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News Scope

King sues Boston U.

Boston (AP)- Martin Luther King Jr. thought his personal papers would be safer at Boston University than they would be in the South. But his family says he changed his mind before he died and is suing to have the papers returned.

The trial began Wednesday after more than 20 years of negotiations between King's family and the school where the civil rights leader earned his doctorate in theology 1955.

Both sides acknowledge King signed a letter in 1964 naming the Boston University Library as the repository of his papers and saying he intended to give some of them each year as an outright gift to the university.

Rudolph Pierce, an attorney for King's widow, Coretta Scott King, said King wanted his papers at a black college, but none in Atlanta had the facilities in 1964 to care for them.

Pierce said King feared for the safety of the papers because of threats against him and firebombings in the South. But "in 1966, with the encouragement of his wife, Dr. King changed his mind," Pierce said.

Prison siege ends

LUCASVILLE, Ohio (AP)- Inmates at Ohio's toughest prison filed out into the yard and freed their five remaining hostages to end an 11-day uprising that left at least eight people dead. Two prisoners were unaccounted for.

The convicts had demanded and received live television coverage of the surrender Wednesday as insurance against retaliation. They also held the five guards hostage almost until the end of their surrender, which took six hours.

Hampton celebrates

NEW YORK (AP)- Lionel Hampton celebrated his 85th birthday doing what he's done for 65 years, playing vibes to an audience of delighted jazz fans.

Hampton, who still goes on the road with his 17 piece band, attributed his longevity to reading the Bible, frequent prayer and playing jazz.

Among those at the Wednesday night party at Club USA were model Naomi Campbell, jazz trumpeter Clark Terry and band-leader Cab Calloway.

Former A&T President dies

From Staff Reports

During a career that spanned four decades and a lifetime that stretched for more than a century, Warmoth Gibbs saw North Carolina A&T transformed from a tiny, land-grant college to one of the nation's leading historically black universities.

When he died Monday at the age of 101 at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital, A&T administrators mourned the passing of the man once described as "the greatest Aggie of them all."

"Dr. Gibbs was truly one of the most outstanding citizens of this community, this state and this nation," said Richard Moore, assistant vice-chancellor for university relations. "He served (A&T) in so many capacities that his influence touched the thousands who enrolled at A&T from 1926-1966. "He was truly beloved by the thousands of A&T alumni across this nation," he added.

A&T Chancellor Edward Fort described Gibbs as a giant among



Dr. Warmoth T. Gibbs

A&T leaders and a man who symbolized of the dream of greater education and opportunity for African-Americans embodied by A&T.

"(Dr. Gibbs) was immensely

touched when the University of North Carolina System Board of Governors, in November of 1991, presented him with the University award — the Board's highest accolade — in concert with his illustrious service to

higher education," said Fort.

"That award, as combined with the extraordinary recognitions of service and academic achievement which he had gleaned throughout his professional career," Fort said, "represents the epitome of all that is good and exciting about this campus."

"He was a man for all times and a giant educator worthy of supreme emulation, and now he belongs to the ages," he added.

One of the first black commissioned officers during World War I, Gibbs received his training as an educator at Harvard University and arrived at A&T College in 1926 to serve as dean of men and an instructor of military science.

"He was a no-nonsense professor, but he had a sense of humor," Moore said. "He was also interested in what his students did after graduation. He would keep up with them. He had an uncanny memory for names."

Gibbs eventually was named acting president of A&T in 1955

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Transportation receives \$5 million grant

From Staff Reports

The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded N.C. A&T a \$5 million grant — to be paid out over the next five years — to investigate problems relating to urban traffic congestion, A&T officials announced Tuesday at the Dowdy Building.

The Transportation Institute in A&T's School of Business and Economics will administer the grant, which names A&T as one of five

National Urban Transportation Institutes set up across the country by the U.S. Congress.

"This is a tremendous day for N.C. A&T State University," observed A&T Chancellor Edward Fort at Tuesday's press conference. "We are pleased to have been selected to play a leadership role in addressing some of the important transportation concerns" facing this country, he added.

"That A&T received this grant is really a historic

achievement," said U.S. Rep. Tim Valentine (D—2nd District) in a prepared statement. Valentine co-sponsored the bill that provided the project's funding.

"It signals the assigning of more responsibilities to historically black colleges and universities," the statement continued. "It is also indicative of A&T's readiness for a full partnership in ventures like this one."

Targets for the five institutes'

studies will include Intelligent Highway Vehicle Systems, such as dashboard maps that warn drivers of possible congested areas and vehicle tracking devices. The investigators will also look at mass transit alternatives to private vehicles such as high-speed trains and light rail transportation.

Joyce Johnson, director of the new institute, said the group wanted to address problems relating to urban infrastructure and gridlock.

Brooks ready to make a change

by Towanna Dickens
Staff Reporter

Trying to get in touch with a person who is always on the go is not an easy task, especially in the case of Carlton Brooks, the Student Government Association's newly elected vice-president for external

affairs.

A message left at the entrance to Bluford Library indicated where he could be found, at least for the moment. This time, he was sitting amid a virtual mountain range of papers at a table, preparing a project with another student. He looked up, smiled, and didn't hesitate to take

time out for an interview.

His slogan for the upcoming year is "Time out from games and gimmicks," he said, referring to administrative and faculty delays in addressing student concerns such as a mandatory black studies program. "I think it's time for the administration to work with us and for us, and not

against us," he said.

"My main focus is getting back to the basics," Brooks said. "I support black studies, because we need more than just a book education. We need to know ourselves."

Brandon Morgan, a
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New SGA president sets goals

by Nichole Cannon
Staff Reporter

"It takes two (to make a difference)," said newly elected Student Government Association President Rodney Boone at the SGA inaugural ball Tuesday evening. "You and your executive board."

That theme helped boost Boone past challenger William Kearney in student elections this spring, giving Boone a 608-494 vote victory.

Boone, who served as SGA attorney general this past year, said he ran for the office of president because he felt he "was the best

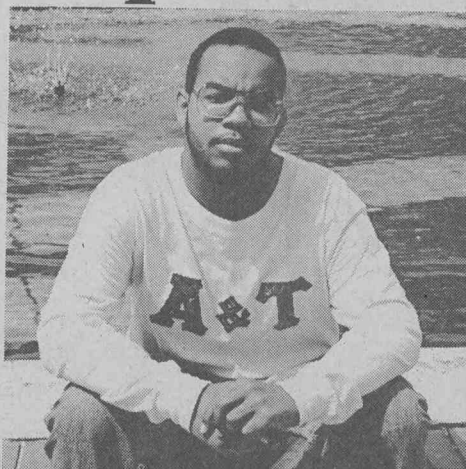


Photo By Lisa Johnson

qualified and wants to perform the change A&T so richly deserves."

A native of Garysburg, N.C., Boone said he planned to provide

community, cultural and religious activities for the 1993-94 school year. "(Black studies) will be in the forefront of goals to be

Biography

Name: Rodney L. Boone
Date of birth: July 10, 1972
Mother: Deloris Newsome
Sibling: one brother, Steven
Hometown: Garysburg, NC
Major: Mathematics
Education

accomplished," Boone stated. "In order for cultural activities to be successful, black studies need to be mandatory."

A rising senior majoring in mathematics education, Boone said it took "one (who) represents the population, regardless of their personal beliefs" to become a leader. His inspiration comes from Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Jones, he said, who are both former educators. Boone said he intended to follow in their footsteps.

"We are a people who have achieved," said Boone, "and will continue to achieve."

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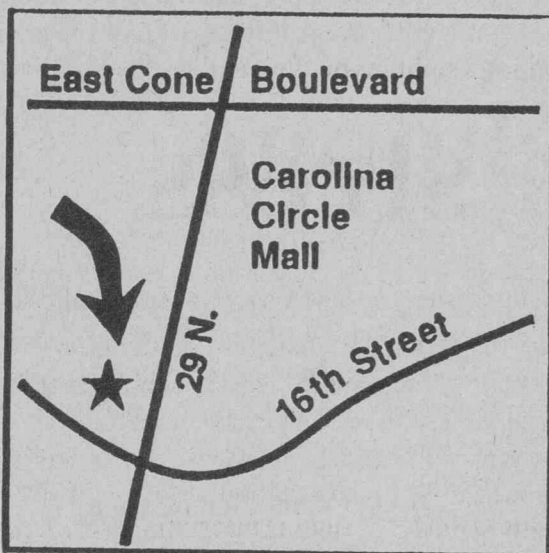


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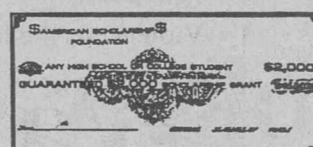
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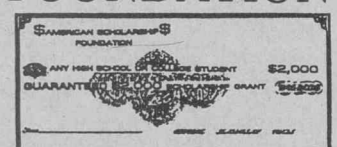


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CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Police round-up

by Scottie Holloway
Staff Reporter

Tuesday, Apr. 13:

• A female student told police that a male student assaulted her in front of Brown Hall by allegedly pushing her in the chest several times, police reports said.

Police said the victim stated that man assaulted her because of a message that she left on another female's answering machine in reference to the man.

An investigation revealed that the man lives with the woman who owns the answering machine. However, when police talked with the woman, she would give no information concerning the man.

The victim intends to press charges against the man, but no warrants have been served yet because police cannot locate the man.

Monday, Apr. 19:

• Norman Sanchez, 37, 5984 Essex Trail, Greensboro, was arrested and charged with assaulting a female after allegedly striking and spitting on her, police said.

According to police reports, the victim stated that while she and Sanchez were coming from a class in Graham Hall, they began to argue about the victim's old boyfriend. As the victim turned her back to walk away from Sanchez, he allegedly struck her on the back of the neck with his open hand. The victim stated that when she turned around, Sanchez allegedly spit three times on the front of her blouse, police said.

The officer that arrived on the crime scene did not observe any bruises on the victim. Sanchez stated that he did not strike the victim nor did he spit on her.

Sanchez was transported to the magistrate's office where he was served a warrant and placed in the county jail under \$150 secured bond.

Tuesday, Apr. 20:

• A dispute over a female student led to a fight between two males in front of Vanstory Hall around 10:30 p.m., police said.

According to police reports, the woman and one of the men, who is not a student, were having an argument. When the man pushed the woman, a male student, who was standing nearby, confronted him about his action, which led to a fight between the two men.

After the responding officer talked with both men, the male who had been arguing with the female was barred from campus and was told if he returned for any reason, he would be arrested for trespassing.

The male student was barred from Vanstory and was told that if he returned for any reason, he would be arrested and charged with trespassing.

Police said this was not the first time the two men have had an altercation. It was possibly the third time concerning the same female.

Later that evening, about midnight, police received a report of the male non-student in the vicinity of Vanstory with two male students.

After speaking with the three, the investigating officer learned that the two male students had been allegedly persuaded by the non-student to beat up the male student who he had been fighting with earlier.

The male student who had been earlier ordered to stay away from Vanstory was located in the area and escorted home by police.

Neither man was arrested for trespassing because the second officer was unaware of the earlier incident involving the two men and the previous officer.

The History Department of North Carolina A&T State University is soliciting manuscripts and book reviews for publication in the next issue of the *History Magazine*.

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Man charged with possession of weapon

by Scottie Holloway
Staff Reporter

A man, who is not an A&T student, was arrested and charged with carrying a weapon on school grounds in Holland Hall parking lot last Monday about 6 p.m., police reports said.

Roderick Jones, 20, 1025 English St., Greensboro, was arrested and transported to the magistrate's office where he was placed under \$150 unsecured bond, police said.

An A&T officer responding to a report of a weapon on campus arrived at the crime scene and observed a

residence hall officer removing three men from a car and frisking them.

According to police reports, a search of Jones' car produced a chrome-plated .380 handgun. The weapon, which was in plain view between the driver's seat and the front passenger seat of the vehicle, was loaded with six bullets.

After searching Jones, police found three more bullets in his left pants pocket. The other two men were allowed to leave the scene, the police report said.

Jones has been barred from returning to campus by the A&T police department.

South African

students visit A&T

by Deboria Bell
Staff Reporter

Only two weeks after three visiting members of the African National Congress Youth League told a Greensboro audience that violence in their South African homeland might soon lead to the assassination of an ANC leader, their prediction came true.

Chris Hani, head of the Communist Party there and a popular ANC official, was murdered by a white gunman.

The three South African students — Lundi Rasmeni, Eldred De Klerk and Nicholas Thabo — spoke at N.C. A&T in classrooms and meetings as part of their national Student-to-Student Anti-Apartheid Empowerment tour, which will be completed at the end of April.

The ANC is striving for a democratically elected body which the students said would begin the "non-racial, non-sexist constitution" which South Africa needs. Violence is the last resort of

those who resist this change, they added.

Susan Skinner, who assisted the students during their four-day stopover in Greensboro, said the students were touring the United States to educate Americans to the point where the students can gain "international solidarity with Americans."

"There are things the students shared with me that I cannot read or hear about (elsewhere)," Skinner said, likening the experience to "listening to young (ANC President Nelson) Mandelas."

The students were given the key to the city by Greensboro City Councilman Earl Jones.

The program is part of the Student Anti-Apartheid Network, which was organized to bring youth leaders of South Africa to the United States to interact with their American peers. The group is also planning to hold an international youth conference in Johannesburg in June 1993.

Ways to cope with stress

by Donna Price
Staff Reporter

You have three projects due in the next two weeks, exams are coming up and your internship or part-time job is demanding more of you each day. You feel like you can't take much more — you're just one step away from throwing up your hands and pulling out your hair.

Students, does this scenario sound familiar? This time of year, everyone seems to be stressed out. The International Labor Organization states that stress is a "global phenomenon," estimating the costs of job stress in the United States alone as \$200 billion annually in health costs and missed work. The agency's report states that many of the factors related to job stress are due to being closely monitored by superiors and settings where man is

struggling to keep pace with machine.

But many N.C. A&T campus services are taking the initiative in teaching students to better handle stress.

"We have 100 students per semester come into the counseling office complaining of stress," said Robert Wilson, director of Counseling Services at A&T. "The students who are usually counseled are predominately women."

Wilson stated that "men are less likely to seek help or talk about stress. However, the stresses for the black college male are different — he faces stress everyday because he is that percentage of the black male population who is trying to succeed in life."

"The top two problems that cause stress are relationship troubles and financial problems," he

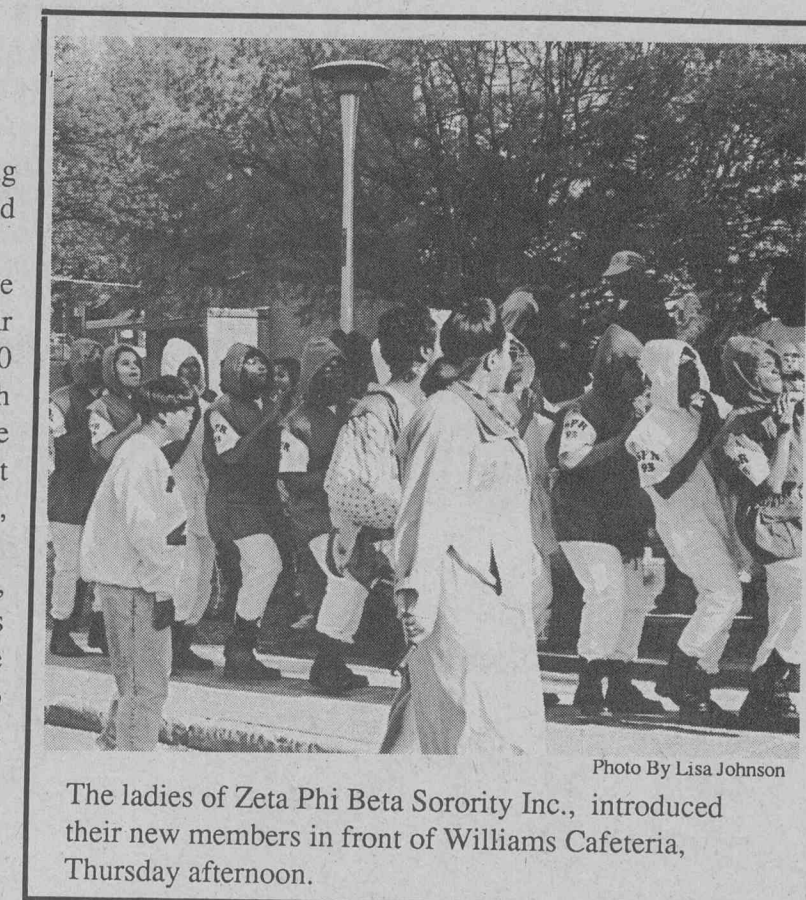


Photo By Lisa Johnson
The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., introduced their new members in front of Williams Cafeteria, Thursday afternoon.

Housekeeper makes A&T a home away from home

by DeShelia Spann
Correspondent

As she sat in her reclining chair located in her housekeeping station, Mary Gantt counted down the last few hours before she left for the day. She said she enjoyed her afternoon breaks when she was able to sit back and relax.

Since 1974, Gantt has served the housekeeping department at A&T, working throughout all eleven on-campus dormitories during her nineteen years on the job.

Now based in Vanstory Hall, Gantt cleans the restrooms and works on the steps to make sure all are clean and safe, she said.

"Mrs. Gantt is like a mother to me," said Michelle Burkette, a resident. "She makes you feel at home and very comfortable."

Marcy Jones agreed. "She's a welcoming sight

when you wake up in the morning."

Gantt is no stranger to the Greensboro area, and has been a resident of the Triad area her entire life. A graduate of Dudley High School and the mother of five (three boys and two girls), she has seen events ranging from the Woolworth lunch counter sit-ins to the coming of a new, more confident style of student at A&T.

Her pet peeves are young ladies who don't clean up and take care of their personal property, she said. Gantt said she felt that young man and women should learn in college that they are on their own and should be responsible for themselves, their property and their actions.

She said her motto was "It's not where you come from; it's what you do when you get there."

noted. "Consequently, the financial problems usually relate to the off-campus students."

Reminiscing, Wilson said, "In the '60s and '70s, the things that caused stress were very different. We were worried about peace, war, getting drafted and relationships. However, the relationship issue was not as serious; we were just worried about getting a date."

"Today, students are exposed to many different things," he said. "Consequently, societal changes have created new stresses. For example, drugs, AIDS and credit cards are just a few of the stresses added to the student environment."

"The media didn't expose us to as many issues to think about (then) as it does in today's changing times," Wilson added.

An unscientific poll

taken among some of the seniors at A&T reveals that many are suffering stress in the process of searching for employment upon graduation. Many are also finding that getting all of their work completed by the senior deadline is extremely tough. However, about 10 percent of the students interviewed said they were happy to be graduating and anxiously counting the days.

As part of its efforts to stave off stress, the Counseling Service Center sponsored a seminar on "Campus Stress" last month in the Student Union Ballroom. The seminar featured tips on controlling and testing your stress levels and advice on how to handle financial stress.

Some of the recommendations included:

- exercising at least three times a week;

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SPORTS

Aggies win MEAC baseball championship



Bringing home the gold: Aggie players surround the championship trophy after an undefeated tournament.

by B.J. Evans
News Editor

North Carolina A&T's baseball team swept through four games undefeated Apr. 15-17 to win its first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship since the conference started its tournament format in 1984.

The Aggies had secured the title in 1974, when final overall records were used to determine the champion.

"When we left (Greensboro), we had one thing on our mind, to win the championships," said first year A&T head baseball coach Keith Henry. "We didn't want second or third; we wanted first."

In the bottom of the ninth, with the Aggies at bat and trailing by one run to Delaware State, the unexpected happened.

The Aggies loaded the bases on a single by Kevin Haithcock, a walk to Chris Leonard, and an error by Hornet second baseman Edgar Santana. Feeling a bit rattled, starting pitcher Greg Day was then relieved by Rob Heisler, who walked Mike Artis to knot the score at five.

The next Aggie batter was Leon Jones, who was one for four on the day, and hit a ground ball to Hornet shortstop Scott Illian. Illian's throw to the plate was wide, allowing Leonard to score the game-winning run.

The Most Outstanding

Tournament Performer was Mike Artis. Aggie Coach Keith Henry was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Coach.

"Being selected as Coach of the Year will help me in recruiting and overall help the program," said Henry. "We will have some up-and-coming players who will want to be a part of a winning team."

Joining Artis on the All-Tournament from A&T were infielder Joe Hill, catcher Miguel Cruz, and pitcher Crawford Moser.

Over the three-day double-elimination tournament, A&T knocked off Coppin State 5-1 on Thursday, Delaware State 8-3 and Howard University 9-8 on Friday to reach the finals.

Series of initiatives designed to hire minorities

NEW YORK (AP)—Responding to pressure from civil rights groups, major league baseball has announced a series of initiatives designed to increase minority involvement by the 28 teams.

The plan was immediately denounced by the Rev. Jesse Jackson as inadequate and misleading.

The ruling executive council, in the wake of the outcry that followed derogatory remarks by Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, issued a seven-point plan aimed at bolstering minority hiring in front offices and the use of businesses controlled by minorities.

"There's teeth in this program. It's comprehensive," said executive council chairman Bud Selig, calling it a "very significant and serious group of initiatives."

"It completely fails to recognize the nature and size of the problem," Jackson said of the plan. He added that the proposals attempt to "camouflage the real picture by counting women as minorities."

The plan called for teams to:

- include minority candidates for jobs throughout their organizations "within a reasonable time frame;"
- attempt to attract minorities as investors and have "appropriate minority participation" on their boards of directors;
- seek minority-owned vendors, including doctors, lawyers and bankers;
- insist non-minority vendors be equal-opportunity employers;
- make new efforts to attract minorities as fans;
- have their employees undergo sensitivity training "unless clearly unnecessary;"

• increase community and charitable activities.

The commissioner's office says 17 percent of front-office employees are minorities, up from 2 percent in 1987. Baseball's seven-man equal opportunity committee, which drafted the report, rejected the establishment of quotas. Jackson has demanded specific goals and timetables.

"Each of these clubs is a small independent unit, too small to have specific quotas," said Chicago White Sox Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, one of the report's authors. "It's not a one-year thing. It's also not a five-year thing. I just want to see significant progress every year."

Baseball's minority practices came under harsh criticism in 1987 after remarks by Al Campanis, then general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Debate intensified last fall and winter when it became public that Schott had made slurs about blacks,

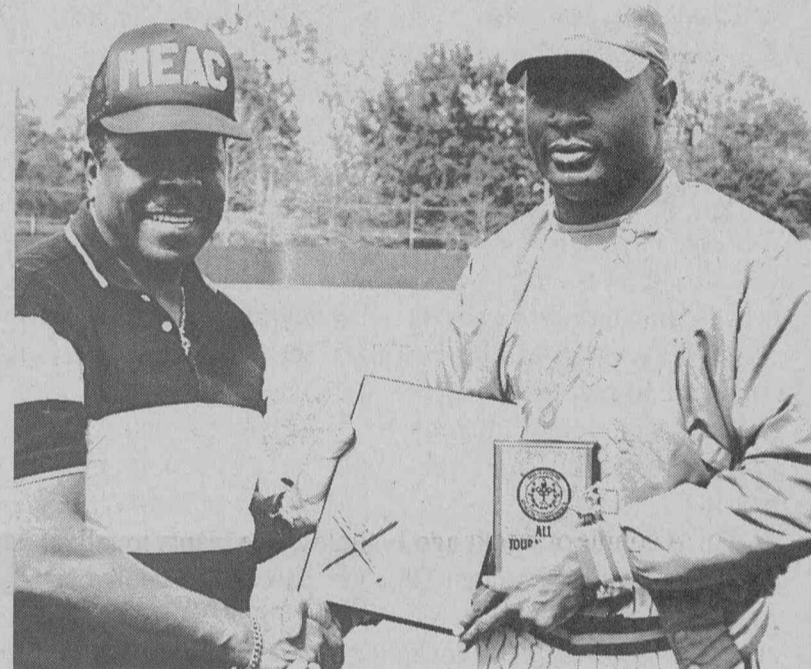
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Jesse Jackson

Jews and Japanese. On Feb. 3, the council suspended Schott for one year, but gave her the chance for reinstatement after eight months.

"You'd have to say Marge was the catalyst," Reinsdorf said. "It made it a lot easier. It moved it back to the front burner."

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100&200m 2nd Place



Top notch: Mike Artis (right) receives the Most Outstanding Tournament Performer award after last Saturday's championship game.

Traditional game postponed one year

From Staff Reports

A half-century football tradition that pitted North Carolina A&T against rival North Carolina Central University won't come to an end after all, chancellors for both universities announced Tuesday.

Although the two teams will not be playing each other in 1993, the rivalry will continue in 1994, said A&T Chancellor Edward Fort and NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers.

The series, which began in 1925 and since then has been interrupted only by World War II in 1943 and 1944, showcases the two largest historically black universities in the state. Last September, the Aggies whipped the NCCU Eagles at O Kelly-Riddick Stadium 49-

7. A&T currently leads the series with 35 wins, 26 losses and 5 ties.

Athletic officials at both schools have declined to specifically comment on the reason for the cancellation of the 1993 game, which was to have been played at Aggie Stadium, but A&T Athletic Director Willie Burden said that contract negotiations between the two schools broke down and both sides could not agree on the components of the contract.

Chambers commented that he had relied on his athletic director, Carey Hughley, to work out the football schedule. When Chambers asked about the game, he said, he was told that every team had already filled its schedule.

Burden noted that after contract negotiations

stalled, it became too late to reschedule the 1993 A&T-NCCU game.

A joint statement issued to the press by both chancellors said, "We are pleased to announce that we expect the classic football series between North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina Central University to resume in the 1994 football season.

"We have directed the athletic directors at both universities to complete arrangements for the 1994 and 1995 games," the statement continued. "Both of us are confident that an amicable agreement between our two institutions will be reached so that this historic and highly spirited rivalry can be preserved."



Sitting it out: For this Aggie player, a game with North Carolina Central will have to wait a year.

Baseball Tournament Summary

Thursday

Bethune-Cookman 6, Maryland-Eastern Shore 1
Delaware State 10, South Carolina State 4
Howard 7, Florida A&M 5
North Carolina A&T 5, Coppin State 1
Maryland Eastern-Shore 8, South Carolina State 3
(SC State eliminated)
Florida A&M 4, Coppin State 1
(Coppin State eliminated)

Friday

Delaware State 8, Bethune-Cookman 7
North Carolina A&T 9, Howard 8
North Carolina A&T 8, Delaware State 3
Florida A&M 12, Maryland Eastern-Shore 2
(UMES eliminated)
Florida A&M 14, Bethune-Cookman 7
(B-Cookman eliminated)
Florida A&M 15, Howard 11
(Howard eliminated)

Saturday

Delaware State 8, Florida A&M 4
Championship Game
North Carolina A&T 6, Delaware State 5

FEATURES

Love put to the test

by Renee Nixon
Arts Reporter

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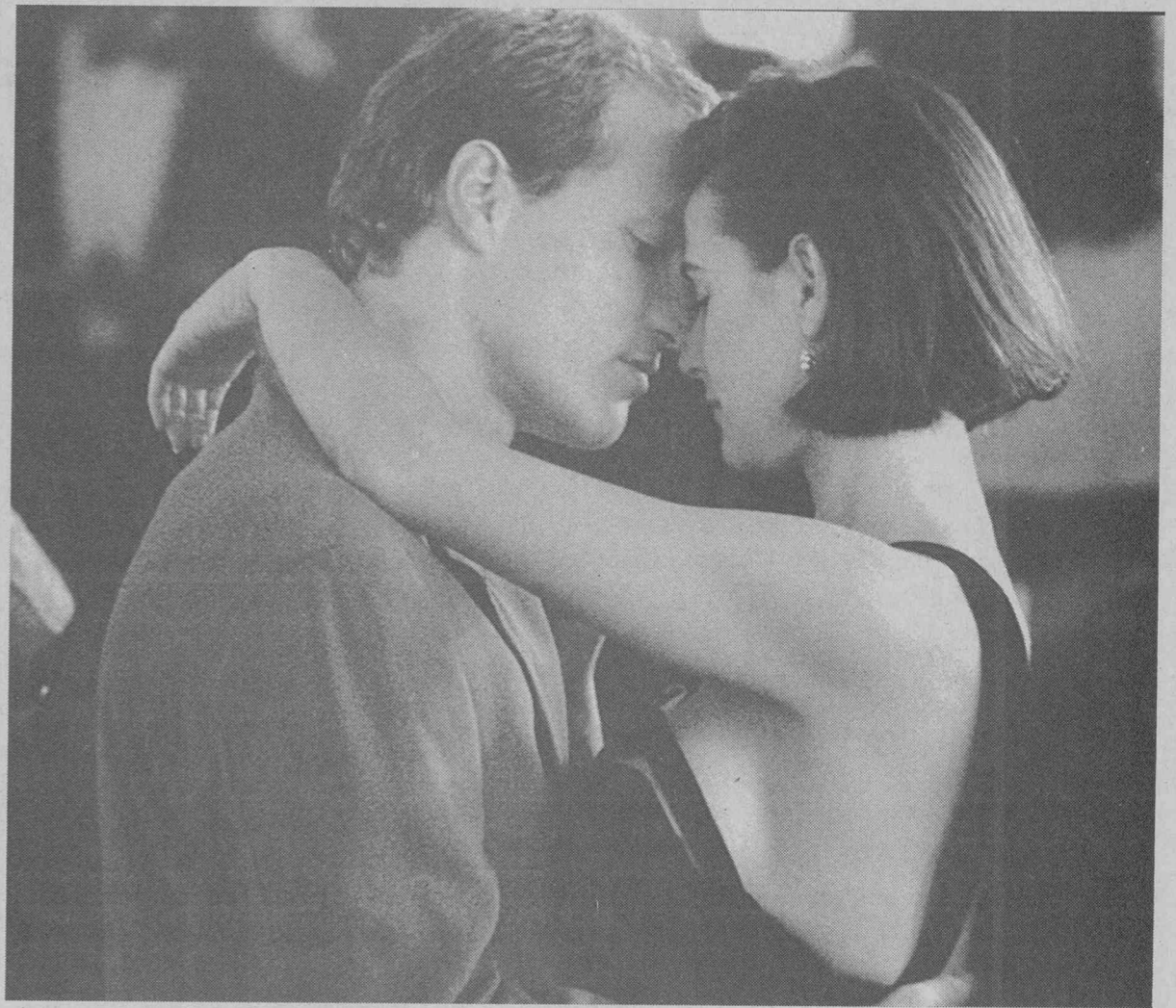
A Critical Thought

For one scant day, Lady Luck smiles at them and they win a bundle, only to lose all \$25,000 when gambling fever hits. That's when they meet John Gage (Robert Redford), a billionaire with too much money and nothing to do with it.

Gage offers the couple the \$1 million when Diana says that love isn't for sale. David and Diana take the money, but get a contract drawn up with a few interesting clauses: if Gage dies during the act or can't go through with it, they still get the money.

As you might presume, the big problem arises when David reflects on the bargain and finds that he can't handle the thought of his wife sleeping with another man.

I was very impressed with this movie, because of the complexity with which it addresses the many issues that surround such a decision. "Indecent Proposal" really makes you wonder what kind of moral standards you have yourself. I believe it's a must-see; people will be talking about it for a long time.



The idyllic marriage of David (Woody Harrelson) and Diana Murphy (Demi Moore) is challenged by a wealthy financier who offers them a million dollars if Diana will agree to spend one night with him in "Indecent Proposal."

What's up Nikki?..

What's Up, Nikki?

I'm becoming an emotional time bomb. I've gotten caught in a situation that's making me feel worthless.

A couple of weeks ago, I and my friends (a guy and a girl) started getting into arguments, which arose from the fact that they were going together, their relationship was in trouble, and I was a friend of both of them. That situation brought our friendships to a halt for a while.

The girl and I kept talking, while the guy and I stayed mad at each other. Now that the guy and I are starting to talk again, the girl has left me for dead.

We had been really close friends, but now she is throwing it all away. It's obvious now that all the "friendship" crap she was preaching was just a front to get what she wanted. Now that she is on the road to getting her

boyfriend back, she has taken our so-called friendship and thrown it away.

She has really hurt my feelings. The only time she speaks to me is to say "Hey," unless she wants to talk about her man. It really makes me sick to know that she used me to get through to her boyfriend. All I want to do is curse her out with all the hate I have in me. Please help me. What should I do, Nikki? I am so hateful toward her.

—Revengeful Thinker

Dear Revengeful Thinker:

It sounds like she is not really your friend. She never was. She was using you to get what she wanted, which was her man back.

If you and her boyfriend were friends before these arguments, then try to patch things up between you two.

If the female makes you generate this much negative energy, stay your distance.

Are you having trouble relating to the female population because of how you dress? Do you feel your boyfriend is slipping away into someone else's arms? Okay Aggies, you asked for it and it's here, your own personal advice column at the *A&T Register* called *What's Up Nikki?..* A question and answer column designed to help our readers with their problems. If you need Nikki's advice please follow these guidelines. Send all letters to:

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Professor dedicated to earth science

by Katrina Alston
Correspondent

To say that the subject of Godfrey Uzochukwu's devotion is larger than life would be an understatement.

He has maintained a life-long love for the Earth, he said.

The associate professor of earth sciences at A&T noted that he loved the planet and all the things in and on it.

"I got into this (area of studies) because I thought I could make a contribution to help improve the quality of life," he said, "and I find teaching rewarding and exciting."

In addition to teaching, Uzochukwu

sometimes serves as a consultant to people who need information about soil characteristics. These include builders, attorneys, government agencies and bankers who are considering financing building projects.

Uzochukwu came to the United States from Nigeria in 1976 to attend college and became interested in earth sciences when he read about the subject in an Oklahoma State University catalog.

"Earth science appealed to me," he said, "because I felt I could do some good. After all, everything is dependent on the Earth."

After completing his undergraduate work at Oklahoma State, he earned

his Ph.D. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1983. He did post-doctoral work at Texas A&M University, then came to A&T eight years ago.

"My first love is teaching," said Uzochukwu. "I have wanted to teach since I was a small child in Nigeria."

He also serves as coordinator for the Earth and Environmental Sciences undergraduate curriculum at A&T and is trying to interest more students in the program.

Now a U.S. citizen, Uzochukwu is married and has three children, with a fourth due in June.

"I plan to remain in North Carolina for a long time," he said. "This state has been good to me."

Top 10 R&B Singles Billboard-Soundscan

1. "Freak Me," Silk (Keia) (Platinum)
2. "Knockin' Da Boots," H-Town (Luke)
3. "I'm So Into You," SWV (RCA) (Gold)
4. "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thang," Dr. Dre (Death Row) (Platinum)
5. "I Have Nothing," Whitney Houston (Arista)
6. "So Alone," Men At Large (Eastwest)
7. "It Was A Good Day," Ice Cube (Priority)
8. "That's The Way Love Goes," Janet Jackson (Virgin)
9. "Down With the King," Run-D-M.C. (Profile)
10. "Comforter," Shai (Gasoline Alley)

Top 10 Video Rentals Billboard Publications, Inc.

1. "Under Siege," (Warner)
2. "The Last of the Mohicans," (Fox)
3. "A League of Their Own," (Columbia TriStar)
4. "Sneakers," (Universal)
5. "Honeymoon in Vegas," (New Line)
6. "Singles," (Warner)
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NEWS

Entrepreneur draws strength from life struggle

by Terrick Reddick
Correspondent

Sunlight reflected off the business degree from N.C. A&T on her wall as Helen Hoggard sat reflecting on her reasons for starting her business, "Good Eatin'."

Her gray hair and confident manner gave some indication of her 59 years, but the peaceful setting hardly reflected the turbulent life she led in the 1960s while participating in protest marches. Washington, D.C.,

police beat her, sprayed her with water and held her in jail overnight during the height of the civil rights struggle, she said. While attending A&T, she remembers protesting and marching with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She remained active in the NAACP in Washington.

The struggle that her generation endured motivated her to become a successful black

entrepreneur, she said.

"To be an entrepreneur," she said, "you have to be courageous, strong-willed and determined. When you start a business, it does not (necessarily) mean you will be successful. You have to be determined and strong-willed because you cannot let anything distract you."

Hoggard moved from Washington in 1980 to a small suburban town called Williamston in North Carolina. She began with

three employees, but now employs 10.

She started "Good Eatin'" in 1984 by selling plates of food to a small crowd of people during lunch hour. Now she caters different activities and delivers her meals from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More whites eat at black-owned restaurants than they did in the 1960s, she observed, and the menu has changed. Back when only blacks ate at such restaurants, the menu

consisted of Southern black cuisine such as chitterlings, grits, fatback meat and collard greens. Now, she noted, it is more diverse, with the addition of food like lamb chops and cauliflower.

Hoggard still tries to give something back to the black community, awarding the Walter Scott Scholarship in honor of her late father to two local high school students every year. To qualify, a student must maintain a 3.0 grade point

average and show a need for financial assistance.

Hoggard said that her own role model was Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused to give up her bus seat to a white man, sparking a black boycott of bus companies across the South that helped galvanize the civil rights movement in the 1960s.

"To be successful as a black entrepreneur, it takes the courage and determination that Mrs. Parks possessed to be successful," Hoggard said.

Aggies help youth prepare for future

by Eric Short
Staff Reporter

Anthony wakes up at 7 a.m. every morning. He fixes his own breakfast and prepares for school. By 8 a.m., he is ready for another day. Right before his bus arrives, his mother comes home from work. This may seem like an unusual routine for an 11-year-old, by for Anthony, it's normal.

It was normal at least until the beginning of this semester. That's because

since February, A&T student Thomas Breeze is there every morning to help Anthony get ready for school.

"It feels good to be able to interact with Anthony", said Breeze. "If it wasn't for the Dreambuilders program, I would not be able to affect someone's life like this."

Dreambuilders is a non-profit, community tutoring and mentorship program. Students from A&T act as mentors for local youngsters between the ages

of 10 and 18. The program was created by local community activists who wanted an alternative after-school organization for low-income children.

"We created Dreambuilders for parents who can't afford to send their children to expensive after-school programs", said Pam Basheer, student administrator of Dreambuilders. "We also include in our tutoring positive images of African-Americans, because our students don't get

that in the schools. We teach them who they are so they can have confidence in their people and their abilities."

Dreambuilders has been in operation for the past four years and has produced six students that are currently in college. Two of these students have come back to the program as volunteers. Freshman Ernest Benson, a marketing major, wants to give to others what he gained from the program.

"When I was in Dreambuilders, I learned from

the college students just by watching them interact with us" he said. "I looked up to them. I came back as a tutor because I want to be able to say I had a positive affect on the life of someone."

Affecting lives is the central theme for all Dreambuilder tutors. There is a general understanding of the social and economic conditions of students in low-income areas. The problems that plague these communities

are very serious. The student tutors decided to fight for the children by taking an active role in their development. As tutors become closer to the students, a relationship develops that includes other members of the students' families.

"I've found a number of substitute mothers", said tutor Chris Jackson. "I've also found a lot of little brothers and sisters. I don't mind, because the family has got to stay strong."

NAACP names new leader

by Eric Short
Staff Reporter

"I took this position because we need a new direction and I think I can help provide it," said Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr. as he recently assumed the role of new national director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Chavis has worked in the struggle for civil rights for more than thirty years. As a member of the Wilmington Ten, Chavis spent close to five years in prison before he was freed. One of Chavis's early mentors was Rev. Martin Luther

King, Jr.

"I believe we need Dr. King's dream more in 1993 than we needed it 30 years ago, when he first made his speech in 1963," said Chavis. "It is important that the NAACP focuses on the youth. We need that young energy and those creative ideas. That energy will help us continue our fight, because racism still exists today. As a matter of fact, it is alive and well everywhere you go."

According to A&T campus leaders, there is an air of excitement about the future of the NAACP with Chavis at the helm.

"I like him because he's young", says NAACP student chapter President

Tonya Griffith. "He seems committed to explore new ways to protest and educate about the injustices that are so present in this country. I'd like to meet him. I've got a number of ideas about what we need to do."

"We want to invigorate our communities with the fire we once had for justice," said Chavis. "There were times when our communities would unite and demand respect and fair treatment. I want the NAACP to be the leader in bringing that type of fighting attitude back."

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Gibbs
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of A&T in 1955 when F.D. Bluford died, then was appointed permanently to the position from 1956-1960.

In 1959, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted A&T full accreditation.

"Getting the school accredited was his greatest accomplishment as an administrator," Moore said.

G i b b s

Brooks

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management and marketing major, said, "Carlton is demanding and is set in his own ways, but politically I feel he is an asset to the student body, since his ways are our ways."

Wanda Reynolds, also a marketing major, agreed. "Carlton strives for professionalism, and his concerns for us as the students indicate how he is going to (take) steps in the right direction."

"I love A&T,"

Stress

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- getting at least seven to eight hours of sleep at least four days per week;
- balancing work and recreation;
- talking out your worries;
- taking quiet time out for yourself each day.

Handouts on these solutions are available at N.C. A&T Counseling Services and the Sebastian Infirmary.

Chelsea Powell, an A&T guidance counselor, said that "rooting, visualization and affirmation" were the keys to controlling stress.

"The principles of rooting grew out of Eastern disciplines that sought to understand the world and its

accomplishments and willingness to take a stand extended beyond the sheltered atmosphere of the campus, however.

When Greensboro city officials pressured Gibbs to prevent A&T students from leaving campus and participating in the famous 1960 "sit-in" at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter, Gibbs refused, saying that at A&T, "We teach our

students how to think, not what to think."

"It was a tremendous, courageous statement to make at that time," Moore observed, "to buck the power structure when the power structure wanted the kids off the street. I think he'll go down in history for that," he added.

Lewis Dowdy, A&T chancellor emeritus, who once described Gibbs as "a

man for the century," said the former president and his legacy "meant almost everything" to the University.

In accordance with the wishes of his family, Gibbs' funeral will be held today at 4 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. The hours between 4 and 6 p.m. have been designated by A&T officials as a time to remember his life and legacy.

Brooks said, "and any concern of the students is a concern of mine. We really do need more input from the student body this year, and students need to know what's going on as well."

Although his family currently lives in Dunn, N.C., Brooks is a native of Fayetteville. He has three older brothers and one younger brother, but considers his mother, Lauretta Brooks, to be the "big role model of my life."

"My mother is a strong black woman, and she has to be to take care of five males successfully," Brooks said.

"A good role model in general," he added, "is someone who is outstanding in the home, workplace, community and one who stands up for what they believe in."

Brooks said he wanted to attend a predominantly black school such as A&T so that he could

interact with other African-American students.

He has remained active on campus since he arrived, serving as sergeant-at-arms of his freshman class, a member of the food service and university council, and vice-president of the Student Union Activities Board. He is also a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

When asked about his campaign for SGA office this past spring, Brooks said, "I

was scared about whether I would win the campaign, because I had a good opponent (Roderick Wright)."

However, Brooks said he felt that his experience and leadership skills were what students really wanted, and was quick to praise his fellow newly elected SGA officers.

"I'm very happy with the other members of the executive board," he said, "because they're always

willing to work."

Students indicate that

they expect positive results from Brooks.

"I feel Carlton Brooks is the best person for the job, and I'm sure he will live up to his promises," said Tameka Paschal.

Brooks noted, "I would like to thank all of my supporters and (say that) together we can make a difference."

energies," she said, "and through that understanding to tap into its energy reservoir, literally becoming one with it."

Powell explained, "When you root, you tune into this Earth energy, you harmonize with it, and you learn to control it consciously. For example, although we breathe automatically, we are still able to exercise a 'manual override' for such purposes and breathing exercises to promote a more healthful state.

"In much the same way, we are automatically rooted in the sense that we are immersed in and interacting with the e-m

(electromagnetic) field of the earth all the time," she said. "What the rooting process does is give you the technique for manual override. This allows you to tap into this energy field when your personal e-m system is not functioning properly and you need to rebalance it or draw in extra energy."

Powell observed, "The key to the rooting process lies in learning to tune yourself to this energy. You do it just as you would tune into a radio frequency. Although this is a mental process, it's just as real as turning that radio dial.

"And when you feel a tingling or a warm or cool sensation," she added, "you

will know your physical body is telling you the connection has been made."

"Imagery," on the other hand, is where you visualize a picture of yourself as if you have already accomplished your goal, Powell said.

"This helps to reduce stress, overcome negative emotions, get to learn more about yourselves and gain control of undesirable behaviors," she said.

"Affirmation" is a statement of fact or belief that is written in a personal, positive, present-tense form as though the goal was already accomplished, Powell noted.

Hattie Liston and William Reed, psychology

professors at A&T, are working with other psychology teachers to educate students about the use of a fairly new method of controlling stress: biofeedback.

"Stress affects everyone," Liston said. "Stress can result in ulcers, high blood pressure and heart attacks."

"Biofeedback teaches you how your body reacts to situations and how to change those reactions to control stress," he added. "Biofeedback is not used as a replacement for medication or for a physician's care, but it is a technique which allows you to listen to your body changes when stress occurs.

"For example, body temperature and nerve impulses may increase," he noted. "Then, once you understand your body's reactions to stress, you can adjust your behavior to control physical effects such as tension or even pain."

Although stress seems to have mostly bad side effects, psychologists such as Liston note that stress is not all bad. Humans need a certain amount of stress to function effectively, and it can drive them to produce an outstanding performance. It is only when stress becomes unmanageable that it poses a hazard to health.

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OPINION

Cultural diversity and the evolution of NASA

By Daniel S. Goldin
Administrator/National
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One of the challenges we all face is the long reach of human ignorance. Galileo, the great Italian scientist of the 17th Century, faced ignorance and arrogance in his life.

More than 380 years ago, after his landmark discovery of four moons circling Jupiter, an astronomer named Francisco Sizzi wrote, "Jupiter's moons are invisible to the naked eye and therefore can have no influence on the Earth, and therefore would be useless, and therefore do not exist."

What a thought process! but as seekers of knowledge and truth, we humans have almost always been up against a great wall of ignorance. We don't know what we don't know.

Many of the greatest discoveries and technological breakthroughs have been blind stumbles in

the dark. The genius of many of those advances, however, was that people had faith in themselves and a profound willingness to learn, despite the unknowns.

I work at a pretty special place. The NASA I have come to know in the year I have been the Administrator is an exciting, relatively youthful federal agency where it is still O.K. to dare to dream, and where we are well aware that we have our own level of ignorance about the sea of space all around us.

Right now we can view the Earth from space, but we understand precious little about what mechanism drive our environment. We don't know whether the increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide we have measured will be absorbed by the oceans. We don't know if there was ever a seasonal hole of any size in the ozone layer over the Antarctic before we had a satellite up there to measure it.

We know there is life on Earth, but we don't know

whether it ever developed on Mars. And just a few months ago, before plunging into the dense Venusian atmosphere and burning up, the Pioneer Venus probe gave us new evidence that there may once have been oceans on Venus.

Did life once form there? We don't even know if there is life on planets outside our solar system, or even if there are other planets beyond the nine we know of. So far, we have only informed speculation and indirect evidence to support that the ory.

So in this world in which computers and television overwhelm us with wave after wave of information, true knowledge about our place in the cosmos is as elusive as ever. But everyday, we roll back the boundaries of our ignorance just a little more.

Not long after I was confirmed as the NASA Administrator last year, some events crystallized my deep convictions that NASA owes a special debt to the nation. Because of our position and

visibility, we have to do more to make sure that the face of NASA reflects the face of America. Let me tell you what happened.

I had been in this job for just a few weeks. At the time, we were just a few days away from launching the Space Shuttle that was built to replace the Challenger, and there was a great deal of attention, not to mention a great many hopes and dreams, riding on that mission. At the same time I had been contacted by Tom Paine, who asked to see me. Tom was a former NASA Administrator, one of the titans of the early years of the space program, and he was on his death bed.

I was scheduled to leave Washington in the afternoon and fly to Los Angeles to see him. We got a call late in the day telling us the aircraft couldn't leave because LAX was closed.

I had no idea what was going on. I used to work in Los Angeles. It is the city where my children grew up, and where they still live. So I called my wife and asked her

what was happening. She told me about the civil unrest in South Central L.A., and as I later watched the terrible hopelessness and the frustration that played across the television, it made me very sad. Had the Endeavor launched just a few days earlier, the fires of Los Angeles would have been visible to our Shuttle astronauts from space, a glow of despair from far below. And that imagery would have passed through the unique window that NASA provides to the world.

How terrible that the same sort of ignorance about the physical universe that the astronomer showed toward Galileo's discovery can also be manifested, in a much broader sense, in the ignorance with which we interact with one another.

There is a high level of ignorance, in 1993, of the need all people have for self-esteem, and of the need all people have to be able to dream. We cannot afford to ignore either one.

The unrest in Los Angeles served to deepen my strong conviction that we have to do something to flight the ignorance that chips away relentlessly at human dignity and self worth. We have to do something about dislocation and hopelessness and the lack of equal opportunity in this country.

We have to give our children, all children, the ability to dream.

It simply isn't enough to say that you don't believe in discrimination of inequality. You have to do more. What happened in L.A. was the result of a lack of hope, a lack of opportunity.

What chance does a young person have, what hope can a girl or a boy muster if their parents are out of work-- if they have no opportunity for meaningful work, if they see no role models around them to help lift them up and give them a sense that they can accomplish anything they can dare to dream? We can help provide that hope.

Report: poverty higher in black districts

CHARLOTTE (AP)- More poor people live in the state's black-majority congressional districts than in any of the other 10 districts, according to U.S. Census figures.

The statistics are no surprise and show the pressing need for President Clinton's economic plan, said U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, a freshman Democrat who represents the 12th District.

"President Clinton understands clearly that over the last 10 to 12 years, the concentration of wealth has gone to the people in the top 1 percent," Watt said in a telephone interview from his Washington office. "We need to reverse that trend."

The population figures released Tuesday show 17.7 percent of Watt's constituents live below the poverty line, defined in 1990 as income of \$13,359 for a family of four.

In the state's 1st District, represented by

freshman Democrat Eva Clayton, 26.1 percent of the population lives below the poverty line.

The two districts are the state's only black-majority congressional districts, created by the General Assembly during redistricting to comply with a U.S. Justice Department demand that the state ensure appropriate representation for minorities.

The percentage of poor living in the state's other 10 districts ranges from a low of 6.6 percent in the 9th to 14.5 percent in the 3rd District.

"There's a whole litany of problems here," Douglas Wilms, who teaches geography at East Carolina University, said of the 1st District's high percentage of poor. "It's like a Third World country in some respects."

And there's been little progress in the state's

poorest areas in the past 10 years, he said.

"I tell my own children that we are becoming a nation of haves and have-nots," he said.

The 1st District in eastern North Carolina is the state's most rural congressional district. It also has the lowest average household income, \$23,913, among congressional districts.

The 12th District encompasses a string of urban areas stretching from Gaston County to Durham, taking in part of metropolitan Charlotte, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Winston-Salem and Greensboro along the way. The average household income in it is \$28,085.

"What you find in my district is some high income areas that can skew the numbers," Watt said.

"That's why I look at percentage of people living

under the poverty line as the more relevant number.

"You can take one millionaire and it will change the average, but it doesn't reduce the fact that you have a whole bunch of people living in poverty."

The congressional districts with the highest average household incomes are the 9th at \$43,949 and the 4th at \$42,127.

Census figures are used to fund programs that cut across American life. They provide money to feed, educate and house the poor; build and fix highways; run mass-transit systems; control air pollution; and treat alcohol and drug addictions.

"We expect more help to be oriented to areas with the highest concentrations of poverty," Watt said.

"But whether there's a direct correlation is hard for me to say."

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Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

Your interest in compulsory courses in African-American studies prompted in part the following letter to the "Greensboro News and Record." In part, I was annoyed by some of the absurd letters printed there:

"Visitors to Egypt cannot fail to see the variety of skin colors of the people, ranging from pink to charcoal, and note the multiplicity of shapes of noses and lips on the many statues.

"Guide-guards try to

preserve from the ravages of tourism their treasured wall paintings in the underground tombs in the valley of the kings.

"Inside one of the tombs (there were so many, I lost track of names), I felt a gentle tap on my shoulder.

"Look," the guide said, pointing at a painting. 'Black pharaoh. Black. Like me. Like you.'

"With a wide grin, he added in a lower voice, 'Now don't I deserve a little tip?'"

I'm on your side (in

the mandatory studies argument). Are you aware that A&T taught a course, in the summer at least, in African-American literature as early as the 1930s? We called it "Negro literature" when I was a student.

In 1965, as a faculty member, a colleague and I co-edited a paperback reader for college students titled

"Images of the Negro in America," largely because students (not faculty) were concerned that African-Americans were omitted

from textbooks on literature at that time.

In 1972, we co-edited another reader which included African writers. One poem was by Wole Soyinka. (I'm not suggesting that you ask faculty members who he is, but you might try it).

There may be copies of these two paperbacks in the library archives. At one time they were there. Once I conducted an African literature seminar before I retired in 1978.

— Jean Bright