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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## Black institutions question amount of support received

By TOWANDA LEACH  
Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T State University, along with Winston-Salem State, Fayetteville State, Elizabeth City State and NC Central, receives an above average amount of funds for operating expenses, said a report released to the UNC Board of Governors by consultant Kent Caruthers.

Caruthers did point out, however, the funding patterns may be a result of the past discrimination that the state is now trying to make up for. Chancellor Edward Fort said that A&T is indeed playing catch up to other universities. According to the report, A&T received below average funds until 1981.

Fort and other board members from the black colleges want to be sure that the Board of Governors are not persuaded by the study to decide that funding now received is sufficient or that it should be cut.

The study measured funding in four ways. It compared the schools to other schools in the region as well as

peer institutions across the country and calculated how much money would be received by other states.

According to the *News and Record*, Fort said A&T's transitional status caused the figures to be misleading. First, A&T has two doctoral programs. However, it was placed in a category with non-doctoral institutions because it has not graduated enough doctoral students. Doctoral programs are more expensive to operate. This caused A&T to seem far more superior in funding than it actually is.

Fort also said that as an agricultural and technical school, A&T requires more funding because it must purchase computers, machinery and other expensive equipment.

District two Representative Alma Adams said: "I encourage any one from A&T to voice their displeasure by protesting the lack of funding given to HBCUs. I suggest all of us who can vote should vote for someone who is sensitive to the needs of A&T and other black colleges."

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## Elm City may close down

By ARCHIE CLARK  
Editor-In-Chief

Of all the spots Aggie's choose to entertain themselves on the weekends, the club Elm City may be the most popular. The patrons of the downtown Greensboro club may not realize the struggle the club is in to remain in business.

The problem stems from the inability of teenage night-life to coexist with nearby neighbors of the 324 S. Elm St. club. The residents' complaints range from public urination to excessive noise and even ran-

dom gunfire. The area surrounding the club is otherwise serene aside from the 9 to 5 hustle and bustle that typically surrounds downtown dwellings. However, on the weekends residents must endure shouting and loud music throughout the night until 4 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings.

These disgruntled residents have taken their woes to city council members who in turn are saying they are inclined to shut the club down. The residents' protest include written

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### 1996-1997 Candidates

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### Buchanan still optimistic

## Republican Party favors Senator Dole as leader

By ARCHIE CLARK  
Editor-In-Chief

Last week while President Bill Clinton implemented a \$1.64 trillion election-year budget, the GOP was busy determining the Republican candidate for the 1996 presidential election. It was almost decided weeks ago when Senator Robert Dole lost the New Hampshire primary to his main adversary Pat Buchanan, former TV commentator. With last week's sweep in the Midwest, though, Dole easily claimed the delegates needed to become the Republican nominee for president.

Although it is safe to say the candidates have been selected, there are still some unanswered questions going into the California primaries. While Dole refused to claim the Midwest victories were a success, the early end to the GOP nomination may be the key to the success of the Republican Party in the November election.

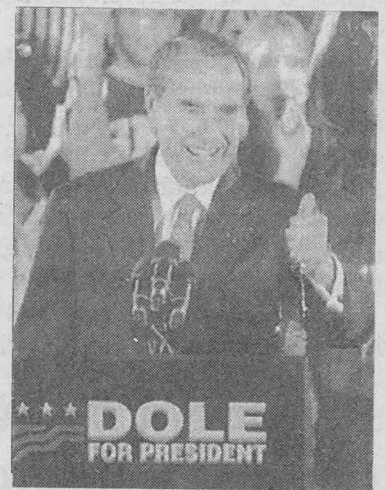
Also, Ross Perot, Texas billionaire, has announced his intentions to seek



Pat Buchanan still believes he has a chance

the presidency under the guise of a third party candidate which may pull the blue collar voters from Dole.

Dole would seem to have a toe-hold on the GOP nomination; however, Buchanan has not given up yet. Shortly after his massacre in the Midwest, Buchanan claimed he was on the prowl for what he believed will be a "miracle in California."



Bob Dole continues to fight though it appears he will win.

While Dole has not issued a statement dealing with his running mate, he has entertained the idea of choosing Buchanan but claims it is grossly premature to talk about the No. 2 spot on the GOP ticket. Buchanan told aides he will not rule out the notion of the vice presidential job, and in California he will continue his crusade. Buchanan reiterated the GOP presidential nomination is his objective.

Buchanan recently toured an English-only elementary school in Santa Anna, Calif. Greenville Fundamental School is located in a heavily Hispanic populated city. He praised the school as a way to force children into English proficiency.

Buchanan is well known for his "America First" style campaign and his opposition to anti-American practices such as NAFTA and GATT. He also has promised if he is elected to construct a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border to keep illegal immigrants out of the United States.

If the Midwest primaries are conclusive, it should be to the advantage of the GOP as it is generally accepted that a long drawn out affair with mudslinging and disputing can only hurt the party. The GOP may find the cohesion of the party is

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**Altercation started at club****A&T student victim of Scott Hall shooting**

By KEVIN STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

A shooting occurred on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University on Feb. 29 involving A&T students in Scott Hall A. Kyree Ross, a freshman business-management major from Washington, D.C., was shot at approximately 9 a.m. as he prepared for his classes.

The alleged shooter, 18-year-old Cedric Bettis of 230 E. Webster Road in Greensboro, turned himself in on Mar. 1 after fleeing the scene of the shooting. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and possession of a weapon on school property.

Apparently Ross and Bettis got into an argument at Elm City, a local

night club, on Feb. 28. After a brief altercation at the club, the two dispersed. The following morning, Bettis met Ross on the third floor of Scott Hall A and fired a .25-caliber pistol which struck Ross in the face.

Shortly thereafter, Ross was taken to Moses Cone Hospital where he was treated and released on the next evening.

Although Ross' parents were skeptical of allowing him to return to school, he has returned to A&T and is currently doing "quite well" in the words of Sullivan Welborne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"I think that when we have disagreements, we should be able to solve them without violence. It appears to me that weapons should have no place on university campuses," said Welborne.

**President Mandela struggles through divorce hearings, possible appeals**

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (AP) Winnie Mandela may not be going away so quietly after all.

A day after a judge granted President Mandela a divorce on grounds that his wife had been unfaithful, Mrs. Mandela said that she was considering an appeal on Mar. 20 to South Africa's highest court.

Mrs. Mandela had fired her lawyer moments before Judge Frikkie Eloff ordered an end to the 38-year marriage. In a combative statement, she complained that she had been forced to represent herself, and that Eloff had refused to wait for her to bring in witnesses.

"My ex-husband has fought all his life against this kind of injustice," she said. "That such injustice happened in his presence undermines everything our marriage was all about." She signed her statement Madikizela-Mandela, incorporating her maiden name.

It was not clear whether there were grounds for the Constitutional Court appeal she said she was considering. But her statement showed determination not to quietly end a marriage that

had symbolized the struggle against white minority rule yet collapsed as the black majority came to power.

Mandela, 77, asked for a divorce last year, expressing hope there wouldn't be an unpleasant public spectacle. Mrs. Mandela, 60, refused, forcing this week's divorce proceedings.

In his own short statement, Mandela said he regretted his "ex-wife could not bring herself to negotiate an amicable settlement. It would have saved us both and our children much pain."

Mrs. Mandela did not show up earlier Mar. 20 for a financial settlement hearing, so the judge threw out her claim for half of Mandela's assets. Mandela later offered an unspecified out-of-court settlement.

According to his attorney, Wim Trengove, Mandela has already contributed more than \$750,000 to his ex-wife's "well-being," including paying for her defense in a kidnapping trial.

Mrs. Mandela estimates her husband's worth at \$10 million. But in an affidavit filed before the court case, Mandela described his worth as "not of consequence."

**HBCU**

from front

Adams added that it was a double-slap in the face for black colleges to be denied extra funding for classrooms, scholarships and expansion of the campus. According to Adams all the GOP is concerned with is making cuts on education and given tax breaks to the wealthy.

When students were asked how they felt about the idea of funds being cut, many had negative things to say. "Higher education is definitely in jeopardy for blacks," said Cecelia Holmes, a

junior communications major. "It seems like conditions are worsening instead of getting better."

Equana Graham, a junior electronics major, said: "I don't think they should cut it. Many people do not have money for school, and they depend on financial aid."

The UNC Board of Governors will use the study to make a recommendation to the General Assembly by Nov. 15 about whether current funding needs to be revamped.

**Elm City**

from front

letters and even are substantiated with police video tapes which show the rogue night-life. Their protest has been heard by District Attorney Jim Kimmel who told the *News & Record* he will gather more evidence before taking action.

Having the club closed as a public nuisance is a rare occurrence but is a tactic that has worked at that same location in the past. On two other occasions, the club now known as Elm City had been closed by city officials. Once it was closed for being a public nuisance and again for illegal activity.

The latest move in the struggle for Elm City to remain in business was the removal of alcohol from the bar. Club owners hope to assuage city officials and disprove allegations that they sell alcohol to the underage crowd by removing alcohol from the environment.

The ultimate fate of Elm City would seem to lie in the behavior of those outside the club. If the large crowd present on weekends fails to exercise self control, they may have no choice but to go elsewhere for late night entertainment.

**GOP**

from front

important as Perot flirts with the idea of entering the picture. If he does run, the Texas billionaire will run as the Reform Party candidate. Perot, who appeals to the blue collar workers, said he believes his candidacy will make it an even three-way race.

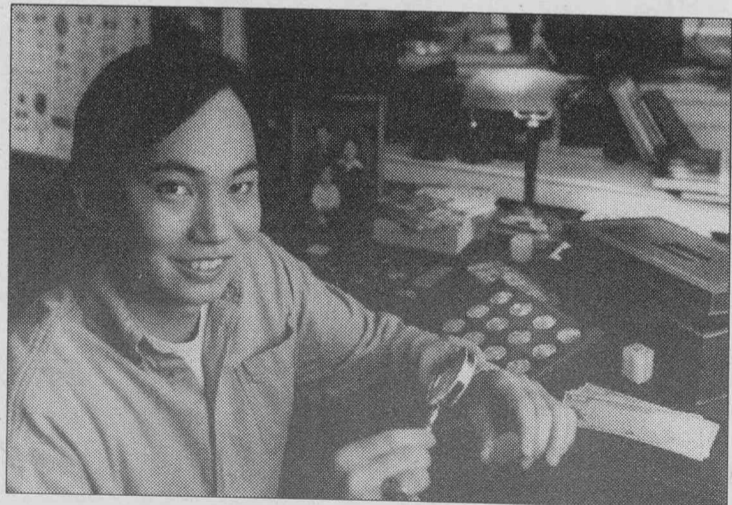
The election year budget could not have come at a better time for the GOP. The Republicans were quick to criticize the proposal as Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House, bluntly asked the

democrats, "who's kidding?" shortly after the revelation of the trillion dollar plan.

The GOP acknowledges Clinton intends to balance the budget in seven years yet contends that the budget deals out thinner slices to Medicaid, Medicare and other benefits the GOP wants. Staunch followers of the election will definitely see the lack of appropriate funding to these programs debated in November.

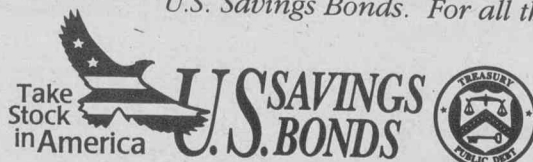
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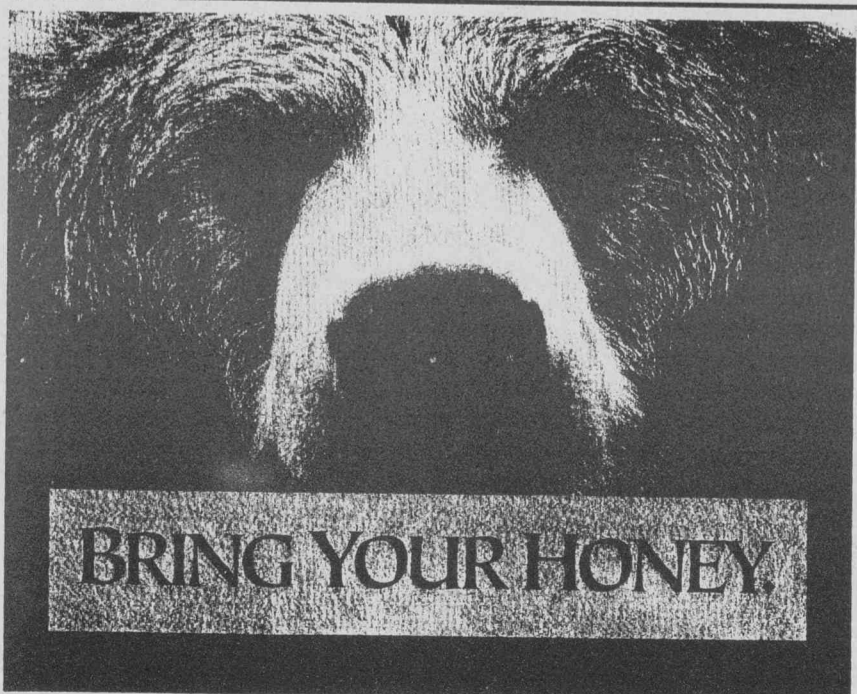


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Candidates voice ideas for new A&T vision

Wheatley grips problems without using his fists

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

"As a sophomore without any title or official recognition, I was able to organize a protest at convocation to improve the standards of technology in the College of Arts and Sciences," said Jake Wheatley, president of the Political Science Society and candidate for SGA President. This was just the beginning of a student trying to stand up for what he believed in and make a change.

As the students of North Carolina A&T State University prepare to elect the new president of Student Government Association, many are wondering which candidate will bring about the best improvements and a new vision to A&T. Elements to consider include goals, experience, accomplishments but most of all, political impact.

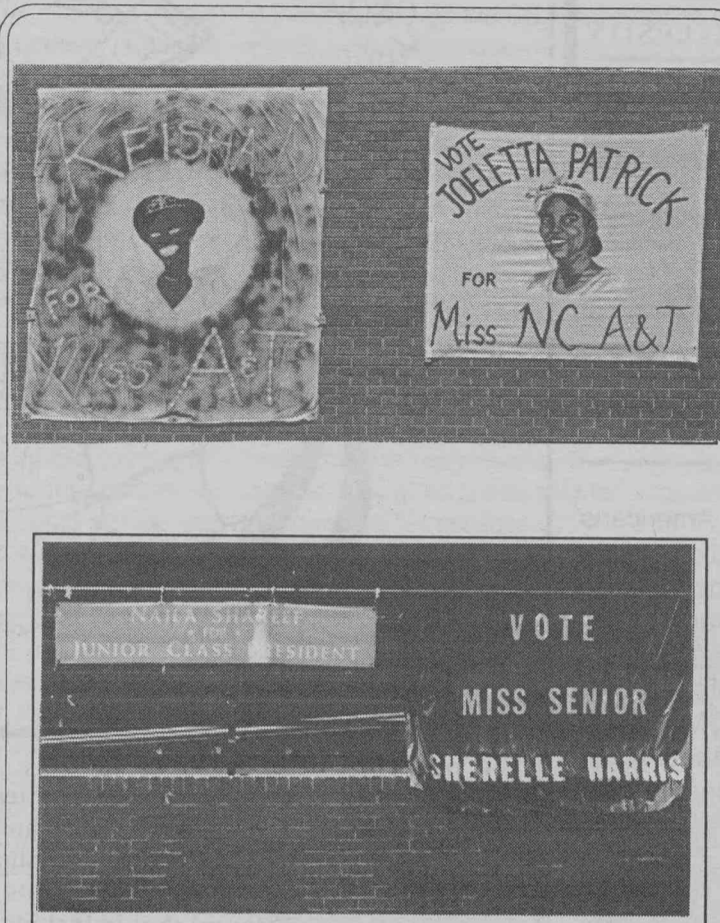
Wheatley brings in all those criteria as he campaigns around A&T. Along with his artistically eye-appealing fliers, he felt going around to the students and speaking with them up-close and personal was the most effective way to reach the ears and hear the voices of the Aggies rather than just plastering the walls with flashy cliches and spectacular banners.

"A past SGA President once told me that I must first service and support the student body if I ever wanted the support of the student body," said Wheatley.

Listening to the problems of concerned students, Wheatley has devised an outline of goals he hopes to accomplish if elected. They include improving political awareness through political activity, upgrading the residential halls, campus safety and security, stabilizing spending of student's money and creating an Aggie economy.

Communication channels between the current SGA figures and the student body are eroding, if not already diminished. After the same faces have been around for all this time, somehow they still cannot reach the student body. Wheatley plans to not only devise more effective ways to reach the students, but he also wants to reach out into the community. Increasing A&T's visibility with local, state and national representatives, he said, is possible, and it is high on his agenda.

Wheatley mentions an investigation has been implemented on the A&T Register university newspaper. "The cur-



Photos by Nathan Rogers

*The 1996-1997 candidates show off their inquisitiveness and artistic ability throughout campus from the Student Union to the bookstore. These hopefuls have decorated North Carolina A&T State University.*

rent SGA members are not utilizing their assets. They are criticizing their most valuable resource. After looking at the conditions of the Register House and the primitive equipment they're using, I think I know how we can help the newspaper staff to better promote A&T," said Wheatley.

"I will ensure proper maintenance of the residential halls by keeping the service the way that the contract states including the daily cleaning of bathrooms and hallways, pest control every month, et cetera," said Wheatley. "Maybe tournaments for nintendo and spades within and against different resi-

*"This is not a race between me and the others for SGA President; this is a race between North Carolina A&T State University and those out to dissolve our rich heritage."*

--Jake Wheatley,  
Pres. of Political Science Society

"I don't understand how we can have young inspiring scholars practically locked up in these cages," said Wheatley about the conditions of the dormitories. "We need to improve the residential life of these students by offering activities to help relieve the stress of the academic environment."

With the recognition as one of North Carolina's most prestigious schools, Aggies have been tolerating years of unsatisfactory living standards. The individual dormitory senators, resident assistances and especially the residents do not have easy access for expressing their opinions.

dential halls and movie nights in the dorms. I feel with all the other wasteful spending that takes place now in the SGA, we could save at least \$2400 for the purchase of VCRs for our residence halls' lounges.

"Too much money is being spent on non-moving activities. Where is the money going? Why can't our sporting teams receive facilities as modern as the younger schools like UNCG and their proposed \$4 million stadium? We haven't been fighting smart in the past, but it's not too late."

Currently, the SGA's

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Cromwell utilizes experience, ideas along with track record in race

By Raychon Holt  
Staff Writer

You have seen the slogans, heard the name, but you may not know all there is to know about the man who wants to be your next Student Government Association president.

Rasheed-Ali Cromwell, a senior chemical engineering major from Havre De Grace, Maryland, is a veteran of SGA as is obvious from the laminated fliers posted all over Williams Cafeteria. Currently, he is Vice President of Internal Affairs (Chairman of the 28th legislative assembly) and Senior Vice President of the National Black Student Government Association (NBSGA), which is responsible for 300,000 students and all 117 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. But, he says that it is what he has done in these offices that qualify him for the position of SGA president.

"Look at my track record. As Vice President of External Affairs during the 1994-95 school year, there was the safest and most successful homecoming ever," said Cromwell. "As Vice President of Internal Affairs, we had one of the most successful legislative sessions ever and managed to change the SGA constitution for the first time since 1988." As Senior Vice President he is currently helping to develop National Black Student Government into a national powerhouse.

Cromwell also helped establish and host 'SGA Profiles' on A&T's radio station, WNAA. 'SGA Profiles' dealt with student issues, the administration and athletics among other topics.

Although Cromwell has had major successes with his posts in SGA, he admits that the SGA has its problems. "We have had major internal conflict over the past year," he said. "We have continuous problems where the executive branch was not complying with or respecting the legislative branch. Having the opportunities to work closely with both branches has allowed me to gain insight for a viable solution for this ongoing problem. That whole internal conflict has to cease for us to reach a more productive level."

Shawnn Bingham, a senior biology major from Greensboro and SGA Senator, agrees that the SGA isn't where it should be but Cromwell has the potential to turn the SGA into a more productive organization. "As a leader Rasheed has matured, and in that maturity he has gained insight into

the problems that plague A&T," he said. "If he wins and surrounds himself with the right kind of staff, he can have one of the most successful years that Student Government has ever seen in the history of A&T."

One of the things Cromwell plans to accomplish is getting communication lines open. "Lack of communication is the biggest problem facing students," he said. "For the most part students don't know what's going on at a local, state or national level. The resources are right here, but we just aren't utilizing them. Student apathy is very high, and that is a direct reflection of student leadership. That has to change. I want to preserve A&T and make it what it should be."

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--Rasheed-Ali Cromwell,  
Vice Pres. of Internal Affairs

Taryn J. Mitchell, North Carolina's Black Student Government President elect for 1996-97 which governs all 11 HBCUs in the state, is Cromwell's campaign manager. She chose to support Cromwell even though his opponent, Jake Wheatley, is a friend. "I was not willing to simply go with friendship," she said. "Jake and I are friends, but Rasheed-Ali has experience where Jake doesn't. He knows how to work effectively for us with administration. It is the principality over the personality."

While making A&T a first class institution is important to Cromwell, politics don't rule his life. "First and foremost is God," he said. His parents have also played an important role in his life, specifically his father. "My dad stayed on me and my brother. He used to talk to me about many things that I didn't understand, but when I arrived at college, everything he ever said to me began to fall into place."

In fact, many things seem to have fallen into place for Cromwell. He has interned twice through Inroads/Baltimore, received the United

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# THE A&T REGISTER

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## THE STAFF SPEAKS

### Is America land of the free or home of the slaves?

By ARCHIE CLARK  
Editor-In-Chief

Muslims do it. Students do it. Even Aggies do it. African Americans everywhere refuse to rise during the national anthem in protest of the plight of their people in the United States. And why not? Should any man or woman be expected to blindly follow a tyrannical regime that oppresses its own people?

Although still in the minority, this trend is nothing new. This behavior was recently brought to the forefront during an incident concerning Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, a Muslim NBA player for the Denver Nuggets. Abdul-Rauf, formerly known as Chris Jackson, was suspended from the Nuggets after refusing to stand during the national anthem. After negotiations, the NBA coerced Abdul-Rauf to stand and pray during the anthem.

After spending three and a half years at North Carolina A&T State University where students boast learning *how* to think as opposed to *what* to think. I can come to only one conclusion: no man should have to stand for any anthem that represents an institution that robbed his ancestors of freedom and still does not offer absolute equality to this day.

It seems odd such a minute protest could cause such a stir. Is the pride in America so fragile that this simple protest shakes the foundation of American patriotism? To make Abdul-Rauf stand is obviously a tactic to instill nationalistic sentiment in an individual who has been enlightened.

When Abdul-Rauf was coerced into standing, he was heavily booed by the crowd in attendance, many of which were white Americans. These people did not want to see Abdul-Rauf sit during the national anthem and did not even try to relate to his problem.

Was it not white Americans who not too long ago who burned the flag in protest? It could be argued it is in their nature to burn things be it flags, crosses or people for that matter. Sad, but true. But that is no excuse. That conclusion could be reached if you realize despite all the adversities African Americans have been subjected to, they have refrained from burning things.

What is so wrong with sitting down? White Americans gladly stand probably because they have all the rights they allow themselves and benefit from the rights and privileges they can take from others. Since they would burn things over almost anything, they would probably sit if their existence in America were otherwise. Their protest against Abdul-Rauf's actions is hypocritical and seems to suggest a double standard.

Another hotly debated topic plagues the American school system, the specter of nationalism is present in the form of the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. Grade school students are usually taught this patriotic verse and made to recite it. This, too, is obviously an attempt to teach people at an early age *what* to think instead of *how* to think.

You might ask what is so wrong with nationalism? The argument could be made that white Americans were the oppressors, not today's United States Government. Adolf Hitler believed in nationalism. Shortly before World War II, Nazi Germany was full of nationalist who mindlessly followed their leaders to a conflict that cost them millions of lives.

The truth is Abdul-Rauf would have stood for the anthem if he felt this country was looking out for his interest and that of his people. If citizens can be ordered to display respect against their wishes, why should the government work to earn respect of the people?

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## THE PEOPLE SPEAK

### How safe are our students?

Dear Editor,

My daughter attends North Carolina A&T State University, and I was quite concerned about the safety of the campus. It was interesting to read the young lady's comment about males being in her dormitory after co-ed visitation hours.

I was wondering what was the security's response to the article. And what are their plans to rectify this problem?

I want to commend your staff for being honest about the truth and exposing not only the positive aspects of the school but also the negative in which we are entitled to know. Hopefully with articles as straight-forward as this one, A&T can react and improve their image before it catches up to them.

Mrs. Edna Williams

Dear Editor,

I thought maybe for security purposes, North Carolina A&T State University did not have a listing of each students' room phone numbers. After talking to a lot of my other friends who go to other schools around North Carolina, I realize only A&T doesn't have a directory. I heard A&T just got telephones in the rooms a few years ago, but it's a given to have a directory.

When students enroll each year, inform them of a directory and offer them the choice of having their number printed in the directory or not.

Many students have relatives and friends who also leave for school at the same time who aren't able to get in touch with them because there is no directory.

Daniel Byers

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Executive board and senate spar over concert

Dear Editor,

The SGA's annual spring concert is almost certain to bring plenty of smiles to many of A&T's hard working students. Of course, there will be some angry students because it is impossible to plan a concert that everyone will like. However, one cross section of students that seem to be extremely upset are the members of the student senate. Their main complaint about this concert is that the senate never approved it, therefore making it an illegal activity planned by myself and the executive board.

I have no problem with the senate not approving the budget, but when it became apparent that the budget would not be approved in time (five months and counting), the senate should have made special arrangements to allow the annual spring concert to continue regardless if the budget could not be approved. If the student senate as a whole were looking out for the best interests of the students, they would have made certain that the concert would not be jeopardized by the budget problems (especially since there hasn't been that many activities for the students to participate in this year). However, this year's senate has placed a priority on raising a ruckus and trying to abuse their powers and so a special provision never occurred. That forced the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Welborne, to step in and approve the concert and the senate should have never let it get to that point.

Instead of focusing all of their attention on chastising and analyzing the executive board, the senators should have done their part by holding regular meetings with their constituents in their respective residence halls and districts. That way they would have known that there's only one event that the stu-

dents expect from the SGA in the spring and that's the concert. The way it looks now, nobody knows who their senators are; especially since they're fired and hired like a temp agency.

The senate has complained that there has been a lack of communication between the executive board and the senate. That's surprising because the constitution states that the Speaker of the Senate be held by the Vice President of Internal Affairs, which is significant because the Vice President of Internal Affairs is an elected member of the executive board. Why can't the Vice President of Internal Affairs communicate to the senate the plans of the executive board? Poor attendance of executive board meetings could be the reason why. In the future, the senate should look at its leadership for accountability on its failures and successes.

The only thing that the senate has managed to

accomplish is to delay the executive board's ability to act upon its plans for the week of A&T's Spring Festival, thereby producing the cancellation of Black Inventions Fair and a concert performance by Busta Rhymes, who was supposed to be on the show. With all the noise that the senate has made this year, it's nice to see that they have gotten some things done this year.

Judging by ticket sales, this year's concert will come very close to selling out which would mean that it would be the first time in three years that both the homecoming concert and spring concert has sold out. To me, that says that the students are happy and that's all that matters. Somebody ought to tell that to the senate.

John L. Alford, III  
Vice President of External Affairs



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*Subway shattered invisible barrier*

## Can Aggies support a major franchise on campus?

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

"We're not looking for anyone to feel sorry for us," said Tashima Ricks, freshman nursing major of North Carolina A&T State University. "We just want the same services and respect received by the other schools."

After the disappearance of Subway Sandwich Shop Feb. 28, students were once again left without any options on campus for food except Williams Cafeteria and the Aggie Den found in the Memorial Student Union. Though these choices are conveniently located on campus, compared to the pampering received by the other school in the area, these choices are embarrassing. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Subway site is even but a few doors down from a Lil Dino's.

Following Subway's early withdrawal, an editorial was drafted questioning the intentions of the pullout. Also, concern was expressed over the communities lack of support for a university which supports the community. There is no comparison between Greensboro's two prestigious universities when it comes to the support received from not only the community, but the state. Subway had mistakenly been used as a scapegoat for this insensitive outcasting of A&T.

Immediately, Subway General Manager Timothy Mann responded. From his offices in Chapel Hill, NC, Mann expressed his concern over the attack on Subway.

"When considering any potential site, we first must attempt to determine the impact a new site may have on the existing Subway Sandwich Shops within close proximity to the proposed site," wrote Mann in a letter addressing Subway's concerns. "Such was the case at the proposed site at A&T. In an effort to determine the possible impact at this site, we have conducted a test at A&T and are currently reviewing the test results to enable us to decide our most prudent course of action."

If results of the study prove to have a minimal negative impact to the Summit Ave Subway store, they will provide A&T students with a permanent Subway site on campus.

In no way was Subway supposed to be targeted as the origin of the deprivation and negligence A&T receives. This silent struggle to gain respect has existed for too many years before Subway appeared. Actually, Subway has shattered the silence and introduced positive outlooks for the future.

Subway was just the latest incident of high hopes slipping away in which Mann reassures students Subway has not completely abandoned the idea of serving the A&T students.

Some students pointed out that several restaurants are located just outside the perimeter of A&T campus including a Burger King, Parker Brothers, Mrs. Winner's Chicken and Earl Washington's East Market Street Seafood Restaurant. But on campus, the Aggies are presented with a poor selection.

"Ever since I came to know A&T, I've been serving (the students)," said

Washington, owner of East Market Seafood Restaurant. "I see it as 'our' institution. There can't be an A&T without the community involvement."

Located within walking distance to campus, Washington has been serving the students for eight years, but many students are not aware of his presence.

"We (the institution) are supposed to feed off the community," said Washington. "The administration isn't applying itself. They're not going into the community."

An invisible barrier has apparently developed between A&T and the community, but it was Subway who did come along to show this barrier may be invisible, but not invincible.

"We would appreciate Subway's business regardless of past behavior without a doubt," said Ricks as-a-matter-of-factly. "We don't look at this as a racial issue. This is a business issue. Yes we're black, but we believe we can support a business such as Subway here on campus."

The main factor depends on the business of the Summit Ave Subway. Unless Aggies contribute a great percentage of its business, they should not have felt any major impact that would prevent A&T's first permanent outside business from coming to campus.

All Aggies can do now is wait for Mann and the Subway Group in Chapel Hill to realize that they have insatiable appetites eagerly awaiting their return to the students of North Carolina A&T State University.

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## Clandestine computer lab has much to offer for all majors

By REBA DIGGS  
Staff Writer

You just graduated from North Carolina A&T State University with a degree in home economics, and two weeks later you are already notified about a job opportunity at a local high school. They tell you that the job is yours and ask you to report in the following Monday prepared to instruct your first class.

The day finally arrives, and you appear at the school ready to meet your energetic group of students. The principal takes you to the classroom, and the first thing you see is a computer monitor. But of course you do not pay it any attention because you assume it is there for you to catch up on a game of solitaire during your free time. Remember, you are a home economics major, not a computer science major.

Unfortunately the principal informs you that the class will be taught entirely by computer because your students are deaf. You freeze up and completely become lost for words.

Do not allow this happen to you. Computers are everywhere, and there is an unlimited amount of ways they could be of use in your working environment. It is now time to catch up on what is offered in today's world of technology.

Hidden below the Old Bluford library currently being constructed on and scattered throughout the campus are computer labs open for any student to use. These computer labs only require student ID, and anyone can operate them for personal entertainment or school work and research.

Many people are not aware of what the Internet has to offer. Internet is offered through UNIX, a user-friendly multi-talking system where various users can operate at one time, said Lisa Lewis, lab coordinator for Hines Academic computing labs on campus. "I like to refer to the Internet as an electronic library. It is a way to locate information no matter where it is."

Through the Internet, students can also access E-mail. "E-mail is like an electronic messenger," said Lewis. "You can chat with others on E-mail or conduct serious business." Students can also do research on Internet or talk to a group partner about a

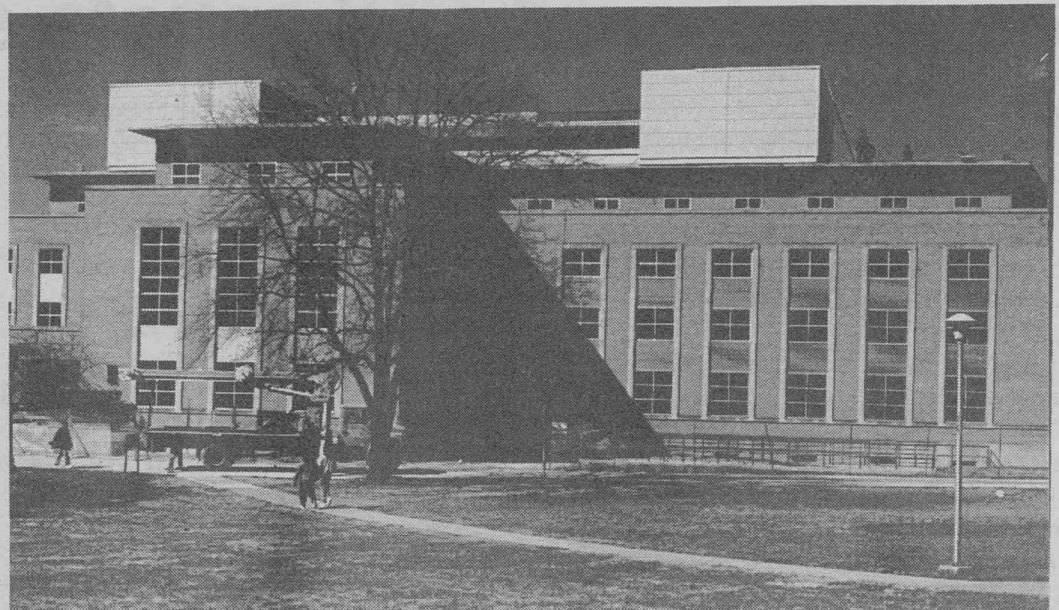


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*Beneath the abandoned-looking Old Bluford Library located behind Williams Cafeteria is one of North Carolina A&T State University's computer labs, which allows students to explore outlets into a cyberspace world and communicate to each other, via E-mail, using a keyboard, monitor, computer and a little news.*

project using E-mail.

"I don't find it hard to learn how to use those systems," said Lewis. "It is not difficult, but like anything it takes time to learn. Everyone is using them, and without knowledge about the systems, you will eventually be left behind, no matter what your major is."

It is up to the students to explore and find what is available to them. The labs in Old Bluford remain open as late as midnight during weekends for the night owls.

Internet is available through most of the computers on A&T's campus. If interested in getting an account to access E-mail, it is not needed to use Internet, but students can pick up a request form in the Instruction Research Center located in the lower level of the Old Bluford Library behind William's Cafeteria. Students must fill the forms out and return them to room 68 in the same building. "It usually takes about two days," said Lewis, "then they can come back to retrieve their account."

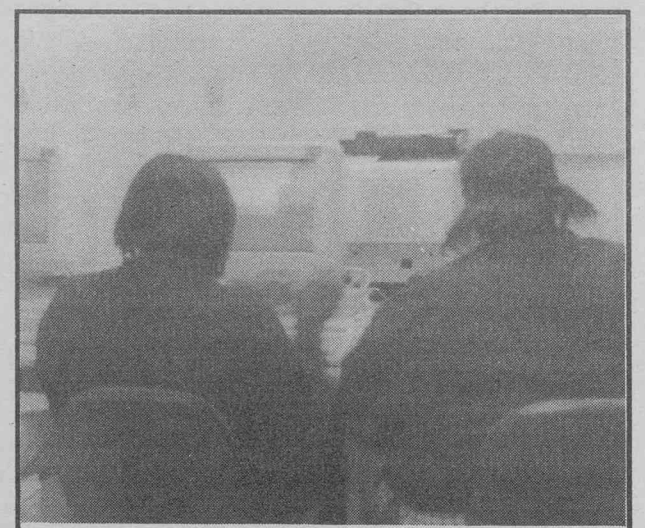


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*Students take advantage of the computer labs for its high tech equipment and variety in software.*

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## Durham NAACP marching to benefit high crime areas

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

Within the African-American communities, sometimes it becomes difficult to escape the ills of society. Victims are plagued with violence related to drugs, low self-esteem, high unemployment, self-hatred and other social obstacles.

The Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. has united with Durham's "Newly Charged" NAACP and other community leaders to lead a second march and rally at 11 a.m. on Mar. 30 in Durham, N.C. Guest speakers and presenters include Attorney Irving Joyner, Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III, Professor of Urban Studies and featuring The Brotherhood with their latest release Stop the Violence.

A similar march will be held in Greensboro at 2 p.m. on Mar. 30 from the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church to the Downtown Governmental Plaza for a rally at 4 p.m. After the rally, vans will provide transportation back to cars or on to the Super K for a demonstration.

"We are attempting to rectify some very serious and critical issues. Subsequently, we are in dire need of all the support you are capable of providing," said Minister Curtis Gatewood, president of the Durham Branch of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Durham march will assemble at 500 Umstead Street beside the Stanford L. Warren Library and end with a rally in the Burton Park near the McDougald Terrace community.

"The proposed route will take us through several neighborhoods

which, according to police reports, are among the city's highest rates of crime and homicide," said Gatewood. "This event will challenge us to come out of our comfortable 'hiding places.' We are hoping we will find unity while rallying against violence and self-hatred."

Any persons interested in marching can contact Durham's NAACP at (919) 682-4930 or Durham's LOC at (919) 687-0916. Women who are interested in marching or joining can contact Sisters In Support of the Brothers (SIS-B), asking for Lori S. Jones-Gibbs at (919) 544-2616.

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*--Minister Curtis Gatewood,  
Pres. of Durham NAACP*

In Greensboro, the Pulpit Forum, workers, students and other supporters are marching also for the support of the underpaid Kmart employees who receive on average \$4 less than any other of Kmart's 12 distribution centers doing exactly the same work.

This struggle is far greater than the Kmart problems. It is linked to improving wages and treatment of workers all over the country.

Anyone interested in the Greensboro march can call 272-8441, 370-4330 or 274-1145.

### Contributions made to MADD

## A&T instructor killed by drunk driver

By KEVIN STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Mitsuku Hosoya, former part-time instructor at North Carolina A&T State University, was killed in a car accident by a drunken driver on Mar. 9. Hosoya was an instructor of the Japanese language at A&T where she taught two classes. This was Hosoya's first year as an A&T faculty member. She also taught full-time at Guilford College and was a member of the Southeast Association of Teachers of Japanese.

While at A&T Hosoya was instrumental in producing "An Evening in Japan," a showcase of Japanese culture. At this event, students from A&T and Guilford College came together in traditional Japanese garb to celebrate Japanese culture by showcasing its art.

Nita Dewberry, acting chairperson and assistant professor of the foreign language department, said of Hosoya. "Ms. Hosoya was an excellent instructor who expressed a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication in her teaching of the Japanese language and culture."

Hosoya was a native of Chiba, Japan. She received a Master of Arts in Literature and Communication: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Teachers College at Columbia University in 1983 and Bachelor

of Arts degree in English language from Dokkyo University in Japan in 1981. She was enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Apart of me didn't believe she was dead until the public reviewing," said Keya Brisco, student of Hosoya's Elementary Japanese II class. "I was really upset when I found out the other driver was out on bail.

"Most of us called her Sensei of Hosoya-Sensei. She was always willing to answer our questions. She wasn't really a grueling taskmaster; she gave us a lot of chances to bring our grades up and gave more tutoring for anyone who needed it," said Brisco.

"She was a beautiful person as a human being and an excellent teacher," said Eva George, a professor in the foreign language department who audited Hosoya's class during the fall semester. "She did everything to make Japanese come alive. She will be greatly missed by the students and the foreign language department."

Hosoya is survived by her parents Akira and Chieko Hosoya; a sister Mariko Hosoya; and an aunt, Shigeko Akiyama, all of Japan. The foreign language department has planned to make a donation to M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunken Drivers) in memory of Mitsuku Hosoya.

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### I. COMPLETING THE FOUNDATION FOR A FULLY EFFICIENT SGA

#### A. Increasing awareness of the entire student body

1. Publicizing the SGA over the broad band network
2. Revise and revive the SGA Profiles radio show
3. Full utilization of a newsletter through our A&T Register
4. Production of a monthly calender containing all SGA events
5. Collaborating with University Relations to advertise (on and off campus)

#### B. Increase the productivity of SGA by optimizing its efficiency

1. Establishing a transition team to make the change in SGA officials more effective
2. Establishing the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor
3. Complete an evaluation and modernize the SGA office
4. Redistribution of programming responsibilities to allow for more intense focus on student issues
5. Developing the Student Senate into a 'powerhouse'
6. Establishing an Emergency Aggie Fund from Homecoming revenue
7. Travel smarter and more efficiently

#### C. Political/Economic awareness (Promoting entrepreneurship and inspiring creativity within the student body)

1. Intense voter registration/mobilization
2. Adoption of Black businesses in accordance with various student organizations
3. Monthly "Economic Empowerment" workshops (by local Black businesses)
4. Aggie Entrepreneur Zone (Student Union) to stimulate circulation of Black dollars
5. The "Do For Self or Die A Slave" Series (International Black business owners)

### II. LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A PRODUCTIVE A&T STUDENT BODY

#### A. Utilizing student services to get the most for our money

1. Upgrading the A&T Register (modernizing operations and facilities)
2. Maximizing AYANTEE distribution so that all students benefit
3. Dramatically increasing student participation on the Food Service Committee to continue making the necessary changes in the cafeteria
4. Utilizing student input for a University run bookstore in the Fall of 1996
5. Summer investigation of Financial Aid personnel/student ratio
6. Traveling tutors for our athletes

#### B. Improving Residence Life

1. Housekeeping issues
2. Town Hall meetings in residence halls
3. Accountability of Damage Billing and Vending Machine funds
4. Student petitioning to assure cable in the fall
5. Theme housing (living according to common majors/interests)

### III. DESIGNING THE STRUCTURE FOR EVERLASTING "AGGIE PRIDE"

#### A. Incorporating A&T history into our Black Studies program

#### B. Collaborative Student/Alumni efforts

1. National Alumni Business Directory
2. Collective money drive campaign
3. Joint Homecoming activities
4. Establishment of student liaison alumni

#### C. Embracing the "Spirit of the Aggies"

1. Establishment of Aggie Pep Club
2. Petition for statewide A&T license plate

### IV. COMMANDING COUNTERATTACK ON BLACK INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

#### A. North Carolina Black Student Government Association

1. Leading the fight for sovereignty (i.e., our name) within the UNC system
2. Mobilizing all eleven schools toward "self-reliance"

#### B. National Black Agenda

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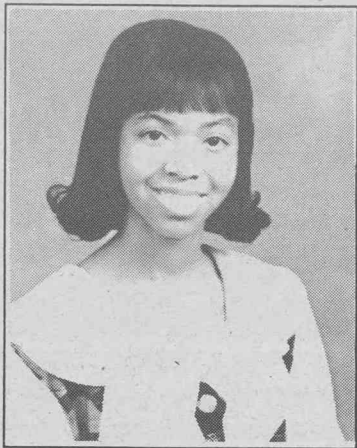


*Women allow 'boys' to be the dogs***Labeling all 'men' dogs is premature**

Remember those words we screamed or said to ourselves after that last relationship went down the tubes? Of course you remember! Here are a few classic ones: I should have known it wouldn't last. I couldn't believe I actually thought it would work out. Where are the real men? I should have kept talking to what's-his-name anyway. I don't know why I thought this one would be different- MOST OF THEM ARE DOGS ANYWAY! Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Ladies, why do we keep running into the same problems over and over again? Is it really "all their fault?" Sometimes it is, and when that happens- they know it. However, there are times when we voluntarily run slam into heartbreak- with blinders on and the whole nine. Believe it or not, sometimes these reoccurring changes of the heart can easily be avoided. Of course, there is a small price: we must face the truth whenever it stares us right in the face. We also need to stop ignoring warning signs and listen to what they're trying to tell us. Yes, some of us need to stop wishing on a dream and start giving ourselves a couple of reality checks.

Let's start with phone



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calls. What rule in the book of "getting to know someone" says that just because a guy calls you a couple of times a week for conversation and a simple hello he wants to be your man? Sometimes we are so busy reading into calls and phrases, we ignore the word "friend." Remember, it takes time to know someone. Maybe he just needed someone to talk to! Guys get lonely, too. Also remember, chances are you're not the only one he knows and takes time out to call.

Brrrrriiiiing.....<click>..... "Hel-loooo?" Anybody home yet? Good. So stop waiting for him to call you, and get a life.

Call some of your other friends and talk to them. They're probably wondering what's happened to you. Better yet, get out of the house and do some other things you know you want to do. Easier said than done, right? Wrong. Will-power is the key. Trust me, if he really likes you, he'll either find you or keep calling until he reaches you. And when he finds you, he may even ask of your whereabouts. Besides, you know if he doesn't call you, you'll be mad because you will have been waiting for that infamous imaginary phone call. We've all received one at some point in our lives- some of us just get them more often than others. It's the call he said would take place, but you never received.

Of course, it gets better: every time the phone rings, you think it's him- or at least hope it is. And as many of you may already know, even with call waiting, there are no guarantees.

Not only will you play the "I'm not waiting on your call, but I'm staying home just in case" game but you may start a pattern. You'll probably find yourself calling him all the time. I know. I know. He's so darn sweet. He does this, and he does that. Okay. Fine. so why

can't he take the time to pick up the phone to call you? Think about it. He knows you're going to call him anyway so why bother? Hmmm. Good question.

Now, let's suppose that relationship flops like a bad pancake. You are going to remember all the times you waited on him- and his calls- and you're going to be mad- extremely mad. You might even feel a little stupid. Who is at fault here? Who is to be blamed for the fact that you sacrificed- cut off all of your other male friends, turned down countless dates with those other great looking guys and practically became "missing in action" for months- just to make room for this one? Ooooooh, but there's more. He's talking more intimately with another woman, and he failed to tell you. Yes, girl- he played you! Wait. Or did you play yourself? Now these questions arise: Is he a dog? Or did you allow yourself to be dogged? There is a difference.

Did he ever say to what extent he was interested in you? Be honest. Yes, he should have, but did he? If he's not "man" enough to tell you what he wants from the beginning, be "woman" enough to ask the "child" before you decide to spend time, energy, money on cards you spent

an hour to pick out, and a high phone bill on him. No, all men are not dogs. Sometimes we train them and mold them into becoming that way. Other times, in most cases, we take boys and allow them to be dogs- and then turn around and expect them to act like men. And what sense does that make? None, of course.

Now, if he told you that you were supposed to be "the one," then of course he's at fault. However, it is your responsibility to get out of the relationship- now that you know. You have two choices: to leave or to stay. Word to the wise: if he really wanted you, he would have been with you the entire time. Don't allow love to blind you from the obvious.

This article is all about accountability. It is about taking responsibility for heartbreaks that could have been easily avoided. It's also about knowing and loving yourself enough to know what to expect from a man and how not to compromise your principles or standards to be with one. If he can't accept you for who you are and what you stand for, then you don't need to be with him at all. One day your man will come- just don't rush the feeling in the meantime.

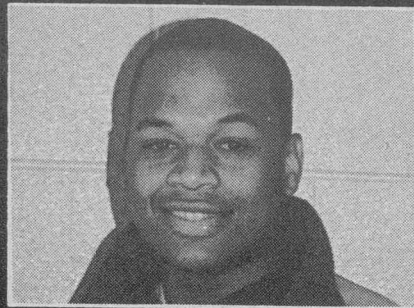
**AGGIES SPEAK OUT!**

**THIS WEEK :**

What I ♥ Most About A+T...

By David Gaines

As the spring semester winds down, Aggies prepare to meet an onslaught of final exams and term papers. During this a quiet moment before the storm, these Aggies take a minute out of their daily routine to express what they love most about North Carolina A&T State University.



**Jay Reid**

*Burlington, NC*

"I enjoy the positive learning experience atmosphere coupled with a friendly atmosphere. I feel the university embraces a concept of brotherhood and sisterhood. Finally, all the lifelong friendships that I have come to know here at A&T."



**Correen Powell**

*New Brunswick, NJ*

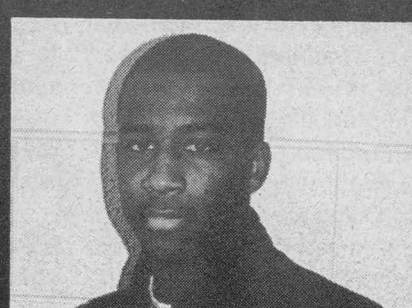
"The overall atmosphere of the university. From the academic standpoint, the university offers many advantages. The interpersonal relationships between the students are outstanding."



**Traci Hatch**

*Temple Hills, MD*

"Everywhere you go, you see an Aggie, and you feel that Aggie love because you're part of the Aggie family. Any help or support you need is always there for you."



**Sean Ambush**

*Largo, MD*

"What I enjoy most about A&T is the learning experiences, the friends and the organizations of which I participate (Trump Tight). I am honored to go to such a world renowned university such as this one."

## Living on or off campus has its pros and cons

By ROBYN Z. SALEEM  
Staff Writer

From time to time, students living on college campuses speak of moving from the dormitories into an apartment. The different lifestyles, though, have their advantages and disadvantages.

"I want to move off-campus because of the commotion. As far as the rooms, there is tight space, no privacy, inconvenience to the bathroom and it's either too hot or too cold in the room," said Tajma Davis, sophomore nursing major. "Living on campus, in my opinion, neglects the student capability of being responsible by having visitation rules."

Majority of the students' primary reason for moving off-campus is to have their own space and privacy. They feel the university housing accommodations need plenty of improvement.

"The housing accommodations are sorry. The university seems to cater to the freshmen and neglect the upperclassmen," said Davis. "In order to improve housing, the university should have co-ed upperclassmen dorms like apartments, and students should have the option to have a room to themselves like other colleges in the UNC system."

"I think moving off-campus would improve my school work because it can be real noisy in the dorms until 2 a.m., if not later," said Laquita Bevelle, sophomore finance major.

For every student moving off-campus, there are those wanting to move



Photo by David Gaines

Reaching into the skies, Barbee Hall, among others such as Cooper Hall, Scott Halls, Morrison Hall, VanStory Hall, Alex Haley Hall, etc., sometimes gives off the impression the viewer is standing amid the projects.

back on. "I moved off-campus because I wanted an apartment. I had no space and privacy in the dorms," said Kevin Haynes, senior architecture engineer major. "Disadvantage of moving off-campus is now I have bills. On campus, I didn't have bills and had free food. A&T housing has slightly improved but could do much better by getting rooms or dorms so students could have the op-

tion of having a room alone.

"But if students choose to move into an apartment," added Haynes, "they should know what they're getting into because it's not easy. You'll have to work, attend school and study."

Not all students who are off-campus make the choice to move. Some are actually forced to move off-campus because of the shortage of rooms the

university lacks for the mass number of students who enroll in the university.

"I didn't choose to move off-campus. I was in a no choice situation when I wasn't selected in the random drawing for housing," said Angela Armwood, senior public relations major. "Living off-campus has given me a comfortable environment and has given me my own space to study; however, the primary disadvantage is the excessive bills, being away from campus life and having the tendency to drive to campus when you don't have the incentive or gas money to do so.

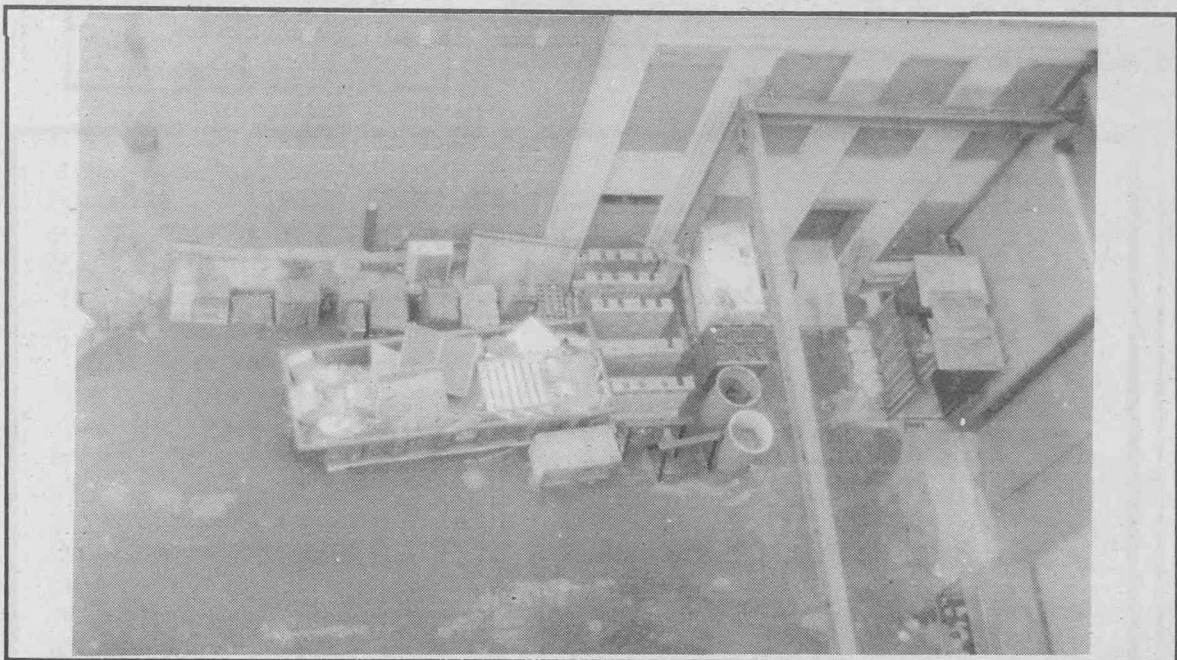
"I miss living on-campus with the exception of the noise level and constant interruption from peers," said Armwood. "Staying on-campus, everything you need is within walking distance, and there are no bills. Your primary responsibility is to focus on school, and that's easy."

In preparation for those moving off-campus, Armwood recommended students to know their financial situation, save money for a year, have everything paid off and pick a good environment for their lifestyles.

"I remember on-campus, the rooms were suitable," said Armwood. "I used to complain when I was there, but I realize they provide students with what they need. Living off-campus can affect your school progress because your education is not first anymore. Surviving and your bills come first."

On an average, students who decide to move off-campus spend approximately \$600 a month based on rent, utilities, groceries, entertainment, necessities and any other bills an individual may accumulate.

"If at all possible, I would advise students to not move off-campus until you finish school. Living off-campus is a luxury, not a necessity," said Armwood. "However, for those who will move off-campus, prepare yourself before moving, and make sure you're mentally capable of handling the responsibility of school and work because it's a difficult task to balance."

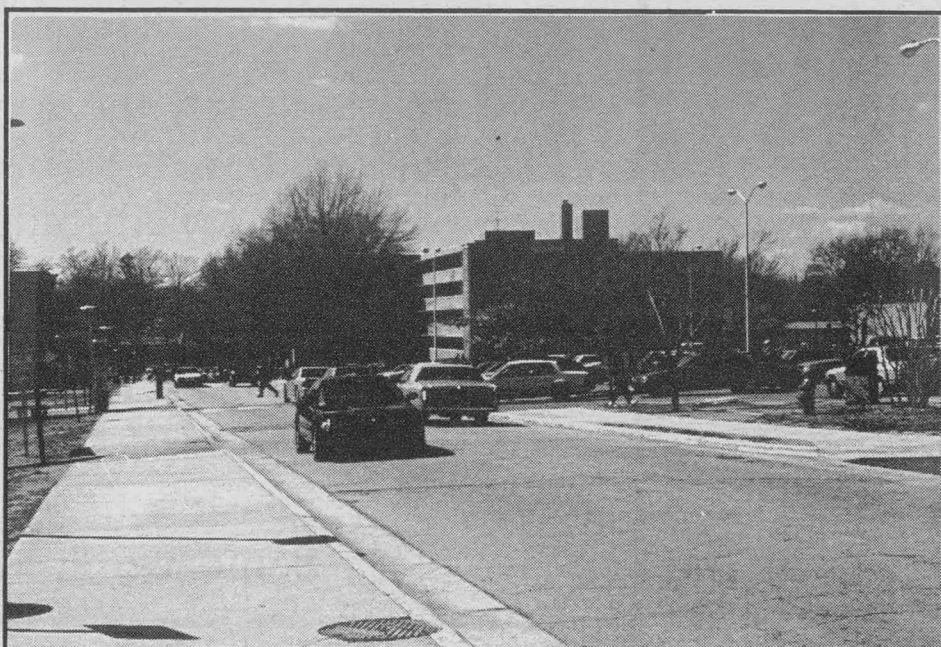


In the service area between the McNair and Graham Buildings, the same garbage including the Aggie canoe has been sitting there for a while.

Photo by David Gaines

While walking to classes, students are treated to the sights of Cooper among other structures which do not actually give students the sense of home sweet home.

Photo by Nathan Rogers



## Does anyone remember the old days of entertainment?

By O. M. Niscent  
Guest Writer

Why does money make the world go around? The senate and executive board continue to bicker about money and the spring concert.

Supposedly, Notorious B.I.G. was visiting the campus of North Carolina A&T State University after disappearing from last year's contract. Supposedly, Biggie Smalls beat someone up with a baseball bat just for asking for his autograph.

Has society gone where people cannot even ask for autographs anymore without their personal health being endangered? What new images are today's entertainers trying to keep in their quest for money?

Few artists come around who have such musical ability where everything they say sounds phat. B.I.G. has those lyrics that flow together straight from his lips, but sometimes what he's saying is as if he's saying nothing.

And what makes it so sad is

when he puts down African-American queens by calling them his b\*\*\*hes, the ladies dance and sing back.

What has happened to today's entertainment world where people almost have to literally degrade themselves just to enjoy themselves. Isn't that ironic?

Remember TV back in the day? Traditional freshmen may have caught the tail end of the legendary Sanford and Son, but the seniors know where I'm coming from.

That is what entertainment is supposed to be about. The worse case scenario was when Fred would offer Aunt Ester a knucklesandwich. Even then he eventually married her, maybe not on purpose, but they were legally married. That led to the routine "I'm coming to join you Evelyn!" dance.

There was no trippin' over egos because Fred owned a junkyard. His clothes only changed colors and his truck wasn't all that reliable. He'd have friends over and they'd relax and play cards or something.

Fredeven met Sammy Davis, Jr. before. He out danced and out sang him. Fred wasn't a selfish man as he appeared to be, he only knew what was right for him and made sure no one challenged him.

He pretty much kept to himself. No one dared just approach him, yet if they did, he wouldn't beat them. He wouldn't use a bat to injure someone just for asking for an autograph. Instead, he would have been proud. He was a proud man. Proud to have his own junkyard. Proud to raise his son right. Fred was proud to be African American.

As for Notorious B.I.G., he lacks something that would characterize him with a man as classy as Fred. B.I.G. is missing that trait that molds young immature boys into men.

He was raised in the streets where they taught him it was a weakness. They taught him the less he shows, the more a man he is. Thus, Biggie never learned to respect. Not even himself as suicide crossed his mind before.

A man with no respect for

other women other than Aunt Ester is not man at all.

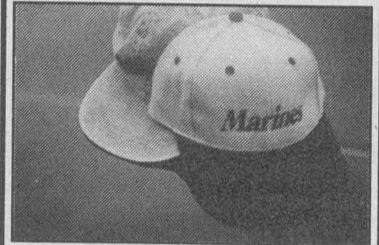
He's the same man would disrespect North Carolina A&T State University by backing out of a contract for that mighty dollar and to sing to more self-degrading women.

Any man such as B.I.G. needs to be in jail because they're only hurting themselves. No respect for any man means no respect for himself. We support B.I.G. though he has no respect.

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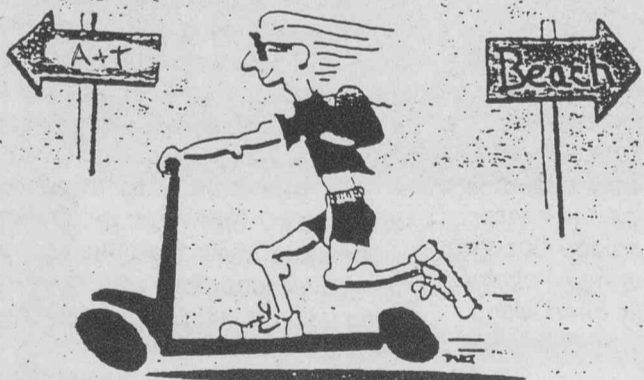
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## Silver Screen debuts begin with Spike Lee, Prince, Randle

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

As the clouds from the wintry storms clear away, the stars come out to shine. This spring, the insatiable moviegoers disappointed with the current selection of films are sure to be pleased with the spring lineup.

Already in the theaters is another Spike Lee joint *Girl 6*. This movie stars Theresa Randle from *Bad Boys* and *Sugar Hill*, Isiah Washington and a handful of others such as the mind-twisting Madonna, mind-challenging Quentin Tarantino and mind-boggling Halle Berry.

As an added bonus, the music for *Girl 6* is composed, arranged, written and produced by the musical genius once referred to as Prince. Rumors say the lyrically talented genius formerly known as Prince will change his name back to Prince. He recently got married to his proclaimed soul mate Mayte Jannelle Garcia.

Other movies to follow are two debuts being released on Apr. 5. Martin Lawrence and Lynn Whitfield star in the urban comedy *Thin Line Between Love and Hate*. This will be Lawrence's fourth

### Top 10 R&B

1. Down Low (Nobody Has To Know)  
R. Kelly fea. The Isley Bros.
2. Lady  
D'Angelo
3. All The Things  
Joe
4. Not Gon' Cry  
Mary J. Blige
5. Sittin' Up In My Room  
Brandy
6. I Will Survive  
Chantay Savage
7. No One Else  
Total
8. Woo-Hah!! Got You All In k  
Busta Rhymes
9. Doin' It  
L.L. Cool J
10. Before You Walk Out Of My Life  
Monica

### Top 10 Rap

1. Woo-Hah!! Got You All In Check  
Busta Rhymes
2. Doin It  
L.L. Cool J
3. Get Money  
Junior M.A.F.I.A.  
fea. Notorious B.I.G.
4. Fu-Gee-La  
Fugees
5. Keep On, Keepin' On  
MC Lyte fea. Xscape
6. 5 O'Clock  
Nonchalant
7. Tonite's Tha Night  
Kris Kross
8. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Sumpin' New)  
Coolio
9. Dangerous Minds  
Coolio fea. L. V.
10. Envy/Firewater  
Fat Joe

Top Ten

film release as the star after his three other previous successes not including the *House Party* sequels with Kid 'n Play. *Bad Boys* with Will Smith and *You So Crazy* are his two best known features; then there was *Talking Dirty After Dark!*

The same day, Damon Wayans teams up with Dan Akroyd in the basketball comedy *Celtic Pride*. Wayans (as

with all his brothers) have released a handful of films including *Major Payne*, *Mo' Money* and *Blankman*. Dan Akroyd is a pioneer with numerous feature films including the classic *Blues Brothers* with Jim Belushi, James Brown, Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and the legendary Cab Calloway.

Also look for a remake of Jerry Lewis' *Nutty Professor* starring never-

aging Eddie Murphy also on schedule to be released.

Finally, on the boob tube level, Sinbad will host his new comedy special *Son of a Preacher Man* on Apr. 13 at 9:45 p.m. Unfortunately for on-campus residents lacking cable privileges, it will only be aired on HBO.

Be on the lookout for these feature films and a host of others.

# African Americans neglected at Oscars

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

In 1995, African Americans saved the world from the brink of a nuclear war. They solved twisted serial killings and prevented ruthless foreigners from stealing all of Wall Street's gold. Even the women took a stand in 1995 and provided examples for young African-Americans to follow.

On the silver screens, African Americans have excelled and become more visible by landing more starring and supporting roles in movies since the days of Sidney Poitier, the last and only African American to win the coveted Oscar Best Actor award in 1963. With the awards season buzzing and bringing out the best in Hollywood's actors and actresses, the reflection in the Oscar trophies lack a realistic representation of the African Americans' progress.

Not a single African American received an Oscar nomination after a year saturated with breathtaking performances that could make a beloved country cry. Actually, each year the representation of African Americans is minute. Of the 25 nominations of the most important Oscar categories- leading and supporting acting plus directing- African Americans rarely surpass even two nominations.

In fact, of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' 5,043 members, who nominated and chose the Oscar winners, fewer than 200- or 3.9 percent- are African American.

Denzel Washington gave an explosive performance in his role as Lt. Commander Ron Hunter in *Crimson Tide* and as 'Easy' Rollins in the movie based



Angela Bassett, Whitney Houston, Loretta Devine and Lela Rachon star in *Waiting to Exhale*, performances overlooked for an Oscar nomination.

on Walter Moseley's best-selling novel *Devil In A Blue Dress*. Also, Washington starred in *Virtuosity*.

Samuel L. Jackson continued his success from *Pulp Fiction* (where he was nominated for Best Supporting Actor) with roles in *Die Hard With A Vengeance* as Zeus Carver and in *Kiss of Death*. In both films, Jackson represented positive figures showing the diversity of African Americans.

Angela Bassett was simply magnificent starring as Bernadine in *Waiting to Exhale* supported by Whitney Houston, Loretta Devine and Lela Rachon along with an entire cast of African-American males. Bassett also appeared in *Strange Days* and *Vampire in Brooklyn* starring opposite of Eddie Murphy.

Morgan Freeman, the only other

African American receiving a nomination last year for his role in *Shawshank Redemption* for Best Actor, continues his excellence with his roles in *Outbreak* and *Seven*. In *Seven*, Freeman was homicide detective William Somerset who utilizes great works of literature in order to solve a series of murders based on the Seven Deadly Sins.

Another overlooked actor was the much publicized debut of an African American starring in the Shakespearean play *Othello* on the silver screen. Laurence Fishburne delivered a commanding performance as the proud Moor Othello in a story of love and tragic death. Fishburne adds to his credits roles in *Bad Company* and *Just Cause*.

Other than Poitier's Best Actor award, only Best Supporting Actor awards were given to Louis Gossett, Jr.

in 1982, Denzel Washington in 1989 and Whoopi Goldberg in 1990. The first African American to win an Oscar was in 1939 when Hattie McDaniel earned her Oscar with her performance of the main in *Gone With The Wind*.

Many critics questioned why the African-American performances went unnoticed. The Oscars are not the only field in which African Americans were neglected. Of the 166 nominations for the Academy Awards, only one was African American. Only 2.3 percent of the Directors Guild membership and 2.6 percent of the Writers Guild membership are African American. Less than two percent of Local 44, a 4,000 member union that includes set decorators and property masters are African American.

The highest earning African Americans ranked by salary per picture are Eddie Murphy with \$12 million, Whitney Houston, Denzel Washington and Wesley Snipes each with \$10 million. Jim Carrey, Tom Cruise, Harrison Ford, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Mel Gibson each pile in \$20 million a piece followed by John Travolta, Tom Hanks, Robin Williams, Kevin Costner and Demi Moore, all reaping more than any African American actor or actress.

The disproportionate balance of African Americans' representation compared to all other actors and actresses is outrageously ridiculous. African Americans seem to never be able to earn their respect.

As with every category in every award in every field of entertainment, African Americans will continue to have to work twice as hard to get half as far.

# Aggies claim MEAC victory in indoor track championships

By DAVID GAINES  
Staff Writer

After University of Maryland-Eastern Shore rallied from 38 points behind, North Carolina A&T State University runner Michael Bakeley's sixth place finish in the 5,000 meters helped A&T hold off for a tie in the MEAC Indoor Track and Field Championships Feb. 25 at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center.

Controversy over Bakeley's sixth place finish provoked UMES first-year coach Charles McLaughlin to fill out a form to protest the results. Appar-

## INDOOR TRACK

ently, the confusion began when South Carolina State runner Joel Brooks stopped running for a few moments before he noticed he still had more to go. Brooks, who said he was in second place at the time, completed another lap and was credited with a fourth place finish.

During Brooks' premature rest break, McLaughlin believes the officials might have lost count of how many laps were left for Brooks and a few other

runners, including A&T's Bakeley.

Bakeley's sixth place finish gave the Aggies one point in the 5,000 meters, just enough to total 112 points and tie UMES. After failing to score in any of the three events Feb. 24, the Hawks came out storming the following Sunday finishing with four of the first five places in the 31 lap, 5,000 meter race scoring 26 points.

Everything went smoothly on the women's side as Coppin State, lead by Twana Allen's 25 points, claimed the championship over Howard, 79-70. A&T women finished ahead of only Hampton University with 33 points.

## Commissioner replacing Free close to being named

By WENDY WILSON  
Sports Editor

One candidate to succeed Ken Free as MEAC commissioner relinquished his current job "to pursue other opportunities and interests." Drake University basketball coach Rudy Washington stepped down from his position. The reason stated was, "I want to have the opportunity to pursue a career in athletic administration."

Meanwhile, former NFL player and TV analyst Irv Cross, who also applied for the MEAC post, was appointed athletics director at Idaho State. Cross was a tight end who played for the Philadelphia Eagles and the Los Angeles Rams before moving on to the assistant coach position and his 17 years as co-host of "NFL Today."

Tim Autry, a former South Carolina State coach from 1973-80, has also thrown his hat into the ring. "I was inter-

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viewed for the position, I will say that," he said. Autry is currently the executive vice president of Voorhees College in Denmark, SC and has served as the commissioner of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference since 1989.

Additionally, former Duke All-American and NBA player Gene Banks and Black Entertainment Television sports broadcaster Charlie Neal have been mentioned as possible applicants.

Edward Fort, Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University and president of the MEAC's Council of Chief Executive Officers, said he would not discuss the applicants, but he did say that "at least three and no more than five" finalists will be decided upon for the position.

### Next match against Bennett

## Women's tennis team ready for another 'powerful' season

By JERMAINE BURNS  
Staff Writer

## TENNIS

When Speaking of the women's tennis team, spectators may have heard the names of Robyn Worthy, Vicki Meadows and Tiffany Wooten. All three ladies are returning starters for North Carolina A&T State University women's tennis team hoping for a positive season and to be able to show their ability in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Tournament.

With their experience led by coach Gregory Moore and support from Penda Dickie, Nacole McKoy and Dalene Speas, the three freshmen players Worthy labeled as, "powerful," these ladies

just may have a winning season.

Starting out with their first game against Western Carolina, they lost 6-1, but this is just the beginning. This is the only game that has been played this season due to severe weather conditions causing others to be canceled.

The MEAC Tournament is scheduled for Apr. 17-20 in Tallahassee, Fl. The tennis team is asking for everyone's support at their next match against sister college, Bennett, on Apr. 13. A victory increases their odds of landing a good spot in the MEAC Tournament.

## FOOTBALL

## Aggie eagerly awaits day of NFL draft

By JERMAINE BURNS  
Staff Writer

As the National Football League's draft approaches, North Carolina A&T State University eagerly awaits as the suspense as to which team will draft Jamain Stephens continues to climb.

Stephens is a native of Lumberton, NC, son of Joseph and Dollie Stephens. After the Aggie season, he was invited to several bowl games that are held annually to honor outstanding players. Stephens attended two of these games. The first was the Blue/Grey game held in Montgomery, Ala. where Stephens had to shift down to play offensive guard as opposed to his normal position of offensive tackle. This transition is very credible on his profile for the NFL.

Stephens also participated in the Delcamps Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala. This is the only game associated with the NFL. Performing well in both games on national television not only exposed him to a wide audience, it also boosted his stock or in other words benefited him greatly as far as his decision on draft day.

Stephens is an exceptional athlete weighing in at 337 lbs, standing 6 foot 6. He is quick and agile for his size on the football field.

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said David Shula, coach of the Cincinnati Bengals. Stephens has the speed that guys his size dream of having. Not to mention his aggressiveness to make a block. All of these characteristics is why you won't see him sitting around for a long time on April 20.

"Jamain is no doubt a first round draft choice," said 'Tank' Black, Stephens' agent. Stephens said he would love to be home on draft day with his family and friends who are behind him 100%.

When asked about his success, Stephens simply said, "It was all a dream."

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## NCAA Tournament signals coming to end of another surprising basketball season

By JAMES WHITFIELD  
Staff Writer

Every year around this time, a familiar slogan is on the tip of every basketball fans' tongue, "March Madness." It is that time again where 64 teams venture out to become the national champions of college basketball.

Those who are not basketball fanatics may not fully understand exactly what the NCAA tournament is. Sixtyfour teams are selected depending upon their records and how well they played during the season. In the NCAA tournament, anything can happen. Simply ask defending champions UCLA. They suffered a first round loss to every college team's nightmare, Princeton.

These teams are placed in one of four regions: Southeast, East, West, and Midwest. They battle for weeks with one destination in mind: East Rutherford, NJ, where the champions will be crowned on Apr. 1.

North Carolina had five teams to make the tournament: UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Greensboro, Wake Forest, Duke and Western Carolina. UNC-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest are the only teams that made it past the first round.

In the second round of action, UNC-Chapel Hill was defeated as the backboard was shattered by Darvin Ham as the Texas Tech Red Raiders raced past the Tar Heels. With the early departure of UNC-Chapel Hill, the only team from NC remaining is the ACC champs, the Wake Forest Demon Deacons.

The field of 64 is down to eight, preferably called the 'elite eight.' Then there will be the prestigious final four. The best four collegiate teams in the nation will then play for the right to say they are number one. The favorites are Connecticut, Kansas, UMass and Kentucky.

Everyone has their own opinion about who will survive the field of 64. North Carolina A&T State University's basketball coach Roy Thomas gave his insight on the tournament thus far.

"I think the games have been good, just like previous tournaments. It's been proven that anyone can win," Thomas said.

"Teams you never thought about like Texas Tech and Drexel have played good. My sleeper is Louisville. They had problems all year, but they are playing well. But when it's all said and done, Kentucky will be the national champs," Thomas said.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### UNCG reaches NCAA Tournament

The UNCG Spartans, still reeling from last year's defeat in the conference finals, got its first Big South Tournament title in a 79-53 rout of Liberty Univer. The Spartan's school record 23 wins were not enough to get them into last year's NCAA Tournament. This year's victory came in front of a near capacity crowd of 8,173 on Liberty's home court.

More importantly, it provided the Spartans and first year coach Randy Peele an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament in just the school's fifth year of play at the Division I level.

In the first round of play in the Southeast brackets, UNCG held on close as second-seeded Cincinnati nipped the Spartans 66-61.

### Duncan's Demons capture back-to-back

Wake Forest's Tim Duncan owned the rim, the lane and the spotlight, scoring 27 points, grabbing a tournament final record 22 rebounds and leading Wake Forest to a 75-74 win over Georgia Tech in the ACC Tournament finals. For the first time since 1982, a team repeated as tournament champions.

Tech's chance to win was in the hands of freshman guard Stephon Marbury who led Tech with 26 points. His last second shot did not fall through in front of the Greensboro coliseum crowd hosting this year's ACC Tournament.

Speculations have aroused of the return from the talented Marbury. Even as a

freshman, he may enter this year's draft where he is expected to be drafted early.

### Cinderella season ruined by Howard

Number two seeded Howard University, overloaded with all-conference players, defeated the fifth seeded Cinderellas of North Carolina A&T State University in the second half of the MEAC finals with a 65-46 victory.

Howard, whose 20-9 record will earn a low seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament, raised some MEAC eyebrows when three of its players were named to the all-conference team.

The outcome earned Howard coach Sanya Tyler her seventh MEAC title in 10 tournament appearances after a two-year drought.

Howard had to face first seeded defending women's champions, University of Connecticut in the mideast brackets.

### High Point escape with CVAC crown

Karen Curtis led High Point University with 25 points as the Panthers nipped Belmont Abbey in the finals of the Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference tournament.

With a 38-24 lead at the break, High Point (22-7) shot a dismal 26 percent (9 for 35) in the second half and was outscored 42-49 as Belmont Abbey shot over 50 percent (16 for 31).

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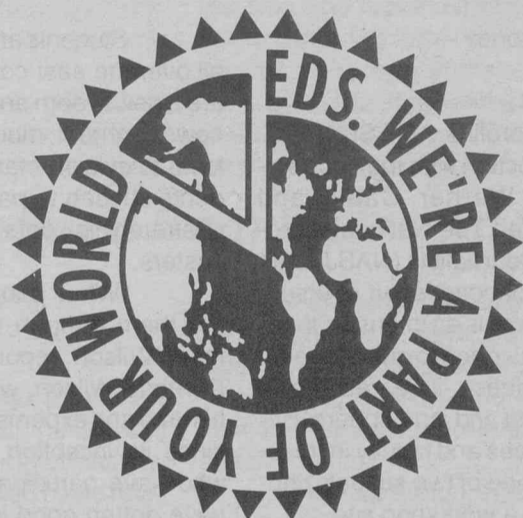
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## Hot one minute, cold the next not always the case

*Marriage between African Americans greatly affected by apathetic attitudes and incarceration rate*

By KEVIN STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Actress Halle Berry's seemingly storybook marriage to Atlanta Braves outfielder David Justice has apparently come to an abrupt end. After only a few months of dating, the couple was married in 1993, and after only a few years of marriage, the couple is currently seeking a divorce.

The quick marriage and even quicker divorce seems to be the norm of some African Americans, and this trend has begun to manifest itself in the relationships of our celebrities. In the media this year, there have been several sob stories of relationships involving African Americans.

For example, there is the hot one minute cold the next relationship of singer/actress Whitney Houston and entertainer Bobby Brown. In the past few months, this relationship has been dead and revived so many times that the public cannot even count them (and many could care less).

Then there was the case against Minnesota Viking quarterback Warren Moon. Apparently Moon was abusive to

his wife during an argument. Although his wife admittedly provoked the argument and the ensuing fight and chose not to press charges against her husband, the very public case still went to trial.

The publicity surrounding the case caused many to wonder whether Moon was so popular as to warrant so much media attention or was it an ex-

*Family Relations* magazine shows that the portion of African Americans who divorce has increased, whereas the proportion who marry has declined. The survey pointed to the apathetic attitudes of African Americans toward marriage as one reason that divorce is so prevalent in the black community.

Among the attitudes which affect marriage between African Ameri-

**Among the attitudes which affect marriages between African Americans were traditional descriptions of men such as failure to compromise, inability to communicate and their tendency to adopt mainstream gender roles.**

ample of the media highlighting the problems with black love?

And who can forget the king of pop Michael Jackson and his soon to be ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley? Though some would be quick to point out their differences in race as a potential reason for their marital discord, statistics show otherwise when it comes to African Americans and marriage.

A recent survey conducted by

cans were traditional descriptions of men such as failure to compromise, inability to communicate and their tendency to adopt mainstream gender roles. The study also listed African American's high rate of incarceration as a source of marital stress. Is being African American and married worth it?

Christopher Harris, a 21-year-old sophomore from Rocky Mount, NC, and Latarsha Chatman-Threadgill, a 19-

year-old sophomore from Lumberton, NC, certainly think so. Harris is engaged to be married and Chatman-Threadgill has been married since October of 1994.

When asked why he chose to make the ultimate commitment, Harris said, "I used to say 'I'll never get married,' but when she came along, I knew she was the one." Although Harris faces opposition to getting married from his relatives at a young age, he feels he will not be a victim of the increasing divorce rate.

Harris suggests one way to decrease the divorce rate is to have a close relationship with your mate. Harris said, "You need to get to know that person before you make that big commitment."

Chatman-Threadgill said about her decision to marry young: "It's not the fact that our love wouldn't last without being married, it was a consensual decision between us both." She specifically does not encourage getting married young, but she does offer a formula to help maintain a functional marriage. "In order to make a marriage work, there has to be good communication, love and Christ. Without Him, your marriage won't work."

## Broadcast journalists gain experience through NABJ

By Vicynthia Mauney  
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North Carolina A&T State University, in conjunction with the sponsorship of Time Warner Cable and Biscuitville, hosted The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) in its fourth annual broadcast short course.

The course is an intensive three day workshop designed to give students hands-on experience in a real news room environment and atmosphere. Because of its facilities and faculty involvement, A&T was one of two schools chosen by NABJ as a workshop site.

Students and professionals from all over the east coast gathered to create a news room and put on a 30 minute news segment, much like those seen on local television stations. All of the students chosen to participate have demonstrated high potential as future broadcasters.

"What people learn here can get them through the door," said Anthony Wilson, reporter for WTVD-TV in Durham. Wilson, who has volunteered his time and expertise to the short course since its inception, said that students who have participated in the program have gotten good jobs. No one knows

that better than Kiesha Davis, associate producer for NBC-17 in Raleigh. Davis participated last year as a student and was able to come back this year to share her professional experiences.

"NABJ helped me a lot," said Davis. "By my being the news director last year, I had to take on a lot of the responsibilities that prepared me for the position that I have now."

Davis encouraged students to take constructive criticism to heart and concentrate on writing grammatically correct. "Don't worry about style, just write and the rest will fall in line," said Davis.

Sharon Stevens, NABJ Vice President, and education for KSDK-TV St. Louis, MO was among the professional advisors present. With more than 20 years in the industry, Stevens made it clear at the opening reception that her main objective was to get students to be accurate reporters. She also expressed her desire to see more African Americans in media management.

After receiving classrooms instructions and field assignments, the students went out into the local community to gather the news. On the last day of the course, the newscast was presented and critiqued.

"I feel exhilarated, and I'm looking forward to coming back next year," said Stevens. "I have taught a minority journalism workshop much like this one in St. Louis with high school students, and working with college students is a lot easier." She said that the program went well.

Senior production major Trinnette Gibbs said that the short course fulfilled her expectations. "Everybody who had gone through it before told me to expect to stay up late so I was prepared for that," she said. "I did it for the news room experience even though I know I want to do sales."

"Keeping everybody on the same time deadline was the biggest challenge of all," said senior broadcast news major Tammy Frazier who took on one of the producer roles during the workshop. Frazier says she has a greater appreciation for producers now that she has had to walk in their shoes.

"In real life if you don't make the deadlines it could mean your job," said Wilson. He says he, too, looks forward to coming back. He said that the program just seems to get better every year. "This particular course has been one of the smoothest running ones yet," he said.

## Listen to mom when she says eat your oatmeal

Staff Reports

Mom always said that oatmeal was good for you. Thirty years of science has shown there were many grains of truth to her advice. Today, we know that a warm, tasty bowl of oatmeal starts your day with a boost of whole grain goodness that sticks to your ribs. Why? One big reason is that oatmeal is one food that is an excellent source of fiber.

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While other grains such as wheat, corn and rice contain mostly insoluble fiber and only oats has a significant amount of soluble fiber as well. Three decades of research have found that if your cholesterol is high or borderline high, oatmeal can help. These studies have shown a link between diets that contain the soluble fiber in oatmeal

and a reduction in both total cholesterol and low-density lipid (LDL or "bad" cholesterol).

After reviewing the 30 years of science on oatmeal's ability to lower cholesterol, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently proposed to allow, for the first time, a health claim for a specific food. It would read: Eating oat bran or oatmeal daily as part of a low saturated fat and low cholesterol diet may reduce heart disease risk.

"Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the U.S.," said Jeanne Goldberg, Ph. D., R.D. of the School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University. "That a part of the solution might be as enjoyable and close to home as a bowl of oatmeal is good news."

The Quaker Oatmeal Health Institute, a panel of distinguished nutrition experts from around the country, was established to focus on further research on the heart benefits of oats and oatmeal.

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## Senate ignored, insulted by move of Administration, Executive Board

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Staff Writer

Tensions rose at the Student Government Association Student Senate special session meeting on Mar. 20, when senators heard about the Administration's order releasing funds to the SGA Executive Branch to have its spring concert without the Senate's approval.

In a letter to the Senate, the Administration allowed the release of these funds, some \$18,750, deeming them "essential to programs, activities, operations and outstanding bills." The letter went on to say: "This is a decision of necessity based on the obligation that the University has, that is to serve all students."

John Alford III, vice-president of External Affairs said, "It is something that all the students want to see done, except for the Senate. The SGA Constitution actually says that the Administration can do whatever they want, and since it looks like the Senate will never pass the budget, they (the Administration) took things into their own hands."

Rasheed-Ali Cromwell, vice-president of Internal Affairs, said, "There is blatant disrespect towards the Senate from the Administration and Executive Branch. The money that we're spending on this concert could be going to something for the betterment of A&T." He then stated that he was even more upset that the SGA Executive Branch would sign and pay an artist who broke a contract to play at Homecoming last semester rather than listen to the voices of the students, who said they would be happy with a cookout in the Holland Bowl.

Vice-president Alford spelled out the criteria for last semester's Homecoming contract and explained for the contract breakage as legal and binding. "Biggie Smalls had the choice of playing one gig at A&T or going on tour to play with Mary J. Blige and company. What he did is just business.

"The Senate is getting out of control," he added. "Choosing who is to perform at Homecoming and the Spring concert is an Executive decision. If the Senate thinks it needs to approve such a decision then there wouldn't be an Executive Branch."

The general undertone of the special session meeting depicted the Senate's overall anger with the manipulation of the SGA Budget in the hands of the SGA Executive Branch and Administration.

The budget, which has never been approved by the Senate, was frozen last November after the Executive Branch never resubmitted another budget for approval and spent unauthorized money.

"The actions taken this semester are serious amongst common government, reason being that you lead or direct the body through money," said Senator Keith Bryant, Finance Committee Chairperson. "The SGA Executive Branch has consistently been incompetent in regards to the fiscal management and governing. We have nothing to show for a \$140,000 budget. We must do better!"

## INFOBOX

To better serve the students of North Carolina A&T State University, here are the office hours of the SGA Officers:

### AQUARIUS MOORE SGA President

Monday	3:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	12:00 - 2:00
Wednesday	3:00 - 5:00
Thursday	12:00 - 2:00
Friday	3:00 - 5:00

### TAIWAN BARKSDALE Miss NCA&TSU

Monday	10:00 - 10:50
Tuesday	9:00 - 11:50
Wednesday	2:00 - 4:50
Thursday	9:00 - 10:50
Friday	n/a
Friday	10:00 - 10:50

### RASHEED-ALI CROMWELL Vice President of Internal Affairs

Monday	n/a
Tuesday	1:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	n/a
Thursday	1:00 - 5:00
Friday	n/a

### JOHN ALFORD III Vice President of External Affairs

Monday	1:00 - 2:00
Tuesday	3:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	1:00 - 2:00
Thursday	3:00 - 5:00
Friday	10:00 - 2:00

### KIMBERLY BULLOCK Attorney General

Monday	10:00 - 2:00
Tuesday	2:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00
Thursday	n/a
Friday	10:00 - 12:00

**These office hours are also posted outside the SGA offices in the Memorial Student Union, rooms 208 and 209. Before visiting their offices, be sure someone is there by calling the office number at 334-7820.**

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Cromwell

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States Academy Achievement Award (1993), has been on the National Dean's List twice and has been a member of both the University Marching and Pep Bands. Next spring he graduates and plans to continue his education with law school. In addition, he is working to acquire his barbering license and continue to research and lecture on "The True History of Black Fraternities and Sororities" on college campuses nationwide. He is planning to write a book on this specific topic this upcoming summer.

"There is no question that our University is under attack," said Cromwell. "The question at hand is who you choose as the general to lead our fight. A general cannot win wars without

having fought in any previous battles. That's where my experience comes in. My direct and intense involvement in Student Government over the past two years has enabled me to develop the capabilities required to lead our fight. Remember, intentions plus capabilities equals threat. You can intend to score 22 points a game, but if you don't know how to shoot, dribble or pass at the appropriate time, you will be no threat because you will never score. It is late in the fourth quarter, and time is running out. The only way we can win is with a complete team effort including students, administration and alumni. Inexperience will cause turnovers and at this stage in the game, we may never get another possession."

Wheatley

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money is suspended because of some alleged illegal spending within the Executive Board. The members are bickering at each other instead of working with each other to resolve the problems.

This lashing out at each has cost the students many events throughout the year and almost cost the students a spring concert. Even now the budget is being discussed trying to figure out what to do.

Plans to improve security include better promotion of the Aggies Escort Service and the increased visibility of the Aggie Police. More foot patrols and a better illuminated campus are also ideas.

The campus is not ever completely safe so Wheatley also has suggested training programs and forums in

conjunction with the Aggie Police to increase safety awareness.

"A&T is known for the family like environment. We need to take advantage of this atmosphere and learn how to after ourselves," said Wheatley. "We need to grow together as the world class university we are instead of depending on others to help us.

"We are under attack. This election is not a popularity pageant," said Wheatley firmly. "This is not a race between me and the others for SGA President; this is a race between North Carolina A&T and those out to dissolve our rich heritage. We have our backs against the wall, and some people do not realize the importance of speaking out. That is exactly why I am here. That is exactly what I am trying to do."

## Students isolated from their own SGA

By PURITY BLAKE  
Staff Writer

Recently, there was an attempt to get a student opinion of the Student Government Association. Unfortunately, two of the 25 students polled could relay an answer with some substance.

"The SGA has done a good job, but like all organizations there could be some improvement," said Solomon Quick, a senior biology major.

Also Gary Santana, a rules committee member, would like communication to improve. "There's a better need for communication. Everything comes out through a third party."

In the search for answers as to why it seems students lack knowledge of SGA agendas, members and ambitious hopefuls gave their answers to this question.

One reason that was implied for the lack of student knowledge of SGA's events is because there is a need for students to get involved in the SGA and know the right people to contact for information.

"Most students do not know how to get involved in SGA," said Alonzo Andrews, SGA Treasurer. "Someone once said 'if you want to keep something from a black man, put it in a book.' Most students fail to read their student handbooks and to recognize the avenues of getting informed-student representatives and senators."

Full body meetings are held periodically to keep the student body informed. Most of the people present at those meetings are the Executive Branch. Why is there such poor attendance at these meetings? According to

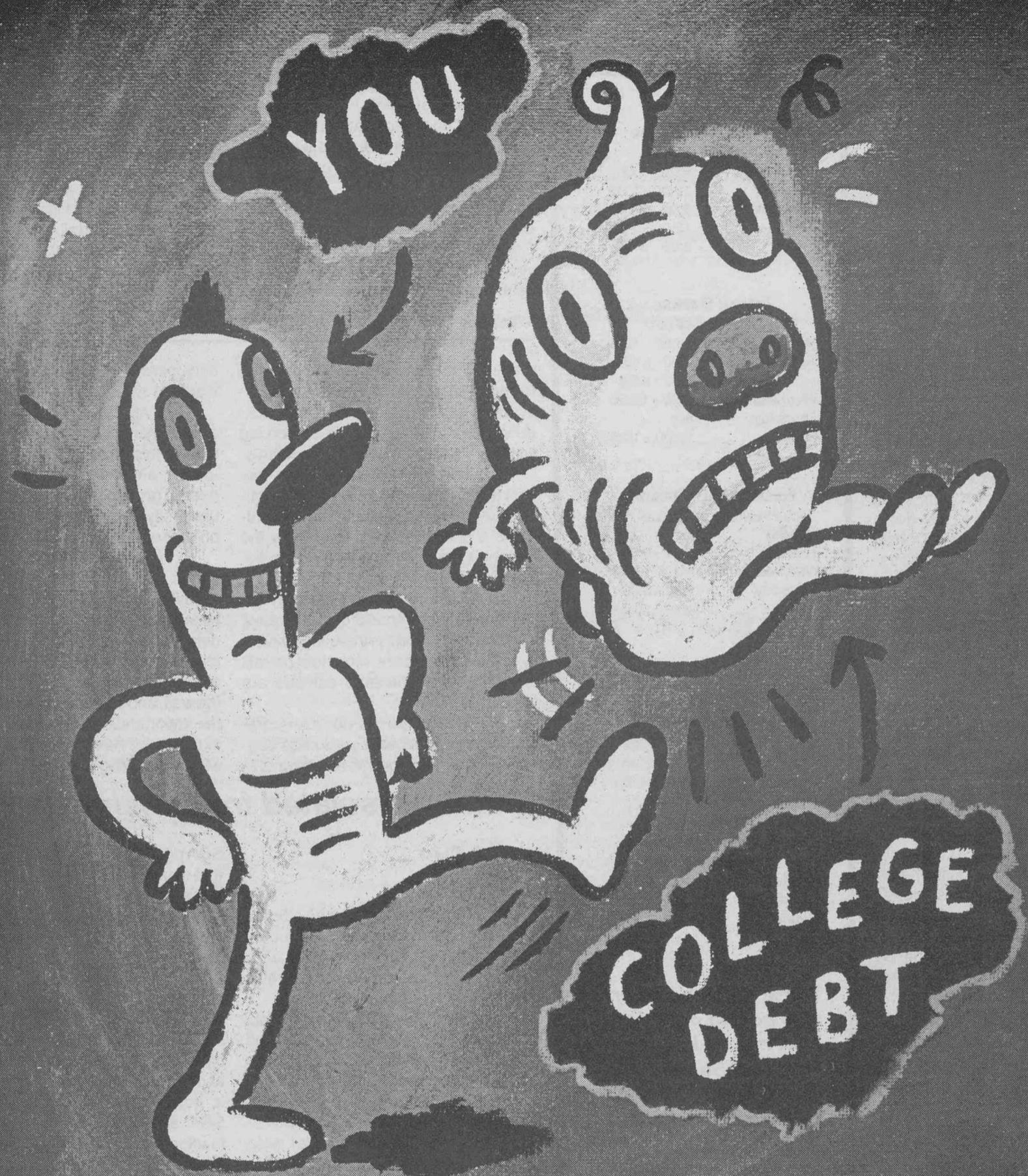
SGA president Aquarius Moore, it may be that someone is slack on publicizing these events. "We have people that are supposed to publicize the events, and instead they decide to make personal attacks on me."

Richard Wilson, a candidate running for SGA president, feels students are not concerned about the SGA because they do not know of its significance and the changes that may come about if they get involved. "The student is not taught to be concerned about SGA, and SGA is not concerned about teaching the students. I will be concerned about teaching the students and the significance of SGA. If you get 10 people involved, then that 10 will get 10 more people involved."

Along with full body meetings, the radio program 'SGA Profiles' used to air weekly as another means to inform students of different affairs in SGA. Rasheed-Ali Cromwell, vice-president of Internal Affairs, also has a plan to reorganize the *A&T Register* if he becomes SGA president. "My plan for the *Register* is a full four-phase plan for the revitalization and revamping of the *Register*. The plan will improve the efficiency of the paper. The *Register* is a vessel of information by which we relay the information to students. The four-phase plan will improve the content, distribution staffing and increase in funding for the paper."

A need for more student involvement and better ways of communicating information seem to be the solutions SGA members and candidates have given to bring the students out of the dark when it comes to knowing about SGA.





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