

OLD COLLEGE BELL RESTORED TO SERVICE

The old college bell at A&T College, almost forgotten after a quarter century of silence, has been restored to service and a new place of prominence in the college community.

A month ago it was removed from the dusty belfry of old Crosby Hall where it had rested since 1893, refurbished and set up for operation at one of the busiest locations on the college campus. It is now perched majestically, atop a new brick tower on a selected plot adjacent to the F. D. Bluford Library.

The tower, a gift to the college from the 1959 graduating classes, carries a contemporary motif. It was designed and constructed by members of the class and features a plaque which bears the class motto.

The bell figured prominently in the early history of the college. For forty years it roused students from early morning slumber, beckoned them to classes and meals and has been used on occasions for emergency signals. It has also been the victim of pranksters over the years. Some of the oldtimers remember having scrambled out of bed in the early morning hours by its false alarms and other times when the instrument was removed from the belfry by "parties unknown."

The bell entered obscurity in 1933 at the expense of a then, new contraption. The college installed a modern electronic signalling device which eliminated both the bell and the bell boy. The bell was just about forgotten until late 1958.

Students "found" it last fall when searching around for a different way to celebrate in honor of a hard earned CIAA football championship. They clambered up the shaky ladder to the belfry, attached a new bell rope and broke the silence which the old college bell had maintained for twenty-five years.

It rang again in March of this year to announce the conference basketball championship the Aggies had won and again this spring in honor of a third title, that in baseball.

With the gift, the classes of 1959 decreed that the bell will be rung in the future only on special occasions to announce noteworthy achievements which come to the college and members of its family.

Already dubbed "Victory Bell", the members of the class of 1959 believe that it will ring again.

WORLD FAMOUS ZOOLOGIST TO LECTURE AT A&T

One of the world's most prominent zoologists will present a series of lectures here at A&T College next week.

Dr. Emil Witschi, chairman of the Department of Zoology at the University of Iowa and president of the American Society of Zoologists, will deliver daily lectures before the Summer Institute for High School Science Teachers for the full week be-

ginning on Monday. The Institute closes next Friday.

Just returned this week from Paris where he has lectured at the University of Paris for the past three months, Dr. Witschi holds degrees from State Teachers College and the University of Bern, both in Bern, Switzerland.

He holds memberships in a number of professional organizations. Among them are the International Zoology Congress, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association of Anatomists, Endocrine Society, Genetic Society, and Swiss Academy of Science.

AGGIES WIN CIAA BASEBALL FLAG FOR THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP IN YEAR

The A&T College Aggies made a clean sweep in winning CIAA championships in the three major sports by clinching the baseball title last week.

Earlier the Aggies had won the conference football title for the first time since 1951 and had broken all records repeating as both the visitation and tournament championships in basketball.

Aggie basballers sewed up the CIAA flag with a convincing 11-5 win over Howard University in the game played at Washington, D. C., on Monday, May 4. They completed the season with a 10-1 record, losing only to Maryland State College.

The Aggies completed the season with two wins each over: Delaware State; Howard University; Hampton Institute and Shaw University and one each over Maryland and Elizabeth City. One game scheduled with the latter was rained out.

Since Mel Groomes, who also doubles as backfield coach for the football team, took over the coaching reins in 1956, the

Aggies had several near misses. They finished in third place in 1956, second places in 1957 and bounced back the next weekend for a photo finish century with Los Angeles high schooler, Hubie Watson, in the Compton Invitational. Both sprinters were clocked in 9.6, with Watson getting credit for the win on a slight lean.

The following night at the "Meet of Champions," in a talent-laden field of sprinters in the 9.3-9.4 circle, Robinson grabbed off a 4th in the 220 yard dash which was won by Abilene

Christian's Bill Woodhouse in 21.2.

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