Pelshak's struggle paid off

By Semaj Marsh
Register Staff

A&T's defensive end Troy Pelshak is no stranger to obstacles. As the Aggies' leading pass rusher this season, Pelshak constantly surmounts obstacles - mammoth lineman standing between him and a sack.

Yet, even before the 6'4, 250-pound senior began terrorizing opposing quarterbacks, Pelshak faced a greater obstacle in earning a college scholarship. In his final year at Charlotte Garrett High School, Pelshak was involved in a bitter feud with his head football coach over his desire to play multiple sports.

The coach, Joe Shoeford, wanted him to concentrate solely on football, while Pelshak desired to play basketball and run track as well. In retaliation, Pelshak said, Shoeford attempted to sabotage Pelshak's chance of receiving a college scholarship by withholding his recruitment letters.

The coach also refused to send Pelshak's highlight tapes to scouts, Pelshak said, and told schools he was academically ineligible.

"To this day, I don't know why he did it," said Pelshak.

Pelshak says Shoeford often told him that he lacked discipline and he wouldn't last one year in college.

"Sometimes in the back of your mind you think... what if he's right," but then I wanted to prove him wrong so bad I didn't even care," he said.

Luckily another member of the Garringer coaching staff realized Pelshak's potential and began to push Pelshak's name out. Assistant Coach John Cunningham admits that he engaged in many clandestine attempts to inform schools about Pelshak without Shoeford's knowledge.

"We kind of kept it under cover," said Cunningham. "Everything is supposed to go directly through the head coach."

Some day, Cunningham, who happened to play football at Winston Salem State under current A&T coach Verica Cunningham during his junior year, Pelshak put on a show and received a detailed description of his abilities.

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After seizing the opportunity to sign him, Hayes installed Pelshak into the starting lineup as a freshman and used a mammoth 4'11, 160-pound man named Deloris Davis to hand Pelshak the pressure on every quarterback he faced.

"The Aggies' leading pass rusher, Pelshak is known throughout the MEAC." Bill Hayes, saw his former mentor at a practice game and told him he had a player worth looking at.

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Pelshak leads the Aggies with four sacks and four forced fumbles.

Black history found outside of textbooks, speaker says

By Jamie Wiggins
Register Features Editor

The year's first Third Thursday Lecture, held on Oct. 15, featured Dr. Bruce Bridges, the owner of Durham's oldest black bookstore (The Know Bookstore), as the guest speaker. The program was entitled: "The Miseducation of Blacks: Holidays and Economics."

"Whatever you are doing, try to tie it into you and your people," Bridges said. Bridges does just that, by speaking at various colleges. "In order for us to learn, we must step out of the box from what we have been taught," he said.

Bridges stressed that black students should further educate themselves on the roles that black Americans played in history, instead of relying on textbooks for the truth.

Bridges spoke on holidays and their relationships to economics. "We live in a country that capitalizes on taking advantage of the poor, ignorant and oppressed people around the world," he said.

He said that holidays are a planned method of draining poorer ethnic groups, while adding to the wealth of the wealthy. "The holiday season is about commercialism," Bridges said.

Bridges expressed the need for students to know the true meaning behind each holiday, and the role that they helped to play in the holiday. "If you are celebrating something, then you should at least know what you are celebrating."

Chancellor committee calls on consultant

By Crystal X. Armour
Register News Editor

The N.C. A&T Chancellor Search Committee announced Saturday that the Chicago-based consulting firm Heidrich & Struggles has been hired to fill a replacement for retiring Chancellor Ed- ward B. Fort.

J. Veronica Biggs, a native of Greensboro and daughter of former chairman of A&T's School of Mechanical Engineering and one of two members of Heidrich & Struggles appointed to work with A&T. She was on hand Saturday to answer the committee's questions and describe the description of the committee's expectations.

Biggs' first task is to devise a job description

based on feedback gathered at forums held by students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members.

That promises to be a challenge. The committee has insisted that the next A&T chancellor have, among other things: high visibility; good community and human relations skills; approachability; an ability to relate to today's students; an understanding of the importance of the university's land-grant mission; close ties with the corporate community and minority businesses; good business skills; proven skills working in complex situations; and the realization the A&T is fundamental to the Greensboro economy.

Biggs will present the official job description during a conference call on Oct. 29. The job announcement will then be published in trade jour-
Brief notes and news around A&T

SPRING REGISTRATION
Registration for the spring semester is approaching. Here's the schedule:
• Nov. 2-6: Early registration available
• Nov. 12: The last day to withdraw from the university without a grade evaluation.
• Nov. 17: Regular registration: Jan. 5: Last day to pay before classes are canceled.
• The Aggie Access Telephone system will be available Nov. 9 to Jan. 21. Late registration will begin Jan. 7. Registration is conducted in your major department.

WASHINGTON TRIP
N.C. A&T is sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C.'s Holocaust Memorial Museum. A bus will depart from Greensboro on Friday, Nov. 13, 1998. The cost is $75 per person, with quad occupancy. For more information, contact Dr. Clif Lowery at 336-334-7727.

MUSIC SEMINAR
WNAA's 2nd Annual Fundraising Music Seminar at Embassy Suites Hotel from Friday, Oct.30 to Sunday, Nov. 1, 1998. Scheduled sessions include:

CHANCELLOR
from front
process. Kendra Janet Hill, Student Government Association vice president of internal affairs, presented a letter and a list of questions to the committee. Her aim, Hill said, was to ensure "the student body is actively involved in the selection of the new chancellor... beyond one student representative and one student forum." Though she is not sure more students would participate if given the chance, Hill said, "We should have a choice.

PELSHAK
from front
his steady play and team leadership. This season Hayes rewarded Pelsahk's play by naming him senior captain. "We found out about him very late," said a grateful Hayes. "He was sort of like a diamond in the rough. Frankly, I was glad a lot of schools didn't find out about him so that we could grab him.

This season Pelsahk again ranks as one of the top players in the conference and a nemesis to quarterbacks everywhere. Going into the Howard game, he led the Aggies with four sacks and four forced fumbles. Against Morgan State, Pelsahk helped seal the victory in the closing minutes by tackling the Bear's quarterback for a loss on fourth down.

Ironically, Pelsahk credits his current success on the football field to the negative atmosphere he had to overcome in high school. "I got inspired when people say 'I can't do something.' I’ve been told everything from I couldn’t play football to I wouldn’t last one semester in college. I take everything in one ear and out the other," Pelsahk said.

His accomplishments are even more impressive, considering the absence of last year's All-American defensive end Chris McNeil. A&T's best player a year ago, McNeil recorded a MEAC record 19 sacks last season while Pelsahk finished second with 10. With McNeil no longer around, Pelsahk has become the number one target for opposing blockers.

"I see a lot more double teams now," he said. "With (McNeil) there, we were able to even it out some. Sometimes (opposing defenses) would double on me, then other times they would double-team him. Now they just come straight at me."

After this season, Pelsahk hopes his next major obstacle comes on the playing fields of the NFL. "Coach Hayes says if scouts have been to many of the Aggies' practices this season and that Pelsahk is a possible prospect. Pelsahk himself believes that he has the tools and mental strength to produce at the next level."

"I feel I have as good a chance as anyone," he said. "The only thing that stops you is not keep- ing focus and not keeping a level head."

To further assist Pelsahk's NFL dream, maybe Hayes should say a little reverse psychology. Instead of giving him more of those positive words of encouragement, Hayes might be better off casting doubts concerning Pelsahk's playing ability. Judging from recent history, that play has only worked wonders for him.

Media workshops expose high school students to career

By Chad Hill
Register Staff

While most Aggies were at home on fall break, a group of high school students came to N.C.A&T for the university’s first High School Media Career Workshop. Depending on the school they were in, attendance, some from as far away as Fayetteville.

The one-day media workshop was held on Oct. 13 and hosted by the Department of Speech, Communication and Theatre Arts and the North Carolina Scholastic Media Association.

The purpose of the career workshop was to expose students and敞开 gateways to various career opportunities in the media profession. It also served as a way to inform them of issues confronting media professionals today, to answer questions and concerns and to give students a chance to network with others of similar career interests.

Dr. Linda F. Callahan, the chair of the see MEDIA, page 2
Processed sugar a harmful substance

By John Perkins
Register Staff

Processed sugar is perhaps the most
hardest substance in the human diet.
It appears as table sugar, powdered
glucose, high-fructose corn syrup,
or powdered sugar. Many people
believe that all sugar is natural,
but it is simply table sugar with
middles added for flavor and color.
Most people are aware that the
processed sugar in ‘junk foods’
causes tooth decay, exacerbates skin
problems, and leads to hyperactivity
(especially in children). However, many
are not aware of its truly villainous
nature.

Processed sugar is highly addictive.
There are few people who have not
walked past a water fountain to spend
their last 50 cents on a soda or iced
tea because they just had to have it. Some
people are not aware that they are
addicted to sugar - is it so inherent in
the American diet that most people get

Cheating? It’s against the rules, but people still do it

By Erick B. Wicker
Register Staff

How many times have we, as
students, been faced with the knowledge
that we have a test the next day, and
that we have not studied for it? De-
spite knowing about this test for one
week, we can’t seem to find the time
to do the things that are required.
Why do we do this? Is it because we
see our friends doing it? Or are we
looking for possible things that can
help us out and be not as engaged in
studying.

When I bring this question to
hand, How far will the average stu-
dent go to obtain a good grade on a test?

For some us, the very thought
of academic dishonesty is enough
to make us fearful of the consequences.
To others, cheating is an art of
survival that is second-nature and perni-
cient to academic success and suc-
struction at this World-Class Uni-

The policy for Academic Dishon-
esty is laid out very plainly in the stu-
dent handbook. It is specifically de-

fixed as cheating, plagiarism and un-
authorized possession of examina-
tions.

Anyone caught committing these
acts will be subject to disciplinary ac-
tion which can include expulsion,
community service, and of course fail-
ure of the course. Knowing this, why
do people have to cheat? I think that
everything they have accomplished for
cheating?

This is a question that has long
plagued the halls of academ in ca-
puses around the world. In a recent con-
n tation with a friend who will re-
main anonymous, we discussed his mo-
tivations for and methods of cheating.

His methods include writing on his
hands or forearms, placing cheat-
sheets in his socks and writing an-
swers on the inside of a baseball cap.
Unfortunately, these methods ap-
pear to be successful - and this stu-
dent is not plagued by any ethical or
moral dilemmas.

When asked if he felt guilty about
his past acts of dishonesty, he replied:
“No, you got to do what you can do
tomorrow to stay ahead of the next
man.”

Is this the philosophy of every stu-
dent that cheat these days? Has
never happened to students develop-
ing good study habits and preparing
delivers a crucial academic success.

Then, he said: “Everybody can’t
cheat because everybody don’t know
that you but you go to do what you got
to do.

“One thing is for sure: If you do cheat,
do it right or you’ll regret it later.”

With the resources available as a re-
result of the new information age, one
may find it is very easy to prepare
for a test and can easily avoid going
out the temptation of cheating. But,
we all know that since the beginning
time, man has been guilty of going
in to temptation. So the next time
you decide to cheat, think about ev-

thing that’s at stake and ask your-
self: Is it really worth it?

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MEDIA
Speech, Communication and Theatre
Arts Department, a major force be-
hind the project said, “We’re provid-
ing the forum for the students to
come in and exchange ideas.”

Following the greeting and wel-
come, a panel of distinguished media
professionals spoke to students about
various jobs, opportunities and per-

ences in the media field. The panel
included Robin A. Chessley, coordi-
nator and public relations manager
at Durham Regional Hospital; Reynard
A. Corley, vice president and general
manager at WNIN News Channel 12;
Bob Buckley, a senior reporter at
WGHP TV Fox 8; and Betsy Robinson,
assignment editor at the Greensboro
News & Record.

After having their questions an-
swered, each member of the panel
recounted individual workshops of their
choice that were conducted by A&T’s jour-
alsim professionals as well as area media
professionals in newspaper, radio,
television and public relations. The
sessions included workshops on:
journalism writing, layout, and de-

sign of newspaper and yearbook,
photography, radio, television

and film. There was even a workshop
for advisers. Each workshop ran
twice, which gave students the
chance to attend at least two of the
seminars.

A helper at the career workshop
Yashica Jackson, a broadcast journal-
ism major at A&T said, “I was im-
pressed by the presentations. They
taught me more than I thought. I found
out that they have a lot of the same things
at their schools, but they have had
never happen at theirs.”

Towards the end of the workshop,
a catered luncheon was held.
Keynote speaker was Catherine Proctor,
Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds, author of
the new book “No I Won’t Shut Up.”
After the workshop, Callatack
“It turned out to be a tremendous
success. I said if we have at
least 75 students in attendance, we
would be happy.”

She and other A&T professionals got
their wish. A total of 244 number of high
scores in attendees were received.
125. The High School Media Work-
shop is the first of many more to
come.

The project was funded through a
grant from The Freedom Forum.

For these students, good substitutes
are blackstrap molasses or pure maple
syrup. A good way to beat the intense
craving for sugar is to snack on
grapes, oranges, or bananas. These
foods are also healthier than anything
from a fast food restaurant.

Processed sugar is a dangerous
substance that is industrially pro-
duced and is not found in nature.
It is not fit for human consumption.
However, processed sugar should not
be confused with the sugar that is
found naturally in plants. All energy
in food comes from the sun’s effect
on green plant life.

The plants convert the sun’s energy
into sugars and starches. Since the
human body cannot convert the sun’s
energy, it relies on the energy derived
from plants. Sugars are a type of car-
bohydrate.

Nutrition scientists suggest that

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cent of required energy. Plants
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Alcohol, most popular drugs

By Meisha Hunter
Register Staff

National studies show that alcohol is the most widely used drug on college campuses throughout the country. These studies also reflect that marijuana is the second-drug of choice to alcohol at most universities. Alcohol and marijuana usage has been a key contributor to an array of negative consequences on college campuses. These events include: date/acquaintance rape, assault, unprotected sex, sexual promiscuity, drug and alcohol related arrests and academic failure.

A companion survey of 5000 students conducted by the National College Survey in 1996 found a similarity between alcohol and drug usage and poor academic performance in 11 colleges. The survey says that “A students come to college with a half and a half drinks per week.” “B” students consumed three and a half drinks per week. “C” students averaged more than six drinks per week. 

STDS: a serious matter

By Shawanna Bendolph
Register Staff

Are you at risk of contracting a sexually transmitted disease? If you have ever had sex before, then the answer is yes. The number of reported AIDS cases in Guilford County surpassed the state rate in 1989 and has continued to climb ever since. According to the Guilford County Health Department, in 1996, there were three reported cases of HIV infection in the city of Greensboro among white males between the ages of 20-29. During the same year, minority males in the city of Greensboro, between the ages of 20-29 reported a total of seven cases of HIV infection.

May 21 was selected for National HIV among white women of any age in Greensboro were reported to the Guilford County Health Department in 1996. However, among minority women, between the ages of 20-29, there were seven cases reported in the department in 1996.

In spite of efforts to educate students about the responsibilities that come with sexual activity, STDs still pose a problem on campus. Sebastian Health Center’s educator, Janet Kandie Lattimore said, “STDs remain constant on this campus. There is not an epidemic here; no more than [at] any other university. We always seek to educate students to allow them to have more knowledge. [It knowledge] will allow them to protect themselves.”

Not all students have had the same experience, whether directly or indirectly, with STDs. When she was a freshman, junior educational management major Sharon Wilson knew someone that had herpes.

“I was always out there with different guys. You could tell when the infection was back, because she would always get sick. Then she would get real sick. It was a real shame,” Wilson said.

In Guilford County, incidence rates for syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia are much higher among minority residents than among whites. According to the county health department, in 1996 minority males aged 20-29 reported 228 cases of gonorrhea alone. In 1996, minority females in Guilford County (in the same age group) reported more cases of chlamydia than any other group, with a total of 248 cases reported.

Students have their own standards when it comes to practicing safe sex. “I think as long as you wear a condom during sex and it does not break... and you have oral sex with protection, you will be fine. But a lot of people have sex and use a condom, and have oral sex without using anything... They might as well as not have used a condom,” said Steve Brooks, a senior electronic and computer technology major.

Despite warnings about the benefits of practicing safer sex, some individuals chose not to heed the warnings. Wilson said, “The reason people practice unsafe sex is because they don’t know what they can catch, and a lot of people say they can’t feel anything when using a condom.”

“AIDS and HIV by RACE

AIDS* HIV*
White 7.5 4.5
Black 41.9 58.2
*numbers are rates per thousand people

SEX DISEASES by CITY (1996)

Chlamydia Gonorrhea Syphilis
Greensboro 984 910 193
High Point 386 336 41

NFO Research, Inc.
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(Off Meadowview Rd in the Koger Center—row of white buildings)
Phone: 547-3860
by Latoya Best
Register Staff

Sweetharts sharing a kiss. A young couple walking hand-in-hand. A male and female student cuddling under a tree. Everyone has seen these public displays of affection on campus at one point or another. So one will deny that it feels good to be in love. On the other hand, each A&T student has an opinion when it comes to relationships.

Sophomore electronics and computer technology major, Catrina Scott, said that students are usually happy when they are involved in a relationship.

"For the most part, students feel they need someone to spend time with and to be there for them," Scott said.

Then there are students that can survive without a romantic partner, but acknowledge the benefits of having someone special. Cynthia Lucas, a sophomore philosophy major from Wilson, said, "It's not that important to me. I don't have to be in a relationship, but it is nice to have someone to spend quality time with and to be there for you."

Students agree in relationships we have to maintain the relationship, fulfill academic obligations and (for some) work. If current students were only alone on one area while neglecting another, problems can and will arise.

"The key part in making a relationship successful is time management," said Kerrick Forrest, a sophomore psychology major from Kernersville. Forrest added that he concentrates on school first and the relationship last.

Chicole Ashford, said that she has no difficulty in juggling her love life and her other responsibilities. Ashford, a sophomore child development major from Charlotte, said, "I try to finish all my school work during the week. Then, I call or go see my boyfriend every other weekend."

Lucas said that students have to be more responsible if they chose to have a boyfriend or a girlfriend during their college years. "A relationship hinders your school work only if you let it. If I was seeing someone, I would finish my work before he came over," she said.

While some students want and even need to have a significant other, some students would rather not have a relationship. "Actually, I feel happier not being in a relationship. I don't have to put up with arguments or petty jealousies," said Tyree Farrow, a sophomore broadcast news major from Chapel Hill.

"I know that is something we should have worked out already," she says. "We are young but we are working on it."

With an age difference of almost 10 years between Robertson and her husband - she's 18 and he's 27 - there are a few maturity differences.

"Right now he is in the settling down stage in his life and I am in the first yourself stage," she says. "But the best thing is knowing that you have someone there with you who will be there through everything and help you get through."

Robertson says the best advice she can give is "make sure you talk things out and listen to one another. Also, fun, make sure that you have fun."

"Marriage is a big step. Just make sure you are ready for it."
Winfrey’s ‘Beloved’ tells heart-wrenching story of slave and her children

By Joey Tatum
Register Staff

“Beloved” (4 stars)
With the captivating film “Beloved,” Oprah Winfrey returns to the big screen in order to share the emotional stories of Sethe, Paul D, Denver and the movie’s namesake Beloved. Oprah stars alongside Danny Glover, Kimberly Elise, Thandie Newton and Beah Richards in this engrossing tale borrowed from Toni Morrison’s novel “Beloved.”

Winfrey portrays Sethe, a runaway slave from Kentucky who crosses the river into Ohio in order to start a new life. Her happiness does not last long. Sethe is constantly tormented by a shocking secret from her past.

Danny Glover co-stars as Paul D, an old plantation friend of Sethe’s, who visits her. Paul D eventually learns of the secrets that she has been sheltering for many years. Kimberly Elise, who gives a convincing portrayal of Denver (Sethe’s daughter) is caught in the middle of her mother and her dead sister Beloved. Denver’s embattled spirit must break free from the “crippling grasp of her mother’s choices.”

Thandie Newton, who plays Beloved, gives the audience the full effect of her devastating existence that almost destroys the balance of Sethe and Denver’s survival. Newton, a virtual unknown, electrifies audiences with her powerful portrayal as Beloved, “who represents hope, survival and future generations.”

“Beloved” combines supernatural horror with the mundane cruelties of the slavery system. Kate Couric, of the Today Show, asked Winfrey if she wanted to please in making the movie. Winfrey said, “You know what my biggest fear was, would Toni Morrison approve (you know) in the end? Would she say well done? And she did.”

Future generations are being educated on, and listen to, music that combines New-Portrayal Her well of positive English language, financial, music, and emotional development, as well as in financial education, the latest services and new financial solutions to a constantly changing world, in order to enable people to grow successful opportunities in a rapidly changing world, in order to enable people to grow successful opportunities in a rapidly changing world, in order to enable people to grow successful opportunities in a rapidly changing world, in order to enable people to grow successful opportunities in a rapidly changing world, in order to enable people to grow successful opportunities in a rapidly changing world.

Why? One radio listener said: “Master P is a multi-millionaire and we (black people) are mainly buying his stuff.”

“Me do that says about us?”

Ghetto Music
Is it real, or is it just really ignorant?

By Crystal N. Armour
Register News Editor

“Who dat?”
“Where?”
“The man right there.”
“Oh, that’s just my baby daddy.”
Have you ever had a conversation that sounded like that? If so, you just might be a ghetto super-star. Or maybe you’re a fan of Master P, the No Limit Soldiers and other rappers and rap groups that stretch the boundaries of idiocy.

“It’s not idiocy, it’s ignorance,” said Melvina Thomas, a senior psychology major from Charlotte. “Whenever those songs come on, I just turn to 97.3.”

“People might buy the first and second albums, but 20 years from now, no one is going to be listening to that ignorance.”

Though these so-called “ghetto” songs do not always convey a positive image of black people, some people do like them.

“It’s entertaining,” said Larry Evans, a junior history and political science major from Greenwood. “But if you’re looking for proper English diction, you shouldn’t turn to this music.”

Evans does admit, however, that the music “doesn’t always portray the position image that black people need today.”

Crystal Gaskill, a junior communication major from New Brunswick, N.J., said, “It’s (ghetto music) OK, but I don’t buy it. It all has the same beat.”

The ringleader for this recent surge of ghetto-glorifying music appears to be Master P. He and his posse, the No Limit Soldiers, dominate the charts with their ethnically-laced rhymes and choruses and P’s infamous trademark “UNGH!”

“Master P is a drug dealer with a lot of money and a lot of free time,” said Gaskill. “It’s sad that people with money and education are trying to emulate him.”

When listeners of an Atlanta-based radio station were asked how they felt about Master P’s music, the responses were overwhelmingly:

“Like music and that’s not music,” said one irate listener.

“He’s a genius,” said one male listener.

“That music is garbage,” another man said.

“P keeps it real,” a woman said.

“Master P sucks,” said a female listener.

“Master P is the realest rapper out there,” someone said. “He’s from the ghettos, and he stays true to the ghetto.”

Undoubtedly, Master P and ghetto music are popular despite opposition and negative reactions.

Correction: In the Oct. 16 issue, in a story titled “SUAB sponsors Roundtable talk,” the author should have been listed as Chad Hill.

Campus Q & A
Q. What was your most memorable homecoming ever?

“My most memorable homecoming was my freshman year because it was my first homecoming here at A&T.”

Luther Brock, senior industrial engineering major.

“Last year, the A&T versus Howard game, because I got a chance to get involved by writing a newsletter,” Malcolm Speaks, “to profile the conflict with the concert, it was truly my most memorable homecoming ever.”

Malcolm Boney, mechanical engineering graduate student.

“My freshman year was my most memorable homecoming because it was my first year here.”

Kesha Walker, senior public relations major.

“My freshman year was my most memorable homecoming because I got a chance to see all the students who loved A&T and it made me feel good about being an Aggie.”

Kendra Hill, junior computer science major.
I am a Black Woman

Not just a woman
Because of the color of my skin
Is an issue
An issue I can’t deny
Not that I would try
For it cloaks me in its arms
Like a mother’s love
And a man’s charm
I am a Black Woman.
Can’t you see
My hair is long
But kinky
My body is curved
Not liky
My lips are full
Not thinly pulled
I am a Black Woman.
Years have passed and my role remains
Strong
Intelligent
Lovingly I proclaim
I am a Black Woman!
I give birth to a beautiful people
I praise the true and
Living God
I love and receive love
In return
I nurture my sons and daughters
And make them strong
I sing the songs of angels gone:
My ancestors voices I, and I hear.
But
I am a Black Woman.
That fact is evident and clear
Tied to my existence,
Sowed to my fate
It equates who I am, and fosters
The success
I must make.

The Queens We Are

Beautiful, Black, Nubian, The Essence of the earth
They are not just pictures of the words that describe our beautiful, chocolate skin, modeled body and sensuous lips
I dare not men to down us
Call us female dogs and label
us as whores
We will rise as one going against every odd because we are the queens who created you
Upon our body we carry a wound that creates beautiful offspring
Creating life without us is impossible
The love we give cannot be measured. So sweet, so respected, so good that you can’t help but to go down on bended knees
We demand respect. We are beautiful, We are black, We are Nubian and the essence of earth
Don’t treat us like the Queens you want us to be
Treat us like The Queens We Are.

Moving On

Continually the pain proceeds,
Slowly combining the wants and needs, Contentment cleanses one’s soul for but a moment
Then a memory from lost love comes and steps right on it, Tears flow continually as thoughts of happy times come.
Brings reality that one would like to forget sometimes,
And even a new love cannot possess.
The feeling of elation and togetherness,
The heart stands at a crossroad with no backtrack.
Feeling helpless at the ambush of sadness taken aback,
But all must be expected in the game of love,
The time to walk away and the time for a hug.
Pieces of a shattered heart must be used to build a bridge, over the problem made of steel.
When love lost brings tears and means of distress,
And even relief cannot be found in a carrion.
The thought that every rough time brings one to be strong,
Helps in the hard task of moving on.

Give and Take

He gives us the rain,
Then he gives us too much
So we hate it.
He takes it all away,
Then it is gone too long
So we miss it.
He gives us a tree,
Then it stands in our way so we cut it.
He lets the growth span our life.
Now we are choking and can’t breathe.
So we need it.
He gives us the mountains,
Then they get too high to climb so we dread it.
He takes away our youth,
Now we are yearning to climb a hill so we regret it.
He creates the world,
Then He gives it to humans,
So we destroy it.
He prepares it to end but we don’t remember His name so as for ours, He ignores it.

Shredded Dreams

Life has new meaning now that we’re apart,
Then I never thought it would happen, it did, and broke my heart.
More than a simple tear can be glued back together.
In those moments dreams torn to the point that they sever.
All of the smiles and I love your’s are now in vain
Closed behind the heavy door of disappointment
And pain, These dreams that we had were once seen
in dreams far away.
Now it’s only thing I want to do is wish the pain away,
There was once a time I could picture your face and smile,
Now I can hardly remember a thing about you that is worthwhile,
But as long as I know pain is a stop on love’s highway,
I feel better knowing my life’s on to a better day.
My dreams are shredded for only but a minute.
The pain you gave that lived here briefly, only rented.
Through I may go through much pain and strife,
I feel better knowing that you are forever out of my life.

The Lemonade Stand

I set up a lemonade stand three years ago.
I was selling lemonade for 5 cents a cup.
A low price considering what others sell their lemonade for.
The prices at other lemonade stands were 50 cents, even a dollar.
They made a huge profit.
They also had the whole neighborhood.
It seemed as if they didn’t mind paying the high prices.
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