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Nikki Giovanni coming to A&T, page 2

THE A&T MARCH 13, 1997

New doctor sold on HBCU experience

By Jaimee Canty Staff Writer

There is a new doctor at North Carolina A&T's Sebastian Health Center.

Enriko Jones, a Nashville, Tenn., native, came to A&T through the Karl Bertrian internship pro-

Jones, who is a resident at Moses Cone Hospital and will work part-time at A&T, took his bachelor's degree from Tennessee State University, another historically black school.

"Attending a black university was a positive experience for me," Jones said, "because it gave me that 'at home' feeling that you don't get anywhere else."

At the age of 35, Jones graduated from medical school on Mother's Day of 1995. Prior to becoming a doctor, he was a deputy sheriff in Nashville, Tenn.

"When I became a sheriff, my goal was to make a little money and to pay off a few bills that had piled up," he said.

After serving as a sheriff for seven years, and hating the thought of another day at work, he realized

it was not the right career for him. "Being a policeman was not what I wanted to do," he said. "It was an unfulfilling, thankless job" which "left little room for creativity or mind expansion."

In medicine, he found a field that meets his needs. Above all, he said, it is not monotonous.

Giovanni will share her pride, passion with Aggies in Union

Nikki Giovanni, a noted poet, writer and passionate lecturer will be the keynote speaker at North Carolina A&T State University at 1p.m., March 13 in the Student Union Ballroom.

The program is sponsored by the Student Union Advisory Board and is open to the public free of charge. Giovanni will speak on the topic "Civility," and she will also present her newest book entitled Racism 101.

Giovanni's works have inspired readers. She currently teaches writing, poetry and literature at Virginia Tech. under the Commonwealth Visiting Professor Program.

Over the past 25 years, her outspokenness, in her writing and in person, has brought the eyes of the world upon her.

According to Giovanni, dramatic change has taken place in American society since the roaring out of the Black Arts Movement in the late 60s.

She writes about racism and civil rights and is uncompromisingly committed to fight for rights and equality in education.

All but one of Giovanni's 20 books are still in print, with several having sold more than 100,000 copies.

Her book, Racism 101, includes bold, controversial essays about the situation of Americans on all sides of the race issue.

She has also just edited a multicultural anthology about the important relationship between grandmothers and granddaugh-

Giovanni has received numerous honorary doctorates and awards, including being named "Woman of the Year" by three different magazines.

people with everything from coughs and colds to sprains and strains," Jones said.

Helping those who are sick gives him a sense of satisfaction.

"If you enjoy doing something, then you will continue to do it," he said. "It won't be a labor for you."

Jones prefers the smaller,

being in a large hospital. Working at A&T, he said, has been especially beneficial.

"Coming in contact with young blacks in college keeps my spirits up," he said. "It keeps me

Jones advises those who want to go into the medical profession "to apply him or herself and "On an average day, I see more personal setting of the clinic to to have fun while they are learning."

Ten-year alliance with Xerox nets grant money for students in A&T's College of Engineering

By Mitchell Jennings Staff Writer

The alliance between the Xerox Corporation and North Carolina A&T continues to be prosperous

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room, Ken Ashford of Xerox prewith a check for \$45,000.

The award was the result of a procedure that has been in place for at least 10 years: A&T sends a proposal to Xerox and, if all goes well, Xerox responds with funding.

"Xerox funds the university where they get their money's worth," said Lonnie Sharpe, associate dean for undergraduate programs.

The award is broken down into four categories, with the largest chunk - \$24,000 - going to Continuing Student Awards. The College of Engineering will select 12 minority students as recipients of these awards, which are based on merit and need and range from \$2,000 for sophomores and juniors to \$3,000 for

Sophomores and juniors

for the College of Engineering. On must maintain a 3.0 grade-point av-Jan. 29 in the Chancellor's Board- erage to continue receiving the awards. Those who fail to do so will sented Chancellor Edward B. Fort be replaced by other qualified stu-

> Xerox also donated \$9,000 toward Team Achievement awards. which are available to engineering majors with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.5. Continuing Student Award winners will be matched with two of these students and serve as mentors. Base awards to team members are \$250, and increase by \$250, \$500 and \$750 as the students' semester grades improve to 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5, respectively.

> The remaining funds will be allocated as follows: \$4,000 to the New Engineering Freshman Student Award and \$3,000 to the North Carolina Alliance for Minority Participa-

Alliance engineering stu-

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Fort: A&T will act on survey data

By Edward Fort Chancellor

For some time, the University of North Carolina System has been collecting data associated with the attitudes of students as related to services gleaned on the 16 campuses.

This data has consistently pertained to services ranging from, but not limited to, academic advising, financial aid administration, availability of internships and coops, levels of satisfaction with computer laboratories, food service quality, availability of career services training, development of comprehension skills, development of writing skills, viability of book store services, nature of extracurricular activities on the campus, quality of campus counseling centers, services of the business/cashier offices, adequacy of health services facilities, adequacy of the residence halls and the registration process.

In reviewing student attitudes concerning these services - particularly those attitudes secured on the basis of mandatory surveys administered to senior students during the late 1980s and more recently, in 1994, 1995, and 1996 - we have sought, as an administration, to give substantial attention to the concerns expressed by the students at A&T - and what we could do - within the confines of our budget, to improve upon the status quo.

During the Fall of last year I surveyed, with personal letters, a number of students and faculty and sought to determine what further changes they felt were appropriate and necessary in service areas such as some of those cited above.

The response was overwhelmingly helpful. Numerous ideas were gleaned from this effort. For example, a number of students indicated support for the concept of operationalizing a shuttle system, on-campus, to alleviate parking problems.

Other students urged that the University improve its

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CAMPUS CRIME

February 1997

A lost child was found outside of Haley Hall. Specifically, there were several attempts to contact the 4 year old child's parents. Once the child's parents were notified he was picked up. There were no injuries to the child.

A resident of Barbee Hall reported being assulted. More specifically, the victim proclaims that she was taken hostage in her room by her ex-boyfriend. The assailant, Daresse Boddie, a non-student was arrested by Officer Cornelius and placed under a secured bond. The were no injuries to the victim.

There were several computers removed from McNair Hall. Specifically, the suspects broke into the sixth floor of the building and removed the items from several offices. More importantly, the suspects broke the glass door in room 621 to enter and exit McNair Hall. The stolen computer equipment was valued at approximately \$10,000.

There were several bomb threats made to three locations on campus. The calls were directed to the Chancellor's office in the Dowdy building, Hodgins Hall and Webb Hall. More importantly, none of the calls revealed the exact locations or the detination times of the bombs. Furthermore, all of the calls were made by an unknown male. There was no property damage or injuries reported.

A suspicious person attempted to obtain a dorm room in Scott B. By using the false pretense "James," the suspect attempted to attain room 3024 in the dormitory. Moses Kamara, the director of Scott B filed the complaint.

SGA to hold event to introduce candidates

Staff Report

SGA President Rasheed-Ali Cromwell will be hosting a forum at 7pm, March 19 in the McNair Auditorium in which candidates will be introduced to the student body.

The event is to help the students voting know for whom they are voting. The event, though, will not have a question and answer period and there will be no debates.

"This event will help us see the true faces of the candidates instead of these manipulated images and expensive photo shoots from Glamour Shots," said Kelvin Griffith, freshman engineering major from Houston, TX.

Men/Women earn \$480 weekly as-

SGA is hoping for a large turnout to help put the correct people in office next year./

Xerox

from front

dents have been encouraged to sign up for Xerox internships upon their acceptance to the College of Engineering. Xerox regularly accepts A&T students for internships and gives strong consideration to qualified applicants for full-time employment after graduation.

Greek Summit stresses spirituality and respect

By Chowan Green Staff Writer

The 11th Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, was held Feb. 7-8 in the North Carolina A&T Student Union. The theme of the Summit was "A Paradigm for the New Millennium."

The Summit opened with a program directed by Rachel Geathers, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council. The purpose was presented by Bryant A. Sharpe, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort introduced the speaker of the night, Benjamin S. Ruffin.

Ruffin, vice president of corporate affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem, gave an inspiring speech on scholarship, staying in touch with God, and maintaining respect for each other as a race. After Ruffin spoke, a cabaret was held at Bur-Mil Park.

Saturday's schedule featured several seminars, including: Sorority Focus - The Challenge: Am I My Sister's Keeper?; Fraternity Focus - The Challenge: Am I My Brother's Keeper?; Empowering Leaders to Redirect Their Anger; Murder We Wrote: Student Homicide at Southeast Missouri State University; A Rededicating to

Our Founding Principles; The Final Chapter: Unit or Perish?; and Should Colleges/Universities Disassociate Themselves from Fraternities and Sororities?

The speakers included LaToya Davis Marsh, a nurse at Moses Cone's Healthcare Group and a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Thomas Barksdale, II, CEO of Barksdale Foundations and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; Joseph Whittaker, chair of the A&T department of biology and a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity; Mazie Butler Ferguson, assistant legal counsel to A&T and a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Bettie J. Glenn, chair of the A&T department of nursing and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; and Rasheed-Ali Cromwell, president of the Student Government Association at A&T.

As members of different sororities and fraternities gathered together to find a common bond and to work together, programs and ideas were presented on how to become more unified on campus. Also, ideas were presented on how to regain sororities and fraternities that uplift the value of scholarship, service to the community and brotherly and sisterly love.

The Summit maintained this spirit from start to finish. It ended with everyone gathered in a Greek Chain singing: "That's What Friends Are For."

Campus Briefs

A&T gets \$200,000 GM grant

The General Motors Foundation (GM) continues to support North Carolina A&T State University in its mission to achieve excellence in the field of education.

Odail Thorns Jr., director, Manufacturing Operations Delphi Saginaw Steering Systems and Barbara J. Anderson, manager, Business Process Consulting & University Relations Team Coordinator for General Motors recently presented A&T Chancellor Edward Fort with a \$40,000 check.

This initial \$40,000 is part of a \$200,000 grant which will be paid to the university over a five-year period.

"Our contribution of \$200,000 over five years to the university is in recognition of North Carolina A&T State university's full commitment to excellence under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Edward Fort," said Thorns.

"We are proud of our long standing relationship with A&T. The university is a benchmark for excellence in producing quality graduates in engineering, technology and other fields."

The scholarship grant is being distributed among engineering, computer science, business

& economics and engineering technology majors. Students receiving scholarships must major in electrical, industrial or mechanical engineering, busines or technology.

The minority students selected must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 with a minimum of 12 hours per semester and must be United States citizens or permanent residents.

The grant will also fund a Pre-College Summer Program and a Math Engineering Institute to be held for college bound high school students who are interested in the above majors mentioned.

A faculty development and Career Planning & Development program will also be funded from the GM grant.

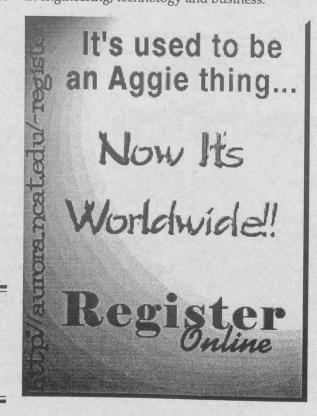
Chancellor Fort, in accepting the \$200,000 commitment from General Motors, praised the company for its decision.

"It's great news," he said. "This GM commitment demonstrates, once again, the national recognition which our university enjoys, as embodied in this decision on behalf of our students in engineering, technology and business."

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Broadcast students can call on Hughes for help

By Eric Pugh Staff Writer

Many times we take for granted the things and the people that are instrumental in our education and lives, and see staff and faculty members as mere tools for the achievement of our goals. Patricia Hughes, however, is much more than that

For broadcast communications majors, Hughes is the smile that we need in times of distress, or the kind word that helps motivate us to hold on and accomplish our goals.

She takes pride in being an Aggie and helps us do the same. Hughes is a processing assistant for the television studio suite. She has been working in that position for the past 10 years.

She graduated from A&T with a degree in administrative services, then returned to work at the place she loves most. She takes pride in her job and extends herself to motivating broadcast students.

When she comes across the inevitable look of disgust or disappointment on their young faces, she

has a ready remedy.

"In the midst of a day that seems that everything can and will go wrong," she says, "pray, pray and pray some more." Her words will not go unheeded. Believe that much. Some students say she should have her own advice column.

Others joke about the sofa beside her desk, as if she's a psychiatrist-in-waiting. How to deal with difficult professors is a common question. Hughes' answer is as follows:

"Many times students feel that professors takes pleasure in making their lives difficult," she says. "I had a professor that I hated while I was in here in school. I later found her to be a friend and someone that became close to me.

"The only problem was I didn't realize her friendship until after graduation. "Professors are here to make you better, so look pass the exterior and see their intentions."

To those who believe that success is not measured in materialistic items but rather by the number of people you have helped to achieve success, Hughes is in a class by herself.

How would the teaching of Ebonics assist in the successful teaching of standard English? Or would it lower the standards of black students?

Conducted and Photographed by Donya McKeller



Natalie McNair Computer Science Junior

"Teaching Ebonics would help a little because it would give the students a reference from the way they 'talk' to 'correct grammar.' I don't think that it would lower the standards because, just because you teach it doesn't mean the students will actually use it like that, as we can see with the English that is already taught. Students and grown-ups alike don't always speak 'proper' English, even though they were taught it in school. So who is to say the students will use Ebonics?"

Department has unique offerings

Don't forget foreign language

By Nichole Rose Staff Writer

The wide variety of programs available through North Carolina A&T's Foreign Language Department just may be the best-kept secret on campus - but all that is about to change.

The department is taking the time to make sure students are aware of its unique offerings.

Foremost among these is the study abroad program, which gives students the chance to spend their summers in such far-flung places as Costa Rica, Africa, Mexcio and Paris, to name a few. The department also sponsors conversational and cultural tables in French, Spanish, German, Russian and African cultures.

Cultural events are also an

important item on the department's agenda, and the long list includes: the Foreign Language Extravaganza; an Awards Day program; essay, poetry and writing contests; and foreign film festivals.

Students struggling with their language studies can find help through department-sponsored tutorials.

Pi Delta Phi, the national French Honor Society, and Alpha Mu Gamma, the national Foreign Language Honor Society, offer tutorials in Spanish, French and German, and A&T's Spanish students teach the language to preschoolers through the Child Development Laboratory on campus.

For information on these or other foreign language programs, contact the department at 104 Crosby

"Teaching Ebonics in schools would probably have no true value in assisting teachers in teaching standard English. I think that there should be some understanding on the teachers' part to know that some kids are only speaking the way they are accustomed to hearing others close to them speak. I'm sure that I spoke incorrectly as a child and still now as an adult. But my mother always cor-

rected me, so I knew what I was comfortable withand also, I knew what was acceptable in the mainstream society. I don't

Mitchell Jannings

Mitchell Jennings, Communications- Print Senior

focus so much on the Ebonics issue as I do, just simply knowing that there is a time and place for it. Standard English knowledge will carry a student a long way."



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"I think as black Americans, we need to speak American standard English, but as a college student, and a black man, I strongly think we need to teach our black folks clear English, rather than jargon or slang."

Martin Bess Broadcast Production Senior

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If he's really, really lucky, then you're bound to see . . .

By Brian Holloway Editor-In-Chief

As St. Patrick's Day comes upon us, there are times I really want to believe in the luck of the Irish. You know, the whole thing about picking up a four-leaf clover and having good luck for the rest of the year (or something to that effect).

So as the whether gets warmer, and I begin to search for a little luck, here are some things that we could get a little luck on:

If the Aggies get lucky, maybe some of these talk shows and news shows will stop telling us how upset we are about the O.J. Simpson case. To tell the truth, if they polled most African-Americans (a word they love to use as much as they love to say the "n word" whatever that is), probably 90 percent of them will say that they don't care one way or the other. After all it is not our money they want.

I am really tired of the Geraldo Riveras and the Charles Grodins of the world telling us that Johnnie Cochran and the O.J. Simpson case set race relations back. The truth is race relations are already set back, and people like Rivera have probably just discovered it.

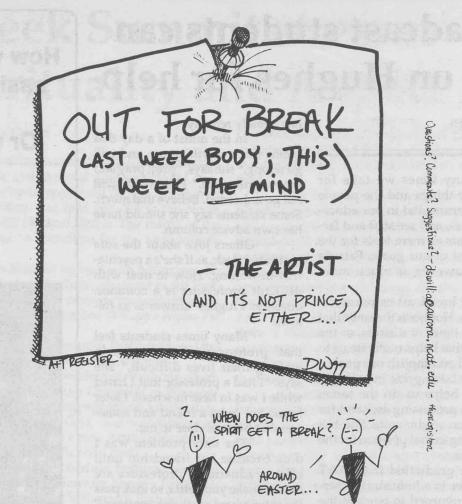
Oh and I love the things they do with the polls. Ah, yes, the wonderful polls which are so easy to dissect. Twenty-two percent of whites think the man is not liable, while 45 percent of blacks think he is liable. Considering that the white population doubles the black population, the same amount of whites who think he is not guilty is equivalent to the number of blacks who think he is guilty. So, what racial divide?

We could use a little luck in finding a parking space when we get to campus. Unless you have an 8 a.m. class, you will have a hard time finding somewhere to park. If we are lucky there will be a rise in parking stickers and an increase in the number of parking spaces.

The third thing that would make for good luck is if the school newspaper editor could be chosen by the chairperson of the communication's department or by a vote of the writers.

Why the editor-in-chief has to run with the SGA is crazy. When politics and the media mix, it makes for an ugly dish. Let the SGA continue to run on some popularity platform, while The A&T Register chooses the most qualified journalist for the job.

The fourth and final lucky endeavor I see Holloway, page 5



STUDENT VOICES

Black schools need stronger student leaders

What has happened to student leadership? A&T is supposed to be the flagship among HBCUs, yet it seems the leadership at the smaller schools are stronger and more serious about bringing change to their universities.

Recently in Fayetteville, the students were celebrating their victory over Winston-Salem State in the CIAA tourney and decided to have some marshmellows over an open fire. The security saw the flames and began macing innocent party people because they (security) assumed the kids were starting a fire to their dorms. Their own living quarters?

Responding to the students' concerns, Jeremy Hollingsworth, SGA president at FSU, is calling a summit for HBCU presidents to discuss police brutality as a group instead of as individual schools.

His leadership shows the initiative he claimed to have when the students elected him president. He shows his courage and ability to stand up against the administration and defend those who elected him instead of those who try to use him as a puppet.

Then, at Shaw University, SGA president Trevor Wells took a more liberal approach in his fight to give the students what they deserve. He appeared on television saying Shaw's Chancellor Talbert O'Shaw should leave his position because the students deserved better.

He risked his future for those who felt

he would protect them from the admiistration. The last time this was seen at North Carolina A&T was when an SGA president was just elected to position and immediately went to the papers and asked Chancellor Fort to step down.

This leadership had been missing at A&T before Keith Bryant and has been lacking since Keith Bryant.

Perhaps these smaller schools can fight for what their worth because they are not in the national spotlight like we are. This causes administration to tighten up and watch closely towhat we do.

Then again, being we are in the spotlight and the flagship, I really feel we need to show this leadership and represent like Aggies.

Future SGA Revolutionary

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Martin: Surveys help A&T help you better

By Harold Martin
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Since 1988, the University of North Carolina System has conducted a mandatory *Senior Survey* which has been administered to the graduating seniors of each of the constituent institutions.

The intent of the survey is to continually assess the level of satisfaction of graduating seniors with their universities on such activities as the quality of instruction, the quality of academic advisement, the accessibility of faculty, and such services as the quality of housing, the quality of food service, the quality of the bookstore, and the quality of the registration process.

The results of the survey from each campus are compiled annually and disseminated to university administrators, state legislators, and others in a report entitled, Results of the Spring (Year) Graduating Senior Survey.

Changes in policy

Until recently, the University of North Carolina General Administration has left it to each institution's administration to address those areas that were in need of the greatest level of attention.

The University of North Carolina, under mandate from the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, is now developing new budgetary policies, entitled, Performance Planning and Budgeting (PPB) and Incentive Funding, to be implemented in the Fall of 1997, in which the results of the Senior Survey will influence the annual appropriations to each North Carolina campus.

Clearly, these impending

budgetary policies will have negative impact on the already constrained budgets of the institutions with low survey results.

The results of the past several *Senior Surveys* administered to graduates of North Carolina A&T have provided very valuable feedback to the campus' administration, especially in those areas where students have indicated significant levels of dissatisfaction.

Admin to do better job

The administration has always taken the results of the survey very seriously and has attempted to implement strategies, with appropriate funding, that have been geared to improve those areas that were in need of attention.

It is clear to me that we must do a better job of informing you, our students, of the many things that we have done and continue to do to address these and other issues on our campus. Investments have been made, and will continue to be made, even when budgets are constrained.

It is the administration's commitment to address these concerns while also attempting to minimize the impact on raising tuition and fees.

The Senior Survey is not the only survey instrument that is now being used to get feedback on our students' assessment of the quality of services provided to them and the quality of education that they believe they are getting here at North Carolina A&T.

In addition to the Senior Survey, the University also conducts a Freshman Survey, which is administered to all entering freshman students in the Fall of each year, and a Sophomore Survey, which will be piloted for the first

NEWSROOM

By Dameon Williams

Due to the fact that our regulars Artist is (ahem) voluntarily out for the break, we called in our stand in artist... secretary Percy G. Ebbs, to do this week's strip...

A PERCYEDOS CARTOON—1997

time on our campus during the Spring 1997 semester.

Again, the University administration will use the collective results of each of these surveys to continue to review and address the concerns of our students.

It should be noted that the results of each of these surveys will be factored into the new budgetary policies that are currently being developed by the University of North Carolina for implementation

in the Fall of 1997.

Through the next few issues of the A&T Register Newspaper, I hope to share with you some the actions that have been taken by the University to address many of the areas that our seniors have continually identified as problematic.

If you wish to share some of your comments with me, you may send me email at hlm@garfield.ncat.edu.

Fort

from front

registration process by gearing up for telephone registration.

We are now attempting to describe actions taken by the University to address concerns expressed by students, as related to the University System mandated surveys referred to earlier. To achieve that end, a short series of articles and at least one editorial will appear in the student newspaper, as penned by Vice Chancellors Martin and Sullivan Welborne.

These articles will be geared to inform the student body of the nature of these changes and what we hope to achieve for the future. Vice Chancellor Martin's editorial appears in this edition of the A&T Register.

It is our hope that if increasingly large numbers of students are aware of the University's attempts to address their concerns, this awareness will be reflected in improved survey results with respect to customer service at North Carolina A&T State University.

As we have stressed on more than one occasion publicly, the State Legislature is now

moving into a new direction with respect to how portions of the total University System budget will be funded and then earmarked for the individual campuses.

This new funding procedure, as indicated in the accompanying editorial, has been identified as Performance Based Budgeting. Simply put, it means that the University System will gather data geared to define how well the individual campuses are performing in a variety of areas ranging from operation of computer labs to the administration of registration services. Portions of individual campus budgets will then be based upon how adequately these services are viewed - as seen in the eyes of students on the campuses.

Hence, if our campus is unable to show substantial levels of satisfaction with these various service areas cited above, the net result will be fewer dollars for this University's budget.

We are convinced that we must continue to improve services for the student body. Thus, we have spent an enormous amount of time, and available dollars, seeking

to concentrate on changing the manner in which we provide services for students. The results have been heartening and a classic example is that associated with the establishment of an information desk in the foyer of the Dowdy Administration Building. The expert sitting at this desk assists students with questions concerning financial aid, the Treasurer's Office and the Office of the Registrar. Another example relates to our rapid attempts to complete the computerization process which could lead to telephone registration by as early as the Fall of this year. Another example relates to the way in which we have, during the past 18 months, completely rearranged the way in which academic advising occurs on this campus. Every student on this campus now is exposed to a trained faculty advisor who personally monitors that student's progress through the programs to which he or she is exposed.

We need your reactions to the future articles which will be written on this topic by Vice Chancellors Welborne and Martin. We shall continue to listen to your concerns, and then take action geared to correct deficiencies. Your input is, clearly, appreciated.

Holloway

future of this country.

hope is reached is the one of financial aid. It has been hard enough for blacks to get a quality education, but to cut off all loans for students like the government is proposing to do, will hurt the

It is sad when an average student with potential to be something great - if he can get to a higher place of learning - is sudfrom page 4 denly denied the right because he

does not have the money.

It's time that some of these big shot non-affirmative action brothers get off their high horse, and understand what is happening.

Once again, we are being ask to operate under equal standards, but we are not given equal leverage to stand on.

Don't quit! Each loss brings a lesson in life

By David Gaines
Production Manager

Life. Life is full of mysteries, many of them never being solved in our time.

As we journey through life, we come upon many tests which have us questioning ourselves and raising the fear of our importance. Sometimes this comes when a love leaves our lives. Other times, we simply don't get what we want. We are rejected.

In these situations, the temptation to just give up is lurking too close to home. No one likes to feel abandoned. No one wants to be the outcast.

This fear and doubt begins to grow on us and causes our senses to dull. We don't hear people telling us it's going to be ah-ight. We can't say we feel lonely and need comfort. We tend not to

see those around us who do care and want to be there in those times of need.

That's when it's time to look into our hearts and ask ourselves who we are, not who we wanted to be.

The q-word is the easy way out. It's too easy to not achieve a goal and stop there in fear of failing again. Without failure, there is no success. Just as without lies, there is no truth.

How do you know when you have succeeded when you have never failed?

Pulling it together is the hard part, but with the support of those around you, you will begin to see how failure can make you a better person.

Learning instead of sulking from it is key. Once your mind registers the better way to get something done, you can outwit fate and reach the splendor of success. Thus failure would not be a negative thing, just a setback.

The sun always rises in the morning, yet we can't always see it behind the clouds. Knowing the sun is there assures us it is day and with that, we continue with life.

Thus realize behind all the negativity and feelings of depression, there is a light. You just have to acknowledge that light, that source of energy which is there to keep you going everyday.

One day this light will knock and ask if it can come inside. It is that day a new life is born and failure is just a memory while working towards your new goals and future takes precedence. It's then off to conquer the world.

Reading an article in Time about Bill Gates, who dropped out of Harvard to pioneer the computer industry and revolutionize the entire world, he joked whether or not the universe was made specifically for him.

Rocking back and forth, he pondered this question before admitting he "had no proof."

This concept of proof can be applied anywhere. But the only proof of failure is when you find yourself using the q-word.

Strong, wise Black women keep getting the job done

By Chowan Green Staff Writer

As we celebrate Black History Month, there are many women who we do not know who contributed many achievements to society. In short, they got the job done.

The following Black women are just a few examples of how a strong and wise woman can make a great difference in someone's life.

First, the lady who has been "getting it done" for nearly half a century - Dr. Dorothy I. Height.

Height is a dream maker, earth shaker and crusader for human rights. She has served in numerous leadership positions with the YWCA, the National Youth Movement and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration, the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute and the National Centers for African American Women.

In 1957, Height assumed the position that she still holds today president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). As she maintains this job, she carries out the dream of her mentor and friend Mary McLeod Bethune to "leave no one behind."

Next is someone who has been called the most powerful woman in the Southeast - Beverly Harvard. She is the first African-American woman in America and much of the Western world to head a police department in a major city. From a beginning as an Atlanta patrol officer in 1973, she has risen to oversee the largest municipal law enforcement agency in Georgia, with 2,300 police officers and civilian employees, five divisions and an annual budget of more than \$100 million.

Third is Carmen de Lavallade, one of the world's finest interpreters of dance. She made her debut as a principal dancer with the Metropolitan Opera and as a guest artist with the American Ballet Theater. She has toured with the de

Lavallade-Alley American Dance Company, and received the Dance Magazine Award for her performances. As a teacher, she has helped start the careers of the Henry Winkler, Sigourney Weaver and Meryl Streep, among others. Today, she is director of the dance program at Adelphi University.

Finally, there is Constance Baker Motley, an attorney who helped bring justice to her people through her role in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Brown v. Board of Education.

Motley has won nine of the 10 cases she has argued before the Court - all of which took steps toward securing equal rights for African Americans. She was elected to the New York State Senate, becoming the first African-American woman to serve in that branch of government, and later became the first woman to serve as Manhattan Borough President. She also was the first Black woman appointed to the federal judiciary.

Motley served as Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York from 1982 to 1986, and today holds the appointed position of Senior U.S. District Judge.

In conclusion, these are a few of the women who are getting the job done. And we should be proud.

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Greeks got inspiring message from A&T graduate Towns

By Chowan Green Staff Writer

In May of 1990, a young black man began his journey to becoming a leader for others to follow. Today, he is making a difference for black people and continuing a family legacy that will never die.

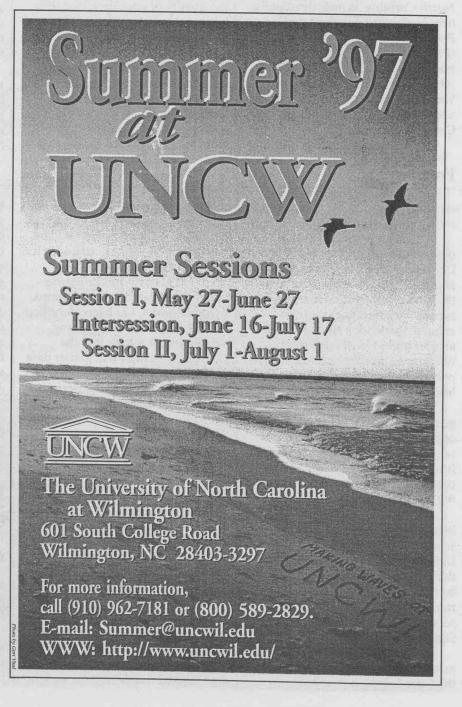
Darryl C. Towns is an influential young black man and a dynamic speaker, as he showed at the 11th Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit at North Carolina A&T on Feb. 8.

Towns was born to two A&T graduates, and graduated from A&T himself in 1990 with a B.S. in economics. He served as A&T's Student Government Association attorney

general from 1987 to 1988, and was vice president for external affairs in 1988-89. He also was president of Phi Beta fraternity, a resident assistant in Alex Haley Hall and a member of the Economics Club.

Towns was elected to the New York General Assembly in 1992, representing the 54th District, and is now serving his third term. He chairs the subcommittee on mass transit and is a member of committees responsible for children and families, mental health, oversight analysis and investigation, transportation and veterans affairs.

Towns lives in New York with his wife Karen, who also is an A&T graduate, and his daughter Jasmine Eldolphina.



Physical plant hits 100 percent

A&T raises \$61,000, tops United Way goal

By Eric Pugh Staff Writer

North Carolina A&T faculty and staff united to become the second largest contributor in the United Way's "Partners of Giving" campaign.

A&T, which joined forces with four other institutions as part of the State Employees Combined Campaign, raised \$61,169, exceeding its goal of \$60,000.

Institutional goals are based upon the number of people on staff and their average in-

come. A&T's 1,219 employees donated an average of \$53.33 in this drive.

Staff members were given the opportunity of having their donations deducted from their paychecks over a 12-month period, and had the personal choice of how their donation would be used. This year's top three choices included Sickle Cell Anemia, The Hayes Taylor Y and - for the first time this year - Black Child Development.

Though A&T exceeded its overall goal, its 61-percent participation was a decrease from years past, said Interim Director Harriet F. Davis, who has been working with the campaign for six years.

The physical plant, with 100-percent participation, stood out as a major exception.

"You can count on them, no matter the cause," Davis said with a smile.

The basic motivation for giving is "to give back as a University," Davis said. A&T benefits by knowing it has given back to the people of the community who have given so much to this institution of higher learning, she said.

A&T is the 33rd largest contributor to the United Way in the Greater Greensboro Area.

Although no goal has been set for the current drive, Davis said, the amount raised will increase.

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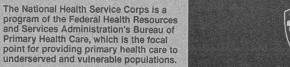
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B-CC, UMES take MEAC indoor track titles

By Wendy Wilson Sports Editor

"We are well known all over the nation, even feared and respected, everywhere except here on campus," said head men's track coach Roy Thompson. Training his team to win both the indoor and outdoor track championships last season, Coach Thompson had nothing but high hopes for this season.

After finishing quite well in the cross country season, he looked forward to bringing home another gold trophy for his team's effort during indoor season. This year's team fell short of that mark.

"Despite the fact that we did not win the overall competition, those who were selected to

Aggies put two on all-rookie **MEAC** teams

By Wendy Wilson Sports Editor

Xavier Singletary, a 6-5 forward from Howard University was named 1996-97 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and headlines the men's All Rookie Basketball Team as voted by the 10 league head coaches and selected members of the media (16 voters).

Singletary, a Washington, D.C., native, was the top choice on 11 of the 16 ballots and had 1,176 voting points to out-distance Hampton forward Doug Belton (252 points) and Florida A&M guard Darryl LaBarrie (202). Singletary averages 16 points, highest among MEAC rookies, and 6.0

Belton, runner-up to Singletary, averages 10 points, 4.2 rebounds and makes 50 percent of his field goals. LaBarrie averages 13.3 points and 2.2 assists. Those three were joined on the All-Rookie first team by guard Joel Hoover of Maryland Eastern Shore and forward O'Tes Alston of Morgan State. Hoover ranks second in the NCAA with 3.4 steals per game and averages 12 points. Alston averages 8.0 points and four rebounds.

The MEAC All-Rookie Second Team consisted of guards Troy Lewis of Coppin, Damay Smith of Hampton and Rayner Moore of South Carolina State, and forwards Jermaine Holiway of Howard and Tony Mitchell of A&T.

Danielle Dawson, a 5-8 guard from Hampton University was voted 1996-97 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Women's Rookie of the Year and headlines the All-Rookie Basketball Team along with runner-up Monique Liddell of Morgan State.

Dawson, from Petersburg, Va., received 10 of the possible 15 first choice votes and had 1,027 total voting points. Liddell recieved two first choice votes and nine seconds to total 425 points.

Darria Boyd of Howard also received two firsts for 200 points and MD Eastern Shore's Nicole Council had the remaining first. Dawson ranked fifth in the MEAC in scoring with 15 points per contest and ranked second in assists (3.5 pg) and steals (3.2 pg). Liddell, a 6-0 forward, averages 12 points and 6.6 rebounds.

Dawson and Liddell were joined on the Women's All-Rookie First Team by Council, South Carolina State's Twana Wright and Delaware State's Geannetta Jackson. Council, a guard, averages nine points, along with two steals and assists per outing. Wright leads her team with 11 points and six rebounds per game. Jackson averages nine points per contest.

The second team consisted of Howard's Boyd, her teammate Regan Carter, A&T's Latoya Wilson, FAMU's Crystal Worlds and Coppin's Ayesha Dockery.

can you expect when you lack depth."

Bethune-Cookman College won the women's division and the University of Maryland of Eastern Shore men's crown during the 17th Annual Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Indoor Track And Field Championships held on February 23 and 24 at the Greensboro Colesium. B-CC won the indoor event for the first time, while UMES won its second straight after sharing the title with the Aggies last season.

The Lady Aggies tied for sixth place with Howard and the Aggies came in third. Nicole Carty of B-CC won the title of MEAC Outstanding Female Performer Award and her head coach, Curtis L. Pittman was tabbed the MEAC Outstanding Coach for the women's division. Johnny Splunge of UMES was named the MEAC men's Most Outstanding Performer for the second consecutive year, while the MEAC Outstanding Coach Award went to UMES mentor Charles

With track being one of the most successful sports on the campus, it does not get the attention that it should get because it is not a revenue sport. "On this campus, the revenue sports are featured. Once we get an All-American and/ or participate in the NCAA Division I Championship, the attention will transcend both A & T

win in individual events did produce. What more and Greensboro and we will be in the spotlight nationwide. Once the nation starts noticing us, then those people in the area will realize what we have going here."

Despite the lack of a championship during the fall and winter season, the track team is looking forward to repeating its stellar performance from last season. With only 19 people on the team, a lack of depth will certainly cause a few roadblocks in the areas od fatigue and overexertion. "We have really got to be on top of our game. We must focus on the major contributors. We are still in our developmental stage." With 19 members, the team, according to coach Thompson, only has seven to eight men that carry the weight of the team. Members like Odell Benders, who is ranked 16th in the nation in the high jump, and Shannon Robinson, who is ranked 20th nationally in the 55 yard dash, certainly add spark

In the outdoor season, coach Thompson states that fans should watch for dynamic performances from Shawn Archer in the hurdles and jumps, Damon Vaughn in the triple and long jumps, Marcus Thompson in the sprints and Maurice Francis in the hurdles. Aside from a dynamic performance by the team, coach Thompson and his team are looking forward to a dynamic performance by the fans in Aggieland as well.

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MEAC All-Rookie Teams 1997

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