New Hampshire narrows the margin

By Archie Clark
Terror & Coasts

Dole, Buchanan, Alexander, Forbes: it would seem prior to the New Hampshire primary there were too many candidates to choose from. With the conclusion of the primary field has narrowed to essentially three candidates. The three choices are currently in what some call a dead-lock as the Republican Party moves step closer to choosing their '96 presidential candidate.

Pat Buchanan, former TV commentator on Crossfire, claimed the upset in the lead-off presidential primary, nudging the previous front-runner Senator Bob Dole off his perch. His surprising victory has put the GOP race into a three-way free-for-all with former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander as the candidates prepare to launch into a five week, 30-state burst of primary contests.

The primary will conclude with Buchananclaiming 27 percent of the vote, which was enough to eclipse the 26 percent effort for Dole. The rest of the field had

Male residents face petition for better housing

By Kevin Stengel
Stomp Watch

For weeks the noise of the male residents halls have been dissatisfaction with their living conditions. Facilitating such problems appears improper and inadequate repairs of shower stalls and sinks, leaking bathroom ceilings, untimely distribution of utilities and many other concerns led the resident the men's halls to question the importance placed on student living conditions and how the administration responded.

"A lot of people came to me and said they were tired of the living conditions and (we) shouldn't have to pay," Thorpe said of the idea of a petition. "They felt that the administration didn't care about their living conditions."

Thorpe views the petition as a vehicle to improve communication between residents and the administration. The petition specifically lists the concerns of the residents and asks for a portion of their housing funds to be returned and placed in the hall council fund to be used in the interest of the students.

Alex Alexander
Buchanan
Dole
Forbes
Total needed to nominate: 996

A&T worst in the state for campus crime

By Kenneth Griffin
Start Watch

Crime is a huge problem on college campuses everywhere, but North Carolina A&T State University in particular was one of the highest crime rates for college campuses in the state, according to a recent study in The Daily Tar Heel.

Among the 16 University of North Carolina schools, A&T ranks last in violent crime. The study was based on crime in proportion to enrollment with A&T having a violent crime for every 100 students last year.

The latest incident occurred just this past Saturday after the A&T-South Carolina State basketball game in which a flurry of shots were heard fired outside of Cooper Hall. Even in the presence of the A&T security, people were firing weapons and even smoking illegal contraband in the public's eye.

Some students feel the reason why A&T has many problems is that our campus is too open for unwarranted guests.

We have people coming into the dorms to take showers we have never seen," said Thomas Hasley, III, resident director of Scott Hall B. "Most of the crimes that are committed on campus are not by the students at A&T. An example of this was a few years ago when a man was shot after a gimmick, and it did not involve the A&T students."

"Scott B is in a bad location," said Hasley. "By having checkpoints with security guards, we could regulate who is coming on our campus at night."

Frederick Cornelius of A&T security said, "It is a good idea to have checkpoints." However, he added the shortage of officers might be a problem.

Some students pointed out that they want to receive more security than the males dorms.

"There is more security in the girls' dorms for obvious reasons," said Chiquet Newkirk, a freshman. "Barton Hall residents seem to feel more secure than the males dorms."

Security and Safety

Alexander with a tight 23 percent of the votes and the publishing mogul Steve Forbes with a mere 12 percent.

Alan Keyes, the only minority Republican candidate to try his hand at a Republican nomination this year, has been eliminated from the campaign. Buchanan, the current front-runner, may not be the ideal choice for the minority security fence along the U.S.-Mexico border to do what he says will "stop illegal immigration into this country cold." Buchanan apparently does not desire the voice of the Hispanic community. It is also known that Buchanan previously had two members that were at one time affiliated with white supremacist groups. One was affiliated with the National Association for the Advancement of White People while the other was associated with another such organization.

In an interview, what makes Buchanan stand out from his opponents is his strong views on trade and his social views. He does not support NAFTA or GATT and otherwise opposes foreign labor practices that employ workers outside the United States. His supporters are often bitter victims of these foreign trade agreements. Socially, Buchanan openly supports pro-life and is a staunch opponent to homosexuality.

When the New Hampshire Primary voters were asked what they weighed their decisions on, they most often looked to the candidates' policies on the budget. In order to get back into this race after such disappointing leadeine, the candidates' policies on the budget.
The race for Senate: Gantt thinks his time is now

By Patty Blake Staff Writer

"It's time, it's time," shouted Harvey Gantt in his opening speech to the audience on Feb. 15 in University of North Carolina-Greensboro's Edens Center. Gantt, the first African American to graduate from Clemson University and the former Charleston mayor, is once again pursuing the same ambition he did in 1990—to gain the United States Senate seat that is presently occupied by Jesse Helms.

But Helms lost a bitter election fight to Helms in 1990 by a thin margin. This year, Gantt has faith in his same campaign issues. He feels issues related to child development, medicaid and education are of the utmost importance to the people. Over the past five years, he has spoken to various organizations, churches and just about every where in the state to people about the issues that mattered in his campaign. Through these speaking engagements, he is convinced that these issues are on target with North Carolinians.

Gantt's supporters endure the long and turn out on election day to remove Helms from his 24 year term. To face Helms, Gantt must get past Charles Sanders, a Durham cardiologist who recently retired as chairman of Grano Inc.

In his speech, Gantt gives his reason for running for U.S. Senate again. "I think America ought to be a place of opportunity. I'm running because I think we have a responsibility of changing the environment and changing ourselves." Gantt emphasized that he plans to run a campaign that speaks directly to the concerns of North Carolinians.

Some of his priorities include providing parents and grandparents by preserving Medicaid and Social Security, investing in Head Start Programs and college loans and building a brighter future for the people of North Carolina. "I believe you can balance the budget without taking away programs that matter to the people that need them," he said.

Gantt also stated in a recent campaign letter that he believes it is wrong for the Republican Congress to be cutting support for Medicare and education while handing out tax breaks to big corporations and the rich. Our campaign, he went, will be about making Washington work for the middle class for a change.

"I walk around those in raising brokers.

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NC puts chicken first over tobacco

By Vincent Massey Staff Writer

Have you eaten a chicken sandwich or any other poultry product lately? Well, you might be surprised to know that the poultry industry has dethroned tobacco as North Carolina's number one industry by grossing around 1.6 billion dollars annually. The Tar Heel State also ranks number one in turkey production and number four in raising broilers.

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Were we looking for al"tematives," Willis said, as he described the idea for using larvae came about. "There is an increasing demand for wood shavings, but while the supply decreases, costs steadily increase. We said 'why don’t we use some of this here,' recalled Willis as he explained that it won’t until we see leaves from A&T’s campus being taken to the farm southeast of town to decompose but he got the idea to try them as continued on page 9

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Students face, evaluate AIDS and HIV head on

By Purry Blair

AIDS once again is in the headlines with the announcement of a heavy-voiced Tommy Morrison being infected. How can young students steer from the fatal disease?

Being a young adult in college can be a wonderful experience. Most college students are evaluating themselves and trying to refine their skills by following a course study that will in the future be the key to success in their respective careers. During this transitional period, however, many are facing an epidemic. A rapidly growing number of young adults are becoming victims of AIDS.

According to the most recent statistics given by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS for the first time within the past year became the leading cause of death among all people in the United States between the ages of 25 to 44. Unusually high injury was reported, followed by cancer, heart disease, homicide, suicide and accidents. As the AIDS epidemic progresses, disproportionately more cases have occurred in minority populations, specifically blacks and Hispanics. In the U.S., racial minorities constitute 20% of the adult population, but 44% of the adults and 56% of the adolescents in this group have contracted the disease. Minority accounts for 72% of all women with AIDS and 78% of all children with AIDS. For these reasons, more focused education needs to be directed towards persons of minority heritage. Everyone, however, can continue to be informed.

To ensure that young adults receive information about the dangers and other factors surrounding the disease, Guilford College, co-sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and The Triad Health Project, established AIDS about AIDS. This student service-learning conference on AIDS has provided information and inspiration to young people across the eastern states.

Now, the AIDS about AIDS 1996 conference goes national. This year’s event featured Thomas Baldwin of MTV’s “The Real World,” Dewayne Mushaney, the HIV-positive founder of Washington, D.C.’s, Youth Positive and workshop leaders from local and national leaders, including Robert Hackett of the Bogies Foundation and Ben McFaddell of the Triad Health Project.

The conference was held Feb. 15-16, 1996 at Guilford College in Greensboro. It was energetic and open to concerned participants, Guilford College students and the general public.

If you haven’t told your family you’re an organ and tissue donor, you’re not.


Black history...

One student’s interpretation

By Brian Holloway

An ROTC student caught the attention of a certain person here on campus when he interpreted a quote in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s book Why We Can’t Wait at the Student Union Ballroom. During a candlelight visual for Martin Luther King Jr., Jr., Junior Class Vice President Antione Bosick said, “Take your coin retaining its worth, and get off the bus only after you have reached your destination.”

I listened to all you can and become the best African-American that you can be—Make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a true African American,” smiled upon your said there goes another one.

That interpretation of King’s quote, “But who will you sell the token instead of the coin always retains the power to revoke its worth, and to command you to get off the bus before you have reached your destination,” caught the attention of Chancellor Edward B. P. Daugherty.

I’m up here after the ceremony and told me that every student at A&T should know that,” said Bosick, who is on a four-year ROTC scholarship.

Bosick plans to run for senior class president this spring along with other activities, which includes the South Carolina A&T Club, color guard and the saber team. “I selected that quote because I think it symbolizes how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. encouraged people to do better,” said Bosick.

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Red Cross

By Bisnt N. Tabor

“[Everyone who donates] blood would donate once or more than what they do, we would never run out of blood or have to beg the media for it,” said Daphne Burrows, director of the Student Council for the American Red Cross in Greensboro.

North Carolina A&T State University held its blood drive at Corbin Arena earlier this month for the American Red Cross. The blood drive started at 1:30 p.m. and lasted until 7:30 p.m. Even though things moved very slowly at the beginning, there was still progress.

A&T donated 57 units of blood for the first blood drive of the year. Burrows said they average three visits a year on A&T’s campus. During each visit, they average 66 units of blood. “I would love to see more people,” said Burrows. She added that in North Carolina about six percent of the population donates blood while about 95 percent of the population will need it by the age of 72.

When asked why there were not many people donating, Burrows said it is the fear of the unknown. “People do not realize that there is no risk in donating blood. It only takes about 10 minutes to do the procedure.”

Dana Graham, the Associate Director of Blood Services, tends to get a little excited when she finds those who want to save lives. They are called blood donors, as many as four lives, the same.

Students and faculty members who participate in the drive’s collection will be counted as well. More blood will be held on Mar. 26, sponsored by the Air Force ROTC. For more information, they can call 1-800-223-6698 or 333-2111.

Male residents from front page

Finance, the physical plant, contractors and cleaning to combat the problems. He pointed out that the different departments involved in housing make it difficult to coordinate communication but explained that there are housing meetings daily. “We university administration is not going to put up with any shortcomings at all. We have to take care of our own.”

Along with other members of housing and administration, Welborne plans to establish an advisory board within the falls to have a line of communication among students and administration. Welborne also advocates that there are problems in the ladies’ dorms but not on as large a scale as in the men’s dorms.

Welborne said he was appreciative of the students voicing their concerns and was apologizing having to do his part to facilitate change. “Students shouldn’t have to worry about a problem to get the attention of administration,” he said.

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Focusing on the SGA meetings remains unclear.

Archie Clark
Editor & Chief

If you enjoy watching daytime TV, perhaps you should take time out to venture to a full body meeting of the Student Government Association. This may not be a rehearsed script, but the drama and intrigue are just as captivating. There is a cast of well-dressed characters, lots of dialogue, and there is even back-stabbing and accusations of deceit. Or at least those elements were present during a full body SGA meeting earlier this month.

Besides the informal altercation by SGA president Aquarius Moore, there was nothing but constant bickering over everything from the budget to the appropriate parliamentary procedure. They even argued over how long one person could "respond" to another whether or not the responses constituted a debate which supposedly was not allowed. And after all the drama settled down, they did not even resolve any of the problems, only defined them and determined who was to blame.

At one point, a heated discussion over the recently abandoned Third Thursday Lectures, between Nandie Daniels, former chair of the lectures, and Aquarius Moore, got ugly. Daniels proceeded to "respond" to Moore and ultimately referred to her as a liar. I felt there was no need for this discussion and argument to be taking place at a full body meeting if it could have been done completely in privacy or even over the phone. I do, however, applaud the integrity of Moore. Despite the onslaught of attacks, she refused to argue with them or even give credence to an accusation by refuting it. The cast of characters even included former SGA President Keith Bryant, well-known for having the most in-depth knowledge of the parliamentary procedure, which he used to his advantage. It is not uncommon for him to manipulate the discussion only because he knows what he can get away with, a good political tactic. It would seem to me a lot of time could have been saved if everyone else in attendance thoroughly understood the parliamentary procedure instead of arguing about it.

Bryant was kind enough to bring to Moore a list of questions dealing with SGA matters for her to answer. His intentions appeared to be an attempt to catch her unprepared. After an attempt by Moore to get him to repeat one of his questions, Bryant repeatedly refused and then informed her he believed that she probably would not be "capable" of answering him even if he were to repeat it. Many in attendance, including myself, thought this was a shot below the belt. Once again Moore bit her tongue and avoided an ugly conflict.

This parallels the argument with the Native American chief, "too many chiefs and not enough Indians." If the SGA built a tepee, they probably would not be able to decide who to sit in it, or at least the issue would be debated. In other words, this sort of bickering will ultimately lead nowhere.

Tension was just as present in the half-empty and cavernous McNair auditorium as bad feelings. As there were only a handful of students in attendance, calling it a "full body meeting" would be a false. It is possible students avoid the meetings in droves because of the ridiculous amount of arguing.

Despite the drama, I felt the meeting feeling we have a one of kind SGA. At least they seemed to have a working knowledge of what problems need to be addressed. In the future when I attend full body meetings of the SGA, I hope to hear resolutions, not wars.
A&T students neglected, ousted from community

BY DAVID GAINES STAFF WRITER

After the departure of Subway Sandwich Shop two weeks ago, North Carolina A&T State University students were once again pondering why they are left with a choice between Williams Cafeteria and the Aggie Den in the Memorial Student Union to find something to eat.

Though the food is either paid for through tuition at the cafeteria or inexpensive at the Aggie Den, students at A&T still crave for a more diverse selection to choose from. Even if content with the quality and choices of the cafe and Aggie Den, the hours of operation do not always compliment the hours of some students’ hunger strikes.

“I think that a variety of things would be better, it’s just that the fact there are so many things promised that never get done or are extremely delayed,” said Donald Ramsey, graduate industrial technology student.

Examples include the new technology building supposedly breaking ground last Thanksgiving, the proposed parking deck to improve the congestion for commuters, cable television in the dormitories along with other much needed improvements and the renovation and extension of the Memorial Student Union.

The departure of Subway is not the first time a major chain visited the campus of A&T. A few years ago, Taco Bell opened their services to the Aggies in the Union, but their time was limited also as they made a run for the border.

“I thought it was a Taco Bell in the Union,” said Ramsey, after a recent trip to the Union to see it was a Subway.

With another Subway conducting business down the street owned by the same man, students may question if this had any influence on owner Danny Hasen’s decision to leave early. The trial period was expected to last four weeks but fell short of three weeks. Is this because A&T students cannot support a business on campus, or is it the lack of cooperation from the community in supporting A&T?

On UNC-Greensboro’s campus, the students are treated with such a selection of restaurants that visiting the cafeteria would be a last resort. They have a complete restaurants from Spring Garden Bar & Grill, a deli sandwich shop, Dogwood (a cafe-type bar) and an ice cream parlor from local businesses. Not only does the community support them, they are privileged with the services of national chains such as Chick-Fil-A, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut. All these options are conveniently located in their student union or somewhere on the campus.

As early as they awake they can have a breakfast to start their day off right, and as late as 11 p.m. can they feast on chicken sandwiches and large pepperoni and sausage stuff-crust pizzas sprinkled with mushrooms, olives and anchovies.

“Around the time when Aggies are munching on overpriced snacks (courtesy of the vending machines which may ask for exact change only), UNCG students are satiating their appetites with double decker tacos, burrito supremes or Mexican pizzas. If they do not have the taste for Mexican, they can always choose chicken fillets and waffle fries. A&T students do not even have vending machines where maybe they can try hot dogs and sandwiches instead of the chocolate bars, chips and brittle chewing gum contributing to their unhealthy diets.

Why can’t A&T students be served by such prominent franchises? The stint with Subway was a mere fliriting with Aggie appetites, teasing those who thought A&T students had the luxuries of any other prestigious school in North Carolina.

“It’s wrong,” said Timo Henderson, junior mechanical engineering major. “In their (outside businesses) eyes, it’s not profitable because we’re black. They feel it’s better to set up over at UNCG.”

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-Donald Ramsey, tech student

Subway officials claim poor business provoked the early pull out. While most students at A&T do not even have transportation, it would seem logical the Union’s location was a benefit for Subway’s business. These students who could not make it to the store on Summit Avenue could easily and more willingly travel to the Union.

“It’s just false advertising,” said Henderson. “Whenever I was in the Union, people were always getting something from Subway. And they’ll be the first ones to put up ads during a basketball game, too.”

Being as prestigious as A&T is, it is insulting to realize what little help is received from the outside community. The community embraces the students at UNCG while A&T students are neglected and ousted from the city.

Students need to ask why the city in which they support does not return that support. Why doesn’t A&T have the luxuries as UNCG? Where are A&T students’ options for food other than the Aggie Den and Williams Cafeteria? Why did Subway really leave the campus of North Carolina A&T State University?
Softball team looking "tremendous"

The Lady Aggie Softball team is ready for a great season. Last year’s team finished in fourth place, and this year’s team should be much stronger. Conditioning for the upcoming season is going very well, and the excitement from the team was “tremendous from the beginning,” said head coach Marie Jones.

This is coach Jones’ second season as coach of the softball team. She is a former Aggie softball player, and in 1993, she was named Coach of the Year for the Lady Aggie Basketball team. When asked about her coaching style, she said, “I am a patient coach that takes one day at a time.” Coach Jones is confident that the 1995-96 team has excellent potential and just needs time to “put the pieces of the puzzle together.”

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL: A MOMENT IN BLACK SPORTS HISTORY

Blacks take to the diamond
A look back at baseball, blacks, and a pure love for the game

BY WENDY WILSON
SPORTS EDITOR

With the baseball season already underway, this is a great
time to talk about the pioneers of this American pastime. Established
in 1880 with the Cuba Giants, the professional Negro Baseball League
opened America’s eyes to the African-Americans’ talents outside of the
field.

In the eyes of the media, these outstanding individuals were
ignored and their existence minimized to a non-existent status. Al-
though these players performed some of the most remarkable feats
baseball has ever known, it was nearly impossible to hear play-by-play
coverage of these ballplayers’ games on the radio.

This lack of media coverage did not dampen the excitement
caused by the League, excitement that flourished for the first half of the
twentieth century.

Through the game brought pleasure, it was filled with pain.
Players were sometimes asked to play four games a day. Eight hour
trips by car just to play one game was not unusual, and then there was
racism. Finding hotel rooms and food was hard. Getting a chance to
play in the “Major Leagues” was almost impossible. Despite the
heartache, the game still brought sunshine to the days. The Annual All-
Star games drew more than 50,000 fans nationwide to Chicago.

Black owners ran their own clubs and organized their own
leagues. Some of the teams included the Indianapolis Clowns, the
Baltimore Elite Giants, the Kansas City Monarchs, the Birmingham
Black Barons and the Chicago American Giants.

Jackie Robinson integrated modern day Major League Base-
ball in 1947, but many great African-American players performed
magical feats on baseball diamonds long before the appearance of
Robinson. Players like Andrew “Rube” Foster, a great strategist,
changed the way baseball was played. Foster almost single-handedly
organized the first successful Negro League, Cool Papa Bell—perhaps
the fastest man ever to play the game—marked around the bases in 12
seconds flat. The longest homerun ever hit at Yankee Stadium was not
hit by Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig or Mickey Mantle but by Josh Gibson in
a Negro League game.

According to many, the most electrifying player of his era was
the great pitcher Satchel Paige, who had amazing speed accompanied

by an unequaled repertoire for a pitcher. In some games, Paige would actually call his fielders in and tell them
to take a rest; he would then proceed to strike out the batter he was facing.

There were many other outstanding players whose accomplishments, because they played in the Negro
Leagues, have been ignored. Their stories are tied up with the history of this nation, and it began a long time ago.

New MEAC commissioner possibly named next month

Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

Next year, the MEAC will be
headed by a new commissioner. Commis-
sioner Ken Free’s contract comes up for re-
negotiation this summer. The MEAC’s chief
executive officer voted earlier this fall not
to rehire Free. Free is the only fulltime
commissioner in the league’s history. Prior
to Free’s appointment, the MEAC was ran
from 1971-1978 by a trio of interim com-
misssioners.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort, the
president of the MEAC Council of Presi-
dents, did not comment on the
situation. Delaware State President William DeLauder,
chairman of the council’s personnel com-
mision, said, “The council’s decision not to
rehire Free was based on a desire to take the
conference in other directions.”

Two applications for the position
have been received, Rudy Washington, Ex-
cutive Director of the Black Coaches Asso-
ciation and head men’s basketball coach at
Drake University, turned in an application
along with Claudie Mackey, Assistant Ath-
ets Director at Elizabeth City State Uni-
versity. MEAC officials hope to name a
successor sometime in March.
Goodie Mob brings goodies for the soul

by Otto Reid
Entertainment Writer

If you thought rap artists' only intentions were to cause corruption and violence in the black community, you have not heard one of its latest productions.

After their cameo appearance on Outkast's album, "Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik," the Goodie Mob has released their debut album entitled "Soul Food" on LaFace Records.

That's right, food for the soul. Coming out of Atlanta, group members Cee-Lo, Big Gipp, Khujo and T-Mo's objective is to provide black people with the music they have been deprived of through the years.

It is evident in various tracks that Goodie Mob's primary concern is the demise of black people. For example, the introductory track, "Free," is a vintage spiritual harmony from the days of slavery to the civil rights movements.

"Cell Therapy," the first single released from the album, has a profound message that everyone must take heed to, especially those so-called "thug-niggas." Don't be misled by the beats; the important issue is the message, "use that tool between your two shoulders."

Other tracks such as "Thought Process," "Dirty South," "Sesame Street" and "Soul Food" vividly express the life experiences of the artists themselves which many black people can relate to. Goodie Mob verbally abuses oppression on the track "Goodie Bag," where Cee-Lo showcases his talent on the microphone. His flow will persuade some rapists to put down their mic's and pick up the classified because in this business, only the skilful survive.

After reading about the contents of this album and the intentions of the artists, what does Goodie Mob really mean anyway? Well, you must listen to the album in order to obtain the answer.

Since its release date, the album has been done exceptionally well in stores, and if sales progress, it will be considered one of the top albums of the 90's. The contingency of platinum status may label it as a classic.

The date for Black College reunion in Florida confirmed

Florida State Reports

Jam Splash Black College Reunion, an event produced by TNT Productions and sponsored by the Coalition of Historically Black Colleges and Communication Companies, has been confirmed for Apr. 12-14 in Jacksonville, Fl.

As reported by The Florida Times Union, Jam Splash Black College Reunion promoter T.C. Copeland's Jan. 17 meeting with city officials in Jacksonville confirmed that the city will play host to the event this spring. Jacksonville Councilman Terry Fields commented, "I'm very positive about having this event. It's here, and we hope it will be next year. Let's make it work for the city."

Activities planned by Copeland will include a student leadership conference on Apr. 12. He also wants to include concerts, a job fair, motivational speakers and greetings by various congressional leaders on Apr. 13-14 at Metropolitan Park in Jacksonville.

The Jam Splash Beach Party, scheduled for Apr. 13-14 at Hanna Park, will feature live reggae and R&B performances by national recording artists.

The Florida Times Union also reported that Jacksonville and the sheriff's office plan to get the word out to local nightclubs and other businesses who may be interested in participating. Past experiences in Daytona Beach have shown that events planned by Copeland have been well-attended and trouble-free.

Copeland, whose TNT promotion company was credited with helping to bring over 75,000 visitors to the Daytona Beach area during the April 1995 event, said that Jam Splash Black College Reunion has shown outstanding growth.

"Last year's event in Daytona Beach was a great success," said Copeland, "but many of those attending will welcome a new environment. We need room to grow."
Remembering from whence we came...
The history of Black History Month

BY PURITY BLAKE
Staff Writer

The echoes of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered Martin Luther King, Jr. still rings in our hearts and minds. Let's not ever forget about the four A&T freshmen (David Richmond, Earl Blais, Franklin McCain and Joseph McNichol) who catalyzed the sit-in movement by refusing to move from the Woolworth counter or Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on a bus to another white passenger.

This leads us to the fact that some inventions we use or are governed by, such as the traffic light, were contributions to society by African Americans. The list is continuous with trailblazers from the past who fought hard with a spirit of non-violence or political ideals in the struggle for civil rights for the present and future generations.

The origin of National Black History Month goes back to National History Week that was started Feb. 7, 1926. The founder of the week, Carter Godwin Woodson, was a major contributor to awareness of African-American history and culture. He was stimulated to start this community because he was frustrated by Eurocentric history books that distorted or denied black history. Woodson, who earned a Ph.D. in history and economics in 1912, knew the importance that history played in the survival of a race. "If a race has no history, he said, "if it has no worth, while tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being terminated."

The celebration of black heritage was officially expanded from a week to a month in 1976. Ten years later, Senate Joint Resolution 74 was issued and signed by President Ronald Reagan making February Black History Month. A month may be designated, but for most, if not all African Americans, the recognition extends beyond February.

It seems that Jolettia Patrick, a senior electrical engineering major from Durham, probably knows the memories of her forefathers. "I think every month should be black history month because we should never forget what our mothers and fathers went through so that we can obtain a better standard of living," she said.

There were many special programs held during this month to give additional visibility to National Black History Month. The program allowed everyone to take part in different cultural events. Trafia Black History Celebration Tour came from 2:30-5 p.m. Feb. 12 as the Memorial Student Union hosted an exhibit with art and gift items for students and faculty. A lecture on "African American and Women Artists" was given by Acting Curator Regina Holden of the Mattie Reed Heritage Center on Feb. 20 in Gibbs Hall. Dr. Simpson, Director of Freshman Advisement and author of "Black But- terflies," shared with others short stories from his book. "To a lot of readings during the month of February. There are more re-

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that its local top wage of $8.50 per hour is based on what simi-
larly, he hopes it will end the "institu-
tonization injustice" which op-
presses black communities.

The protest itself drew no racial bounds although 40 per-
cent of the employees are from the African-American com-
munity. The actual protest included an equal number of white and black participants. The majority of those arrested in December were in fact white.

Kmart expressed shock when told of the rejection of the funds that were slated to be used in a prime prevention program that included tutoring services for disadvantaged children. Shown Kahle, Kmart's vice-president of corporate affairs, told the News & Record last week he has never seen any corporation who bases itself on the cause of justice display such inconsistent behav-
ior. Kahle perhaps is referring to the fact that the NAACP solic-
ted the donation and then later re-

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Prostate cancer questions answered by conference

By David Gaines
Staff Writer

What is prostate cancer? What causes it? Who is most likely to develop the cancer?

These questions and more will be answered during a prostate cancer teleconference from 3-5:30 p.m. on Mar. 5 in the McNair Auditorium. It will be sponsored by the NC Chapter of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer, the American Cancer Society and the Leona Phila Theta Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta & Nu Omega Chapter).

The objectives are to educate black men in the severity and susceptibility of prostate cancer and to increase awareness among their family and friends.

The program will include information on the causes of prostate cancer, symptoms, risk factors, screening, treatment options, prevention and the importance of early detection. The program will also include information on large-scale prostate cancer screening programs being presented throughout the state.

An open forum will be held following the presentation where attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and share personal experiences.
Marketing challenge sends Briens off to Germany

BY BRIAN HOLLOWAY
Transactions
Their first names are the same, their ambitions are similar, but their willingness to sacrifice is the similarity that earned Brian Keefer and Brian Pearson a trip to Frankfurt, Germany.

The two senior marketing majors put together a marketing plan for the Tervis Flame resistant fibers and were awarded a trip to Germany. The contest, called the Marketing Challenge, is conducted every year for North Carolina A&T State University students.

Brian is from Andover, N.J., said: "It took us an entire semester to finish the project. We had to brainstorm, develop our product and plan our presentation. We had to know which advertisers and channels would be effective".

Keefer, the Brian from Pleasant Garden, N.C., feels the presentation is what clinched first prize. Their theme was "Safety System Standard" and focused on Japan. They developed a consumer awareness program, two advertisements and a professionally produced commercial.

"My Friend John Matthews (a production engineer at 107.5 FM) owed me a couple of favors so he did the commercial for us, which I think really impressed the judges," said Keefer.

Keefer and Pearson left for Germany on June 9, returning five days later, more aware of another culture and educated on the importance of the textile industry.

"It was a shock to me when I saw the plane on the airport carrying machine guns, ready to fire if anyone got out of hand," said Pearson. "You had to have an acquired taste for the food, but the cocktails were great." Pearson also added that his traveling partner had too many cocktails, commenting that his friend, who he has known for over a year, could "hold his apple wine."

However, the tour was not all fun and games for the two. They were once turned away at a club because they did not have their passports, said Keefer. "It was an adventure." He added that they had to carry their passports at all times.

Keefer's partner said: "I think it is sad that some people are not willing to pay the price to be the best. They must realize that you have to compete to get ahead." Although there were not many entries, Keefer and Pearson did have to beat the defending champions. "Brian (Keefer) is hardworking, inquisitive, but he can be annoying sometimes," said Pearson. "But he is a good guy, and I would love to work with him again." According to Keefer, Pearson is very talkative, but they work well together. "I've worked with him on some other projects. I thought it would be to our advantage to enter the contest together because we work well together," said Keefer.

Both Brian's want to own their own businesses one day. Keefer thinks he will take eight to 10 years after graduation, while Pearson feels it will take him 10 to 15 years after graduation.

Nevertheless, both men have two different strategies of reaching their goals. Keefer wants to start in a small business, while Pearson wants to start with a large corporation.

In health conscious environment, can students fit the standard?

BY LARRY JONES
Teacher Writer
Many Americans are becoming more health conscious in the 90's by eating less junk foods and more fruits and vegetables, but can we say the same for local college students? In interviewing students at North Carolina A&T State University, many of them are not eating healthily at all.

Donte McGill, a junior communications major, tries to maintain a low-calorie diet by eating low-sodium potato chips, rye bread and whole wheat crackers. McGill lives on campus so he has to frequently visit the cafeteria that serves foods that are far from healthy. "When I go to the cafeteria, I eat french fries and pizza," said McGill. Eating pizza and french fries everyday, as some of the students do, is certainly not healthy.

Tasha Williams says she eats a good meal once a week that consists of a salad, mashed potatoes, chicken and bread. Even though this meal consists of the four food groups, Williams feels she is consuming the correct amount of each food.

Williamson also said that because she is a student and has classes every day, she does not have time for breakfast or lunch.

Before coming to school, both McGill and Williamson's eating habits were different. Both ate three meals a day which were balanced and well-prepared. College students' diets tend to take a drastic change when they leave home because they have no one around to cook for them anymore so they tend to eat unhealthily.

"Freeman" breaks black social barriers

BY SELLA TABB
Writer
Although Valentine's Day is over and may not have been a good day for some, it may not take the place of love, but the fun is not over.

The play "Freeman," presented by the Under Culture, a new theater company, opened Feb. 16 at the Breach Theatre on South Elm Street.

"Freeman," a play in two acts, written by the celebrated African-American playwright Philip Hayes Dean in 1973 and produced by The American Place Theatre in New York City under the direction of Lloyd Richards, "Freeman" Department's effort to break through the hierarchy of social class within the black community. The Under Culture, a newly formed theater company for young actors and actresses between the ages of 15 and 25, provides young adults with the opportunity to promote self-discovery and develop their inner-act within their involvement in theater.

Judith Kastner, who's the Coordinator/Development/Marketing Director for the Under Culture, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to encourage young artists and to support this new organization, the Under Culture." She also said that The African Art Festival is proud to have this play as one of the events in the program.

The play could be the break to let people see that a chance may be all that they need to make that difference in their lives.

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River North, Calif., North Carolina A&T students are coming forward to combat stereotypes. The undergraduate and graduate students, with the help of the University, are trying to promote a more honest portrayal of Islam. The Muslim population on campus is made up of both Orthodox and Nation of Islam students, each with individual ideologies.

We had to brainwash them when you tell someone that you are Muslim, if you are black, they automatically associate you with the Nation of Islam," said Rekya Muhammad, an Orthodox. Muslim and junior finance major from Raleigh, N.C. "The difference is that the NOI deals with more political and social issues while Orthodox Islam is based on the same things, such as Christianity and Judaism," she added.

A&T's Muslim students also deal with the negative images perpetuated by the media. The NOI has had to deal with being portrayed as a racist organization led by a racist, namely Louis Farrakhan. One student said this is a false image. "I feel that the Honorable Louis Farrakhan is out of a racist," said Terence X Chapman, president of the Nation of Islam Students Association. "When they call Farrakhan a racist, they don't dispute the truth of what he says. They just call him names."

Orthodox Muslims also have to deal with negative portrayals that have hurt their image. "I spend hours in the cafeteria answering questions about Islam and I would like to clear up the fact that most people think of Muslims as terrorists," said Rasha Mohamed, an Orthodox Muslim and freshman psychology major from Raleigh, N.C.

According to Muhammad, the only way to combat these stereotypes is through education. "I think it is up to us as Muslim students to bring people in and educate not just Muslim students but all students on Islam. It is a way of life based on the same principles of Judaism and Christianity, not terrorism," Muhammad said.

Chapman also feels that education is the answer. The purpose of the Nation of Islam is to educate people on the teaching of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad through the Honorable Louis Farrakhan.

"Go out and get your voice heard," said Chapman. "I think it is important for the young to become a part of the community and become a part of the world because we are all part of the world."
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