

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship

NCAT Student Newspapers

Digital Collections

9-25-2000

The Register, 2000-09-25

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digital.library.ncat.edu/atregister>

Recommended Citation

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, "The Register, 2000-09-25" (2000). *NCAT Student Newspapers*. 1237.

<https://digital.library.ncat.edu/atregister/1237>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Digital Collections at Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in NCAT Student Newspapers by an authorized administrator of Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship. For more information, please contact iyanna@ncat.edu.

THE A&T Register

Volume 75, Number 1

Monday, Sept. 25, 2000

Copyright © 2000

Q&A

with Dr. James Renick

Born: Dec. 8, 1948

Experience: chancellor, University of Michigan, George Mason University and University of South Florida

Favorite food: pepperoni pizza and lamb chops

Motto: "Everyday improvement is necessary."



In his second year as chancellor of N.C. A&T State University, James Carmichael Renick continues to express the importance of meeting the needs of students as well as faculty. His lifetime goal, and tentative goal here at A&T, is to provide students with all and any information that they want and need to know.

Q: What do the students at North Carolina mean to you?

A: The students are why I'm here. I love the students at A&T, and I am going to ensure that I do all within my power to make their education here at A&T great.

Q: What are some of your concerns about A&T?

A: I would really like for A&T to be a part of the community, even becoming more global. Reaching out to people nationally and internationally. I would like to see the process of accommodating students tighten up, and we can do that by listening to what the students feel the problems are. Attracting students to A&T is something we need to continue to do.

Among other things, I really want to establish A&T as more than just a school of engineering, but as a school of many talents, so to speak. A&T has a lot to offer, that's why I'm here. It's a university students should be proud of in all areas.

See **CHANCELLOR**, Page 3

Activist: Living with AIDS

By **DIJON ROLLE**
Register Staff Writer

Rae Lewis-Thornton was first diagnosed with the HIV virus at the age of 23, when she donated blood for a blood drive that she helped to organize in 1986.

During a visit to the N.C. A&T State University campus, Thornton spoke frankly about her illness.

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

See **AIDS**, Page 2

Learning the ropes

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



Courtney Taylor/Register Staff

Thousands of students searched for future jobs at Corbett Hall event.

By **JASON BOYD**
Register Contributor

Former Golden State Warrior star Al Attles kicked off N.C. A&T State University's two-day career fair by telling students they can never stop striving toward their goals.

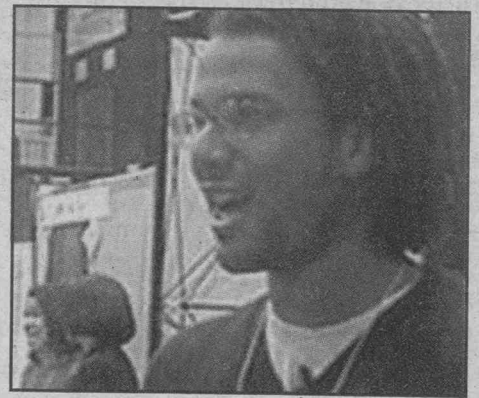
Attles is a 1960 A&T graduate who later played professional basketball, coached and now works in the front office for the Golden State Warriors. Attles explained that A&T gave him the

opportunity to excel in life. "I was able to go to a school where the people really cared about me. I was fortunate enough to have good people around me who let me know when I was headed in the wrong direction."

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

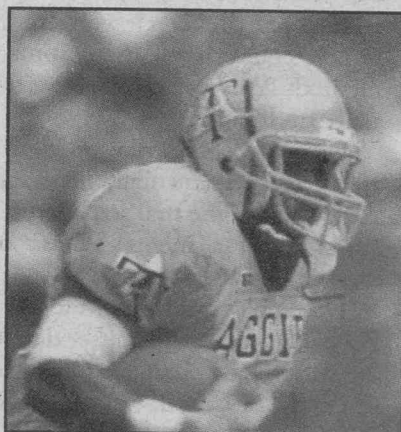
"You're living in a competitive world.

See **CAREER**, Page 3



A&T alumnus Brian Short now works for Johnson Controls.

INSIDE REGISTER



SPORTS

The Aggies are off to a running start on the 2000-2001 football season. **Highlights, Pages 6-7.**

News . Begins on Page 2
Editorial 4
Entertainment 12-13

Memorial recalls A&T alum

By **T.J. MOORE**
Register Staff Writer

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 T.V. 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 Pulpit 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

See **STUDENT**, Page 2

Campus briefs

Chapter honored

The Zeta Sigma Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi at N.C. A&T has been acknowledged as best chapter for the 16th consecutive year.

The chapter gained this recognition by performing over 80 activities. The group received this honor at the national meeting and will receive two \$500 scholarships for two chapter members.

Elected secretary

Dr. Linda Florence Callahan, chairperson of N.C. A&T's Department of Speech and Communications has been elected secretary of the Commission on the Status of Minorities at the 83rd Annual Convention in Phoenix.

She has also been reappointed chair of a national Ad Hoc Committee on Journalism Awards, Honors and Fellows.

Complete internships

Ten students at A&T's Waste Management Institute have completed their summer 2000 internships at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park.

They are: Nikita Echols, Shalina France, Shanta Harper, Angela Hines, Shantoria Kearny, Decatur McMillan, Bryan Mitchell, Tory Nesbitt, Ayinde Wagner-Simpson and Torri Whyche.

They worked on many projects that included environmental carcinogens, web link of USEPA and university programs and seasonal patterns of air pollutants.

Wal-Mart aids chapter

The Wal-Mart transportation Associates presented a \$1,000 check to Delta Nu Alpha Aug. 14.

The funds are from the Wal-Mart Foundation and represent the Bonus Involvement Program.

Eulois Cleckly, president of Delta Nu Alpha, said the group plans to use the donation towards special programs to increase knowledge of the transportation industry.

Chairperson named

Dr. Olen Cole Jr. was named the chairperson of the history department at N.C. A&T over the summer.

He had been interim chairperson since 1999.

A history professor, Cole has been employed at the university since 1977. Prior to coming to A&T, he served as an archives technician for the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and as a research associate for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Attend conference

Marihelen Glass, Ph.D, professor of horticulture at N.C. A&T and Darlene Primas, office assistant, presented a paper at the annual Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture Conference at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.

The paper was entitled "Development of a Mentoring Kit for Traditional and Non-Traditional Students in Landscape Architecture."

AIDS concerns extend beyond U.S.

From AIDS on Page 1

reiterate 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 my information with the hope that you'll take it and do something different about your own life."

She also discussed her experience living with AIDS and the many opportunities 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 can't save 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 status early. She urged everyone, especially African-Americans, to get tested.

When asked about the AIDS epidemic consuming the continent of Africa, Thornton said, "It is sad and overwhelming. It is equal to the Holocaust in Germany. One in five people are infected and in some countries the life expectancy is only 25 years."

"Over half of the HIV cases in the



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

Rae Lewis-Thornton

world are in sub-Saharan Africa. It is devastating."

She urged that more political pressure be put on the United States government and pharmaceutical companies, noting especially that the AIDS drug AZT is not available in Africa. This despite the fact that it is rarely used here in the United States anymore.

"We are looking at genocide on the continent of Africa...it is very real," said Thornton.

Tateisha Prince, a junior nursing major

from Gaston, was among those in the audience impressed by the speaker's courage.

"She didn't hide anything...she's a very strong woman and I admire her for her courageous nature."

Marcus Lesane, a freshmen political science major from Winston-Salem, admitted, "I had never heard of her before now. She kept it real and she schooled me to a lot things that I didn't know about AIDS."

Michelle Coles, a senior computer science major from Atlanta, said, "Ms. Thornton is truly an inspiration to me and the African-American community...she didn't give up on herself or her life just because she became HIV-positive...she's a fighter."

In the nearly 15 years since she contracted HIV, Thornton has filled many roles besides that of AIDS activist and motivational speaker.

She has served as Sen. Carol Mosley Braun's 1992 senatorial campaign advance coordinator, national youth director for Jesse Jackson's 1984 and 1988 presidential campaigns, and Illinois State youth coordinator for the 1988 Dukakis presidential campaign. In 1993, she retired from politics.

Thornton is a graduate of Northeastern Illinois University and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Currently, Thornton is completing her doctoral studies at Northwestern University's Garrett Evangelical Seminary and has plans to write a book.

Former student's death remembered

From MEMORIAL on Page 1

organization "CopWatch" were out to support the cause. They flagged down traffic to give out newspapers illustrating instances of shootings and injustices by police across the state and nation. The group held up numerous signs that demanded the end of police violence.

Although this was a peaceful event, the emotions of the crowd made it clear that this ceremony was not enough to provide closure for the incident six years ago.

This is what happened on Sept. 8, 1994, according to newspaper reports:

Nineteen-year-old Daryl Howerton was distraught over the death of his older brother, one year earlier. His friends had been concerned when he began to act erratically.

Daryl Howerton was wandering around Phillips Avenue carrying a knife and wearing nothing but a toboggan and sunglasses. He walked into T.V.'s Barber Shop and began mumbling about a "suicide mission."

Soon, Greensboro Police Officers Jose' Blanco and Charles Fletcher arrived and demanded that Howerton drop the knife. When he didn't, the officers sprayed Howerton with Mace to subdue him, but the chemical did not seem to affect him.

Blanco and Fletcher fatally shot him when they said he lunged at a bystander with the knife. The shooting happened within 42 seconds of the officer's arrival.

Four years later, Brenda Howerton filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Blanco and Fletcher for unlawfully caus-

ing 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 she lost against Blanco and Fletcher.

She asked the court to grant a new trial because she believed that the first trial was not fair. Along with the testimonies and evidence that were not allowed, the appeal noted, 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 Pulpit Forum's interpretation of the case and a three-point proposal to the City Council.

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

Instead, the city voted to better publicize existing procedures for lodging complaints. This allows residents to launch 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 has been formed to enhance officer training in how to deal with mentally ill subjects.

Brenda Howerton remains skeptical about this program.

"The police would do damage before they call Mental Health," 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 alternative 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 two officers handled it," said White.

White also feels like the records of the courts speaks 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 some other method: "Absolutely, she says, He was no harm to anyone."

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 sees it differently.

"He didn't suffer from mental illness. He had an emotional upset due to dealing with the death of his older brother," she said. "He was in distress; he wasn't a mental case."

Career Fair draws hundreds of employers



Courtney Taylor/Register Staff

In photo above, Paul Lopez (left), a freshman computer science major, speaks with a NASA representative. At left, Melody Tally, a mechanical engineering senior, ponders job possibilities.

From CAREER on Page 1

You can never be satisfied. Always continue to strive for goal after goal because if you don't achieve it, somebody else will," he said.

Striving for their goals is exactly what A&T students were trying to accomplish on Sept. 13 in Corbett Sports Arena.

Between 9 a.m.-4 p.m., an estimated 6,000 students entered the building with the hopes of finding future employment.

Companies were present from all over

the nation, with 598 booths registered, and all majors were welcome to attend. "We added more booths this year to accommodate an increase of recruiters," said Associate Vice Chancellor of Career Services Leon Warren.

Warren added, "Today's job market is geared toward students, so they need to take full advantage of the opportunities offered here because some schools don't even offer the kind of program that we have."

Preparation is the key. Those who have it easily stand out, according to J.T.

Henry of Verizon Communications, who was eager and ready to converse with students to see what their ambitions were.

"It's nice for them to be friendly and ask questions about the company. It's noticeable when the student is prepared and has done some research about the company beforehand," she said.

Henry later added, "It's good to have a real conversation about the student's interest so both parties can decide if the company is right for them."

James Bullock, a senior accounting major, spent his entire summer polishing his resume in hopes of landing that special job. Bullock was not alone: Many students spent time getting themselves ready to participate in the fair.

"I researched companies on the school web site, prepared questions to ask the recruiters, and had my resume edited by my professors in the Business Department," said senior business management major Lianna Fooks.

The students were not just evaluating the recruiters to determine which company was right for them. The recruiters were examining the students to evaluate their appearance and professionalism.

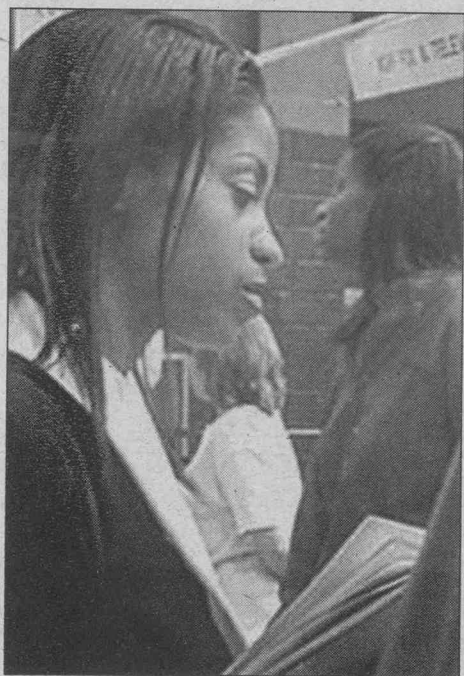
Adrian Myles and Joe Robertson, representing SunTrust Bank in Atlanta, commented on how some A&T students did not appear to be taking the program seriously.

Myles said, "The majority of the people are not dressed appropriately. Open-toed shoes, tattoos, short skirts and facial piercing are unacceptable. The lack of dress is what separates A&T from other schools."

Robertson explained that a student should approach a potential employer by "introducing yourself, followed by a firm handshake -- effective communication skills that every student needs."

The Career Awareness Program was designed to connect students with potential employers to prepare them for the real world.

Robertson said, "If we don't help our own, then who will? A&T has some of the best minds anywhere, but it's the little things that can keep them from achieving their goals."



Chancellor talks of his goals for the university

From Q&A on Page 1

Q: When students and faculty see James Carmichael Renick what should they see?

A: I want them to see somebody who cares deeply about the students and the institution. I want them to see someone who cares about how A&T is represented, how it will be represented, and how it is currently represented. It's time for us to start thinking forward.

Q: What do you view as society's biggest problem today?

A: It's hard to say, but I think that misunderstanding is a really big problem, and I say that because when we don't understand something or someone we tend to shut down and put up all the guards, instead of asking about it to get understanding.

The fact that so many prisons are being built is a very big problem. Rather than building so many institutions that are costing us citizens thousands of dollars each year, government should implement some plan to enrich areas that are poverty-stricken.

Q: What are some of the future plans you have for North Carolina A&T?

A: One of the biggest plans that we are really trying, and I feel are going to be successful in doing, is having a new degree program for the school of business.

In the future the school of business will have a master's program. It's something that is needed. We have a great deal of students in the school of business so a master's degree program is needed.

Some of the closer plans for A&T include the new cafeteria, the student union, which is nearing completion, the fitness and wellness center and the parking lot. All these things will make A&T a better university.

Q: How would you describe your relationship with the faculty and staff at A&T?

A: I have a good relationship with the faculty and staff at A&T. I try to have meetings with them every month, because I am sure they have issues they want faced just as the students do.

I really try to make myself available

not only to the students but faculty as well. I think we have a great faculty, and I enjoy working with them.

Q: What are your plans to give the faculty raises?

A: My desire is to see the faculty and staff get paid what they deserve. I would love to just come out and give everyone raises, but you and I both know that isn't possible.

I'm constantly asking all the time for our faculty's pay to be increased, but I don't control that.

I'm a firm supporter of faculty getting paid for the hard work they do. It's a legislative process, something I really have no control over, but I am working hard to give the faculty what they deserve.

Q: What do you feel your responsibilities as chancellor of N.C. Carolina A&T are?

A: I have a responsibility to set a certain tone for this institution. When people see me they should be able to tell what kind of university A&T is.

My responsibilities are great, it isn't

just one thing that I am responsible for. So it's hard for me to just sit here and narrow it down to one. No responsibility is greater than the other.

Being chancellor of a university isn't just a walk in the park. You really cannot be timid. You have to definitely be a go-getter.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?

A: Becoming chancellor of N.C. A&T is by far my greatest accomplishment. I am where I want to be. 20 years ago I set a goal for myself and I have reached that goal.

I am a happy man. There's nothing else I want to do. My job is hard, but I love it.

Q: When you say to others that you are the chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University what exactly are you saying? In other words what does A&T mean to you?

A: Pride. A university that has a rich history, a university that has unlimited possibilities and a university that stands out beyond the rest.

The Register

THE A&T Register

North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro

Randy St. Clair, *editor-in-chief*Kariston McPherson, *news editor*Dijon Rolle, *staff writer*Chris Wallace, *sports writer*Mia Ross, *entertainment writer*Latoya Best, *copy editor*T.J. Moore, *staff writer*Valerie Nieman, *adviser*Tarah Holland, Sharonda Eggleton
and Courtney Taylor, *photography staff*

Racial profiling: How do we cope?

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
Register Editor-in-Chief

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 of the city, and to show off your new Lexus. Suddenly, you see blue flashes 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 it be, what have 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 how 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 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).

So what do you do?

Complaining to the police department does no good.

All you can do is, nothing.

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 felt 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 phenom, 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 college students but everyone of color. College students just seem to be an easy target.

Though North Carolina is one of the leading states in trying to put a stop to the harassment of others by law enforcement, the problem seems to be growing steadily. Senate Bill 76 was passed earlier this year stating that all law enforcement officials are to fill out a report once they make a stop or an arrest. The information in the report should include why the person or persons were stopped, their race, gender and how the person or persons responded in the action taken.

But it would be foolish of me to just say that blacks are the only minority group that police profile. A recent example is the

case of the Los Alamos nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee, who was just recently released from prison after nine months for being a so-called "being a threat to national security." But his case goes much deeper than that. The judge of the case called it a national embarrassment and gave Lee an apology.

But is an apology enough? Is it okay to say sorry and then move on? No, it's not.

It's not okay for you to brand me as a piece of meat and just do with me as you please. It's not okay for you to misuse your authority, not power, but authority, to try to belittle my character. It's not okay for you to take advantage of the system that is established to SUPPOSEDLY protect me.

So what do you do if you're ever a victim of DWB or any type of racial discrimination?

Cooperate. Simply cooperate.

Arguing or fighting it will only make matters worse, and could possibly make a bad situation into a horrible one. We learn by example, and I think Rodney King was a sad but great example.

Should you stop being who you are? No. If law enforcement officials want to waste their time and their money on you let'em. All that says about him or her is that they haven't learned that there's more to life than skin color.

It's not okay for you to misuse your authority, not power, but authority, to try to belittle my character.

Why don't more students volunteer?

Guest commentary

BENITA KINNEY
Senior economics major

Volunteering is not only beneficial to the community but it is also personally rewarding. So why don't more people volunteer their time? Is it a lack of knowledge about how they can become involved? Or are they too involved in personal affairs to be concerned about the world around them?

I can think back to when I was in middle school and I began my work as a volunteer. I knew then that volunteering my time was going to be a major aspect of my life. I started assisting with the Special Olympics, and since then I've made it my goal to find other ways to help in the community.

You may ask, "Has it been worth it?"

With my whole heart I can truly say, yes.

I wouldn't trade the smiles, the laughter, the hugs or the good grades for an hour more of studying, socializing or sleeping. It warms my heart to know that I have touched the life of a child.

So, back to the question at hand: Why don't we volunteer?

As college students we have the responsibility to uplift those who are coming after us. As adults we have the responsibility to reach out to those in need, those who need protection and those who simply need to see a smile at the end of a long day.

By not volunteering we are silently permitting our children to fail, allowing the haves to take advantage of the have-nots and denying ourselves the experience of touching the life of another.

The point is YOU, yes YOU, need to take a stand for your fellow man whether it's volunteering with children, helping feed and clothe the homeless or doing hospice work.

The excuse, "I don't know how to get involved" will not suffice. There are many organizations on this campus that are actively involved in this community. Take the time to become involved with one, just one, and see the effects for yourself.

Someone out there
must have
an opinion.
Write us at
The Register
309 Crosby Hall

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 Aggie Den forever out of something ... mainly food?

4. Who lives in those two trailers outside Holt 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 yard this year?

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 Holland going to be finished

10. Speakin' of parking lots, don't we miss the one between Curtis and Holland?

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 **DIJON 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.

One 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.

ESSENCE® On Campus COLLEGE TOUR

We're rolling out to
NORTH CAROLINA A&T'S
campus this fall and
WE WANT TO MEET YOU.

Check out our Politics of Hip-Hop Speak-out.
Friday, September 29 - Politics of Hip-Hop,
Memorial Room, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



Citygymboys.com

Join us for an outdoor campus
fest at the Union Quad,
Saturday, September 30,
1:00-5:00 P.M.

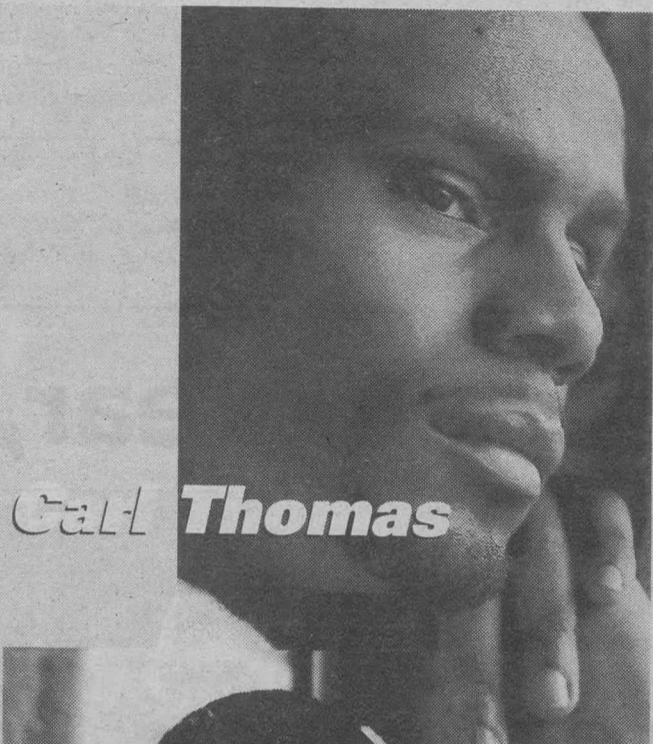
Fitness workout with the City
Gym Boys, cool-down massages,
beauty tips, fashion workshop,
career session and celebrity performances.

Give back with "Change for Change"—donate your
spare change to benefit a nonprofit organization and
get a free ESSENCE gift bag (while supplies last).

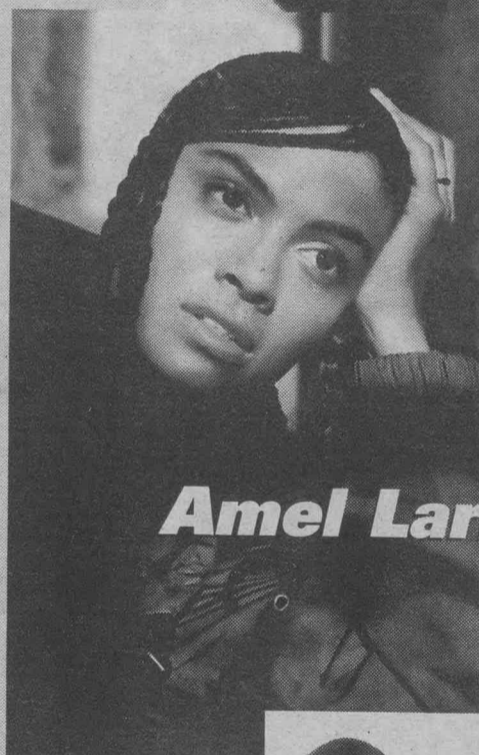
FOR MORE DETAILS LISTEN TO WJMH-102 JAMZ
OR WNAA-90.1 FM-THE PEOPLE'S STATION

Visit us at www.essence.com for
additional information.

Sponsored by:



Call Thomas



Amel Larjane



Absolute



E.B. Jay

The Register

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 try 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 1-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

Aggies' preseason selections

- LB -- B.J. Little, Sports Network second team All-American
- OL -- Victor Marte, 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 -- Romando North, Street and Smith first team All-American
- DL -- Robert Williams, Street and Smith second team All-American
- LB -- Ray Massey, first team All-NEAC
- TE -- Marcus Bryson, second team All-American
- DE -- Leonard Reliford, second team All-American

season and they have reason to feel that way.

Running back Maurice "Mo" Smith is now wearing an Atlanta Falcons uni-

form and defensive back Darryl Klugh is done with football on the collegiate level. Both were key components to the team, but there is no looking back for

the Aggies.

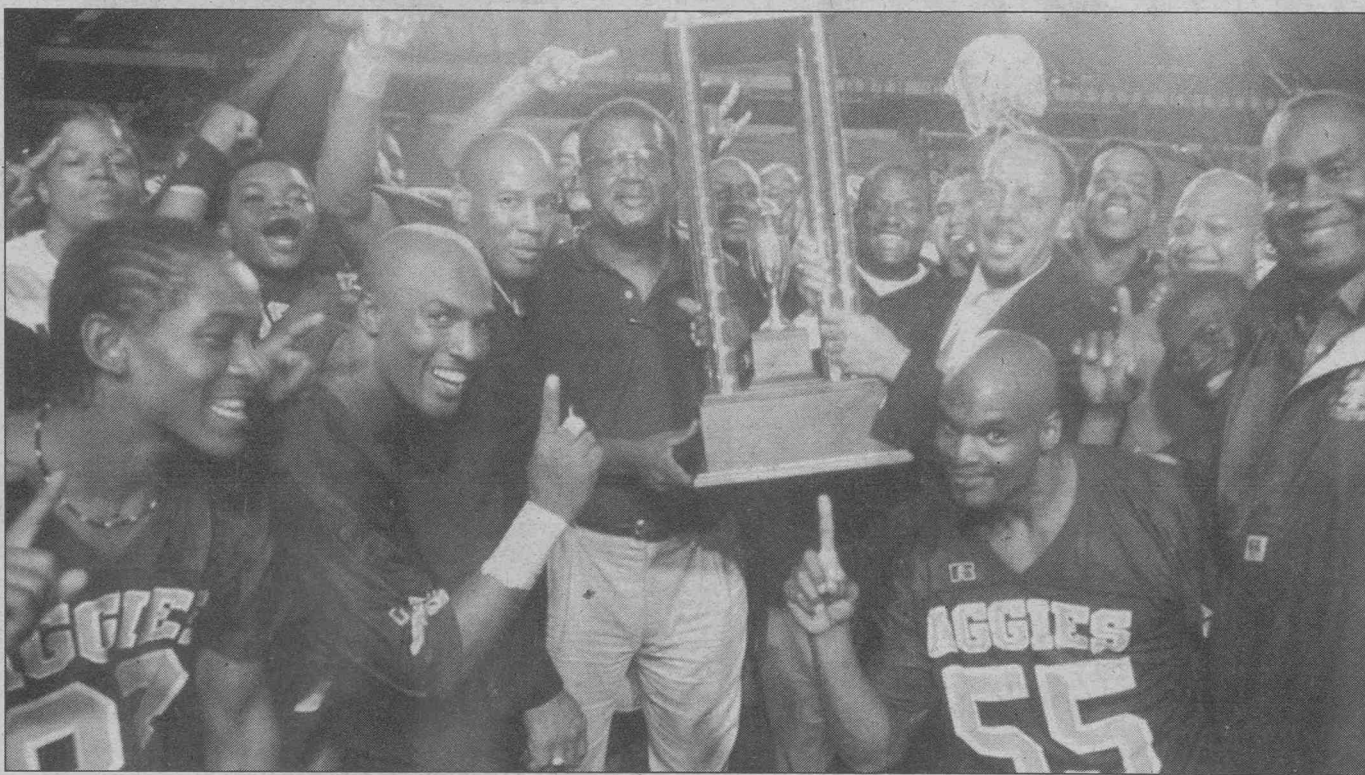
A lot of the players from last year's record-setting team are back for another run, and this year's team could be better than last year's. That's not good news for the MEAC or the rest of the nation. The expectations are high, however, for the Aggies, but they're willing to step up to any challenge before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

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

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

See DEFENSE on Page 9

Another year, same story



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

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

The Aggies led off the scoring early as quarterback Jason Battle connected with wide receiver Darius Helton for a 37-yard touchdown to make it 7-0. Junior College transfer Maurice Hicks scored on a 7-yard touchdown run to put the Aggies up 14-0, but the Eagles would cut the lead to 14-7 and gain a little momentum going into halftime. The momentum shifted quickly back into A&T's favor, though: After the Eagles put together an admirable drive down to the Aggie 1-yard line, their tailback fumbled and Aggie outside linebacker Sammie Rogers scooped it up and raced 98 yards for a touchdown. That play seemed to take all the wind out of the Eagles, who had been looking as if they were going to tie the ball game.

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.



By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Staff Writer

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.

It was the same old story this year as it was last year -- the Aggies just simply dominated. This year's game, overshadowed by heavy rains, suffered a 45-minute delay but not even the

rains could slow down the Aggies. The only thing that seemed to be pouring down at Carter-Finley Stadium was the Aggies scoring against the Eagles.

A&T was led by an outstanding defense which was ranked seventh nationally a season ago and first in the MEAC. They held Central to a mere 161 total yards, and the offense opened up in the second half.

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

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 1-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 Marsay 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 - Robb - 13-yard touchdown run (kick good)

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

TSU - Hull - 33-yard touchdown reception from Evans (kick good)

NCAT - Dawkins - 30-yard field goal

NCAT - Winder

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 Roulhac.

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 Lunsford 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.

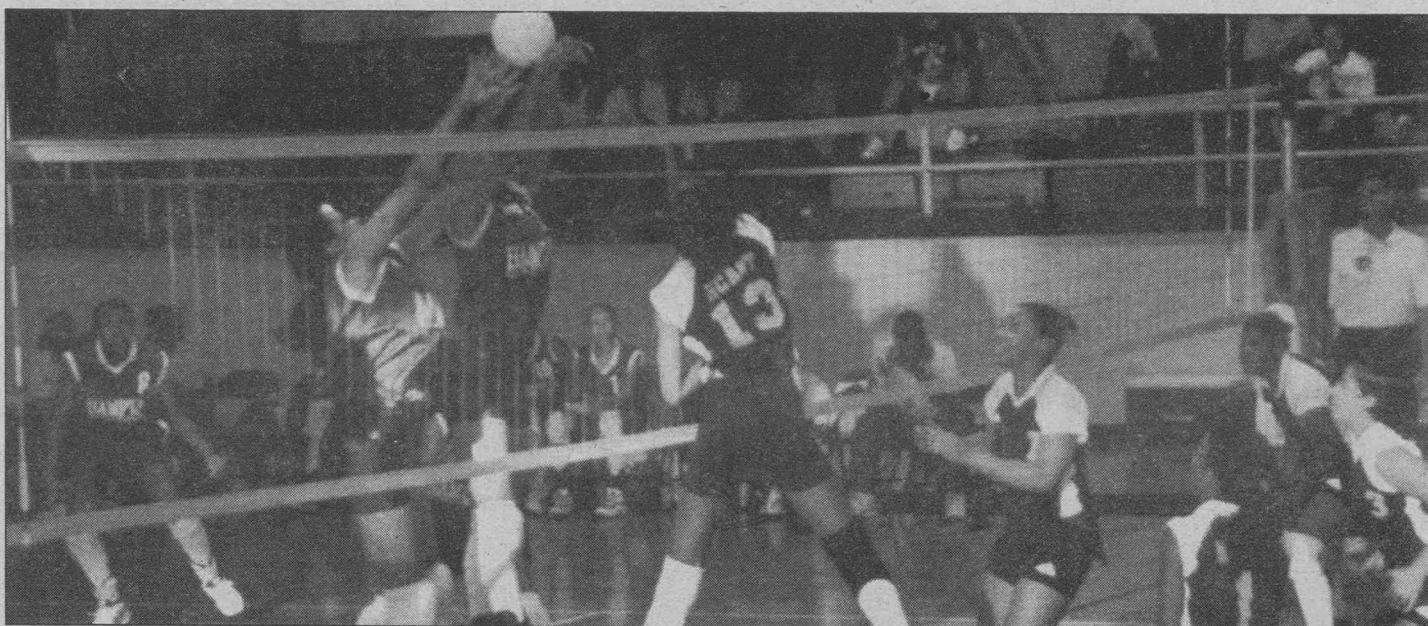
"We seem to always have too many sessions where we make 20 consecutive errors in a row," said junior server Gina Renzaglia.

Roulhac 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 Danesha Taylor agrees with Roulhac.

"They (Winthrop) defiantly 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



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

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 Maria 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 Danesha 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 Lunsford are the killers of the Lady Aggies and the reason they stay competitive in each of their matches.

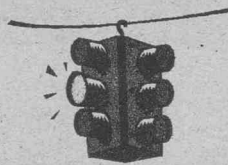
With the lineup change and momentum from the Hampton win, the Lady Aggies have big plans for the remainder of the season.

"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-Asheville 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.



SPEEDING TICKETS??? TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS???
These can damage your (or your parents') insurance and license points.
ATTORNEY MICHAEL TROUTMAN (Class of 1990) can help.
Free consultations and reasonable rates.
Serving Guilford, Davidson, Randolph and surrounding counties.
1207 BRENTWOOD STREET
HIGH POINT, NC 27260
(336) 887-4804

Also handling misdemeanor offenses, license restorations and accident cases.

You need a pretty good
SAT score to get into college.

Almost good enough
to get into our internships.

Congratulations. All the cramming, insomnia and junk food breakfasts have paid off. You're in college now - and soon, you'll be facing questions about your life. Like what to do with the rest of it. One thing is for sure, if you're a student of color, with an INROADS internship you could have a serious job every summer while you're still in school - making contacts and gaining experience in your chosen field of study. Hey, it won't be easy, but then again if you wanted it easy, you wouldn't be reading this right now.

web site www.inroadsinc.org

919-828-0098

You got this far. Now go farther.



The Register

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 be 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 alumnus, 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 Tigercats 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 500 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

"Football games are supposed to be played at night, many think, but it really doesn't matter when they are played to me."

ASSISTANT COACH CHRIS McNEIL

for A&T," said Chris Kinloch, a senior offensive guard. He said the games will feel no different to him, but he will play them 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 our 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," Coltrane 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 late workers and others a place to go," said Dijon Rolle, a junior majoring in broadcast news. "A&T will make a great profit."

"Hopefully A&T will get some TV time in the years to come, because football is the dominating sport in black college sports," said McNeil.

Aggie Football Schedule 2000

- SEPT. 3**
AGGIE/EAGLE CLASSIC
A&T v. NORTH CAROLINA
CENTRAL- 40-7
- SEPT. 9**
CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT
CLASSIC
A&T v. TENNESSEE STATE- 16-10
- SEPT. 16**
OPEN
- SEPT. 23**
HALL OF FAME GAME
A&T v. ELON COLLEGE*
- SEPT. 30**
A&T v. NORFOLK STATE*
- OCT. 7**
UNIVERSITY DAY
A&T v. MORGAN STATE**
- OCT. 14**
(TELEVISED GAME)
A&T v. FLORIDA A&M
- OCT. 21**
A&T v. HOWARD UNIVERSITY
- OCT. 28**
HOMECOMING (TELEVISED
GAME)
A&T v. BETHUNE-COOKMAN
COLLEGE**
- Nov. 4**
A&T v. DELAWARE STATE
- Nov. 11**
A&T v. HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
- Nov. 18**
BORDER CLASSIC
A&T v. SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE

* GAMES PLAYED AT NIGHT
** GAMES PLAYED AT AGGIE
STADIUM

Naturally, the country's premiere leadership school offers only the finest classrooms.

Room 301

What else would you expect from the world's toughest graduate school—walls? We're here to turn college men and women into leaders. People who command respect. Individuals who seek challenge. Like directions to the campus? Call 1-800-MARINES. Or visit us at WWW.MARINEOFFICER.COM. You'd be surprised what you can learn in the woods.

Marines
The Few. The Proud.

Defense leads the Aggies in new season

From **READY** on Page 6

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 Maurice 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 Keith Matkins 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. Darius Helton, Steve Shipp, Chris Caldwell, Derek Becton 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 putting in our passing game, so we will do more with it than we have in the past. 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 touch-downs 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 Klugh and Dwaine Carpenter, the Aggies are still loaded and talented. The Aggies are also happy with the return of defensive end Leonard Reliford, who underwent knee surgery. Reliford 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

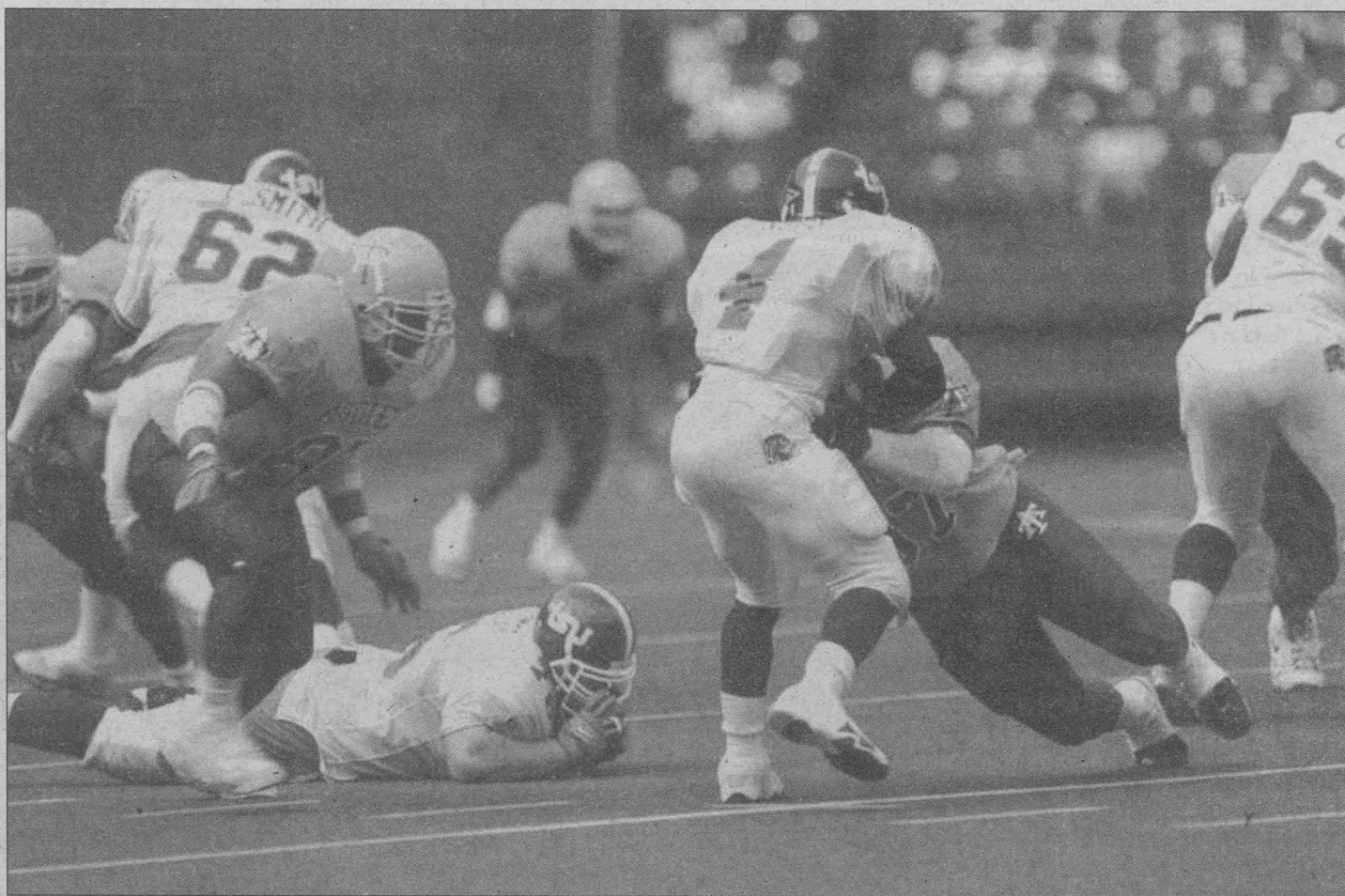
The 2000 Marketing Expo will be showcasing at the Greensboro Coliseum on Sept. 28.

Also at the Coliseum is the Friday Night KO Fights 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.

For more information on these and other Coliseum events call: (336) 373-7474.



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

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

part to the already strong Aggie "D." They look to be in great shape with All-MEAC pick B.J. Little on the inside along with another All-MEAC preseason pick, Ray Massey. Sammie Rogers and Asa Evans will handle the outside duties. Temell Purkett and Ahmad Blakeney 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 Klugh 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.

Connecting People

Innovation By You

Nokia has built a solid reputation for stylish, high quality mobile phones, but without networks these phones could not function. Providing infrastructure for both analog and digital networks, our network products include switching, transmission, network management, and intelligent network (IN) solutions.

To reach our goals, Nokia seeks innovative individuals who are passionate and determined to make technological breakthrough a way of life. Individuals who are not afraid to take risks to better themselves and the company. Individuals like you.

We have a variety of positions available for individuals who thrive in a culture that encourages risk taking and empowers employees to achieve their best. The following opportunities are available in our Networks Business Unit, located in Irving, TX:

- Software Design Engineers
- Hardware Design Engineers
- Software Test Engineers
- Hardware Test Engineers
- Lab Engineers

If you are interested in joining the Nokia team, we will be conducting on-campus interviews October 2nd, 2000 (contact your career center for details).

NOKIA

CONNECTING PEOPLE

Equal Opportunity Employer

www.nokia.com

Back on the air

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

JOHN L. FLEMING
Register Contributor

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

"This year we're trying to speed up the pace of our newscast," 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 Crosby 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 alumnae 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 newscast) 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.

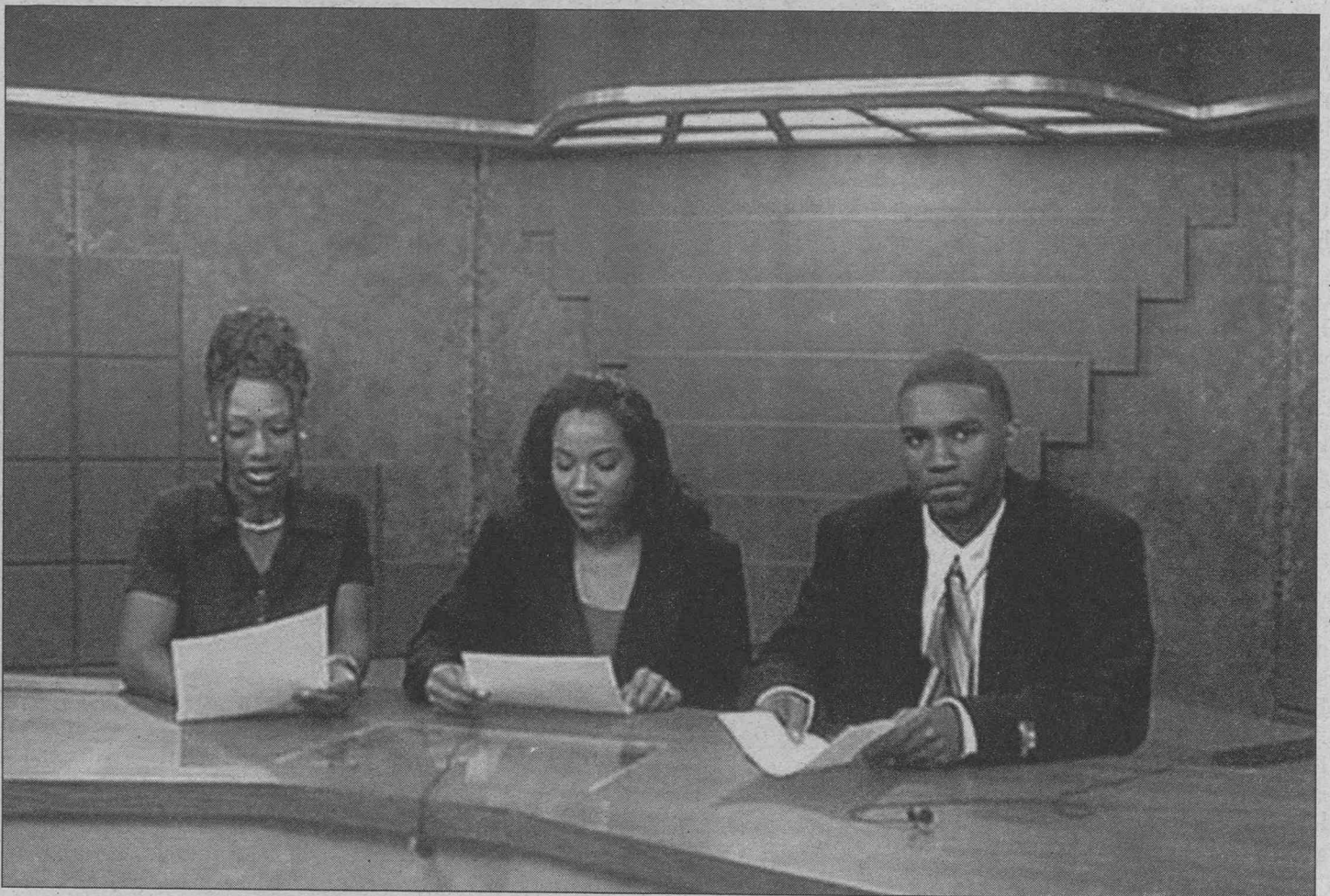
What did the crew do when faced with this dilemma?

"We went home," said Leacock.

Simple communication between crew members, anchorpersons, 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 abounds 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 WFMY-TV.



Tarah Holland/Register photo

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 TV 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!"

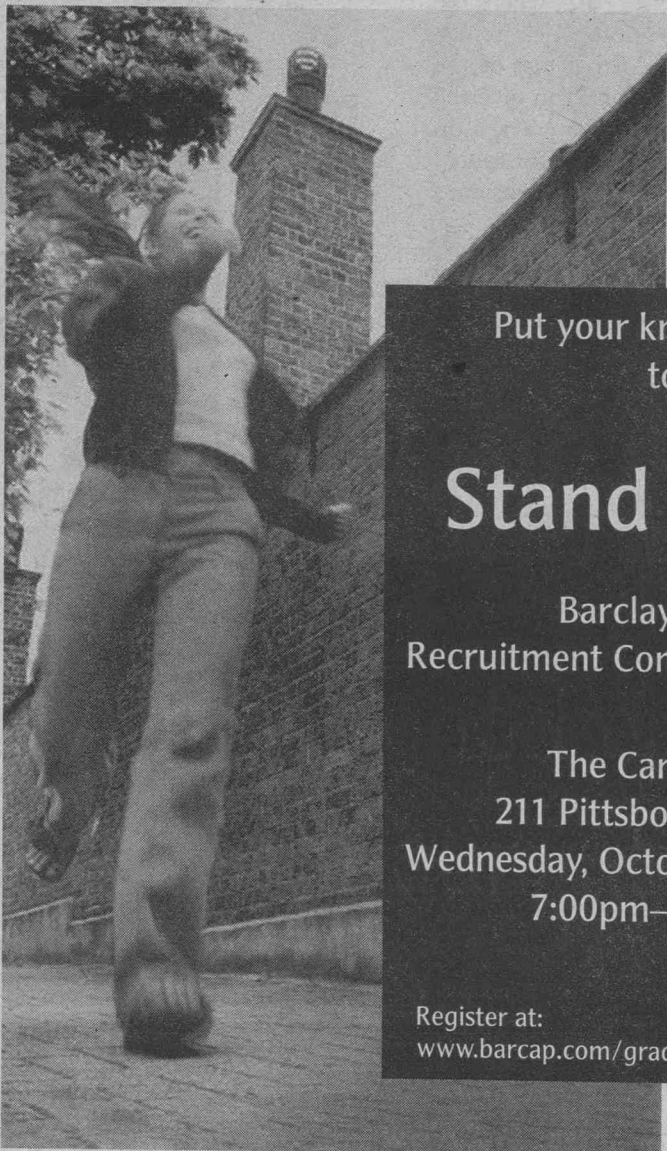
HR director named

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.

Barclays Capital



Put your knowledge
to the test

Stand Out

Barclays Capital
Recruitment Competition

The Carolina Inn
211 Pittsboro Street
Wednesday, October 11th
7:00pm-10:00pm

Register at:
www.barcap.com/graduatecareers

BARCLAYS

Greensboro is the first stop for Essence on Campus tour

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON
Register Staff Writer

N.C. A&T State University will be the first stop on the Essence Magazine tour of five historically black universities.

The Essence on Campus College Tour will give Essence readers between the ages of 18 and 24 a chance to voice to their opinions, issues and concerns.

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 Record's 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 Amel 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. Avon, Depo-Provera, Feria, Motions and Ortho-McNeil are the sponsors for this event.

For information, check into the magazine or Essence website.

hang with the buds.
stretch out and relax.
work on school stuff... or not.

what a
difference
the
train
makes.

Call Amtrak® at 1-877-632-3788.
Because your good time is waiting. Guaranteed.

30% OFF
for Student Advantage® members.
When you present this coupon and your Student Advantage Card.

25% OFF
for non-members with student ID.
When you present this coupon and your student ID.

Only when you purchase between August 31st and November 18th, for travel on September 14th through December 16th.

Offer valid for select trains only —

Not valid on unreserved NEC service, Metroliner®, Acela Express™, Auto Train®, Canadian portion of joint Amtrak/VIA® service, 7000 & 8000 series Thruway Services, multi-ride fare plans and any other discounts or promotions. Blackout dates are November 21-28, 2000. Offer non-refundable after payment is made. Reservations required 14 days in advance of travel with ticket purchase within 2 days of reservation. Valid for Business Class and Sleeping Car upon payment of full applicable accommodation charge. Amtrak is a registered service mark of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

TRAVEL AGENTS: Access your GDS for complete details: G/PRO/STU Sabre: Y/PRO/STU. Attach coupon to auditor's coupon; if electronically reporting, attach to agent coupon. All Travel Agents and Amtrak Ticketing Agents please return the coupon to: Amtrak Customer Segmentation, 10 G Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

ARC# 8 554 270 0000 059 0

Mention code: H059
Regular Student Advantage discount is 15%

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Student Advantage #: _____



studentadvantage.com



www.amtrak.com

The Register

Gospel lights up the night: Mad Rhythms tour

By MIA ROSS
Register Staff Writer

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 rap concert or an R&B group, right?

Wrong.

The Aggies 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 Dru Hills' 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 Dru Hill are no longer friends.

"Dru 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-



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

The Mad Rhythms tour brought contemporary gospel music to an appreciative crowd. Above, the groups combined for a finale with (from left) S.O.P Chorale, 1NC and Woody. At left, Woody joins 1NC on stage for a tune.



mony of her life and a short ministering talk about Christ.

Another group on the tour was Kirk Franklin's newest group 1NC (One Nation Crew). Although they were the last to perform, they rocked the house like they were the first act.

1NC is a group of multicultural and multiracial set of young vocalists. This assembly of youngsters says that it is more than just the singing and dancing.

"Our message is to let people know that you can be young and serve the Lord. You can still have fun," said a member of 1NC. The group says that they're waiting on God to find out what is next for 1NC.

1NC, whose album came out in August, say they have enjoyed touring and visiting the colleges.

Christian ministries gather up the faithful

By WALITA 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 NCA&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. 16 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 freshman 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 Barbee 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 Shakinta Johnston, a junior public relations major.

If you would like to learn more about a ministry, Campus Crusade may be reached through Dr. Sullivan Welborne at 334-7696; Men of GOD through Dr. Caroline Jones at 334-7800; New Generation through Dr. Rita Lamb at 334-7855. Other groups can be contacted through Dr. Ralph Brown at 334-7817.

East Market Street may change

LATOYA BEST
Register Staff Writer

In November, the city will ask voters for approval to borrow money for big-ticket items such as street improvements and neighborhood redevelopment.

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 goal of the East Market Street Corridor Development plan 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.

Streetscapes are aimed at making an area attractive to pedestrian and pedestrian-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 Hunsucker, 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 -- is 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 students in mind to attract business now.

"The businesses should be more involved with A & T and cater to us by offering discounts," said Khadeasha Watson-El, 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 faulty recital will follow at 7:30 p.m. The string studio recital will be 5:30 p.m. Sept. 27. Through Nov. 1 the Jackson Library will showcase a retrospective exhibition of work by Greensboro local Betty Watson. For more information call (336) 334-5770.

Seeing Shakespeare

For all the Shakespearean 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 scenario. Also being presented is "Hamlet," the story of murder and betrayal at its peak, and "Love's Labor'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 23 large-scale works in glass entitled Sculpture and John Rosenthal'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.

"My friends agonized over choosing

a company to go with. My strategy

was simpler, why join one great

company when you can join many?

I went with GE."

We didn't become *Fortune*® magazine's America's Most Admired Company* by accepting the status quo. We got there by hiring and training confident graduates with the courage to think in innovative and revolutionary ways.

No other corporation can match the diversity of opportunities at GE. Because we have small company attitudes with large company strengths, we set no limits, no boundaries. You can move from industry to industry, discipline to discipline, and never leave GE.

We're a leader in every business we compete in, and we're looking for leaders like Alphie who will take us even further. Start your career by visiting our website now. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Learn about us at
www.gecareers.com



We bring good things to life.

GE Aircraft Engines • GE Appliances • GE Capital Services • GE Corporate Research and Development • GE Industrial Systems
GE Global eXchange Services • GE Lighting • GE Medical Systems • GE Plastics • GE Power Systems • GE Supply • GE Transportation Systems • NBC

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 Hill, 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 later for class."

Kentra 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.



WANTED:

- Explorers
- Investigators
- Independent Thinkers
- Influencers

As a nature lover, Kim spends vacations unearthing signs of wildlife that most people never notice. As an equity research analyst, she uses the same intensity to reveal unique insights into the chemical industry. What are you seeking to discover?

MINDS.
WIDE
OPEN.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. is a leading global investment banking and securities firm, providing a full range of investment and financial services to corporations, governments, institutions and individuals worldwide.

The Technology Division offers undergraduates unique opportunities to create the technology that is reshaping the world's financial markets.

Facts: 3,000 people across 21 countries, \$1.6 billion per year investment in technology.

We offer real opportunities:

- To work side by side with business partners on technology that brings creative business strategies to life.
- To be part of a team of dynamic, bright people who will challenge you and the technology you develop to make the most of business opportunities.
- To develop in a fast-paced yet supportive environment that welcomes new people and ideas.

To find out more please visit the:

**Goldman Sachs Technology
Information Session**
at
North Carolina A&T

Thursday, September 28, 2000
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.
McNair Hall, Room #3
Casual Attire



MINDS. WIDE OPEN.™
www.gs.com

The Register

Writing well

Expanded writing center offers help on grammar, spelling

WILLIAM C. DAVIS II
Register Contributor

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, newly 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 come 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 interact 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."

Andrea 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. She believes that with "one student at a time, we can help the overall health of

the university."

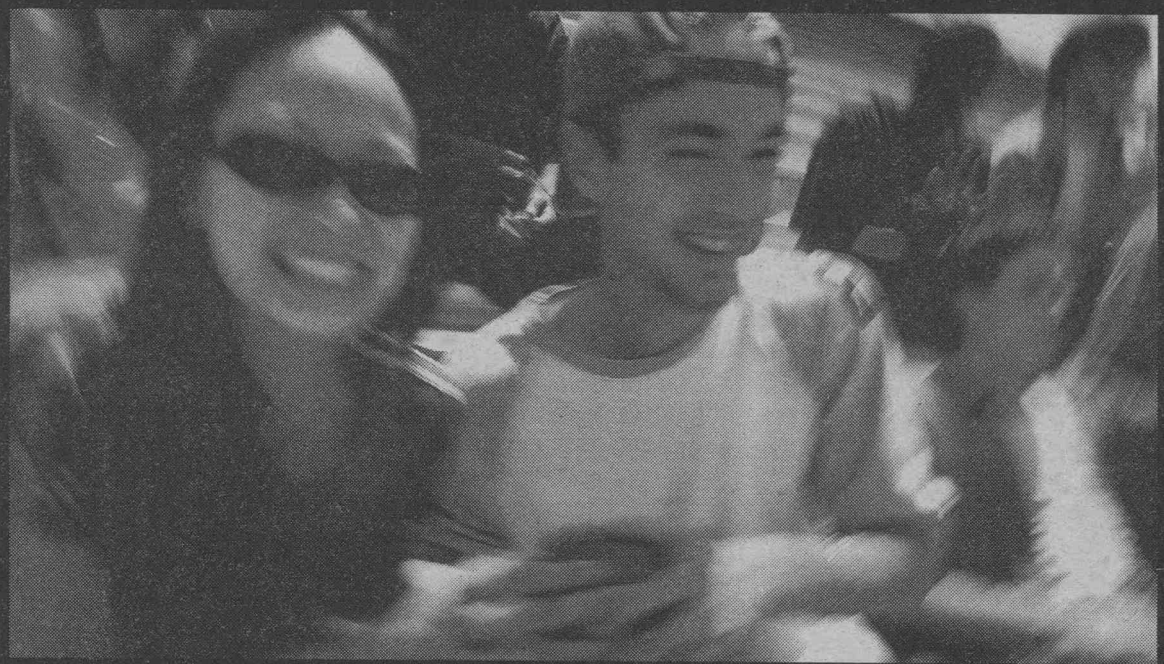
The center is open to all students, faculty and staff from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 4:30-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in Crosby

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. "Whether you're an English major, Engineering, Technology or other, you need what we have to offer."

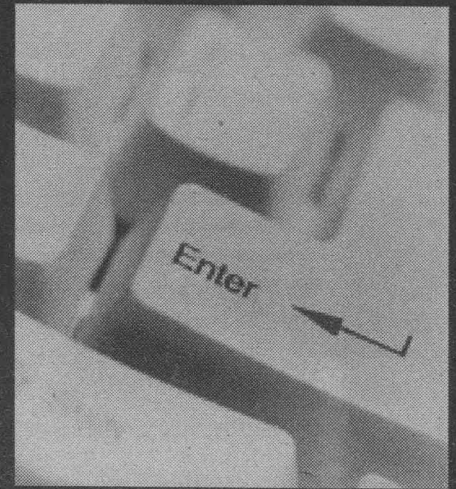
It's a
**win, win,
win, win,
win**
situation.



AT&T Take the Money and Rock Sweepstakes*

You could win one of 500 cool prizes—including the grand prize of **\$10,000 cash** and a **trip** for you and three friends to the **Hard Rock Hotel** in Orlando, FL. Enter today at att.com/college.

It's soooooo easy to increase your odds. If you live off campus, you can get **10 extra chances to win**. Just register for the sweepstakes at the site, and sign up for the AT&T One Rate® Off-Peak II Plan for long distance. You can sign up right then and there, online. Or call 1 877 COLLEGE. Either way, you'll get up to **100 free minutes** of talk time. Sounds good, huh?



att.com/college

A&T professor publishes book

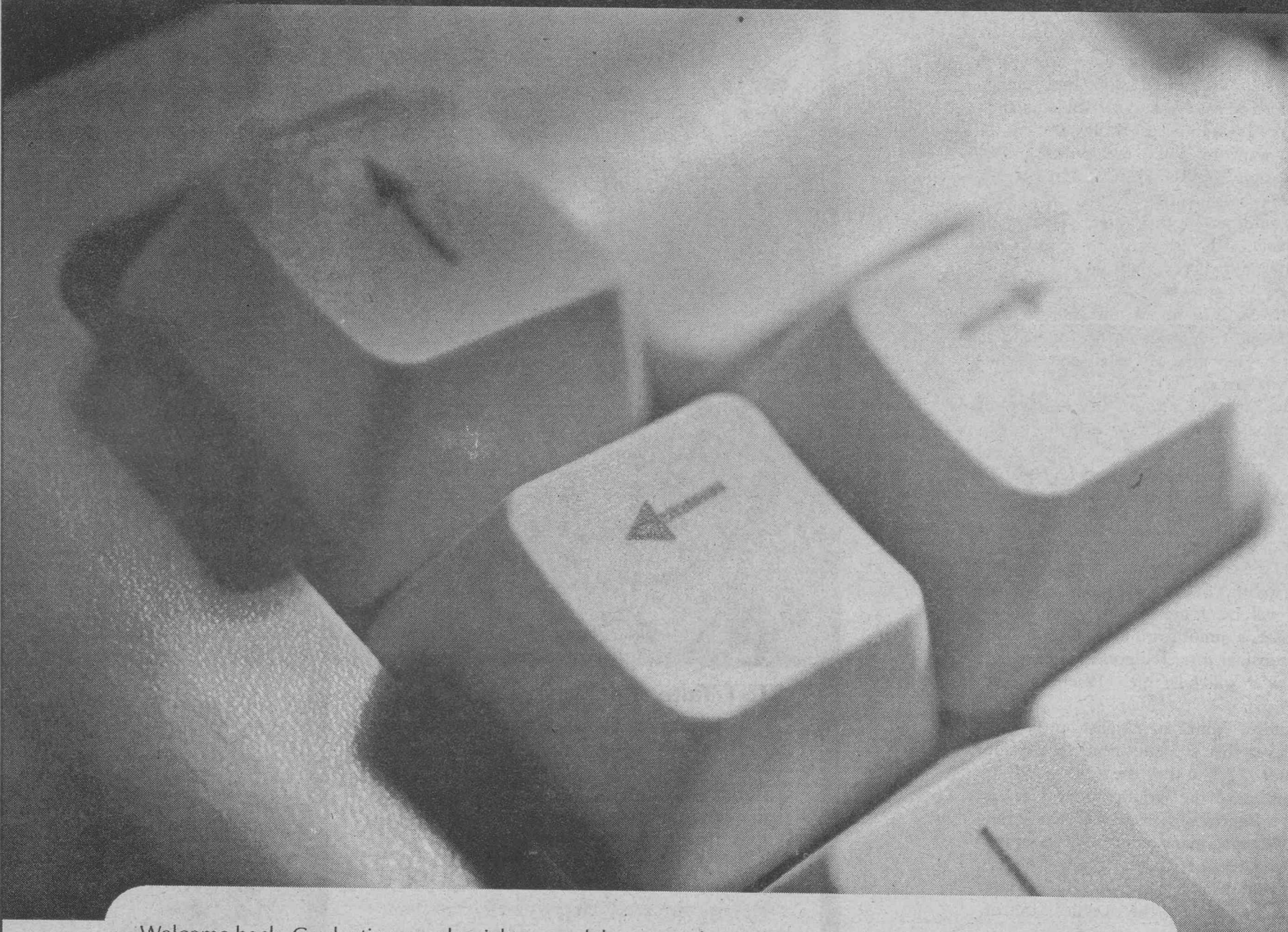
Dr. William A. Amponsah's book, "Competition in Agriculture: The United States in the World Market," has been published by the Food Products Press of The Haworth Press Inc.

The book includes information on aspects of international competitiveness based on economic policies, geography and history that influence positioning of U.S. agricultural products.

Amponsah co-wrote the book with Dr. Dale Colyer (West Virginia University), P. Lynn Kennedy (Louisiana State University), Stanley Fletcher (University of Georgia) and Curtis M. Jolly (Auburn University).

*TO PLAY GAME: Take your AT&T Instant Win Game Decoder Card, and go to att.com/college/takethemoney. Follow the directions by inputting the Entry Code that appears on your Decoder Card to see if it reveals an instant-winner message. To play without a Decoder Card, visit att.com/college/takethemoney and follow instructions on how to receive an Entry Code for a chance to win instantly. Game ends 10/31/00. HOW TO CLAIM: If your Decoder Card or Entry Code reveals a prize message, mail your original Decoder Card, along with a 3" x 5" card with your name, address, phone number and Entry Code (if you don't have a Decoder Card) to "Take the Money and Rock," Prize Winner, c/o National Judging Institute, Inc., 100 Marcus Dr., Melville, NY 11747-4229 by 11/30/00. FOUR WAYS TO ENTER SWEEPSTAKES: 1) To enter online, visit att.com/college/takethemoney. Complete the registration form by filling in your complete name, address, phone number, area code and e-mail address to be entered into the Sweepstakes. Or if you have an Entry Code that does not reveal an instant-winner prize message, you will be automatically entered. 2) To enter by providing referrals, complete online registration and include each e-mail address you want to refer. Each legitimate referred e-mail address provided will earn you an entry into the Sweepstakes. 3) To enter via sign-up, complete online registration and sign up for the AT&T One Rate® Off-Peak II Plan to receive 10 entries. 4) To enter by mail, on plain 3" x 5" paper, hand print your name, address, phone number, area code and e-mail address (if any) and mail in a separate stamped envelope, to: AT&T "Take the Money and Rock" Sweepstakes, PO Box 7781, Melville, NY 11775-7781. (Your first mailed entry is worth 10 entries. Each additional mailed entry is worth one entry.) Sweepstakes ends 10/31/00. SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING: The Sweepstakes Grand Prize winner will be selected in a random drawing about 11/13/00 from among all eligible entries received. Odds of winning Sweepstakes Grand Prize depend on total number of eligible entries received. PRIZES: INSTANT WIN PRIZES AND APPROXIMATE ODDS OF WINNING: (100) Prizes of a \$15 Gift Certificate from CDNOW.com (ERV: \$15/ea); odds of winning Gift Certificate are 1 in 8,500. (400) Prizes of a T-shirt (ERV: \$10/ea); odds of winning a T-shirt are 1 in 2,125. Unclaimed prizes will not be awarded. SWEEPSTAKES PRIZE: GRAND PRIZE (1): \$10,000 and a 7-day/6-night trip for 4 to Orlando, FL, including roundtrip coach air transportation, deluxe hotel accommodations at The Hard Rock Hotel (2 rooms, double occupancy), ground transportation to and from the hotel/airport in FL (ERV: \$14,215). GENERAL CONDITIONS: Trip must be taken between 3/1/01 and 8/31/01. Sweepstakes Grand Prize winner will be required to execute and return an affidavit of eligibility and liability/publicity release within 14 days of notification attempt or the prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner selected. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission to use winners' names and likenesses for promotional purposes (including posting name on website), without further compensation except where prohibited by law. By entering this promotion, you agree to be bound by the Official Rules. ELIGIBILITY: Open to residents of the U.S., 18 years of age or older as of 7/19/00, except employees and their families of AT&T, its affiliates, subsidiaries, contractors, advertising agencies, and Don Jago's Associates, Inc. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. Subject to all federal, state, local laws and regulations and to the Official Rules available at att.com/college/takethemoney. Sponsor: AT&T Corp., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Instant Win Game and Sweepstakes subject to Official Rules for att.com/college/takethemoney. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Instant Win Game and Sweepstakes ends 10/31/00. Void where prohibited. 100 free minutes offer based on becoming a new AT&T Residential Long Distance customer and selecting the AT&T One Rate Off-Peak II Plan. 100 free minutes of AT&T domestic, direct-dialed long distance and local toll calls will be credited against qualifying usage on your first full monthly bill after all discounts and credits are applied. Unused minutes cannot be carried over. Qualifying calls do not include conference calls, AT&T Calling Card, Directory Assistance, Operator-Handled calls, 700 or 900 number services, or mobile, marine or cellular services. In addition, monthly recurring charges, non-recurring charges and taxes are also excluded. Offer expires 12/31/00. © 2000 AT&T. All Rights Reserved.

IN COLLEGE, YOU CAN ONLY MAJOR
IN ONE OR TWO THINGS.
NOT SO WITH US.



Welcome back. Graduation may be right around the corner, but it shouldn't mark the end of your education. PricewaterhouseCoopers gives you major options when it comes to your career. Like ongoing learning. The challenge of new and exciting projects. And the promise of change. All in an environment that fosters professional growth and development. And, if you decide you'd like to explore other areas within the organization, we'll support you. Any way you look at it, PricewaterhouseCoopers is the place to be.

www.pwcglobal.com/ocp

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS 

Join us. Together we can change the world.SM

© 2000 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. PricewaterhouseCoopers refers to the U.S. firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and other members of the worldwide PricewaterhouseCoopers organization. PricewaterhouseCoopers is proud to be an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer.