A&T, Community Welcome Renick

Hundreds came to witness the Changing of the Guard on the steps of the Dudley Building July 15 when Dr. James Carmichael Renick became the ninth chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Dr. Howard Chubb, chairman of the university’s board of trustees, presided over the occasion and described Renick as an affable individual who is dedicated to furthering A&T’s cause.

During the brief, historic ceremony which represented the beginning of a new era of leadership, A&T Chancellor Emeritus Edward B. Fort passed the university’s mace to Renick, an action which symbolized the changeover of the rights, privileges and duties of the chancellor’s office. Renick held the moment and the mace long and high before carefully placing the staff in its holder. It is spouse, Peggy, stood proudly at his side.

“We are delighted to become a part of this institution that’s done so much for so many,” Renick stated. “Let’s build on that wonderful legacy.”

Those who attended the ceremony said they were eager to meet and work with the new leader.

“This is a momentous occasion and I want to be a tiny part of it,” said Elizabeth Dowdy, a former First Lady of A&T. “I wish the new administration all of the success it deserves.” Dowdy’s spouse is Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, president of A&T from 1964 until 1980.

“I am very pleased with the selection of Renick,” said Dr. Pamela H. Hunter, a participant in the ceremony and chair of the faculty senate. “It is leadership and human relations qualities are highly regarded, and I’m looking forward to dialoguing with him about the concerns of the faculty and the welfare of the university.”

Barbara Bell Jones (’47), student recruitment chair for the A&T Alumni Association and associate director for the minority student affairs program, congratulated the new leader. “Dr. Renick is a fine individual who has a heart for others,” she said.

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The Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (ABG) has identified 10 public policy issues for higher education in 1999 and 2000 through a survey of institutions in the United States:

- **Teacher Prep and the K-12 Relationship.** There is a growing national consensus that higher education can do more to advance K-12 instruction by strengthening teacher-preparation programs and by giving K-12 standards and examinations consideration in the college admission process.

- **Affordability vs. Access.** As federal and state policies focus on providing affordable education to students from middle-income and high-income families, the goal of access for students of lesser means seems to be losing ground.

- **Cost and Price of Higher Education.** Policymakers across the political spectrum are seeking ways to address public concern about college costs.

- **Implementation of Recent Federal Legislation.** With Congress having enacted several pieces of higher education legislation in 1998, the focus will now shift to how they are implemented.

- **Federal Support for University Research.** Congress will consider the level of funding for university-based research as well as the policies that govern that funding.

- **Diversity in Admissions.** Colleges and universities face political and legal challenges to their ability to consider race or ethnicity as factors in the admissions process.

- **Information Technology and New Competition.** Increasingly sophisticated uses of information technology will force public and private institutions to respond to competition from for-profit higher education providers and from their peers.

- **Economic and Financial Trends.** Although a robust economy has produced prosperity for higher education in the late 1990s, for states and institutions seem prepared for the possibility of a recession and its consequences.

- **Creating a Sustainable Society and Future.** Higher education will be expected to play a stronger role in state and federal efforts to sustain the nation’s natural resource base and protect the environment.

- **Rethinking Public Higher Education Systems.** States will continue to be interested in the governance and finance of their public higher education systems and seek ways to encourage efficiency, productivity, and accountability while keeping costs reasonable.

### End Parking Perils with Permit

Ever wondered why your automobile was ticketed or towed so many times when you parked on campus last year? Parking regulations are enforced 24 hours a day and every A&T employee who owns or operates a vehicle must purchase a permit from the Parking and Traffic Services Office to park a vehicle on campus.

Full-time state employees may elect to pay for their permit through payroll deduction. Employees who wish to take advantage of this service must complete the Payroll Deduction Authorization on the Vehicle Registration Form.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that parking fees can be deducted as a business expense. Because so few have been able to take advantage of the deduction, a further ruling now allows parking fees to be withheld from pay on a pre-tax basis.

### Faculty/Staff (EA), $75; D, $120; A, $150; M, $200

### Parking permit rates for employees

- **Spring 2000 are Reserved (R), $170; Faculty/Staff (A), $190; Evening Faculty/Staff (EA), $150; Discount (D), $120; Handicapped (H), $100; and M and O ticket rates, $100.

- **Summer 2000 for employees are: Faculty/Staff (A), $150; Evening Faculty/Staff (EA), $125; Handicapped (H), $100 and M ticket rates, $75.

- **Temporary parking tags are available at a cost of one dollar per day.** The cost of registering a second vehicle is half the price of the first. Both vehicles must have the same address and a Vehicle Registration Card for both vehicles must be presented before registering the second vehicle.

### The A&T Parking and Traffic Services Office is located at 1308 Salem St. For parking rules, regulations, student permits, visitor permits, appeals and other information, call (336) 334-7860.

### Editor’s Note

Chancellor James C. Rennick has initiated The Aggie Report as the biweekly newsletter for faculty and staff of North Carolina A&T State University. The purpose of this publication is to provide current information highlighting faculty, staff, programs, initiatives and issues that affect the University.