRE in order to assure that test results arrive on time. Students may call toll-free 800-GRE-CALL (800-473-2255), Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., to schedule their appointments and locations. Official score reports for the computerized GRE are generally available within two weeks of completion of the exam. The scores for the paper-based test are reported in four to six weeks.

The computerized GRE is administered at numerous locations throughout the United States. In order to accommodate additional test applicants, ETS has expanded testing days and hours, which will include Sunday hours for many sites, and added temporary sites through January 1998. Students with deadlines later than February 1 should plan ahead and call the toll-free number to schedule their exam.

The permanent number, 800-GRE-CALL, will remain accessible to accommodate exam registrations for the remainder of the ’97-98 academic year. Daily updates about test registration and location are available on the GRE Web site, www.gre.org.

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Hatch assigned as NASA-Ames liaison

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Aaron Hatch, the technical officer for the NASA Ronald E. McNair Ph.D. program in the College of Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University, has been assigned to the university as the NASA-Ames Liaison Officer.

Hatch is on assignment at A&T from the NASA-Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. He will assist in strengthening NASA’s commitment to A&T by identifying new program development areas.

"Mr. Hatch is indeed a welcomed gift to the Aggie family from NASA-Ames," said Dr. John Kelly, principal investigator of the NASA Ronald E. McNair Ph.D. program and associate dean for graduate programs in the College of Engineering.

"Having a NASA liaison on campus is representative of the major effort NASA is making in supporting A&T in developing a dynamic Ph.D. program."

Hatch is a retired Air Force officer who joined NASA in 1990 in the development of undergraduates and graduate programs serving historically black colleges and universities. His relationship with A&T dates back to 1981 when the NASA-Ames Research Center began funding the NASA Student Space Shuttle Program, which was conceived by Dr. Ronald McNair, the astronaut and 1971 A&T graduate who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. In 1994, the entirely self-contained Student Space Shuttle Payload orbited aboard Endeavour for 11 days. The payload was entirely conceived, designed and fabricated by A&T students.

Hatch’s current relationship with A&T began in 1995 with the development Ronald E. McNair Graduate Researchers Fellowship Program through the NASA-Ames Research Center. The program provides full funding for 15 electrical and mechanical engineering doctoral fellows annually.

Jennings appointed to a national steering committee

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Dr. Robert R. Jennings, vice chancellor for development and university relations at North Carolina A&T State University, has been appointed to a national steering committee of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Jennings, who also is executive director of the A&T Foundation, will serve a three-year term on the CASE Steering Committee for Institutionally Related Foundations.

The committee is composed of 15 higher education professionals who serve as chief executives of institutionally related foundations or as advancement officers with responsibilities directly involving foundations. Jennings is the only member representing a historically black college or university.

The committee provides leadership on issues involving institutionally related foundations, advising CASE’s National Clearinghouse for Institutionally Related Foundations on developing and strengthening programs, products and services. The committee also provides professional expertise to colleagues referred by the clearinghouse staff.

Jennings, an advancement professional with more than 15 years of experience in development, alumni and public relations work, also serves as a member of the CASE Board of Trustees for District III, and is the chair of the district’s 1998 conference, which will be held in Orlando, Fla., in February.

Before coming to A&T in July, Jennings was vice president for development at Albany State University in Albany, Ga. He also served as vice president for development and executive director of the foundation at Norfolk State University, and executive assistant to the president for development and alumni relations at Atlanta University.

A noted capital campaign expert, he holds a bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College and master’s specialist and doctorate degree from Atlanta University.

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Heritage Bowl hopes destroyed

By Earnest Wallace
Sports Writer

The intrepid warriors graced the unknown battlefield with an intensity so fervent only the waters of the Pacific could consolidate the aversion. The ambiance pervaded with alacrity. One group of warriors would prevail and proclaim their respective institution the representative of their heritage.

During a weekend of college rivalries, the North Carolina A&T Aggies and the South Carolina State Bulldogs exhibited a game indicative of Black College football at its best. Ericsson stadium was the site of the third annual Carolina Classic. The implications of the storied rivalry were not primarily boasting rights; but the right to compete in the Black College National Championship: The Heritage Bowl.

South Carolina State's offensive line overpowered an Aggie defensive line which ranked number one against the run in the MEAC; to make matters worse, two extra points were blocked and returned for scores. A safety was also recorded. The six critical points prompted South Carolina State to a 33-18 victory and an outright birth to the Heritage Bowl.

The Aggies mathematical chances were aborted with the loss; also the Aggies have to live with the stigma of five straight losses to the Bulldogs.

"It's tough for a guy like me to take. I don't think I've ever lost to a team five times straight. It's frustrating," said Aggie coach Bill Hayes.

Perpetuating Coach Hayes' chagrin was the 127 penalty yards the Aggies accumulated. "You live by the officials. You die by the officials."

Although the Aggies were tormented by the excessive penalties; they opened the game with a 37-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Rodney Woodruff to Ben Garrett. The extra point was blocked.

It only took South Carolina State three minutes to answer with their own aerial attack. Reggie Curry found Johnny Loper in the end zone for 21 yards, and the South Carolina State Bulldogs took a 7-6 lead.

Still in the first; with 8:40 remaining the Bulldogs bombarded Aggie Quarterback Rodney Woodruff for their first of three two-pointers.

At the end of the first quarter the Bulldogs' Reggie Forch copped a 6-yard drive with an 8-yard touchdown run.

A&T returned the favor with their ground attack. Fullback Maurice Smith scored on a 3-yard touchdown run to narrow the South Carolina State lead.

Next, a succession of perfunctory extra point attempts cost the Aggies severely.

After Smith's touchdown Matt Baldwin's extra point attempt was blocked and returned 78 yards by Steve Cantey for two points.

The second of the assine events came after another Aggie touchdown. Lamont Hicks returned an attempted two-point conversion, by the Aggies, 106 yards to put the icing on the cake.

Henry Douglas' 10 catches and 121 yards receiving was the only bright spot for the Aggies.

A&T finishes the season at 7-4, 3-4 in the MEAC. South Carolina State finishes up at 9-2, 5-2 in the MEAC and a birth to the Heritage Bowl in Atlanta.

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