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Triad AIDS educators battle misconceptions, bigotry

by April Dillard
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: The young woman in the following story lives in this community. The name "Angela" is a pseudonym used to protect her identity.

"AIDS is not a gay disease or a drug users' disease; it is a people's disease," said Angela, "which means it will affect anybody and everybody unless people wake up and smell the coffee."

Angela is a 25-year-old African-American woman who lives in the Triad. She has a full-blown case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Angela said she contracted the virus after a two-year relationship involving sexual contact with a bisexual male who contracted the virus several years ago.

Many misconceptions and stereotypes concerning the fatal disease have circulated during the past decade, said Donnie Wadel, AIDS educator for the Triad Health Project, a non-profit agency established to improve the quality of AIDS and minorities:

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"I think that this could not happen to me," said Angela. "I was carefree about life in general before I contracted AIDS. Now that I am infected with the AIDS (virus), I am learning as much as I can about it."

Angela discovered she had AIDS after seeking medical attention for a series of severe headaches followed by blackouts and memory loss.

After Angela spent nearly a month in the hospital, her original diagnosis was changed from spinal meningitis to spinal cryptococcosis, a disease common to people with AIDS. The disease flagged the possibility that Angela, who had been in excellent health all her life, was HIV positive. Later, additional tests confirmed the health official's theory.

Before contracting the virus, Angela said, "I basically thought it was something that happened to gay people."

AIDS is not just a gay, white man's disease, said Rex Watson, nurse supervisor at Sebastian Health Clinic at A&T. It is common in everyone who participates in unsafe sex practices.

A&T health officials were unable to provide statistics on the number of students at the university with AIDS, because the health clinic is not a county site for HIV.

However, the clinic sponsors HIV Awareness Week every year, to help educate students about the virus, Wadel said.

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"Cleaner burning" gas program fuels some drivers' concerns

by Corey Cartwright
Staff Reporter

For the third straight year, Triad drivers will be required to participate in a "cleaner burning" fuel program from November through December in order to comply with the federal Clean Air Act of 1990.

This legislation, mandated through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stipulates that certain regions of the United States conduct programs that will substantially reduce air pollutants that scientists believe are causing damage to the Earth's protective ozone layer, through the use of oxygenated fuel during the winter months.

According to the N.C. Division of Environmental Management, 80-90 percent of carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas, comes from the emissions of automobile and truck tailpipes.

In the summer of 1988, ozone monitors in the Triad, along with the Raleigh-Durham area, recorded 16 violations of federal standards for carbon monoxide levels in the air.

"Once a county or region has been designated as a non-attainment area by EPA guidelines, it is mandatory to have participants in the cleaner fuel program during the winter months until it has complied with the necessary guidelines," said Dennis Redmond, environmental supervisor for the N.C. Air Quality Division of Environmental Management.

"The oxygenated fuel program is conducted during the North Carolina winter months because the dispersal of the gas is slower due to the cold air, which leaves higher levels of the poisonous gas lingering in the air, especially when you first start your car in the morning or after it's been sitting awhile," he said.

The EPA recently noted that in the three-year period continued on page 3

A&T rated one of top 10 "inexpensive" American universities

from staff reports

North Carolina A&T State University is one of the most inexpensive universities in the country to attend for a good education, according to a report released by a company specializing in educational issues.

While Communications, whose other educational projects include placing the controversial television news magazine Channel 1 in high school classrooms and proposing the privatization of some school systems, named A&T one of America's top ten inexpensive schools in a booklet titled "How to Pay for College."

A&T and the other nine universities on the list are accredited, four-year public schools offering in-state tuition and room and board for less than $9,000 per year.

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Transportation awards pave way to careers for A&T students

by Stephanie Montgomery Correspondent

Transportation students recently received awards totaling $38,250 from the Transportation Institute of the School of Business at North Carolina A&T. The awards, made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation, were awarded to students based on grade point average, faculty recommendations and the students' interest in pursuing a career in transportation.

"These awards will strengthen our ability to attract students to the transportation disciplines at N.C. A&T and help alleviate the country's serious need for skilled transportation professionals," said Joyce Johnson, co-director of the Southeastern Transportation Center (STC) and interim director of the Transportation Institute.

The Transportation Institute, a research organization that studies transportation, gives students an opportunity to work with faculty on various research projects before graduation.

"We are here for the students," said Transportation Institute Administrative Officer Harold G. Wilks. "They can work on campus with faculty and gain experience during the school year."

In addition to the monetary awards, the students participate in activities sponsored by the STC.

Greensboro arts council to stage African-American festival

The United Arts Council of Greensboro will produce the seventh annual African-American Arts Festival during February, Black History Month, and March 1993. The two-month long festival is staged as a celebration of the outstanding contributions that African-American artists have made to American culture.

Acting as the coordinating agent, the United Arts Council will work with area arts organizations, colleges and universities to program a full complement of local, regional and national cultural events throughout the Greensboro area.

Each of the last six years, the festival has grown in scope and participation. More than 10,000 people participated in the 1992 African-American Arts Festival events.

Plans for the 1993 festival are currently underway. A full schedule of events will be available to the public the week of January 6, 1993.

Those who want additional information concerning the festival can contact the United Arts Council of Greensboro at 200 North Davie Street, P.O. Box 985, Greensboro, NC 27402 or call (919) 333-7440.

King birthday salute planned

ATLANTA—Edwin L. Artzt, chairman and chief executive of the Procter and Gamble Co., will serve as chair at the eleventh annual Salute to Greatness Dinner in observance of the 50th birthday anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Co-Founder Scott King has announced.

"The private sector has an important role to play in applying Martin's teachings of nonviolence to the on-going campaign against racism, violence and poverty," Mrs. King said while making the announcement, "so we are pleased to have Mr. Artzt join us as chair of the Salute to Greatness Dinner."

In accepting the appointment, Artzt said, "It is a privilege to chair the Salute to Greatness Dinner this year when we are recognizing so many important milestones in the life and work of Dr. King: the 25th anniversary of his birth, the 25th anniversary of his assassination and the 30th anniversary of his immortal I Have A Dream speech. These milestones serve to remind us of the importance and enduring relevance of Dr. King's teachings."

1993 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Graduate Fellowship Program

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Graduate Fellowship Program is designed to support students in advanced studies in physics, environmental science, education, public policy, engineering, and the behavioral sciences, including areas of nuclear energy. The fellowship is intended to train and develop professionals in the field of nuclear energy who will be able to respond to the future needs of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Applications are being accepted for the 1994-95 fellowship year.

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Black student leaders discuss future agenda at first statewide meeting

by Greg Williams

Since student representatives from four North Carolina colleges met to discuss an agenda for student leaders at the first Student Interassociation Coalition meeting Wednesday in A&T's Student Union Ballroom.

At a press conference after the meeting, which was closed to the media, students from N.C. A&T, Greensboro, N.C. State and UNC-Chapel Hill presented a list of items that the group said were "an integral part of the total program of any university or college that has African-American students on its campus."

The list included:

• An African-American studies program at every university.
• A comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of African-American faculty.
• A comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of African-American graduate and undergraduate students, emphasizing the recruitment of majors.
• An African-American newspaper at every campus.
• A budget to bring African-continued on page 5

Coast Guard MORE program keeps students in school

by Cynthia Melson

The United States Coast Guard is offering to pay all college tuition, book and lab fees for minority students in an effort to draw more minority officers into its ranks.

Students in the program, called MORE (Minority Officer Recruitment Effort), also earn $3,100 per month to help them finance their college studies, to help students are required to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) and serve in the Coast Guard after graduation.

"Minority officers make up 2-3 percent of U.S. Coast Guard officers," said Mark Brown, a sailors.

Editor

Staff Reporter

The program requires a student to work three weeks every four months, complete eight weeks of basic training and 17 weeks of Officer Candidate School.

Once on officer's rigorous Coast Guard duty, Reid said, the training never stops. "The job pays $31,000 a year, which is more than the salary many corporations offer," he added.

"I see the program as an excellent opportunity to assure job security," said Jerome Sturtevant, a senior communications major from Durham, N.C.

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by Lori Ingram

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Hall of Fame adds four stars to its ranks

by Keith Bullard Sports Editor

If it's a great honor to know someone who feels that I am worthy of being part of this organization, and I want to thank the folks at the UNC-Chapel Hill Sports Hall of Fame for Milton Fair during a press conference announcing the 1992 selections. A&T inducted four of the most spectacular sports performers to play at the university between 1948 and 1973. The other inductees include track star Edward Carter, basketball player Frank Carter, Mahon and baseball player Roland Floyd (Little Moe Eller). Fair led the Aggies to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship in 1972 and was selected as District Wrestling Champion in the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association in 1972. He later coached wrestling at Winston Salem State University for seven years, capturing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) wrestling championship three years in a row. Fair has served as a teacher and coach at high schools in Randolph County, Guilford County and athletics manager at High Point City Lake. Carter ran his way to more first place honors than any member of the 1948-1952 A&T Track Team. As the CIAA's low hurdles champion in 1951-52, he compiled the best individual performance records of any runner in the CIAA in his conference. He broke his own record by running the 120-yard hurdles in 14.97 back in 1954. Carter made all-conference in 1954-56 and earned the Pittsburgh Athletic Alumni Sports Award as the outstanding athlete at A&T in 1955. He signed with the Milwaukee Braves (from 1959-1960), and is currently a coordinator in the rehab medicine at the F.D.R. Hospital at New York City's Veteran's Hospital in Monroe, N.Y.
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• Increased university support for African-American campus organizations (i.e. Coast Guard from page 3)

The Coast Guard either pays for 57 percent of graduate school after an officer has served three years or pays for all graduate school after an officer becomes a lieutenant. Ensign Samuel Still, an Anheuser-Busch engineer in architectural engineering and received his commission through the MORE program, now works in Yorktown, Va.

"I enjoy what I'm doing," he said. "The program definitely works." West agreed. "A person should consider motive, money, opinions and time before joining the program," he said. "I personally can't bear it."

West added that A&T students should take advantage of the program. "Presently, we don't have any applicants for the MORE program scholarships and slots have remained unclaimed," he said. "If this continues, I predict the program will end and at least 20 minorities per year that could've been helped will not be helped."

For more information, students can call the U.S. Coast Guard recruitment office at 273-4953.

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AIDS

on television or in magazines, her skin is not pale and she shows no sign of excessive weight loss.

Doctors initially predicted that Angela would only live for six months after she was first diagnosed, due to the severity of her case, but later were surprised to find that Angela's condition was more under control than it appeared earlier.

Angela said she felt that her positive attitude was a major contributing factor to her present improved condition.

Unlike many AIDS patients, she has support from her husband and outside support units such as the Triad Health Project.

She said she didn't feel sick every day, and was just like anyone else who had to take medicine for an illness.

"I'm not preparing myself to die," Angela said. "I'm living. I decided that I would find the silver lining in this disease called AIDS."

Condoms are the only preventive method available to stop the spread of the virus for those participating in sex. However, they are not 100 percent effective, Wadel said.

Every time someone participates in protected or unprotected sex, Wadel said, "because of the failure rate of condoms, they put themselves at risk of AIDS."

Angela was married before she discovered she had AIDS. She has three children — two and five-years-old and an 8-month-old baby — none of whom are HIV- positive. Angela became pregnant with her 8-month-old even though she used condoms as a preventative measure against AIDS.

"You need to first of all know how to use a condom," said Angela, adding that obviously even they are not completely safe.

People with AIDS encounter many problems with friends, family and employers once they have revealed their condition, Wadel said.

Society discriminates due to lack of education and fear. She said. Families turn away and jobs are lost once the person reveals his or her condition.

Wadel said she believed that in time education would raise the level of compassion shown to AIDS victims. Angela said she was taking a positive role in informing as many people as she could about aids.

The disease "makes me want to get out and do what I can" to educate people about AIDS, she said.

One way the leaders said they planned to solve or at least discuss some of the problems is a large scale student meeting. Short said educating students and the communities on certain issues was key to the movement.

"We want to hold a black student summit next semester, to have all schools come, students and communities. Everybody's welcome," Short said.

Short also said the summit would give black students and the black community a chance to help themselves.

For us to truly survive and prosper in this culture, we have to change the way we're living, he said. "We've taken on this western way of life and it's killing us slow but surely. This summit is letting people know it's time for change from us, we're not asking for help from nobody."

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Fear of black agenda sparks opposition to D.C. statehood

By John A. Powell
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American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

The racial composition of Washington, D.C. is predominantly African-American. Should statehood become a reality for the District, that demographic means that personal color will probably be elected to serve in the now all-white Senate, and those Senators will probably register their votes on the literal side of the ledger.

Could it be fear of this likelihood that is driving the feverous opposition to statehood for Washington, D.C.? Since a large majority of such opposition has been couched in legal and economic jargon, race and ideology pervade the subtext of Congressional debate on the subject.

African-Americans and others interested in our society's advancement should vigorously support statehood for the District of Columbia, and loudly and clearly indicate that they will remember those who stand in opposition. Such expression can bring about change: At least one politician who turned a deaf ear last fall to the thousands of women's voices raised against a Supreme Court nominee forthrightly endorsed his Congressional seat as a result.

Lack of statehood means a lack of simple fairness and fundamental rights for the people of the District. They are politically disenfranchised: the one delegate they elect to Congress can't vote and thus can't protect their interests even though District residents number more than the population of four states and pay more federal taxes than the people of eight states.

Every law passed and every cent allocated by Congress must pass through the District legislators' laps. Any citizen may run for Congress in the District, though fewer than a thousand residents have been admitted to the Union by a simple majority in both House of Representatives and the President's signature.

At a recent Congressional hearing, the District's non-voting delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton said eloquently how her great-grandfather, a fugitive slave from Virginia, had crossed the Potomac from the District to the Civil War, feeling that he had found freedom. Today, his great-great-grandchildren who live in the District, though free of bondage, still do not enjoy full citizenship. This is unacceptable.

All who value liberty and democracy should champion the vision of New Columbia. Tell your Congressional representative: A vote against statehood for the people of the District is a vote against your rights.

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