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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Construction crews cause blackout

By Archie Clark and Jarinda McNair
Staff Writers

Cold water, no lights, no heat. Even the phones were not working. These were only some of the problems that occurred Thursday, Oct. 27.

It began around 10:30 a.m. At first, the problem was ignored by students; little did they know the power would be off for the remainder of the day, not to mention the greater part of the night.

According to A&T officials, the blackout was caused when Southern Bell construction crews, who were attempting to install additional telephone service to north campus, inadvertently drilled through the power and telephone duct bank that connected the north campus to the south campus, just off Laurel Street near the bookstore.

The new phone service is expected to be completed in the spring and would make phones available in the rooms of Holt Hall.

During the blackout, students were asking two main questions: Will there be a Coronation? After the long wait and preparation for the formal event would it be cancelled? Fortunately, power was supplied by a generator which was hooked up to produce the lights. With that hurdle crossed, one of the biggest parts of Homecoming could continue.

However, coronation was not the only problem. Buildings such as Crosby, Merrick, Maricopa, Cooper and Scott halls were without power. Some buildings such as the Gamble complex were without heat, telephones, hot water as well as electricity.

In Cooper Hall, during the blackout, students could be seen on every floor playing cards and doing homework in the hallways that were lit by the generator. The rooms were pitch black.

Construction was completed on Laurel Street Friday; it became necessary to dig through the pavement to restore permanent power to north campus.

Ronald Gates, University engineer, said, "Laurel Street will be blocked off again when the paving company arrives (to repair the damage), hopefully this week."

A&T's Dr. Harold Martin named new Academic Vice Chancellor

Dr. Harold Martin, dean of the College of Engineering at A&T since 1989, has been named the University's new vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Martin's appointment was announced by the Board of Governors at their monthly meeting on Friday, Oct. 14, after nomination by Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T's chancellor.

Martin will succeed Dr. Edward J. Hayes, who in September became provost of the University of Houston at Clear Lake, Texas. Martin's new position will become effective on Nov. 1.

"Dr. Martin's proven technical knowledge, his keen awareness of program development and enhancement, his fiscal budget management capabilities, and his in-depth familiarity with long-range strategic planning, all attest to the fact that he is the foremost nationally recognized administrator for this critically important position," said Fort.

"He is a highly respected administrator and academian with the unique ability to formulate and articulate a vision, and to motivate a team toward that vision. His tremendous leadership of our world class College of Engineering is a known reality, as are his compassion and concern for students. His service will be critical in the enhancement and expansion of our doctoral instruction. We are fortunate to obtain him as our new vice chancellor."

Martin worked tirelessly with Chancellor Fort in those activities leading ultimately to A&T's initiation of its first doctoral programs in electrical and mechanical engineering.

A native of Winston-Salem, Martin achieved a reputation as one of the top engineering deans in the United States. In nearly 15 years, he personally generated research and development grants totaling more than $5 million, and he has 30 professional publications. Under Martin's leadership, undergraduate enrollment in

Technology building gets facelift

By Jarinda McNair
Staff Writer

In an effort to attract minority students to study math and science, A&T will begin construction in May on a new technology building that will cost approximately $8 million.

The building, which will adjoin Price Hall, the current technology building, is funded by a 1993 statewide bond referendum that assigned construction monies to the 16 UNC school systems.

"This building will bring a lot of benefits; provide broader education for students," said Earl Yarbrough, dean of the School of Technology.

Price Hall is a state of the art building which was built in the 1950's. The new building will provide the modern essentials, such as having access to the N.C. Information Highway, advanced computer technology, more intense studies with plastics, robotics, construction management, manufacturing systems and advanced painting and publishing techniques.

"This building will provide updated equipment, which is helpful and will put A&T on the map of technology," says freshman Torre Gill.

In 1986, Chancellor Edward Fort appointed a task force of faculty members and administrators to decide whether there was a need for a new technology building.

The task force looked at the growth of enrollment, present facility conditions and the state of technology in the country for the past two years.
Dean receives new post, from page one

The College of Engineering increased from 850 students to 1700 students. He has served as a consultant for Barnhill Incorporated, Research Triangle Institute, Gilbarco Inc., the Naval Underwater Systems Center and SCEEE of St. Cloud, Fla.

Martin has served on numerous engineering and technology boards, including the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, the North Carolina Biotechnology Center Advisory Board, Board of Directors of Graduate Education for Minorities, Advisory Committee for Engineering for the National Science Foundation, and the NSPE Engineering Advisory Group.

Martin began employment at A&T as an assistant professor of electrical engineering in 1980 and then moved through the ranks to become acting chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering, department chairman and then professor and dean.

He holds the B.S. and M.S. degrees from A&T and the Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Recent studies:

Black women earn more than counterparts

by Katrina Watson

Assistant Assignment Editor

The salary gain for Black professional women came in the 1980's as the salaries of white professional women rose slightly and those of Black men eroded.

Black college-educated women have made such financial strides since 1980 that many now make as much or more than white women who have similar education and similar work experience.

Among recent college graduates who have been on the job for one to five years, Black women earned an average wage of $11.41 an hour in 1991 while white women earned $11.38 and hour and Black men were paid $11.26.

This analysis is based on a report from Lawrence Mishel and Jared Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute.

White males held the highest figure at $12.65 an hour.

Katina Rhinehardt, a senior accounting major had this to say about the new study. "I believe the study is more than accurate. Black women are more determined to succeed, therefore, we are more marketable."

The wage figures, which account for inflation, are analyses of census data conducted for the New York Times by the Economic Policy Institute, a labor-supported research organization, and by Queens College of New York.

The analysis also found the median income for all college graduates 25 and younger are about $18,000 for white men, $17,000 for Black women, $16,000 for Native women and $16,400 for Black men.

Chief Williams: '94 one of the best ever for security

by Archie Clark

Assignment Editor

Despite the outcome of the football game, A&T students and participants in the Homecoming festivities could not have asked for a better weekend, police officials said.

In addition to the exceptional weather, events such as the game, the concert and the step show went by without incident. According to Police Chief John O. Williams, the '94 Homecoming celebration was the best A&T has seen as far as security is concerned.

The number of people who attended the Homecoming festivities was the most that have ever attended an A&T Homecoming celebration. The event also marks Greensboro history as the most attended event in Guilford County.

"The large crowd size gives everyone a good time, not to cause trouble," Williams said.

According to police reports, the isolated incidents included, confiscation of three weapons, two of which were from non-students, an arrest, and a fight between two girls at the Friday night show.

One other problem, according to Williams, was that the annual Homecoming parade was too long. The parade, which began early Saturday morning, did not end until after the football game kickoff. It is likely there will be restrictions on the number of participants in the future parades, he said.

Williams said the concert and the step show went smoothly, probably because of the fact that the events were filled with only A&T students. "Most of the time outsiders and non-students cause the majority of the problems," Williams said.

This year, the tickets were sold only to students for the first two weeks. This differed from the past, when tickets were sold to the general public and students initially.

Another thing that may have made this year's Homecoming a success was the extensive planning done by campus security, Williams said. "Preparations for Homecoming events started in July. We hired a number of contracts security officers trained in providing safety to homecoming participants."

"All in all Homecoming '94 was a success for everyone involved," Williams added.

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The new building will provide conference, meeting, space and better equipment, officials said.

Through the Information Highway, students can access databases to participate in and receive credit for classes at N.C. State, East Carolina and New York University.

The School of Technology includes four departments: electronics and computer technology, computer construction management safety, manufacturing systems and graphic communications and technological studies.

The four-story building is expected to be completed in August 1996.
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**WNA-FM** Radio holding seminar to help future music hopefuls

**Fundraising Seminar**

WNA-FM, the award winning non-commercial/educational radio station in Greensboro, NC is sponsoring two radio music seminars: "HOW TO GET INTO THE RECORD BUSINESS," on Saturday, November 12, 1994. The seminars will be held on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.

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Executives and representatives from the following companies will be on campus to conduct workshops: Island, Atlantic, East-West, Reprice, Motown, Warner Bros, Elektra, POG and BMI Distributors. Representatives from music licensing agencies BMI and ASCAP are also confirmed to attend.

"HOW TO GET INTO THE RECORD BUSINESS," is an event geared towards high school and college students. All prospective students should know: WNA-FM will be on campus to raise money for its 1995 operating budget. WNA-FM doesn’t receive any financial support from A&T since funding was eliminated for broadcast facilities statewide in 1991. The radio music seminar is for anyone who is interested in a music career, as an artist or a person behind the scenes in management or support positions. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to network with professionals of the industry to discuss possible internship and entry level job openings.

In the past few years, the station has been besieged by listener’s inquiries on how to get record companies to listen to their tapes. The music seminar will be the conduit through which WNA-FM can bring listeners and industry representatives together. Seminar participants will receive first-hand answers to their questions about the industry. The seminar is for anyone who is interested in becoming a recording artist, but does not have the information or contacts to get started.

The day long event will feature workshops that will be conducted by record company representatives, Music publishing, copy-protection and sample clearance will be a few of the subjects covered during the workshops on Copyright Laws and Regulations. The Art of Self Marketing will feature information on how to develop personal contacts in the industry and how to create a demo package that will attract attention.

Alternate Careers in the Recording Industry will be a workshop designed for non-artists who have interests in the behind-the-scenes jobs including promotions, publicity, A&R, and marketing. The final workshop will focus on artists relations with information on How to Negotiate a Contract.

The seminar will conclude with a visual review session for videos and listening review session for audio demo tapes. Here, participants can get a professional critique of their work.

This industry seminar is open to students and the community. It is designed to help struggling artists in their quest to know more about the industry and in turn, have the industry know more about them.

WNA-FM is accepting financial contributions to offset seminar costs. The station is also accepting offers of help with panel participation. Industry professionals with marketing and legal expertise are especially needed.

Anyone interested in attending the seminar can take advantage of the early $50 per person registration fee. Early registration will be offered until Oct. 31st. From Nov. 1st to Nov. 11th the fee doubles to $100 per person. On-site registration will be $125 per person.

A luncheon is also planned and will feature a keynote address from a top-ranking executive of a major recording label. The luncheon fee is $10 for seminar registrants. For people who wish to attend only the luncheon, the fee is $25. The luncheon address is Suite 200, Price Hall; NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411-1135.

Cash, certified checks, money orders, Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. Make checks payable to WNA-FM. No personal checks will be accepted. For registration and seminar information call (910) 334-7936.

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**Campus & Community Haps**

**Monday, November 7, 1994**

**FOM-PGM BROADCAST COMEDY SHOW**

The comedy show will feature national and local comedians. The show will be held in the Student Center, A&T Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27411 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $5.00. No one under 18 is allowed.

**Wednesday, November 9, 1994**

**Greensboro Joyce société**

The Joyce society presents "Three" at the Greensboro Civic Center on Friday, November 11th at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $12.00. For more information call 334-8355.

**Thursday, November 10, 1994**

**Attention guests!**

Campus & Community United for Safety is holding its 4th annual Concert Safety Conference in the Student Union Auditorium from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The luncheon will be held in the Student Union dining hall.

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Simpson jurors are sworn in

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles-A predominantly black group of eight women and four men was sworn in Thursday to serve as the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, capping five weeks of prolonged and detailed questioning.

The 12 people selected Thursday may not ultimately be the panel that weighs Simpson's fate, as they will be supplemented by an additional 15 alternates to be selected in the coming weeks.

Should anything happen to any of the original 12 panelists, the affected juror would be replaced by an alternate.

But even though Thursday's selection does not mark the end of jury selection, it nonetheless constitutes a major milestone in a process that began Sept. 26 with each juror prospect completing an exhaustive, 79-page questionnaire.

Questioning of the jury panel began and ended in irony: The first panelist called in for questioning by Ito was juror No. 23, the same number Simpson wore throughout most of his football career; the last one put in the jury box Thursday worked for Hertz, the company that Simpson represented as a spokesperson for years.

Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito thanked the panelists, who would be asked to decide whether Simpson is guilty of murdering his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Lyle Goldman June 12-a charge he has steadfastly denied.

"I want to welcome you to the league of judges because that's what you are know," he said. "I know you can rise to the occasion, despite the unusual circumstances, I know you will do a good job in this case, and I trust you."

The 12 people selected Thursday include eight blacks, one white, two Latins and one man who is part Native American and part white. That is far a higher percentage of blacks than live in Los Angeles County, and one that legal experts said should haunt Simpson's attorneys.

"That is just the lack of the draw," Robert L. Shapiro, one of Simpson's lead lawyers, said of the racial composition of the jury.

On the issue of DNA testing, which is expected to be a major component in the case, just one juror said he had found it somewhat reliable, according to the questionnaire filled out by every jury prospect. The other 11 said they had no opinion.

The sitting of the panel took all day Thursday and was a delicate mixture of legal chess and chemistry.

Attorneys for Simpson and the prosecution mixed and matched prospective jurors throughout a painstaking session, searching for a group that both sides would accept, by law, the lawyers could kick off any prospect with whom they felt uncomfortable, as long as race or gender was not the reason.

Always lurking in the background were issues of race and gender, and the opposing sides termed explanations every time their adversaries had moved a prospective juror for what the other side considered suspicious reasons.

Seven prospective jurors from the panel Thursday who did not reach the final group of 12 were asked to return Nov. 9, when questioning will begin for alternate jurors.

Simpson jurors are sworn in

A quick glance at our state, nation, and world today

Debts hindering work of NAAACP

New York Times News Service

Washington-The finances of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are so fragile, several members of its board of directors have disclosed, that the association still owes banks in Chicago and Indianapolis for its last two national conventions.

As a result of its poor credit, these board members say, the association is being forced to pay major expenses, like hotel room charges and air fares, in advance.

But because it cannot make those payments, they say, the 64-member board cannot even consider meeting to discuss a proposal to dismiss the group's chairman, Dr. William F.-opter.

The finances of the NAAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights group and the biggest, with 600,000 members, have fallen nearly $4 million into the red. Its revenues are about $16 million.

The deficit developed over the brief tenure of the last executive director, Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. After 15 months in office, Chavis was dismissed in August for using association funds to subscribe to a sexual harassment dispute with a former staff member.

Monday, the association indefi

ally forfeited most of its approximately 150 employees at the Baltimore headquarters and in regional offices, both to bring expenses in line with dues and donation receipts, and to assure donors of a commitment to control spending.

The forlorn followed two-week layoffs that some 15 of the higher paid employees were asked in September to take on staggered schedules.

In view of the association's shaky finances and its confused accounting of them, the American Institute of Philosophy, a St. Louis organization that rates 30 nonprofit institutions' financial management on a scale of A for the most sound management to F, has given the NAAACP a question mark for 1992, meaning the institute cannot understand the NAAACP's accounts.

P. Brunello, the institute's president, said the association's books for 1992, before Chavis' election, showed a surplus of $600,000.
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However, his good fortune lend him to Aggieland. Hager is grateful for his fate at A&T. "I found a caring family type atmosphere." The experiences at N.C. State were not good ones and Hager felt A&T served his purposes best.

Hager largely accedes the role of friend, tutor and responsible student-advisor as he advises student athletes at A&T. Hager admits that there are not many things that are serious about, however, when it comes to academia he is very serious. He really wants his talents to be affected by his tenacity for the books.

In addition, to organizing tutorial programs, Hager dreams of the day athletes can use lap-top computers to accommodate their busy travel schedule. He also is a strong advocate for five year money for student athletes. The problems occur when there is not any more scholarship money after four years. Many athletes would love to receive their degrees but just cannot afford to pay. Fifth year money would improve graduation rates of student-athletes. Hager encourages student athletes to set goals and stay focused. Hager is always striving for the best at whatever he does. Whether Hager is giving words of encouragement or scolding an athlete for not attending class, he truly is an unusual hero who strives for academic excellence.

**Two-time Olympic participant**

Morris brings experience and dedication to track team

By Nettie Collins Rowland
A&T Information Service

She was 14, an aspiring gymnast and a super basketball, volleyball and softball star in her high school in the Virginia Islands. The energetic athlete was all set on becoming an eminent gymnast, when she was approached by the high school track coach to try out for the team.

"I was always quick and the coach saw me beating all of the guys whenever we played catch in the class," said the two-time Olympic participant, Ruth Morris, who was recently named the women's track coach at A&T.

"I quickly told him 'no' because I didn't think my mother would let me join. The team practiced at night and I knew that would interfere with my class work," said the world-class sprinter. "But he continued to ask me and eventually I told him to ask my mother, thinking all of the time this would discourage him."

To A&T's track coach, along with the athletic director, showed up at her house one day, and after a couple of hours, convinced her mother to let her join the team.

According to Morris, her mom let her join with the stipulation that if her grades slipped, she was off the team. "My grades never slipped," says the 5' 9', 160 pound Morris. "A&T's coach had definitely recruited a winner. At her first track meet, she won four gold medals. "It was a lot of hard work, and a lot of pain. But it was worth it," said Morris. Morris did so well in the sport, that by the end of the year, she qualified for the Olympics. But she was unable to participate because the officials thought she was too young, and that she would be intimidated by the older athletes.

But four years later in 1988, while Morris was a student at A&T and a super track star, she tried out for the Olympics and qualified This time, the 1990 graduate participated in the Olympics. "Before I went to the Olympics, I pulled a hamstring," said 27-year-old Morris. "I did o.k. but I wasn't pleased with my performance. Morris was the first athlete in A&T's history to participate in the Olympics. "Ruth was one of the best group of women ever to run for A&T," said Roy Thompson, who coached the women's team during her college days. She has a set of standards that are still in place. She is a very gifted athlete who has a good understanding of what it takes to get the job done. She is very conscious and a hard worker." After graduating from A&T with a degree in political science and a minor in English, Morris joined the U.S. Army, where she served for four years. She continued her international competition. In 1992, Morris again competed in the Olympics in the 200 and 400 meters. "This time I did a lot better," says Morris with a smile. "I was one of the quarter finalists." Morris has now returned to her alma mater. "Turned down a lot of jobs that paid a lot of money, I wanted to give something back to my University," says Morris.

"In term of her coaching," said Thompson who held the position of men's and women's track coach for fourteen years, and now is dedicating full time to the men's program, Ruth brings with her a wealth of experience through her Olympic and international competition. Her understanding of sprinters will certainly enhance our program." Morris says she is looking for students for students who already know the fundamentals and the form and are now ready to excel further in the sport.

Morris is already preparing herself to return to the Olympics in 1996. She trains during her lunch and runs in cross country meets weekends. This time, Morris doesn't plan to go to the Olympic alone. She plans to take some of her athletes with her.

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