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# THE A&T Register

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## SGA, admin. discuss issues at open forum

By Kimberly Dixon  
Staff Writer

Chancellor Edward Fort and the Senior Staff of NCA&T met Thursday, Nov. 4, with the University's students for an open forum to address their issues and concerns. The event took place at Corbett Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

There were two panels on the forum; those who were on the Student Government Association executive board and the Chancellor along with his cabinet. The SGA executive board members included President Arthur Smith, Acting Chief of Staff Iesha Parson, Vice President of Internal Affairs Thomasina Lentz, Vice President of External Affairs Nathan Ingram, Attorney General Tyi-sanna Jones and Treasurer Angie Wilson.

The administrative panel included Chancellor Edward Fort, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Sullivan Welborne, Vice President for Business and Finance Charles McIntyre, Vice Chancellor for Development Ben Rawlins, and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles Williams.

The event was moderated by A&T alumnus Rev. Nelson Johnson of Faith Community Church. He opened the event with a prayer followed by giving the agenda of the forum. A 10-minute opening statement was read by Chancellor Fort and President Smith in the first part of the forum.

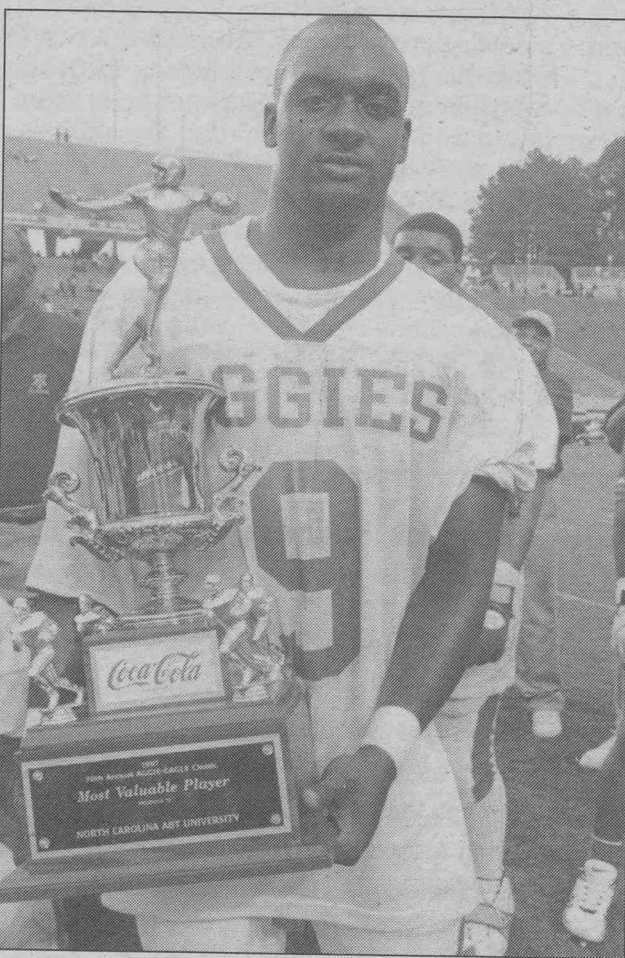
In the second part, each side of the panel had 10 minutes to discuss the following topics: constitutional rights, communications, safety and facilities.

Ingram spoke for the SGA on constitutional rights. He made reference that the SGA had not been given the chance to choose an academic advisor. They were simply appointed one by the University's administration. The constitution says that the SGA is to choose an advisor. Dr. Welborne spoke for the administration staff and said if President Smith wants an advisor, to give him the name.

Communications was presented by President Smith. He compared how fast the Chancellor responded to his "legal complaint" (2 hours) to how long it took for stu-

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## McNeil receives proper recognition



Simply put, Chris McNeil played like it was Sunday while it seemed that everyone else was playing on Friday. This season he racked up 21 sacks for 110 negative yards. In his four games and one year career at A&T, McNeil amassed an astounding 31.5 sacks, only four sacks off the career record.

This year he was rewarded for his efforts. McNeil was named All-MEAC first team defense, MEAC defensive player of the year, Div. I-AA first team All-American defense, as well as receiving the Buck Buchanan Award for Div. I-AA defensive player of the year.

McNeil will be joining fellow Aggie James Clyburn and other collegiate stars in the Hula Bowl in Hawaii. Early in the season, McNeil said of offensive schemes designed to neutralize him, "I don't worry about what they do because I will do my thing regardless. If they double team me that means one of my teammates will have more of an opportunity to make a play and when they are forced to play me one-on-one, I am confident that I can cause some type of disruption."

-Marq King  
Sports Editor

## Project Reach targets STIs

By Jamie Wiggins  
Staff Reports

Project Reach was formed over three years ago by the New York/New Jersey Connection. Its purpose is to serve students with an awareness of the increasing epidemic of STIs or Sexually Transmitted Infections and HIV or Human Immunodeficiency Virus at A&T.

The project was choreographed by Diane Robinson formerly of the Triad Health Project and currently of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont. Robinson is also one of

the advisors for Projects Reach, along with Janet Lattimore of the Sebastian Health Center.

The goals Project Reach would like to obtain include helping to prevent HIVs and STIs on campus, eliminating stereotypes, myths and rumors on campus associated with HIVs and STIs, increasing the responsibility of the individual when it comes to sex (using contraceptives), putting Project Reach on a technological level (e-mail, homepage, etc.), and making Project Reach vital to A&T.

Some of the activities that are

conducted in Project Reach include training sessions for members dealing with awareness for STIs and HIVs, Drop Dead Knowledge Week where members give out pamphlets and condoms to students and also travel to local apartment complexes informing residents where to go for HIV testing. Also members sponsored a forum in Gibbs Hall on the safety and awareness of STIs and HIVs.

In the future, president of the club, Lionel Castro, would like to "set up a Project Reach for

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## Aggies join others in SOARS Conference

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Nearly 200 students and faculty members from colleges and universities across North Carolina participated in the annual SOARS Undergraduate Research Conference at A&T.

The two-day conference, Nov. 13-14, featured more than 70 oral and poster presentations of research conducted by undergraduate students in the natural sciences, mathematics, engineering, the humanities, behavioral and social sciences and education.

The banquet speaker was Dr.

Shirley McBay, president of the Quality Education for Minorities Network, a non-profit organization that was established to help implement recommendations contained in the QEM Project's action plan for providing quality education for minorities.

"We definitely had one of the most successful SOARS conference to date," said Dr. Alvin Kennedy, an A&T assistant professor of chemistry and the 1997 coordinator.

Dr. Vallie Guthrie, an A&T chemistry professor who also serves as the director of the Greensboro Area Mathematics and Science Education Center, was conference chair.

SOARS, which stands for Seizing Opportunities for Advancing Research Scholars, is an annual event sponsored by the North Carolina Council for Undergraduate Research, a group of faculty from North Carolina's five state-supported historically black colleges and universities, Pembroke University and UNC-Asheville.

The annual conference provides valuable experience for young researchers.

"These kind of experiences help to motivate you to define your thoughts

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# Students excel with Mentoring Program

By Raegan Burden  
Staff Writer

Fifty-five students are now receiving paid, hands-on experience in the A&T Mentoring Program, which helps students prepare for their future careers.

The Mentoring Program was established to give students the opportunity to acquire on-the-job experience before graduation. By providing participants with role models in a professional setting, students develop necessary occupational skills and habits.

The program was developed in 1993 by Lillian M. Couch, human resources director, and Charles McIntyre, vice chancellor of the division of business and finance, who arranged the funding. The program is directed through the human resources

department by Mentoring Program director Donna Harris, and Associate Director of Human Resources, Glen Hart.

In the Mentoring Program, students are selected through application to shadow a faculty member in their chosen major for an academic year. Throughout that year, the mentees are provided with realistic assignments like the ones they will face after graduation. Mentees are paid \$8 per hour and must work 10 hours per week.

"Money is not the issue, which is one reason why mentees can only work 10 hours per week. We don't want this job to interfere with any academics," said coordinator Hart. "This program is more like an intern and is used to market the abilities of each student."

Currently, there are five students on a waiting list. More openings become available as students gradu-

ate from the University or drop out of the program. There is no shortage of students wanting to be mentees, but finding mentors has been a challenge.

"Trying to get more mentors has been a challenge for us. Often the faculty doesn't know that the program exists. However, this year we've done a better job marketing the program," said Hart.

The Mentoring Program is open to students in all fields of study on a first come, first served basis. To be eligible, students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, submit a letter of recommendation from an administrator or faculty member, and write an essay stating their career objectives and reasons for wishing to become a mentee.

The deadline to apply for the upcoming spring semester is Dec. 18. Applications are available in the Human Resources department, on the second floor of the Dowdy Administration Building.

# Vanstory Hall presents rape prevention

By Jaimee Canty  
News Editor

Sergeant of Crime Prevention and Training, Officer William Gilchrest, tackled the issue of rape and sexual assault with Vanstory Hall residents Dec. 2.

Gilchrest, of NC A&T's campus police, stressed the need for awareness of this serious problem in our society. "Most people don't come to workshops like this... after they have been raped or assaulted, then they come to the police," Gilchrest said.

Gilchrest warned residents that anyone can become a rape victim, at any place, at any time. Rape and sexual assault is a problem in Greensboro and on A&T's campus as well.

"A woman was raped and sodomized in the library bathroom at UNCG... behind Williams Cafeteria, a guy jumped out of the bushes and grabbed a girl. She got away because she was quick..." he said.

Even though rape involves the sexual act, the victim is not looking for sex, but control. "If a woman [in an attempt of rape] said 'Bring it on; I have been waiting for six months,' the rapist would flee, because it would not be a challenge for him. He wants to be in control... they want to see that look of fear on the victim's face," Gilchrest said.

Rapists come in all shapes, ages, races and economic levels. There is no surefire way to detect a would be rapist, but they tend to prey on females in specific circumstances.

They look for females that look vulnerable.

"Rapists know how to pick out their victims. Those traveling alone in dark areas are prime targets," Gilchrest said. A lone female is a prime target because she is easier to restrain than a group of females. "Walk in groups... Do like you do at home. Cut on the porch light; let someone know where you are going," he said.

Convicted rapists may feel no remorse for what they have done. Gilchrest said, "I have talked to guys convicted of sexual assault. They say 'I didn't hear her [saying no]; how can you not hear a woman's screams?'"

Rape is not always committed by someone that the victim does not know. Date rape, when a woman is raped by someone they know (a boy-

friend, for example), is also common. Alcohol and drugs greatly contribute to rape and sexual assault.

Gilchrest warned residents about the new "date rape drug" that some assailants use to take advantage of females. "Many guys will slip a female a clear liquid drug or powder, known as the 'date rape drug.' It cannot be detected and the female has no memory of what happened," he said.

The vast majority of rape victims are female, but males can be raped as well. In Florida, a 24-year-old man was raped at gunpoint by two women. "He feared the weapon and had to go along," Gilchrest said. Men should also avoid putting themselves in situations where they might be falsely accused of rape.

One resident said that her brother has been imprisoned for 20 years because a white woman falsely accused

him of raping her.

Although some men are falsely accused and even convicted of sexual violations, there are many rapists roaming the streets. Rapists go free because rapes often go unreported.

"If you are a victim, the chances of you reporting it are slim because you will be embarrassed... The word that you have is power. If something happens to you, report it," Gilchrest said.

If a female is raped, it is important that she does not remove the evidence, and seeks medical attention.

"You should call the police immediately, do not bathe or discard clothing," Gilchrest said. He informed residents that the evidence found at the crime scene and the victim's clothing can be used to convict the rapist. With the use of a detecting device, bodily fluids (invisible to the naked eye) can be seen.

## Tips on Preventing Rape

- Do not travel alone at night.
- Be cautious of anyone giving you undue attention or getting too close.
- Know where you are going and take the safest routes to get there.
- Walk briskly, act assertively. Know where you are going. Don't give off signs of helplessness or confusion.
- If you are being followed or harassed, drive to the nearest, safest, and most populated place.
- Ask anyone you ride with to wait until you are safely in the building.
- Plan the fastest escape routes out of your house in case you ever have to exit quickly.
- Give no indication on your mailbox or in the phone directory that you are female or living alone.
- Always check the peephole viewer to see who is outside your door.
- Before entering your car, visually check inside and around it to be sure that no one is hidden.
- Keep some money with you in the car in case an unexpected problem arises.
- Park in well-lit, well-traveled areas.
- Know who you date; set limits prior to the date.
- Do not leave a party with someone you just met; no matter how fine he or she is.
- First/Blind Date? Go to a public place or double date.
- Be wary of behavior that makes you uncomfortable; if it persists leave.
- Be assertive. If someone is pressuring you, firmly say 'no,' and mean it.

"By shining our light on it [clothing or bed sheets] we can pick up sperm and saliva," he stated.

It is important that rape victims receive a medical examination and counseling. Many women act on their initial reaction to rape; they wash profusely and get rid of their clothing. Victims often feel dirty and want to forget that the rape ever occurred.

The victim is forever scarred by the event. "You don't want to be raped, beaten and sodomized. That will affect you mentally and physically for the rest of your life," he stated.

Rapes also go unreported due to the victims feelings of responsibility, guilt and shame.

Captain Addie Harrison, University Security Supervisor, said, "The truth of the matter is that black women report rape less often than any other group of women. In my opinion, its due to our image, and how we try to live with the mistakes that we make, and are too embarrassed to report them."

Gilchrest advised residents to avoid situations in which a rape or sexual assault may occur. "Don't put yourself in that predicament. Walk in groups, lock your room doors, avoid dark areas.

"Never get into a car with six guys you don't know, just because they drive a nice car... You have to protect yourself," he said.

Women should also think about the decisions that they make. "Don't go to see a guy in Cooper Hall at 3 a.m., to 'talk.' What you do now can affect you for the rest of your life. Crime prevention is not just a policeman's problem, it's your problem, too," he added.

Vanstory residents left the workshop with a better understanding of rape. Latara Creech, a nursing major from Middlesex, said, "I learned about the new date rape drug. It definitely needs to be taken off the streets."

Anita Towns, a nursing major from Warrenton, was pleased that Gilchrest was candid and sincere. "He didn't try to make it sound like rape and sexual violations do not occur on A&T's campus, when they do. He was honest about it."

"The more we talk about it, the more it will be realized that rape is not a crime of passion, but a violent crime," Captain Harrison said.



# Bookstore appreciates students' patronage

By Corey King  
Staff Writer

A&T Bookstore has undergone significant changes since reclaiming ownership on July 1, 1996. Major changes include: renovations, a point scale system, new registers for more efficient check out, a teller machine and notary services.

The bookstore also provides a pre-package system which allows incoming freshmen to pre-order textbooks the summer before their arrival. Instead of standing in line for hours to make purchases, the books are packaged for them upon their arrival to campus.

Tim Moore, bookstore manager said, "The main mission of the faculty and staff is to serve the students. The objective of the changes is to provide goods and services which meet their needs educationally."

The bookstore has also provided incentives to show students that their patronage is appreciated. Student Appreciation Week, for example, is observed from Nov. 24-Dec. 6. By presenting a coupon found in the last issue of The A&T Register and a student I.D., students receive 20 percent off their total purchases. Items excluded from this discount were computer supplies, hardware, software, textbooks and electronics.

Also, the bookstore recently presented Miss A&T, Bridgett Herring, with a free class ring.

The bookstore plans to continue with various other incentives throughout the year. On the tentative schedule of events is a Senior Day, when seniors will be fitted for cap and gowns and order announcements and invitations. Seniors will also receive a 25 percent discount on purchases. Moore promises to continue to run ads to make sure that students are aware of all new products and services.

## FORUM

from front

dents to find out about the forum (7-9 days). He also spoke on how miscommunication was part of the cause of the forum. Dr. Martin, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, responded in defense of the University.

Jones presented the safety problem at the forum. She spoke on several problems including the blocking of streets, poor lighting and no lighting in the quad area. Batton, Associate Vice Chancellor for facilities and McIntyre responded for the administration.

They reported that there were plans to put lights in the quad area.

Lentz presented the problems of facilities. Problem areas included dorm maintenance, Hines Hall, computer access, library access and lack of facilities. Dr. Martin and Chancellor Fort said that lack of funds was one problem.

Dr. Fort said that there are plans to expand the Memorial Student Union.

The third part of the forum gave students a chance to question the University administration and the SGA.

Students questioned about the lack of furnishings, renovating Scott Hall, reopening the Scott Hall Annex, underfunding, street blocking, parking problems, athletics and several other issues.

Hassaun Valentine of Charlotte said, "I think it was long overdue. You can see the frustration that had built up by problems not reaching administration. It's up to the students to follow up on complaints. You can't say the administration didn't hear us, but you can't expect them to [make change] just because they heard us.

"Sometimes things are done to pacify the immediate frustrations, but if following up doesn't take place, it is almost inevitable that you'll see the same problems occur," he added.

Laverne Frierson of South Carolina said, "I'm glad they agreed to do the forum so we could get some communication flowing. I hope the suggestions and solutions that both sides agreed on will actually take place."

# A&T welcomes new attorney

By Marcus Croom  
University Relations

Lesley A. Renwick, a former assistant district attorney in Dallas, has been named assistant legal counsel at A&T.

Renwick, a Thomasville native, will assist Benjamin Rawlins, special assistant to the chancellor for legal affairs, with legal analysis and advisement concerning the University, internally and externally.

Renwick has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston.

She was licensed as an attorney by the State Bar of Texas.

As an assistant district attorney with the Dallas County District Attorney's office, Renwick investigated, prepared and prosecuted felony and misdemeanor criminal cases including 72 jury trials.

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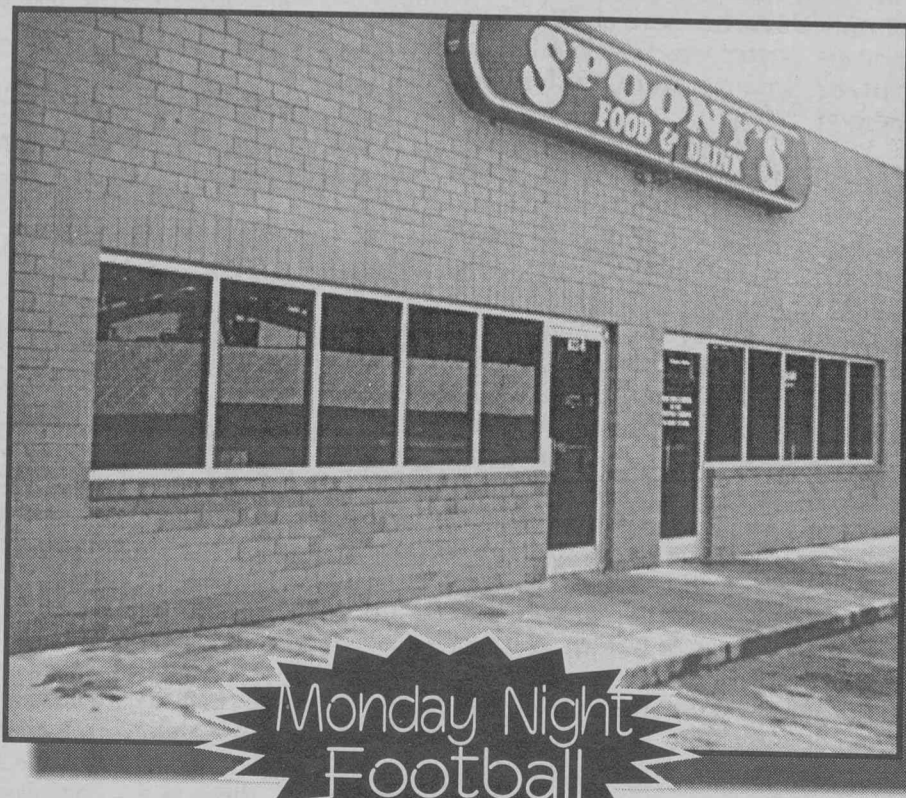
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## What have you done for me lately?

By David Gaines  
 Editor in chief

Recently, I was invited to a meeting organized by four students wanting to bring change to A&T. They invited almost 18 other student leaders, but only nine of us sat at the table for the entire three-hour duration. More than half the students present were either freshmen or sophomores.

I applaud their initiative and concern for the University. The major concern was how to implement every aspect of this University to accomplishing their goal. In an attempt to regain the Aggie Pride, improve student life, prevent the extinction of affirmative action and simply preserve A&T as an HBCU, they want to educate the student body. Of the invited guests at the table, there was the History Club, SUAB and the campus newspaper.

Immediately, *The A&T Register* was questioned and basically criticized. The general consensus is the A&T Register is not being read by the students.

Rewriting the constitution was suggested though no one there has ever read the Register's constitution. How do you rewrite something you never taken the time to read?

I was questioned if the paper can cover off-campus events. Well, we've written from the first issue about Keith Bryant's vie for a City Council seat, Black College Day in Charlotte, social events at B&J Lounge, The Big Brother program, the Aggie QUEENS and MEN programs which participates with a local middle school and the unveiling ceremony of A&T colors on a ferry in Wilmington.

Someone asked if we were going to write anything about affirmative action. Try issue five. What about the Register's stance on Malcolm Speaks, which covered the blockades and Homecoming issues? Homecoming was covered in

issues 2-3, the blockades were covered in issue 4, a feature on Malcolm Boney's newsletter appeared in issue 5.

Understanding engineer majors and organizations are not the only ones who work hard, we have brought attention to other campus organizations who help this engineer school become what it is today. In stories or brief highlights, we featured the likes of Couture, the E. Gwynn Dance Company, the web team, Midwest and Charlotte Aggie clubs, Transportation Institute, the A&T TV Show, Richard B. Harrison Players and even the A&T mascot, Aggie.

Maybe not everything in the paper will affect each and every student, but every story has an affect on someone on this campus.

Yet, I can understand the criticism *The A&T Register* receives every year. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed at this great university. There needs to be more focus on the administration's decisions. The housing conditions, parking, tuition, the registration process, the security cameras at Scott, the blockades which need to come down and basically how the students feel about all these issues.

Understanding *The A&T Register* is a means for the students to voice their opinions, I encourage everyone with an opinion about anything concerning this campus to write a letter to the paper. We will print your concerns without editing the content, as falsely accused before.

We welcome all story ideas and even assistance in gathering this news. Send all your ideas to either editorinchief@juno.com, calling 334-7700 or dropping them off at the Register House, located between Graham Hall and Barbee Hall, two white buildings down from Sebastian Health Center.

In order for us to work together, we have to be

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## Aggies, Spartans could benefit from merger

For what seems like an eternity, rumors have flown around regarding the consolidation of A&T, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Students, alumni, and faculty of both institutions seem to be divided on the touchy issue of merging, although it appears that most of the discord rests at A&T.

These dissenters do not seem to realize the full effect of the joining of the two schools. Not only would the Aggies benefit from programs and services not offered at their school, but the Spartans would earn access to A&T's nationally-acclaimed Engineering and Nursing Schools.

When I came to A&T four years ago, it was pretty much under duress. I believed that since I arrived here with no Aggie Pride, I would eventually, even a slight iota of school spirit. Unfortunately, this has not happened yet.

In 1994, I had heard very little about UNCG's Mass Communications department, and a lot about that at A&T. Little did I know then that the former would add film-production to its curriculum. Wanting to be the next Quincy Jones/Berry Gordy/Puff Combs/Steven Spielberg all rolled into one, I thought the school that billed itself as "Where Dreamers Become Achievers" would best suit my needs.

In time, I came to discover that A&T caters to engineering, agricultural, and nursing students, leaving everyone else in the cold. After 6 p.m., most computer labs were designated for the use of these "chosen ones," and to type a paper (if you happened to be in Liberal Arts), one would have to either purchase a computer, pay an engineering major to type it for them, or use the resources of another college or library in the area.

At this point, I began using the resources at UNCG to get my work down. There it seemed, all majors were equal, and no particular school had precedence or "reign" over the others.

It was during this time that I came to realize that there were more things, besides computer labs and

curriculum offerings that A&T lacked.

When the appointed hour for meals arrives, Spartans have the advantage. Not only do they have a cafeteria that rivals the pathetic, cold, never-changing offerings at Williams Cafeteria, but an Atrium that houses a Healthy Choice delicatessen, Chick-Fil-A, a convenience store, and an ice cream shop.

In their student center they have Mrs. Field's Cookies, Taco Bell, a salad/soup/potato cafe, and a fast-food grill. Plus, UNCG is the site of not one-but two Pizza Hut stores.

Pretty sad, when all A&T has to offer is the Aggie Den and the cafeteria. Aggies don't have the option of buying food in the Den with their student identification

cards, but instead fork out money for bland-tasting, overpriced objects that faintly resemble food.

Also, aside from the new-routine, Aggie gym-jam (aka "Snoozefests"), there is very little to offer in the way of student entertainment. How many games of Spades must one play before he or she throws their cards down in disgust?

The Spartans are offered many diversions, including field trips, weekly movies and cultural/religious forums that we lack.

Aside from the obvious deficiencies, there is a notable difference in the attitudes of A&T and UNCG administrators. Consider the name "Dowdy." To most Aggies, that name conjures up thoughts of bad attitudes, long lines, and crushed spirits.

At Moreman (the registration/administrative building at UNCG), the people in charge are more tolerant of the students' needs and are willing to

*Not only would the Aggies benefit from programs and services not offered at their school, but the Spartans would earn access to A&T's nationally-acclaimed Engineering and Nursing Schools.*

Roderick Meadows  
 A Spargie

help them without the ego trips. Perhaps they are unaware of who is paying their salary.

Perhaps the merger would cause a shake-up of the evil Dowdy-dwellers, and have the bad ones replaced with people actually concerned about the welfare of A&T students.

I could go on all day about how the consolidation would be for the good of A&T. Of course, there are some Spartans that believe they are superior to us. These people could benefit from taking classes here that are not offered on their campus. UNCG's Engineering school is not publicized, or as through as A&T's—do they even have one?

Homecoming is another tradition that seems to be lost on UNCG students. No concert, step-show, or comedy jam. No parade—just a piddling little soccer game...

At least here, we know how to celebrate. The merger could mean a significant change in the hohum Homecomings Spartans have come to know. Imagine it—a football game in Homecoming!

Why is it that both schools just don't want to get it together? Is it the notion on the part of Aggies that consolidation would mean the loss of their rich history as a black college? Would their identity be compromised?

No. I think not. History will always have a place for A&T; after all, the four young men that started the Woolworth sit-ins were all Aggies.

Nothing will be lost, but a wealth would be gained.

Peace out from Greensboro's own Spargie.

—Roderick Meadows



# Professional sports on its way to Triad

By Semaj Marsh  
Special to The A&T Register

If the Triad community is sincere about becoming an emerging metropolitan in the 21st century, gaining a Major League Baseball team would be a huge stride in the right direction.

As it now starts to seem more and more likely that local businessman Don Beaver will accomplish his coup of buying the Minnesota Twins, area residents should realize the positive impact such a move would have on the region.

Not only would baseball benefit the local economy, but the media attention a professional sports franchise would generate would help foster the region's national identity.

Sure, Greensboro already plays host

to the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes, but in all truthfulness, the city is only baby-sitting the team for the next two years until a new arena is constructed in Raleigh.

However, the Triad could have a permanent sports franchise of its own if Beaver's deal goes through as expected.

Granted, this depends on if the same politics and community leaders whom often trumpet the call for economic development, can loosen the vice-grip on their beloved pennies and put their money where their mouth is.

Beaver has said in order to bring a team to the Triad, Guilford and Forsyth County must raise \$140 million toward the cost of a \$210 million ballpark.

This money could come in the form

of an imposed sale tax on prepared food—something that has sparked a public outcry.

The one cent sales tax will be levied on meals served in area restaurants and some prepared foods sold in grocery stores.

Roughly, that means if you spend, for example, \$30 dining out, the extra tax to your bill will be 30 cents. Is that really too much to sacrifice to have a big league team in your own backyard?

That proposed new stadium will be located south of Kernersville on the Guilford/Forsyth County line and owned by non-profit group appointed by both counties' board of commissioners.

The stadium referendum is scheduled for May 5, 1998, during the regu-

lar primary elections. Beaver has said that is the tax referendum is not approved he will move the team to Charlotte, but he insist his first choice is the Triad.

So far, recently re-elected mayor Carolyn Allen has consistently dodged the baseball issue, saying she has yet to make up her mind.

Maybe mayor Allen and other local leaders should take notes from the drive and commitment Don Beaver has shown in forging his dream of baseball into a reality.

For once, a community leader has emerged with vision and a strong sense of hometown loyalty. Triad residents should praise and support his efforts, rather than gripe over change that will probably end up beneath their couches anyway.

## Escaping harms from smoking nearly impossible

By Kyesha Woods  
Special to The A&T Register

If you are a non-smoker, think about how you feel when someone around you lights up a cigarette. An ongoing debate is whether or not smoking has a negative effect not only on the smoker, but on all others around the smoker.

Research shows that the smoke expelled from one cigarette is composed of two specific types: mainstream smoke, which is the smoke that a smoker inhales each time he takes a puff; and sidestream smoke, the smoke that non-smokers breathe in through the atmosphere.

Compared to mainstream smoke, sidestream smoke consists of twice as much tar and nicotine, almost three times as much carbon monoxide, and over three times as much benzopyrene and ammo-

nia. Of all the smoke that fills a room from a cigarette, 85 percent of its sidestream smoke. Although sidestream smoke is not filled with large amounts of toxic chemicals, the amount it does contain may be considerably harmful to smokers.

Up to 25 percent of the non-smokers that are exposed to Environmental Tobacco Smoke develop coughs. A total of 30 percent develop headaches and nasal discomfort and 70 percent suffer from eye irritation.

Other unpleasant effects include breathlessness, sinus complications and tobacco odor; a smoky smell that clings to the skin and clothing.

Minor annoyances and discomforts are not the only consequences that non-smokers face. In 1993, the United States Environmental Protection Agency classified Environmental Tobacco Smoke as an agent known to cause cancer in humans. They also

stated that about 3,000 Americans die from lung cancer (caused by this agent) each year. Based on these studies the Environment Protection Agency estimate that non-smokers who live or work among smokers, face a 20 to 30 percent increase for contacting lung cancer and may still be affected by the smoke several hours after having left a smoky environment.

One plus to this ongoing battle between smokers and non-smokers is that smoking as been banned on airplanes. The discomfort that non-smokers used to suffer from while on an airplane is a horrifying thought. Even in restaurants where there is a smoking and non-smoking section, the smoke from the smoking section still has an effect on the people in the non-smoking section. Unless you are in two totally different rooms, there is really no way to escape the harmful effects of cigarette smoke.

## Abortion should be an individual's decision

By Delicia Barnes  
Special to The A&T Register

In the United States there are a variety of people with a variety of backgrounds and cultures.

From the White House, the court house, the church house and the school house, tolerance and acceptance of others is stressed. However, one of the most personal decisions one can make is under attack by these same "acceptance" spokespeople. Abortion is denounced based upon the personal beliefs of a few.

There is a movement to force these beliefs on everyone through the law.

Abortion may be against one person's religion, or it may conflict with another's idea of when life begins. In both cases, it still comes down to what the individual believes.

In today's society, forcing one's religious beliefs and philosophies upon another person is unacceptable. Why not give the same respect to the decision of abortion?

Some say that they are protecting the rights of the unborn child and have to speak up. Does this not come

down to when life begins and when a person actually has rights?

To some, this may be an easily answered question. At one time, however, the question of whether or not blacks were human was an easy question.

Blacks (not too long ago) attained the official status of human and the rights and privileges thereof. All along blacks knew that they were human but were forced to live otherwise.

Do unborn children have life and/or privileges? There are varying answers to that question. Who is right?

An eye must be kept on those in control and the beliefs those individuals press on this society. This belief control system will not stop with abortion. While one person's beliefs may be right for them, it may not be right for the next person.

There is a delicate balance between protecting the rights of society as a whole and protecting the rights of the individual.

One of an American's toughest assignments is to keep his or her individuality yet to think of the greater good at the same time.

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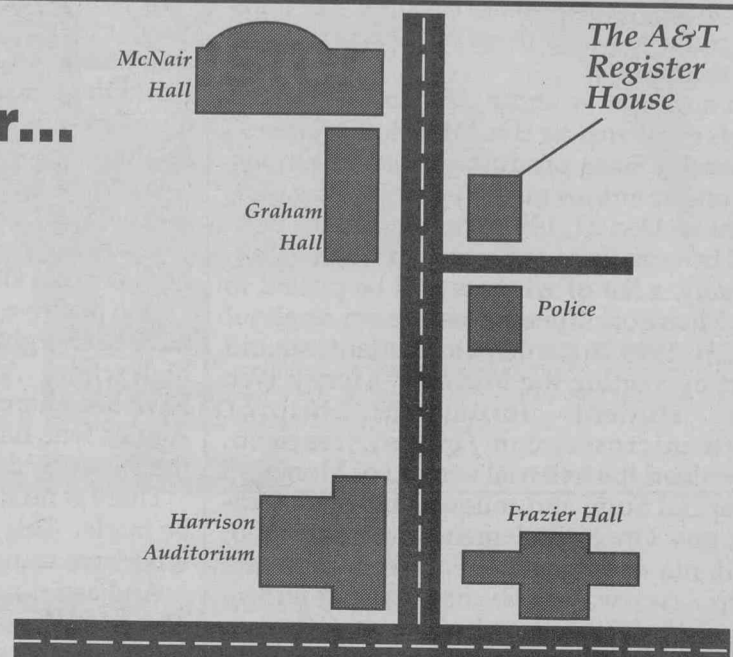
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*No Dollars, No Change***Younger alumni not as willing to give back**

By Hugh Hunter  
Special to The A&T Register

Throughout the years at A&T, the Alumni Association has been known for its major contributions and donations. However, compared to UNCG and other noted colleges and universities, over the past few years the contributions from the Aggie alumni has not been up to the other major college and university levels.

Alumni from other schools, such as UNCG, have been able to give back to the university. This allows them to install new programs, construct new buildings on campus and improve living conditions for on-campus students.

Velma Speight, Director of Alumni Affairs at A&T, has seen changes over the years from the older alumni donations to the University compared to today's younger alumni donations.

Speight explained that the young Aggie alumni do not have the spirit to give back to the University these days.

She also added that the young Aggie alumni belong to other groups or organizations that can take

away from giving back to the University.

Speight added that the University has to do what it is supposed to do to nurture the younger generation to give back to the University and its importance. Getting involved in the system will allow better changes to come forth.

Alan Hooker, Interim Director of Alumni Affairs and a well-noted Aggie alumnus said, "At A&T there has not been any instructions on giving back to the University when they leave school. Students need to know that if they do not give back to the University, it will not be around [much] long[er]."

Hooker also explained that every little bit that is contributed can and will make a difference for a future Aggie.

During Freshmen Orientation Week, it is important that the alumni instill in freshmen that giving back to the University is important to preserve the Aggie tradition.

In the 1980s, there was more participation from the alumni than today. A&T and the individual departments on campus have to do a better job of coordinating solicitation efforts to progress.

Speight added that in the past the University has

not been giving any credit to its contributors.

Joan Glynn, Director of Alumni Affairs at UNCG, explained that the alumni contributions and donations to the university had just started over the last five to seven years.

Glynn noted that they really push their alumni to give back to the university to make better changes for the future Spartans.

As of recently, the UNCG alumni have contributed outstanding portions to have new academic departments constructed, a new parking deck, a Women's Studies Program and various other projects to be built on campus.

The UNCG alumni are stepping up to the plate and taking care of their responsibilities to insure a higher enrollment and to help preserve the tradition of the past and pass it along to the younger generation.

To maintain enrollment at A&T, alumni must take care of their responsibility. Contributing to the University ensures positive changes, a quality education and improved living conditions for future students. It also allows the University to compete with other institutions.

**Tuition money being offered via Internet**

Did you know that the average annual cost of attending a four-year college or university today is approximately \$19,000—and that's just tuition! Over the past decade, college costs have consistently outplacated inflation, and most experts predict that this trend will continue. Paying for college can be a struggle, and many students and parents don't know how or where to find scholarship money that can supplement these costs. This is apparent from the fact that nearly half (47 percent) of college students surveyed are carrying loans to cover the cost of their education.

But are students geared up for financial and debt management? Recognizing that college costs are continuing to rise and that students can benefit from personal finance software, Microsoft Money 98 personal finance management software is working with FastWEB, the largest free Internet scholarship search service, to offer 10 students the chance to win a \$2,500 scholarship via the Internet.

The Money 98 Scholarship Contest is a contest of skill in which students who are 18 and older and enrolled full time at an accredited college or university submit an essay of no more than 500 words on the importance of maintaining financial stability during college and how they believe Money 98 Financial Suite can help them make smart financial decisions.

In addition to writing the essay, the students must answer five Microsoft Money 98 Financial Suite product-related questions. All online entries must be received by midnight on Dec. 31, 1997; winners will be notified by e-mail as well as regular mail. Additionally, a list of winners will be posted to the Microsoft Money Web site on or about Jan. 31, 1998. To participate, students should start by visiting the Microsoft Money Web site student forum at <http://www.microsoft.com/money/fastweb>, download the free trial version of Money 98 Financial Suite and follow their contest directions. Once all elements are completed, students can visit the FastWEB Web site (<http://www.fastweb.com/>) and complete a free scholarship search. For complete contest rules, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/money/fastweb/guide.htm>.

**Scholarships awarded to Aggies**

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Four students in the School of Education at A&T recently received scholarships of \$500 each from the Greensboro Civitan Club.

The 1997-98 scholarship winners are Kaia Franklin of Baltimore, Md., a senior majoring in elementary education; Tiffany Fuller of Burlington, a senior majoring in health and physical education; Latisha McNeil of Greensboro, a junior majoring in special education; and

Adrienne Scott of Taylorsville, a junior majoring in elementary education.

The Greensboro Civitan Club is the oldest Civitan club in Greensboro.

Its A&T Scholarship program was established in 1989. Dr. Jesse Marshall, a club member who retired after 20 years at A&T's vice chancellor for student affairs, serves as the liaison between the club and A&T.

The program is designed to provide support to students in A&T's School of Education.

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able to communicate with each other. This does not mean the "What have you done for me lately" meetings I barely survived. If the newspaper is as powerful as you, the students, see it as being, write your ideas in a letter to the newspaper for print.

I have yet to meet someone who has criticized the paper who has visited the newspaper with ideas on how to improve it. Those who have taken a minute to talk to me, they seem to understand it's more than just saying, "Fix it. Make it better. Make it more interesting."

Everything is going to take time from getting more "TP" in the dormitories to preserving affirmative action in the UNC system. But nothing is going to get accomplished without communicating.

The meeting was a first step towards meeting this goal. I applaud this young group of students for organizing such a much-needed event.

In no way do I discourage them from continuing what they are setting out to do. Actually, I am proud of their actions and am willing to help in every way possible. Amid the criticism, I do not take it personal, but see it as a frustration of the students just not receiving the information they should know.

With this in mind, I say let's get to work.

What A&T needs most are young, energetic leaders who are not going to wait for someone else to stand first, but take that stand and make a change themselves.

One positive move they made was going to those who have been fighting before they even graduated from high school. At the meeting, there were Aggies who have been here longer and know how the system works. Aggies who have already brought change to A&T and made national history at that.

There is no doubt when students organize, history can be made. This meeting is just one of many to come where we come together and take control of our futures.

And assisting in everything that will be accomplished, The A&T Register plans on playing a vital role. If no one else knows how important it is to utilize the campus paper, trust me, we do.

After four semesters, the newspaper is on its third adviser, second department chairperson, second dean and second public relations director. There are no more than four returning active members from last year's staff. The majority of the staff consists of freshmen and sophomores.

Most of them aren't even communication majors and have not written for a newspaper before. They are simply students—like the four who organized the meeting—who want to help in any way possible.

The newspaper is a student run newspaper, though we do not control our own funding.

Considering the above, I couldn't be more proud of the diligence these students have put into the paper.

Last year, there were only 10 issues printed all year. The year prior, only seven. The production level of this newspaper has dramatically increased, as well as the overall quality of the newspaper. For those who were here before 1995 would know. I cannot fault the freshmen and sophomores for not being able to see the vast improvements we have undergone here.

I am confident, though, we will form a positive working relationship and continue to pursue our similar goals. With their added help, The A&T Register will begin to print more stories focused on student concerns. Working with the best staff this paper has seen in years, we will begin to have more of an impact on what's going on between the students, SGA and the administration.

Cooperating with each other, we will see to it that changes occur on this campus. No student will ever not have a means for voicing their opinions. The A&T Register is completely committed to this, and I will see to it personally it gets done. But, no one is going to @#%\$ with The A&T Register!



# Parking still an issue among students

By L. Rachell Miller  
Special to The A&T Register

Aggies, is five of your \$10 worth of gas burned up searching for a campus parking space? Hey, I know the feeling. Sometimes I feel like I spend more time cruising for a parking space than I actually spend in class! Ever since I can remember, parking at A&T has always been a problem. Students and faculty pay big bucks for parking permits every year and still are not guaranteed spaces.

Commuter students, who make up over 50 percent of A&T's student body, suffer the most from this dilemma. There is nothing like getting up early, studiously driving across town to class only to be without a place to park.

Unlike on-campus students, commuters can't leave their cars at home then take a hop, skip or a jump to class. I'm sure this predicament regularly causes commuters to be late for class.

Over the past four years, the University staff has

taken strides to alleviate parking problems. The Student Union parking lot was paved, Holt Hall and Aggie Stadium were opened for parking and spaces behind Marteena Hall were cleared.

Despite these efforts, parking spaces are still scarce. Most of the Student Union parking is continuously occupied by on-campus students from Scott and Cooper Halls—leaving few spaces for commuter students. Furthermore, students complained that the stadium and Holt Hall were simply too far away from their classes. So the University faculty nobly made another attempt to remedy the situation; the Aggie shuttle system was born.

The shuttle system is a useful innovation but is severely flawed. My biggest contention is why in the world did the faculty buy those tiny mini-vans? Twelve students pile into an eight-passenger van leaving the remainder of those at the shuttle stop forced to wait for the next shuttle.

Students squeeze tightly into the seats while other students sit or stand in the aisle of the van.

There is barely enough oxygen to go around for everyone in the van! Those who could not cram themselves into the first van wait another 15 to 20 minutes for the next shuttle, but, by that time, the student is more than a half hour late for class. Many students as a result lose their motivation to attend class. Either an additional shuttle should be purchased or the existing shuttles should be replaced with larger capacity vans.

The faculty may argue that not enough students utilize the shuttles to purchase new ones. However, many students are deterred from using the vans because the shuttle system causes consistent tardiness to class. A second reason is there is too large of a gap between shuttle arrivals during the peak hours of class. If a student misses the first shuttle, they must wait another 15 to 20 minutes for the next shuttle. Wait time drastically increases if one of the shuttles is down.

More shuttles should be in operation during peak class hours.

## Does shuttle bus relieve parking woes at A&T?

By Tracy Holloway  
Special to The A&T Register

Students question whether or not the Aggie shuttle system has helped decrease parking problems on campus.

The Aggie shuttle is the latest attempt to curb the parking problem. Students who do not have a parking permit are prohibited to park anywhere on campus. Even visitors must have a permit. However, with the University's newest implementation, off-campus students can park their cars at the Aggie Stadium and then use the Aggie Shuttle to classes.

Some students say that the Aggie shuttle van only satisfies the needs of off-campus students. "What about the students who live on campus and would prefer to drive their cars to class?" said Brittany Gumms, "They've paid for their parking stickers and should be able to do that."

On rainy days, especially, students with cars can be seen driving around in circles looking for a space to park.

Most students take their chances and resort to parking in empty reserve spaces or tow-in areas. Supervisor of Parking, Darlene Norman, stated that their statistics show that approximately 3,000 tickets are given out monthly. "Don't the parking officials know that people park in undesignated spaces because there 's nowhere else to park? A lot of students can't find a space to park their cars in and then they're late for class," said Jenine Barnam.

Some suggestions to alleviating the parking problem are to build a parking deck and to make use of the empty land between the cafeteria and Murphy Hall. Parking on campus may continue to be a problem until steps are taken by University officials. Until then, students may have to consider leaving their cars behind and walking to and from classes.

Any students that have questions pertaining to parking on campus can pick up literature at the University Parking Services office on Laurel Street directly behind Scott-A Hall.



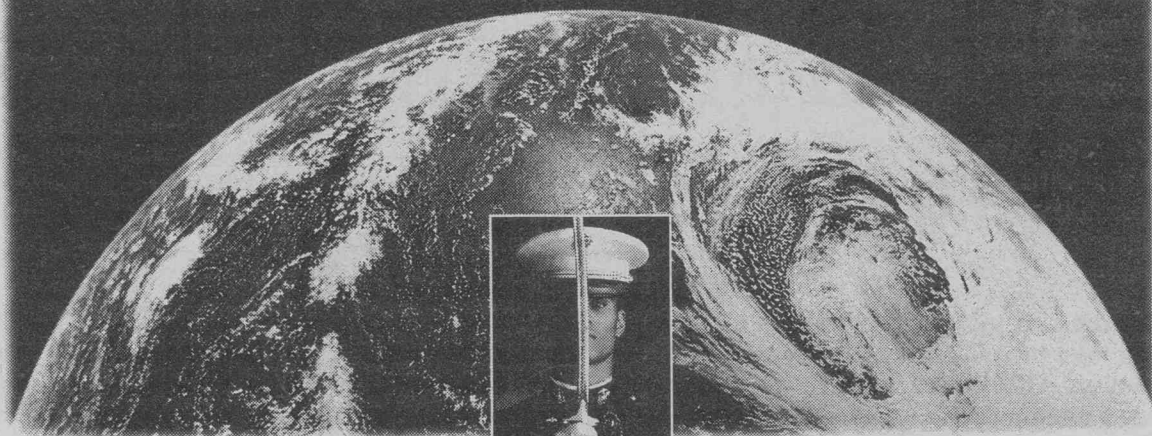
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# Aggies always aware of styles

By Jamie Wiggins  
Staff Writer

At A&T students are looked upon for their style and sense of dress by other students, some of which consider themselves the "fashion experts" at A&T. Is this a problem for students? Yes and no.

Yes, because some students are negatively affected by remarks that come from those who deem themselves the "official" fashion police. For the people who have experienced these insults, it is unfair. Everyone has the right to dress as they please.

Kyla Smalls said, "The expectation of our peers can often be emotionally disturbing when it comes to dressing well, but those who taunt students concerning their appearance are the ones who appear insensitive and immature."

Although dressing nice and looking good is a plus, it can also be a minus when you assume that everyone should dress as well as you. Some people are individuals and do not feel the need to stay up on the latest fads.

Respect them for their individuality and continue to have your own in the process.

Some students who feel this is not a problem at all. There are individuals who could care less about the way their peers view them. According to J. C. Crawley, "If you are secure and happy with the way you look, what other people say and the way they look at you would not bother you."

Fine dressing is something in which A&T is famous for when viewed by other colleges.

However, if we are to maintain that status of fine dressing, good attitudes must accompany the keen sense of style evident in A&T students.

## 1998 summer interns being courted

The Fund for American Studies is recruiting student leaders from colleges and universities to participate in its 1998 summer Institutes at Georgetown University in Washington.

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## UNC-General Administration approved new degree program

By Meishia Hunter  
Staff Writer

The Department of Foreign Languages has received approval from the UNC-General Administration to offer a new degree program in Romance Languages, B.A. in Romance Languages-non-teaching and Romance Languages-teaching. This degree in Romance Languages will have concentrations in French or Spanish.

Students who select Spanish as their concentration will obtain 36 credit hours of Spanish and 18 hours of French. Students selecting French will obtain 36 hours of French, 18 in Spanish.

These courses are taken in addition to the general requirements.

Department Chairperson Dr. Nita Dewberry said that this degree in Romance Languages is very marketable for jobs ranging from business to tourism.

"All major corporations have ties, globally, especially to Latin America," she said. "There is also a shortage of foreign language teachers, specifically Spanish language. Students should be made aware of the numerous opportunities that accompany this degree."

"In addition to learning the languages, students are familiarized with the traditions and rituals of many countries that have Spanish or French as their native language," she added.

If interested, contact the Department of Foreign Languages 334-7886.

## REACH from front

other colleges to adopt." Project Reach has up to 75 members. There are no dues to join the club, however donations are welcomed.

The club's executive board consists of President Lionel Castro, 1st Vice President Cabral Cambell, 2nd Vice President DeMarcus Noland, Director of University and Community Relations Philip C. Thompson, Treasurer Charles Epps, Secretary Kadeha Watson and Historian Shyla.

If interested in joining Project Reach, send e-mail to [prjctrch@ncat.edu](mailto:prjctrch@ncat.edu) or attend one of the group-sponsored interest meetings.

## SOARS from front

and focus your energies," Dr. Harold Martin, A&T vice chancellor for academic affairs, told students at the banquet.

"It encourages you to understand and to appreciate research and that in turn will motivate you to pursue graduate study."

Pursuing graduate study is especially important for minority students, especially in math, science and engineering.

McBay presented statistics showing among other facts that the state and nation are a long way from achieving goals set by the National Science Foundation for minority scientists and science teachers.

"It's very important to have a corps of young people coming along," McBay told students. "That's why it's so important for you to come along and earn those Ph.Ds. You're extremely important for our collective future."

The schools participating in the conference were the six members of the consortium along with Johnson C. Smith University, Bennett College, Appalachian State and Guilford College.

## Educational Testing Services adds more testing capacity

Responding to increased demands for appointments to take the computerized Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Educational Testing Services has added testing capacity.

ETS is urging graduate-school candidates with February 1 admission deadlines to register immediately for the GRE in order to assure that test results arrive in time. Students may call toll-free 800-GRE-CALL (800-473-2255), Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to schedule their appointments and locations. Official score reports for the computerized GRE are generally available within two weeks of completion of the exam. The scorers for the paper-based test are reported in four to six weeks.

The computerized GRE is administered at numerous locations throughout the United States. In order to accommodate additional test applicants, ETS has expanded testing days and hours, which will

include Sunday hours for many sites, and added temporary sites through January 1998. Students with deadlines later than February 1 should plan ahead and call the toll-free number to schedule their exam.

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# Hatch assigned as NASA-Ames liaison

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Aaron Hatch, the technical officer for the NASA Ronald E. McNair Ph.D., program in the College of Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University, has been assigned to the university as the NASA-Ames Liaison Officer.

Hatch is on assignment at A&T from the NASA-Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. He will assist in strengthening NASA's commitment to A&T by identifying new program development areas.

"Mr. Hatch is indeed a welcomed gift to the Aggie

family from NASA-Ames," said Dr. John Kelly, principal investigator of the NASA Ronald E. McNair Ph.D. program and associate dean for graduate programs in the College of Engineering.

"Having a NASA liaison on campus is representative of the major effort NASA is making in supporting A&T in developing a dynamic Ph.D. program."

Hatch is a retired Air Force officer who joined NASA in 1990 in the development of undergraduate and graduate programs serving historically black colleges and universities.

His relationship with A&T dates back to 1981 when the NASA-Ames Research Center began

funding the NASA Student Space Shuttle Program, which was conceived by Dr. Ronald McNair, the astronaut and 1971 A&T graduate who died in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. In 1994, the entirely self-contained Student Space Shuttle Payload orbited aboard Endeavor for 11 days. The payload was entirely conceived, designed and fabricated by A&T students.

Hatch's current relationship with A&T began in 1995 with the development Ronald E. McNair Graduate Researchers Fellowship Program through the NASA-Ames Research Center. The program provides full funding for 15 electrical and mechanical engineering doctoral fellows annually.

# Jennings appointed to a national steering committee

By Joya Wesley  
University Relations

Dr. Robert R. Jennings, vice chancellor for development and university relations at North Carolina A&T State University, has been appointed to a national steering committee of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Jennings, who also is executive director of the A&T Foundation, will serve a three-year term on the CASE Steering Committee for Institutionally Related Foundations.

The committee is composed of 15 higher education professionals who serve as chief executives of

institutionally related foundations or as advancement officers with responsibilities directly involving foundations. Jennings is the only member representing a historically black college or university.

The committee provides leadership on issues involving institutionally related foundations, advising CASE's National Clearinghouse for Institutionally Related Foundations on developing and strengthening programs, products and services. The committee also provides professional expertise to colleagues referred by the clearinghouse staff.

Jennings, an advancement professional with more than 15 years of experience in development, alumni and public relations work, also serves as a member

of the CASE Board of Trustees for District III, and is the chair of the district's 1998 conference, which will be held in Orlando, Fla., in February.

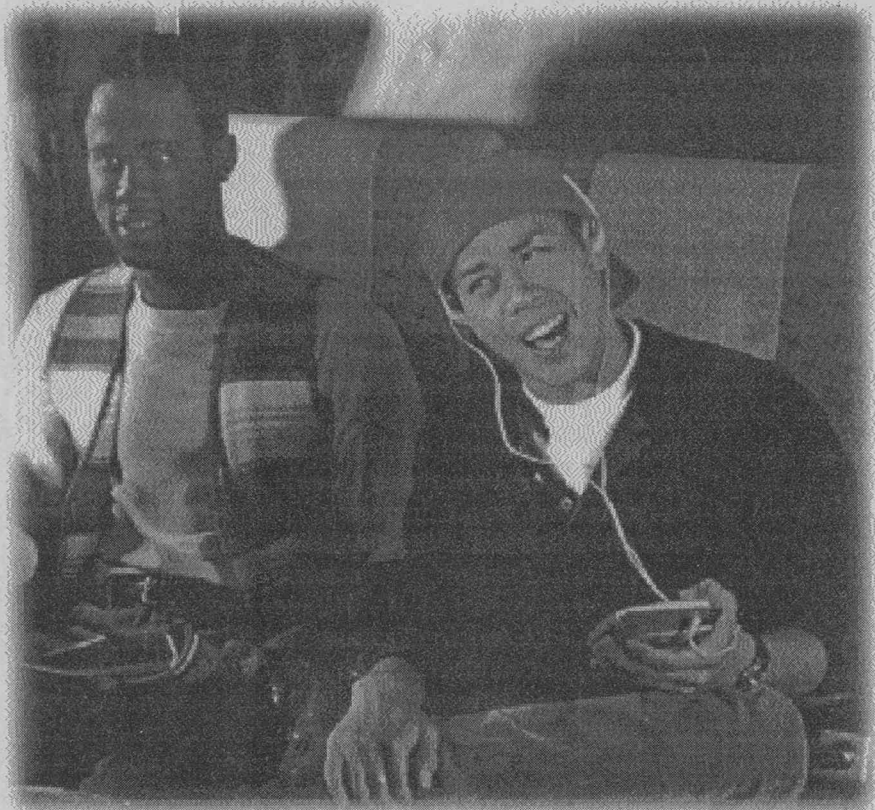
Before coming to A&T in July, Jennings was vice president for development at Albany State University in Albany, Ga. He also served as vice president for development and executive director of the foundation at Norfolk State University, and executive assistant to the president for development and alumni relations at Atlanta University.

A noted capital campaign expert, he holds a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and master's specialist and doctorate degree from Atlanta University.

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# Heritage Bowl hopes destroyed

By Earnest Wallace  
Sports Writer

The intrepid warriors graced the unknown battlefield with an intensity so fervent only the waters of the Pacific could conciliate the aversion. The ambience set in. The spectators anticipated with alacrity. One group of warriors would prevail and proclaim their respective institution the representative of their heritage.

During a weekend of college rivalries, the North Carolina A&T Aggies and the South Carolina State Bulldogs exhibited a game indicative of Black College football at its best. Ericsson stadium was the site of the third annual Carolina Classic. The implications of the storied rivalry were not primarily boasting rights; but the right to compete in the Black College National Championship: The Heritage Bowl.

South Carolina State's offensive line overpowered an Aggie defensive line which ranked number one against the run in the MEAC; to make matters worse, two extra points were blocked and returned for scores. A safety was also registered. The six critical points prompted South Carolina State to a 33-18 victory and an outright birth to the Heritage Bowl.

The Aggies mathematical chances were aborted with the loss; also the Aggies have to live with the stigma of five straight losses to the Bulldogs.

"It's tough for a guy like me to take. I don't think I've ever lost to a team five times straight. It's frustrating," said Aggies coach Bill Hayes.

Perpetuating Coach Hayes' chagrin was the 127 penalty yards the Aggies accumulated. "You live by the officials. You die by the officials."

Although the Aggies were tormented by the excessive penalties; they opened the game with a 37-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Rodney Woodruff to Ben Garrett. The extra point was blocked.

It only took South Carolina State three minutes to answer with their own aerial attack. Reggie Curry found Johnny Loper in the end zone for 21 yards, and the South Carolina State Bulldogs took a 7-6 lead.

Still in the first; with 8:40 remaining the Bulldogs bombarded Aggie Quarterback Rodney Woodruff for their first of three two-pointers.

At the end of the first quarter the Bulldogs' Reggie Porcha capped a 6 play, 58-yard drive with an 8-yard touchdown rumble.

A&T returned the favor with their ground attack. Fullback Maurice Smith scored on a 30-yard touchdown run to narrow the South Carolina State lead.

Next, a succession of perfunctory extra point attempts cost the Aggies severely.

After Smith's touchdown Matt Baldwin's extra point attempt was blocked and returned 78 yards by Steve Cantey for two points.

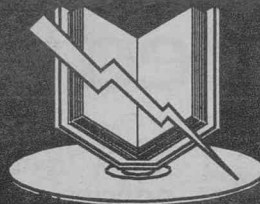
The second of the asinine events came after another Aggie touchdown. Lamont Hicks returned an attempted two-point conversion, by the Aggies, 106 yards to put the icing on the cake.

Henry Douglas' 10 catches and 121 yards receiving was the only bright spot for the Aggies.

A&T finishes the season at 7-4, 3-4 in the MEAC. South Carolina State finishes up at 9-2, 5-2 in the MEAC and a birth to the Heritage Bowl in Atlanta.

|                    | SCSU   | NCA&T   |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| First downs        | 19     | 18      |
| Rushes-yards       | 47-236 | 37-93   |
| Passing            | 86     | 281     |
| Comp-Att-Int       | 5-19-0 | 20-33-1 |
| Return yards       | 47     | 11      |
| Punts-avg          | 5-40-0 | 5-35-0  |
| Penalties-yards    | 8-73   | 12-127  |
| Fumbles lost       | 3-2    | 2-1     |
| Time of possession | 32:31  | 27:29   |

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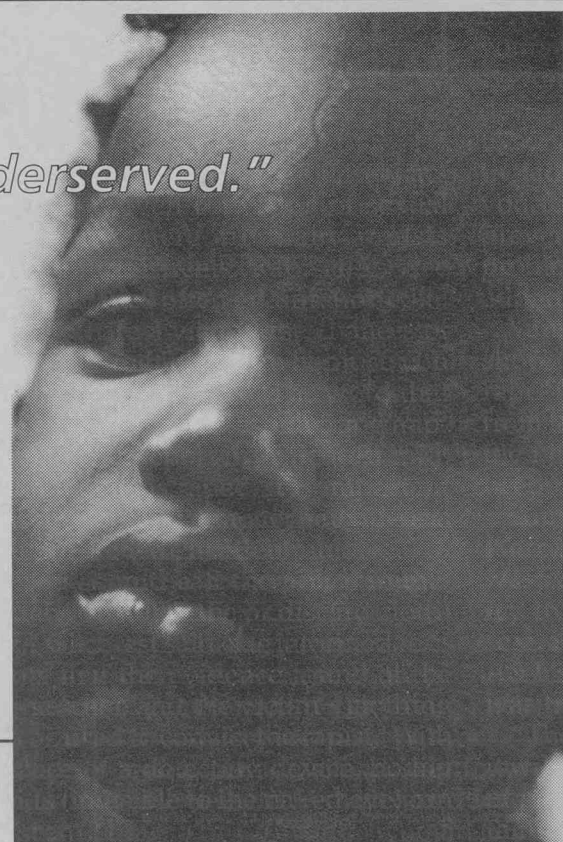
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