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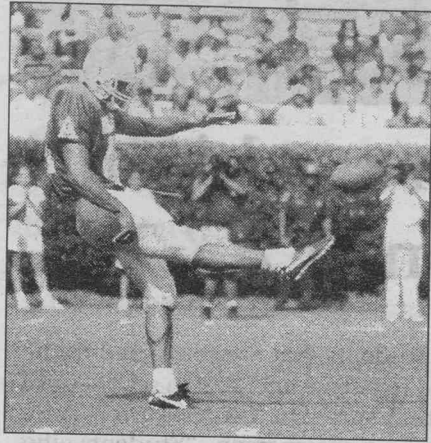
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SGA decide Homecoming concert will be held at Greensboro Coliseum

Some students argue controversial move will detract from the Homecoming atmosphere and is just a step closer towards a merger between North Carolina A&T and UNC-Greensboro.

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

Vice President of External Affairs Toby Brodie must have felt like the target at a firing range when he proposed that the 1996 homecoming concert be moved from Corbett Arena to the Greensboro Coliseum during the first full student body meeting in September.

Soon after, the SGA decided to have the homecoming concert at the Greensboro Coliseum for the first time in four years. Although the decision has been made for about a month, there is still some who oppose the move.

Many students at the meeting protested the moving of the concert, which turned the full body meeting into a two hour discussion on why or why not leave Corbett Arena for the more spacious Greensboro Coliseum.

"The SGA is selling you out," one student stood up and said.

"We can't have Aggie Pride at the Coliseum," another student said.

SGA wanted feedback

However, Brodie and the rest of the SGA decided change of location would be beneficial.

"The decision to move the concert had not been made before the meeting," Brodie said. "We wanted to present the idea to the students so we could get some feedback before we voted."

"We knew some people were not going to be happy," the Student Government Association President Rasheed-Ali Cromwell said. "Everyone has a long term solution, but nobody wants to talk about what'll we do until we get there."

"What we wanted was for everybody to have an opportunity to go. The amount of students allowed in Corbett has been decreasing ever since 1990. When you count the number of complimentary tickets given to the promoter and the radio stations, we were going to end up with about 4,500 tickets for 8,000 students."

The Greensboro Coliseum

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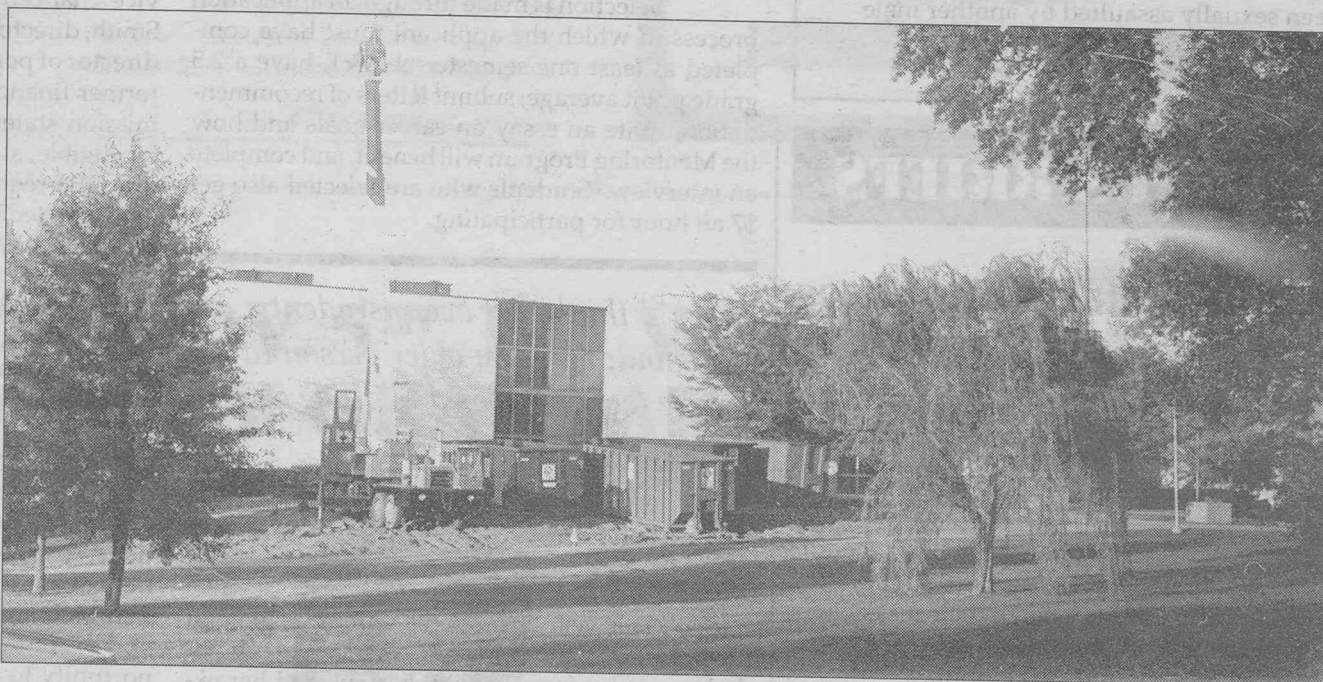


Photo By Ariadne DeGarr

During the first SGA full body meeting, SGA officials and students discussed the motion of moving the Homecoming concert from Corbett Arena (above) to the Greensboro Coliseum.

The country's first black female sheriff

Barrett visits A&T to discuss safety concerns

By Purity Blake
Staff Writer

America's first elected black female sheriff led the list of speakers as campus and law enforcement officials met to discuss safety issues Oct. 3 at the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

Jacquelyn H. Barrett, a Charlotte native who was elected sheriff of Fulton County, Georgia in 1992, spoke directly to the theme of the Eighth Annual Campus Safety Conference: "Building a Legacy: Networking to Create a Safer Campus and Community."

"Safety can come from one

source that's from me and you," Barrett said. "Build a web that includes each other. You have a responsibility towards this goal."

Students did not escape her attention. "In your dorms, talk to each other," she said. "In your apartments talk to each other. Reach out to your community."

A large portion of Barrett's remarks attacked the problem of crimes against women. A mother of two, she emphasized the need for men to respect women.

"We are the ones who have kept family and home despite the things that are going on in the world," she said. "(Our female ancestors) worked in kitchens that were

not our own and we've kept families that were not our own. We ought to be your soul mates, your friends and your lovers."

The solution, she said, could start with women themselves.

Demand respect

"Before you ask someone to respect you, demand respect for yourselves," she said.

"Women, you have to find your voice. Don't worry about the fact of being ashamed of what may have happened to you. The cycle may not break until you start talk-

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Gantt shares his views during rally to promote student voting

By Towanda Leach
Copy Editor

Harvey Gantt, candidate for U.S. Senate, attended a student rally on campus last Tuesday in his honor to encourage students to get involved and vote. The rally was held in the lower level of William's Cafeteria.

Gantt discussed many of his policies on education as well as other controversial issues.

"I will go to Washington in January when you send me there poised and positioned to make a dif-

ference," Gantt said. "We need a senator to fight." And that is exactly what he is promising students.

If elected, Gantt said he will work on a proposal that will allow a \$10,000 tax deduction for tuition and for job training programs. Gantt also supports job training programs for students that have already graduated and are having difficulty finding a job. Gantt also wants to work on a plan that will allow 50 percent of tuition to be covered by pell grants.

When asked why he was

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CAMPUS CRIME

Sept. 15

A male resident of Scott B Hall was allegedly observed smoking a marijuana cigarette. Two female students also allegedly participated with him. No charges were filed; this case will be handled through student court.

Sept. 17

Physical plant employee reported the theft of a shop radio from Barnes Hall. There are no suspects in this case.

Sept. 18

A female student reported that she had been sexually assaulted by another male student in Cooper Hall.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Yearbook staff announces more dates for shooting student photos again

Staff Reports

Students at North Carolina A&T State University who have not taken their pictures for the *Ayantee* yearbook yet can now be sure they are included in the next edition.

Photos will be taken again later this month for all classes. Contact the yearbook staff in the Student Union for the official dates.

The last day originally scheduled for pictures, Oct. 4, was also the day of Black College Day in Raleigh, neglecting students of getting their pictures shot.

A&T needs more tour guides for upcoming University Day

Nearly 8,000 high schoolers are expected to invade North Carolina A&T State University Oct. 19 for the annual University Day. Students are visiting from as far as Florida and New York.

Tour guides are needed to escort the students around campus. A training session will be held 5PM on Oct. 15 in room 214 of the Student Union.

During University Day, tour guides are assigned to a group of students. Groups around 30 students will be assigned two tour guides.

The tours start around 8:30 AM when the high schoolers begin showing up. They are taken on a two hour walk through campus. After 10:30 AM guides can elect to eat lunch with the students or not.

Before the students leave for home, they will attend the Aggie football game against Morgan St.

Anyone interested can contact Marva Watlington, Director of Student Activities in the Student Union.

Marcorp prepares to offer Aggies national franchises

Surveys are being given out in the Aggie Den asking students and staff for their preferences of national franchises being brought to campus as promised.

Choices include Pizza Hut, Little Caesar's, Taco Bell, Chic-Fil-A, Blimpie Subs, Colombo Yogurt and Freshen's Yogurt.

The surveys are to ensure Aggies receive what they prefer and fulfill Marcorp's commitment to better dining experiences.

Mentoring programs prove highly efficient since inception at A&T

By Raychon Holt
News Editor

A&T's Mentoring Program, since its inception in 1992, has provided practical job experience for qualified students.

Mentees acquire job experience by working in various departments on campus that relate to their field of study. Students may work in accounting, business administration, computer or information systems, human resources, engineering, technology, sociology, and social work.

Selection is made through an application process in which the applicant must have completed at least one semester at A&T, have a 2.5 grade point average, submit letters of recommendation, write an essay on career goals and how the Mentoring Program will benefit, and complete an interview. Students who are selected also get \$7 an hour for participating.

"I think that every student should have an older person in the working world to guide and teach them."

--Janelle Martin
speech pathology major

This year 23 students will participate in the program. Janelle Martin, a senior speech pathology major from Raleigh has enjoyed her experiences with the program. "The program is great and has been a good experience for me," she said. "I think that every student should have an older person in the working world to guide and teach them."

The Mentoring Program was started out of concern for keeping students in school until

graduation. "Students that are connected to the university tend to persist and stay in school until they graduate," said Dr. Charles McIntyre, Mentoring Program chairperson. "Students who stay in the program will also have resumes that say, 'here is a person who, while in school, was exposed to real life experience,'" he added.

When it was decided that a mentoring program would be implemented, a task force was created to decide the standards for the program. The task force consisted of Dr. Isaiah Ugboro, business administrator; Alberta Dalton, former director of staff development; Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor of business and finance; Jonah Smith, director of the budget office; Lillian Couch, director of personnel services; and Delores Davis, former financial aid director. They developed a mission statement and decided that in order to be eligible, students needed a 3.0 GPA or better. The GPA requirement was later lowered to a 2.5. "We decided that students with a 3.0 GPA would probably stay in school anyway," says McIntyre.

Donna Harris, Mentoring Program coordinator, believes that the program provides invaluable work experience. "The Mentoring Program is a tool to better prepare students and to help them learn valuable work ethics," she says. "There was a need to provide this for students on campus."

Not only does the program provide work experience, but it also provides a personal relationship between mentee and mentor. "If you have any problems, your mentor is there to help," said McIntyre.

In the spring, mentees will have the opportunity to attend a Mentoring Program picnic where they will meet other mentees and discuss their experiences in the program.

Though, according to McIntyre, the program is a success, he is hoping for some improvements. "We want to expand to cover all divisions of study," he said. "We also want to be able to get funding for, at least, 100 students."

With Luck and encouraging scholarships, students prepare for teaching profession

By Raychon Holt
News Editor

Students involved in the A&T Teaching Fellows program are provided many opportunities for cultural and educational enrichment beyond regular course study.

The Teaching Fellows program is designed to encourage students to enter the teaching profession by awarding a \$5000 per year scholarship to eligible high school seniors. Teaching Fellows, in return, agree to teach in a regular North Carolina public school for four years and in a low performance area or county for three years, after graduation.

A&T's Teaching Fellows will be busy this year with field trips over the state and the country. They will visit the University of Cincinnati, the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and Discovery Place in Charlotte. They will attend the president elect's inauguration in Washington, the tenth anniversary celebration of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program in Raleigh, and will be the special guests at the Chancellor's Executive Seminar. Teaching Fellows

will also attend eight teleconferences this semester where they will learn about technological advances in teaching. In addition, select Teaching Fellows will have the opportunity for foreign travel including teaching abroad in Germany.

Dr. Josephine Luck,
Teaching Fellows director,

takes pride in the work she has done with the program. "My responsibility is to see that we meet the goals of the Teaching Fellows program," she said. "I feel that I go above and beyond the call of duty and that everyday I come in here, the taxpayers get their money's worth."

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Muslim speaker visits A&T

By Kenneth Griffin
Staff Writer

Sister Ava Muhammad enlightened a capacity crowd in McNair auditorium for the Third Thursday lecture series.

Sister Muhammad, a lawyer for Minister Farrakhan, gave the audience information on how the government underhandedly skims against the African-American community. She told the audience that the recent discovery that the CIA put crack into our community should not be a surprise.

She alluded to the fact that the government has been skimming against the African-American community ever since J. Edgar Hoover was in office.

Muhammad said, "The government has been creating distrust between


black groups." She referred to a New York paper that wrote defamatory information that said Farrakhan had something to do with the death of Malcolm X.

She said the Nation of Islam is in the process of recovering money for the libelous statements the paper made. Sister Muhammad referred to the government's condemning of various black leader for embracing the Nation of Islam.

Muhammad said her examples are evidence that the government is concerned about what goes on in the black community. Sister Muhammad referred to the book *The FBI in Black America*.


She said the book stated the government must be aware of a black Messiah. In addition, Sister Muhammad

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CIA targeted for providing black communities with enormous drug supplies

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

The way crack filters through the country has often been associated with the government. Many blacks feel that why the government advertises saying no to drugs, all the while they are saying yes to the traffickers.

However, blacks were mistaken has to be the source of how crack enters the country. Recently well known Nicaraguan drug dealer Norwin Meneses has been the proof for politicians and others to blame the Central Intelligence Agency for the crack epidemic that crippled America's black inner cities in the 1980s.

Supply began in early 80s

A *San Jose Mercury News* article said Meneses and good friend Oscar Danilo Blandon gave money to contras and sometimes met with rebel leaders working closely with the CIA in the early 80s when they also funneled massive amounts of cheap cocaine into Los Angeles's black communities, leading to a nationwide epidemic. The stories magnified what a 10-year-old allegation has to the origin of crack in America.

Although the article did not say that the CIA knew about the two drug dealers, however, it strongly indicated the spy agency's involvement. Which brings up a plea for all drug dealers and user to please recognize what's really going on.

The powers that be or the CIA because it doesn't get more powerful than the CIA, are playing the black community for idiots. Although its been said before there are some who would prefer to see the black community extinct.

And admittedly it has been a good plan. Why start another civil rights movement when you can get a group of people to destroy their own? Get a few persons to sell drugs by tempting them with amounts of money that they have never seen before.

With money comes greed which in turns spurs competition and in this particular instance the competition has become violent. Great strategy for generating genocide.

The allegations as spurred the Congressional Black Caucus, the NAACP and Maxine Waters were among those demanding an investigation. They have argued racism within the CIA has caused many blacks to become addicted to crack.

While denying the allegations the CIA

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STAFF VOICES

If we only knew how good we have it

Former Editor & Chief Archie Clark reminisces when there was a reason to complain about campus life at A&T...

I was stopped in a two car traffic jam just outside the bookstore the other day. Traffic was blocked both ways while the drivers in the two cars discussed the usual "what's up homey," nonsense that probably did not warrant stoppage of traffic.

Judging by the shirt that proudly read "Seniors" with about 400 names on it, I would guess at least one of them, if not both were freshmen. Yes freshmen—the new school generation.

These disrespectful lads stopped traffic and had the audacity to talk about among other things the state of the cafe food and inefficiency of their cable service.

Things have changed. I am from the old-school. A time when cable was unheard of and the cafe food was so bad they could hardly give it away. The lunch they complain about is a wine and cheese party compared to the "gravy train vitals" they served back in the day.

These upstarts do not remember the days when the cafe was a cafe. When I first arrived here, you could throw biscuits and have just good a chance of hitting chancellor Edward Fort upside the head than anyone else seated in the cafe. There was no fancy stage in middle to obscure your view and no colorful balloon drops to feast your eyes on.

The heyday of the cafeteria

While these freshmen complain about the cafe that has seen improvements, I recall when I paid my dues with time. First you would wait in line to get the food. Then you would wait for them to get the food. (It was never ready). Next, you would have to wait to heat it up (If the microwave worked). Of course there were two separate lines for ice and drinks. (It seemed no one thought to put them together). Finally, your heated burger and fries needed ketchup which had to be scooped out of a deli-style tray that seemed to stay empty.

There you have it; forty minutes wasted on a dry burger with no ketchup.

Clothes hangers to cables

Enough about the cafe. What about the dormitories? Scott Hall is now a bearable place to live. Cable TV? Now this is a piece of heaven I thought would never be in Scott.

I remember not too long ago in '92 when a TV was nothing without an antennae. Brothers use to rig intricate contraptions with clothes hangers that always seemed to work best for what ever reason on the top floor and near widows while you held it in your hand and stood still.

Fuzzy reception was the norm so Monday Night Football wasn't the same. Emmitt Smith appeared to be a white man who could be identified as Emmitt only because he was a little faster than everybody else, at least on my set. Some people couldn't get the game at all.

Cable has taken from the mischief that use to go on in Scott Hall. The time students now spend with crystal clear reception use to be spent out in the hall wrestling, playing football, boxing... — Do they still break into Moore Gym? Some things never change.

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Pre-Alexander Graham Bell days

Freshmen today bring their phones and have splitters so they can have two phones in the same room. I remember like yesterday in Scott Hall when there were two phones on the hall for every room. Either somebody was on the phone or nobody wanted to answer it. Who wants to answer the phone with a 1-in-200 chance it is for you?

It is more likely somebody's mother who will ask you to walk the 40 rooms down to the other end of Scott to see if her son, who probably won't be in the room anyway, can come to the phone.

The person on the phone would usually have the habit of saying "have you seen him?" Or even worse — they'll want you to leave the stranger a complicated message that you have to recite until you can write it down and then recall at which room way down the hall to leave it.

Forget returning a phone call when it is most convenient; by then everyone else is waiting for the phone which remains tied up from dusk til dawn.

THE COMMUNITY SHOWER!

These freshmen today cannot relate to a community shower. Yes. A shower where everyone bares all for the common good of cleanliness. No shower curtains and terrible plumbing. Fine points of showering had to be learned:

- If the shower is occupied by a single bather, always go to the shower head furthest away. (This avoids awkward glances and questions dealing with your sexuality.)

- Keep your eyes at least chest high. (same reasons as 1.)

- Do what you got to do and get out. Most important...

- If you hear someone in the next room flush the toilet, use a quick side step maneuver to avoid a scald that could be pretty bad. Yes, for what ever reason when someone would flush the toilet, all the shower water would get searing hot. What the relationship between the toilet water and the shower water is a question that is best left unanswered.

Freshmen make up the largest percentage of the student body and the largest percentage to go home and not come back. I am about to graduate. I paid my dues.

Now I wish I did not have to put up with these pampered freshmen who block traffic and don't know what it is to suffer and struggle through the real challenges of college.

CIA

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decided to an investigation of their own. Along with the CIA, the *Washington Post* started to look into the dealings of the CIA.

The data the Post found did not support the notion of the CIA backing contras or Nicaraguans in playing a major role in the emergence of crack in the United States. But with the close dealings of the CIA with the whole contra affair in the 80s suggest that the CIA knew about the drug trafficking a did little to stop any activities by the Nicaraguans or the contras.

On March 2, 1995, Ricky Donnell Ross a convicted crack dealer was fooled to believe that he was to make another deal with a regular supplier. When he went to pickup over \$1 million worth of cocaine he was surrounded by federal agents.

The government informant turned out to be Blandon, who claimed that he sent drug profits to help the contra rebels who later received CIA support in his homeland's civil war.

Whether the allegations about the CIA are true or not, it's scary to think an organization like the CIA

Gantt
from front

running in the race, Gantt said, "I think we together need to remove somebody that doesn't work for our interest." Gantt also voiced his opinion on many issues that he felt strongly about that students asked.

Abortion a moral issue

When asked about his view on abortion, Gantt said, "I believe that abortion is a deeply moral issue that women should make." He did mention that the decision should be made with others involved, including the fathers.

On affirmative action, Gantt had this to say. "A lot of goodness comes out of affirmative action. A lot of illness comes from affirmative action. I believe that affirmative action is important. Affirmative action should hold two principles, merit and inclusiveness."

Marriage for man and woman

He also answered a question on his views of gay rights and same sex marriages. "I don't believe in the discrimination of anybody, sex, gender, or race. But I don't agree with same sex marriages." Gantt believes that marriage is a holy communion between a man and a woman.

Students around campus had a lot to say about Gantt when asked how they felt about his views. Tonya Smith, a junior marketing major said, "Gantt is a family man, whose goals are not only for the black community but for everyone."

Kelley Johnson, a senior marketing major said, "His advertisement holding a white baby disgusted me. After that I don't pay him any attention."

Muhammad

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said Hoover developed a Ghetto Informant Program.

Ghetto life monitored since 1960

The program that was developed in the 1960s was a program that reported on every aspect of black ghetto life using black informants, according to Muhammad.

Muhammad said the program was a "outgrowth of a valiant racism." Muhammad said, "We must learn to rise above emotion."

Muhammad wants African-Americans to come together and find constructive ways to combat the government by becoming entrepreneurs, engineers, and policy makers.

NEWSROOM

By Dameon Williams

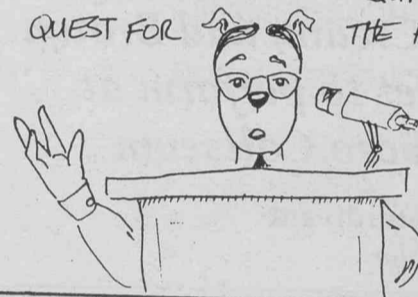
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Minister provides Aggies with spiritual uplifting

Dungee credits God for his ability to reach out, teach students

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

Upon graduation, many students will leave their respective colleges with an attitude of completion, never thinking of making a return to a college campus again. Few would ever consider making it a part of everyday life. But sometimes, it's the few like William Dungee that make the biggest difference in college students' lives.

Dungee is a 28-year-old college and singles Minister at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro. A native of Greensboro and graduate from Smith High School, he plans to transfer from GTCC to Guilford College to complete his Business and English Degrees.

Dungee has spent 12 years in the ministry and recently became an ordained minister. He can often be found in McNair and the cafeteria spreading the message of Christianity. Recently, he has spoken on A&T's campus at Barbee Hall at a workshop called "Battle of the Sexes."

He is also involved on many other area campuses. He recently conducted a leadership conference at Bennett College.

Tireless and energetic, Dungee is a minister who takes "teaching the principles of God's word" as students take their graduation. Truth is

the way that his message differs from other ministers.

"I never think that (college students) are not mature enough to handle the truth," Dungee said. In describing his message Dungee said, "We talk about truth and how to cause truth to be activated in your life."

Dungee conducts a college Bible study on Wednesday nights at Mount Zion which 200 or 300 students regularly attend. Dungee estimated that 30 percent of the students are from A&T.

Finding answers to students' questions

Dungee said of students attraction to the Bible study, "Everybody wants the answer that they've been looking for and haven't found. They want the truth about their situation, and the truth is that God has always been a deliverer."

Darian Reid, a 19-year-old sophomore who attends the Bible study described his attraction to Dungee's message by saying, "(Dungee) comes across on a level that we can understand."

Dungee's realistic approach to his ministry involves a lot of personal sacrifice including some intrusion into his personal life. Dungee uses his life experience as an example of how God can change someone.

Jason Carter, a 20-year-old junior from

Goldsboro, said of Dungee's ability to relate to college students, "At this age- when you are becoming an adult- people deal with a lot of different emotions. He understands those emotions and he knows how to help you through different situations."

"My whole life- anything that has happened to me- my mistakes- I share with people to show how God made my successes," said Dungee.

Dungee doesn't buy into the stereotypes that have been placed on "Generation X." Dungee said, "Generation X means a people without a purpose-that's a lie. They are Generation X, they are Generation X-ordinary. God imparted them with every thing they need to not only find a purpose for themselves but to also for the next generation."

Although Dungee's message has reached many people, he takes no personal credit for his popularity among college students.

"I pray that it's the presence of God, not charisma or any other character trait." Along with his ministry at Mount Zion, Dungee is also beginning to spread the message of Christ in other places.

Dungee has initiated a college Bible study in on the campus of Wake Forest. Dungee said of himself, "If people see any good in me it's because of the presence of God in my life."

Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar set to perform at Greensboro Coliseum

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

The Richard B. Harrison Players will be performing "Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar" October 25th through the 29th at the Town Hall Auditorium. The play was written by A&T faculty member Samuel Hay and was inspired by the Alice Childress novel *A Hero Ain't Nothin But A Sandwich*. Frankie Day Greenlee will direct the play.

The play focuses on the life of character Jamal Johnson who becomes involved with drugs and eventually hooked on crack cocaine. As Jamal's habit grows his responsibility lessens and he finds himself in trouble with his supplier. His family then intervenes to help save Jamal.

General admission its \$8. For A&T students admission is \$3. For Seniors, groups and students of other universities admission is \$5. The play will begin at 8:00 PM nightly, except on October the 27th when it will start at 3:00pm.

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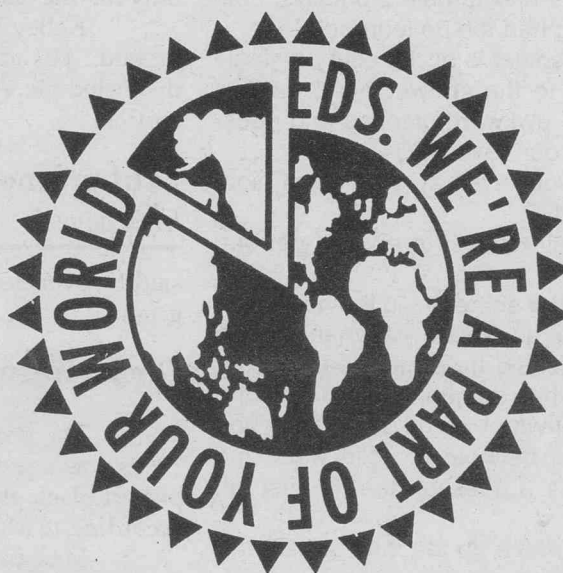
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Did Tupac discover violence or did violence discover Tupac?

By Josephine Kerr
Guest Columnist

"...When I die, it won't worry me, mama don't cry bury me a G," was just a few of the many profound ideologies expressed by rapper/actor Tupac Amaru Shakur.

Ironically at the age of 25, these words became a reality. On Friday the thirteenth at precisely 4:03 PM, Tupac departed this life due to complications from wounds acquired in a drive-by shooting. Whether violence discovered Tupac or Tupac discovered violence it was obvious that throughout his career Shakur was surrounded by trouble.

It appeared that a disturbed childhood coupled with an unrefined urban existence aided in the faulty foundation for Shakur's life. The son of a black panther it was clear that Shakur was a strong activist for the African-American commu-

nity. Although his knowledge of social and political issues were way beyond his years, Shakur was troubled with the same background that affects many inner city youth.

Plagued with such ills as a crack addicted mother, who was dependent upon welfare and the absence of a positive African-American male role model. Through his music, Shakur served as a focal lens to mainstream America; educating them on a foreign reality, the inner city.

Shakur raptured the music industry in conjunction with rap group Digital Underground as a background vocalist as well as a dancer. From there Tupac emerged as a solo artist selling millions of records with each new album released. For many artists, such as Shakur, the music industry is the only outlet from the "urban jungle".

Rapping about these past experiences Shakur assisted in formulating what would later be called "gangsta rap." While many individuals denounced Shakur's discerning talent as negative

and contradictory, millions of youth praised and gratified his music.

Specifically, many individuals question how someone can address the plight of African Americans, and at the same time refer to African American women in a derogatory manner. But to those people the question that should be posed is this, isn't life a contradiction, filled with people saying one thing and doing the opposite?

One of the most celebrated holidays in this country is Thanksgiving, it should be expressed that this holiday was built on lies. The pilgrims swindled the Indians land only to rejoice at the idea of sitting together and giving thanks.

Nevertheless, it is the notion of many people that these facets of entertainment induces individuals to act irately and immorally. Particularly, it should be noted that entertainment emulates life, and entertainers should not be held ac-

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What exactly is "Aggie Pride?"

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

So often, it is heard at social events. It's the calling card of those who are in anyway associated with North Carolina A&T State University.

It is the body, spirit and soul of the university, yet it is so amorphous that each person has their own idea of what it is. What is this unstoppable force, "Aggie Pride!"

Although many people know about "Aggie Pride," what answer do you give to the question, What does it actually mean to people?

Is "Aggie Pride" akin to "Eagle Funk," the calling of North Carolina Central students? Is it a cute phrase that carries no actual weight? Is it a party thing? Is it a university thing? What is it, and what does it mean to students?

D.L. Marsh, a 20-year-old sophomore, from Greensboro said, "Aggie Pride is coming to campus everyday and feeling good about it. It's that feeling you get when you walk across the stage at graduation."

Still to others it's deeper that. It seems to exhibit itself in your everyday life at A&T. Roosevelt Perkins, Jr., a 19-year-old sophomore from Greensboro, described Aggie Pride as, "the swelling feeling (you) feel each time A&T is mentioned. It is a spirit that is embodied in each Aggie."

'It's a sense of belonging and family'

To others "Aggie Pride" cannot be separated from the response it gets when a few Aggies are gathered together. Newly elected Miss Sophomore Christie Lyles, a 19-year-old, from Warner Robins, Ga., described it as, "The feeling I get when I'm in Lenox Mall in Atlanta and I can say 'Aggie Pride' and receive an 'Aggie Pride' response back. It's a sense of belonging and family."

Erica Hilliard, a 20-year-old junior from Charleston, S.C., defined Aggie Pride as, "(what) separates A&T students from other students at Historically Black Colleges or Universities."

SGA President Rasheed-Ali Cromwell defined "Aggie Pride" as being similar to "Aggie Spirit" or "family." Cromwell said, "It's something you feel."

Cromwell also feels that there has been a decline in Aggie Pride in the past few years saying, "People just don't feel it anymore; people don't feel like they are a part of A&T." To combat this feeling, Cromwell has initiated "trade-in days" on which you can trade in items from other universities for A&T items.

Yet some feel the simplest definition of Aggie Pride is the best. Robert Levine, professor in the English department described Aggie Pride simply as, "Being proud to be an Aggie."

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AT THEATRES OCTOBER 16

Racism still prevalent after years of progress

Sometimes, we need a wake-up call

"Some experiences are meant to help us grow as individuals, and others are meant to humble us. However, the best experiences are the ones that do both."

I'll never forget the day. It happened on a Saturday, just a couple of weeks ago. I was at the station, thinking it was a typical day in our newsroom. No breaking news, but still a rather busy day on the whole.

In fact, the day was almost over, just a couple of hours until our last show, and I was on my way out the door. Around 9 PM that night, I was in the middle of finishing up my last story when the phone rang. The only ones in the newsroom were just the anchors, the producer and I was the only associate producer there. That's the way it is on weekends.

Since the scanners by me weren't really that loud, the phone broke the silence, and my concentration, so I stopped to answer the phone. Little did I know the next five minutes were going to change my outlook on life itself as I knew it then, and wake me up out of my daily routine into a higher level of purpose and consciousness than the one I originally thought was my own.

An elderly woman with a soft, and rather raspy voice called the station. She had a story idea that she wanted our station to cover, so of course I was polite and listened. She said there was another elderly woman on life support in an apartment complex.

Her landlord raised the rent and her check she receives was just enough to cover all her bills, including rent and electricity.

Since the rent went up, the woman couldn't pay her electricity bill—meaning her life support machine would be cut off and her condition could get worse, or she could die if it was off for a very long period of time.

At first, I thought this would be an interesting story so I began typing in the information. Then she kept talking. She said that her organization was going to meet her church family at the power company to present them with a check to help pay the bill.

Her church raised some money also, but she was still short a couple of dollars. This made the

story a little more interesting, so as I was typing up her information, I asked her for her name and what organization she was affiliated with so in case we decide to do the story, we can call her.

She told me her name, but after she said what organization she belonged to, my fingers along with all of my bodily functions stopped for a split second in time as her sentence ended. She said she was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

That caught me completely off guard.

Of course, the conversation could have ended right there, but she kept talking as if she had something she wanted to get off her chest and needed someone to hear her thoughts.

The words Ku Klux Klan perked my ears up involuntarily, so I heard her very clearly, believe me.

At our station, we don't brush off our viewers, so I was obligated to listen. After all, I wasn't afraid of her, so I was confident I could listen while putting my personal biases aside.

As a professional, I needed to listen anyway. However, I still believe in justice and I am a strong black woman of principle.

Up until this point in the conversation, she hadn't said anything wrong to offend me. If only she kept quiet and let me end the conversation, everything would have been cool. However, in retrospect, I realize why she kept talking.

I wasn't in control of the situation, God was. He won't put us through anything he knows we can't handle. He also knew I needed a quick reality check, especially since I was the only black person in the newsroom on weekends, and the only writer on weekdays.

He felt my time had arrived. So, I took a deep breath, opened my ears, clinched my teeth and went back in time for about three minutes. They were the



Talking With Toy

longest three minutes of my life, because since I have a generic journalistic accent and good diction, she didn't know that I was black.

The woman with the raspy voice said that the Ku Klux Klan were really good people and that's why she wanted us to cover the event. I thought to myself: "Everyone's entitled to their own opinion", but I continued to listen.

She said they were not like the other ones that "burned and hung them niggers".

(No I didn't put dashes in the word, because I want you to see and read what I heard. In that way, the truth remains in its proper place in time. If I take out or alter the words with dashes, it's not a reality check anymore.)

She kept saying, "We're really good people at our lodge. We just believe that the niggers should stay with the niggers and the other Hispanics and others should stay with their own. We do good things..."

Then she went on to say, "It's not just the niggers, it's the government. They're always taking our rights away and giving them to them niggers and all. But Mam—(yes she called me "Mam", but she also used the word "our")—the Ku Klux Klan are really good people."

By this time, I needed to get back to my work, and I had heard enough, so I politely ended the conversation saying, "Thank you for calling, and I'll be sure to pass the story idea along. And by the way, I'm not a nigger, I'm black. Have a nice evening."

There was silence. I knew that if I lost my temper, I would have lost my job, and she would have won because she didn't think I belonged there in the first place.

So, I let her ignorance play herself.

Needless to say, she hung up. The producer asked me if I was okay. I explained to her what happened. She tried to console me as best she could and told me I could erase the message for the story idea because we don't cover the Ku Klux Klan.

I won instead. I left and went to the restroom not to cry, but to pray and thank God for the wake up call. I said the 23rd Psalm aloud, and returned to the newsroom with a renewed charge.

The woman's call didn't hurt me, but it hurt my heart because I felt our people go back more than 30 years for a brief moment in time.

Racism isn't in everyone, but it is still alive everywhere. Don't sleep on the technique. I may not have lived during the time when they slapped us, spit in our faces, hung us for no reason, made us sit in the back of the bus, or sent us to a different water fountain when we were thirsty. However, my experience was just as painful, because for the first time in my life, a member of the Ku Klux Klan called me a nigger more than once in the same night not just over the phone, but right in my ear.

Nigger this and nigger that. That stung like you wouldn't believe. I've heard us call each other nigger in jest—and sometimes not "in jest", heard the Fuhrman tapes and things of that nature—but there's something about hearing it the way I heard it.

When you go through something like that it changes your outlook on life and I'm a stronger woman today because of it.

I've seen racism, I've heard and read about racism, I've witnessed racism and even told others about racism—but until you experience racism, you haven't lived to fully appreciate the rights you have.

Remember, those rights are the results of the blood, sweat, and tears of those who came to pave the way before us. We need to make the best of our educations that our forefathers and mothers were denied. So, don't ever forget from whence we came, because we still have a long way to go.

Tupac

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countable for other people's actions.

It was discernible that Tupac represented many of the youth who are plagued by the inner city. More importantly, it should be stated that Tupac did not glorify violence yet recounted life as only he saw it, the violence expressed was that of many angry voices silenced.

If, Tupac's music glorified violence then does the music of Madonna, Prince, or even Marvin Gaye glorify sex?

As an actor, Tupac emerged on the scene with his first motion picture debut, in Juice. From there Tupac continued his acting career starring in movies such as Poetic Justice, and Above the Rim. At the time of his death Shakur had recently completed two more movie projects. Shakur was one of the first rappers to successfully make the transition between artist and actor, thus eliminating many barriers.

Like so many African-American males Tupac understood that his entity would conclude with violence. In songs such as, "Only God Can Judge Me", "If I Die Tonight", and "Lord Knows", expressed Shakur's detailed prediction of his death.

It was apparent that because of his lifestyle Shakur embraced "Thug Life," which consisted of people who could better relate to the inner city struggle. It is the opinion of many that because Shakur led this lifestyle that he was bitter with the world and unhappy with himself.

However, Tupac achieved more in 25 years than most people accomplish in a lifetime. Being at peace with oneself is not always a state of appearance but a state of mind.

On Sat., September the fourteenth, the family of Tupac Shakur held a private ceremony, in his memory. Like so many of our African

American role models the life of Tupac Shakur was interrupted far too soon.

"A coward dies a thousand deaths, a soldier only dies once," stated Shakur on his album *Me Against The World*.

Without any inquiry the rap industry suffered a terrible blow on Sept. 13, losing one of its most noted and powerful "soldiers." Tupac left an indelible mark on the entertainment industry probing minds and altering lives.

There is no doubt that Tupac can be noted as one of the most poetic and influential rappers of all times. As far as the music industry is concerned, Shakur can be paralleled to such leaders as Malcolm, Medger, and Martin.

There are no words that can ease the sorrow and pain afflicted upon the family, friends and fans of Shakur, but in the immortal words of Tupac "KEEP YA HEAD UP!!!"

New food services, cable and bookstore improve campus life

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

Students returning to North Carolina A&T for the 1996 fall semester witnessed at least three changes worth celebrating: installation of cable television in all dormitory rooms, new cafeteria management and university ownership of the bookstore.

The installation of cable services brings students broad access to a wide variety of channels and programs. The service includes the usual cable fare—movies, music videos and sports, plus several educational channels, historical and scientific programming, news channels and a university access channel that presents a cable chan-

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nel lineup and delivers messages specifically to students regarding cable problems and upcoming channel activation.

Students living on campus are also benefitting from a new food service provider. Formerly managed by Shaw Food Services, the F. A. Williams Cafeteria is managed by Marcorp. Students have welcomed the change.

"The food has greatly improved and the flexible hours are beneficial to my busy schedule," said Marcia Dawson, a sophomore. The new hours of cafeteria operation are giving many more students the opportunity to dine in the cafeteria or otherwise carry out their meals, and students say

the food quality has improved as well.

"The food tastes better than it did during summer orientation," said Shenita Melvin, a freshman psychology major.

The effect of the change in bookstore ownership, though less tangible, is substantial nonetheless. Not much has changed regarding the store and its contents, but as sophomore Courtni Claggett put it, "It feels good to put money back into the university, instead of giving it away to a business which does not have the best interest of NCA&TSU in mind."

Though some students and faculty members have grumbled about higher prices under the new ownership, bookstore officials insist that they are open to suggestions for continued improvement.

Drug use around nation universities, A&T continues to increase yearly

Students abusing marijuana grows each new school year around campus, parallel with the country's numbers

By Purity Blake
Staff Writer

In recent years, campus crime at colleges and universities has been the subject of news stories, TV talk shows, journal articles, surveys, conferences and books. This relatively new interest in campus crime has generated a good deal of attention and concern across the country, and led to some basic conclusions.

The vast majority of crimes committed on campuses are property crimes such as petty thefts, vandalism, malicious damage, or simple assaults resulting from usually trivial arguments. Several national campus violence surveys indicate that about 80 percent of campus crimes are committed by students to other students and that approximately 96 percent of violent crimes and antisocial behavior are alcohol or drug related.

Statistics from North Carolina A&T are consistent with this national snapshot. The most prevalent illegal drug on this campus is marijuana.

Violations jumped from 21 to 27

The total number of drug violations increased slightly from 21 in 1994 to 27 in 1995, according to the North Carolina A&T annual security report for 1995. It has become, some students say, almost "normal" behavior.

Nonetheless, they refuse to accept it. "I don't approve of smoking marijuana on campus," said Marcus McKoy, a junior majoring in business. "I don't want to get high off anyone's contact smoke. It bothers my sinuses and my eyes. We are supposed to be in an institution of higher learning. We are not learning anything if we are smoking marijuana or any other drug."

Donyell Brown, a junior, says students who constantly sit around and smoke marijuana aren't focused and thinking about their future.

"It's normal, and something that's become a regularity," Brown said. "The whole point of being here is to focus on education. People who smoke marijuana should realize that."

Becoming a trend of the 90s

Major Gloria Graves of the A&T campus police says marijuana usage is a trend of the 90s and preventative measures are taken to curb all drug use and possession.

"We hand out literature about drugs, hold seminars and have annual campus safety awareness programs," Graves said. "The main action that we have is just to continually arrest violators."

Sue Stroud, crime prevention officer at UNC-Greensboro, expressed a similar viewpoint. "We just have to keep actively making arrests and hopefully that will deter some activity," Stroud said.

Campus safety officials at Bennett College, Guilford College and Greensboro College were not available for comment. The downside

does not stop with the prospect of being arrested.

According to an article in the Feb. 1996 edition of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, heavy marijuana use may cause intellectual defects that continue after use of the drug ends.

129 out of 193 students admitted usage

The study findings were based on observations of 193 college students. Of that group, 129 professed to using marijuana 22 to 30 days out of the previous 30 days; 64 were "light" users, who had smoked only zero to nine days out of the previous 30 days.

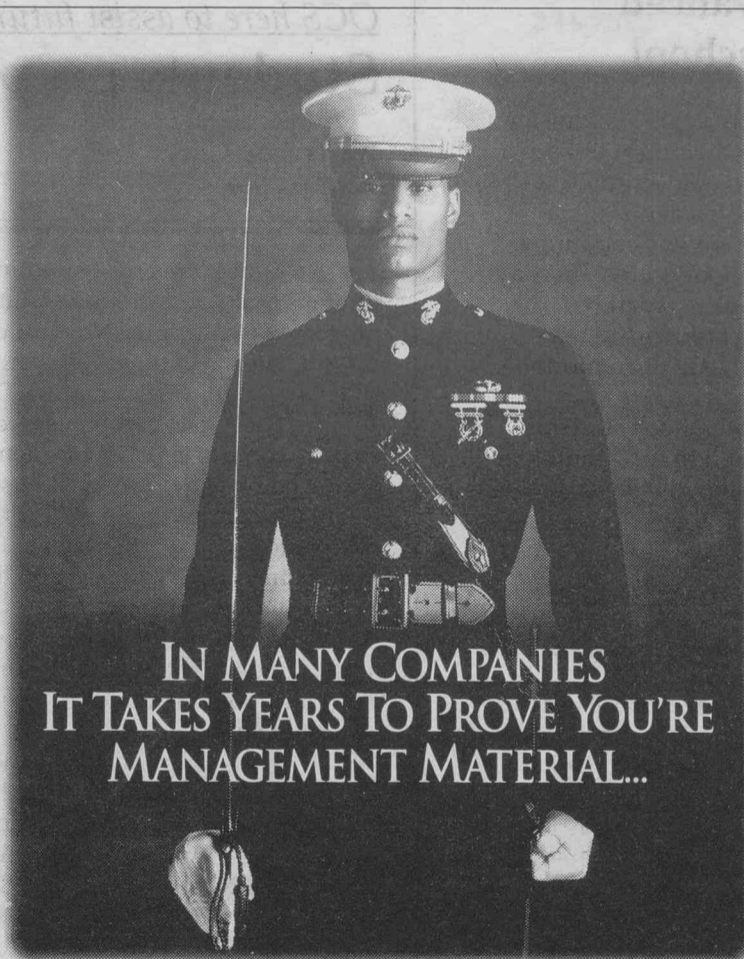
They were observed for at least 19 hours to ensure they did not use marijuana and were then given a battery of psychological tests. Al-

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--Marcus McKoy
Junior, business major

though marijuana did not seem to affect memory, it did affect attention, mental flexibility and learning.

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Recent survey shows Governor with big lead

Associated Press

The latest poll shows Gov. Jim Hunt with a 26-point lead in his bid for a fourth term, but his Republican opponent Cannon textile heir Robin Hayes- is not ready to throw in the towel just yet.

In a survey of 815 registered voters conducted by Mason-Dixon Political Media Research for several North Carolina news organizations, Hunt was leading Hayes 58 percent to 32 percent.

Hayes, however, was virtually unknown statewide last year when announced he would challenge Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot for the Republican gubernatorial nominations.

Hayes defeated Vinroot by attacking Vinroot's shaking stands on abortion, taxes and gun control.

Which is why Hayes says he is not concerned now about the polls. "The same persistence that got the turtle to the ark will get us to the governor's mansion," he said.

Hunt says his lead in the poll shows voters are satisfied with his third term. "People think North Carolina is on the right track and they don't want to turn back," he said.

Book gets advanced at local high school

Teachers and students at Grimsley High School have won their fight to keep a sexually explicit book on the required reading list for advance students.

A district-wide review committee for Guilford County schools voted Tuesday to keep "The Old Gringe" as required reading while allowing students to read alternative works if they are uncomfortable with the material.

Teachers said advanced students should be mature enough to read controversial material that is designed to be thought provoking.

Duke professor releases book about coastal hazards

Erosion and damage from Hurricane Fran proves his warning about the dangers of building on the coast were correct, Duke geology professor Orrin Pilkey said.

Pilkey has preached for years that development should be limited on the coastline because barrier islands are unstable.

He is releasing a new book and video about coastal hazards targeted "at people who are dumb enough" to build on an island.

Unwed Mothers dropping and the rest of the story

Fewer babies were born to unwed mothers last year, the first decline in nearly two decades-one fueled by a drop in the teenage birth rate, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported recently.

The CDC report states that one decline after 16 years of increases is far from proof of lasting turnaround.

But it was the fourth consecutive decline in the teen birth rate, which has dropped 8 percent since 1991.

Wallace assists Aggies prepare for future through Upward Bound Program

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

Of Beverly Wallace's many interests and distinctions, one takes precedence: Her role as director of the Upward Bound program at North Carolina A&T.

Upward Bound is a year-round, federally-funded academic support program that helps young people and adults prepare for higher education. It offers tutoring and remedial and advanced academic assistance in college preparatory courses.

Popular participants

Wallace proudly points to distinguished past participants in Upward Bound, such as Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, a former Rhodes Scholar who is now secretary of education and the arts; and John Quinones, a correspondent for ABC-TV's "Prime Time Live."

The secret to achieving the kind of success that Harmon-Schamberger and Quinones have achieved,

Wallace said, is really no secret at all.

Four steps to success

"Take advantage of opportunities, seek help when needed, reach further than you can achieve and take your studies seriously," she said. "If students follow these four steps, they will be well on their way to academic success."

Wallace's hope is that Upward Bound will "continue to provide services to students and remain on top of developments in society, especially technological advances." To accomplish this, she said, "We will have to be more selective of students entering the program by re-vamping our admissions guidelines to make them stricter."

The route to Wallace's own success began in her hometown of Greensboro, where she graduated from Smith High School.

She attained a B.S. degree in home economics from A&T, and an M.S. in home economics from North Caro-

lina Central in Durham.

Wallace joined Upward Bound as program coordinator in 1976, became a program counselor in 1979, and took over as director of A&T's program in 1992. Writing the proposal that secured funding for A&T's program, she said, is her greatest accomplishment.

Endless qualifications

She has participated and held positions in a number of other professional and personal capacities, including: recently receiving a certificate of participation in the Emerging Leaders Institute during the regional conference for TRIO personnel; serving as archives committee chairperson and scholarship committee chairperson for the N.C. Council of Educational Opportunity Programs; membership in the Southern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel; and assistant church clerk and president of the pastor's aid committee at Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church.

Wallace spends her free time reading and listening to jazz, rhythm and blues and classical music.

OCS here to assist future leaders

Students prepare for season of interviews

By Tracey Clay
Staff Writer

Your palms start sweating, your throat tightens and you feel little sweat droplets running down your arm. No, you don't have the flu. It's interview time. October 1 signaled the start of recruiting season at A&T.

Each year, companies from around the country come to interview students for summer, intern, co-op and permanent positions. The Office of Career Services publishes a list of which companies will be interviewing, the degrees or majors they are looking for and the dates when they will be on campus.

Additional information such as preferred grade point averages, terms of employment and potential dates of employment may also be included.

The companies that interviewed on campus Oct. 1-8 included: Arthur Andersen; Glaxo Wellcome; Rockwell Automation; United Technologies; Wachovia; Carolina Power and Light; Deloitte and Touche; EverReady; Hughes Network Systems; Los Alamos National Laboratory; the U.S. Air Force; Ford Motor Company; Intel; Target Stores; Cytec Industries; Johnson Controls; McGladrey and Pullen; LLP; Nortel; RWD technologies; BB&T; Bellcore; Chrysler; Coopers and Lybrand; Northrop Grumman; Union Camp; IBM; Motorola; and Olde Discount Stockbrokers.

Overcoming interview anxiety is a matter of preparation, says Joyce Edwards, association director for Career Services. Students should know the employer and their own strengths and weaknesses before they enter an interview.

"If a student knows that they are particularly proficient in an area which might appeal to the company's interests, such as knowledge of the Internet, they should present this information to the interviewer," Edwards said.

"If, on the other hand, they know that they have a particular weakness, like shyness,

they must find ways to either overcome it or work around it."

Edwards also pointed out that students possessing the ability to "sell" themselves have an advantage over other students. She emphasized the fact that employers like aggressive people who are willing to go after what they want instead of waiting for it to be handed or offered to them.

Students interested in interviewing with company representatives must register with the Office of Career Services. This year, the registration is being done on-line.

However, because of technical difficulties with this, the Office is still accepting a signed consent form and a resume for temporary registration.

Students must also sign up for a time slot to interview with the company of their choice. Spaces are limited to 11 companies interviewing 12 students each per day. Interviews are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hint: do your research

Students also are encouraged to research the companies they plan to interview with prior to the interview. One of the major complaints of last year's interviewees was that students had little or no knowledge of the company.

Pertinent information includes what the company specializes in, its target market, the types of positions available and the qualifications for the positions they seek to fill.

"Company representatives are very impressed when a student can walk into an interview and tell the interviewer his expectations of the company and what made him decide that he wanted to work for that company," Edwards said.

The Office of Career Services publishes a recruiting bulletin listing the names of the companies approximately every 15 days. The bulletins are available in each academic major department and in most classrooms, and a copy is always available in the Office of Career Services at Murphy Hall room 101.

Barrett

from front

ing," she said.

The conference offered a series of workshops and discussions designed to focus on the need to continue addressing safety issues that impact the university and communities in the region. A pre-conference was held the day prior to her speaking.

Barrett, a graduate of Atlanta University and Beaver College in Pennsylvania, commands a combined staff of more than 700 sworn officers and civilians, and a budget in excess of \$45 million.

She has received numerous honors, including the Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Drum Major for Justice" award, the Jean Young Community Service Award and induction into the Atlanta YWCA's Academy of Women.

Barrett also addressed the problem of drinking among college students, and the danger that it is not taken seriously enough.

"The least fun thing I've ever had to do in my life was to knock on the door of a parent of a child who got killed by a drunk driver," she said.

The solution, she said, is education on drinking and drug use.

In closing, Barrett encour-

aged those in attendance to pledge to making a safer campus and community.

"I hope the building of this legacy for safety is something you can be proud of," she said.

"The only thing that can stop you from being what you want to be is your own self-constraints. Fly as high as you want to go."

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Fellowship

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Luck added that Chancellor Edward Fort has played an important role in the success of the program. "The program is extremely fortunate to have the unprecedented support of Chancellor Fort," she said. No other chancellor in the program exhibits his level of participation i.e. personal contact, lectures on educational issues, as well as chancellor sponsored field trips."

Teaching Fellow Melody Chalmers, a junior English education major from Fayetteville, N.C., has enjoyed the many cultural opportunities of the program. "The cultural exposure has been the most enlightening and productive part of being a Teaching Fellow," Chalmers said. "I think I have gotten more out of A&T because of the program."

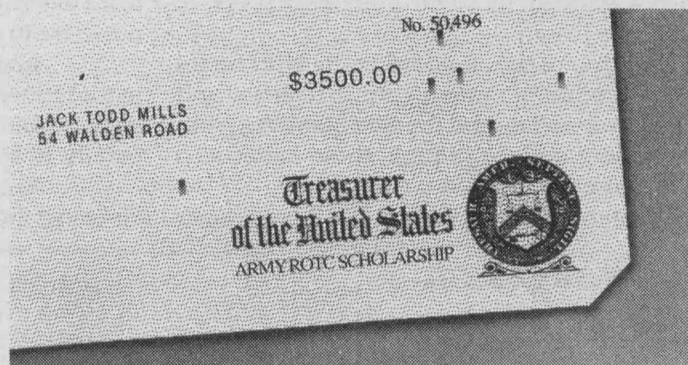
In addition to cultural exposure, the Teaching Fellows program provides networking opportunities to students. "We are provided with endless network-

ing possibilities because we are introduced to people that can provide us with professional opportunities that the average student doesn't have access to," said Teaching Fellow Teresa Robinson, a junior English education major from Enfield, N.C.

A&T Teaching Fellows also produce their own newsletter called "Teaching Fellows News." The newsletter provides information about Teaching Fellows activities during the semester.

Both Chalmers and Robinson write for the newsletter. "I enjoyed being able to write about what we do as Teaching Fellows," says Chalmers.

There are 14 institutions that participate in Teaching Fellows. A&T and North Carolina Central University are the only historically black universities that participate in the program.



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Student Union used for more than a hangout for some

As enrollment grows each year, school officials have to find means to accommodate for lack of housing.

By Aiysha Bey
Staff Writer

Students living in the Memorial Student Union? Approximately seven females from as far away as Connecticut spent their first week of school in the Union.

On top of the standard battle with financial aid and missing money, getting to know and tolerate the roommate and the ever-standing problem of finding a place to park, these ladies also had to find housing.

Determined to return to A&T, housing or

not, these students came back to school on "a hope and a prayer" that space would open up in the dorms. Most of these students were on the waiting list for housing but no rooms were available by the time school began.

Their prospects hit bottom when they lost the lottery. The director of housing, in conjunction with Dr. Sullivan Welborne, vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, found them temporary housing right on campus in the Student Union.

Every year, a handful of students return to school with little extra money and no relative, just a desire to learn, and come back to school with nowhere to stay.

In response to the problem, guest rooms in the Student Union are used for temporary housing until vacancies are found. There were approximately 10 spaces/five rooms available this year.

According to Mr. Moore, Director of Housing, the long estimated wait was three to five

days for a room. When it becomes clear that a particular student who has been assigned housing was not returning to the dorm, a vacancy was declared and students were able to begin moving out.

When news spread that students were staying in the Union, the speculation began.

Not a Housing Error

It was widely believed that due to errors made by the Housing Office, some students had been assigned rooms that were already filled. This is not true.

All students who had an adequate lottery number and paid the room deposit had housing when returning to campus.

Through true concern about students welfare and sincere Aggie Pride, these ladies have a place to stay.

New changes on campus welcome students back home

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

The changes taking place on the North Carolina A&T campus include renovation and construction, with some resulting confusion. Some buildings which were under renovation are now open, while some are still being renovated and have moved the department or services they provide to other locations.

Old Bluford Library, for instance, is now home to a state-of-the-art computer lab, complete with Internet and e-mail access. It's a well-kept secret, and students like Sanchia Spoons find this beneficial.

"Not too many people realize the building is open or that a computer lab is located on the lower level so there is not a long wait for computer access," said Spoons, a junior.

Though renovations to Old Bluford are ongoing, the Instruction Research Center on the lower level is open for business.

The Dudley Building, one of the oldest on campus, is the latest victim of extensive renovation. When the structural changes and adjustments are complete, the building will house an African-American Arts Museum.

"That will definitely attract many visitors to our campus," said Rick Stealey, a freshman.

The Dudley construction hasn't posed much of a traffic problem but has inconvenienced the administration and staff members who had to move their offices. Offices for the Upward Bound Program, the N.C. Teaching Fellows and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, among others, were displaced by the renovation.

Their new office is at 1020 Wendover Avenue. Dr. Josephine Luck, for one, didn't mind the change.

"Our new office gives us much more space so it was definitely worth the move," said Luck, director of the Teaching Fellows Program.

Tonya Smith, a sophomore, wasn't as optimistic about the move.

"I don't have a car and the building is not located on the main part of the campus," she said, "so it is extremely hard for me to get there when I have a meeting or appointment."



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Marita Golden presents health choices and advice

Editor of Ebony magazine spends the evening with Aggies discussing issues and topics found in her

By Katrina King
Staff Writer

Marita Golden, author and editor, was the keynote speaker at a symposium entitled Women, Reflections of the Past and the Keepers of Our Future, on September 25, in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

Marita Golden is the author of the auto-

biography Migrations of the Heart and novels, A Woman's Place, Long Distance Life, Do Remember Me, and her most recent book, Saving our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World.

She is also the editor of the anthology Wild Women Don't Wear No Blues: Black Women Writers on Love, Men and Sex, and with Susan Shreve, the anthology Skin Deep, a collection of fiction and non fiction on the subject of race by African-American and white women writers.

Native of Greensboro

Though Golden is a Washington, D.C. native, she always felt at home in Greensboro

despite the racism that pervaded during her youth.

"I remembered being loved and nourished while in Greensboro even though I could not go in Woolworth and eat at the counter," she said. There was a lot of racism, but I have always felt like a true North Carolinian.

"You leave the south, but the south never leaves you." She also added that she felt the south was a place for all people to find rejuvenation.

Golden wrote her most recent book, Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World, as a tribute to mothers because she

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Homecoming

from front

will hold 23,000 people, which according to Jake Wheatley, president of the political science society, is more than enough room for A&T students.

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"If we stop running off campus every time we want to hold an event, we can start forcing them (city officials) to give us some facilities here on campus. But right now they'd be losing money if they started to give us facilities. That would be like Burger King paying me to fry my own burger."

--Keith Bryant

Former SGA president of A&T

Wheatley feels that the extra room will just make the show just another concert instead of an A&T homecoming concert.

"Rasheed is using numbers that he knows does not exist," Wheatley said. "We don't have 8,000 students, we have about 6,100 students that really have to accommodate for. It is not unusual for us to go over the capacity."

"This just shows me that it was all about the promoter and how much money he wanted to make. We usually never sellout the concert, it's the step show that sells-out but I don't see them moving that off campus."

There is construction being done to the roof of the Corbett Arena. The Greek step-show and comedy show will still be held in Corbett, although, constructions is being done.

Student safety a factor

"It is not been confirmed yet, but there might be some problems with the roof of Corbett and the vibrations that come from speakers," Brodie said. "The step-show and the comedy show shouldn't be a problem, but it will be safer to have the concert somewhere else."

Keith Bryant, former SGA president, says to suggest that the roof will collapse insults the intelligence of a retarded person. Bryant feels the move to the Coliseum will take away from homecoming.

"I'm totally against this," he said. "I think the SGA president did this to help his image. People feel the way you define a good SGA president is through homecoming. We shouldn't be holding anything off campus with the way the city of Greensboro treats us."

"All the city of Greensboro wants is our money. If we stop running off campus every time we want to hold an event, we can start forc-

me to fry my own burger. Greensboro would lose money, so they don't see any reason to build us facilities just as long as we keep holding things off campus."

The Fugees, Tribe Called Quest, Busta Rhymes, Outkast and a special guest will perform Saturday November 2 at the Coliseum. Shuttle vans will be provided for students who do not have transportation to the show.

"Look, before we played our football games in Aggie Stadium we had to play them at War Memorial Stadium," Cromwell said. "That was the short term solution until we got an adequate facility on campus. I just don't think this will have anything to do with us getting facilities on campus."

"They fail to see the implications of this," Wheatley said. "All we're doing is adding to the study."

When asked to what study he was referring, Wheatley spoke of the idea of merging NC A&T and UNC-G.

"By us being shuttled down to the coliseum is going to show how long it will take for us to get to that side of town," he said. "The concert is probably going to be 50 percent white which shows that we can share certain events. Merging happens gradually, I don't think the SGA look at the long term ramifications of this."

Decision solely up to SGA

"I'm supporting the president," Dr. Sullivan Welborne, vice chancellor of student affairs said. "If the SGA feels the best thing is for the concert to be at the coliseum then I support that."

SGA is working with the economic empowerment subcommittee to organize a show on campus for students who do not want to hold their homecoming off campus.

Some students at the first full student body meeting were concerned about the treatment they may receive at the coliseum. Protesting students felt that with the concert being off campus, it will give the Greensboro police a reason to target A&T students.

"It is nonsense to think that by moving us off the yard, we're going to all of sudden act like good little n—," Bryant said. "Last year at the Central game, there was shooting. The people that usually cause the trouble are not A&T students."

"Incidents are going to occur especially when you schedule an all rap concert. In 1994 we had the safest homecoming ever because we didn't put on an all rap show," said Bryant.

"When you put on an all rap show you attract some immature high school students who cause trouble. If we have a well-rounded show with R&B acts included and work with security, we can have safe homecoming right here on the yard," said Bryant.

Cromwell says that he does not understand why it is when these

same people who protest having the concert at the coliseum are the same ones who are smiling when they get their degree at the coliseum.

Merger not true

"The coliseum is more comfortable, it's air condition plus I think our students will have a good time and they will see this was the best move," he said.

"And this thing about a merger-it's not true. That's just taking on a whole other level."

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Defense!

Aggies boasted perfect record as they roared to No. 2 ranking

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

With 10 veteran spots to fill, spots left behind formerly held by seniors like Jamian Stephens and Maseo Bolin, many Aggie fans have been waiting anxiously to see the newly revamped North Carolina A&T football team.

After finishing with a 4-7 overall record and a 2-4 conference record last season, Aggie football has been looking forward to rejuvenation.

FOOTBALL

After getting off to a 4-0 start by defeating North Carolina Central (38-31 OT), Winston Salem State (31-7), Fayetteville State (17-7) and Hampton in the conference opener (24-20) respectively, the Aggies have not seemed to have lost a step.

Through the first four games, the Aggies were ranked second behind Jackson St. on the Black College Polls. A major impact has been their defense, ranked number one in the MEAC. It's the return of the "Blue Death."

Though they may not have lost any steps, their dance has changed.

New Kids on the Block

With the emergence of two new kids on the block spearheading the offense, you might see the tango or you just might see the waltz. Sophomore Ben Garrett and freshmen Rodney Woodruff are sharing the job as call man for the Aggies.

Both have starting experience as an Aggie quarterback under their belts. Woodruff is most noted for his lightning release. He has completed 13-16 passes with only two interceptions, giving him an efficiency rating of 96.68% and a passing rating of 81.3%. He has 77 of the Aggies 210 pass-



Photo by Ariadne DeGarr

Aggies defeated the Eagles of North Carolina Central the last seven times in the annual classic.

ing yards.

Garrett is more of a chef, scrambling to leave the opposition hard boiled. Garrett has gained 128 yards in 24 carries, averaging four yards per carry. His longest run has been a breakaway for 42 yards.

Both gentlemen allow head coach Bill Hayes to get back to his base offense with more options and play-action. These two components are elements of the Aggie offense that dwindled away under Bolin but are now on the upswing due to the new quarterbacks.

Also new on the scene is sophomore Maurice Smith at the running back position. Smith was more of a special teams guy last year but this year, he has begun to shine.

Smith has broken through the defense to score a 50 yard touchdown and added a two yard bulldozer run for a score in his first two games at the position. Smith has gained 66 yards in five carries and averages an astonishing 13.2 yards per carry.

In the footsteps of Stephens

Sophomore Adrian Thompkins has been given the job of filling the shoes left by Stephens, drafted in the first round in the NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers. The holes on the right side of the offense have been just as big, as if Stephens never left.

The Aggies have gained over 1087 yards rushing compared to a total of 470 by their opponents, the number one rushing team in the MEAC through the first four games. The average rush total per game is 242.3 yards.

The Aggies have scored 12 touchdowns on the ground, compared to only two by their opponents. The rushing game has also played a major key in time control for the Aggies. The Aggies have converted 57 first downs on the

ground compared to 23 by the opponent. The average time of possession for the Aggies is 37:48 compared to only 27:11 for the opponents.

Sophomore Henry Douglas has stepped up in the absence of James Harris in the wide receiver position, averaging 10.7 yards a reception. He has caught three passes, one of which was a scoring catch.

"I'm very proud of my team. It feels like we are on track... The new quarterbacks let the Aggies get back to basics."

--Bill Hayes

Head coach of Aggie football team

The Aggie defense is still fairly rooted in experience with six seniors starting. Senior Toran James has moved from defensive end to middle linebacker, replacing Tim Johnson. James leads the defense in tackles with 23, 12 of which are unassisted. He has one interception and one broken pass to his credit as well.

Brian Pittman, last year's leading tackler, is still causing havoc in the passing game. He has broken up three passes and has a total of 21 tackles, 13 of which are unassisted.

Sophomore Troy Pelshak has secured the starting position at defensive end, after successfully filling in for an injure James last year. Pelshak played with a broken arm himself during the latter part of last season. This season he is back in good health, evidenced by nine tackles, two of those tackles caused a loss in yardage for the opponent.

Torri Costin is also causing havoc in the

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Missed kick leads to A&T's first defeat

Wire Reports

Despite missing three defensive starters and two weeks of competition, NCA&T fell one point short of upsetting the 16th ranked Florida A&M Rattlers Saturday.

With 31 seconds left quarterback Rodney Woodruff connected with Henry Douglas on a nine yard touchdown pass that moved the Aggies within one. Kicker Luther Leak, however missed his first PAT of the season giving FAMU a 24-23 win. Leak had kicked 16 straight successful extra points before the miss on Saturday.

The Aggies were without linebacker Toran James and defensive back Brian Pittman. They were also without defensive end Chris McNeil, who did not make the trip (a reason was

not given).

It seemed that the absences would cause the Aggies trouble early in the game when FAMU jumped off to a 17-0 lead. But the Aggies fought back to cut the Rattler lead to seven by halftime and then tied the game in the third quarter when Michael Basnight scored from four yards out.

Basnight ran 16 times for 163 yards, including a 84 yard touchdown which was the second longest rushing touchdown in Aggie history.

The loss dropped the Aggies to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. FAMU's win marked the third time this season that the Rattlers have won on a missed PAT by their opponent. The Aggies will host a much improved Morgan State team on Saturday at 1:30 PM.

Mason leads volleyball squad back to stardom

Durhamite, who has potential to be Player of the Week every week, simply wants to bring victories to A&T

By Mitchell Jennings
Staff Writer

The North Carolina A&T women's volleyball team has a rising star who will shine brightly throughout the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Lakeya Mason, a sophomore from Durham, is lighting up opponents in a dominating fashion. The industrial engineering major is 6-foot tall and has unlimited skills and potential.

Aggressive as she is on the court, Mason is soft-spoken in person.

"I'd rather talk through my

VOLLEYBALL

play on the court," she says, "plus it conserves energy."

Mason, who began her volleyball career as a seventh grader at Carrington Middle School in Durham, says support and encouragement from her mother has been a key to her success.

Descendent of athletes

In addition, she has benefited from being part of an active, athletic family. Her mother was a cheerleader in high school and her father, who died when she was 3 years old, was a football player at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University).

She also has a sister who is on the volleyball team and a mem-

ber of the band at Person High School in Roxboro.

Mason says this year's Aggie volleyball team has the ability to win lots of games.

"We haven't played anybody that we can't beat," she said.

Mason distinguished herself early this season, grabbing MEAC player of the week honors.

"She could be player of the week every week," said coach Kathy Roulhac.

Though Mason is perhaps the most talented Aggie, she has passed on playing any strong leadership role, leaving that to the upperclassmen. Her only goal, she said, is "to win - I hate to lose."

Whatever accomplishments Mason has attained have come in

spite of a serious illness. She was diagnosed with lupus during her freshman season, and advised not to work out or run in the sun.

Nonetheless, Mason managed to get the work done. Her time in a preseason one-mile conditioning test run was three minutes under what Roulhac required.

Her career choice

After her career at A&T, Mason hopes to continue playing volleyball, possibly on the professional beach volleyball circuit.

"If volleyball doesn't work out, I'll find a job in industrial engineering," she said. She also plans to attend graduate school at A&T, and to pursue her Ph.D.

Aggies place second in 3-on-3 tournament in Winston-Salem

By Wendy Wilson
Sports Editor

Baby Ruth and Gatorade cosponsored an annual three on three "Hoop It Up" basketball tournament Oct. 5-6 in downtown Winston-Salem.

A team of Aggies participated and walked away with second place in the overall tournament in their division. Kesula Rainey, Shakeema North, Iris Alexander and Jewlyn Harrington took these honors in the female division of the competition.

The team played a total of six games during the weekend and lost their final match 16-8.

Kesula Rainey said, "At first we were upset because we thought we did not win but when they called our names for second place in the tournament and we saw those plaques, we were glad."

BASKETBALL

Rainey played point guard for most of the tournament. Her accurate passing killed their opponents trying to follow the ball.

North offered her fake shot to defeat the opponents. Alexander dominated the boards with her rebounding skills and Harrington used her quick drop step to put the points on the scoreboard.

Rainey stated, "At first, we were kind of sloppy but the more we played, the better we got. We played our best ball on the championship court."

Rainey stated that she was considering playing in the tournament when it made a stop in Charlotte but was unsure about her teammates intentions.

Congratulations Lady Aggies!

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Football

secondary with 17 tackles, three interceptions and 14 broken passes.

Chris McNeil has proven to be the opponent's worst nightmare as he has eight sacks for 69 lost yards to his credit. McNeil is also credited with 17 tackles, 11 of those tackles cost the opponent a loss of 77 yards.

When asked about his special teams, Coach Hayes stated, "Count on lots of blocks and lots of returns. With the addition of a new kicking coach, Robert Parker, the kicking aspect of our game has gotten stronger as well." The kicking aspect of the game has truly emerged as one of the Aggies strong points.

Place kicker Luther Leak is four of five in the field goal department with a long kick of 38 yards. Leak is 14-14 in point after attempts, scoring more than 26 points for the Aggies.

Punter Monte Key has strengthened his game as well. Key has punted 16 times for more than 709 yards. He averages 44.3 yards a punt with his longest being 68 yards, lead-

ing the MEAC through the first four games.

When asked about the success of his "youngsters," Coach Hayes stated, "I am very proud of my team. It feels like we are on track." He credits the defense's success to "more aggressive play."

"We are getting more pressure on the quarterback." Hayes credits the offense's success to "more foot speed with lots of running and play action."

"The new quarterbacks let the Aggies get back to basics," he said.

Blue Death and Gold Rush

Coach Hayes said, "Our team will improve weekly." If this holds to be true, Aggie fans will welcome the return of the "gold rush" and "blue death."

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realized the struggle that they would go through in order to raise black men.

Feels black men demonized

"I wrote *Saving Our Sons* about how I raised my son, with all the violence in the world. It is a book about choices."

She added that she felt black men are demonized by society as a whole and the media.

"The media is never going

to change. I am more concerned with the black males as a whole and what they do," she said.

When asked about how she felt music was influencing the younger generation, she said, "All rap music is not bad. All rock music is not bad. There is evil in the world. There is always going to be evil in the world."

She was also asked how changes could be made to society. Golden responded, "We spend too much time on the actual issue rather

than how to solve the problem or make things better.

"Racism should not be an issue. It is so deeply embedded in the system that it is never going to change."

Parents had big influence

Golden touched on her reasons and inspirations for writing. "I always read a lot, was dreamy, and in another world. My parents encouraged me to write. They are very

important to me and my sole inspiration," she said.

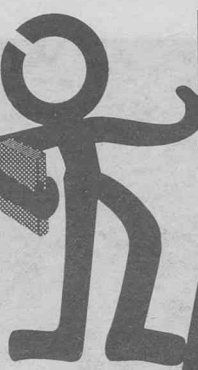
She added that the inspiration and guidance for anything should come from the home and parents.

Golden currently holds the position of Senior Writer in the MFA Graduate Writing Program at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. She is also the founder of the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Award for emerging African-American college writers.

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