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TransAfrica director to address 1995 graduates

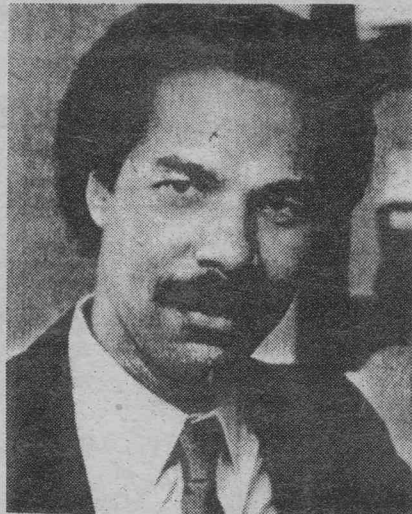
From A&T Information Services

Randall Robinson, executive director of TransAfrica, a Washington lobbying group for Africa and the Caribbean, will be the speaker for the annual A&T commencement at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 7 in the Greensboro Coliseum. Degrees will be presented to 1,428 graduating seniors and graduate students.

For years, Robinson, was one of the most visible spokespersons against apartheid in South Africa and represented Nelson Mandela in this country. "We are indeed fortunate to secure the honorable Mr. Randall Robinson as our commencement speaker," said Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor. "He is by far the most articulate voice advocating human justice for the African continent. His impact has been world-wide."

Robinson has had a profound influence on the formation of U.S. foreign policy. Through his initiatives, issues in South Africa, Somalia,

Ethiopia, Angola and Haiti, have been brought to the forefront of



Robinson

congressional and media attention.

Robinson has been honored as ABC's Person of the Week and WJLA's Washingtonian of the Week and was the recipient of the Humanitarian Award of the Congressional Black Caucus and the Humanitarian Award of

the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change. In addition, he has been instrumental in bringing some of Africa's best-known leaders to this country, including Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Robinson, a Harvard Law School graduate, was active in the Southern Africa Relief Fund, which raised money for groups fighting the Pretova government. After working on Tanzania as a Ford Foundation Fellow, he served as a public interest lawyer in Boston for several years. In 1975, he came to Washington where first worked as an aide to Missouri Congressman, William Clay, and later for Congressman Charles Diggs.

Robinson has published numerous articles in many publications including *USA Today*, "Let Haitian Refugees into USA"; *The Washington Post*, with Benjamin Hooks, "Haitians: Locked Out Because

They're Black"; *Journal of International Affairs*, Interview with Bernd Janzen, Michael Schuman and Carolyn Reynolds, "Challenging U.S. Policy Toward Africa: Conventions with Randall Robinson"; *Newsweek*, "We Lost - and De Klerk Won"; *The Black Collegian*, "Meeting the International Challenge: Are African-American Prepared?"; *Black Issues in Higher Education*, "TransAfrica Addresses Black Underrepresentation in International Affairs"; and *The Washington Post*, "The Message Mandela Will Bring."

On July 1, 1977 TransAfrica, a nonprofit organization, was incorporated in Washington, D.C., with Randall Robinson as executive director and support staff member. Start-up funding came from the National Council of Churches, the Board of Global Ministries/United Methodist Church and the Ford Foundation. In the last 16 years the membership has grown to over 40,000 supporters.

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Thought for the summer:

"The color of the skin is no way connected with the strength of the mind or intellectual power."

-Benjamin Banneker

Officials: Wellness Center drive is a success

By Frank Hatley
Staff Writer

The proposed Wellness Center is close to the goal of one million dollars set for the "Walkathon" through efforts of the student body and student organizations who supported the event.

"Right now we're nearing the \$800,000 mark for the whole campaign, said Dr. Richard Moore, assistant vice chancellor for University Relations. "Funds and pledges are still coming in from the Walkathon. Credit for the success of the Walkathon should go to the student body as led by Keith Bryant. He did an outstanding job in planning and marketing the event. The student body should also be commended for the Aggie pride they showed in the endeavor."

On April 1, the one-mile walk started at the stadium and ended at the Holland Bowl with a student body celebration sponsored by the New York/New Jersey Aggie Club.

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Four leaders to receive A&T honorary degrees

From A&T Information Services

A corporate president, an administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a vice president for R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and a noted Greensboro physician will receive honorary degrees from A&T Sunday, May 7.

Doctor of Humanities degrees will be presented to Joseph S. Colson Jr., president of AT&T Affiliates, AT&T Network Systems; Dr. Yvonne Blanchard-Freeman, associate administrator for Equal Opportunity Programs for NASA; Dr. Benjamin Ruffin, vice president of Corporate Affairs for R. J. Reynolds; and Dr. Gerald L. Truesdale, president of Greensboro Plastic Surgical Associates.

Colson is a 1968 graduate with highest honors from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering.

In 1968, he joined AT&T Bell Laboratories as a member of the technical staff in Greensboro and attended Stanford University, Palo Alto, Ca., under the Bell Laboratories Graduate Study Program. He graduated in 1969 with a M.S.E.E. degree.

From 1971 until 1987, he held a variety of technical management positions involving computer-aided testing, common channel signaling, packet switching, cellular telephone and international switching. Since joining the AT&T Bell Laboratories staff, he has served as the corporation's Campus Executive and a member of the Industry Advisory Group.

He played a leadership role which resulted in contributions from AT&T to A&T of more than \$4 million in scholarship grants and state-of-the-art scientific equipment.

Colson has been selected by *Black Enterprise Magazine* as one of the top Black executives in the United States and in 1989 was selected by *Black Engineer Magazine* as Black Engineer for the Year for professional achievement.

Blanchard-Freeman, a native of Waterbury, Conn., is a distinguished exponent of work force diversity, (NASA), and successful administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

She graduated from George Washington High School, Los Angeles, Ca., and enrolled at Fisk University as an education and psychology major, later earning a master's degree from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and the doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Freeman

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Dr. Dorothy Harris, assistant vice chancellor for Student Development and a member of the Wellness Center committee, was also impressed with the students and participating campus organizations. "The students were very enthusiastic about the participation. They saw it as an opportunity to do something for A&T, and it was a motivational effort to make a reality of the Wellness Center for our students. They went all out to solicit support for the Walkathon. The Council of Presidents, Student Government Association, the Gospel Choir, and fraternities and sororities combined

their efforts to solicit support. They attempted to solicit 25 sponsors per organization to meet the goal."

One of the important sponsors of the Wellness Center project is the Carolina Peacemaker, a local community newspaper which is sponsoring a subscription drive that will contribute \$4 per annual subscription for A&T students.

Ralph Johnson, an alumnus of A&T and staff member of the paper, said, "We're trying to get as many people involved as possible. If 5,000 students would subscribe that would amount to \$20,000 for the Wellness Center. We're going to periodically set up a table at the Student Union for this purpose."

Keith Bryant, president of the Student Government Association, and the driving force of the "Walkathon" said, "I think we had a good turnout. It's difficult because we have a large commuting student population. There are still pledges coming in, and students are starting to get a visual concept of the center. We need to get to the one million dollar mark to break ground but the total cost of the project will be \$10,000,000."

According to Moore, architectural plans are still in the process of being modified. "The University's intention is to break ground by next September," he said.

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launched her public career as an assistant school superintendent in Montclair, N.J., and as assistant director of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. She has played a leadership role in the policy development of an Equal Opportunity and Diversity

Management Plan for NASA and during the past eight years, she greatly influenced NASA decisions to award research contracts to A&T, totaling more than \$25 million.

As vice president of Corporate Affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Ruffin leads the company's national, state and local partnerships with key minority business, civic and professional organizations. He also directs the company's minority programs in educational support, business development and community involvement, drawing from his background in the civil rights movement, government and business.

His more than 25 years of distinguished public service began when he was a leader in the Durham civil rights movement in the early 1960s, and later directed a self-help program to improve housing and employment for low-income families. He joined N.C. Governor James B. Hunt's administration for eight years as a special assistant, followed by his appointment as a vice president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. In 1986 he became the first African-American to be appointed a vice-president of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Truesdale, a native of High Point, is a nationally prominent plastic and reconstructive surgeon, patron of the arts and a supporter of higher education. He graduated from William Penn Senior High School, and enrolled at Morehouse College as a chemistry major, and he was admitted into Phi Beta Kappa and continued his studies to earn a Doctor of Medicine from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago. During his professional career, his ardent financial support of A&T has included a \$200,000 commitment to the University's Athletics Program and various other grants and scholarships for the Biology Department and various arts programs.

He became the first African American to serve as president of and a major donor to the Eastern Music Festival. He has also made major scholarship contributions to Morehouse College, the Morehouse School of Medicine, Bennett College and the University of Chicago.

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Review: Aggie Mania showcases top R&B/rap performers

By Jeff Watts
Advertising Manager

Atlanta's Freaknik wasn't the only event to draw a crowd of party goers. A&T's first annual Aggie Mania, held simultaneous to Freaknik, had thousands of college students in attendance April 21-23 at Corbett Sports Center.



Band warms up for big show.

Highlighting the weekend was a concert held Saturday, featuring some of the biggest names in hip hop and R & B.

The first group to appear on stage was the hip hop group, Rotten Raskels. The members, Fam, Dissel and DJ Chap performed several songs, including their hit single "Oh Yeah".

The group from "Illtown," N.J., has strong ties in the hip-hop industry as member Dissel's older brother is Treach of Naughty By Nature. The next single due out on their latest album, "Hey All Right," will be in record stores soon.

Keith Murray, was next on stage and continued to thrill the crowd.

Murray, one of the newest rap sensations out, demonstrated his smooth flow and strong vocabulary as he performed such songs as, "The Most Beautifullest Thing."

Believing he is a natural with the English language, Murray boasted backstage that to him defeat is when someone can't find a word he uses in

a dictionary.

Following Murray was comedian Cedric the Entertainer. Cedric, best known as the host of BET's Comicview and from appearances on HBO's Def Comedy Jam, kept the audience laughing with his quips. He included a joke on a young lady in the audience who "looked as if she just got off the short yellow bus."

Cedric feels he has an advantage over other comics, in that his style can survive through whatever style is deemed "popular" at the time. Cedric's fans will be able to see him in his upcoming television show on BET in September, if things fall into schedule as plan, he said.

The final act, headlining the concert, was Teddy Riley's produced group, Blackstreet. They proceeded to sing a string of their hit songs, including "Joy", and their biggest hit, "Before I let You Go".

Their sweet, melodious sounds drew praise from the crowd, especially from the young ladies in the audience who squealed in delight at every song. Riley said he is pleased with Blackstreet's success and is looking forward to Guy's reunion album, tentatively set to be released in the fall.

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-Jay Short, Project Coordinator

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THE STAFF SPEAKS

Think twice about your actions, please

By Lori Riddick
Editor-in-Chief

In the Jan. 31 issue of *The A&T Register*, we ran an article about the negative aspects and faults we, as students, find with the customer service administered in the Dowdy building.

That article, written by Christopher Gillespie, has received feedback from A&T administrators, faculty and other concerned individuals who believe the problem should and needs to be corrected.

For me, the article gave me the opportunity to see things from the other side of the coin. I can say I understand and feel empathy for those who work in Dowdy and who have to face numerous students with different attitudes on a daily basis. I say this because not all students are cordial, not all students respect these employees and not all students can put themselves in these employee's shoes and know the stress they have to deal with every day.

We must not forget that it takes two to tumble. Therefore, we, as students, can't blame the employees in the Dowdy building without blaming ourselves. Maybe we should examine ourselves and think back to all the times we went to Dowdy. Did we go with an attitude or did we go with common courtesy?

Certainly, we will not always get what we want when we want it, but I'm sure with common courtesy, understanding and respect, we can get a lot more from someone. Did you ever think that the people in Dowdy only treat you the way you treat them?

I'm not saying Gillespie's article was wrong. I just know and understand that sometimes, the way we perceive a person doesn't mean that's how a person really is. I have met a lot of the people described in Gillespie's article and the only thing I can say is they have always been helpful, concerned and understanding to my needs. They may not always have the answer to my problem but at least I know they tried to help.

So, from now on, as students, we should go to the Dowdy Building with an attitude of understanding. We should think before we speak, and ask ourselves "If I were in their shoes, what would I do?" Probably the same thing.

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Rap music influence: good or bad?

By Kenneth Griffith
Staff Writer

Does rap music have influence on the lives of young children in today's society? According to Dr. James Johnson, it does. Johnson, a former graduate of A&T and psychology professor at UNC Wilmington, spoke to about 75 students in Gibbs Hall on the effects of rap music on children.

Johnson performed a study titled "Violent Attitudes and Deferred Academic Aspirations: Deleterious Effects of Exposure to Rap Music." The study involved 45 African-American boys ages 11-16 from Wilmington's inner city. He randomly assigned them to three groups.

One group viewed a half-hour of violent rap videos while another viewed a half-hour of nonviolent rap videos. The third group did not watch any videos. Johnson then asked the teenagers questions to look at their attitudes towards school and their aptitude towards violence.

Johnson's study concluded that the boys who viewed the violent rap videos had a greater acceptance of the use of violence and a greater acceptance of the use of violence against women.

According to Johnson, the issue has gained much media attention. "There have been numerous studies that show people exposed to violence tend to increase subsequent violence," Johnson said. "People who are already aggressive really respond to violent lyrics."

At one point in Johnson's speech, he illustrated some of the most violent rap artists' lyrics on an overhead projector, and stressed the point that a lot of times parents don't know what their children are listening to. The artists' lyrics quickly caught the audience's attention. "It is the parent's responsibility to know what their children are listening to," Johnson stressed. "A lot of times kids don't realize what's bad for them!"

Johnson's study has not been without its critics. During a question-and-answer session, many students said they are not effected by rap lyrics. Johnson responded, "No one says everyone who listens to rap music is effected, but there is a subsequent population that is affected." One student said, many times violent behavior is due to absence of role models and one-parent households — not rap music.

During his speech, Johnson pointed out that there are good rap artists. In addition, he called for a law to prohibit the sell of violent rap music to children under the age of 16. He recently testified to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for such a law.

When one member of the audience said children are going to get music if they want it, Johnson responded that children get alcohol, but the law makes it harder to purchase.

Johnson says he is the first to do a study of rap music and its correlation to violence and hopes his work will make a difference.

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Colleges and universities should educate students more about safe sex

By Ayanna Brown
Staff Writer

It's Friday afternoon. Oblivious to the world around her, Nakeisha, a freshman at Howard University walks sadly and lifelessly to her dorm room. Trembling and nauseated from the terrifying news, she closes the door behind her, shuts her blinds and throws herself down on the bed. Unaware of time, night passes and Nakeisha notices sunlight seeping through her closed blinds. Suddenly, her sense of calmness is interrupted by an overwhelming sense of fear as she begins to think back on the previous day. Tears begin to swell in her eyes as she becomes fully aware that she is not waking up from a horrible nightmare but a harsh reality. Again, the words of the doctor at the infirmary

begin to echo in her head, becoming louder and more clamorous. Feeling alone and empty inside she takes one long look in the mirror and wonders how she will carry on knowing she is HIV infected.

Although Nakeisha is a fictional character made up for this hypothetical scenario, she represents thousands of Black college students who are infected with the HIV virus.

Because of this fact, it is my opinion that colleges should do more to educate students of the AIDS disease and various safe-sex measures. It is obvious that one week out of the year designated as AIDS Awareness Week — where ribbons and pamphlets are handed out — is not the only answer. Instead, public forums should be

held where students are allowed to ask questions and talk to young, Black AIDS victims.

Furthermore, I believe health officials should visit the school frequently to give factual information concerning AIDS. In a sense, I believe AIDS education should be pounded into our heads so that protected sex will become second nature to everyone.

Lastly, I want to stress the point that the AIDS epidemic is real and continues to grow. Already, minorities, primarily Blacks and Hispanics, make up over half of the AIDS cases and I'm willing to bet that many are HIV infected and don't know it. With that in mind, I hope everyone practices safe-sex and remembers: the safest sex is no sex.

Who is really to blame? The Black woman or man

Dear Mr. Fryar,

First off, let me thank you for your obvious interest in my editorial. I was beginning to think no one was listening.

Now, to address the issues at hand. I have no intent on blaming anyone for anything, I was merely stating my opinion. After all, that is what an editorial is.

Secondly, I (nor does the majority of other Black women) have any blame to accept. Our only fault is that we want to walk beside our men instead of behind them. If that proves to be too threatening to you as a Black man, then by all means, accept my apology. However, I will run to catch up to no man (be he Black, white, yellow or bright green).

Nothing ever spoken or written is the whole story. I have neither the time nor the patience to research this issue. It is not that important to me...as it obviously is to you. I merely call them as I see them. It seems as if I have struck a sensitive nerve in you. Have you too **CROSSED OVER**, Mr. Fryar?

Everyone, including Black men, should have a strong sense of

independence. If independence should in some way overpower the relationship then it just wasn't meant to be. Also, if a Black man feels his Black woman is too independent, and feels threatened enough to leave her for something that responds "How High?" every time he yells "Jump", then by all means he should "GET TA STEPPIN!"

My parents have instilled the idea of independence in me since the first day I was born, and believe me when I tell you I have never lacked for any kind of male companionship. Certainly, it takes two...but, if a Black man can't handle the fact that I am steadily rising and may one day even surpass him, then get off of my boat, please! I need someone who can help, not hinder, my talents.

Yes, Mr. Fryar, it is all about the Black woman because without that beautiful Black woman neither you, nor I, would even be here. So please, let's give her her due props.

Production/ Layout Assistant,
LeVonne Evans

Immigration: A threat to America?

By Adele Terry
Staff Writer

Is there a real need for concern about the number of immigrants entering our country? Let's consider the facts of the situation.

The United States allows over one million immigrants to settle within its borders every year. Presently our fertility rate is at 2.0. This means the average family has two children. If these numbers remain true, our population will increase to approximately 500 million before the end of the next century, doubling the country's present size.

With the present population of 262 million, our country is already overpopulated. Each decade the population grows by 25 to 30 million. Already the country is struggling to deal with the long range carrying capacity of its resources and environment. Such continuing growth would be intolerable. It would destroy the environment, the quality of lives and the standard of living.

Where would everyone live? Housing would be atrocious. The food and water supply would diminish, leaving the country to resemble the third world nations of today. Any responsible citizen would probably agree to the legitimacy of the concerns

surrounding this issue.

Some people believe there is a need to halt and then reverse population growth. Negative Population Growth, Inc. shares this idea. The NPG stresses the goal of stabilizing the U.S. population at 150 million. This was the size of the country during 1950. The realization that this country needs to be able to take care of its own people before taking care of others must come to light. The U.S. has allowed itself to become seriously overpopulated. There is no easy answer to this now pertinent problem.

If immigration is cut back from its present 900,000 per year to 100,000 and a gradual reduction in our fertility rate to 1.5 children per family our population would decrease to 180 million by the end of the next century.

Fertility rates are hard to control and difficult to change. The government can not legally do anything about the fertility factor of the problem. The matter of immigration is in the hands of government agencies and there is much they can do about it. If illegal immigration comes to a halt and legal immigration decreases to 100,000 per year, this problem would begin to be under control.

Should race outweigh love?

Dear Editor,

Recently I went to see the new movie, *Losing Isaiah*, featuring Halle Berry and Jessica Lange. For those of you who have not seen the movie, the plot confronts the issue of race in terms of adopting an African-American child.

As I entered the cinema, I must admit my views were mixed on this controversial issue. However, moved to tears by the end of the film, I had a different view on placing African-American children in white homes.

Attempting to answer questions about the impact of racially diverse families on a child's development is a complicated task. Society needs to recognize factors other than race as a guideline for locating qualified families for African-American children.

A child should be taught respect and love regardless of the ethnicity of his or her adoptive family. Although we like to view ourselves as a society concerned about the welfare of children, the fact remains more often than not that children's interest take a back seat to adult's own motives. Bearing this in mind, advocates for maintaining a racially unified households should view the issue in terms of a child's best interest, cultural awareness and family love.

In the wake of this emotional issue, is it any wonder that many

children are placed in a tug-of-war of sorts? In the meantime, adults argue about which family best meets the needs of the child. Having parents of the same race is not of a child's essential needs. However, being able to feel secure and stable in an environment is in a child's best interest.

A child who can depend on his/her parents and receives love and support, in my opinion, has a greater advantage than others. In today's world, the security and stability of a child can not afford to be overlooked.

Questions arise such as, "Are African-American children any more or less adversely affected by their parents race than by a sense of love and belonging?" While the answer is uncertain, it is important to note this is not a contest of whose love for the child is greater. The real issue is if the family can love the child and teach him/her unconditional love, society has no authority to place color on parents love for their children or vice versa.

I must however agree that each case should be viewed individually. Although many disagree with my views, it is ultimately the views of the child that makes a difference. Besides, a child should not be placed in a household because it is predominately African American. The child should be placed in a home regardless of race.

-LaToya Williams

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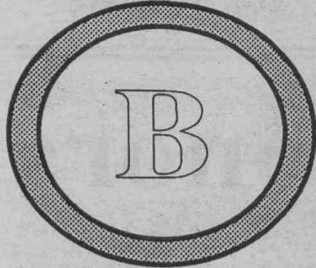
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Hard work pays off for top students

By Nettie Rowland
Public Information Services

A&T's two 4.00 honor graduates got to the top of the class by traveling different directions. The bright students, Nia Banks and Elizabeth Ann Gardner, will be honored at the University's commencement exercises at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 7, in the Greensboro Coliseum.

When Banks, a senior at A&T explains how she has been able to earn all A's in college, it sounds like a simple task. "I find out what I have to do to get all A's, and I do it," says the chemical engineering major. Making good grades has definitely paid off for the Greensboro native. She has been accepted at eight prestigious medical schools including Harvard, Meharry, Vanderbilt, Duke, John Hopkins, Bowman Gray, Howard and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Banks has not decided which medical school she will be attending this Fall.

Good grades are nothing new to the alumni scholar. Banks has been an honor student throughout school. Banks, who is very calm but has a serious demeanor, says when she was



Banks

growing up, her parents would actually pay her and her brother for making good grades. "We would get \$10 for an 'A' and \$5 for a 'B', says the 21-year-old Banks. But 'C's' were not acceptable."

Banks credits her parents, Dianne Marcel Banks and Ridgely Adul McMin, with instilling in her the importance of doing her best and making good grades. "I am always motivated to do my best work," Banks



Gardner

said. Banks is a member of numerous organizations including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering Honor Society) and president of Omega Chi Chi Epsilon (Chemical Engineering Honor Society). She is also chairwoman of the Student Judiciary Council, Peer counselor for PALS (Peer Advisory Leadership Program) and has a Blue Belt in karate.

Accounting major Elizabeth Ann Gardner worked full-time for

NationsBank, while earning all A's at A&T. A commercial credit analyst, the native of Fort Benning, Ga., has her personal formula for success: "Read the text before class, do all of the homework assignments; go ask the instructors questions and remember that it takes a lot of discipline to study when there are fun things to do."

Gardner said accounting is a demanding major. "There are so many variables and you have to understand the theory," she said. Gardner, who is in her thirties, earned her associate arts degree from Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro with honors in 1987. She enrolled at A&T, five years later and attended class part-time. She is married and credits her husband, a furniture salesman, with being highly supportive. "He is supportive when times are tough, and he's proud of my successes," she said. She hopes to earn an MBA degree from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y.

At A&T, Gardner is a member of Alobeam, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma and the Golden Key Honor Society. She was a N.C. CPA Foundation Scholar.

A&T family mourns the death of faculty members

By Ayanna Brown and Tiffany Whittington
Staff Writers

While the 1994-95 school year brought many great things, it also brought deep sadness due to the death of some of A&T's outstanding faculty members.

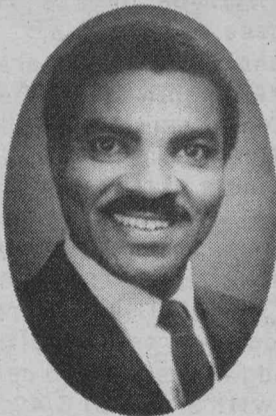
Dr. Roy Smith, chairperson of the psychology department, died Friday, April 21. A memorial service was held in his honor Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m. in Ronald McNair Auditorium.

Smith was energetic and unselfish, devoting his time and his expertise to many organizations. One of his favorite quotes was, "You cannot soar with the eagle on the wings of a wren," which shows he was always trying to excel, co-workers said.

Dr. Sue Schumacher, an associate professor of psychology and a friend of Smith's said, "Dr. Roy Smith was very committed to education and to A&T, and especially students in our department. Not only did he spend his days here, but he could be found regularly working late, always available to students and faculty who needed assistance. Even when he was so ill and in severe pain, his main concern was for the department and not himself. He truly gave of himself to A&T."

"Many of his contributions were not known by students if even by other faculty, for he worked so quietly 'behind the scenes' and let his accomplishments speak for themselves. He will be greatly missed by both students and colleagues. The department has lost an outstanding leader who will be very hard to replace, and I have lost a friend," she added.

Smith graduated summa cum laude from A&T with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. He also earned a PH.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Nebraska and later completed his internship at Larve D. Carter Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis.



Smith

then served as staff psychologist and adolescent team leader at Mecklenburg County Mental Health Services Child and Adolescent Outpatient Program. Smith also directed the Child and Adolescent Outpatient Services at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. After this he became assistant vice president for student affairs at Johnson C. Smith University. Later he went on to serve as clinical supervisor for the Family Connections, Inc. in Charlotte.

Smith was a member of the American Psychological Association and the Association of Black Psychologists. Other special honors he received were the National Fellowships Fund Fellow and Outstanding Young Men of America, as well as board member of the Foster Parents Association. In 1993, he was the recipient of the Unsung Hero Award presented by the Focus on Leadership Organization of Charlotte.

"Dr. Smith was one of the most kind and considerate individuals that I have met at A&T. He always had a smile and pleasant words for me. He encouraged me greatly in my education. He will be sorely missed, and I will always be inspired

by his memory," said Annie Pickard, a former student of Smith.

Dr. A. James Hicks, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said Dr. Smith was a quality kind of person in many ways. In his role as chairperson of the psychology department, he assisted many students with successful applications to graduate schools and in national competitions. According to Dr. Hicks, students who were fortunate enough to fall under Smith's tutelage will carry his ideas, his knowledge and his moral principles, henceforth into the world.

Another faculty member, Mary Runyon, died on January 16. Born in Chatham County, Runyon received her undergraduate degree from Shaw University and her master's from Howard University. She taught speech and English related classes at Lincoln University and Bennett College. After retiring, Runyon joined A&T's faculty as a part-time instructor of Speech, grammar lab and other Speech Communications courses.

She is survived by her husband Dr. Eugene Runyon and her two sons.

During the Christmas holiday break, another outstanding professor died. Dr. Richard Tucker, a math professor suddenly became ill and died. A memorial service was for him in January at the Congregational United Church of Christ, where he was honored as a dedicated faculty member, an inspiring teacher and wonderful musician.

Born in Longview, Wash., Tucker received an undergraduate degree from the University of Washington and a master's and doctorate degree from Oregon State University. He came to A&T's math department in 1968.

According to faculty members and students, Tucker was the epitome of a person who was committed and responsible to all the endeavors he undertook.

He is survived by his wife Grace Tucker, a part-time instructor in the Math Department and three sons.

Basketball players take high honors

By Brian Holloway
Sports Editor

Senior John Floyd and sophomore Nisha Watson were named male and female athletes of the year at the A&T annual athletic banquet held April 28.

Floyd, a native of Winston-Salem, led the basketball team in scoring with 17.3 points and 5.4 rebounds. He is credited with leading the team to two consecutive

appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Watson, from Durham, led the lady Aggies in scoring with 14.6 points and 4.6 rebounds.

Other awards were presented to: Jamal Grey (outstanding male freshman basketball player); Santosha Marshall (outstanding female freshman in track); Phillip Allen (National Aggie Club); Charles Mattock (Hall of Famer's Award); Allison Hayes (cheerleading MVP); Michelle Spottswood (volleyball MVP); Rosetta

Gardner (women's cross country MVP); Jan Wickham (women's indoor track MVP); Benita Byrd (academic athlete award); Josette Battle (women's outdoor track MVP); James Wilson (men's cross country MVP); Charles Mattocks (men's indoor track MVP); Shenan Robinson (men's outdoor track MVP); Tressa Morrisette (women's tennis MVP); Jebrille Walls (men's tennis MVP); Ann Freeman (softball MVP); Crawford Moser (baseball MVP); Nisha Watson (women's

basketball MVP); John Floyd (men's basketball MVP); Tim Johnson (football MVP); Maseo Bolin (outstanding offensive back); Curtis Burgins (outstanding defensive back); Jemaine Stephens (outstanding offensive lineman); Eric Carl (outstanding defensive lineman); Dion Caldwell (Travis Kelly Leadership); James Bowden (outstanding receiver) and Tim Johnson (outstanding linebacker).

Tennis star related to NBA great

By Adele Terry
Staff Writer

Are you related to James Worthy of the L.A. Lakers? This is a question asked quite frequently after Robin Worthy introduces herself to people. She gives a proud smile and replies, "Yes I am," going on to explain that James Worthy, the former player with the Los Angeles Lakers, is her cousin. The basketball superstar is now retired.

One can see the family resemblance once Robin Worthy steps onto the court. She plays tennis with the same dedication and endurance that James Worthy displayed on the basketball court. Whenever the word "tennis" is mentioned, you can see the excitement and love for the sport light up in her eyes. Where did such dedication begin?

This may be Worthy's first year on A&T's tennis team, but the sport isn't new to her. Worthy has been playing tennis for so long she can barely remember when or how it all began. "I used to play at youth centers when I was young," she admits.

In junior high and high school in her hometown of Gastonia, she played for her school teams. Collectively, she has been playing for ten years.

When asked why she has spent so much time playing tennis, Worthy just smiles and says, "It's different from other sports. I like the challenge, as well as the fun the sport has to offer." Worthy is definitely a team player, but she really enjoys the individuality of tennis also.

Worthy happened to land a full scholarship in her junior year at A&T. However, modesty doesn't allow her to brag about this accomplishment. "Don't get me wrong," she says, "I am very grateful for the scholarship, but my main concern is living up to Coach Lomax's expectations."

Art Lomax, the coach for A&T's tennis team, chose Worthy for the team because he believed she had talent. Worthy was enrolled in a tennis class last summer. Lomax saw her playing during class and was impressed. "She had skills, and with some practice, she could be very good," Lomax said.

Lomax will be the first to tell you he recruited Worthy because of her aggressiveness and willingness to go after the ball. Worthy agrees: "I am afraid to be out there and not get that score."

She practices whenever she can. If there is a free moment in her busy schedule, she's somewhere practicing. "I don't see it as practicing," Worthy says.

1995 teams take titles:

Men and women track teams take Meac titles

By Brian Holloway
Sports Editor

A&T won its first ever women's title and captured its second consecutive men's crown Saturday at the 1995 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championship.

First year head coach Ruth Morris of A&T was picked as the women's Most Outstanding Coach. The Lady Aggies scored 96 points followed by Maryland Eastern Shore with 82 points, and Howard finished third with 69 points. Josette Battle and Jan Wickham took first and second place in the 200 meter dash with times of 24:07 and 24:39 respectively. Battle, who finished second in the 100 meter dash (12.01), has already qualified for the NCAA national championships in the 100 and 200 meter which will be held at the University of Tennessee on June 1-3.

Santosha Marshall took top honors in the women's 400 meter dash with a time of 53.96, and teammate Wickham finished third with a time of 54.37. Marshall has previously qualified for the nationals in the 400 meter dash.

Michelle Brice was the winner in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.07. The 4x100 relay team of Crystal Lilly, Marshall, Wickham and Battle came in second with a time of 45.88. The Lady Aggies 4x400 relay team took top honors with a time of 3:42.30.

Vernia Wilson was the winner in the shot put event with a distance of 45'06.50. She also took second place in the discus with a distance of 132 feet.

A&T's Roy Thompson was named men's Outstanding Coach after guiding the Aggies to their second straight MEAC championship.

A&T sprinters took the top four places in the 100 meter dash with Pablo Smith, Shenan Robinson, Wayne Plunkett and Dale Adair finishing with times of 10.82, 10.88, 10.88 and 10.98 respectively. In the 4x100 meter race, Robinson, Plunkett, Adair and Smith were the winners with a time of 40.30.

In the 200 meter, it was all A&T as Smith, Achebe Hope and Wayne Plunkett took the top three spots with times of 21.47, 21.60 and 21.70.

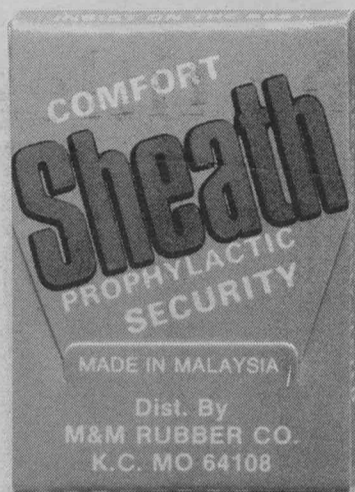
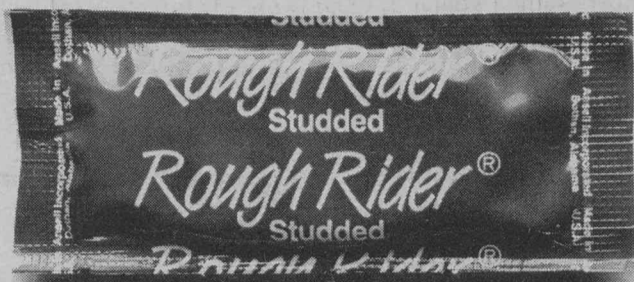
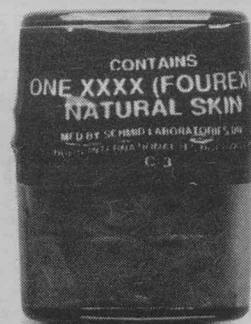
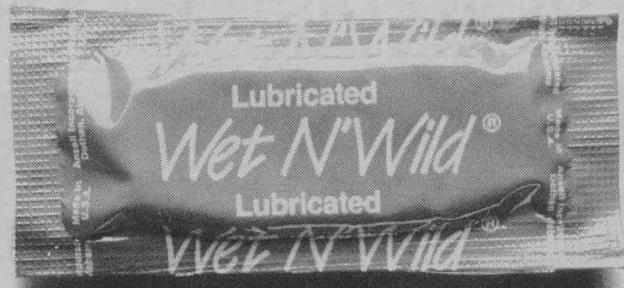
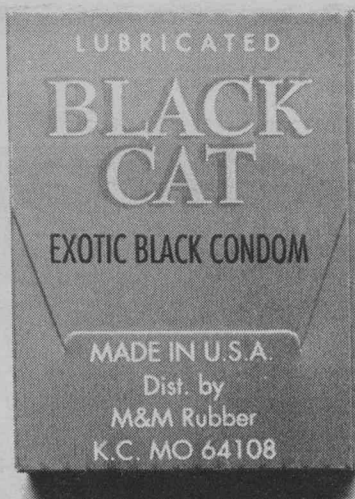
Hope was the first place finisher in the 400 meter dash with a time of 47.34. A&T's 4x400 meter team was second in their event with a time of 3:10.21.

The Aggies finished first and third in the long jump with Robinson's leap of 23'9" and Adam Mattock's distance of 23'02". Darron Frazier, Adam Mattock and Damon Vaughan, one, two and three in the triple jump with distances of 49'10.5", 49'9" and 49'6.5". Vidal Smith finished first in the discus with a throw of 155'5".

A&T had 133 points while runner-up Florida A&M had 111 points and Delaware State finished third with 74.5 points.

1995 Baseball Final Stats

	AVG.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
Miguel Cruz	.353	54-54	187	28	66	8	38
Rodriques Thompson	.302	44-44	149	26	45	3	22
Marlin Wilkins	.296	55-54	186	22	55	8	41
Al Holland	.295	55-55	176	38	52	4	24
Jason Daniels	.276	22-19	58	12	16	0	2
Karlton Little	.255	53-52	196	35	50	2	24
Ezra Cowan	.224	53-44	134	16	30	3	11
John Hall	.211	48-45	147	23	31	0	10
David Moulder	.192	37-32	99	11	19	0	7
Kelvin Pulp	.182	8-8	22	2	4	0	1
Brian Hall	.171	28-24	76	7	13	0	8
Aaron Adams	.161	16-8	31	2	5	0	6
Harold Joyner	.154	31-15	52	8	8	1	2
Rodricko Hall	.125	29-18	56	10	7	0	4
Darnell Gray	.070	30-27	71	4	5	0	2



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Father and daughter to graduate in the same class

By Nettie Rowland
Public Information Services

On graduation day, most fathers are reared back in their seats, sitting proudly in the audience, anxiously awaiting the big moment when their son or daughter walks across the stage to receive a diploma. But not Lonnie Cathey. The proud dad, a senior at A&T, will not be sitting in the audience, but instead will be marching across the stage with his daughter, Catina Cathey, to receive his diploma. The 46-year-old dad and 21-year-old daughter will graduate on May 7 at 9 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum. Both are students in the School of Business and Economics.

"It feels good just to be graduating," says the senior Cathey, a business management major, who actually had to be convinced by his family to march. "But it's even better to be graduating with my daughter." The energetic dad began taking courses at A&T in 1977, while working full-time at A&T's Computer Center. And rearing his daughter Catina and her two brothers, with the help of his wife Bonita Cathey, who works in A&T's Admissions Office.

Cathey interrupted his studies at A&T when he moved to Rocky Mount, from 1985 to 1988 but immediately returned to the classroom once he returned to the Greensboro area.

"It's hard to believe we are graduating together," says daughter Catina, who is receiving her degree in economics. "It used to be a big joke around my house, that daddy would probably graduate with me. But I didn't know it would end up becoming true."

Catina, who admits to being a daddy's girl, says as long as she can remember her father has been going to college. Unlike her father, Ms. Cathey, was determined to finish college in four years and that is exactly what she has done.

The former cheerleader, who moved into her own apartment her junior year, still visits the family every day to eat dinner and wash clothes. It is mother and wife Bonita, who says that maybe now the family can go to bed without husband Lonnie asking them to be quiet, so he can study.

"Finding a quiet place to study at home was one of my biggest problems," says senior Cathey, a Greensboro native. "I used to wait until everyone had gone to bed before studying for my classes, or I would go to the library." Mr. Cathey says it was hectic trying to juggle work, school, being a father and husband but he was able to make it with the support of his family.

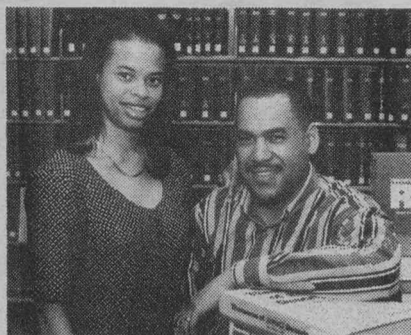
He said trying to find time to study was the most difficult problem he encountered. He and daughter Catina studied together when they were enrolled in the same Spanish class. Actually, Dad signed up for the course because he knew his daughter had a good background in Spanish. When I asked Catina if it was awkward being in class

with her father, she laughed as she said, "It wasn't a problem at all. Some of the students who knew he was my father

joked about it. But most of them did not know." Catina admitted that her father, who actually could pass for an older brother, never allowed her to call him dad

on campus but insisted that she call him by his first name. When asked the question, who was more focused in class? Catina immediately points to her father. It is obvious they were both focused because they received A's in the class.

It was senior Cathey's classmate and co-worker Gloria Dyson, who graduated in December of 1993 who kept him motivated. "We encouraged each



Catina and Lonnie Cathey

other," he said. Mr. Cathey also says he motivated himself because he really wanted to finish college. Before coming to A&T, he spent two years in the Navy. "After graduating from high school, I didn't know what field I wanted to major in, so I joined the Navy," says Mr. Cathey. "I didn't know that you could come to college undecided about your major."

Daughter Catina credits her chairperson, Dr. Michael Simmons, with motivating her. "I could always go to him with my problems. He is a person who really cares," Catina said.

The Catheys are very excited about graduation and are planning on having a Big Celebration.

Upon graduation, Daughter Catina who works part-time at Hecht's Department Store, will be seeking a job in her field, but her ultimate goal is to go to law school. Father Cathey says he will continue to work at A&T.

Cathey's advice to any older student who is anticipating on going back to school but is somewhat fearful, is "Just Do It."

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Ad Hoc committee formed to answer students concerns and offer suggestions to correct them

By Lori Riddick
Editor-in-Chief

If there is such a thing as the "power of the pen" certainly the article "Students hate Dowdy hassle" by Christopher Gillespie, is a prime example.

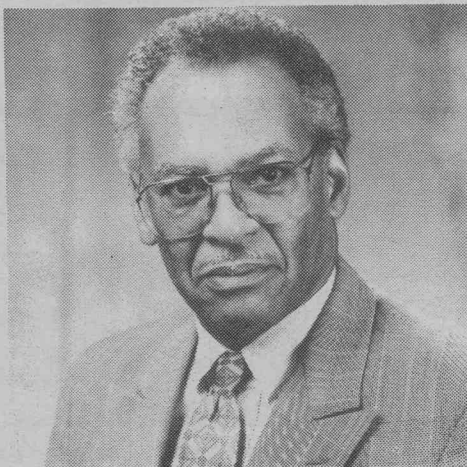
The article, published in the Jan. 31 issue of *The A&T Register*, detailed complaints from some students about problems they face in the Dowdy Building. The article has prompted the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to examine the problems and offer suggestions to correct them.

Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor of business and finance, said the taskforce, chaired by Jewell Adams, administration assistant in the Business Services area, was established to re-emphasize the need for continuous improvement.

"Although the University has emphasized the need for continuous improvement on customer service through the use of various workshops and seminars, there recently appeared in *The Register* a very disturbing article that highlighted the need to take drastic steps to re-emphasize how critical it is for staff — not only in the Dowdy Administration Building, but across campus — to maintain excellent customer service," McIntyre said.

"Additionally, we need to recommit ourselves to excellent customer service and to further remove the image and perception that the Dowdy Administration Building has an unfriendly environment," he added.

Though the committee is still in its first phase, when asked if he thought it will address



McIntyre

student needs, McIntyre said he feels it will.

"Ms. Adams is a very dynamic person who really knows how to get to the core of the problem," he said. "Additionally, she has a cross section of persons serving on the committee with her."

The committee, consisting of members from the Accounting, Financial Aid, Registration and Records, Treasurer's, Student Services, Research Administration, Administrative Affairs and Chancellor's offices, along with two students, Lori Riddick and Christopher Gillespie, both from the campus newspaper, represents people who have constant contact with students.

"These persons represent the grass root folk who have daily contact with students and should be thoroughly aware of what is needed to convince the customer that the University is serious about taking

appropriate actions to remove any deficiencies that exist," said McIntyre.

McIntyre said he believes he speaks for the entire Central Administration staff when he pointed out that the University administration is truly committed to ensuring the delivery of excellent customer service — customers being identified as students, parents, employees and alumni.

Some suggestions the task force has already made are: putting in a customer service center in the lobby of the Dowdy Building, having more customer service workshops and seminars, improving telephone systems and using parking shuttles for peak-times such as orientation and registration.

McIntyre and Adams suggested that students could change their attitudes as well.

"Students should understand that they should respect to get respect," McIntyre said. "However, my philosophy is that the 'customer is always right,' he added.

McIntyre believes the services rendered should be adequate and timely.

"Those are my sentiments exactly," Adams responded.

Some of the changes will be implemented immediately and others will be ongoing, McIntyre said.

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Ubiquity '95: a huge success

By Frank Hatley
Staff Writer

WNAA-FM general manager Tony Welborne is excited about the success of Ubiquity '95, which has received \$68,000 in pledges from this year's campaign.

He said, "We will soon reach our goal of \$75,000 by a callout campaign to business and individual contributors, which will culminate our efforts with this year's fundraising."

He added, "Most of our contributions come from the community and local business support because students are not usually in a position to give a great deal. They do collect some money on campus for the station, and fraternities and sororities do fundraisers, which are helpful. This does not constitute a large portion of the donations. Students are very active at this station

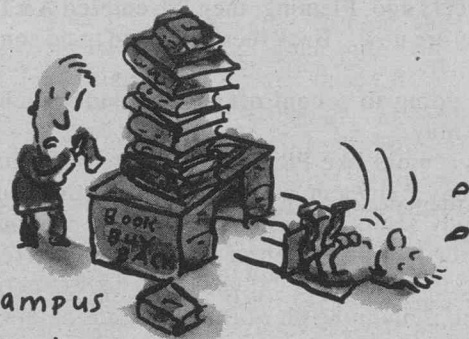
in other ways. We couldn't operate without their support."

Welborne became general manager in 1983 after receiving his B.S. in industrial electronics and a master's in electronic media. He teaches Radio and TV Production and Broadcast Management at A&T.

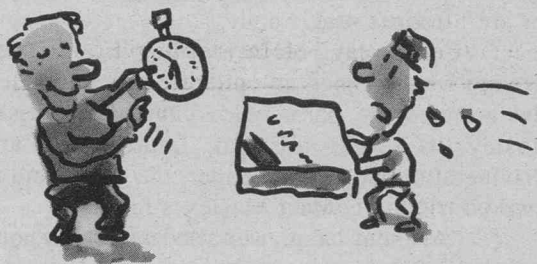
Although he does not get a lot of air time as an announcer any more, he does do an R&B dance party oldies show on weekends and substitutes when necessary.

Laninia Deamer, 24, is a communications major who is a volunteer announcer at the station. "I've been doing this since November 1984. It's great to start this way because there is always someone here to teach you about every aspect of announcing for radio. I am thinking very seriously about a radio announcer as a career, she said."

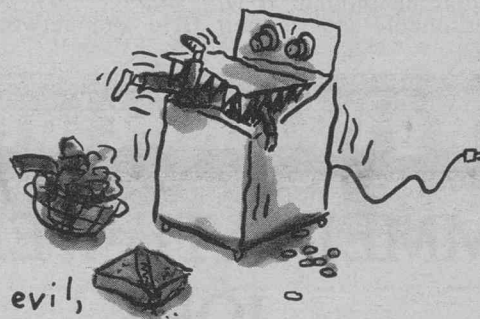
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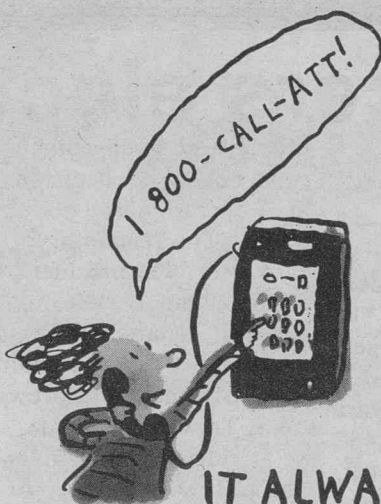
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Some think future dim for recent college graduates

By Stacy Blackmon
Contributing Writer

Cheryl Fleming might have laughed 10 years ago if you had told her that she would be a nurse. She might not have chosen to enter college.

Ten years ago, Fleming, then 20, entered A&T as a business major with aspirations quite different from what they are now. "Back then, I wanted to do something in business, but that soon changed," Fleming said.

After going to school off and on and switching majors, she finally decided on nursing and is graduating in May.

Other seniors like Fleming are geared up and ready to participate in this year's commencement exercises on May 7 at 9 a.m. at the Greensboro Coliseum, but say the reality of leaving school is scary.

"Nobody wants to hire a new graduate without experience," says Fleming.

Chevela Wilson, a senior English major from Kernersville, also thinks the job market looks negative for recent graduates. "If you don't have experience, they don't want to hire you," said the 22-year-old Wilson who is planning on working towards obtaining a second degree in Human Development to make herself more marketable.

In an attempt to help new graduates, the Office of Career Services offers numerous services designed to make the career search easier.

In their placement manual, director of the Office of Career Services, Leon Warren states that, "Today's employment situation is a serious one which requires students to register with the office as early as possible."

The Office of Career Services staff advises graduates entering the work force to develop a network of people familiar with their field of interest, research career options, create a good resume, utilize available information sources and to get as much experience as possible.

In addition, L. Patrick Scheetz writes in *Recruiting Trends*, "dependability, honesty, integrity, the ability to get things done, the desire to accept responsibility and intelligence are always important qualities desired in new college graduates."

If you have trouble finding that ultimate job perhaps you should take senior Nina Mason's advice, "Don't give up. You've got to keep on trying."

Mason a 23-year-old elementary education major from Ft. Washington, Md. says, "All graduates should try any reasonable job in their field and network until they uncover that important career opportunity."

A&T student suffers fatal heart attack

By Shelly Winters
Contributing Writer

An A & T engineering student died from an apparent heart attack while attending a conference in Raleigh.

On April 1, Arich Mosley, 19, was pronounced dead at Rex Medical Hospital. An autopsy showed that Mosley died of an instant heart attack. Ironically, his father died of the same cause about 15 years earlier.

Brunson Cooper, 21, a civil engineering major, had met Mosley hours before his death. Cooper recently recounted the night from the local International House of Pancakes.

The group of four decided to stop for a late night snack. After ordering, the group proceeded to converse. During which time Mosley showed no signs of heart troubles. "As the food came, Arich suddenly fell out of the chair. He lay there gasping for air," Cooper said.

Cooper lay beside him helping his friend through what seemed an epileptic seizure. After a few minutes the paramedics came and whisked Mosley off to the hospital. Immediately after arriving at the hospital, Cooper, the group and the hospital tried to contact Mosley's family.

"At about 2 a.m., we called university police and asked for Arich's in case of emergency file. They told us they could not release that information. Then, they advised us to call the head of civil engineering department," said Cooper.

Finally, the hospital was able to notify Mosley's parents at about 3:30 a.m. Cooper added, "We stayed in Raleigh until his parents arrived the next day. I stood there and told his family how there son died. That was the hardest thing that I ever had to do."

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SGA officers elected

by Chantelle Grady
Staff Writer

When this semester ends, so does the terms of this year's Student Government Association officers. The winds of change will bring in a new group of representatives for the fall.

This year's election brought a larger turn out to the polls — 1,432 students. That's 232 more than last year.

Aquaris Moore will succeed Keith Bryant as president of the student body. Moore is all set to take on the challenges the next year will bring. "I know there's a lot of work involved, and I'm ready," Moore said.

Keith Bryant will serve on the student senate as an off-campus senator in district one. Bryant said he "feels good about that (returning to the senate)," and that he is "back where I started, back home." Bryant said he also feels good about the accomplishments made by this year's SGA, with homecoming, the food service and a spring activity. "Things don't result until after a couple of years. It takes a while for things to come around," Bryant said.

Aquaris Moore plans to continue with this year's success, but she has her concerns. "I have a problem that more people ran for Miss Junior, and no one ran for Junior class president," Moore said. "We can always do things to improve and increase the record (of more class participation)," she added.

Bryant's words of wisdom to

Moore were to do summer research, to stand behind her decisions and to keep SGA operating as a government.

The remaining officers of the SGA are: vice president for external affairs, John L. Alford III; attorney general, Kimberly Revita Bullock; secretary, Crystal Nesbit; treasurer, Alonzo Lemont Andrews and Miss A&T, Taiwan Barksdale.

The SGA Student Judiciary Council will consist of Cassandra Blaine, Nataki Brown, Twanjua L. Gentry and Tosh Irby. The following students will serve on the elections committee: Chieblo Quantae Durante and Nicole D. Strayhorn.

The sophomore class officers are: secretary, Dana Coles and Miss Sophomore, Joyce Fortson.

Junior class officers are: vice president, Antoniette Bostick; secretary, Keisha Libson; treasurer, Robin Thorne and Miss Junior, Keisha Downing.

The senior class officers will consist of president, Jabbaa Bennett; vice president, Erika Marie Lewis; treasurer, Stephany Dawn Dula and Miss Senior, Valencia Higgs.

All vacant offices will be filled during the fall semester.



Faith is key for A&T graduate

By Nettie Rowland
Public Information Services

In January of 1994, Beverly Roberts stepped out on faith. The single mother and part-time A&T college student, quit her full-time job as a secretary in A&T's Department of Business Education, and enrolled in the University full-time. When 32-year-old Roberts resigned, she didn't know how she was going to provide food, shelter and the other necessities of life for her and her two children. "I always had aspirations of getting a degree, and I felt that this was the best time in my life to do it," says Roberts. "So, I took a step on faith."

Robert's strong faith and hard work has produced powerful results. On May 7 at 9 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum, she will receive her B.S. degree in Transportation. But that's not all. Later in the month, she and the children will travel to Omaha, Nebraska, where she will begin her \$35,000 job as a management trainee with Union Pacific.

Roberts, who has a 3.8 G.P.A., started working at the University in 1988, and in 1990 began pursuing a college degree. The studious Roberts, who attended a vocational technical school before coming to A&T, said after

working on her job for a couple of years, she became frustrated. "I no longer found the job to be challenging," says the Quincy, Fla., native. "I felt trapped. I didn't feel I was going to move up as quickly as I wanted to." So, Roberts continued to go to school part-time but sought information on financial aid, scholarships and fellowships.

Meanwhile, the job became more and more frustrating. Roberts began dreading going to work. So in January of 1994, shortly after returning to work after the Christmas holidays, Roberts made the decision to take a ride on faith.

"One day, just out of the blue, I said to myself, o.k., I am going to put in my resignation," said Roberts. "I knew I had someone looking out for me." That same day, Roberts submitted her resignation, and took charge of her life.

Initially, Roberts says when people discovered she had quit her job, they were in a state of shock. Her dean actually told her that he would keep her letter of resignation for a couple of weeks in case she changed her mind.

But, Roberts received a lot of encouragement from administrators and faculty and especially from other secretaries. "They told me I had made

a good decision," says Roberts. It was Cathy Dalton, a part-time A&T student and secretary of A&T's Department of Economics who Roberts says gave her the most encouragement. "She encouraged me all of the way," she

"They have encouraged me a lot, and kept me smiling." Shortly after Roberts quit her job at the University, faith paid off. She received a \$12,000 Dwight David Eisenhower Fellowship. The fellowship paid her tuition and provided her a \$1200 monthly stipend. With the fellowship, Roberts says she was able to meet her needs.



Roberts

said.

The transportation staff also was an inspiration to Roberts, especially Joyce Johnson and Harold Willis, giving her lots of encouragement. So did her brother, who works for the New Jersey Transit System.

But it was her son, 10-year-old Jasper, and her daughter, 15-year-old Rashida, who kept her going. "They have been fantastic," Roberts said.

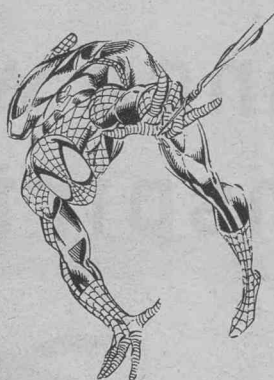
Roberts advice to other non-traditional students who are contemplating going back to school is to set goals and objectives. "Make sure it's what you want to do," says Roberts. "And make sure you are fully ready for the challenge. Be your best and do your best."

Roberts says she is always reaching beyond her grasp. "There is something further out there, something I can't see, and that's what I want," says Roberts as she heads to Nebraska for her new job. "I enjoy the field of transportation, and I see my job as a challenge."

Roberts is a member of the golden Key Honor Society, the Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society) and Beta Gamma Sigma (National Business Honor Society).

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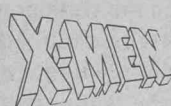
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Student balance work and school to become an inspiring entrepreneur

By Lori Riddick
 Editor-in-Chief

After graduating from Dudley High School, Jarrell Crump took a new direction in life. The full-time student and the part-time assistant production director at WNAA, became an inspiring entrepreneur.

Crump, 23, a producer, manager, choreographer and song writer has been working for EMI Records for the last year and a half. He got his start while working at WNAA as an entry-level production assistant.

"Yvonne Anderson, program director of WNAA, told me that someone was coming in from EMI Records in New York to interview three people from the Carolinas to work street promotions and retail. So, of course, I went through the interview. Within three to four weeks they called me telling me I had the job," Crump said.

Through his experiences with EMI Records, Crump says he has learned a lot about politics and how school relates to everything he does in life.

"Work brought out how I feel about myself and the things I need to do to move on," he said. "There is life after a career. I made a decision about what I wanted to do in school and work. From that point on I felt it was important for a student to not only go to school but to work on the goals they are pursuing at the same time and not to limit themselves to one situation."

Crump says his supporters, grandmother Vashti Whitaker; mother, Travondia Crump and aunt,



Crump

Wanda Crump taught him to take responsibility for himself and that's just what he has done.

"He's been working hard for what he is trying to do for himself. Once he sets his mind on something he goes out and do it," says his mother. "I started him in music, playing the trumpet in the band, when he was in the sixth grade and he just kept with it through out high school. It's been rough for me having to raise him without a father. I just hope he keeps doing what he is doing."

While maintaining a 3.8 G.P.A., Crump manages being the CEO of SandMan Records, owner of Soul Sounds Records, president and co-founder of Major Market Promotions and a member of R&B group, Circular Motions based in Greensboro, who is

due to release a single in the future, with travelling around the globe as the National Director of Rap/Urban Promotions for EMI Records.

Crump says his long term goal is to create enough money to build churches within Black communities across the nation that will bring the church back to the way it was before. He believes churches should provide vocational skills, shelter, schools for businesses and a 24-hour home to those less fortunate in the community.

With the church as a backbone more people can attain goals they set for themselves, Crump explained.

"If people reverse the thought that our minds are enslaved into thinking that I had the opportunity to do what I wanted to do, regardless of what anyone says or believe; you'll be amazed at how much further you can go in life and how much happier you'll be in doing it. No one else can set limitations on you except yourself," Crump said.

"So, keep God first and everything else secondary and all things are possible," he added.

Crump's advice to other aspiring entrepreneurs is to "learn everything you need to know about anything you are getting involved with concerning your future because only you can protect yourself."

Crump is a member of the National Dean's List, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and the recipient of the United States Honors Achievers Award.

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POLICE BEAT

By Natasha Ashe
 Staff Writer

March 28

A professor, reported that his automobile was stolen from his residence and that the keys to his office in Merrick Hall were in the car at the time. No suspects have been identified, police say.

A student reported that someone entered his room and took two shirts, two pairs of athletic shoes and a pager. There are no suspects, according to police reports.

March 23

A student in Cooper Hall was served with two warrants for assault on a female and threatening language. He was transported to the county jail and released on a written promise.

March 21

A student reported that someone stole her bookbag. It was later discovered that a textbook from the stolen book bag was resold at the bookstore. Police reports say a student has been identified as the suspect.

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