Tension builds as elections approach

By Brian Holloway
Editor-In-Chief

It’s probably one of the greatest rematches of all times. Ranking up there with Ali-Frazier, the 49ers-Cowboys and the Celtics-Lakers of the 80’s. In the famous and over used words of Michael Buffer—“Let’s get ready to rumble!”

The challenger is democrat Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, first black graduate of Clemson University. In their last fight he lasted until the 12th round only to lose by the slimmest of margins, a split decision perhaps.

And the champion, he is known through out the world. He has been the champion for four consecutive and he is the undefeated and undisputed 75-year-old senator for North Carolina Jesse Helms.

Rematch from 1990 race

Six years ago Helms defeated Gantt with 53 percent to 47 percent with everybody from Denmark to Ireland interested in the race. It was the ideal headline. Here you had Jesse Helms, a powerful senator, who hadn’t been close to defeat in his elections. Going up against a man who grew up in public housing, broke the color barrier at Clemson and then became the first black mayor of a major city in North Carolina.

There is still some hype around the North Carolina senate race, but not nearly as much as it was in 1990. Now Gantt has a chance to sit down and really reflect on what is important in this race.

“It’s real important him to reach out to the younger generation,” Duane Marshall, a junior civil engineering major said. “I think that’s where he has Jesse Helms beat. If we can get every young black man and woman out to the polls, Harvey Gantt will have a chance to win.”

Gantt’s platform is as basic and routine one

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Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar addresses drug issue in African-American community

By Kevin Sturdivant
Features Editor

Addiction in the Black community is a serious problem. We have all read the staggering predictions of the future of black males. In addressing the problem of addiction, Samuel Hay, the Executive Director of the Theatre Department, wrote Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar. Crack, Cream, and Brown Sugar is a play which was inspired by the Alice Childrens novel, A Hero Ain’t Nothin But A Sand which.

The play focuses on 15-year-old Jamal Johnson, played by Phillip Joel Williamson and his addiction to crack. In attempts to help appease his girlfriend’s addiction to crack, Jamal meets with a dealer named Watusi, played by Vadell Richmond.

Although at this point Jamal is not addicted to crack, Watusi takes advantage of Jamal’s youth and convinces him to sell crack, but warns Jamal not to become a user. Eventually Jamal gives in to his curiosity and begins to use crack and ends up owing Watusi $1500 in “cream” or drug money.

Jamal’s on again off again relationship with crack forces his families involvement, whose members can see Jamal’s sporadic behavior and suspect his relapse.

Jamal’s mother Rose, played by Jayne Ward, grandmother, played by Margueretta Scales, and stepfather Butler, played by Ron Dorch all try to deny Jamal’s problem but when he begins to do anything, including steal from his own

home, to get money to satisfy his addiction his family takes just as drastic measures to save him.

His mother is willing to show Jamal tough love by forcing him to leave home, his grandmother is willing to use voodoo and his stepfather Butler, a former jazz musician, is willing to take Jamal on the road to help solve his problem.

But as Jamal’s habit increases his appeal to his family decreases. Consequently his family prepares to take more drastic measures to save him which include his grandmother’s obsession with putting Jamal out of his misery with her 22, and his eventual rescue which comes in the form of Butler sharing his past addiction habits and how he overcame with Jamal.

The play also comments on sexual addiction in the form of Kofi, Jamal’s best friend, played by Eric Kieron Johnson and Butler’s extramarital affair with Emma Lee Dudley, played by Kelli Brown. At one point in the play, Jamal and Kofi try to strike a deal in which Jamal will stop using crack if Kofi stops having sex, but Kofi backs out of the deal when Jamal mentions that the deal is to include all of Kofi’s sexual partners.

This play is a story of triumph. Each character has some minor addiction. Jamal is addicted to crack. Kafi is addicted to sex. Watusi is addicted to money and power. Grandmother is addicted to hatred. Butler is addicted to feeding his ego and image as a strong man. Emma Lee Dudley is addicted to her vain thoughts of her-
Students want more answers, attention for parking concerns

By Aiyyah Bey
Staff Writer

The controversial parking issue—too many students, too few spaces—continues to be a common gripe across the consortium.

Last year UNC-Greensboro students protested the decision to double their parking fees in order to fund a multimillion-dollar parking deck. Like their counterparts, North Carolina A&T students also complain about the high cost of the limited parking. The pressure is definitely on administrators to accommodate their students.

Most students claim that they are unreasonably inconvenienced due to the lack of parking spaces. Commuter students are especially upset. Senior business major Sonya Vines feels parking on campus is ridiculous. She recalls spending as long as an hour looking for a parking space before class.

"Most students who have 10:00 a.m. classes know they need to get there by 8:00 a.m. in order to get a space and then make it to class on time. They know that they have to keep their cars there all day because if you move, you lose," said Vines.

Lawrence Branch, a senior mechanical engineering major, (who also commutes) agrees, "The parking situation is terrible. There aren't enough spaces. It's a waste of money to buy a sticker because you have to park on a back street instead of being able to park on campus. Part of the problem is that they sell more stickers than they have spaces."

Chief disagrees with students

When asked about his view of the parking situation, Campus Police Chief J.O. Williams feels there is adequate parking. "It is not so much as no parking, but students want to park exactly where they want to go."

However, he estimates that there are roughly 3500 spaces on campus and an average of 3700 parking permits are sold. He believes this is justified since "not all 3700 students are on campus at the same time."

Williams compares A&T's practice with other schools in the consortium. "UNC-G and Carolina routinely well 30% to 50% over the amount of spaces they have. We sell about 1% over.

Another common complaint is the amount of tickets written daily. The accumulation of parking tickets due largely to inadequate spacing, doubles the cost of parking for many. Gary Morrow, a Junior business management major, remarks, "The police don't have anything else better to do than to check parking stickers. All I know is that I keep getting tickets. I've gotten about five total tickets the two years I've parked on campus."

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A major concern of the student body is the fact that nobody knows where the revenue generated from the parking tickets and tow-aways that occur daily on campus.

"There is a misconception about the great amount of parking revenue generated. Upkeep salaries are really expensive. The money goes to building parking lots, their repair and upkeep, and salaries for processing and enforcement staff," said Williams of the situation.

$200,000 worth of tickets, permits

Approximately $200k is the generated gross revenue from parking tickets and permits. After the expenses are paid, the budget usually goes over by about $300k.

Students feel that the university needs to do something immediately to alleviate the parking situation. The most common suggestion is to build more parking lots. According to Williams, in order to build more parking lots, money needs to be set aside each year in the budget until the money is saved.

This makes building another parking lot a long-term goal. There is currently a proposal to create spaces in the fenced area behind Marteena and Price.

Williams estimates that this will cost about $150k and presently, there is not enough money in the budget to fund it. Another possible solution, a shuttle service offered by the Greensboro Department of Transportation, is now being researched.

A single 24 passenger bus, including a driver would cost around $100k and would from parking revenue. There would more than likely be an increase in the price of parking permits.

Students have their own creative views on possible short term solutions. Morrow believes "They need to spend more of their time and money protecting the cars. Somebody broke into my car and messed up my ignition trying to steal it. More parking spaces, less parking sticker patrol."

Cost effective short term solutions are necessary until the money is saved for long term projects.
Jackson encourages Aggies to represent at the polls

Staff Report

Voter registration has been of vital importance on A&T's campus due to the upcoming elections. As a final step in securing a high voter turnout, the university coordinated a voter registration rally featuring A&T alumnus the Rev. Jesse Jackson. During the rally Chancellor Edward Fort stressed the importance of voting.

"The key is this," he said. "Get out and vote. If students don't vote, then programs designed for them, such as minority scholarships, could be eliminated." Jackson talked about how many young people are willing settle for what is given instead of striving for something more.

"If you have no dignity level then you have no insight level and you will not fight back," he said.

A&T prepares for future

Teachers, students exposed to Internet, on-line teaching skills

By Melody Chalmers
Staff Writer

Count the School of Educa-
tion at North Carolina A&T State University among those that have been caught in the rush to reach people through computers and on-line services.

Recent federal mandates require teacher education programs to emphasize computer usage and literacy. A&T's most recent response came in the form of an Oct. 10 workshop entitled "The Technology Possibilities." About 30 teacher education students attended the two-hour seminar, which was brought to Webb Hall via live telecast from Georgia.

The program emphasized the recent increase in on-line capabilities at many schools and the means for incorporating multimedia devices into lessons and developing innovative educational software.

Hedrick W. Ellis, a former teacher now serving as an educational consultant with Tom Snyder Productions, a computer software company, addressed a practical problem: How to serve a group of students when your classroom has just one computer.

The solution, he said, is simple: The COW, or Computer on Wheels. Ellis demonstrated that, by connecting a computer to television sets, several students can see what's being done on one computer.

Teacher's Workshop President Dr. Renel L. Bender, a former computer science professor at Clemson University and University of Georgia who has written a book on the use of multimedia and computers in the classroom, gave an introductory lecture and fielded the students' questions.

Diane Burnside, a language arts teacher from Fairmont, W.Va., discussed implementation of multimedia software and internet-based instruction in several curriculum areas.

Michael Brown, eastern region sales manager for One Touch Systems, focused on the expanding field of distance education.

Grades retrievable via phone

Staff Report

Beginning December 23, 1996, through the Office of the Registrar, all students will have telephone access to their semester grades and cumulative grade point averages.

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Halloween season brought more than just tricks & treats

By Brian Holloway
Editor-in-Chief

It is important for Aggies to vote on Tuesday. Not just for local politicians, but also it is important that they vote for a good presidential candidate or things might get a little scary.

Halloween will be gone by the time we elect the next president. However, going to the polls this Tuesday could be similar to Halloween. Filled with skeletons in the closet, horror stories if your candidate doesn’t win and politicians wearing mask to cover up their true selves.

However, the most resembling characteristic of this election is Halloween is the part when you ask for trick or treat. Mrs. Stanley down the street usually gave you a treat—chocolate, candy, bubble gum or a sugar stick. Don’t expect the same thing from our presidential candidates.

No, the only thing it seems we’re going to get is a trick. First we have Mr. Bob Dole, who is so desperate right now he’s going to Ross Perot for help. Obviously Dole doesn’t watch CNN. Because if he did he would know that Ross Perot thinks too much of himself to give even his little 5 percent chance of winning to Bob Dole.

If Dole watch CNN he would also know that he needs a lot more than 5 percent of the vote to beat Bill Clinton at this point. It appears that he’s having so much fun picking on Clinton, that he’s forgotten that it will probably be Clinton who has the last laugh on Tuesday.

If you pick Dole it will be more a trick than a treat. If elected, the education for a black man as we know could be in jeopardy. When he talks of cutting student loans and affirmative action, it doesn’t take a professor to figure out who he’s targeting.

As for Mr. Clinton, it seems he has the knack for getting into trouble, but never being punished for anything. Here’s a guy who has been accused of cheating on his wife, bad business deals and taking money from foreign countries to finance his campaign. Despite the allegations, he’s still 20 points ahead of Dole.

Bill Clinton has been fortunate enough to have a relatively peaceful global world around since he took office in 1993. However, that all could change if Boris Yeltsin health doesn’t get better and Russia gets into a civil war. Also if China’s threats to bomb Taiwan become a reality.

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STUDENT VOICES

Student questions OUR efforts to upgrade computer situation, to keep OUR money

After asking around, I learned that each room on campus is equipped with a special data box for telephones, cable and computers' modern.

On the little boxes that hold the phone jacks and cable line hookups, there are two other plug-ins. They are labeled "data 1" and "data 2." Currently, if you hook up your computer and modem to the telephone line for Internet access, you are disconnected each time someone calls the room. This is quite irritating and inconvenient.

These data plug-ins are supposed to solve this problem by giving computer users a line free from incoming calls. Each student would receive their own line for their computers' modem.

Problem is, the university hasn’t activated these lines yet. I question it if is because it is too expensive for each room to have three telephone lines instead of simply one?

I find this appalling that we are not entitled to this service. Computers are the future and here at A&T, we are falling behind in computer literacy. Rumor has it even our computer labs are going to be closed down early each day like 5pm next semester because of lack of funding.

How does the computer aspect of the university not get enough money to stay open for a “world-class” university, yet we can afford to have a concert at the Greensboro Coliseum? Isn’t that money we are losing by having an event off the yard where you should keep the money we spend here on campus to improve our home?

After all, the concert is one of the state’s largest money making events! How can we allow the money to slip out of our hands?

I say we hold OUR events on OUR home, keep our money in OUR pockets.

Call me arrogant and selfish, but I do not see THEM doing anything for us!!!

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Men of Scott C demanding administration to improve living conditions in dormitory

In the residential hall of Scott C, we have been struggling in our attempts to get a functioning change machine. We question why?

After two months of hearing the Physical Plant and administration it was going to rectify this problem, we have been patiently waiting and waiting and...

And we're tired of waiting! How can we claim to be attending a world class university and we can't even get some quarters to wash our clothes?

What is the administration waiting on? We wonder if the other dorms are suffering from this same insulating lack of attention.

Actually, our machine was fixed for a few days. We suppose the overflow of usage from almost all of us, just eagerly waiting to use it, put the cheap piece of, yes, out of commission.

Does the university even know about these conditions? What

Editorial

Then you never can tell what Iran, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia's pots are always boiling. Add Korea, Bosnia and the Persian Gulf to the recipe and the Clinton's peaceful pot may boil over. The Wall Street Journal recently reported that much of Clinton's campaign money comes from the Indonesian Ruddy family.

It is not good for Clinton to receive money from a family in cahoots with a foreign dictator to influence the American election. And besides that it's a campaign crime. Again Clinton getting into trouble but not being punished. Despite Clinton inconsistencies, he may be the sweetest piece of candy in the bag. Just imagine a Republican president with a Republican senate, that is real scary. Plus the stock market has gone up 2,300 points since Clinton has been in office and crime as decreased significantly.

We must not forget about Ross Perot no matter how hard we try. It must be a great feeling to be so rich that you have nothing better to do than run for president. He's able to finance his own campaign and even if he loses he can just use the election as a tax write-off.

Yes, Ross it must be nice. Ross is definitely a trick. And entertaining one nevertheless.

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Bluford Library serves dual purpose improvising for lack of hangout spots to chill at on campus

By Ronda White
Managing Editor

For students here at A&T, the academic challenge of attending a "world-class" university is a constant struggle. Aggies have been meeting and exceeding that challenge, as well as staying on top of the social scene, in ways that might surprise a few.

For students, the best way to cope with academic stress is to incorporate a social activity. But unlike other Greensboro colleges or universities, there are not a lot of things to do around the campus. Actually, there aren't really any. No bars, no late-night eateries, no coffee cafes—nothing.

Enter Bluford Library. For the past several years, the campus library has served a dual purpose—to provide resources to its students, as well as being a haven for social and study bugs.

Not your average scene

Check the scene. As you enter the library, there are flyers taped to the wall, "Dr. So & So's study group is meeting on the second floor"; in the lobby several students stand around talking, waiting for other students; someone is making a phone call, "Where are you, we were supposed to meet at 8 o'clock?"

On the second floor, you can forget about finding a seat. Every table is decorated with text-books, library books, notebook paper and some-times, the weary arms and heads of frustrated students.

"If you really want to study in the library, you have to just go in there and get lost—don't make eye contact with anyone," Kennedy says.

But for now, throw out the idea of the library being for geeks and nerds or people who have no social life. At A&T, if you haven't been to the library, you haven't been in the mix.
No barrier too strong to hold Lee back

By Chowan Green
Staff Writer

What Patricia Lee has experienced in her 45 years is, on the one hand, not unusual. She grew up in a large family, much larger than what is common today. She endured her share of racial discrimination. She was married, bore two children, and is now divorced.

But there is another side to Lee, and it sets her apart from just about any 45-year-old that you know.

She is, believe it or not, a college freshman — and she lives on-campus in Holland Hall.

The road that brought her to this point in her life was filled with hardships that only a strong woman could survive. Patricia Lee is that woman.

"I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengthen me," she said.

Speaking to her, and bearing her tale, one can feel the strength.

She was born in 1951 in Roanoke Rapids. She and her seven sisters live many miles apart now, yet they have remained close.

"I was raised in a loving home which was poor in money but rich in love," she says.

In her own life, she continues what she was taught - giving and sharing love.

Her son, Edwin Sykes, is a sophomore at A&T, and her daughter, Felicia, lives in Charlotte. Patricia and Edwin speak daily. When they pass each other on campus, Edwin said, he introduces his mother to his friends - though they sometimes don't believe him.

The only downside to her mother being here, he joked, is that sometimes it's just like being at home.

Enrolling at A&T brought Lee physically closer to her children, but that's only part of her motivation. To take on such a task, pursuing a nursing degree at age 45, required something more.

She explained.

"I want to be the first black Florence Nightingale," she said.

Her list of ambitions is long. She won't stop with a mere bachelor's degree, she says, but will obtain her master's and doctorate as well. Ultimately, she wants to work in geriatric nursing. Barriers, she says, will not stop her - and they never have.

Lee graduated with honors from John Armstrong Chalmers High School, a school that no longer exists, in Roanoke Rapids. She attended Stansky Community College in Albemarle and then Halifax Community College in Weldon, NC.

As a child, she said, she experienced many racial barriers - yet always knew that they would not stop her and that she would attain her goal of helping people as a nurse.

She remembers the white family that lived near her as a child, and how she and her sisters would play with the white children. And she remembers the day that it ended.

One of the white children came to Lee and, much to her surprise, told her that their father had said that if they continued to play with Lee and her sisters that they would have to paint their faces black.

From one of her sisters, who sued her employer for racial discrimination and won a multimillion dollar verdict, Lee saw the means for fighting back against racism.

Those experiences and others like it stuck with Lee, yet they did not wear her down. Instead, her resolve became stronger. We live in a racist society, she says, but a black person can reach their goals if they are strong and determined.

For examples of that, she could start with herself.

Ntuen flies WVU without any regrets

By Sylvia Tabron
Staff Writer

Impressed with the student population at North Carolina A&T State University and convinced that he could really "teach" here, Dr. Celestine Ntuen left West Virginia University 12 years ago and has not looked back since.

Ntuen teaches industrial engineering - the integration of machinery, manufacturing and machines and how they operate in the workplace. His purpose, he said, is simple: "To develop knowledge to my students and skills."

In 12 years, as much as his students may have learned, he has learned something as well: patience and tolerance.

He has achieved a great deal as a teacher, he said, but still has goals to reach.

"My... students need to develop a sense of discipline," Ntuen said. With that accomplished, he said, 99 percent of the job would be done - but that catches a lot of work.

The 15 to 20 students enrolled in each of Ntuen's classes is hit with their share of basic assignments, but Ntuen always has a higher goal in mind - teaching them to transfer their problem solving skills from the classroom to what he calls "real life."

Twelve years have shown Ntuen what can make or break a student. Those who struggle tend to lack motivation, work too hard or work too much at outside jobs, he said. Many successful students, on the other hand, ask questions or continuously seek help.

Ntuen will soon have the chance to put his philosophies in practice in his personal life. He has four daughters - two in high school, one in middle school and one in elementary school.

Where they will attend college, he said, is not yet known. "But they are going," he said with a smile. "They have no choice."

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Impact of elections will be felt for years to come

It's the first week of November and that time for the presidential election. Back in 1992, black voters proved to be very loyal to the Democratic Party. That year, President Bill Clinton carried 93 percent of the African-American votes. Can he do the same in this year's election? With a look at our options this year, it looks as if history may repeat itself.

Interest rates are staying the same. Laws and bills are being passed left and right. It's all a part of what I like to call Clintonomics**: To get as much done between now and election day so he can show and prove.

After all, Clinton is a really good politician, isn't he? Aside from the little bumps along the way like the Whitewater trial and the FBI files saga, his track record as far as progress goes looks pretty good.

Unemployment rates are down on the whole. The stock market is pretty stable right now. Granted these are not the best of times, but they sure aren't the worst.

So when we go to the polls, will we take all of the aforementioned factors into consideration, or will we just vote for Clinton for simpler reasons? (1) "He's a Democrat," (2) "He's our only hope," and (3) "No one else will be" willing to make decisions on behalf of our interests and concerns so we'd better have at least four more years of 'security'.

Those are just a few of the comments I've heard during this year's campaigning. Honestly, I don't blame them for this rationale. We all remember what happened in the Bush-Reagan eight-year era of Republican domination. Or deficit increased. The recession hit us. Unemployment rates went up with interest rates. Those were some pretty bad times.

If you were old enough to remember, blacks had a tougher time surviving during those years than anyone else.

So maybe we do feel "safer" with Clinton, but what do our leaders have to say? So they agree with us? Jesse Jackson is just one of many black voices of America. What does he have to say?

According to his speeches, aside from the one he did here at his Alma Mater, Clinton is the ticket. For those of you who stayed up long enough to hear his speech at the Democratic National Convention, you may remember that his "keep hope alive theory" flowed throughout his message. Keep hope alive meaning, "Listen up, he may not give us everything we want, but he's willing to listen and give us more than the others over in the 'House of Republicans' ever will. Clinton is our sign of hope, and by putting him back in office, you can keep it (hope) alive."

Think about it. When it comes down to the choice between President Clinton or Senator Bob Dole, do we really have a choice?

The Republican Party knows we don't have anywhere else to go. They don't want us, but to get into office, you can rest assured that Bob Dole will gladly accept your vote to get the electoral votes he needs to win the numbers game.

Of course, there's a black spokesperson for the Republican Party too: Colin Powell. He's a great speaker, if I must say so myself, but it will take much more than one great speech during prime time of the Republican National Convention to get me to switch tickets.

You can't fault him for being a Republican. Before 1939, most blacks were Republican. However, that doesn't mean that I should go back without proof that the change will shift in my favor. Sorry Dole.

Let's face it, deep down inside, blacks don't trust the Republican Party as a whole. Besides, one black face can't paint a pretty picture over the nightmares your party has given us.

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Spike Lee produces yet another hit film discussing black issues, concerns

By Marq King
Staff Writer

Don’t call it a comeback; Spike was here the last two years. The question is where were you? With the exception of Girl 6, the black community has seen two very well-crafted films in the form of the misnamed Clockers and lyrical suspense drama Clockers.

Unlike the majority of films this season and more importantly, Get on the Bus is worth the price of admission. The plot revolves around the interaction between the passengers of a bus traveling from L.A. to the Million Man March.

The provocative Lee deftly uses the characters to discuss various issues afflicting black folks. Charles Dutton, as Roc, plays the content, hard-working family man. He is the positive catalyst constantly inspiring the voyagers, providing common-sense perspectives and propelling the story.

André Braugher, from Glory and Murder One, is the insecure, misogynous, pompos, shallow actor Flip. Flip could be called the negative catalyst. He is the converse of Dutton. He constantly confronts those who he feels superior to, threatened by in order to solidify his place in the group pecking order.

This is also enhanced by Braugher’s dark complexion, he doesn’t seem to be pretty enough to be an actor. His confrontations lead into two minor discussions: color consciousness and homosexuality.

Roger G. Smith plays the stereotypical confused mulatto, Darrell. Although prominent, Spike treats the character very harshly. Embittered, Darrell is out for revenge for his father’s murder. Spike sets up Darrell at least 10 times to display a traitorius attitude; from hisuffriend’s initial assertion that he has nothing in common with them, to his promise to try to destroy a reformed Crip by the name of Jamal.

Gabriel Casseus plays, Jamal, the reformed gang member now youth counselor; Jamal represents salvation and brotherhood.

Ossie Davis is a dying old man looking for redemption. He is the spiritual guide on the journey, the soul of the men’s aspirations. The other vocal passengers (notice the three men who never speak) are hope represented in the form of a U.C.L.A. student (Hill Harper), a comedian full of one-liners (Steve White), a gay couple on the outs (Isaiah Washington and Harry Lennix); and a small time black bubble gum manufacturer (Bernie Mac).

The strongest performances were delivered by Thomas Jefferson Byrd and Deandre Bland who played Evon Sr. and Evon Jr. The father and son were burdened by a court order for the son to be tethered to father for 72 hr.

In the case of both actors it was the physical nuances which seemed to define and detail their characters. Evon Sr., the errant father, always seemed the to be leaning or off balance with his head always moving in a capricious snake-like manner. It intensifies his characters negative projection and implies a history of drunkenness.

Is he man trying to climb back up from a mistake through shame and uncertainty; Junior’s facial contortions voice all of his feelings with a impulsive and unabashed honesty which is almost surreal. Junior means everything he says. It represents the goal of the journey; the salvation of the black youth.

Get on the Bus is a complete work. I strongly recommend this film to all people concerned with the plight of the black community. Get On the Bus is Spike’s strongest example of story telling since Do the Right Thing. The unsophisticated manner in which the story is related makes it more accessible to the audience than Clockers.

The key factor was the lack of subtlety. The environment of the bus allows the passengers to say things they would not ordinarily say. If you listen closely you will notice that the characters are speaking at each other; instead of to each other. The setting allowed Spike to make more speeches, because you can’t truly begin to know someone in 72 hr, snap judgments are appropriate in the context of this film. Spike achieved his goal, because if you are reading this article you have probably talked to someone you respect about our movie.

For those who have lost faith in Spike, or those who were pleasantly surprised check this or reminisce. The first bus driver became disinterested, consequently he lost his path. Notice Darrell’s lack of rhythm, and singing voice.

Is Flip telling the truth about getting the part with Denzel Washington? The Spotted Owl is an endangered species.

Ossie does not speak much after the fight; why?

EDGE SALUTES MEN’S INTRAMURAL EXCELLENCE

The North Carolina A&T State University Aggie football team has come out racing on the Black College Polls after a lackluster season last year. Placing as high as second (to Florida A&M after a one-point loss), the Aggies now stand as the sixth ranked team on the Black College Polls.

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SAVE YOUR SKIN.
College basketball fever already beginning to stir

By Brian Holloway
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After dramatically taking the NCAA berth out of the grasp of Coppin State for two straight years, the North Carolina A&T basketball team decided to take a year off from March Madness, “The Big Dance” and any other cliché you can think of.

The Aggies suffered through a 10-18 season last year, as head coach Roy Thomas struggled to find a lineup that suited his team. With the Aggies out of the picture, Coppin State’s ticket to the big dance went to South Carolina State last year. The Bulldogs destroyed Coppin State in the MEAC championship game, leaving Coppin State with another great season but nothing to show for it.

Even with all their past failures in the MEAC tournament, the Eagles should again challenge for MEAC supremacy. Of course, it’s the tournament that has bitten Coppin State where it hurts, which makes for an interesting regular season as teams position themselves for the upset.

The A&T Register
Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Basketball Projections:

1. Coppin State
Location: Baltimore, Md.
Nickname: Eagles
Capacity: 5,000
Coach: Ron Mitchell
Coppin State has dominated the MEAC regular season over the past seven years. Their last trip to the NCAA’s, however, came in 1993. In 10 years Ron “Fang” Mitchell has averaged 18 wins a season as Coppin State’s head coach. Don’t look for anything less from the Bulldogs this season.

The Eagles return five starters including 6-6 forward Tequin Mott (19.0 ppg, 7.4 rpg and 64 percent from the field), who had thoughts of entering the NBA Draft after his successful junior season. The other returnees are guards Antoine Brockington (12.0 ppg) and Julian King (6.0 ppg) and forwards Jerel Seamen (3.5 ppg) and Reggie Welch (16.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

The Eagles recruited four heralded freshman to help them get over the MEAC title game hump.

2. South Carolina State
Location: Orangeburg, S.C.
Nickname: Bulldogs
Capacity: 3,200
Coach: Cy Alexander
After tying Coppin State in the regular season, the Bulldogs dominated the Eagles in the MEAC title game. However, gone from that MEAC championship team is all-conference performer Derrick Paterson along with two other key performers in the frontcourt—all of which will make it hard for the Bulldogs to compete up front with likes of Coppin State and N.C. A&T.

Instead, the Bulldogs will depend on their backcourt to get them to the NCAA tournament. Rodney Blackney, a 5-10 blur and Rokie of the year in the MEAC, will be depended on to lead the Bulldogs. Blackney is excellent at passing, scoring, defending and even rebounding.

3. North Carolina A&T
Location: Greensboro, N.C.
Nickname: Aggies
Coach: Roy Thomas
Although it crushes our heart not to pick the beloved Aggies No. 1 in the conference, we know when MEAC tournament time comes, the Aggies usually have an upset up their sleeve.

After suffering through countless lineup changes and a 7-8 MEAC season, the Aggies should jump right back into contention. Thomas returns six key players from last year, three of whom were playing together for the first time after transferring in. Thomas, who likes to double up junior college talent, should have all of his newcomers and transfers from a year ago ready to play as a team. Returning for the Aggies is 6-4 senior guard Tank Beasley, who averaged 11.0 ppg. Jamel Grey will handle the point guard duties, while Kimani Stewart and Marcus Williams will add inside power.

The new kids on the block could cause trouble in the league. Hampton split two games with South Carolina State last season and was competitive against George Washington, Old Dominion and James Madison. Jafoné Williams, the Pirates’ top player, graduated in May, which leaves the Pirates with a 25.0 ppg gap to fill.

Guard All Bell, who averaged 15.0 ppg last season, and Torrey Farrington (4.1 ppg) should help fill the gap. The Pirates also return seven players who saw significant playing time a year ago. Hampton also has four freshman coming in to help them during their first campaign in the MEAC.

4. Hampton University
Location: Hampton, Va.
Nickname: Pirates
Coach: Byron Sanders
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5. Bethune-Cookman
Location: Daytona Beach, Fla.
Nickname: Wildcats
Coach: Maurice Sheals
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BASEBALL

A&T’s baseball team prepares under new coach, outlook

By Mitchell Jennings
Sports Writer

The North Carolina A&T baseball team has a new coach and a new outlook.

Mike Shumate has spent his first weeks on the job looking for improvement on a daily basis. Spring may be a long way off, but high expectations have translated into high intensity in fall workouts.

“When we play our intrasquad games, we play it like we’re playing (defending NCAA champion) Louisiana State University,” Shumate said. “We play our intrasquad games with a lot of intensity. That way when the season starts we will be able to relax and have fun.”

Right-hander Corey Lima, a senior whose fastball flirts with the 90-mph mark, leads the pitching staff. He is joined by right-handers Sharee Hopper, Jayson Moore and Reggie Burns and left-hander Jamaal-Stewart Cook.

At Holland, Jr., son of former pro pitcher Al Holland, is a candidate for pitcher and catcher.

Shortstop Rodrigues Thompson is expected to again be the offensive leader.

The remaining question is whether the rest of the Aggies will follow suit. So far, Shumate is optimistic.

“I want to see progress as a team and build a strong program,” he said.
Parking

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Branch says that "If they can't build anything, they need to say freshman can't have cars." Vines agrees. "They need to restrict freshman from having cars. They are already guaranteed housing."

Since this seemed to be the general consensus among upperclassmen, a recent study was conducted. Williams reported that despite contrary belief, the number of freshmen with cars was not significant enough to warrant their decision. Branch also suggests "They should reserve the Union for commuter students but I don't want them to have another excuse to hand out tickets. Administration could also work-out a deal with the Masonic Temple lot is empty all day long, just like the adjacent baseball field parking lot. They should let students park at the stadium and then take a shuttle of students 10 minutes before and after the hour back to campus."

Although, these seem to be logical quick fixes, the only current parking project benefits visitors over students. Meters are being put in front of the Union to accommodate A&T's visitors, many of whom get ticketed or towed. The same thing will occur at Dowdy. This will eliminate the need for temporary parking permits. The meters are designed to be more user friendly and at the same time generate revenue. It's more like a service. It was suggested that students without parking stickers would benefit from this as well.

It appears that the most current parking changes are not designed to benefit the students. Long term, costly projects, like a parking deck have been discussed for years. According to Williams, UNC-G's parking deck ran over $8 million dollars for 600 spaces. This doubled the price of their parking stickers. They went from $100 to $200 to help pay for it. A&T student parking stickers are the third lowest in the 16 school consortium.

"A lot of people think it is our fault. They (faculty) run the parking committee and make the rules. We just enforce them. I personally feel that there is too much emphasis on faculty parking, when it is the commuter students who are getting the raw deal."

"There are approximately 2800 on-campus students and they can park near their dorms and walk to class. But there are about 4000 commuter students who have the hardest time trying to find a place to park."

The plight of the commuter students is a point on which administration and students both agree. Vines, Morrow and Branch (all commuter students) complain they are tired of having to get to campus two and three hours early before the start of their first class and being chained on campus all day, in fear of losing their spaces.

As time progresses, more and more students are becoming disenfranchised because of the parking situation.

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