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Activist: Living with AIDS

Her visit was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Center for Student Success. Thornton had previously visited the campus nearly three years ago.

She told the crowd gathered in Harrison Auditorium that she did not know who exactly infected her. "I don't know who infected me nor do I care...I made the choice to have sex...I can't stand here and blame someone else, instead I choose to stand here and be a woman and except the consequences, she said."

Thornton developed full-blown AIDS seven years ago and is now on a regimen of 18 pills a day that cost her nearly $3,000 dollars a month.

As she spoke, Thornton continued to

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Learning the ropes

26th annual Career Awareness program teaches A&T students what it takes to succeed

Thousands of students searched for the opportunity to excel in life. "I was able to go to a school where the people real- ly cared about me. I was fortunate enough to have good people around me who let me know when I was heading in the wrong direction."

Aster stressed the importance of a good education. He knows that staying in school is the best way to open doors and achieve goals.

"You're living in a competitive world.

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Memorial recalls A&T alum

For Brenda Howerton and many residents of Greensboro's Phillips Avenue, Sept. 8, 1994, will always be etched in their hearts as "A Day of Pain."

On the sixth anniversary of the death of Brenda Howerton's son and former A&T student Daryl Howerton, the square across from the TV Barber Shop hosted a memorial and protest.

Both black and white citizens came to the site to share their feelings about the issue of police brutality around the city and the state.

Among the memorial's highlights, speeches were made by Brenda Howerton and Faith Community Church pastor and Pulitzer Forum leader, the Rev. Nelson Johnson.

In Brenda Howerton's opening remarks, she held to the same position that she had on that day six years ago.

"I will forever call it murder," she said.

Members of the Greensboro-based...
AIDS concerns extend beyond U.S.

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?interate that she was not here to preach the standard AIDS prevention message. "I didn’t come here to save your life," said Thornton. "What I came here to do is to give you information with the hope that you’ll take it and do some thing different about your own life." She also discussed her experience living with AIDS and the many opportuni ties that she has received as a result, some of which included winning an Emmy Award, appearing on the cover of Essence Magazine in 1994, and numerous appearances on television and radio shows.

However, Thornton was quick to note that all of these things could do little to prevent her from dying. "My Emmy Award, my life," she said. "There are a lot of pretty women who could also be on the cover of Essence but I would give it all up if it meant I could have my life back."

"Just as sure as I’m standing here...I’m dying," Thornton credits her survival to the fact that she found out about her HIV virus status early enough to be eligible, especially African-American, to get tested.

When asked about the AIDS epidemic in the community of Atlantic, Thornton said, "It is sad and overwhelming. It is equal to the Holocaust in Germany. One day for people are infect ed and in some countries the life expectancy is only 25 years.

"Over half of the HIV cases in the state of North Carolina are drug-related."

Former student's death remembered

Daryl Howerton's death. The nine-day trial concluded with the jury ruling in favor of the officers.

In November 1998, Brenda Howerton filed a notice of appeal in federal court in the wrongful death lawsuit against Bianco and Fletcher. She asked the court to grant a new trial because she believed that the first trial was not fair. Along with the testimony and evidence that were not allowed, she said, the jury was not diverse enough.

This past May, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the officers.

"There's nothing we can go into the courts with at this point," said Brenda Howerton, the community has to continue to raise up this issue."

Last year, the Rev. Nelson Johnson attempted to persuade the Greensboro City Council to approve a $1 million settlement for Howerton and the creation of an independent police review board. He gave the council a report, "The Daryl Howerton Case and the Struggle for Life, Justice and Democracy," which outlined the Pulpi Forum's interpretation of the case and a three-point pro posal to the City Council.

"The document proved not to be enough to sway a critical council," on June 7, the city council rejected a police review board by a 6-3 vote.

Instead, the city opted to better publicize existing procedures for lodging complaints. This allows residents to lodge complaints to the city's Human Relations department.

Since this case, there have been some improvements in the way that the Greensboro Police Department handles potentially mentally ill subjects.

A Mental Health Crisis Response Team was created in 1997, with the city's police department and the city's mental health department. The team would respond to calls for which a mental health crisis is suspected.

However, Howerton's case remains an issue for the city.

"The police would do damage before they would make a choice," she said.

The death of Daryl Howerton is still a sensitive issue around the city. Six years after the incident, the question remains, could the officers have used an alterna tive method to subdue Howerton? And six years later, there are still conflicting views.

In the mind of Police Chief Robert White, the situation was handled in the best possible manner.

"It was a very tragic situation but I feel comfortable in the way that the police officers handled it," said White.

White also feels like the records of the courts speak for themselves.

"Those two officers went through the entire judicial process and have been completely exonerated," said White. However, Brenda Howerton feels the police could have used another method to subdue Daryl Howerton.

"We have no harm to anyone," she said.

His mother still questions if Daryl Howerton was mentally ill at the time. According to the trial statements, he did suffer from a mental illness but his mother said, he was not mentally ill.

"He didn't suffer from mental illness. He had an emotional upset due to deal ing with his wife and children," she said. "He was in distress; he wasn't a mental case."
Career Fair draws hundreds of employers

Chancellor talks of his goals for the university
Racial profiling: How do we cope?

By RANDY ST. CLAIR

It's Friday night around 10 o'clock. You decide to go hang out with a few friends just to take your mind off the madness of the past week of classes. You're driving on the interstate to elude the traffic in the city, and to show off your new Lexus. Suddenly, you see black cars behind you. Immediately you check your speed. You're going about three or four miles over the speed limit, and you're wearing your seat belt. So you wonder what could be, who has you done?

You pull over, and the policeman says that it seems as if your registration has expired. The question that comes to mind is could he have seen your registration if he's behind you. Regardless, you cooperate. You show him your license, your vehicle registration, and your insurance card. As he takes your things, he asks you to step out of the car. You simply ask why. He says, "Just step out of the car." Still being cooperative, you step out of the car, and he then proceeds to search your car. After a 10 to 15-minute search of the inside of your car and the trunk, he gives you your items back, and says, "Have a nice night."

Anger fills you as you get back in your car. In disbelief you just sit there and ask yourself what in the world just happened. You've simply been a victim of DWB (Driving While Black). What do you do?

Complaining to the police department does no good.

All you can do is anything.

Too often black college students are the victims of DWB, and it has gone on far too long. So what if you drive a brand-new vehicle and you feel the need to tint your windows? So what if you like to play your music loud? So what if you are black?

Racial profiling, a new platform, refers to the harassment of people of color whether it be for an alleged traffic violation or the suspicion that there is an illegal substance in the car. It's not just with everyone of color. College students just seem to be an easy target.

I'm not okay for you to mistreat my authority, not power, but authority, to try to belittle my character.

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It's not okay for you to treat me as a piece of meat and just do with me as you please. It's not okay for you to mistreat me, not by your authority, but by your authority, to try to belittle my character. It's not okay for you to take advantage of the system whether it be in any form or of any type of racial discrimination.

Cooperate. Simply cooperate. Arguing it will only make matters worse, and could possibly make a bad situation into a horrific one. We learn by example, and I think Rodney King was a sad but great example. Should you stop and ask who you are? No. If law enforcement officials want to waste their time and their money on you then. All that says about him or her is that they haven't learned that there's more to life than skin color.

20 QUESTIONS

1. How many of us are seriously tired of going to class already?
2. Doesn't the new annex remind you of eating in your old high school cafeteria?
3. Why is the Apple Den forever out of something... mainly food?
4. Who lives in those two trailers outside Holl Hall?
5. Aren't some of us getting homesick just lookin' at them?
6. Doesn't it seem like all the cool people have moved off the streets... especially when you're trying to get to class?
7. Why are the cops forever blockin' off the streets... especially when you're trying to get to class?
8. What's next... the sidewalks?
9. Once again... when is the parking lot behind Jordan going to be finished?
10. Speakin' of parking lots, don't we miss the one between Currituck and Hollard?
11. Why weren't the MTV Video Music Awards funny and why did they have the nerve to show the program over and over again?
12. Maybe it was just us... but couldn't you hear crickets in the audience?
13. Didn't college seem like a lot more fun on "A Different World?"
14. When are they going to start building that new Pizza Hut (by the old Parker Brothers building)?
15. Why does gas seem to be a different price every week and how many of us have switched to buying regular?
16. Can you say "carpool"... like it's Friday night?
17. Weren't you about to "burn up" in your "good clothes" during the career fair?
18. Why didn't we start having night football games sooner?
19. When did it become cool to go out to the club on a Wednesday night?
20. Has anybody seen Mickey "Greetings" Colbert?
New officers chosen in fall Student Government elections

**BY DIOJON ROLLE**
Register Staff Writer

New freshmen class President Deonte Staats joined the campus leadership following the Student Government Association fall elections.

Summing up his new role, Staats said he intended to be an ambassador for the class of 2004.

This year students cast their votes at the Memorial Union for their prospective class leaders and to fill any offices left vacant from the spring election.

The campus was not littered with piles of campaign flyers and posters as in years past; instead, candidates kept the political paraphernalia to a minimum. Campaign speeches were short yet entertaining. Most were filled with the standard promises to improve campus life and unify the student body.

The results were close in several of the races.

Out of this year’s winners, new Junior Class President Mia Ross, has big plans for the class of 2002.

“I’d like to restore some of the pride that we as juniors, felt as freshmen, and get our class more politically and socially involved in world issues,” said Ross.

“I’m ready to get to work,” said Brandi Sharpe, new senior class treasurer.

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Aggies ready for another title

**By Chris Wallace**
Register Staff Writer

The 1999-2000 Aggie football team set records and standards that others in the future will to meet or surpass. The season was a memorable one for the Aggies as they set a school record with 11 wins, the school's first-ever playoff win, and the MEAC title. They also upset top-rated Tennessee State in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

The Aggies are reloaded and ready. Even with the loss of their two most heralded stars from last year, the Aggies seem very optimistic about the 2000 season and they have reason to feel that way.

Running back Maurice "Mo" Smith is now wearing an Atlanta Falcons uniform and defensive back Darryl Klagh is done with football on the collegiate level. Both were key components to the team, but there is no looking back for the Aggies.

A lot of the players from last year's record-setting team are back for another run, and this year's squad could be better than last year's. That's not good news for the MEAC or the rest of the nation. The expectations are high for the Aggies, but they're willing to step up to any challenge before them.

"We worked hard on conditioning in the off season and they showed a lot of improvement during spring practices," said Head Coach Bill Hayes.

A&T will continue to run the ball behind their very good offensive line.

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Aggies stun TSU Tigers once again: 16-14

**By Chris Wallace**
Register Staff Writer

CINCINNATI, Ohio - Just a few months ago, the North Carolina A&T Aggies and Tennessee State Tigers met in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs. The Tigers were rated No. 1 in the nation and predicted to win big, but the Aggies had other things in mind. The final score: A&T 24, TSU 10. It was one of the biggest wins in school history.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, in the second annual Riverfront Classic, the Aggies remained unbeaten as they handed the Tigers a 16-14 loss.

The biggest story of the day, however, may have been what happened before the game even took place. While traveling to the game, an engine of the Aggies' chartered plane malfunctioned, causing an emergency landing and scaring most coaches and players pretty good.

"I feel like I'm 90 years old. With all the things that happened before the game, all of us were worn out," said Coach Bill Hayes. It seemed as if the Aggies were a little bit tired as their offense looked out of sync. But trailing 14-10 late in the fourth quarter, the Aggies put together an impressive drive with less than four minutes remaining. Facing a fourth-and-goal situation, Aggies' running back Maurice Winder scored, giving A&T a 16-14 lead.

The Tigers had one more chance, but on fourth and three from the Aggies 45-yard line, the Tigers were unable to convert propelling the Aggies to victory. The Aggies had a bye week before facing Elon this past Saturday.

"This is a welcomed open date," Hayes said. "We'll take this time to regroup and work on ourselves."

**SCORING SUMMARY**

TSU - Hicks (kick) 13-yard touchdown run (kick good)

NCAT - Williams - 10-yard touchdown run (kick good)

NCAT - Smith - 33-yard touchdown reception from Evans (kick good)

NCAT - Evans - 35-yard field goal (kick good)

The team celebrates another Aggie-Eagle Classic victory (above), while Adrian Parks runs for daylight against the Tigers.

Charles Hockman/A&T Photo

The Aggies' preseason selections

- LB - B.J. Little, Sports Network second team All-American
- OL - Victor Martin, Sports Network honorable mention All-American
- OL - Chris Kinloch, Street and Smith first team All-American
- K - Darren Dawkins, Street and Smith first team All-American
- WR/KR - Romandale North, Street and Smith first team All-American
- DL - Robert Williams, Street and Smith second team All-American
- LB - Ray Massey, first team All-MEAC
- TE - Marcus Bynes, second team All-American
- DE - Leonard Relford, second team All-American


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"The first one is big," stated Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "I like what I'm seeing out of my players."

The lead stretched to 20-7 after Rogers' touchdown, and the Aggies would tack on a few more scores en route to the 40-7 win.

“At this time of the year, the defense is usually ahead of the offense," said Aggie linebacker Ray Massey. "We're always trying to make the big plays and set the tone for the game." Massey finished the game with nine tackles and a sack for the Aggies' stingy defense.

In front of a large crowd of just over 43,000, the North Carolina A&T Aggie football team opened the 2000 campaign with a 40-7 win over the North Carolina Central Eagles in the Annual Aggie-Eagle Classic.

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2000 Lady Aggies find their way

BY T.J. MOORE
Register Staff Writer

After coming off of 13-16 campaign in 1999, optimism runs high for this year's Lady Aggie Volleyball team.

But early in the season, the Lady Aggies struggled, losing three matches before crushing the Hampton Lady Pirates on Sept. 13.

The Lady Aggies swept the Lady Pirates in three games by the scores of 15-4, 15-6 and 15-9. Lisa Thomas led the assault with 10 kills. The key to the Lady Aggies' victory was changes in the lineup.

"We made a bigger lineup so the blocking would be more persistent. Before the blocking wasn't very good. So we changed the lineup so we could have more flexibility," said Head Coach Kathy Rouhsac.

Poor blocking may have been one of the culprits when the Winthrop Lady Eagles unraveled the Lady Aggies on Sept. 8 by the score of 15-5, 15-10, 15-11. Candace Lumsford led the way with 10 kills.

In the first game of the match with Winthrop, the Lady Aggies were plagued with errors that cost them momentum.

"We seem to always have too many sessions where we make 20 consecutive errors in a row," said junior server Gina Renaglia.

Rouhsac believes that the best team did not win on that night. "This was the worst Winthrop team that I've ever seen so far over the years. I thought we had what we needed to beat them," she said.

Junior outside hitter Deneisha Taylor agrees with Rouhsac.

"They (Winthrop) definitely are not a better team than we are," said Taylor. "We've had better nights and we can play much better than we did tonight. It was just an off night."

Other factors that play into why the Lady Aggie volleyball team digs deep as they prepare for conference play.

Lady Aggies seem to be struggling early in the season include the loss of team leaders All-MEAC players Mata Davis and Nimara Snyder to graduation. Davis was last season's leader with 266 kills and 80 blocks.

However, this year's Lady Aggies have solid new leaders in sophomore Lisa Thomas, who placed second in kills last season and Deneisha Taylor, who led the team in digs last season.

Another positive for the Lady Aggies is that they have four players averaging two or more kills per game. Shayla Stevenson, Brandi Tatum, Taylor and Lumsford are the killers of the Lady Aggies and the reason they stay competitive in each of their matches.

With the lineup change and momentum from the Hampton win, the Lady Aggies have big plans for the remainder of the season.

"Our goal for this season is to be whatever and zero in the conference," Taylor said.

The Lady Aggies are coming off a big week, with UNC-Charlotte on Sept. 19 and the UNC-Ashville tourney on Sept. 22 and 23. The Lady Aggies will travel to Durham to face off against the Duke Lady Blue Devils on Sept. 28 before they begin conference play.

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Aggies take it under the lights

BY KEVIN MCRAE
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T State University enters the new millennium with its first-ever night games at home.

The Aggies will face Norfolk State University under the lights following a Sept. 23 face-off against Elon College. "I believe the night games are going to be very exciting," said Steve Ship, a junior wide receiver.

"Football games are supposed to played at night, many think, but it really doesn't matter when they are played to me," said Assistant Coach Chris McNeil.

An A&T alumna, McNeil was the first African American football player to ever win the prestige of being defensive player of the year for Division I-AA. McNeil played for the Hampton Tigers in the Canadian Football League before returning to his alma mater to coach.

"I feel that A&T has received night games this year because of the new administration. A&T should have had night games before," said McNeil.

The support of Ford Motor Co., a Fortune 300 company, has helped A&T's program, McNeil noted.

"Night games will let people tailgate longer, and they will also give the fans more opportunity," said McNeil. "Season tickets have increased by 40 percent."

The coach noted that A&T hosts the third biggest event in North Carolina, which is homecoming.

"This event generates one of the highest amounts of money in North Carolina every year," said McNeil. Although night games are new for A&T, most of the football team have played under the lights in high school.

"Night games will be a new experience for A&T," said Chris Kinloch, a senior offensive guard. He said the games will feel no different to him, but he will play like they are his first collegiate game ever.

"The idea of night football games at A&T has been a long time coming. I feel that night games will increase the number of participants in the crowd, and that will create more school spirit and carry out team to victory," said William Davis, a junior print journalism major. Donna Coltrane and Codie Sanders, both public relations majors, agreed that they liked the idea of night games.

"People enjoy going to football games in the evening, like in high school," said Sanders.

"Some people don't like the heat, but others feel like seeing the band is better in the daylight," Cottrane said. "Personally I like variety."

With alumni coming from all over the United States, the night games may have special appeal. Moving the time to 7:30 p.m. will help the out-of-towners attend, said Ship.

"The alumni and the student spirit will increase, but as long as we are winning, people will come," said Ship.

"People will be able to schedule their day around night games better than early ones," said Kinloch.

The Aggies may see more television time and income as a result of the night games.

"I think night games will help A&T because they will give the law workers and others a place to go," said Dijon Rolle, a junior majoring in broadcast news. "A&T will make a great profile."

"Hopefully A&T will get some TV time in the years to come, because football is the dominating sport in black collegiate sports," said McNeil.
Defense leads the Aggies in new season

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by center Victor Marte and Chris Kinloch. Adrian Parks, Maurice Hicks and Dominique Williams will step in and fill the void left by the departed Mauncey Smith. Parks rushed for 477 yards on 105 carries last year as Smith's backup. Hicks is a junior college transfer with blazing speed and an assortment of moves. Williams is a transfer from UNC-Chapel Hill and is also looking to help out as much as he can.

The quarterback position seemed to draw some controversy early on, but Hayes is content that Jason Battle is and will be his starter until proven wrong. "Jason has an advantage because he's played a year in our system, while Damien Phillips and North Carolina are still making adjustments. Jason helped us to win 11 games last year and there's nothing that needs fixing at the quarterback position for this team," Hayes said.

The Aggies are also continuing to make a strong effort to throw the ball more often. They are deep and talented at the receiver position and quarterback Battle will have a lot to throw to. Dustin Halton, Steee Shipp, Chris Caldwell, Derek Beeton and Romando North make up that receiving corps and all have the ability to go the distance if they get the ball in their hands.

"People still don't believe that we're making a concerted effort to throw the ball more," Hayes said. "We've spent a lot of time praising in our passing game, working on what we want to do when we have the ball in our hands. The whole point is for us to get more balance. We're coming up with different ways to get the ball to our best athletes."

The most underrated thing in football is probably the special teams, where the Aggies look really good. Kick return specialist Romando-North is one of the nation's best returners and can give the Aggies great field position. A season ago, he returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and has nearly went the distance on a few kicks this season already.

Defensively, the Aggies may be as strong as ever. That's even more bad news for the MEAC and the nation. The Aggies led the MEAC in total defense and ranked seventh nationally in defense. Despite the loss of defensive backs Darryl Kugh and Dwaine Carpenter, the Aggies are still loaded and talented. The Aggies are also happy with the return of defensive end Leonard Reliable, who underwent knee surgery. Reliable led the team with nine and a half sacks. Also, on the defensive line is All-MEAC selection Robert Williams, who will lead a fierce pass rush. The linebacking corps is the strongest.

Greensboro Coliseum has sports and shows

The 2000 Marketing Expo will be showcasing at the Greensboro Coliseum on Sept. 28. Also at the Coliseum is the Friday Night KO Fight Series on Sept. 29. The gospel play "Sugar Daddy" will be performed Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The Carolina Civil War show will also be Sept. 30-Oct. 1. These shows will be in the Special Events Center.

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Defense is a point of pride for the millenium Aggies team.

for the already strong Aggie "D." They look to be in great shape with All-MEAC pick B.J. Little on the inside and another All-MEAC preseason pick, Ray Massey, Sammie Rogers and Asa Evans will handle the outside duties. Terrell Parker and Ahmad Blakney will handle the cornerback duties. Both are terrific man-to-man cover corners and should also be a strong point in the defense.

With Darryl Kugh departed, all attention has shifted to Booker T. Washington, a transfer from N.C. Central who may be the Aggies' best athlete. "For the people we have in our secondary for the coming season, Booker T. might be better off at free safety," Hayes said. "But he's such a good athlete that I may plug him in at other places from time to time. He can return kicks and I can see him playing offense as a third down receiver."

The expectations are running high for the MEAC-Champion Aggies who finished up 11-2 overall and are ranked No. 1 in the Sheridan Poll.

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SPORTS
Back on the air

Broadcast majors learn the news trade in the studios of TV 55

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Going into their third year of broadcast, TV 55 Action News, located on the first floor in Esby Hall, is now pumped and geared to give students the knowledge on the days top news stories, Aggie style.

"This year we're trying to speed up the pace of our newsroom," said Akil Leacock, a senior producer from Queens, N.Y.

That goal is looking more plausible this year. With the purchase of new studio equipment, thanks mostly to a $150,000 Title III federal grant, TV 55 now has the technology that will help transition into digital broadcast production.

Unlike the early years of the station in the late '70s, Action News, along with any broadcast on TV 55, can send its signal to any building on campus connected to the station's broadband cable.

TV 55 Action News started in Esby Hall as a closed-circuit broadcast in the late '70s with the educational media. It became a laboratory for communications majors and service support unit for the university. It was purely a closed circuit television studio with its signals only available within the building.

In 1987, Gail Wiggins, an alumnus of A&T, became interim television studio director, a position she still holds. At that time, the studio was following a news magazine format. Such a format required more students to report on various stories throughout the campus. However, the number needed was simply not available at the time. But along with the advances in technology and computers, more staff members have been hired.

"Mrs. Tonkins (Nagatha Tonkins, co-advisor of the editorial side of the news-) has hired many staff members to help the show go faster," said Leacock.

However, the station is still has its problems. Heat damages the equipment due to an inadequate cooling system in the building, causing the students to make an impromptu purchase of a $4,000 spot cooler to keep the equipment at the ideal room temperature of about 70 degrees.

Leacock recalls a September broadcast earlier this year where he and some other newsroom crew members hustled for two hours to put together a show and the switcher broke. Without the switcher, no visual images could be broadcast.

What did the crew do when faced with this dilemma?

"We went home," said Leacock.

Simple communication between crew members,anchorepers, producers and directors is another problem. Patrice Foust, a senior from Winston-Salem, is an anchor, associate producer, co-producer and reporter for Action News. This utility member of the staff knows that communication is an important part of her craft.

"I believe this year will be a lot more exciting than last year," said Foust. "We have highly motivated students who are willing to work hard to get the job done. With the hands on training that the students receive in the studio along with the new equipment, motivation shoulds in the studio.

The studio practically mirrors the technology, job positions and skills used at most other local television news stations like FOX 8 or WTVY-TV.

The anchor team prepares to bring the news to Aggies. These broadcasters are (from left) Wilvena McDowell, Felicia Atkins and Maurice Dixon.

"I want students to leave N.C. A&T with a quality education and have the necessary skills for the real world," said Wiggins. "We have the vehicle to train students well in the field of broadcast news so that they won't have to settle for entry-level positions upon graduation from A & T.

"The studio's future is looking good as well. We need to use the university's media outlets to get the message out that we are in the studio and we are working," said Leacock. "There's a lot of talent here and we work well together."

Foust is hoping to see more of the plays performed on campus aired on T.V. 55, while Leacock would like the prospect of a new "reality-based" show to come into fruition. Wiggins says that the studio will remain student-operated, but she would like to have television professionals help train students in programming and equipment maintenance.

Students are also hoping to expand the station's transmission to reach the community and include various new shows including a music video show and Spanish-language programming.

"I see Action News being a show that students just don't want to miss," said Foust. "I will be signing off soon, but I wish them the best of luck."

HR director named

Varo C. Duffins has been named the new director of human resources for North Carolina A&T.

He is currently serving as the director of employee relations at Moses Cone Health System. He has over 20 years of experience in the human resources arena and over 10 years in manager/director level positions in both the private and non-profit sectors.

Duffins has a B.A. degree from Franklin and Marshall College.
The free two-day event will start on Friday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m. with an interactive seminar session based on Essence Magazine's August 2000 article, "Money, Power, Elect: Where's the Hip-Hop Agenda?" in the Memorial Room in the Student Union Building. Panelists will include Minister Conrad Muhammad, Jive Records' recording artist rapper B.B. Jay, and hip-hop artist Toni Blackmon.

The outdoor fest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30, in the Union Quad from 1 to 5 p.m. Students can participate in a fitness workout and cool-down massages, get beauty tips, and take part in a fashion workshop. The event will end with performances by rapper B.B. Jay, Epic recording artist Amei Larrieux and Bad Boy Entertainment artist Carl Thomas.

The Essence on Campus College Tour will also visit Howard University, Southern University, Florida A&M University and Spelman College. Arvon, Depo-Provera, Feria, Motions and Ortho-McNeil are the sponsors for this event.

For information, check into the magazine or Essence website.

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Gospel lights up the night: Mad Rhythms tour

By MILA ROSS
Pop Reporter

The crowd quickly entered the auditorium. The lights went out, and the fans shouted in expectation of the performance they would receive.

The lights came up on stage and the audience members jumped to their feet to dance to their favorite songs. Sounds like the opening of a tap concert or an R&B group, right?

Wrong.

The Aggie filled Harrison Auditorium for the Mad Rhythms tour to see some of their favorite gospel groups. Over a 1,000 students and guests supported the annual tour sponsored by the publisher of "Mad Rhythms" magazine Yasmine Shiraz.

The first performance was by none other than Dra Hill's Woody, who has just finished recording his first album. He said he has enjoyed doing the tour to sing some of his songs from the album.

So, what made him decide to sing gospel? "Gospel is the music that I grew up on," he said.

Woody quashed the rumors that the members of Dra Hill are no longer friends.

"Dra Hill is on my album," said Woody. "We were just on the MTV awards together, and we did it so that people will know that we can be together at anytime. We are there for each other, and we'll always be friends."

Woody had the crowd singing along with him as he sang some of his favorite songs from the time he was little. Woody says he sings gospel so people can hear his testimony. Speaking of testimonies...

Natalie Wilson, the director, lyricist, vocalist and minister to the S.O. P Chorale, has a testimony of her own. "I lost my father, my mother and my brother all in a short time," said Wilson. "I got a little bit mad at what the enemy stole from me."

"What better way to continue their legacy of what they taught me and to get back at the devil? I don't do anything without the help of God," Wilson said. "Helping and ministering to others strengthens me."

The crowd enjoyed her show as she danced and as her choir sang. Wilson really hit home when she gave a testi-

Christian ministries gather up the faithful

By WALTA CAMPBELL
Register Contributor

Leaving home for college no longer means putting the Bible in a corner to collect dust. Christian ministries on A&T campus are giving students the chance to keep their faith alive as well as participate in community service activities.

The United Christian Fellowship features more than 10 groups, including Women of Virtue, Campus Crusade for Christ, Baptist Student Union and the NC/TSU Fellowship Gospel Choir.

Many of the ministries meet on weekdays for Bible study, fellowship, and opportunities to hear spiritual speakers and perform community service.

Women of Virtue, created in the 1998 fall semester, is focused on ministry to the female students on A&T campus.

"I saw the need to create an organization [in which] women could talk about Christian and non-Christian issues," said president and founder Javita Jackson. The organization offers spirituality and counseling. It also reaches out to the community with plans to tutor and mentor youth in the Greensboro area this year.

Women of Virtue also strives to build leadership skills and help its female members maintain a balanced social life.

The N.C. A&T State University Fellowship Gospel Choir is another active Christian ministry on campus. Under the leadership of Tiara Stewart, the choir has served as a vocal inspiration to many students.

But the voice of praise is not the only ministry for the 63 choir members — their Christian discipleship also filters into the surrounding community. On Sept. 15 the choir hosted the Greensboro Explosion, an event that invited local businesses and agencies to display their products and services to the freshman students of N.C. A&T. These local businesses included area hair salons, banks and churches.

"The purpose for this event was to answer questions that freshmen have been asking: 'What is there to do in Greensboro?' Where is the best place to get my hair done?" said Stewart. This event was held on the lawn outside Barber Hall, with free food and entertainment provided by the Student Government Association and the East Market Merchants Association.

Many students are excited about the active campus ministries provided to them. But others disagree over how well the groups reach new members.

"I feel that (campus ministries) have good programs, but nobody seems to know much about them ... the advertisements for meetings are usually flyers that many people don't have time to read. As a matter of fact, I didn't even know A&T had Christian groups for a really long time," said Richard Gordon, a junior computer science major.

But other students disagree. "I feel that the campus ministry is doing a good job this year," said Shaktima Johnson, a junior public relations major.

If you would like to learn more about a ministry, Campus Crusade may be reached through Dr. Sullivan Wellborne at 334-7696; Men of God through Dr. Caroline Jones at 334-7900; New Generation through Dr. Rita Lam at 334-7855. Other groups can be contacted through Dr. Ralph Brown at 334-7817.
East Market Street may change

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In November, the city will ask voters for approval to borrow money for big-ticket items such as street improvements and a downtown site for a new convention center. Projects are scattered all over town, however, a transportation project and a housing and community development project will benefit those who live, work or attend classes near East Market Street by revitalizing the business community along this corridor and improving the area's appearance.

The City of Greensboro Housing and Community Development Department has requested a total of $2.8 million in neighborhood renewal bonds. Over half of that amount, $1.5 million, has been set aside to renew East Market.

The City of East Market Street Corridor Development plans is to revitalize the commercial corridor into a thriving economic center for Greensboro. The plan was adopted in June 1998 with the objective of revitalizing the two-mile section of the street between Church and English streets.

Its major objectives are to restore the area's "sense of place" as a part of the community, help the existing businesses grow and to attract new investments to the area.

During the 1950s, East Market Street was a thriving business district in the heart of the African-American community. At this time, it was only two lanes. Because of physical decline, the city decided to redevelop the street, widening it to four lanes. Now the city has again decided to redevelop the street and change it back to the traditional business district it once was.

Another project included in the bond referendum is a transportation project, which features a streetscape.

Streescapes are aimed at making an area attractive to pedestrian and pedes-trian-oriented businesses. Of the total $8.95 million, $6.75 million has been allotted for East Market to plant new trees and install streetlights to improve aesthetics. The money will also be used to build sidewalks to provide access to transportation and recreational destinations.

Officials can only guess when both projects will begin if the bond passes.

"It could begin immediately or 10-12 years, depending on the specific project," said Randy Hummker, budget analyst for the city of Greensboro.

In the meantime, many improvements have been made recently and within the past five years.

"We have a lot of different organizations that have helped right now," said Sue Swartz, project manager for the East Market Street Project - a city department that works with East Market Street Development Corp.

She said one such group is the East Market Merchants Association, which helps attract more businesses to the area. Most recently, a Pizza Hut restaurant was attracted to a location that once housed the Parker Brothers Restaurant.

However, one student said that existing businesses should keep veterans in mind to attract business now.

"The businesses should be more involved with A&T and cater to us by offering discounts," said Khadeisha Tavonel, a senior psychology major.

One student thinks that the proposed East Market projects are a good idea.

"They (the city) should fix it up and put something here to make it look better," said Jamille Rhodes, a freshman recreation administration major.

For more information about the proposed bond projects, log on to www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/.

In the arts

Theater season opens

A&T's own Richard B. Harrison Players are starting off a new season in the Paul Robeson Little Theater. The first play on the agenda is "Blues for an Alabama Sky," a story about a recently fired backup singer who falls in love with a young boy from Alabama. Look for this play in October.

Next in the season line-up is "Black Nativity," a Langston Hughes play performed annually. This play is about the birth of Jesus Christ, and gives a tear-jerking reality to the holiday season. This play begins in November.

Recitals set at UNCG

UNCG will host a multitude of recitals and exhibits for the remainder of the month of September. The Woodwind Studio recital will be Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. The faculty recital will follow at 7:30 p.m. The string studio recital will be 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Those interested in attending are encouraged to contact the UNCG Music Department for more information.

Seeing Shakespeare

For all the Shakespeare lovers at heart, The North Carolina Shakespeare Festival is underway in High Point. Currently on stage is "The Taming of the Shrew," a classic battle of the sexes. Also being presented is "Hamlet," the story of murder and betrayal at its peak, and "Love's Labour's Lost," a story of competition among males who say that they can live without women for three years. Will they last? Find out for yourself.

For more information, call (336) 887-3001.

Exhibits up downtown

The Green Hills Center for North Carolina is currently showcasing Rick Beck's large-scale works in glass entitled Sculpture and John Rosenhall's photographs of New York. The center is located in the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center on Davis Street. For more information call (336) 333-7460.

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Parking: Here, there and nowhere?

BY JADE J. CURRY
Register Contributor

As September arrived students were lined outside the vehicle registration building. Holding parking tickets they'd received, they blamed the lack of spaces, the price of permits, and misunderstandings over parking.

Parking enforcement gave out 100 tickets on the first day of enforcement, at $25 a ticket. Darlene Norman Neal, the parking control supervisor, explained that students have until the first day of classes to have their vehicles registered.

Parking permits for resident, commuter, and handicapped students are priced at $100. Evening student permits are $50 and there is a discount parking permit which is 20 percent off the original price.

"Students often refuse to purchase a discount permit because you can only park in the east side of the Holt parking lot and students think it is too far to walk to their classes," she said. To keep price of parking tickets down and to keep from getting your car towed, temporary parking permits are available for only $1 a day.

As a result of the over populated parking lots, many students refuse to purchase parking permit, believing it is a waste of money when you are not sure if you will find a space. Tamara Hall, a senior at A&T said, "It is frustrating to not find a space because sometimes students are running late and driving around for 30 minutes makes you late for class."

Kentre Byrd, also a senior, said, "I missed my morning class on Wednesday, Sept. 13, because the career fair was going on and there were no spaces available so I spend the whole class period looking for one." Some relief is on the way. A new parking lot is under construction behind Holland and Curtis hall with 400 spaces. Meanwhile, the Aggie shuttle is available.

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The repetitive tapping of a keyboard or the scratchy sound of a pencil on paper indicates a process that is important to all writing. For many students, transferring ideas from the brain to paper can be difficult. Even those who write using correct grammar and few misspelled words can use assistance.

The university's Comprehensive Writing Center, formerly known as the Writing Lab, received $88,000 in Title III funding for new equipment, new trained staff and other improvements.

The writing center is operated under the newly appointed staff of Dr. Pat Bonner, director; Adri-Anne Jones, associate director and Dr. Jeffrey Parker, consultant. Tutorial instructors are committed to improving students' writing skills.

"We will be a force that every student can connect to," says Bonner.

Students and faculty can expect the benefits of eight new computers and workstations. In addition, the writing center's website will allow students and faculty 24-hour access to help.

"I want to make the center more accessible," says Parker, resource technology consultant. "My plan is to use the Internet in two directions: as an instructional resource for instructors who want to access material and for students."

The acquisition of technology and staff will only add to the foundation that has already been established in the writing center.

"We will never abandon one-on-one tutorial instruction," says Jones, "because without a doubt, it is the best way to intersect with students and enable them to gain confidence in their writing skills."

Students plan to take advantage of what the Comprehensive Writing-Center has to offer. "I feel that the writing center will be a great help," says Kevin McRae, a junior print journalism major.

"I consider myself a good writer, but I know it will help me. Practice never hurts."

Andrew Watt, an English professor, believes that students need to use the center.

"When they use it, it's good. It helps make the writing process easier and it improves their grades," she says.

"We get so many complaints about the writing level of students," says Bonner, "I believe that with 'one student at a time, we can help the overall health of the university.'

The center is open to all students, faculty and staff from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 4:30-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Crosby Hall, RM 223. On Oct. 27, the writing center will undergo renovations. A grand opening will be held in the spring semester of 2001.

"This is our duty to produce the most well-rounded students," says Bonner.

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