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Chicquet Newkirk leads the Live Wires during the game, page 7.

Dawn of a New Beginning



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A&T cracks down on parking violators

By Sonia Clark-Murray
Staff Writer

There have been some revisions to the parking regulations this semester at A&T, and enforcement is being stepped up on late-afternoon to evening parking. At the beginning of the fall of 1997, reserved parking was reduced from 24 hours to 12 hours. Anyone with a valid parking sticker may park in these spaces from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

According to Chief John Williams, people using reserve parking after hours has been a real problem for years. A professor that is usually not on campus after 6 p.m. makes an unscheduled return to campus and finds someone in their parking space. Consequently, the illegally parked vehicle had to be towed. "That person may have been using that parking space all semester, with no problems. But technically, it belonged to

that professor for 24 hours," explains Williams.

Before this year, the policy could not be moved. However, this year, the issue was brought before the Campus Parking Committee and the Chancellor's Administrative Staff and both approved to allow parking in the reserved spots. Of the more than 500 reserved parking spaces, 5 professors requested that their spaces be the exception to this rule. Williams says that the professors cited late hours for research as the reason for needing 24-hour access to their parking space.

A few faculty members were asked their feelings on the reserved parking changes and the opinions vary. Constance Archie of the Foreign Language Department does not mind the 12-hour parking. She states, "I have no problem with non-parking restrictions in the evening as long as my space is available during the day."

Jody Martin, Freshman Composition Lecturer has mixed feelings on the subject. "I can see where it [the new 12 hour rule] will help parking enforcement. That I can deal with." Nonetheless, Martin, who teaches a late class twice a week, does not like returning in the evening to find that his space occupied. "I don't want anyone in my space when I have a late class," he states. He adds, "If they want to cut down on the number of hours, fine. But when I call them, I want them to tow. Without the ability to tow, people will take advantage."

However, Frankie Day Greenlee, Assistant Professor in the Theater Arts Department, expressed strong feelings about not having a 24-hour parking space. "I don't like it. Personally, because I work after hours with the theater doing rehearsals and doing schoolwork." Moreover, she adds, "In the beginning, it (parking

space) was made accessible to me for 24 hours and for them to take it back without contacting us is inconsiderate. Especially for the needs of those who work late."

While students with a parking sticker may have some relief, those without are facing tougher enforcement. Williams states that in the past the focus of parking enforcement was between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. People parking on campus without a sticker before 8 a.m. or after the 5 p.m. were not likely to get a ticket. The main reason was the lack of man power. But this semester, parking enforcement officers have been issuing tickets as late as 7 p.m. Williams says this measure is a direct result of complaints from those students that have parking stickers, but could not find a parking space in and around places like Crosby, Gibbs and McNair Hall.

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Barricades go up for campus safety

By Sonia Clark-Murray
Staff Writer

In a recent move to step up security on campus, barricades are now placed on Laurel Street from 11 p.m. through 5 a.m. This measure was a result of an August in which three A&T students were robbed at gunpoint, according to a campus police report.

According to Chief John Williams, this was a "crime of opportunity" and an incident caused by nonstudents "riding through" campus. "A&T has more entrances than most universities and three major streets run right through it. Benbow (Road), Laurel and Bluford (streets) have heavy traffic volumes."

To prevent this type of incident from occurring again, Williams presented several options to the University: Increase foot patrol, change vehicle patrol, add bike-patrol units, change patrol of dorms and restrict traffic on Laurel Street.

The administration approved blocking Laurel Street at night. History has shown that problems and incidents have occurred when some outsiders came on A&T's campus, according to Dr. Sullivan Welborne, vice chancellor for student affairs.

"Students come here, and we have to provide them with a safe environment," Welborne said. "We have to be sure to protect our students from incidents perpetuated like this one (the August robbery)."

A recent A&T survey showed that students say they want a safe and secure campus.

"Students should be able to move freely about this campus without being harassed or intimidated," Welborne said.

While a few Aggies agree that safety is important, they don't like inconvenience.

Sophomore Derrick Alexander lives on campus and works off campus sees the University's caution as "a big inconvenience." Alexander, majoring in social work, says he feels the administration "should explore other options as to how to deal with the problem."

LaDania McCaskill, an accounting major who also lives on campus, says with Laurel Street blocked, she has to "go all the way around and go over speed bumps" to get where she has to go.

Tony Mitchell, a junior broadcast student, says having to use the streets adjacent to Laurel are an even greater hazard. "Alternative routes to 'The Strip' (Laurel Street) are dark and unsafe," the Fayetteville native says. Instead of enclosing the campus, Mitchell suggested having manned gates and students use their I.D. cards to gain entry. "Pay the security guards to sit in booths at the gate instead of going around giving tickets all day," he added.


Even those Aggies who don't live on campus aren't happy with the street being barricaded.


Senior Tokie Sharpe, who commutes, was disappointed one recent Saturday night when she arrived on campus to pick someone up in front of the bookstore and could not get through. "I had to get out of my car and walk to the bookstore," said the speech pathology major.

Sherese Taylor, also a senior commuter, does not like the inconvenience, either. The political science major, says she feels the route from

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Alysia Cosby
Project Engineer,
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Facelift

16 campus sites undergo construction

By Kevin Sturdivant
Staff Writer

Currently around A&T, there is a lot of major construction and renovation underway. In fact there are at least 16 sites on campus where plans for spruce-ups are underway, or in the works to help A&T prepare for the next millennium.

Some of the construction, like the renovations being done to the new technology building and Coltrane Hall, include major reworkings of the building's structure. Other smaller jobs, like the new tennis courts and the project to install a fire sprinkler system in Holland and Curtis Hall, may be going unnoticed by students.

But effort to educate students about campus construction is underway. Gene Backmon, who serves as the assistant vice chancellor of business and finance and the director of the physical plant, thinks that it's important for students to know what's going on around campus.

"If you're going to school here, it's neat to know what's going on around you so that you can talk intelligently about it," Backmon said.

And there's certainly a lot going on to talk about.

In 1994 a bond referendum was passed which allotted the different universities in North Carolina system money for construction.

After the buildings on campus were inspected by the Facility Assessment program, which is part of the state construction office, A&T then looked at its list of construction priorities. From that list of four sites stood out: Price Hall or "the new technology building"; the Paul Robeson Theatre, which has been closed for some time; the Dudley building, which is the former site of administra-

tions; and the old Bluford Library, which is the current site of the Fort Interdisciplinary Research Center.

With the exception of the Dudley Building and Price Hall, which is on schedule and is expected to be ready for the 1998-1999 school year, renovations to the other buildings are now complete.

Elsewhere on campus, construction is being done on Coltrane Hall.

Coltrane Hall belongs to the School of Agriculture and has been out of usage since before the 1943 school year. Funding for the \$2 million renovations to that building are from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The design for Coltrane Hall had to be submitted twice until contractors could agree upon a design that was in the limit of the budget. The current model includes a partially enclosed glass second floor and several work labs.

At Benbow Hall, construction is being done to make the building comply with regulations from the American Disabilities Act, which makes it unlawful to renovate an old building without making it handicap accessible. The renovations there include a new elevator and reworking the bathroom systems to be able to accommodate handicap people.

There is also a \$4 million upgrade to the basement of Hines Hall. Plans include reworking of the air duct system in the labs and centralized air conditioning to the main floor auditorium.

Air conditioning is also in the plans for Vanstory and Cooper residence halls. The \$5 million for this and other projects to improve housing conditions is coming from the increase in student tuition. Backmon expects the work in Vanstory Hall

to begin this summer.

One may wonder, why all this construction is being done seemingly all at once. Backmon says the number of projects is due to the mixed bag of things. Some of it, Backmon says, is just making needed repairs to old buildings.

"If you've got 80 buildings and a roof last 25 years, if you take a few buildings a year to make repairs by the time you finish the process it's time to start over again," Backmon said.

Other renovations are to insure that A&T is on the edge of technology.

"Each building has a life to it," Backmon said. "Over the life of the buildings new things are being invented, so you have to go back to include them."

When the number of sites currently under construction and the number of sites now being planned, students may need to grow accustomed to seeing hard hat areas and danger signs around campus.

"If you're going to school here, it's neat to know what's going on around you so that you can talk intelligently about it."

Gene Backmon
Physical plant director

Assistant business school dean dies

By Nettie Rowland
University Relations

Dr. Danny Pogue, assistant dean of the A&T School of Business and Economics, died recently after a brief illness. He was 54.

A native of Hopkins County, Texas, Pogue received his bachelor's degree at Texas College and master's degree at Texas Southern University. He received his doctoral degree in management from Ohio State University.



Pogue

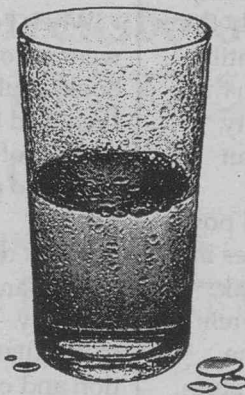
Pogue joined the faculty of the A&T business school in 1973, where he served as a faculty member, department chairman and assistant dean. Best-known for dedication to his work and affection for people, Pogue was loved and respected by his colleagues and students. Thousands of students and graduates were influenced by his mentoring and instruction.

He is survived by his cousins Billie Jean Nash Martin and Joyce E. Nash Gibson.

Pogue was instrumental in the accreditation of the school by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. A&T has the only business program at a historically black university in North Carolina. Only six historically black schools in the nation have achieved this designation.

Pogue's activities were not restricted to the University. He published a booklet through the N.C. Humanities committee titled "Business Along Market Street." As an outgrowth of this and other efforts, Jonesboro Community Services Inc. was founded.

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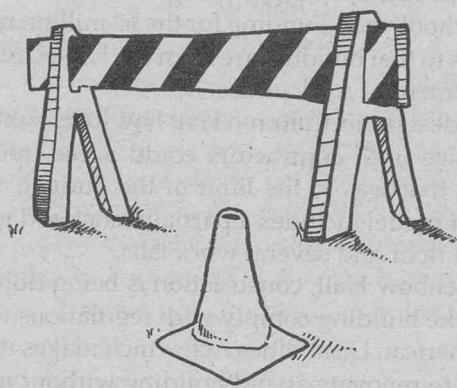
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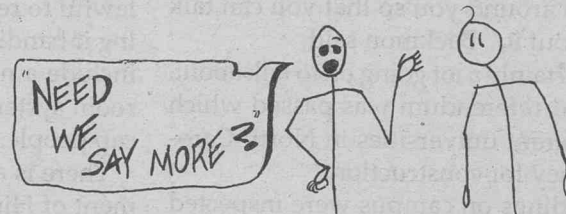
GOOD IDEA

Barricades stop the flow of students and cars on campus ..



BAD IDEA

The flow of students and cars on campus are stopped by barricades.



Do you really know who represents you?

Editor of The Register:

We complain about injustices and mismanagement of our money, but do we really care? I pose this question to the whole student body. Do you really know who represents you? Our university system is composed of many different facets. Some that directly affect you and others that indirectly affect you. But, if you really think about it we can affect our university mightily, strongly, and powerfully. How can we do this? First of all the search for truth is a necessity, because the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

What is the truth about your rights and power as a student at A&T. Chancellor Fort states in his opening letter to the Student Handbook, "The document [constitution] attached herein represents the governance structure for the student body of this great University. It represents the regulatory procedures with which the University is engaged in the promulgation of a process designed to insure that students are involved in the University's decision making process."

We should be involved in the University's decision making process. It's more than complaining about problems, but it is manipulating the infrastructure set up, so that not only will you as a student be able to maximize the flexibility, benefits, and opportunities of our standing government, but also for other students to come to learn and benefit from our proactive solutions.

Look on page 2 in your handbook. There are fourteen items listed which are the major goals of the University as approved by the faculty in

1988. After reading the fourteen goals do you believe that each are successfully being fulfilled? Some of us may say, well I don't know how to make things happen or who to go to. Well, that may be true, but another truth is you can find out through first of all reading the Student Handbook.

When I came in as a freshman the handbook went onto the shelf just like most of the other books, but after getting involved with the Senate I realized that the handbook holds the answers to most of the problems that student's face at A&T and probably any other learning institution.

If you really want positive change, the Bible has the answers to all problems if its used properly. With the knowledge, principles, and truths that come from the Bible and the information and order that comes from the Student Handbook a person could change A&T and the world if so desired (to the glory of God). "A&T is a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina.

It functions under the jurisdiction of a 32 member Board of Governors of the UNC elected by the General Assembly of North Carolina. Policies of the Board of Governors are administered by the President of the University and his staff. They constitute the General Administration and are located in Chapel Hill," (page 3, Student Handbook). This is vital information that we need to know.

If you look at the constitution each student off and on campus is supposed to be represented by a Senator. Page 13 tells us of the 58 member senate that is suppose to represent the student

body at A&T. From the records there are only 45 senators, and getting all of those positions filled did not happen just during the spring election, but also took place this semester. There are districts which still remain underrepresented.

Why? Is it because, we as the student body are not really concerned about the welfare of ourselves and our institution. The Senate has direct contact with the S.G.A. President and Administration. The Senate is set up specifically for the student body. Do you know the senator(s) for your district? Do you know your district?

There is possibly someone representing you right now, voicing an opinion. Is it yours? Have you spoken to your representative and let him or her know your concerns? If you complain and don't do something proactive to change your complaint, then you are ineffective. You cannot affect anything by just complaining.

I dare all of you to find out who your senator(s) is/are and demand a meeting, if one hasn't already been set. I dare you to come to the senate meetings which are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, and learn how things can get done and the correct order of doing things. I dare you to do more than allow your concerns to go unrecognized. Get involved and don't let A&T a University built upon our ancestor's blood, dedication, concern, solutions, labor and love go in vain. In the name of Jesus Christ I challenge you A&T student body to maximize your gifts and demand truth, honesty, justice, purity, love, good report, virtue, and praise... Phil4:8.

Kendra Janila Hill

NEWS BRIEF



Alum interns at White House

Stephen K. Brown II, a 1997 A&T graduate, is a White House Intern this fall. Brown, received his B.A. in political science. While at A&T, he founded the A&T chapter of College Democrats and served as its president. He also served as speaker pro tem of the Student Government Association's Senate, as a Student Supreme Court Justice and as co-captain of the men's varsity tennis team.

In his hometown, Houston, Brown served as a summer assistant to U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, and City Councilman John Peavy. After the internship, Brown plans to attend law school, then pursue a career in politics.

Professors read, score AP exams

Dr. Elvira Williams, a physics professor at A&T, recently participated in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board's Advanced Placement Examinations in physics. Dr. Margaret L. Dwight, an A&T history professor, participated in scoring the AP exams in history.

AKAs have freshman week

By Kelly Prendergast
Staff Writer

The Ladies of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presented Freshman Week October tenth through the ninth. On Monday, October sixth the sisters of A.K.A. held their display in the Student Union Lobby which was decorated and full of A.K.A. paraphernalia from pictures of past group activities to the history and actual makeup of the sorority. It was a sight that would make any A.K.A. proud.

Tuesday, October seventh was Ladies Night Out. The ladies broke into five groups and had discussions that were full of information and shared opinions on race relations, date rape, respect, and equal opportunity. Everybody participated and generated ideas on intelligent tactics that they could follow through with for future reference. "It was very informative and helped me to understand and realize a lot of things about myself being a young African-American female on A&T's campus," said Shanita Wooten, biology

major.

Unity Night on Wednesday, October eighth included some views and input from Aggie men. The girls got into a huge circle and wrote down issues that concerned them, for example: "Why do guys expect something in return even after a first date?" The men were a variety themselves, so there were plenty of opinions to go around; they included freshmen, sophomores, Kappas and so forth. The vibe was extremely open and honest so there was a lot to be learned from this night full of debate and unity. Family Feud night was canceled due to the A.K.A.'s attendance at a memorial service.

Service on the 12 of October was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and topped off the A.K.A. festive week with giving the praises and thanks to the one who makes everything happen and helped to run everything so smoothly.

Other Fraternities and Sororities will be sponsoring and presenting other Freshman weeks, so be on the look out.

Send comments to
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the 411

Tour Guides Needed for University Day Nov. 8. Sign up in the Office Of Student Activities, Student Union, Room 217, 9-5 p.m. Deadline is Nov. 3.



November 10th-25th Sign Language class open to all Aggie family members. Room 111, Murphy Hall, 12-1:30 p.m. You must attend 14 of the 18 hours of the class to receive a certificate of completion.



Faculty, staff, students: Interested in playing intramural basketball? Come by Room 108 in the Student Union and pick up a team roster.

Please submit team rosters by Dec. 12 to the Office of Intramural Sports. For more information, contact Charles Jackson, director of intramural sports, Room 108 in the Student Union or call 334-7518.



Men's Bible study every Thursday 9 p.m. in the lobby of Scott Hall-A. For information, call Antron Simmons at 412-1980.



This year, the Richard E. Moore Scholarship Fund will be established. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund may

send donations in care of the A&T athletics department.

For more information, call Helen Jones at 334-7686.

The late Dr. Richard E. Moore was A&T assistant vice chancellor for Development and University Relations and University spokesman. He served as chairman and cofounder of the Aggie Homecoming golf tournament that was later named for him.



Contestants are being accepted for the 1998 Miss North Carolina Teen All American pageant Jan. 10 & 11 at the Adam's Mark-Winston Plaza in Winston-Salem. The 1998 event is the preliminary to Miss Teen All American. Applicants must be 13 through 19 as of Aug. 1, 1998, never married and a U.S. resident. To apply, send a recent photo along with your name, address, telephone number and date of birth by fax or mail to:

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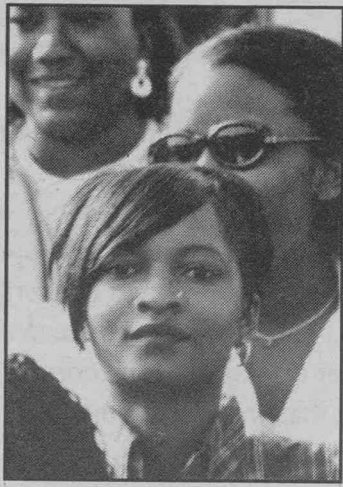
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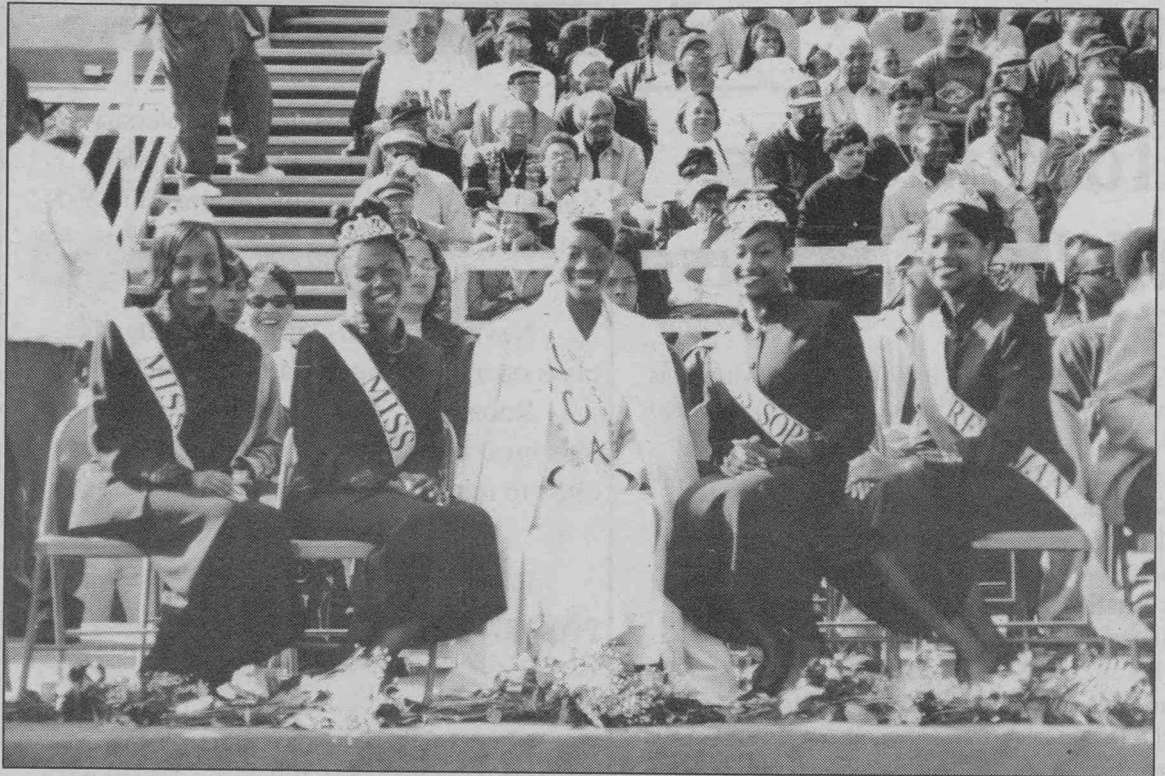
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"Doc Hodge" prepares to direct the halftime show.



As they marched to the field, Cold Steel warms up.



After the game, several high schools' bands performed. The kids from Halifax stole the show, delivering a performance reminiscent of our percussion section, Cold Steel.



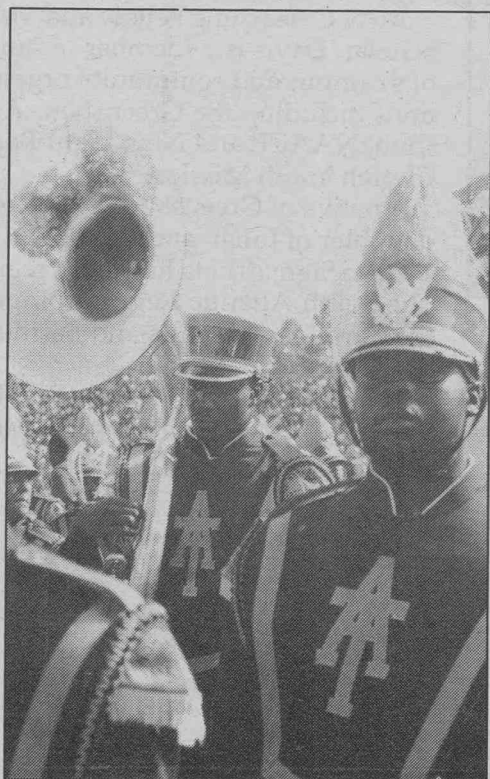
The parade brought out lots of smiles.



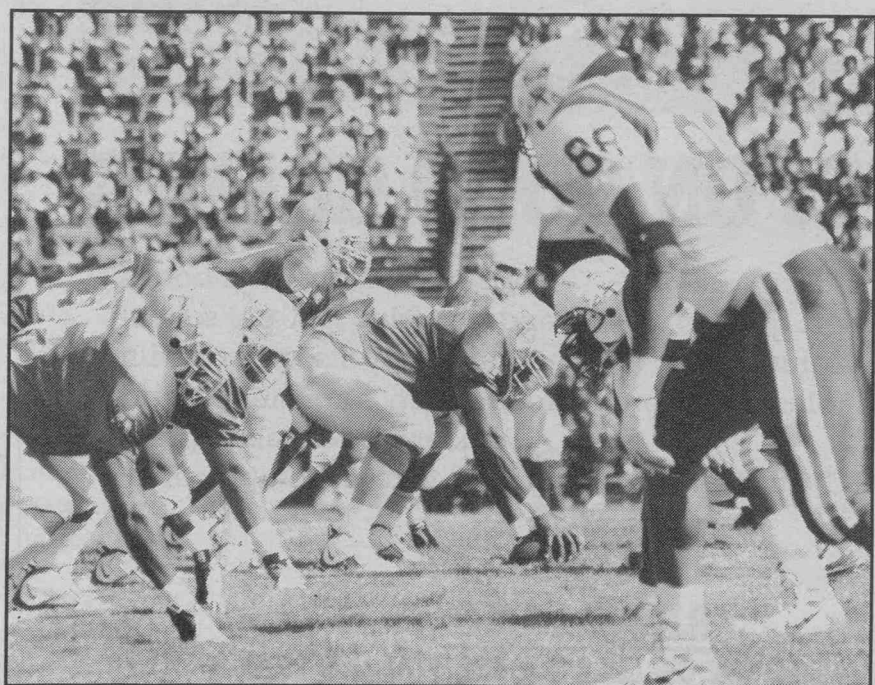
The drum majors "representin'."



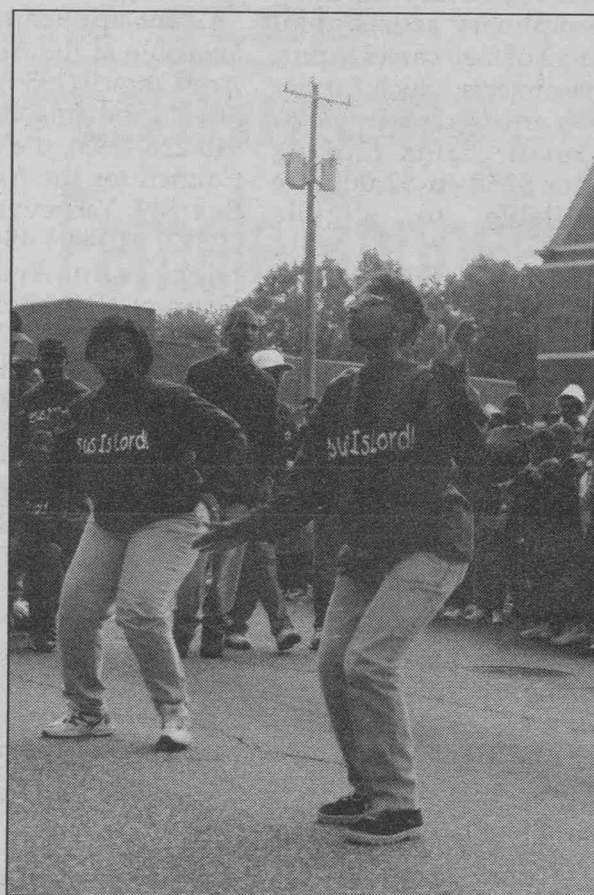
Chicquet Newkirk gives her rah-rahs during the Homecoming defeat against the Howard Bison.



The AKAs and Sigmas won the step show last week, but then these steppers weren't present, stepping for Jesus...



The Aggie offense battled a stingy Howard defense.



Kevin Walker waits to bring the funk at the halftime show.

* Front-page graphic by Anthony Council; front-page photo by David Gaines

'Soul-less' individuals need not apply

By Letitia Vann
Staff Writer

For those who enjoy a laid-back atmosphere with a little poetry and jazz, Soul Food at 7 is definitely a spot worth checking out.

Soul Food is an evening of "orgasmic" poetry featuring live jazz music and an open mic for all those who wish to express themselves. The relaxed atmosphere is accented by an aroma of incense and candles. Pool tables and beverages are also available for the crowd.

Will Boone, African-American literature major from New Jersey, initially developed the idea as a result of attending several poetry readings of the same nature while at home. Boone who emcees, not only plays the base and the drums occasionally, he writes poetry as well.

"There's really nothing else to do and there

is a need for consciousness," said Boone. "With all the sampling involved with hip-hop music today, young black folk sometimes forget about essential live instrumentation and improvisation that is necessary to all music," continues Boone.

Scott Smith, industrial engineering major from Richmond, VA, agrees saying "this has a positive vibe and it is something other to do than hanging out." Smith believes Soul Food will continue because "the message it conveys is really needed right now."

The live band helps to set the mood by providing the crowd with soulful sounds, creating a vibe that is ever so smooth and soothing. First-time emcee Schala Webb, English major from Greensboro said: "the band is essential to the poetry reading. It serves as an icebreaker for some and helps to relax not only the reader

but the crowd as well."

Soul Food at 7 has received positive response from the community as well as from students at various schools in the area. However, it is not the number of people who come out to support Soul Food that makes it "successful," but rather the fact that black people can come out, enjoy themselves and interact in a positive manner.

"I'm shocked at the turnout," said Kelton Edmonds, A&T graduate school student from Portsmouth, VA. "It's good to see blacks coming together expressing themselves."

Soul Food at 7 is held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the B&J Lounge on Yanceyville street. Not developed to become a social "event" but rather a place where people can come and enjoy poetry, "soul-less" individuals need not apply.

Grants available for regional artists

The Central Piedmont Regional Artists Hub invites eligible artists to apply for grants from its 1997/98 Regional Arts Program. CPRAH, formed by arts organizations in Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Randolph, and Rockingham Counties, combines local and state funding to encourage artists in their formative years.

The Regional Artists Program was designed to support talented visual, performing, literary and interdisciplinary artists at all stages of their career to pursue projects which further their artistic development.

Small grants ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 are available to eligible Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Randolph, and Rockingham County artists.

These grants can be used by artists to cover the costs of presenting their work for exhibits and auditions for training or tuition (not associated with obtaining undergraduate or graduate degrees), travel, promotional materials, work facilities and the equipment or the production of new work.

To be eligible for these grants, artists must be at

least 18 years old and must not be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program.

In addition, they must be a resident of Alamance, Caswell, Guilford, Randolph or Rockingham County for at least one year prior to making application.

Funding is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council. CPRAH provides administrative support and direction for the Regional Arts Program.

Grant applications are available at the Alamance Arts Council (135 West Elm Street, Graham, NC 27253, 910-226-4595), the Caswell Council for the Arts (P.O. Box 689, Yanceyville, NC 27312, 910-694-4591), the High Point Area Arts Council (P.O. Box 5526, High Point, NC 27262, 910-889-2787), the Randolph Arts Guild (P.O. Box 1033, Asheboro, NC 27204-1033, 910-629-0399), the Rockingham County Arts Council (P.O. Box 83, Wentworth, NC 27375, 910-349-4039) and the United Arts Council of Greensboro (P.O. Box 877, Greensboro, NC 27402, 910-333-7440).

Grant applications must be received by 5 p.m., Nov. 14.

Delta Sigma Theta

A&T junior elected regional representative

Jillian Davis, a junior chemistry major at, was recently elected regional representative for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., South Atlantic Region for 1997-99.

Davis' position is the highest ranking within the region for a collegiate member. She is now a member of Delta



Davis

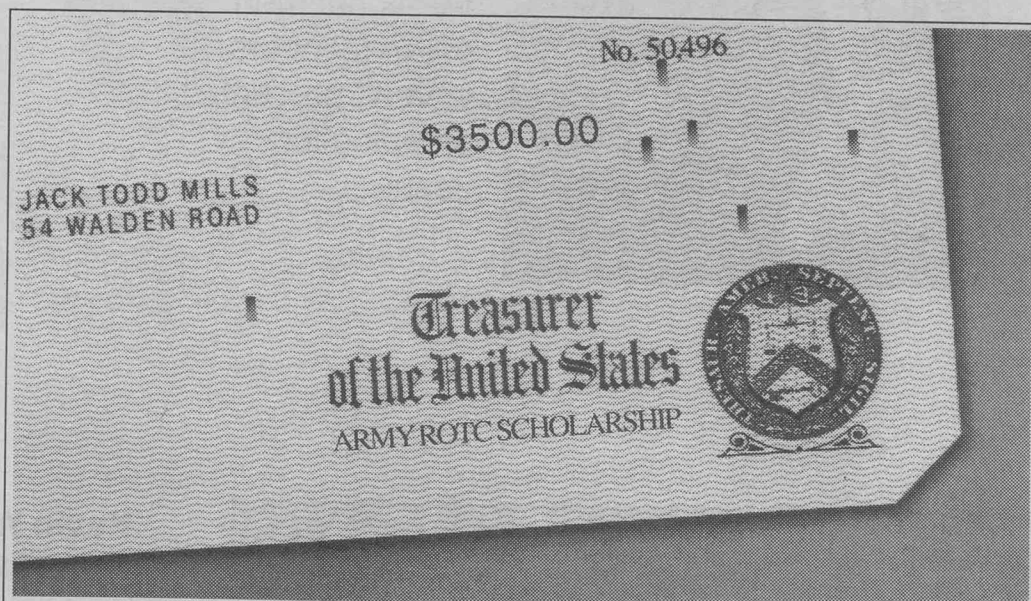
Sigma Theta's National Board.

An N.C. Teaching Fellow and MARC Scholar, Davis is a member of numerous campus and community organizations including the Greensboro Aggie Club, NAACP and New Light Baptist Church Youth Missionary.

A native of Greensboro, Davis is the daughter of Julian and Harriet Davis.

Delta Sigma Theta has seven regions. The South Atlantic Region comprises the Carolinas, Virginia and Bermuda.

Nettie Rowland
University Relations



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Freshman Studies Director Alexander publishes story

By Raegan Burden
University Relations

Dr. Sandra Alexander, professor of English and director of Freshman Advisement at North Carolina A&T State University, will have one of her original stories published in the next edition of "Cities and Roads." The story, titled "One in a Million," focuses on a 69-year-old, retired college professor's pilgrimage to the Million Man March.

Alexander has received numerous awards and published several other works. Her previous works have appeared in the literary magazines "Key West Review," "Obsidian II," and "Aim Quarterly." In 1995, she published the short story "Across the Creek" and in 1994, a collection of short stories entitled "Black Butterflies: Stories of the South in Transition." Alexander was one of two recipients of the \$7,500 N.C. Arts Council Writers' Fellowship in 1992.



Alexander

Alexander received her B.S. from North Carolina A&T State University, M.A. from Harvard University and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

She resides in Greensboro with her husband, Rondal G. Alexander, and their two children, Tonya and Derrick.

A&T physics student awarded fellowship

By Raegan Burden
University Relations

Benjamin McCarter, one of the first two graduate students to enroll in North Carolina A&T State University's new masters degree program in physics, has received a full, one-year graduate fellowship.

The graduate fellowship covers all tuition and fees and provides a monthly stipend for living expenses.

It was funded by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education and the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy's Historically Black Colleges and Universities research participation program.

The fellowship award is the first of its kind by the NRC.

McCarter is studying at A&T under the direction of Dr. Solomon Billig, an assistant professor in

Department of Physics. McCarter will conduct research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's biochemistry and biophysics section under the direction of section head Dr. John C. Miller.

McCarter already spent 16 weeks this summer working on an experimental project involving laser spectroscopy and photophysics of molecules at Oak Ridge, under the direction of Billig and Dr. J.C. Miller.

McCarter's research is based on a novel technique developed by Miller and Billig. McCarter's master's thesis is based on the results of their research.

The collaboration between Oak Ridge and A&T is expected to continue in the future. A&T's graduate program in physics will benefit from the use of the laboratory's state-of-the-art research facilities and the close contact with its world class scientists.



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DOE extends Sankar's funding

By Joya Wesley
University Relations

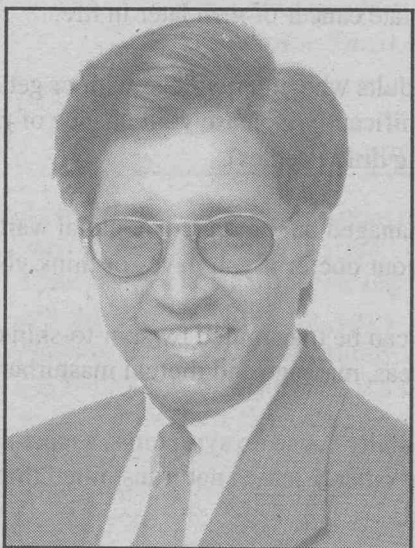
Dr. Jagannathan Sankar, a professor of mechanical engineering at North Carolina A&T State University, has received \$250,000 from the Department of Energy to continue his research in the area of advanced ceramics materials.

The research is sponsored by the DOE's Heavy Vehicle Propulsion System Materials Program of the Office of Transportation Technologies. It is managed by Lockheed Martin Energy Systems Corp. Dr. Ajit Kelkar, another A&T mechanical engineering professor, will be the co-investigator and will assist in the computer modeling of the materials.

The DOE has funded Dr. Sankar's research for more than 10 years to develop reliable ceramic materials for advanced, high-temperature engineering applications. The total received so far exceeds \$2.5 million.

"This funding has been beneficial to both the university and to its students," said A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort. "We are happy to continue this partnership with the DOE."

The funding has helped Sankar



Sankar

establish a nationally recognized research laboratory in the high temperature materials area.

It also has supported many undergraduates and doctoral students as well as being instrumental in bringing in various other high temperature materials projects to A&T.

Structural ceramics have been unique properties that can be used to a great advantage in advanced heat engines, such as automotive gas turbines and low-emission, high-efficiency diesel engines.

one-stop entertainment Attention: Female Rappers

One-Stop Entertainment is looking for a female rapper to record a full-length album. The initial release will include a single on cassette, CD, and 12" records as well as a very aggressive promotion and marketing campaign. Several nationally acclaimed producers have already committed to this project. Artist must be dedicated.

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Tattoos: Body art

By Melanie Ostrove
Columnist

You see it! You want it! You must have! Is it because it's trendy? Or do you want something to symbolize your relationship with a companion? Whether this form of body art represents you or your culture, each tattoo has its own special meaning.

Tattoos are designs on the skin created by puncturing and inserting pigments into the skin. Before tattoos became a popular way of expression, Native Americans and some other ethnic groups wore tattoos to represent their culture or tribe. Today, what used to be seen as an unattractive thing and a sign of rebellion, is now a popular trend among today's young people.

Why wear a tattoo? Some say it's fashionable and some people want a symbol of their relationship. Everyone has their own different reasons for getting a tattoo. Each one is unique. Danice Turner's tattoo is located on the back of her right shoulder. It displays a black panther holding two red hearts together (symbolizing her and her boyfriend) at the bottom of the heart there is a chain connecting both hearts with a rose at the end of each chain. Her tattoo cost \$120 dollars and took an hour and thirty minutes to complete.

Sophomore William Goodwin has two tattoos. One is located on his right arm and the other is located on his chest. Dre (his nickname) is written in excellent calligraphy on his right arm. On his chest the word mom is uniquely spelled with a heart. The heart between the two m's represents his love for his mother. His DRE tattoo took 45 minutes and his mom tattoo took 20 minutes.

The process of creating the tattoo is very simple. After you explain the kind of tattoo that you would like, the tattoo artist draws the design. Then the design is copied on to copy machine using carbon copy. The skin is sprayed with alcohol and antiseptic to prevent germs. The copy of the design is placed on the skin and artist starts tattooing.

If a person should decide to get a tattoo they should take these precautions: make sure the person tattooing wears gloves and uses a clean needle. If it's not done with a clean needle, the skin can get infected. If you scratch your tattoo while its healing it will peel the color away.

It isn't wise for women to get tattoos on their breasts or stomach if they plan on having children because during pregnancy the skin will stretch and it will cause the tattoo to be distorted.

Send comments to
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A&T to display AIDS quilt

By Marcus Croom
University Relations

The AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at North Carolina A&T State University from Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Moore Gym.

This three-day memorial will include a ceremony on Dec. 1, which is World AIDS Day. The ceremony will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Viewing times for the AIDS Quilt will be Sunday, Nov. 30, from 3-7 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 1, from 3-7 p.m.; and Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The display of the quilt is being sponsored by A&T's Sebastian Health Center in an effort to raise AIDS awareness.

The quilt began in San Francisco as Cleve Jones' personal protest. In June of 1987, Jones spray-painted a friend's name onto a piece of cloth approximately the size of a grave. Friends, acquaintances and strangers joined the effort by creating panels of their own.

The NAMES Project Foundation displays portions of the quilt worldwide. More than 9 million

people have seen the quilt and almost \$2 million has been raised to assist people with Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

The massive display encourages visitors to better understand and respond to the AIDS pandemic, and provides a positive means of expression for those grieving the death of a loved one.

The ceremony at A&T and all viewings are free, however, visitors will be able to make donations.

For more information, call Janet Lattimore at (910) 334-7880.

What's your STD IQ?

Answers

1. Fiction. Some STDs, such as genital warts and herpes, can be spread either by genital to genital, hand to genital or skin-to-skin contact with and infected area.

2. Fiction. Birth control devices, pill and contraceptive foam and jellies do just one thing: protect against pregnancy. While male and female condoms made from latex help protect against some STDs, they do not cover all areas of possible infection (such as the base of the penis and the outer vaginal areas) and may leave you at risk for some of the most common STDs, such as HPV and herpes.

3. Fact. The most common STD on college campuses is the human papillomavirus (HPV), of which there are more than 80 different types (two of which cause genital warts). Almost 9% of all college students have an HPV infection. At one university, a study of female college students found that HPV infections were five times more common than all other types of STDs combined. And other studies have linked HPV infection when you're young to a higher risk of cervical cancer in young women and prostate cancer of men later in life.

4. Fiction. While the number of young adults who enter college with or get AIDS during their college years is relatively low (about one in 500), you significantly increase your chance of getting the AIDS virus if you engage in risky behaviors (unprotected sex or sharing drug needles).

5. Fact. Viral STDs can be treated and managed but not cured. Genital warts, for example, can be treated in a number of ways, so don't hesitate to see your doctor if you have--or think you have--genital warts.

6. Fiction. Viral STDs like genital warts can be transmitted by skin-to-skin contact (touch). And because condoms do not cover the entire anal and genital areas, massage and mutual masturbation can be risky.

7. Fiction. Many STDs, such as HPV, initially cause no symptoms, especially in women. When symptoms develop, they may be confused with those of other diseases not transmitted through sexual contact. And because they have not symptoms, they are easily spread.

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9. Fact. Because of their anatomy and physiology, women are at greater risk than men for acquiring STDs and complications related to STDs.

10. Fiction. You can have more than one STD at the same time, because each STD is transmitted the same way... through intimate contact (penetrative intercourse and/or skin-to-skin contact). If you have an STD, it's very important to eat right, get plenty of sleep and exercise, avoid alcohol, tobacco and other mood-altering drugs, and see your doctor regularly. And if you are feeling depressed or anxious about having an STD, join a support group or get professional help.

STD Quiz

1. I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration).
2. All types of birth control will protect me from STDs.
3. The most common STD on college campuses is human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes genital warts.
4. AIDS is not a problem on college campuses.
5. Viral STDs (like genital warts and herpes) cannot be cured.
6. Condoms provide 100% protection from HPV.
7. All STDs have symptoms.
8. If I get an STD, I'll never be able to have sex again -- ever.
9. Women are at greater risk than men for STDs.
10. You can have only have one STD at a time.

Quiz scoring

Give yourself 10 points for each correct answer. If your score was 90% or higher, congratulations, you're informed, knowledgeable and taking control of your sexual health, so keep up the good work. If your score was under 90%, call the national STD Hotline (800/227-8922) or see a professional at your college health center for more information.

University names new administrators, faculty

North Carolina A&T State University has several new faces and new assignments for the 1997-98 academic year, including 11 new administrators and 19 new full-time faculty members. The appointments were announced by Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor.

The new administrators are Dr. Robert R. Jennings, vice chancellor for Development and University Relations; Stephen L. McDaniel, acting associate vice chancellor for Development and University Relations; Dr. Melvin Johnson, interim associate vice chancellor and dean of Graduate Studies; Dr. Ronald Smith, associate vice chancellor of Continuing Education and Summer School; Dr. Charles Williams, associate vice chancellor of Undergraduate Studies; Dr. Ethel F. Taylor, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. L. Milton Glisson, interim chairman of the Department of business Administration; and Dr. Fredrick Ferguson, director of the NASA Center for Aerospace Research.

There are also several new appointments in key staff positions. They are Tommy Ellis, budget director; Kim Sowell, treasurer; Lesley Renwick, assistant legal counsel; Harriet Davis director of development; Tory Ward, physical plant director; Todd Johnson, director of auxiliary services; D.

Cherie Lofton, program/music director, WNAA, 90.1 FM; Joya Wesley, university staff writer; Dr. Clifford Lowery, director of minority affairs; Kay Harris, assistant director of counseling services; Charles Jackson, director of intramural sports; Yvonne Mitchell, acting manager of student collections; Renee Martin, director of administrative information systems; and Mary Mims-Correll, director of enrollment services and policy development.

The new faculty appointments for the School of Agriculture are Dr. Karen W. Bennett, assistant professor in the Department of Human Environment and Family Services; Peter D. Callahan, assistant professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design; and Dr. Otto Doering, visiting professor in the Department of Agricultural Education, Economics and Rural Sociology.

The School of Arts and Sciences welcomes Dr. Kojo Fosu, a Fulbright Scholar in the Department of History.

The new faculty faces in the College of Business and Economics are Dr. Richard D. Mautz, Jr., associate in the Department of Accounting; and Dr. Kimberly Ray, adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Business Administration.

The School of Education welcomes Dr. David Breithaupt, assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

In the College of Engineering, new faculty members are Vernal Alford, adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Architectural Engineering; Dr. Salman Azhar, adjunct associate professor in the Department of Computer Science; Dr. Kenneth L. Roberts, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering; and Dr. Igor Safonov, adjunct associate professor in the Department of Computer Science.

New faculty in the School of Technology are Dr. Dewayne Brown, assistant professor in the Department of Electronics and Computer Technology; Dr. Cynthia Gillespie, assistant professor in the Department of Graphic Communication Systems and Manufacturing Systems.

At F.D. Bluford Library, Margaret Markham has been named as assistant professor/collection development librarian.

A&T's Army ROTC Detachment welcomes Capt. John F. Durham and Capt. Kenneth J. Fields as assistant professors of Military Science.

Finally, 1st Lt. Richard A. Greenlee has been named as assistant professor aerospace studies with Air Force ROTC Detachment 605.

SAFETY

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the classroom side of campus to the library now is longer for commuters.

Barricading Laurel Street is a temporary solution. Chief John Williams and Welborne say there is a long-term plan to permanently block the street. That cannot be done right now because A&T encircles a community and the university is in the process of buying the land to do some improvements to the campus.

Another reason the street cannot be permanently blocked yet, is a question of access for fire trucks or ambulances. Both Welborne and Williams say that the issue of emergency vehicles getting where they need to go on campus is a top priority.

"Emergency services getting through is a major concern of mine,"

Williams says. He adds that when the gates were installed on Mitchell Drive, he talked to emergency medical service and Fire Department officials about it. Consequently, it was put in writing that if an emergency arises and the gates are locked, both these services have permission to run over the grass or do whatever it takes to get through.

Chief Williams adds that, in general, the problem of crime such as carrying weapons and assault on the campus are committed more often by nonstudents.

He says he feels that A&T students should be able to congregate without being harassed. "This is their campus. We are here to make it safe and not restrict them."

Send comments to clarkm@ncat.edu

PARKING

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Stricter parking enforcement after hours is not good news for some Aggies. "I don't think they should ticket after 5," states junior Brenda McGibboney. "Administration hours are from 8 to 5. That leaves a number of vacant spaces. There is not an overabundance of evening classes that the campus police should ticket."

Sophomore Darvin Williams has an evening class that meets 3 nights a week and feels he does not need a sticker. "I am only on campus for an hour," says Williams. Like a lot of other Aggies, Williams also said he got the impression that no enforcement for reserved parking after 5 p.m. also meant those without a sticker would not be ticketed.

Andrea Cummings, a senior and a trainer with A&T's athletic department, also feels that evening parking should be unrestricted. "I don't think that they should be issuing tickets after 5 for students with

classes and extracurricular activities," states the Detroit native.

Senior Brad Pazant, who has received parking tickets, says the parking officers are "definitely doing their job." Pazant, who is a few years older than the average student, adds while the officers are not rude, they can be cold.

According to Williams, to be a campus policeman takes a rather "thick-skinned" person who does not respond to every comment thrown at them.

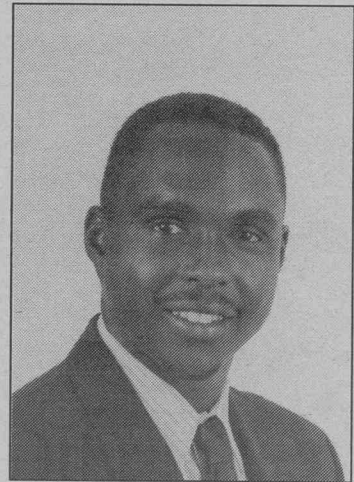
"Doing enforcement on a campus is different from the general population. You are dealing with a group that is basically between the ages of 17 and 25, very, very vocal and energetic," states Williams.

He adds that A&T's officers are not antagonistic or hostile, and they try to approach people in a positive manner.

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Keith Bryant

City Council District 2



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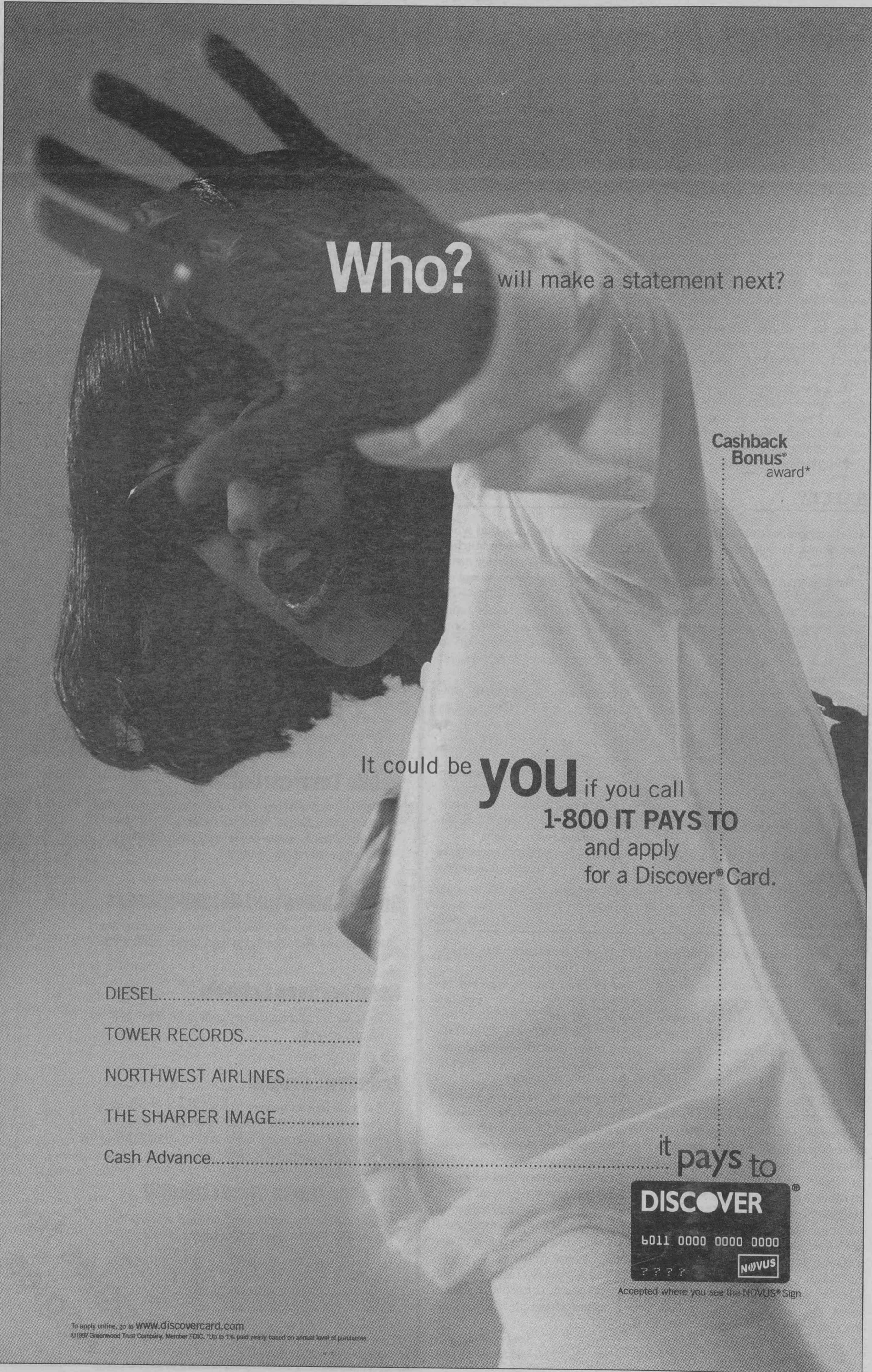
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