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Housing shortage hits A&T



RANDY ST. CLAIR / Register Staff

Several hundred A&T students line up outside Murphy Hall in the hunt for housing for the 2000-2001 school year. Limited slots appear likely to leave many Aggies looking for off-campus arrangements.

Long lines, luck of draw await students returning from spring break

BY RANDY ST. CLAIR
Register Managing Editor

The return of a peaceful, relaxing and fun filled spring break quickly turned into a chaotic and stressful one as students begged and pleaded for housing.

From 4 in the morning until 9 at night angry and tired North Carolina A&T students lined up outside of Murphy Hall to do all they could to receive housing for the 2000-01 school year.

The line outside of Murphy Hall extended from the entrance of Murphy hall to the end doors of the cafe. "This is ridiculous" one student shouted out as he'd been waiting in line for five hours, and the wait was far from over.

The housing process, usually a week long, was shortened to two days. All available housing for upperclassmen had been taken after two days.

"This is something that has never happened before at A&T. The housing situation hasn't been the greatest but it's never been like it is this year," says Joseph Williams, director of housing.

Williams blames the housing frenzy on the fact that Haley Hall was announced to be closing, but he says that Haley is no longer closing.

"When students received the memo about the housing situation and they saw that there would only be limited slots for housing that had them scared. So in their attempt to assure they had housing they all lined up the first day of housing registration," says Williams.

The memo Williams is referring to was handed out to students on Feb. 29. Stating that Haley Hall a female dorm would be closed for renovations and that junior and senior housing for females would be in the Oaks, which is a coed off-campus dorm.

Junior and senior upperclassmen males would also be limited in their housing selection as only 300 vacancies were available.

Those that aren't able to get on campus housing would have the option of staying at the Ramada Inn.

Students are furious at the way that the university is going about providing housing for students.

"I think it's crazy. I think that they aren't taking into consideration that not everyone

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Long lines wait for a place to bunk

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON
Register News Editor

N.C. A&T freshmen had the opportunity to watch the sun rise while drinking a cup of cocoa. But the scenery was not on an exotic, sandy beach. Many students stood in line in front of Murphy Hall as early as 3 in the morning to increase their odds of receiving an on-campus housing arrangement for the fall 2000 semester.

The line stretched from the front doors of Murphy Hall, nearly reaching the cafeteria. As the line grew longer, the weary faces of the students grew impatient by the minute. And by the second, frustration began to settle.

"No one from housing came out to tell us what was going on," said Lakeisha Williams, a freshman from Washington, D.C. "A student had to take the authority to make a list so that there would be some sort of order."

From what most of the students knew, the process was

to sign the list and wait for their named to be called. Once their name was called, they received a number. Once they received a number, the only thing left to do was wait. And wait is what the students did. Some students were not even aware of the list so they stood on line, clueless.

Most students missed their classes, fearing that they would lose their space and would have to return to the end of the dreadfully long line.

As time went by, the crowd became anxious. The guards only let about three to five students in at a time. Some impatient students began to bombard the side entrance of Murphy Hall, jam-packed together, shoulder to shoulder.

The crowd attracted more attention from a local news station. ABC-45 news showed up with journalist Bridget Lowell reporting. Their presence provided an outlet for the

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Hit-and-run victim healing

BY DIJUN ROLLE
Register Staff Writer

An A&T student hit by a car nearly three weeks ago, is now recovering at his home in Raleigh.

Shaun Watson, was hit March 1 while crossing at the Laurel Street crosswalk between Salem and Mitchell streets.

The driver who hit Watson, Latrice Collins, also an A&T student, is being charged with fail-

ure to reduce speed. Police reports say Collins was traveling 30 mph in a 25 mph zone when the accident occurred.

Watson suffered major trauma to the left side of his face, a concussion, and other injuries to his head, shoulder, and face. He has already undergone plastic surgery and his mouth is wired shut. It is not known if Collins suffered any injuries from the accident.

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Shaun Watson recovers at home from injuries sustained from March accident.

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BRIEFS**Barnette named dean
of technology school**

N.C. A&T's Elazer J. Barnette has been named the permanent dean and professor of the School of Technology.

Barnette helped organize the uprooting of the Samuel Cooper and Angeline Smith Hall, the technology building on A&T's campus.

Barnette joined A&T's staff in 1990 as an associate professor and in 1996, he served as chairman of the university's Department of Graphic Communications Systems and Technology Studies until he was appointed interim dean when Earl Yarbrough resigned in July 1998.

Payback time for snow

Due to severe weather conditions in January, which led to the cancellation of classes, March 25 and April 8 are the dates designated as make-up dates to comply with the University of North Carolina System Board of Governors' policy.

The policy requires a minimum of 75 class days per semester, excluding final exams, weekends and holidays.

Pubs get accolades

A&T and Steve Thomas Marketing Communications received two awards from Admissions Marketing Report, a national news publication for college and university professionals.

A&T was rewarded merit citation for its Community Involvement Report and a gold medal for the student recruitment viewbook, It's Your Future.

A&T and Steve Thomas Marketing Communications have worked together for more than six years.

Nikki Giovanni event

Writer, poet and scholar Nikki Giovanni will be on A&T's campus for the Lyceum Series at 7 p.m., March 27 in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

AIDS education on tap

"The Reality of AIDS and HIV: An informative presentation and discussion", sponsored by the ladies of Curtis Hall, will be held on March 28 for 7 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of Curtis Hall.

Representatives from the Sickle Cell Association, Triad Health Project and Sebastian Health Center will be on hand. A brief interest meeting for "Project Reach" will be held afterwards.

Successful dancers

The Center for Student Success will sponsor Dr. Eleanor Gwynn and the E. Gwynn Dancers at noon March 30 in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

Want answers?
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20 Questions.

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Honors program developing

By DIJUN ROLLE
Register Staff Writer

This semester, the honors program at N.C. A&T is in the process of recruiting more students and laying down a solid foundation for the next academic year.

The program, which officially began last semester, is still open to all students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. It is the first to extend university wide and include students from all majors.

The interim director for the program, Dr. Peter Meyers, is optimistic about the success of the program and its students, and has been working hard since last year to ensure it.

"Right now we're basically putting the nuts and bolts of the program together

and getting things started," said Meyers. "We intend to provide our students with a chance to develop their skills and challenge themselves. The honors program is about opportunity."

The basic features of the program that are designed to attract students include smaller classes, research opportunities, honor's credit, culturally enriching activities, special recognition at graduation and other events, and a hands on approach to learning.

The major requirement for admission into the honors program is a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

When asked about the high standard Meyers explained, "The committee working on the proposal that created the honor's program itself, decided on

the 3.5 GPA."

He also went on to explain that the 3.5 GPA provided a cut off point for enrollment into the program. "Students with a 3.5 or higher make up between nine to ten percent of this campus, while those with 3.0s make up almost a third."

"It would be very hard to provide significant services to a third of the campus, that's a couple of thousand students."

Meyers stressed that the honors program would also provide the entire campus with opportunities to participate in activities that they will be sponsoring in the future.

Currently there are 121 students in the honors program. Half of those will be incoming freshmen.

Parking still irks hotel dwellers**Months of complaining
has changed nothing
at The Oaks**

By LAKESHA BYNUM
Register Staff Writer

After months of complaining, residents of A&T Oaks — the former hotel converted to student housing — are still unhappy about the university's parking regulations.

The students' gripes grew in seriousness in September, when they began circulating a petition for A&T to change its parking policy for The Oaks.

"One of the main reasons we started the petition was because students were receiving multiple number of tickets in one day" said Phillip Pride, A&T Oaks president.

Many students thought they were doing the university a favor, Pride said, by leaving their cars parked in front of their rooms and catching the shuttle back and forth to campus. But when the students returned to their rooms they were often faced with multiple parking tickets — sometimes as much as \$50-\$75 worth — in one day.

Darlene Norman Neal, director of parking, says vehicles should not be parked on campus property if they are not registered with the University Parking services.

"Different officers enforce different areas, different times of the day, therefore they have no way of knowing if a vehicle has already been ticketed" Neal said.

Students have also protested the price of parking stickers. The Oaks residents pay more to live there than on-campus residents pay to live in the dorms.

Many students say their parking fee should be included in their room and board.

Michelle Littlejohn, another A&T Oaks student representative, says residents should at least receive a reduced rate.

"We shouldn't have to pay the same amount (\$100) as on campus residents because we don't park on campus as often as they do," said Littlejohn.

Neal suggested a compromise. "I think price should be reduced only if students parking should be limited to A&T Oaks residents only," Neal said. "No parking from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or during the hours the shuttle is in oper-

ation."

After having a meeting with the Director of Parking in September, Littlejohn and Pride thought that the petition — and the requested parking rate reduction — was in effect.

University officials say it is still being reviewed.

"Here it is six months later and nothing has been done," Pride said.

Sharon Lunsford, A&T's business manager, said the request will be discussed in detail later this month.

"If a decision is made, it would not take place until fall 2000," she said.

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College of Engineering is 'all that'?

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BY JAVARO HAMPTON
Register Staff Writer

When many people think of North Carolina A&T, the first thing to come to mind is the school's engineering program. A&T is a gold mine for companies who are looking for the best black engineers in the country. Nearly half of the yearly enrollment chooses a field in engineering.

Although A&T is a university comprised of many different colleges, the College of Engineering stands out the most — yet students may understand it

the least.

Engineering is the art of applying scientific and mathematical principles, experiences, judgment and common sense to make things that benefit people.

Engineers design bridges and important medical equipment as well as processes for cleaning up toxic spills and systems for mass transit. In other words, engineering is the process of producing a technical product or system to meet a specific need.

Engineering work is organized by traditional academic fields of study. The five largest of these are chemical, civil, electrical, industrial, and mechanical engineering. More than 1.2 million

engineers work in the U.S. today, making engineering the nation's second largest profession.

A&T produces some of the brightest engineers every year. Many graduates literally have job opportunities thrown at them. While others apply and find it easy to be hired since they come from a top-notch program.

Students of the other colleges at the university may agree that the engineering building and its students are placed on higher pedestal than the rest of the university. And the engineering students themselves feel some superiority.

"The only reason to go to A&T is to major in engineering," said Allyn J. Wright, A&T engineering student.

"Let's face it, if you are going to major in biology, chemistry, accounting, etc., you might as well go to a white school instead of A&T.

"I agree that all other majors are inferior. They don't know what it's like to stay up all night studying, writing programs, running labs, etc., etc. The work is much more harder, too. I don't care if I offend anybody, I'm just stating the facts and other engineers will agree."

It's clear to see that the engineering program is all that it is claimed to be. Just look at the long, forever growing list of alumni.

But one question remains. Are all other majors inferior?

You be the judge.

O'Reilly racks up \$5,000 scholarship

Electrical engineering major from New Jersey has 3.9 GPA

BY WILLIAM CHARLES DAVIS II
Register Staff Writer

Shayne O'Reilly, a sophomore electrical engineering major from Clarksburg, N.J., has received a \$5000 scholarship from General Dynamics Advanced Technology Systems in Greensboro.

The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, which is dedicated to supporting minorities who are misrepresented in science and engineering, coordinated the scholarship.

Advanced Technology Systems will

offer O'Reilly — who has a 3.9 GPA — professional development, academic support, industry mentors and a summer internship. Advanced Technology Systems manufactures communication, sensor and processing systems for the Department of Defense and commercial customers.

A Saturday morning program called Acceleration in the Careers of Engineering aided O'Reilly in his decision to attend N.C. A&T. A high school internship with Lucent Technologies showed O'Reilly the dedication that engineers must have, and his parents and siblings were a major source of motivation.

"I was proud that I received the scholarship because of my hard work,"

said O'Reilly. "When I received the scholarship, it showed that my hard work paid off. The best feeling was when I called home and my parents told me that I received the scholarship.

"By seeing my mother and father work hard, I knew that I wasn't going to come here and waste money. I was also going to work hard to make them proud."

Dr. Eric Cheek, associate dean of undergraduate programs for the College of Engineering, noted O'Reilly's deep interest in taking advantage of scholarship opportunities.

"He is an outstanding student," said Cheek.

Dr. Gilbert Casterlow, Mathematics Education Coordinator, said O'Reilly is "the model Aggie."


"Shayne is a very mature, hardworking, dedicated young scholar," Casterlow said. "He was the model student. Always working. Always doing homework on time. He was willing to share ideas in class and excited to show answers on the board. This established him as a leader."

O'Reilly was a leader in the study groups for his calculus classes, and an assistant for the Advanced Placement Calculus classes offered over the internet to Guilford County high schools.


In his future, he sees graduate school. His dream is to work in Tokyo, Japan.

"He has a dream and he's fulfilling it," said Casterlow. "He is focused and he is doing the things that he needs to do to succeed."

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Police investigating armed robbery spree

Reward of \$1,500 offered for tip that leads to conviction

BY RANDY ST. CLAIR
Register Staff Writer

A series of armed robberies on the N.C. A&T campus have left police searching for suspects and offering a \$1,500 cash reward for information leading to arrests and convictions.

The most recent robbery occurred March 15, at approximately 8:10 p.m., on Willie Grimes Drive near Scott Hall.

The victim stated that two black males approached

him, one male pointed a handgun robbing him of his Timberland boots and jewelry. Both suspects fled the area heading east on Willie Grimes Drive toward Moore Gymnasium.

The victim described one of the suspects as a black male, light complexion, 5-foot-6 to 5-8 in height, average build, and short hair. He was described wearing a white T-shirt (with various colors) and khaki cargo pants. The suspect was also said to be carrying a semi-automatic 22 or 25 caliber handgun.

No description was given for the second suspect.

Anyone with information on these or other crimes on campus are urged to call the campus police emergency line at 334-7675 or the investigation division at

334-7155.

Campus police declined to provide further information on March 21, but have offered the following safety tips for students:

- Don't resist: no amount of money or personal item is worth taking chances with your life.

- Don't take risks: you can never know tell if a robber is armed.

- Notify the campus police: try to give a description that includes approximate age, height, weight, hair, clothing and scars (tattoos) or anything noticeable.

- Don't let people into your room until you recognize them from the peephole or until they identify themselves.

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University copes with lack of housing



A student attempts to organize the crowd of students who lined up to apply for on-campus housing last week. Most students waited several hours.

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can afford to stay off campus. Staying off campus requires getting a job and having a car. Maintaining a place to live, a job, and a car is hard work and going to school as a full time student doesn't make it any easier," says Dewayne Thompson, a freshman math education major.

"I'm doing everything I can to get students housing but I'm working with what's given to me. I'd love to accommodate everyone that wants to stay on campus a place to stay, but that's just not realistic. Students must realize it's a first come, first serve basis, and it doesn't make it any easier when there are some upperclassmen that want to stay on campus all four years and that puts us at an inconvenience," says Williams.

Enrollment was one of the things students and faculty are concerned about. Will enrollment suffer because A&T can't accommodate all the students they enroll?

"Enrollment could suffer if it's a possibility, but students don't come to A&T for a place to stay they come because of its great education program. Housing isn't a student's first priority when choosing a college. Enrollment could suffer but not much," says Williams.

But there is a silver lining in this dark and stormy cloud. Resolutions to solve the housing frenzy include a 10-year-plan going into effect next year that is supposed to help out the housing situation tremendously. The actual logistics of the plan aren't known to the public, but it's said to end the terrible nightmare of getting on campus housing.

Aggies frustrated, want answers

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students to vent their frustrations.

"They're going to lose students like this," said Mundi Massenburg, a Washington, D.C. native. "A&T is so busy renovating buildings, they need to build more dorms."

Despite their frustrations, the students seemed to have formed somewhat of a camaraderie. Students shared their drinks and food with each other while they waited on the line that seemed to be frozen in time. Some sipped on the hot chocolate that was set up on two tables on the Omega Psi Phi plot. Some even occupied themselves with a card game while sitting on the Kappa Alpha Psi plot.

Security guards continued to stand watch at the doors to keep the crowd at bay.

When the day was coming to an end, few students emerged from Murphy Hall with a smile on their faces, waving their yellow and white housing assignment sheets in triumph.

Anita Woods was one of the lucky ones.

Woods arrived at Murphy approximately 5 a.m. and was surprised to see people there before her.

"It was dark," she said. "We even watched the sun come up."

Everybody's tired, and beat down. I ripped my jeans on one of the barricades," she said as she displayed the rip on her lower right pant leg.

But in the end, some students managed to scrape up enough Aggie Pride to support A&T.

"A&T is a good school but it is too unorganized," stated Lakeisha Williams.

"I guess there's no other way they [housing department] could have done it," Woods added. "I've seen worse but A&T could've done better."

Hit student resting

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Neither Watson nor Collins were available for comment, but Watson's mother Theresa Cardez, says her son does not remember very much about the accident.

"Most of what he knows about the actual accident has been told to us by the eyewitnesses that were there," says Cardez.

Cardez also says that they have not decided as to whether or not they plan to file suit against Collins.

"Right now we're concentrating on Shaun's recovery, and we haven't made any decisions," she said. "We appreciate the many get-well cards and thoughtful messages that have been sent."

The family expects to meet with university officials soon to determine whether or not Watson will return to finish out the rest of the semester. The Greensboro Police Department is handling the case.

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Artists say faith keeps them in front

Gospel groups share their secrets with A&T students

By JAMIE WIGGINS
Register Staff Writer

In the center of the audience a microphone was placed for those students who wished to question the panel. The panel was composed of seven men, young and old, some dressed casually in slacks, others sporting sneakers and jogging suits.

Although the men looked different, they shared a common occupation. Gospel artists Fred Hammond, Dawkins and Dawkins and Greensboro natives Men of Standard were at the WNAA-FM sponsored event on March 16 in the Student Union Ballroom. The artists, who performed a concert that night at the Greensboro Coliseum took the time to speak to A&T students about their professions. The program was entitled "Shout 2000 music panel."

Several questions were asked and the groups responded accordingly.

What do you think of the many artists today and their longevity?

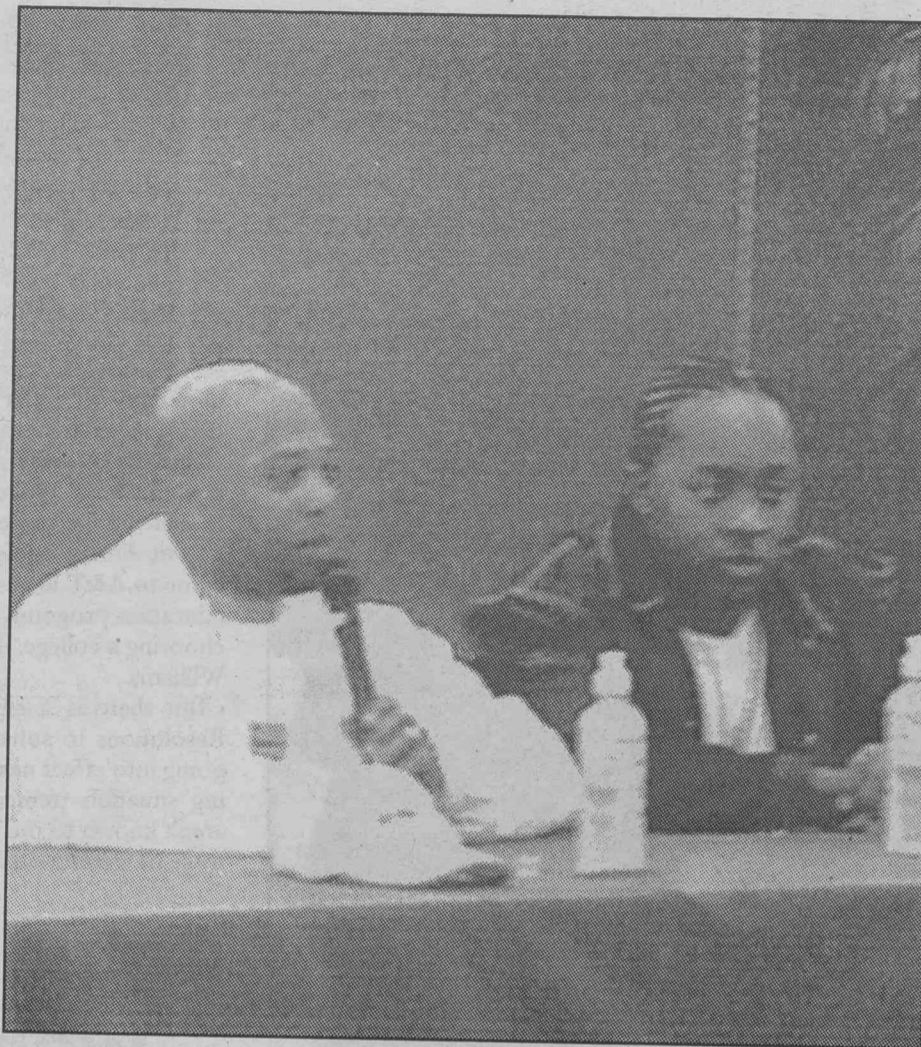
Fred Hammond: "I can't speak for R&B or Hip Hop, but today with the microwave generation you have quick everything. The artists in gospel have what you call a long shelf life. I've been in the business for 20 years and it was a long way to get here. There are thousands out there but only ten on top. Put your pride aside and that's when God promotes."

How to market a new venture or idea?

Hammond: "It's a market for everything, but you have to find your niche. Find somebody who has the same beliefs as you."

Where do you see gospel music today?

Dawkins/Dawkins: "Gospel music is in a transitional phase. I don't believe gospel stays the same. As we're in 2000 progressing alone I think the music is going to change. However the skim of music flows we're going to flow with it; we're going to be relevant to the times."



Brothers Eric and Anson Dawkins, of the group Dawkins and Dawkins, were among the gospel artists who spoke with N.C. A&T students on campus last week as part of Shout 2000.

Men of Standard: "The message stays the same but how we go about doing it will change. I believe that as long as we keep our foundation, everything will be all right."

How do you feel about the use of secular artists in gospel music?

Hammond: "I don't need to go outside and get someone else to write my songs; I have a lot of music in my head and in my heart. This thing is spiritual more than natural. I came from old school when music wasn't so provocative, there is nothing wrong with a man loving a woman, but it's the way you go about saying it."

There is a contract that we follow

called the Bible. I better not be caught messing up my contract.

Dawkins/Dawkins: "I think you have to be really sensitive to the situation."

What kinds of songs do you write and why?

Fred Hammond: I write about life experiences. I'm concerned about the homosexual and the girl who has had four abortions. It's not about hype and entertainment that's what the world does."

Dawkins/Dawkins: Rhythm and praises is what God wanted for his music. We like to do things that stick in your mind. People can latch on to the music we do."

ARTIST PROFILES

Fred Hammond

Born in Detroit, Mich., Hammond started his musical career at the age of 12 as he sang in the church choir with his mother. He later played bass for the Winans, then spent more than a decade as a vocalist with the popular urban group Commissioned.

He has since had a successful solo career and produced numerous urban and contemporary Christian acts.

Men of Standard

This talented and blessed group are Greensboro natives. They instantly made their mark with their namesake album, Men of Standard. Not only has the self-titled album been a great success hitting the Billboard's top Gospel Albums chart, its single — "Winter" — drew raves and rotations from top radio stations across the country.

Offstage, Men of Standard is more than just a name. It's a 24/7 state of mind that these young men believe in.

Dawkins and Dawkins

Eric and Anson were born in Davenport, Iowa and grew up in Wintersville, Ohio.

They began singing in church at ages four and five, performing a trio with their mother.

Musically, Eric learned to play the piano and Anson played drums and trumpet.

As the young boys grew into young men, their musical influences began shaping who they would become as artists. A defining moment arose when the brothers were introduced to their mentor Fred Hammond, and hired as musicians for Commissioned.

In 1992, the duo signed with Benson, where they recorded two albums.

Radio station turns focus to funding

"Ubiquity 2000" goal is \$80,000 for WNAA-FM, A&T campus station

By LAKESHA BYNUM
Register Staff Writer

WNAA-FM, the broadcast voice of N.C. A&T, will host its annual on-air fundraising Radiothon March 26 through April 2.

"Ubiquity 2000" is the theme this year and the goal is to raise \$80,000 for the station's operations budget.

"We usually collect about 60 percent of our set goal," said Tony Welborne, station manager.

The Radiothon, which is held every spring, is the station's main source of income. WNAA depends on program underwriting, on-air fundraisers, and corporate and private donations.

Like other noncommercial radio stations located on state university campuses in North Carolina, it cannot use state or university funds to support its operations.

"We used to receive funds from the state until the state legislature decided not to provide funds to support the station," said Welborne.

During the Radiothon, station staff members will ask for pledges and donations from private individuals, local businesses, and corporations.

Pledges can be made by calling 336-334-7936. Payments and donations may be made with cash, checks, money orders, and credit cards (Master Card and Visa only).

Make checks and money orders payable to WNAA-FM and mailed to WNAA-FM, Suite 200 Price Hall, NC A&T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411-1135.

—Twenty Questions—

1. What is going on with this "so-called" housing process? Do we need to call for some backup, A.K.A. Mom Dukes and Grandma?
2. Did you skip all your classes to wait in line for housing and still didn't get a room?
3. Isn't all that fine print on the housing letter just a nice way of saying, the majority of us need to be looking for another place to stay?
4. Did your parents "show off" when they found out you were homeless... literally?
5. How many of us have started collecting Apartment Guides?
6. Who in their right mind (juniors and seniors) actually wants to stay at the Ramada next semester?
7. Has housing gotten so scarce, that being a RA next year doesn't sound half-bad?
8. Isn't the Chancellor's old house still vacant?
9. Why did the housing line start in front of Murphy and end in front of the café?
10. Don't you always see somebody you know at the Harris Teeter on Summit,

no matter what time it is?

11. Why do some people always seem to find a good parking space?

12. Do they know something the rest of us don't?

13. Why can't study groups ever start on time?

14. Why do some people always call you the night before the test to borrow your book?

15. Is it just us... or are the squirrels by Hodgkin Hall crazy?

16. Is your ID covered with so much tape you can't even see the picture anymore?

17. Can you even remember the last time you saw your ID?

18. How many of us actually ate Oodles&Noodles before we came to college?

19. Is it just us or did the trees on campus suddenly bloom over Spring Break?

20. Have you taken the time to fill out your Census Form yet?

Got a suggestion for the next Twenty Questions? Send it to MizRolle @Hotmail.com or drop them by room 309 in Crosby.

NCAA's Sweet 16 full of surprises

Tar Heels holding on as No. 1s Stanford, Arizona say bye-bye in March Madness

By CHRIS WALLACE
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As the NCAA Tournament has sized down to 16 teams, it is getting more and more intense.

The tournament has been full of surprises also as two No. 1 seeds and numerous others have been knocked out.

Eight of the fields 16 teams left are a No. 5 seed or lower. There are still several powerhouses left including front runners Duke and Michigan State.

The surprises of the tourney have to be the No. 8 seeded North Carolina Tar Heels and the No. 10 seed Gonzaga Zags.

The Tarheels finished a dismal regular season at 18-13 but has seized momentum with wins over No. 9 seeded Missouri and a major upset win over No. 1 seeded Stanford.

The only other No. 1 seed eliminated was Arizona who was blown away in the second round.

The match ups for this years Sweet 16 are Michigan State vs Syracuse, UCLA vs Iowa State, Wisconsin vs LSU, Purdue vs Gonzaga, Duke vs Florida, Oklahoma State vs. Seton Hall, UNC vs Tennessee, and Miami, Florida vs. Tulsa.

It should be an exciting Sweet 16 and I think there will be a few upsets happening. Michigan State will remain the top dog in the Midwest as they will struggle but defeat Syracuse. The difference will be Spartan point guard Mateen Cleaves.

UCLA, one of the most exciting teams in the tournament, will upset Iowa State and hold All-American Marcus Fizer in check. Earl Watson and Jarod Rush will again be throwing alley-

oops to each other.

LSU will be headed to the "Elite Eight," as they will beat Wisconsin in the west region.

The Zags of Gonzaga will make their second consecutive trip to the eight-some, as they will upset Purdue behind the shooting of Santangelo.

Duke and Florida may be the best game because Florida is very athletic and quick and matches well against Duke.

Florida All-American Mike Miller must have a big game and he will but won't get much help as Duke will limp into the elite 8.

Oklahoma State and Seton Hall should be no contest.

Without Shaheen Holloway, Seton Hall is only Seton. Oklahoma State will blow away the Pirates and dance into the elite 8.

Tulsa upset Cincinnati in the round of 32, but lets remember that national player of the year Kenyon Martin was sidelined for Cincinnati with a broken leg. Miami (Florida) will edge Tulsa and break one of Cinderella's slippers.

The last game of the Sweet 16 is UNC vs Tennessee. The states are located right next to each other, but the game won't be as close in the end. The Tar Heels' success has come from the likes of 7-foot center Brendan Haywood and point guard Ed Cota. Jason Capel and Joe Forte have also been big. UNC is truly wearing the Cinderella slipper right now as they will wear that slipper and walk into the elite 8. It won't be easy though.

Here are several players I'll select for the All-Tournament team right now. Florida forward Mike Miller, Iowa State forward/center Marcus Fizer, UCLA guard Earl Watson and forward Jarod Rush, Michigan State guard Mateen Cleaves and forward Morris Peterson, UNC guard Ed Cota, center Brendan Haywood, and forward Jason Capel, and LSU forward Michael Swift.



Sophomore Bruce Jenkins, N.C. A&T's only All-MEAC selection.

Aggies end on high note, look to 2001

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The N.C. A&T men's basketball team finished the 1999-2000 regular season with a mark of 14-15 (11-8 conference). Though they finished the season below the .500 mark, the Aggies went 12-6 over their last 18 games after a slow 2-9 start.

In the MEAC tournament, the Aggies looked like dominant warriors in the first round as they routed the Bison of Howard 94-69. Sophomore forward Bruce Jenkins led the way for the Aggies with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Anthony Debro, Travis Totten and J.J. Miller all reached double figures in points as well.

In the second round of the tournament, the Aggies battled hard but were knocked off in overtime by Hampton 98-88. A&T led by five points with 3:17 remaining, but couldn't hold the lead. Junior point guard J.J. Miller hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the game to overtime, but the Aggies were blown away in the extra session.

Anthony Debro led A&T with 25 points and Bruce Jenkins added 23 points and 10 rebounds.

A&T's 14-15 record included a number of close losses, and four starters — along with a solid bench — return for next year.

Among the returnees is sophomore forward Bruce Jenkins, a rising star who averaged 15 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.

Jenkins was the only Aggie to make the All-MEAC team.

Lady Aggies limp to dismal 4-25 finish

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The N.C. A&T woman's basketball team finished up their long season on sort of a high note in the MEAC Tournament after their disappointing regular season.

The Lady Aggies finished a woeful 4-25 this year but showed signs of brilliance in the MEAC Tournament.

In the first round, the last seeded Aggies stunned No. 6 seeded Bethune-Cookman by a score of 48-47. All-MEAC first team performer Malveatta Johnson led the Aggies as she scored a game high 27 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the victory.

The Aggies defense got the game ball as they held Bethune-Cookman to a very dismal 22 percent shooting from the field. In the quarterfinal round, the Aggies ran out of gas as they fell to the No. 1 seeded Howard Bison by a score of 63-40. Though they held Howard to 38 percent shooting, they were not able to overcome the large deficit. Malveatta Johnson led the way again as she scored 13 points and snatched 23 rebounds.

Though the Lady Aggies season didn't go as planned, they learned a lot from Coach Hall and look forward to building a winning season next year. They have their superstar in junior center Malveatta Johnson to help build that foundation.

Johnson was named All-MEAC first team once again and finished second in player of the year voting. Her numbers were incredible as she averaged 19.5 points and 14 rebounds per game.

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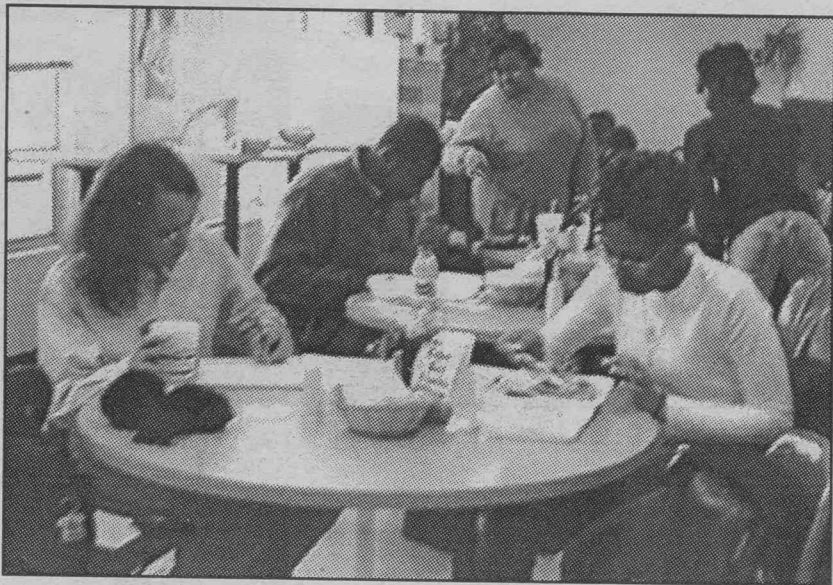
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