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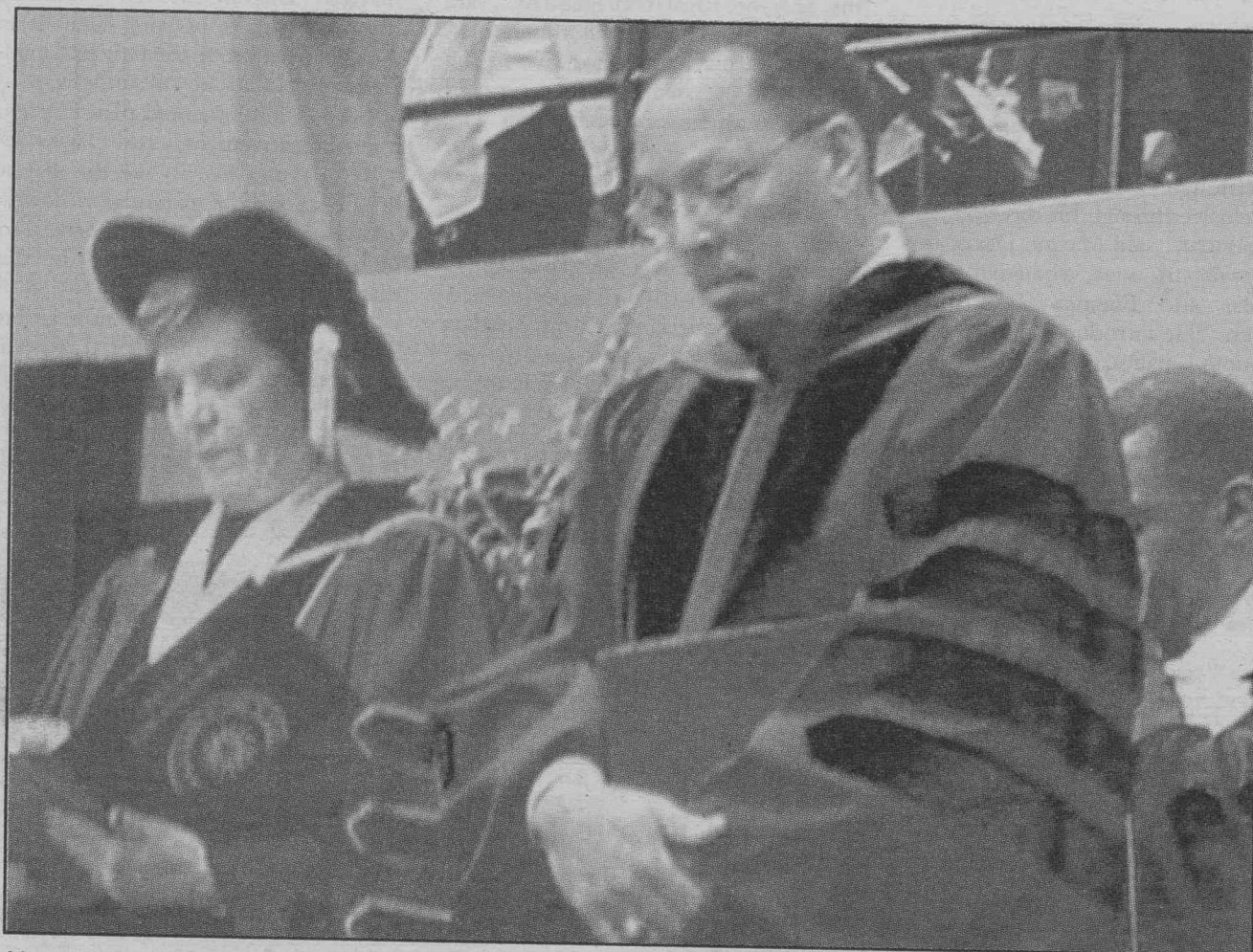
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New North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor James C. Renick and University of North Carolina President Molly Broad bow their heads in prayer at Renick's installation ceremony last week.

## Renick's day

Chancellor accepts 'honor and privilege' of serving

BY RANDY ST. CLAIR  
Register Managing Editor

April 20 marked the installation of N.C. A&T State University's ninth chancellor.

James Carmichael Renick, who took over the position last summer, was formally inaugurated last Thursday in an hour-long ceremony before a crowd that filled the bottom deck of the Corbett Center.

Before coming to A&T, the 51-year-old Rockford, Ill., native was chancellor of the University of Michigan-Dearborn for six years.

As Renick accepted the medallion he also accepted the responsibilities and high expectations that go along with being chancellor.

"Today represents the capstone of my professional life," Renick said. "My dream has truly become reality. I consider it a high honor and privilege to be chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State

University."

Some say that he has lived up to those expectations already.

"We welcome this man who has brought about so many changes in just his first year," Student Government President Kendra Hill said. "The renovating of the student union and the renovating of the café are just a few to name. With loud voices we say thank you Chancellor Renick."

As Renick addressed the crowd of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia, he thanked the chancellors who came before him. They were the innovative leaders who were willing to work hard and fight for the programs that it takes to build a great university, he said.

"To them I would like to express my respect and appreciation for their contributions that make our University what it is today," said Renick.

Students who were on hand to see the chancellor officially accept the responsibility of being their leader said they, too, are excited.

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## Amen For Gospel Nights

Harrison Players score a hit with musical

BY CHARLENE R. FLOWERS  
Register Staff Writer

The room was filled with the noise of hands clapping, feet tapping, and a lot of "Amens."

It may sound like a typical Sunday in the church you grew up in, but that was not the case.

This very real duplication came courtesy of N.C. A&T's Richard B. Harrison Players, as they performed "Gospel Nights," the play written and directed by A&T professor Miller Lucky, Jr., at the Paul Robeson Theatre.

"Gospel Nights" is about a young man, played by Terrence Hammett, who is selling drugs to fund his search for the finer things in life. The church shows him that if he is looking for the finer things in life, he can find them through Christ. He joins the church choir and begins to turn his life around.

"I was very satisfied with the response," Lucky said. "We received rave reviews."

"There were people who were literally falling out of their chair laughing, and shouting in the aisles."

"Gospel Nights" sold out every show but one, and that turnout was 80 percent.

Guests such as Otis Battle and the High Point Community Choir and Ron Jones and Perfect Praise combined forces with the Harrison Players to form the play's Shout Hallelujah Choir. Guest dancers were Lyndsey Grubb and Marc Graham.

The audience was, to say the least, impressed.

"I thought the play was excellent!" said Tiffany Tolbert, a senior public relations major from Grand Rapids, Michigan. "It displayed the talents and skills that A&T students have."

"For it to be an improvisation piece, I feel it was well rehearsed. Being brought up in a church atmosphere similar to 'Gospel Nights,' I felt right at home."

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## Mable Scott: A&T's ambassador

Public relations head wins with warmth

BY APRIL MCMILLAN  
Register Staff Writer

If you ever thought it was not possible for a woman of color to be successful in public relations, then you haven't met Mable Scott.

Known to her friends and loved ones

as "a woman who meets no strangers," Scott has turned that trait into professional success. Her accomplishments are impressive and ongoing.

Scott is anything but typical. Her smile is filled with warmth that would light up a room. With the eyes of a twinkling star, you would think she was a wish waiting to come true.

A first glance at her sends a signal: She is professional and serious. With a

short, streaked haircut, neatly curled under with a shaved fade toward her neck, she represents the style of the new millennium. Her suit is neatly figured without a flaw, and she wears pumps as comfortably as running shoes on a marathon runner.

The sound of those pumps clicking down a hall sends another signal —

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# Campus mourns death of McIntyre

"Mr. Mac" had served  
A&T since 1981

By WILLIAM C. DAVIS II  
Register Staff Writer

The legacies and memory of Charles McIntyre, former vice chancellor for business and finance, remain present in the spirit of N.C. A&T. The Mississippi native, who died earlier this month, had been an intricate part of the Aggie family since 1981.

In a press release, Chancellor James Renick expressed the importance of McIntyre to A&T.

"Mr. Mac played a very significant role in our university's history. He left an impressive legacy as he let his light shine at A&T, the Greensboro community and beyond. He fought a good fight. He finished the course. He kept the faith. He won the race."

"He was not very outspoken," said Dr. Dorothy Alston, former special assistant to the chancellor for administrative affairs, "but he had a presence about him that let you know he was a leader."

McIntyre established himself as a leader by serving as chairperson of the University Budget Committee, Campus Master Plan Committee, and Fiscal Affairs Implementation.

"He brought an administration that was inclusive through his directors and management," said Maxine Davis, former assistant vice chancellor for Business and Finance / Business Services. "He introduced a process of continuous quality improvement, and that concept empowered employees."

He was credited with improving the fiscal integrity on A&T's campus. Prior to his coming, A&T was having problems in that area. Since then, A&T has

had clean audits each year.

"I think that any success I had on campus was not unrelated to the relationship that I had with McIntyre and his superb planning and excellence in the area of fiscal management," said Dr. Edward Fort, chancellor emeritus.

McIntyre played a major role in the expansion of A&T's campus, noted Fort, by pushing for construction. The Bluford Library, Murphy Hall, the Fort Research Center, and Smith Hall were constructed or renovated through the efforts of McIntyre, who acted as liaison with the architects and contractors.

McIntyre showed the same intensity toward fiscal management and building improvements as he did toward the students by institutionalizing a mentoring program, which exposed students to the intricacies of campus activity. The rest of the campus emulated his system.

"He was very student oriented," said

Davis.

Under McIntyre's administration, student services greatly improved. He introduced the debit card system and the shuttle service and improved food services and bookstore operations. Improvements to housing facilities and the construction of the new parking lot are projects that are still underway.

"He has implemented plans for continuous improvement," said Davis.

"He did not live to see this happen but he started the groundwork for it."

"McIntyre played an important role on A&T's campus and will be truly missed."

"He had integrity, innovation, and the ability to instill a managerial expertise at this university," said Fort. "His love for the university was strong. He was focused and a superb planner. He enjoyed working with people. He will be missed immensely."

## Gospel play touches hearts

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For some students, one trip wasn't enough.

"I thought it was an outstanding play," said Stevii Mills, a senior public relations major from Greensboro. "I enjoyed it so much that I went twice."

"The play really spoke to my heart. I definitely felt blessed."

Proceeds from the play will be donated to the Donald E. Coffey Scholarship — and if you missed it on campus, future performances are scheduled for New Orleans, New Jersey and Greensboro's Carolina Theater.

## Students urged to study race, politics

Political Science Society  
organized forum

By WILLIAM C. DAVIS II  
Register Staff Writer

The Political Science Society of N.C. A&T presented a forum on race, redistricting and Census 2000 April 14 in Gibbs Hall.

Dr. Claude Barnes, Dr. James Steele, Dr. Samuel Moseley and Dr. Phung Nguyen served as panel speakers for the forum.

Barnes organized the forum to show how census, redistricting and democratic representation play an interrelated role.

"I think it is very important for our students to develop political consciousness and political awareness and understand how politics affects them in their daily lives," said Barnes.

In addition, the forum stressed the importance of voting participation, especially from ages 18 to 25.

The forum also addressed the controversial issue of the 12th congressional district in North Carolina, which contains N.C. A&T.

In 1992, the district plan for the 12th district had a configuration 56 percent blacks and 41 percent whites. After almost a decade of litigation over the shape of the 12th district, the configuration is 41 percent blacks and 56 percent white.

"One of the things we want to do is inspire students to be more involved in politics," said Barnes.

"Forums such as this give us the opportunity to share with students the expertise and knowledge that we have gained over the years in hopes that this will inspire them to vote and participate in getting others to vote."

The forum briefly addressed methods used for taking the census. In the past, many believe that minorities have been undercounted in the census, which leads to misrepresentation in politics.

Some students felt that the forum was very informative.

"It helped me understand (the relationship) between the census and the vote — how important it is to vote and send in your census papers," said John Twitty, a junior public relations major.

Other students felt that the forum served as a motivation for getting involved in politics.

"I can honestly say that I have never been interested in politics," said Donna Coletrane, a sophomore public relations major, "but attending this forum enlightened me on a lot of subjects that I knew absolutely nothing about, things that affect me in such a way that I need to be involved."

With upcoming elections this year, it is important for students to realize their role in the realm of politics.

"We are like a sleeping giant on this campus," said Barnes. "If we ever wake up, I think we'll have a tremendous impact on politics in the city, state and the southeast region."

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# Chancellor, friends relax after big day

BY APRIL MCMILLAN  
Register Staff Writer

Fellow Aggies and friends gave the new chancellor a night on the town with jazz and R & B flavor as a welcome to Aggie Land on Wednesday, April 19 at the Grandover Resort.

Alumni, faculty, students, and friends celebrated the installation gala entitled, "An Evening of Jazz and R & B" to celebrate a new beginning for N.C. A&T as new chancellor James Renick was installed into office.

A Sign of the Times (ASOTT) entertained the crowd with the sounds of jazz, rhythm and blues. ASOTT was

created by A&T alumnus Tyrone Jefferson. And includes two A&T alumni among its four members.

The hospitality of the hotel was simply divine. Staff members cordially directed guests to their individual destinations, where they were greeted with the smell of succulent food - pasta, seafood, a variety of different choices of meat such as honey cooked ham, turkey, chicken, and meatballs; a vegetarian section, and several selections of desert - all prepared by the chefs of the resort.

Soon after guests were seated, Renick entered the ballroom with his wife and

daughter, greeting the people as they passed through the crowd.

The mood of the evening - and regarding the new chancellor - was decidedly upbeat.

"I think he's doing an excellent job," said Lillie M. Robbins, immediate past national alumni president. "He will most certainly take A & T to the next level of excellence and education."

Oswell Person, president of Oakland Community College in Waterford, Mich., and a close friend of Renick's, arrived for the event a few hours before it began. It was an honor, he said, that he could not miss.

"James is for the students," Person said.

Questioned later about his friend's assessment, Renick responded: "Definitely. That's why we are here, to move A&T into a positive direction globally. There are a lot of plans at hand. The changes will not be slow. You will soon see a lot of changes happen at a fast pace."

Earlier that day, an installation luncheon prepared for Renick brought not only a day of celebration, but donations that totaled \$3.5 million.

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## Career fair focuses on state government work

BY LATOYA WILSON  
Register Staff Writer

The N.C. A&T Office of Career Services sponsored the annual NC State Government Career Day on Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

The event was held in the Student Union Ballroom and featured representatives from some 16 state governmental agencies, including The Albemarle Correctional Institution, N.C. Department of Health & Human Services, N.C. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Students of all majors were invited and received information on permanent and summer opportunities with these state agencies.

Does the government offer more job security and variety?

Well according to Franklin Steele, a 1976 graduate of A&T, there is more job security on the governmental level.

"I know that there will always be inmates in the correctional field," said Steele, an assistant unit manager for the Albemarle Correctional Institution.

"There will always be jobs available in this line of work."

Steele and Wonda Gore, another Albemarle official, said the work they do is a lot more challenging and rewarding than some may think - and much different than what students might have seen on TV.

"I have to work with the inmates directly," Gore said. "I work with their parole, court and everyday life procedures."

"We work with these people to ensure that they can come back to society and give."

Among the students taking advantage of the Government Career Day was a repeat customer.

Dithane Thabo, a 1996 alumnus of A&T with a chemical engineering degree, still uses OCS to pursue his goal of becoming a government policymaker.

"This career day brings stakeholders that you can't meet face to face," Thabo said.

OCS provides services for students who need internships, co-ops, and permanent job positions. Carolyn Mark, who works with job development, says that many students do not take advantage of the opportunity.

"We send invitations to over 200 state agencies, advertise online, post listings on the Aggie Career Line, and provide resources to assist with job searches, but students must make the effort," Mark said. "Once the opportunity is passed it's gone."

OCS also hosts career days for business, graduate and professional school, teachers, local businesses, state and government agencies and nurses.

"These career days are necessary for the students so that they can be successful," said Leon Warren, Sr., assistant vice chancellor for Career Services.

Thanks to programs like those, Warren said, "A&T is one of the leading historically black colleges and universities that place students in state and national businesses."

Warren, who is graduate of A&T, can remember when there were only two career days. Now he can safely say that we've come a long way.

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Kathy Henderson had never considered herself a teacher. But when she heard that many of her daughter's third-grade classmates couldn't read, she decided to do something about it. She joined AmeriCorps and took charge of the school's volunteer tutoring program. Seeing the students' grades soar showed Kathy she had the ability to change lives. Now the director of a literacy program, Kathy says, "AmeriCorps was the most rewarding experience I've ever had. Service will always be a part of my life."



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## Renick's big day

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"Chancellor Renick is a great guy," said Latesha Richardson, a freshman political science major. "I had the opportunity to sit down and talk to him, and it's so obvious that his best interest is in the students. I'm excited for him and the university for I see him leading this university to new heights."

Those heights are part of a destiny that A&T has not yet fulfilled, Renick said.

"The future belongs to those institutions that have the foresight, energy, creativity, wisdom and courage to understand that their destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice and the will to achieve," Renick said.

Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Renick stressed the compelling reasons why A&T can't - and will not - wait. Students, faculty and staff, he said, will be challenged to go beyond the traditions or norm.

Rev. Howard Chubbs, a member of the Board of Trustees, pledged the community's support.

"To the community we have a jewel and I ask that you join us in pushing James Renick to heights never reached before," Chubbs said.



## Student's remarks draw replies

Dear Editor:

This article is in response to a statement that was made by, engineering student, Allen Wright in the March 24, issue of the A&T Register.

Wright reported in the March 24 issue of the A&T Register that "all majors on A&T campus are inferior to engineering majors." Mr. Wright believes that if you are going to major in biology, chemistry or accounting you might as well go to a white school instead of A&T.

Mr. Wright, as a successful senior Construction Management major graduating in May, I was disturbed by your statements.

In my opinion, I do not believe engineering is the only reason to come to A&T for undergraduate studies. Can you please share with the audience where you are deriving this information? Are they teaching that information in the classrooms in the College of Engineering, or did you conjure this up on your own.

I do not want to discredit the College of Engineering, but I just want to know what makes the College of Engineering "All That"?

Maybe you are looking at this issue from one perspective.

It is fact that North Carolina A&T has produced more Black engineers than any other University in the country. However, when you take into consideration the white perspective this fact is not validated. Hey, we should not expect the white universities to admit us to their schools and work in our favor. I do not believe you will receive the same response.

Travis Sumler

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the engineering student who thinks other majors are insignificant. I am reluctant to even respond because we all know how much worth that particular statement holds.

Nevertheless, Agriculture came first at A&T so if you feel you can survive without other schools, go away. It is never a good idea to belittle other schools in order to calm your insecurities about your own school.

Yes, the engineering Department is important, but it is a part of an important body. Give other schools the money you get and let" see how well they would do.

Part of an important body,  
Stephanie Waller

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## Seniors look to the future

### Post-graduation plans as diverse as Class of 2000

BY ALISHIA TOLSON  
Register Staff Writer

May 13 is quickly approaching for graduating seniors for the class of 2000. Will it be graduate school or the workforce?

For those headed straight to graduate school, preparation was essential. There were tests to take, like the GMAT and the LSAT. There were applications to fill out. And perhaps the biggest question of all: Who is going to pay their way through graduate school?

For those seniors going straight into the working world, questions also arise. Will I get a job in my major — or will I have to work at a shoe store? The favorite phrase of communications professor Teresa Styles — have the courage to create so you will not have to work in a shoe store — has a sudden, ominous rings to it. Not surprisingly, the students graduating from A&T have big plans for their futures.

The Class of 2000 has had good times and bad. There have been long nights of studying or having to go to the IRC to type a paper that was due at 9:00 the next morning.

No matter what obstacles these seniors faced, they will still make it out on top. Graduation Day is here, and plans are both grand and varied.

Dalene Speas, a native of Winston-Salem who is majoring in physical education with a minor in art, has interesting plans after graduation.

"I accepted a full athletic scholarship in tennis, which brought me to A&T,"

Speas said. "Since I have been here at A&T I have accomplished plenty."

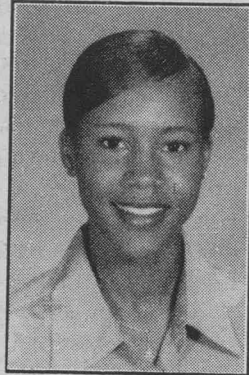
"As a member of the women's tennis team my fellow teammates and I made history being the first to place fourth in the MEAC championships in 1997.

"I have achieved at becoming a three-time MVP in the tournaments. As a student athlete I have achieved academic excellence in the classroom as well. As a student I have realized that you don't go to college to find yourself or find out who you are. Coming to college has trained me to use my tools that God has given me respectfully and wisely.

"My plan after graduation is to have an assistant coaching position utilizing my skills in tennis at an HBCU."

Kendra N. Young, who came to A&T from Riegelwood and majored in accounting, plans to move north after graduation.

"While here at A&T I have been a member of ALOBEAM, an accounting society and Alpha Lambda Delta, a



Dalene Speas



Kendra Young

freshman honor society," Young said. "This is my fourth year as a member of A&T's women's tennis team.

"After graduation I will be moving to Rochester, N.Y. I have accepted an offer with Eastman Kodak as an IMM Financial Analyst supporting a manufacturing group."

William Solomon Jr., a native of Rocky Mount who majored in economics, says law school is in his future.

"I have gained plenty of experience outside of the classroom," Solomon said. "I learned how to think and stand on my own. I learned to be careful whom you trust because sometimes even those who you think are for you turn out to be the vessels of ignorance set up against you.

"I am definitely stronger for coming to the home of the 'Aggie Lean'. My plan after graduation is to go to Wake Forest or Campbell Law School."

Earnest Wallace, an English major from Jacksonville, plans to pursue his master's degree.

"After graduation I plan to attend Purdue University to obtain my master's in English literature, romantic prose and poetry," Wallace said. "From there I plan to work towards my Ph.D. in African-American literature.

"My main focus will be to write fiction and criticism of literary texts as well as attempt to devise screenplays and to become a noted scholar in academia.

"My experience at A&T has been rewarding. I served as sportswriter and sports editor of the A&T Register. I am a member of Sigma Tau Beta, the English Honor Society, and the Golden Key National Honor Society. Currently I am working on a book of short stories that will sure to be published by the year 2001."

## Tattoo trend continues at A&T

Art becomes fashion — or did it happen the other way around?

BY CHARLENE R. FLOWERS  
Register Staff Writer

The temperature is rising, we are taking off the winter clothes and slipping into our spring clothes and we are getting ready for the summer.

What comes along with that? For some, it's the chance to show what a winter of hard work in the gym can do. But for others, it's time to reveal a different body feature: The tattoo they've been carrying around.

Tattoos have been the latest trend among students and young people for about five years.

"Seventy percent of our customers are college students who are getting tattoo for the first time," said Monty Durant, a body artist at Carolina Tattoo Company. "During the spring is when we get our rush for the younger generation to get their tattoo for the summer."

Fashion, not surprisingly, comes with a price.

"The price of tattoo is based on the size, placement, color details — all factored into an \$100 an hour," Durant said. For A&T student J.D. Williams, it's worth the price.

"I am enjoying my tattoo," Williams

said. "It created a lot of attention from the girls.

"In the summer I wear a tank top just to show it off. I received my tattoo purely for the look of it. I have no special story or reason for having my tattoo, just for the look."

The most popular tattoos are names and Japanese characters.

"Getting tattoos is like an addiction," said John Twitty, who has several. "Once you get one, you want another and another."

Tattoo shops are governed by the health department, which inspects them to ensure that guidelines for sanitation are being followed. The tattoo artists themselves have to be registered with the health department, though no particular training is required.

"I started putting tattoos on myself and friends," Durant said. "That is how I got my experience."

Tattooing can be dated back as far as 1500 B.C. in the Polynesian society, where they were seen purely as art. The human body was so beautiful, they surmised, that permanent decoration could only enhance it.

Life soon imitated art, and a tradition

was born. The tattoo artist, who was seen as an esteemed figure, customarily tattooed young men in groups of six to eight during a ceremony attended by friends and relatives who participated with special prayers and celebrations.

Today's tattoo recipient doesn't bother with such formalities.

"I just decided one morning that I wanted a tattoo," said Antoinette Richardson. "I had no idea what I wanted but I wanted one.

"I just went down to the shop, picked out the design I wanted and that was basically all there was to it."

The "art," naturally, has its detractors. "I see no need for a tattoo," said Alfred Njoroge. "I think that some are cute on some people but I have no desire to have one."

Besides personal preferences against tattoos, there's this objection: Tattoos are "prone to infections and other problems," Roy Anderson wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine, and should be regulated.

Nonetheless, the craze continues. "New clients come in every day to get their first tattoo," Durant said. "I don't see this trend going anywhere."



# A&T publication brings home the gold

BY WILLIAM C. DAVIS II  
Register Staff Writer

N.C. A&T's publications department and Steve Thomas Marketing Communications received a merit citation for the university's Community Involvement Report and a gold medal for the student recruitment publication: "Viewbook: It's Your Future."

Admissions Marketing Report, a national news publication for college and university professionals, sponsored the awards. This is the first time A&T has produced a Community Involvement Report.

A&T and Steve Thomas Marketing Communications have had a successful working relationship for more than six years. Since this time, A&T has won a bronze for a past production of "Viewbook: The Best Get Better."

From its offices in Charlotte, Steve Thomas Marketing has worked with a number of HBCU's.

"We're proud of our relationship with A&T," said Steve Thomas. "Hopefully the communication we have had with the university will foster a stronger learning environment."

Steve Thomas Marketing Communications contributed theme development, creative concept, photography, design and layout for both the Viewbook and the Community Involvement Report. Otis Hairston Jr., university photographer, took pictures, many of which were used in the Community Involvement Report.

Thomas worked with Chancellor Edward Fort and his cabinet and

Admissions Director John Smith and the Admissions Office staff to capture the essence of A&T in the Viewbook. The deans, the cabinet, and the Public Relations Office offered additional data that was needed.

Smith coordinated on-campus efforts with those of Thomas.

"We felt that Steve Thomas knew our product, knew what we wanted to do and therefore he was selected again to do the new Viewbook," Smith said.

The university used focus groups to try out approaches. Their responses helped inspire the phrase "It's Your Future" for the new Viewbook.

The Viewbook contains a student profile from each academic school.

At the bottom of each page is a quote about "Aggie Pride" and what it means to be an A&T student. It smacks of professionalism, and a flap on each page sets it apart.

"We wanted a Viewbook that if you sit it on the coffee table with other universities, students would notice it," said Smith.

On the cover of the Viewbook is a world with different types of students.

"We wanted to show that not only are we a world class institution, but that the students, the programs and the feel of this campus was world class," Smith

said. The Viewbook is an important promotional device. It is the first image of the university that a student receives whether at college day programs or at high school programs.

Because of the Viewbook and other factors such as students, alumni and faculty that aid in the recruitment process, applications for admission have increased 11 percent over last year.

Of the hundreds of universities that entered, A&T took its gold over runner-up Villanova and the University of Central Arkansas, the bronze winner.

Chancellor James Renick is credited with the idea for the Community Involvement Report.

"This idea came from the need to tell our story more forcefully in the Triad," said Renick.

Mable Scott, assistant vice chancellor for public relations, and her staff provided Steve Thomas Marketing Communications with data, materials, information and photographs.

Sandra Brown, university writer, and Nettie Rowland, assistant director of public relations, critiqued and edited the information. A brochure was used to list A&T's involvement, but the Community Involvement Report is the first book of this magnitude.

*"We wanted a Viewbook that if you sit it on the coffee table with other universities, students would notice it."*

ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR JOHN SMITH

## Campus police put the pinch on lobsters, patrons

By LAKESHA BYNUM  
Register Staff Writer

Campus police at North Carolina A&T replaced their handcuffs and badges with serving trays and menus as they hosted the annual Cops & Lobsters fund-raiser earlier this month at Red Lobster.

Officers from A&T and other local law enforcement agencies — under the guidance of Red Lobster's staff — assisted in serving customers.

Tips left in recognition of their efforts will go entirely to the North Carolina Special Olympics.

The 23 officers who participated in "Cops & Lobsters" received the

big turnout they have come to expect.

"We've hosted three Cops & Lobsters fund-raisers this year and all three has been successful," said Major Slade.

Special Olympics is an international program of year-round sports training and athletic competition for more than one million children and adults with mental retardation.

Its mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for individuals with mental retardation by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness,

demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate a sharing of gifts skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

"We appreciate all the cooperation we have received from the university and the community," said Slade.

The campus police goal is to raise \$20,000 to help Special Olympics this year. Other activities include a raffle, basketball tournament, yard sales and car washes.

The amount raised at the annual Cops & Lobster fund-raiser had not been determined.

## Smith, Johnson take top honors

By LATOYA WILSON  
Register Staff Writer

April 10 marked the annual Athletic All-Sports Banquet at N.C. A&T.

The purpose of the event was to acknowledge those student-athletes who excelled in their individual sport.

Many would say that the man of the hour was Daryl Klugh, a senior safety on the football team. On the night he received many awards for his achievements on and off the field.

The evening began with an invocation given by Aggie football player Darren Dawkins. Dinner followed, and then the audience was treated to a video of the past seasons' athletic highlights.

"It's a team effort, from the community, faculty, teams, coaches and news media," A&T Chancellor

James Renick said. "That's what we have at A&T — a winning combination."

Coaches presented awards to those individuals who demonstrated a good work ethic, leadership and a positive attitude for their team. Maurice Smith, a senior running back for the football team, was named male athlete of the year, and junior center Malvetta Johnson of the women's basketball team received female athlete of the year honors.

Freshmen athletes of the year honors went to Jason Battle, a member of the football and baseball teams, and Lisa Thomas a Lady Aggie volleyball player. The football, bowling and cheerleading squads were honored for their Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships.



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# Watlington crowned Miss A&T

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON  
Register Staff Writer

The moment she walked into North Carolina A&T's Student Union Ballroom, she heard her name being called: "Nicole Watlington." A couple of minutes later, she wasn't sure what was going on. It wasn't until after the ceremony that Nicole Watlington learned that she had become the new Miss North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

"I saw a need to strengthen the link between the university and the community," Nicole stated as her reason for running for Miss A&T.

The results of the ballot for Miss A&T were close, but Nicole was confident as to why voters chose her.

"They believed in my platform and they felt how passionate I was about it," she said.

Watlington is a firm believer in education and helping the younger generation.

"I believe in educating the children and leading them to success," she said. "You're only at your best when you help someone become their best."

Describing herself as a determined, hard worker, Watlington is familiar with holding an SGA position. The Greensboro native was the SGA Vice President at Dudley High School and is currently the junior class treasurer at A&T.

Aside from her current SGA position, the 20 year old Psychology major is also a member of the Greensboro Aggie Club and the Psychology Honors Society, Psi Chi.

Jocelyn Crawford also recognizes Nicole's determination. Crawford is not only her campaign manager, but

they have been friends from the time they were children attending the Child Development lab at A&T, to the cheer-leading squad at Dudley, to the present.

"Nicole is extremely self-motivated and she sets her goals," Crawford said. "My job was not hard at all because she is constantly working."

But Watlington is no workaholic. In her spare time, she takes what she calls a "Nicky Day" to relax by surfing the Internet, dancing, listening to music and being a mentor to children.

Work isn't the only thing Watlington feels passionately about.

"Family is very important to me," said Watlington. "You always need someone to go to when you need help and who won't judge you."

Watlington has two brothers and two sisters and describes her family as close knit. She also shows unconditional

support to her friends.

"She's a great friend," says Ebony Batts, Watlington's best friend and roommate. "She's listened to me whine for 20 years!"

Crawford agrees.

"She's very honest, straightforward, yet sincere. She's down to earth and she has a silly side ... she's just a well-rounded person."

With her new title, Watlington plans to speak to principals at the local schools and talk to students about issues that concern them. After graduating from A&T, she plans to attend graduate school to study clinical psychology and become a motivational speaker.

Watlington eagerly awaits her reign as Miss A&T, which will begin at Homecoming next semester.

"I'm really excited about being Miss A&T," she said.

## A&T alum running for judge

BY COURTNEY TAYLOR  
Register Staff Writer

An N.C. A&T graduate is seeking the position of District Court judge in Guilford County.

Ken Free, 28, is the youngest African American male to ever run for the position.

Free graduated magna cum laud from A&T with a degree in economics and earned his law degree at N.C. Central. He currently works as an assistant district attorney, and has prosecuted more than 1,000 district court cases.

Free doesn't just spend all of his time in a court of law. Afternoons and nights find him on the volleyball court and basketball court at Oak Ridge Military Academy, where he is head volleyball coach and assistant girls' basketball coach.

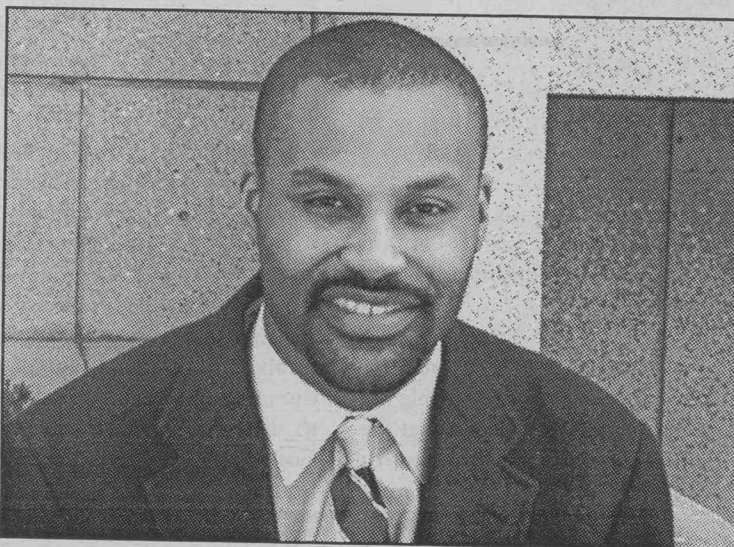
A native of Greensboro, Free knows the community and wants to give back. He has already started to do so as a youth advisor and chair of the nature ministry at Celia Phelps United Methodist Church.

"In our black community, I want to be a reflection of positive change on the bench," Free said. Putting higher bonds on drug dealers, he said, will keep them out of the community and bring more efficiency in the courtroom.

As an Aggie, Free is confident that A&T students will get out and vote for him.

"College students are overlooked many times when it comes to politics," he said, "but I believe that with the support of my Aggie family, I can win this election."

Primary elections for District Court judge are scheduled for May 2. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Free's campaign should call 691-0407.



Ken Free

COURTNEY TAYLOR / Register Staff

## Heritage Festival survives rain

BY CHARLENE R. FLOWERS  
Register Staff Writer

The Heritage Festival 2000 went on despite the rain.

Held on N.C. A&T's campus on Saturday, April 15, 2000, the festival was part of the week-long celebration of Aggie Spring Fest Week.

The festival was sponsored by the Student Government Association, WNAA radio and United HealthCare.

The Heritage Festival was held outside in front of Gibbs Hall and the Bluford Library. Singers, rappers and various speakers provided the entertainment, and vendors offered items such as African art and clothing, cosmetic items and informative materials from sponsors like United HealthCare.

For the many children on hand, there were tables for face painting and games. And for all there was, of course, food.

Local recording artist Hannah B. touched at least a few hearts with her song in memory of a friend lost to cancer, and the A&T Gospel Choir kept a few clouds away as well.

## As ambassador, Scott wins with warmth

From MABLE SCOTT, Page 1

here comes Mable Scott — but only on those rare occasions when she doesn't arrive first.

Being the assistant public relations director at N.C. A&T is not your typical 9 to 5 job. Many days Scott comes in as early as 5 a.m. and doesn't leave until midnight. There is always a convention or conference to organize, an interview to do, a deadline to meet, or a meeting to set up.

With the inspiration of an undergrad and the energy of a 5-year-old, Scott still can do it all.

There was a time, Scott recalls, when public relations seemed reserved for whites. With that in mind, she majored in sociology as an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee.

"My parents didn't believe I would get a job in public relations," she said. "It was not a popular job for a woman of color."

Without black role models working as radio personalities, journalists, broadcasters or public relations practitioners, most black women in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn., became teachers, social workers, or nurses.

"My parents thought that if I went into radio I would get my feelings hurt," she said.

After taking one class in sociology class, she knew social work was not for her.

"I stumbled into public relations," Scott said. "A friend of mine told me to go into a communications building because English was one of my strongest fields."

After listening to professors and the advice of friends and family, Scott changed her major to public relations with a minor in psychology. Soon after, she began writing commercials, stories, and scripts for different radio stations — and got paid all at the same time.

When her parents realized she could actually get paid in her profession, they began to rethink their views and began supporting their daughter.

For a while, Scott changed jobs about every nine or 10 months.

"To be competitive you have to branch out and try new things," she said.

Scott, who received her master's degree in adult education at A&T, worked in radio, promotions, advertising and public relations for 20 years. She later worked with the Guilford County school system and then returned to A&T.

Scott continues to stay active not only at her job but in the community as well.

Jackie Tyson, a friend of Scott, met her in 1987 at Cogie Cathedral, the church they both attend.

"Mable was bubbly and full of life from the beginning," Tyson said. "She meets no stranger."

In her spare time, Scott serves as the church's communication coordinator, works on the prayer of life and hospitality committee, the church's local broadcast and performs all the public relations of the church.

Somehow, Scott found the time to have a personal life. In college she met her husband, Paul Scott. They have been married 20 years, and her husband joins in the description that his wife is "a woman who meets no strangers."

"Every time we go out into public, there is always someone who knows her or has seen her working in the community," he said. "It is not unusual for her to get caught in a conversation in public."

As a production manager of Ball Corporation in Reidsville, Paul Scott and his wife sometimes bump heads and one has to sacrifice to make time for each other and their two boys: Paul Wayne, 13, and Joshua David, 11.



## Love and Basketball: Which comes first?

In "Love and Basketball," Omar Epps and Sanaa Lathan play Quincy McCall and Monica Wright, who are childhood friends and have a love for the game of basketball and each other.

As they both pursue their dream of entering into professional sports, they must survive lies, sexism and love in order to make it.

Together since they were 11 years old, it is after a high school dance that the two find out their physical attraction for each other. They continue pursuing their respective basketball careers as college sweethearts—until Quincy's dad, his hero, lets him down, and Quincy announces drops out of school to turn pro and calls off their romance.

But "all's fair in love and basketball," and the game isn't over until the fourth quarter is down to the buzzer.

It's after college and after she has gone overseas that Monica realizes that she can't be without Quincy so she journeys home to meet her love and plays him one on one in the sport that they both love and with the people they love it with.

This is a good movie that makes you remember that first love and value the one you have now.

### Remembering Big Pun

I know that I am a little late in com-

ing, but I have to write something on behalf and about the talented and young Christopher Rios.

Who is that? Well some of you might know him as Big Pun or Big Punisher. Pun died in early February and leaves behind family, friends, and a continuing legacy of a Puerto Rican breakthrough into hip-hop culture.

Pun not only helped out some of the youth in his South Bronx neighborhood, but he also took care of his own three kids and wife with the best that he knew how to. Like many of the hip-hop artists in rotation on the radio stations, Pun had a hard start, quitting school at 15 and selling drugs later in life to support his family.

Struggling to break through the barriers of street life and make something of himself, Pun developed depression and an eating disorder. Eventually, he weighed more than 600 pounds.

After appearing on some tracks of other well known artists as Big Moon, Pun came out with his own release in 1998 called "Capital Punishment." Along with his mentor and friend, whom he called "twin," Fat Joe, he sought to put the Puerto Rican influence on the record.

Pun, 28, was dead on arrival at a hospital in White Plains, N.Y., of a heart attack. Pun went on to become

the first Puerto Rican artist to have a platinum album.

He was a hero to the people in his neighborhood, a picture of success to his race, a husband and father for his family, and "still not a player" to his fans. Rest in peace Pun, we'll miss you.

Pun's new album hits stores this month so go out and cop one.

### 'Romeo' not dead at all

"Romeo Must Die," featuring Jet Li, Aaliyah, Isaiah Washington, and DMX was a action-romantic film about two feuding families and a girl and guy who not only fight against their enemies, but also their own families (sound familiar: Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet).

To find out what happened to their brothers. This movie for the most part was really good. Showcasing excellent graphics, action of martial arts, and a good plot, the movie was good to the last shot. Surprisingly enough, Aaliyah did a very good job in her first film.

With a little more work (and acting classes) I expect her to be just as good as maybe Nia Long someday. Jet Li makes you want to pull the Ti-Bo tapes back out to catch up on your skills,

The only bad thing was the advertisements hyped up DMX, but he had a very small role in the film, and the plot was a little predictable. But overall this movie is a must-see, and if you decide to wait until it comes out on video, I fully understand.

### Trina shoots some fire

Trina, the woman from the Famous "Nann" song that blew up the charts in 1998 with Trick Daddy, is now shooting cannons of her own. Her new-album entitled "Da Baddest B\*\*\*h" has started an uproar among female rappers.

Her album puts another point on the board for the female influence in hip-hop. Proving that women can be just as lyrically talented as the men, Trina tells it all from the woman's prospective of the streets.

She has also learned that honesty is the best policy 'cause she doesn't hold anything back.

Just like her childhood friend Trick Daddy, she likes to bring the streets to the fans.

She is also known for causing a scene and trying to make herself stand out from everybody else. I wonder if her and Lil' Kim will share outfits. Let's all hope not!!!

— Mia Ross

## Twenty Questions

1. Was the only reason you went home for Easter was to get a new Easter dress or suit?

2. Did your church almost break "fire code" this past Easter Sunday and didn't you see more babies than grown people there?

3. Do the parking cops get a dollar for every parking ticket they write?

4. Why don't the new "security" guards have real uniforms?

5. Why do some people block you in and then have the nerve to get mad when you ask them to move their car?

6. How many of us forgot to set our clocks forward for "Daylight Savings

Time?"

7. Why do we always wait until the very last day to drop that class that we knew we shouldn't have signed up for anyway?

8. Aren't we lovin' MTV's "Making of the Video?"

9. Hasn't everybody seen the one with Sisqo and Jay-Z?

10. Why is Wal-Mart like the club ... you always see someone you know shopping or working there?

11. Don't you always hear some "news" whenever you go to the Wal-Mart in your hometown?

12. Why does the snack machine in Curtis Hall only work on certain days?

13. How many of us are facing mandatory summer school?

14. Why does that one stoplight over by Web Hall take so long to change?

15. Have the library, aka "Club Bluford," and the IRC, aka "The Underground" become your second home lately?

16. How many of us have already calculated the exact day and time (down to the minute) of our last exam and when we can go home?

17. How many times have you offered to help your roommate move their stuff out early?

18. ( This question is for the old heads)

Do you remember when the lady at the Wendy's drive-thru got her teeth?

19. Speakin' of Wendys ... doesn't that 99-cent menu hit the spot especially when you're broke?

20. Aren't we all proud of this year's graduates and don't we hope they haven't forgotten about all those student loans they have to pay back now?

Extra

21. Has anybody seen "HITS at A&T" air on BET yet?

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

# Have a great summer.

## We'll see you in the fall.

# THE A&T Register



# Major changes coming to cafeteria

After 31 years,  
\$8 million improvement  
long overdue

By RANDY ST. CLAIR  
Register Managing Editor

A metamorphosis is about to take place right before the eyes of students and faculty at North Carolina A&T State University as the 31-year-old Williams cafeteria is undergoing an \$8.1 million face lift this summer.

The new state-of-the-art café, which was designed by D.S. Atlantic, will be two stories and will feature a number of commercial dining facilities to give students more eating options.

Other features are displayed cooking, data port hookups, retail space and an increase in seating by 30 percent on the second level.

The university is looking to triple the number of people served during lunch, and hopes to make a statement with the

building of the new café.

The renovations committee includes Gene Backmon, Andy Perkins, Todd Johnson, Kendra Hill and student representatives.

The late vice chancellor of student affairs, Charles McIntyre, determined the features and helped design the new café.

"Vice Chancellor McIntyre had a picturesque view in mind when helping with the design of the café. He wanted the café to overlook the Holland Bowl. He also wanted specialty dining on the lower level for the chancellor," said Todd Johnson, director of student affairs.

Renovations of the new café are set to begin in early July 2000 and expected to finish in August 2001.

Johnson knows the construction of the new café is going to be a great inconvenience to students on campus, but says the university is doing everything it can to assure that each student has a place to eat.

"With enrollment expected to increase greatly, we took into consideration the inconvenience students would

have with the building of the new café," Johnson said. "That's why we are building a temporary café in its place. The temporary café will be called Williams Annex."

The temporary café will seat 1,200 students and will be located in between Murphy Hall and the old café.

Along with a temporary café being built, the Aggie Den in the Student Union will no longer be called the Aggie Den — nor will it be a place to sit and eat your food.

"Next semester the Aggie Den in the union will no longer serve as a place where students will be able to come in and sit down to eat, but instead it will be called the Aggie Express Grill and serve as a take out only place to eat," says Johnson.

Along with the Aggie Den being changed into the Aggie Express Grill there will also be another change on campus as there will be food carts placed in different areas on campus. At these food carts, which will be placed in

front of Scott Hall B and around the engineering complex, one will be able to purchase foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, etc. The carts will stay open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both the Aggie Express Grill and the food cart service will be a part of students' meal plans.

These changes are only temporary, says Johnson. When the new café is built, then the Aggie Express Grill will no longer exist nor will the food carts around campus.

Johnson is sure that once the union and the café renovations are complete, there will be unlimited places to eat around campus.

"We're working on a plan to convert the lower level of the union into a deli area where students will have their choice of deli subs. With that and three commercial food brands such as Pizza Hut, Burger King, and Chik-fil-a, students will have plenty of choices to choose from of where they want to eat," says Johnson.

## Campus keeps mail moving along

Parcel service gets  
a few complaints.

By JOSHUA ALSTON  
Register Staff Writer

Whether it is a birthday card, credit card, or report card, waiting for important letters to come in the mail can be agonizing, especially as a college student.

For most A&T students, receiving mail is a painless process, but others have a different experience.

Junior Tiffani Bowser calls the mail service she has received "awful."

"I kept going to check my mail and there would be none. I would ask them why and they would say it wasn't my box and give me another one. That happened twice," she said.

While Bowser's mail experience is rare, other students still have mild trouble.

"I was supposed to make a credit card payment with a check my Dad was sending me, but it never came," said sophomore Brian Roberson. "I finally got it but by that time it was late."

The supervisor of the mail center, Charles M. Carter, acknowledges that there are delivery problems, but that they often deal with improper addressing of mail.

"We are currently holding a piece of mail addressed to 'Sweet Thing,'" said Carter. "That is a piece of mail we cannot deliver because we don't know who it's for."

The mail center handles 8,000 items of incoming mail and 12,000 items of outgoing mail each week by Carter's estimate, and he says improper addressing creates a delivery problem.

Wilma Clark, the assistant supervisor, shares his view.

"Students can have their parents address their mail using their middle initials. You'd be surprised at the number of duplicate names we have here," she said.

As an example, she gave SGA

President Kendra Hill, who Clark says has two namesakes with boxes in the Center.

Carter and Clark said that students can get their mail to them faster if they ensure that items are correctly addressed with their middle initials, and are written legibly. "Sometimes mail is addressed so poorly that it doesn't even get here," said Carter.

When these tips are followed, and mail problems still arise, Carter said that students should speak with him or Ms. Clark. If the conflict cannot be resolved, it can be taken up with Sharon Lunsford in the Office of Business and Finance.

Carter estimated receiving about 25 informal complaints per semester. Lunsford, however, asserts that she has yet to deal with a formal complaint about mail service.

"The Mail Center is my least troubled area," said Lunsford.

For those still dissatisfied with their services, options are limited. Carter says that there is no alternative to having mail delivered to the mail center for on-campus students. There is one choice though, which is to rent a post office box at the U.S. Post Office at 4524 West Market Street. In addition to some extra transit to check mail, the smallest box the Post Office offers costs \$44 for one year.

Also, some mail services such as Airborne Express will not deliver to post office boxes, while the Campus Mail Center handles incoming mail from all major vendors.

Getting a post office box is the most extreme way to solve the problem of missing mail though. Late or absent mail can be as simple as a miscommunication.

"Sometimes it's just that people have said they have sent mail and they haven't actually sent it," said Clark.

Carter and Clark both said that they are always available to handle student's complaints. "We truly are here to serve the students," Clark said.

### CORRECTIONS and CLARIFICATIONS.

In an article published March 24, *The A&T Register* incorrectly referred to a March 1 motor vehicle accident at the Laurel Street crosswalk between Salem and Mitchell Streets as a hit-and-run.

According to police reports, the driver of a car that struck a pedestrian did not leave the accident scene.

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