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School of Education's dean sure of continuity

By Kevin Sturdivant
Staff Writer

Although some people are under the impression that North Carolina A&T's School of Education is in jeopardy of not getting its accreditation continued, such is not the case. In fact, David Boger, Dean of the School of Education, believes that the school is on the road to attaining an even greater amount of success. Boger said, "If we can continue to grow in this direction, we can establish a superior learning opportunity for preparing teachers to go into modern-day public schools."

The School of Education is in the process of reviewing its accreditation, which is up in April. The accreditation process is one in which the school has to demonstrate that it has a sound educational program to prepare students to go into the teaching profession. Among other things, the accreditation process is one in which the school has to demonstrate that it has a sound educational program to prepare students to go into the teaching profession. Among other things, the accreditation process is contingent upon

the quality of the school's curriculum and faculty and the number of students in graduate school pursuing master's and doctorates. Boger, who has been Dean of the School of Education for a little over a year, said of the school's preparation for accreditation, "We've been working on this every since I got here, you don't wait until the last minute to prepare."

The school's curriculum is demanding on potential teachers. Not only do these students have attend regular courses, but they also must have on the job training from professionals.

"(We) get the students into schools where they can learn directly with professionals on the job as well as simultaneously having formal classes in the university," Boger said.

Along with an intense curriculum which is geared toward better preparation of the students, the school also has higher stan-

dards of graduation than the minimum standards to graduate from the university. These higher standards of graduation have recently helped students in the school to achieve over other universities. "A&T has been the number one producer of African-American educators in the country in the last few years,"

Boger said.

In addition to these methods that are aiding in the accreditation process, the school is still looking for new and better methods to aid its students. AT&T recently gave the School of Education \$100,000 to facilitate a new multi-media lab consisting of 20 new computers. The school also plans to hire a full-time technology specialist to overlook new technology in educational programs for assisting faculty and students.

In assessing the current status of the school's rate of progress toward getting

its accreditation continued, Boger said, "There is no reason why we shouldn't be fully accredited in April."

Despite the School of Education's strides to continue its accreditation, many students are still concerned over the future of the school. Aquarius Moore, SGA President, feels that although the school should be able to get its accreditation continued, the quality of the school is not the only factor determining the school's future. Moore believes that the UNC system, which governs all of North Carolina's public universities, may make attempts to combine A&T's School of Education with another university's school of education.

Moore said: "That type of system looks at everything as a whole in attempts to try and combine programs. A&T's School of Education could pass accreditation standards with flying colors, but even if we get accredited, the UNC System may try to decentralize A&T's School of Education by cutting funding." Boger, however, said that there is no such evidence of such conclusions.

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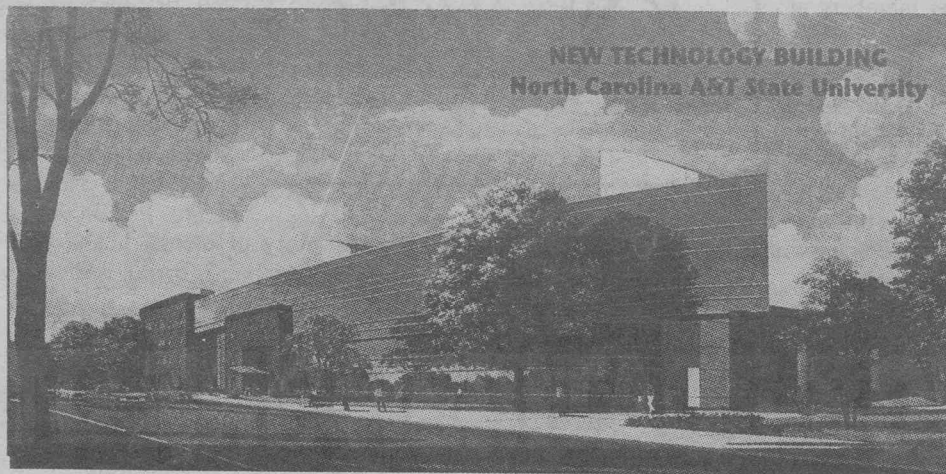
--Aquarius Moore
SGA President

Technology project once again up for bid

Monique Edwards
Staff Writer

Bids on the construction of the new technology building turned out to be higher than the state has allowed in its budget and this has forced the university officials to resubmit the project for another bid.

"The state had allotted nearly eight



NEW TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
North Carolina A&T State University

million dollars for the construction of the new building," said Russell Rankin, assistant dean of the School of Technology. "When the final amount was released, it was nearly 1.7 million dollars over the amount

the state allowed for the project."

Earl Yarborough, Dean of the School of Technology, feels this is just a minor set back. University officials met to decide what needed to be done to decrease

the cost of the building. Dean Yarborough, along with Rankin, Eugene Backmon, assistant vice-chancellor of Business and Finance and Charles McIntyre, Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance met with Ronald Gales, the university engineer to discuss what changes need to be made.

The group discussed the revisions that needed to be made to the construction plans without compromising the integrity of the building.

Instead of having an auditorium, they decided to combine laboratory and classroom space together. This will allow instructors to lecture within the lab and avoid going to a separate room. They also had to remove a few classrooms from the lower section of the building. Dean Yarborough said: "Although we had to give

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Just sitting on the dock of the bench?

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"I am somebody. My mind is a pearl. I can learn anything in the world."

Alumnus, Rev. Jesse Jackson

A&T senior No. 1 in army service

By Nikia Sylvester
Staff Writer

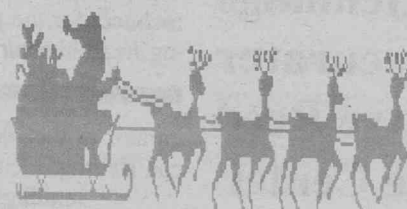
Mark Newsome was recently named the number one cadet in North Carolina, for his outstanding performance and service in the Army.

Newsome, a senior accounting major from Prentiss, Mississippi, served five years and 11 months in active duty as a supply specialist. He terminated his enlistment time to come to A&T to pursue a commission as a lieutenant, and to receive a undergraduate degree.

"My family has been a constant source of encouragement for me, as well as the letters, vocal encouragements and prayers," said



To All Aggies
From The A&T Register
Staff



Seasons Greetings

News Briefs

'94-'95 Ayantee yearbooks to be distributed

From Staff Reports

The yearbook staff will distribute 1994-95 yearbooks to students with valid student ID every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 205 of the Memorial Student Union from now until the end of the semester.

University Day held with great participation

By Raychon Holt
Staff Writer

A&T's University Day 1995 was held on Nov. 11 with great participation from high schools across the state and the country.

University Day gives high school students a chance to become familiar with what college life is like. For many of the participating students, it seemed to be an enjoyable experience.

"Even though it was raining, I could tell the students were really enjoying themselves," said Robyn Williams, Aggie Ambassador. "Many of the students found themselves cheering and yelling 'Aggie Pride' throughout the football game."

During University Day, high school students enjoyed a full day of events, including a campus tour, that offered the history behind A&T's most prominent buildings. Students were exposed to the academic side of A&T through an introduction to courses in engineering, agriculture, chemistry and physics.

They also were able to see special performances by the A&T gospel choir, the Aggie Cheerleaders, the A&T Marching Machine, the Air Force, the Army ROTC and the University Choir. Campus sororities and fraternities performed in a step show; the Human Environment and Family Science Department produced a fashion show, and the Richard B. Harrison Players performed an episode from the 70's television series "Good Times."

Regina Jennings visiting curator for Mattye Reed Heritage Center

By Reba Diggs
Staff Writer

Dr. Edward B. Fort, recently announced the appointment of Regina H. Jennings as visiting

Best cadet

from front page

Newsome. He said they have always taught him to do the best he can do and always reach for the stars.

"This award was based on past accomplishments and any awards received in the future will be based upon my performance from this point on," said Newsome.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort remarked on how honored he was to have Newsome as a student at A&T. "A&T has one of the top R.O.T.C. programs in the country, and we are proud to have young Mark with us," said Fort. "It is a delight to have A&T as one of the candidate schools to elect the cadet of the year. Mark is a precedence setter."

Lt. Colonel Robert Weeks, a commissioned officer with 17 years experience, had noth-

ing but the highest regards for Newsome. He has known Newsome for one year and says that he has always had the ability to remain focused. "He is not the typical cadet," said Weeks. "Newsome is more focused on what he wants in life and always places his family's well-being as first priority."

"Mark has maintained academic excellence and has done an outstanding job in his performance as a cadet," said Weeks. Newsome ranked number four out of 2,200 cadets in first R.O.T.C. region.

He has commanded the cadet battalion at A&T since August. "He has done an excellent job in planning and organizing and making sure that all missions are accomplished," said Weeks.

Newsome will be com-

missioned in May 1996. He will be branched into the Medical Service Corps, which is an integral part of the Army Health Care Team. They work together with other members to provide health care services for soldiers, their families and retirees. The Medical Service Corps is organized into four sections: Pharmacy, Supply and Administration; Medical Allied Sciences; Optometry; and Podiatry.

The future does indeed seem very bright for Newsome. "Ten or 15 years from now, I do see myself on active duty, possibly a professional officer," said Newsome. Weeks said: "Mr. Newsome's leadership potential is unlimited and he continues to develop leadership skills." There is no question about his success."

Carrying concealed weapons no longer against the law

By Kenneth Griffin
Staff Writer

Since Dec. 1, law-abiding citizens have had the right to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm. The House of Representatives gave final approval to the concealed-weapon permit in July. North Carolina joins 23 other states that give citizens the right to carry concealed handguns under certain circumstances.

Many members of the House's Black Caucus are opposed to the new bill. They feel it hurts the black community because the bill, in their opinion, puts more guns on the streets in urban areas. The students on campus for the most part agree with the House's Black Caucus.

Students who are opposed to the state's new concealed weapons law say that people who carry concealed weapons, may be tempted to use them if they lose their temper.

"A lot more people are



going to have guns," said Demarcus Nolan, a computer science major from Fayetteville. "By having concealed weapons it is going to be easier for people to shoot each other."

Shannon Thomas, a transportation major from Greenville, agreed. "I feel like it can cause

serious problems. This bill is going to increase the crime rate," she said.

"I feel safer with the new bill because it makes criminals think twice when approaching people. The law makes it easier for people to defend themselves," said Shawn Mason, a math education major from Sussex, Va.

Stacy Robinson, an electrical engineering major said, "People are already carrying concealed weapons anyway."

People without felonies or violent misdemeanors will have the right to carry concealed weapons with a permit. People with a history of mental health problems, alcoholism or drug addiction would be excluded.

People wishing to obtain permits would have to take a gun-training course and provide a set of fingerprints to their county sheriff, who would perform a background check on the applicant.

Technology building from front

up something, we still haven't lost the capabilities to handle fairly large crowds. All of the laboratories that were scheduled for the new building are still intact."

As a result of these new changes, The Frelon Group, the architect for the project, is re-doing the architectural plans. The new

plans are being submitted to state construction for review. Upon the state construction's review, the building plans will be submitted for re-bid. If the new bid is approved, the new building will be completed by fall 1998.

Dean Yarborough is convinced that the building will offer

the same quality programs that would have been available before the new changes. "The new building and the new environment will attract more quality students because of the new laboratories involved," he said.

The Dean says his top priority is the students, and he is

curator of the Mattye Reed African Heritage Center.

Jennings, native of Atlanta, was an assistant to the director at the Hampton University Museum in Hampton, Va. before accepting the position at North Carolina A&T. She received her master's degree in museum studies and her bachelor's degree in

mass media arts from Hampton University.

Her duties as curator are conducting lectures and workshops for the center, assisting the director in the development of exhibitions, research and publications on artwork and themes relating to the collection, exhibitions and programs for the center. Jennings will

also assist in cataloging and maintaining the center's extensive African art collection.

The Mattye Reed African Heritage Center is adminis-

tered by the College of Arts and Sciences through the Department of History at A&T.

CAMPUS

CRIME

By Sylvia Caldwell
Staff Writer

November 1

A non-student was arrested for breaking into a 1988 Mazda 323. The vehicle was parked in the rear of the heating plant. The non-student was placed under a \$2500 secured bond.

November 2

A female student reported being followed by her ex-boyfriend. She further reported receiving harassing phone calls in her room.

An officer discovered a student in his room with a strong odor of marijuana. The police made an investigation and a small quantity was volunteered by the suspect. The substance was confiscated, and the case went to Student Affairs for disposition.

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doing whatever it takes to meet their needs. This new facility provides a great opportunity to do just that. The Dean said, "There's no doubt we'll be able to do some things that will make them more eligible and qualified for jobs, and that's the bottom line."

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Story of struggle to claim "silver rights" enlightens Aggies

By Raychon Holt
Staff Writer

Mae Bertha Carter is a 72 year-old woman with a story to tell, the story of her struggle to claim her "silver rights."

Carter appeared in Gibbs Hall on Nov. 16, along with Constance Curry to talk about the book, *Silver Rights*, authored by Curry. *Silver Rights* is the story of the Carter family's struggle for equal education in Sunflower County, Mississippi, in the 1960's.

The term "silver rights" was defined by Curry. "As I worked with many of the Mississippi families on farms in the rural areas, I heard them talk of their 'silver rights.' People with no formal education often took an unfamiliar expression and translated it into a phrase or concept familiar to them."

Mae Bertha Carter and her husband Matthew were sharecroppers on the Pemble Plantation in Sunflower County. Carter talked of a time when sharecroppers had to work in deplorable conditions and how this motivated her children to fight for a better life. "Young people were working for 30 cents an hour, 14 hours a day," Carter said.

Her children decided that they wanted to go to the all-white school in Drew, a town nine miles away from the plantation. So, their children to have access to equal education. "They got tired of hand me down books," Carter said.

In their quest for equal education, the Carter's had to deal with more than they expected when their home was riddled with bullets because of their willingness to have their

children attend the all-white school. The FBI, the sheriff of Sunflower County, and the overseer of the plantation came to investigate to no avail. "They could go to the moon and everything else, but they couldn't find who shot in our house," Carter said.

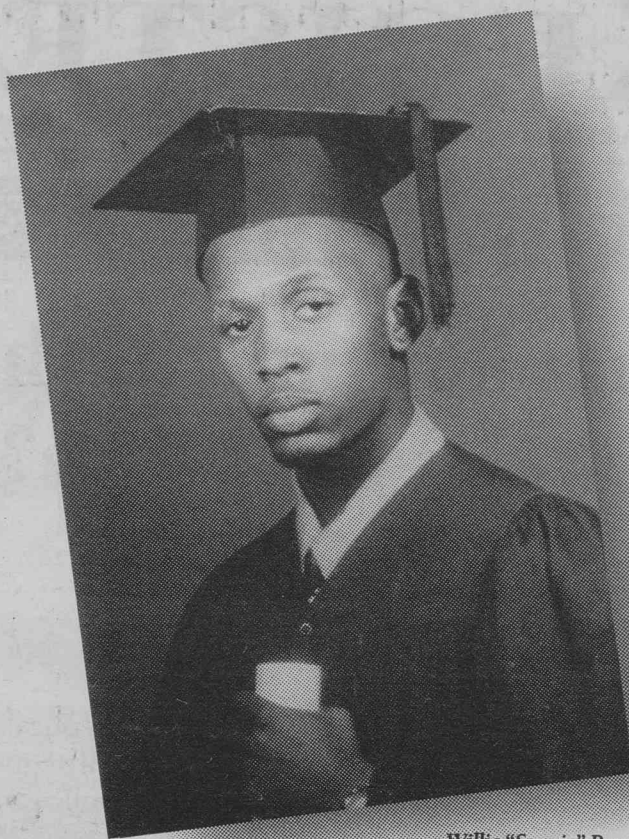
When asked what made her persevere when attempts were made on her life, she replied, "You've got to have something you are willing to die for." She was willing to give her life in order for her children to have a proper education.

Through the hard times, Mae Bertha Carter, mother of 13 children, said that her faith in God is what got her through. "I trusted in God to take care of me and my family," she said.

In spite of the fact that her children were allowed to attend the all-white school, they were still not scored the same benefits the white students had. They were not allowed to use the school library. It would have to be okayed by the county school board before her children could use the library in their own school. In addition, the playground hours were changed so that the Carter children were unable to play with each other.

Despite all the Carter children had to go through to achieve their educations, they were able to become successful professionals.

Carter ended by singing "This Little Light of Mine," a song she said was her constant encouragement. She added that many times, singing was the only way to keep her spirits up.



Willie "Sunnie" Prevo
Graduating: June 4, 1992.
Killed: May 28, 1992
Cleveland, OH

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.

Language department sends students to Costa Rica

By Brian Holloway
News Editor

The Foreign Language Department, believing that globalization is becoming a big part of our world today, will give N.C. A&T an opportunity to travel to Costa Rica this summer for the third straight year.

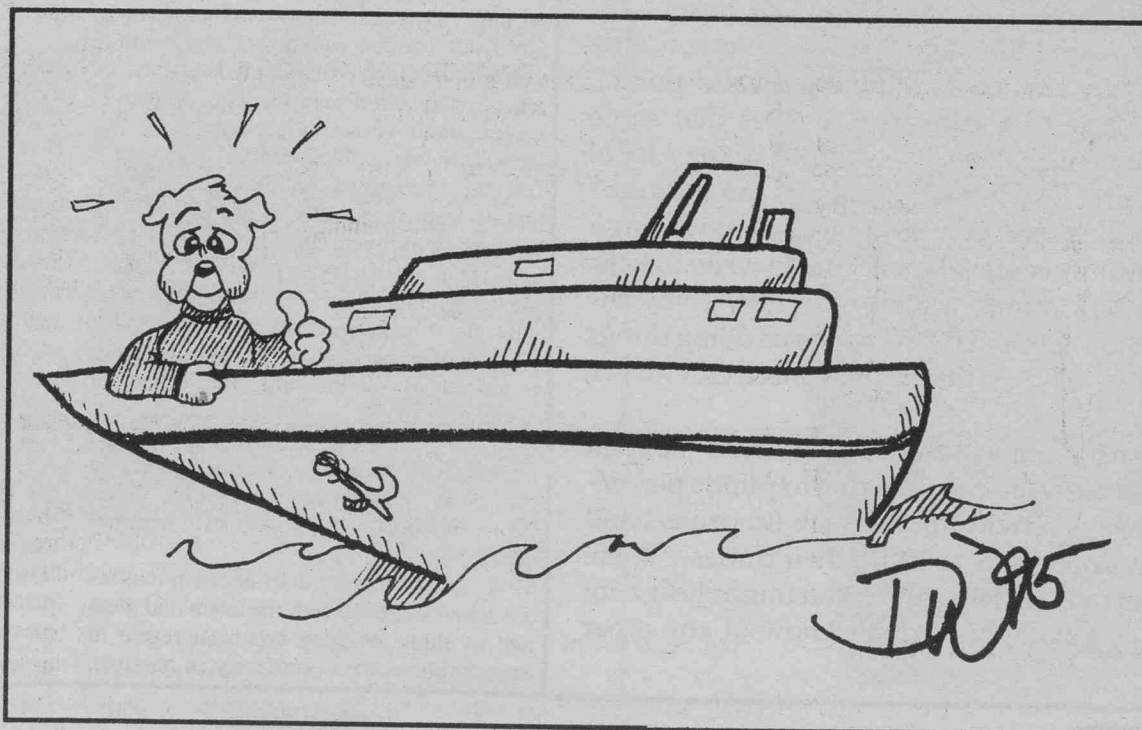
"The study abroad experience gives the university students the opportunity to perfect their second language," said Nita Dewberry, head of the foreign language department.

Participants will depart from Raleigh-Durham Airport on May 30, 1996, and should arrive in San Jose that evening.

"When you start talking about globalization, it is important that students have experience abroad," said Mercedes Guijarro-Crouch, program director, of the Summer Study Abroad Program. "To learn a language you have to go to the country where the language is spoken."

Students who participate in the SSAP will have a chance to study the culture of Costa Rica by going on scheduled excursions throughout the country.

"This trip makes people more open minded," said Guijarro-Crouch. "It gets rid of stereotypes when people can visit another cul-



ture. Spanish speaking people have many stereotypes when people can visit another culture, Spanish speaking people have many diversities. Most people think that all spanish speaking people are Mexican."

Some of the scheduled excursions include a visit to the Museum of San Jose, a weekend a beach paradise, a trip to a rain forest and souvenir shopping at the town of Maoravia.

For the students that want to participate in the program, the registration fee is \$200 which must accompany the application. However, Guijarro-Crouch feels that here should be a program set-up to have some of the Costa Rica students to come and spend a semester at A&T.

"We are currently working to get some their students to come here and go to school for a semester," said Dewberry. "The

students would stay in the dormitories here on campus."

Guijarro-Crouch doesn't see it happening anytime soon because of the difference in currency. "I don't see happening unless the administration makes a special tuition for them so that they can study here at A&T," she said. According to Guijarro-Crouch, 179 colonos (Costa Rica currency) equals one American dollar.

Guijarro-Crouch added:

"We have so much to offer them, and they have so much to offer us. The university in Costa Rica, where the students will be studying this summer as a great environmental science program. Here at A&T we can offer them our knowledge in computers."

During a Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Edward B. Fort did address the need for A&T to get involved in traveling abroad, however, he did not say anything about foreign students coming to A&T.

"We need to increase our global systems curriculum," said Fort. "We need to improve our international understanding. Fort added that he felt that A&T is headed in the right direction as far as students traveling to different countries.

The department of foreign languages of N.C. A&T in conjunction with the University of Masuku offers will also offer a two week intensive summer study program at the University of Masuku in Faraceville Gabon, Africa. The university is located in a french speaking part of Africa.

"From these experiences, students understand their place in our global society and what they need to do to compete in this global arena," said Dewberry.

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NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

THE STAFF SPEAKS

What do students think about the police?

By Kevin Sturdivant
Staff Writer

Law enforcement is one of today's most skeptical issues. With the many recent disclosures of police misconduct throughout America, some people are beginning to question whether police are a help or a hinderance. On A&T's campus, there are mixed feelings about the local and university police. Some students feel that the only responsibilities of the university police officers are to write parking tickets and patrol co-ed visitation. Jamila Kemp, a 19-year-old sophomore from Atlanta said of the university police, "They are in my dorm, but I don't ever see them walking around outside." Still other students, like Ricky Baker, and 18-year old freshman from Fairmont, have different opinions. Baker said, "(They) put me in the state of mind where I feel safe and don't have to worry about my stuff being taken."

But the overwhelming attitude of students interviewed was one of frustration and confusion about the specific roles of the university police. "What does security do?" Eddie Watford, and 18-year-old freshman from Windsor, asked sarcastically. Karen Allen, a 19-year-old sophomore from Henderson expressed her concerns about university police by saying, "I don't think that they fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities. A lot of things that go on around here could be prevented, if they were doing their job."

So the question then becomes, what exactly are the job duties of the university police? According to Marty Tillery, an A&T police department patrolman, the job of an officer entails, escorting money deposits, delivering emergency messages, handling top-secret files, assisting disabled vehicles and (of course) writing parking tickets.

Tillery openly acknowledged the validity of student concerns during a ride-along interview by saying, "I think it's a valid point." When asked what could be done to negate the attitudes that some students have for the university police, Tillery said, "Stop doing a lot of letter carrying back and forth and be where the students can see you."

Tillery further explained, "When they (students) see us writing a lot of tickets, it's stuck in their minds that all police do is write tickets. When they become a victim of a crime, it becomes, 'how come the officers weren't around when this happened.' If they see us doing things other than writing tickets or towing cars, they'll have more confidence in us."

Yet, one of the most important aspects of an officer's job, that often goes unnoticed is the risk associated with it due to public perception. Still most officers are always mindful of their job (to protect and serve) and willing to do what's necessary to fulfill their duties. "There is a lot of good on this campus too," Tillery said. "You might hear a lot of officers complain, even I complain, but I don't know of any other place I would rather be."

"The light of the university"

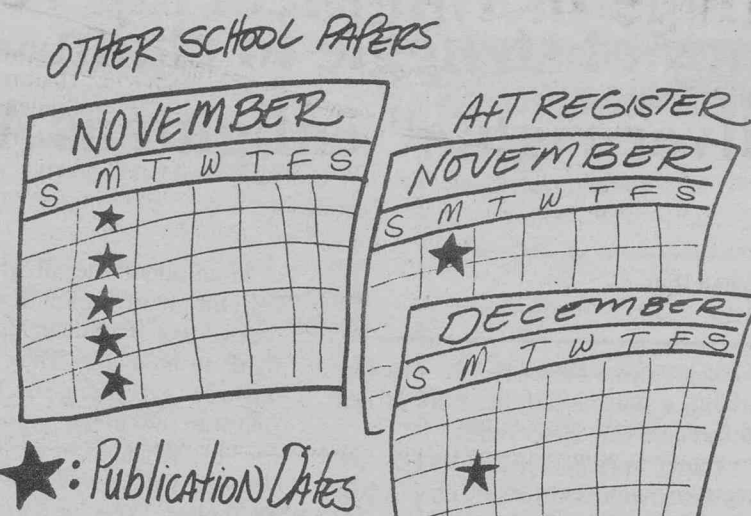
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THE PEOPLE SPEAK

Profanity is diarrhea of the mouth

By Harvey Rice
Staff Writer

In speaking the English language, we ought to have a better way of expressing our dissatisfaction with a person or a situation without using profanity. Indeed, there is a better way, but it seems that is considered mature and in verbal style when you fill the air with four letter blasphemies.

Profanity abounds in the movies and on stage, especially in comedy acts. It seems to be the mainstay of rap music and the growing infant of television. When the adults, the teenagers and our children are assaulted with gutter language that hinders being educated with an intellectual vocabulary of true expression, I should think that would be disquieting to us.

I am persuaded that most people use profanity because of its shock value. In essence, it's just diarrhea of the mouth, rather than words that cause you to snap to attention.

It certainly does not help matters any when someone with the talent and prestige of Eddie Murphy seems to regale in enunciating as much profanity as possible.

And when interviewed on the subject, he stated that he just enjoyed using four letter words. Should not there be some thought of the thousands of young people who will emulate and do what he says?

I cringe at the social profanity of college young men who need to be cultivating the cerebral language of the business world, where I do not believe that cursing is the norm. However, if the men make me cringe, the young ladies throw me into a tailspin. Too many times I have seen (and heard) beautiful young ladies mar their attractiveness with the basset of language pouring forth from their mouths. I immediately hold a conversation with myself and say, "She didn't say that," then I answer myself, "Yes she did." And I want to pull her aside and tell her that, "You're too lovely to blemish yourself with profanity." It affects me just that much.

Am I on a one-man crusade against profanity? Not necessarily. I just wish that those young people who use it would realize that there are words in the dictionary (and a host of other related books) that when used in placed of the four letter ignorance, gets your message across in a way that gutter language never can.

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College of Engineering reviewed by accreditation board

By Purity Blake
Staff Writer

The College of Engineering was recently reviewed by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Visitors from ABET were here to review all departments. An overview of the entire college, written in the form of a Volume I report, was supplied by the Dean's offices and Each individual department was required to supply a Volume II report for the accreditation team to review.

Along with the written reports, specific questions had to be answered by faculty, and students. Curriculums were critiqued to look at core engineering courses, and support courses were observed. A full-term accreditation cycle given by the board lasts for six years. If there are concerns or noted minor deficiencies in a department, then a three year accreditation with a visit by a member of the board is granted.

Preparing for the ABET visitors requires time and plenty of work. Although going through accreditation procedures may create anxiety, representatives of some of the different departments received positive feedback.

Dr. Ronald Helms, chairman of the Architectural Engineering department, feels very confident that his visitor from ABET was impressed with faculty, students, and the laboratories in his department.

"I anticipate based on the exit interview that I'll get full accreditation. My visitor from ABET was impressed with faculty, students, and the laboratory."

Dr. Franklin King, chairman of the Chemical Engineering department said, "I think it went very well. Students and faculty are considered very strong and I'm almost certain we'll get a full six year accreditation."

Dr. Gary Leppy, chairman of the Electrical Engineering department, enthusiastically stated, "In the exit interview with our reviewer, he noted that we didn't have any deficiencies."

Professor Reginald C. Whitsett was also pleased with the visit, said his students and colleagues were too. "An excellent visit was my opinion of my freshman class of 73 students and the faculty as a whole. The visitor was a distinguished professor of Architectural Engineering from Penn State where they have a five year AE program that requires 168 hours to complete the course of study."

Dr. Lonnie Sharpe Jr., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, agrees with his fellow colleagues concerning the accreditation visits. "I think everything went very well. We shouldn't have any problems getting accredited. The ABET team seemed to be very positive about the programs and I would not be surprised if all the programs get full accreditation. The only noted weaknesses we had were in the low amount of students enrolled in Agricultural Engineering, but enrollment is definitely on the increase. Agricultural Engineering students have the best grade point averages."

The College of Engineering at A&T offers bachelor of science degrees in agricultural, chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering and

computer science. The programs are aimed at preparing a student for engineering practice in all phases of an individual's chosen field. In 1936, the accreditation process began at a time when engineering education was expanding very rapidly. Schools all over the country wanted to have a consistency between programs and set a certain amount of standards to insure that graduates will be prepared to do the best of his/her ability.

The College of Engineering states that one of its objectives is to develop the intellectual, professional, and social characteristics of the student in such a manner as to enable him/her to become a responsible leader in the community. With caring faculty, staff and heads of departments, this goal can be achieved. The process of accreditation is to help the College of Engineering at the world class institution to reach this objective.

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AGGIE OF THE WEEK

By Carletta S. Hurt
Features Editor

Shawnn Bingham, a 22-year-old senior biology major, is making a name for himself while getting North Carolina A&T the respect it deserves on a national level. Bingham, who had the opportunity to make a presentation to black college presidents and administrators at the 1994-1995 National Association for Educational Opportunity in Washington, D.C., feels that his appearance and overall business-like attitude gave him the chance to show the respect, consistency and leadership that A&T produces.

Bingham serves as a senator for off-campus males. His role as a powerful leader has been shown through his other accomplishments as a speaker at the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Conference this year, Student Government Association (SGA), Administrator of Security 1994-1995 and the David Richmond Woolworth Leadership Award winner in 1993.

As a speaker at the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Conference, Bingham addressed the need for closing the gap between alumni and students. He sees this as one of the biggest problems on the campus of A&T. He wants students to enjoy

their time here at A&T so that they will become active alumni. "Student/alumni relations are important," said Bingham. "It gives students a base to want to be active alumni and allows the alumni to reflect on their years at A&T."

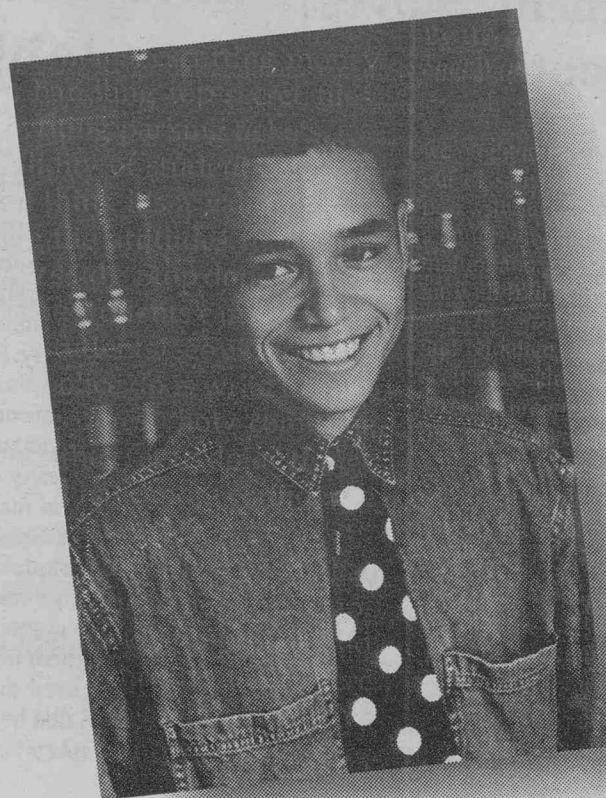
While serving as Administrator of Security for SGA in 1994-95, Bingham was able to exercise his influence and experience as a leader. He was responsible for making sure all SGA events had the proper security officials around to ensure the safety of the participants in the activities and the students. Last year's homecoming was the safest on record.

That kind of leadership, led his peers to nominate him for the David Richmond Woolworth Award. This award is given yearly to an outstanding black college student who displays the courage and determination that the famous four did when they sat down at the Woolworth counter in downtown Greensboro.

Bingham is getting ready for graduation and preparing for the Graduate Record Exam. As co-founder of the National Black Student Government Association, which is composed of the 117 historically black college and universities across America, Bingham hopes to continue growing as a strong, gifted black male leader.



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Lady Aggie trademarks essential for season success

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

The Lady Aggies in 1994-95 made a strong run for the MEAC crown, finishing second to Florida A & M in the regular season before bowing out in the semifinals of the conference tournament to Howard.

Replacing four of the top five scorers from that team is one of the big tasks for the 1995-96 squad--a squad that is also short on experience.

Tenacity and unselfish play, trademarks of Tim Abney's teams, will be doubly necessary this year as both Howard and FAMU return with the nucleus of their teams. However, don't count the Lady Aggies out. With junior Nisha Watson (5' 8", Jr., G, Durham), a first-team All-MEAC selection back for her junior year and a host of young talent ready to blossom, this team is the kind Abney has built his reputation on for years.

Rarely blessed with the best talent in the conference, coach Tim Abney always finds a way to get the job done. Rival coaches know that any date with the Aggies is just what it should be--a dogfight. It will be not different in 1995-96.

His philosophy is pretty simple. "If we work hard, commit ourselves, and play for each other and not for one's self--I like our chances," he said. The girls are definitely working hard and exhibiting commitment. With daily practices starting at 5:45 am, only the dedicated will shine through.

Inexperienced is the word Abney used to best describe this year's squad. His

graduating seniors accounted for more than half the minutes played and points scored last year. But he sees this seeming void as an opportunity for his young players. Not blessed with the experienced inside players, Abney said being able to score from the perimeter is going to be key.

What the Lady Aggies lack in offensive firepower will have to be balanced with good defense. "We're going to be a tenacious, hungry team," said Abney. "We're going to try to mix it up, some man-to-man, some zone, and see if we can do some full court pressure. If we're not going to be a tremendously good scoring team, then we're going to have to be a tremendously good defensive team. This is what we're going to concentrate on first--defense and rebounding. We need to create easy opportunities for our defense."

Being picked third in the preseason conference standings, the sure way to create easy opportunities for the offense is to rely on the defense. This year's scheme will be a fast paced game, relying the upperclassmen to calm and reassure the new comers.

Coach Abney refers to this year's team as a "new challenge." When asked about the tough scheduling of the girl's games, he responded, "If we play tough teams early on, we will find out now our weaknesses and strengths, helping us to better prepare for the conference season. By doing this, we won't be shell-shocked. We need to mature as a team and I'm hoping with all of the intrasquad and non-conference games, we will be solidified by February."

Sports Information department moves on without director

By Chantelle Grady
Staff Writer

Since the departure of Charles Mooney in July, the Sports Information Office has been without a director.

The office staff has been trying to fill the void by meeting the requirements of the Athletic Department. The office has dealt with promotional plans for Homecoming, the game against South Carolina State and the Hoops Over America basketball tournament.

The Athletic Department has been advertising the position through a nationwide search since September. Applications and nominations have been coming into the office.

Willie Burden, university athletic director, said, "The director should have great communications skills, good writing skills, and a background working with the media." The director puts out news releases on student athletes and sends statistics to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

The new director's job will concern public relations, and a background in that area. "This would be a plus," Burden said. The director would handle the weekly coach's press luncheon, serve as host for the media and visiting teams, and according to Burden, "provide them with what they need for events."

Burden also said that the department will accept applications until the position is filled. "We will fill the position with what we think is a good fit," said Burden.

Panel discusses job opportunities in available in the sports industry

By Vicynthia Mauney
Staff Writer

The Association of Black Sporting Goods Professionals (ABSG) in conjunction with Career Services hosted a sports career day with a panel of four distinguished professionals who shared information on how to get jobs in the industry. Founded in 1990, the organization's objective is to get African Americans to participate at the professional level of a 53 billion dollar industry where people of color are heavy consumers.

Top decision makers from Nike, HBO Sports, Target Sports Marketing of Atlanta, and the Charlotte Coliseum came to A&T's campus with a mission--to let students know that no matter what they study there's a place for them in the sports industry. Mid-West regional manager for Nike, Ron Williams said that he wanted to dispel the myth that pro sports was the only rite of passage.

"I was an education major in col-

"We want to have someone as quickly as possible for the longterm."

The Sports Information Office was commended by Burden for handling the work load. Burden said: "Seth Bennett and the administrative staff are filling in, and

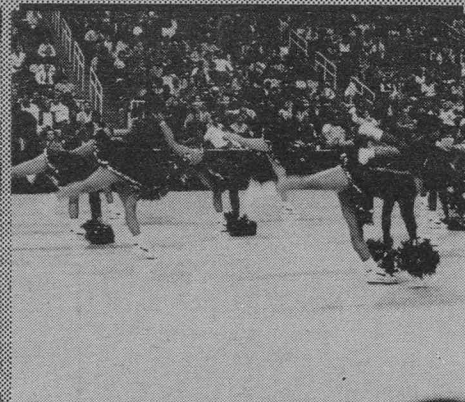
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lege," said Williams. "I never thought I would be working in sporting goods." He has been in the business for more than 20 years and has seen a lot of non-traditional people do well in his field. Williams shared a video that featured some very successful Nike employees with non-traditional backgrounds. One in particular was that of an architectural engineering professional who translated his skills in architectural design to product design. He really enjoys his job and now considers himself a designer of "homes for the feet."

Adonis Jerals, manager of the Charlotte Coliseum since 1990 shared the importance of education. "Take advantage of being a student," said Jerals. "Your biggest resource is yourself." He said that networking and being involved with organizations on campus that can aid you in reaching your career goals was very important. Jerals also stressed the value of interns. "Work for free by volunteering if you have

Seth contracted the bill for Hoops Over America. There are many things on the horizon, good things we want to publicize. I think we're doing a good job filling in (to date)."

to, just to get experience," he said. He compared his position at the coliseum to that of a surgeon in an emergency room. "By the time problems come to me there already in critical condition. That's why good management skills are so important."

Nicole Watson, feature reporter for HBO's Inside the NFL, the longest running NFL program, was on hand to give advice to future broadcasters. Watson shared her experiences of working her way up from the "grunt" work of TV as a grip and production assistant. "What I am now is a culmination of everything I've ever found in broadcasting. The first job she ever found in broadcasting was through the newspaper. It was a position with Black Entertainment Television. "Persistence conquers resistance is my personal motto," she said. "It was that attitude that got me the job and subsequently where I am today." A business major who has spent many years in financial consulting and analysis, Watson will soon be celebrating her 10th year in broadcasting. She has played one-on-one with "Shak", followed by Jordan's career, profiled Scottie Pippen during his high school days in Arkansas, and met a young, chubby temperamental player named Charles Barkley before he was introduced to the world. But when asked what it's like to be able to spend so much time with such high profile players, Watson admitted, "It's important to enjoy what you do, and after I interview these guys, I'm happy because I did my job well and put my best foot forward."

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Too much drama surrounds Dogg Pound's first album

By Otis Reid
Staff Writer

The highly anticipated debut album from Tha Dogg Pound is finally here, but was it worth the wait?

After several months of procrastination on the release date, the Dogg Pound's debut album, "Dogg Food," was released on the controversial Interscope Records/Death Row Records.

The notorious Death Row Records producers, Suge Knight, Dr. Dre, and Dat Nigga Daz, combine their talents to develop another project that is sending other producers and mc's back to the lab.

The first single off the album, "Respect," lyrically murders mc's and anyone else trying to condemn or infiltrate the Dogg Pound camp. With lines like, "... as child I was raised in the church, now what will possess me to the s...t that I do to put you in the dirt," Daz cautions mc's about disrespecting the DPG (Dogg Pound Gangstas), because it may lead to a 1-8-7: know what I mean?

Although there are 17 cuts on the album, tracks such as "New York, New York," "Smooth" and "Cyclo-Lic-No" contains phat beats and lyrics that keep the album extra tight. 'Dogg Food' also contain a cameo appearance from Mr. Malik, Snoop Doggy Dogg, the Lady of Rage and Michelle.

The old school style of battling mc's on the mic by Kurupt, compliments the beats and percussions by Daz, who is definitely on point in this album.

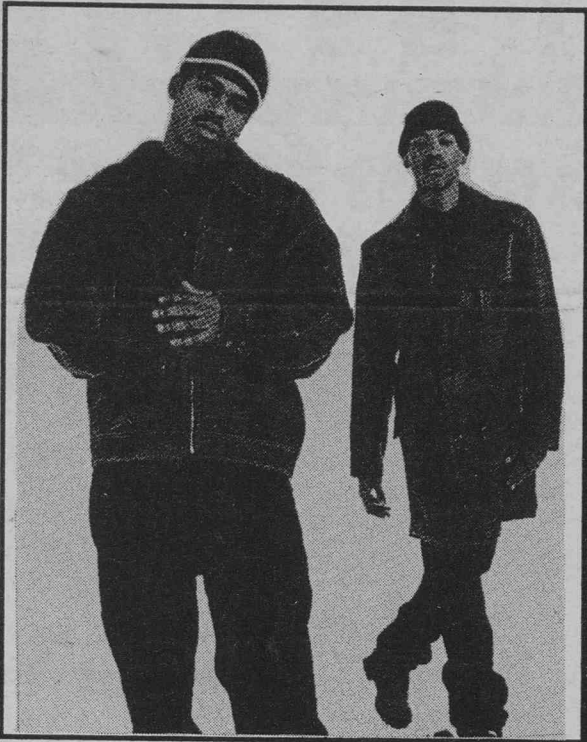
After the long procrastination of 'Dogg Food,' I have to say that it was worth the wait, but was all that drama surrounding it necessary?

Careers in sports from page 6

Executive director of ABSG, LaShun Lawson has worked for the Atlanta Braves, and Madison Square Garden Boxing. She has also worked as a newspaper writer and in radio sales. "I decided at a Hornets game back in 1988 that I wanted to go into sports," said Lawson.

She said she sat at the game taking in the excitement the crowd had for their new team and couldn't help but think about all the money that was being made. It was then that she decided that this was where she wanted to be. "Be aggressive about getting the information you need to advance," she said.

While working in radio sales, she met Jerals and made him one of her mentors in reaching her goals. "ABSG is here to service students and companies by enhancing recruiting efforts." In addition to her work with ABSG, she is co-owner of Target Sports Marketing, an event marketing company. Lawson said she looks forward to coming back to our campus in a



A&T's own Gospel Fellowship Choir consistently successful

By Jeff Watts
Entertainment editor

For the past several years, the award-winning North Carolina A & T gospel choir has been one of the most consistently successful organizations on campus. The choir has been bestowed with many honors and have often been requested to sing at various functions in the surrounding area.

They are often involved with on-campus events, such as the benefit concert held for Greg Patterson, a young man who was shot on the way to the recent Million Man March. Also, they are used as recruitment vehicles for potential students of the school.

Despite this, the choir, which consists of roughly 63 students has not received a tremendous amount of publicity. Many of their engagements away from school often goes unheard of and thus get a lack of

support.

This has not bothered the singing group, which realizes that they are not together just to sing, but also to put out a message to their audience. A message of hope and redemption.

Valerie McLaughlin, a senior chemical engineering major and president of the gospel choir, strongly supports that idea and strives to be a living example not just only to the choir, but to other students as well.

She believes the "unadulterate truth" must be heard by everyone and that you must reach out in a way that will relate to others.

"The best example people can follow is one they can see, personal experience. If I am trying to persuade you to ride a bike and I never been on one, if I did not know about the up and downs about riding, you would not believe me. However, if I can show how Christianity or riding a bike is real to me, that is the best way. Whether by singing or maybe in a play or other different ways."

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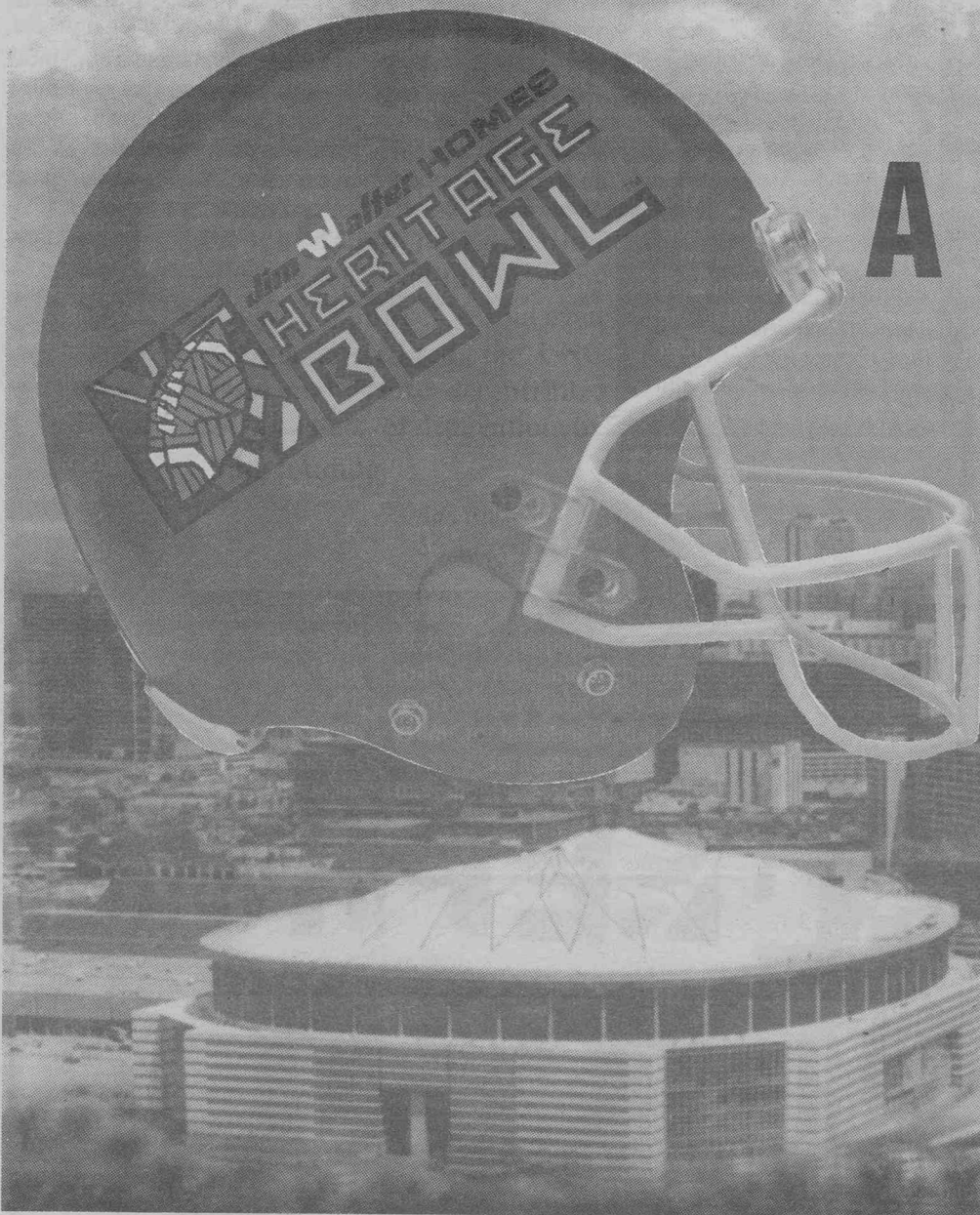
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