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N.C. A&T students slack in vote

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
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With so much at stake in this year's presidential election, one might have expected voters would turn out in record numbers.

That wasn't the case at N.C. A&T's two major precincts. Out of the 6,926 people who were registered at A&T's Student Union and YMCA precincts only 25 percent voted in the Nov. 7 presidential election.

Of those votes the majority were for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore and running mate Joe Lieberman.

The turnout was one of the lowest, said Dr. Samuel Moseley, a political science professor who has taught at A&T for many years and has experienced several elections.

"I think it's an embarrassment to the university," said Moseley. "Here you have a university that won the statewide voter registration drive, but couldn't get

its students to actually vote. It's sad."

At the Student Union precinct (GO5A), 755 out of the 3,483 registered voters actually cast ballots, which is less than 25 percent, and at the YMCA precinct (GO5B), 999 out of the 3,443 registered voters voted, which is less than 30 percent.

Though all who were registered at those precincts weren't students, the majority were, according to the Board of Elections.

Crystal McCoy, a sophomore accounting major, says that the figures seem to be a little misleading due to the fact that a substantial amount of students voted early.

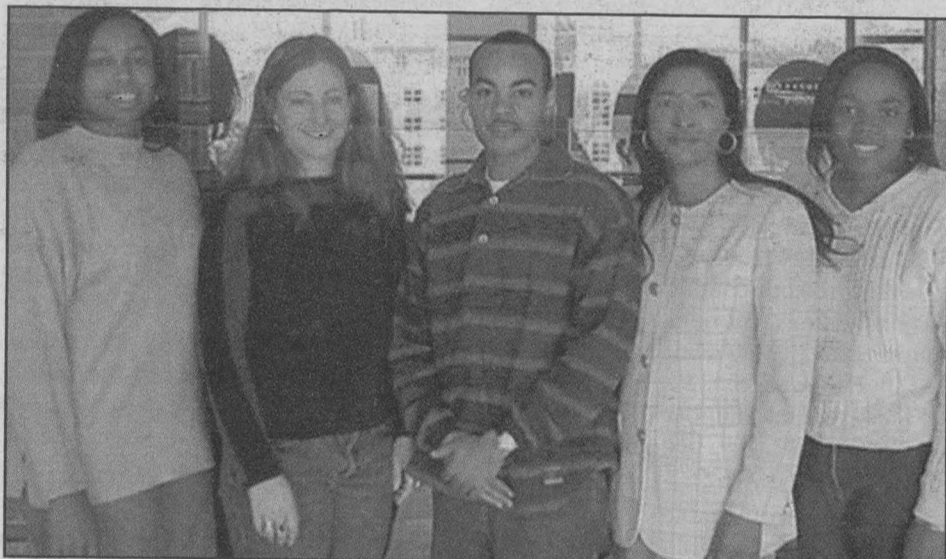
"I think the reason that there were so little students out to vote that day, was due to the fact that many of us voted early," said McCoy. "I'm not making any excuses for those that didn't vote, but I think the figures are a little mis-

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Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Even in the rain, members of A&T organizations continued to encourage the Aggie voters.



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Social work interns at the Domestic Violence Center (from left) are Lynetta Draughon, Alexandra Umstead, Sho Mari Davidson, Dr. Joyce Dickerson and Kathy Seagroves.

Interns reach out to abused

LATOYA BEST
Register Staff Writer

Nationally, 1.8 million women are beaten by their husbands each year.

In North Carolina, the State Bureau of Investigation estimates that one in two women will be physically assaulted by her male partner during her lifetime.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center, through its domestic violence internship and research project, is work-

ing to make people aware of these and other facts about domestic violence. The center is located in room 118 in Gibbs Hall.

"We definitely want people to know that the resource center is open for students to come by," said Allison Gordon, a graduate student who works as an intern at the center.

The center has pamphlets and other

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AIDS group holds annual Winter Walk

By WILLIAM C. DAVIS II
Register Contributor

The 2000 Winter Walk for AIDS Committee is seeking walk teams to participate in the annual event scheduled for the morning of Saturday, Dec. 2, in downtown Greensboro.

"It's real simple," says Amber Best, senior Lab Animal Science major and president of the Raleigh Aggie Club.

"Fill out the brochures, form a team, get donations and bring them to the registration table before the walk."

The walk is hosted by the Greensboro Jaycees, Chateau Morrisette and the Triad Health Project.

The walk will begin with an opening ceremony at the Greensboro's War Memorial Stadium at 9:30 a.m. followed by the walk at 10 a.m.

Since it began in 1992, the Winter

Walk for AIDS has raised thousands of dollars for non-profit organizations providing AIDS services to Greensboro and throughout the Triad. Last year the walk raised just over \$100,000. This year the Winter Walk Committee hopes to raise \$110,000.

"The most important thing is making sure that people get involved," says Jeff Prince, associate director of Triad Health Project and coordinator of the walk.

Prince spoke to students at a Council of Presidents meeting to encourage various A&T organizations to support the walk. He says that forming a walk team is a wonderful way for organizations to do something positive for the community.

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International food tasting mmm, mmm, good

By WALITA CAMPBELL
Register Contributor

Horizons were broadened for Aggies who participated in the International Food-Tasting on Monday, Nov. 13, in the Dudley Building.

The event was part of U.S. International Education Week, which focused on "Cultures Connecting Our Community" with programs, films, arts events and informational sessions.

Represented at the food tasting were Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America. Stations representing each continent were decorated to suit the culture.

Kente cloth draped the African station, where rice and mushroom dishes

were the focus. The mushroom dish consisted of steamed mushrooms in a spicy, mushroom sauce. The rice dish, called couscous, was a native dish complete with beans, celery and onions.

Nadirah Rahman, a participant in the event, said she thoroughly enjoyed the African dishes. "I really liked the mushrooms...but everything was interesting," she said.

Cloth boasting the many flags of Asian countries and small, wooden umbrellas decorated the Oriental station. The celebrated dish of the Orient was sweet and sour chicken. This dish included chicken strips with a side of red, spicy sauce.

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Vaccines available

A meningitis and influenza immunization outreach program will be held in Murphy Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 29, from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m.

It is open to all A&T students. The cost for the meningitis vaccine is \$75 and \$10 for the flu vaccine. For more information call Sebastian Health Center at 334-7880.

Brower on board

Carl Brower, superintendent of grounds at N.C. A&T, has been appointed to serve a term on the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission.

Brower received an A.A. degree from Louisburg College and a B.S. degree from Barton College.

Highsmith is director

Dr. Gwendolyn Highsmith-Quick, associate professor of accounting, is serving a three-year term as director of chapter activities and chapter development on the National Board of Directors for Beta Alpha Psi, the premier professional business financial information fraternity for accredited business programs.

Highsmith-Quick is the faculty advisor for Zeta Sigma chapter at A&T.

Lamb is named

Dr. Claude N. Lamb has been named interim chair of the Department of Chemistry.

An associate professor, Lamb received his B.S. degree in biology from Mount Union College, a master's in chemistry from N.C. Central and Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Howard University.

Prior to coming to N.C. A&T in 1982, Lamb was an assistant professor of chemistry at Saint Augustine's College, research fellow at Howard University, lecturer at the University of the District of Columbia and research associate at NCCU. He is a core faculty participant in A&T's MARC Honors program.

Sankar edits journal

Dr. Jagannathan "Jag" Sankar, director and principal investigator of A&T's National Science Foundation Center for Advanced Materials and Smart Structures, was the lead guest editor for a special issue (volume 30 B) of the "Composites Engineering-Part B," journal.

Sankar teaches in the College of Engineering.

Tutors wanted

Communities in Schools (CIS) of Greater Greensboro, in conjunction with Brightwood and Washington elementary schools, is looking for volunteers to tutor third- and fifth-grade students with identified reading deficiencies for its GREAT LEAPS Reading Program.

Training will take place in late December and will last 90 minutes.

Tutorial sessions generally last 30-60 minutes each. GREAT LEAPS Reading will begin in January and end in May.

If interested, contact Sallie Williams at 418-0771, 691-1268 or e-mail at Shwilliams107539@aol.com.

VOTING

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leading due to early voting."

Early voting percentages at A&T aren't known, but is speculated to be roughly 25 percent

But what amazes students and citizens of Guilford County are that more people didn't go out to vote.

Donna Coletrane, a junior public rela-

tions major, from Greensboro, said that though it's amazing to see on paper, it's not so shocking to hear.

"It's sad to say but it's not so surprising," said Coletrane. "It would have been great to see record amounts of people lined up to vote, but that's not what you saw."

Gov. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney won Guilford County. They won by almost 4,000 votes. Bush and Cheney also won the six other major surrounding counties.

In Randolph and Davidson County

the Republican candidates won by an unprecedented margin.

In Guilford County, 171,170 of the 288,069 registered voters cast ballots. The 59 percent turnout equaled the 1996 total when President Clinton won re-election. But the county total was actually higher than the estimated statewide turnout of 54 percent.

Nationally, between 52 percent and 53 percent of registered voters actually cast ballots Tuesday, according to estimates for the Study of the American electorate, the News and Record reported.

INTERNS

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informational materials such as videos and books, which can be checked out.

The center also offers counseling. Students who come to the center and report that they have been assaulted are referred to a counseling site that would be convenient to their needs. For instance, they could go to N.C. A&T's counseling center or a local center that specializes in domestic violence counseling.

Throughout the semester, the center receives about an average of 12 students who either walk in or call. Dr. Joyce Dickerson serves as director. Two A &

T undergraduate students work as administrative assistants. In addition, five graduate students work as domestic violence interns and one as a research assistant. The graduate students are part of the Joint Master's of Social Work Program (JMSP) through A&T and UNCG.

As interns, the students attend area, national and international conferences. They have to stay abreast of the latest techniques when working with victims and batterers.

They are required to work at an agency two days a week and one day a week at the center.

Also, the students receive course credit for participating in the project while gaining field experience.

The goal of the project is to help prepare social workers to be as active as

possible as they strive to end domestic violence.

The project has sponsored an annual spring conference for the community and campus. This year's conference, still in the planning stages, will focus on increasing awareness on campus about healthy relationships, dating violence, among other things.

"Many of the students who have been around for two years or more know about the conferences, and we've had great participation," said Dickerson.

Students who work in the center are: Allison Gordon, Shomari Davidson, Kathy Seagroves, Alexandria Umstead, Lynn Draughon, Jamie Price, Eric Cox and Tiffany Washington.

The center is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The number for the center is 334-3884.

WALK

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Several organization, fraternities and sororities participated in the last year's walk and will continue to do so this year. The Institute of Industrial Engineers and the Raleigh Aggie Club are two of several organizations that will participate in the event.

"I'm excited about working towards the AIDS cause," says Valerie Moore, graduate student and president of the Institute of Industrial Engineers. "I feel

as though everyone should take part in the walk. AIDS is something that can affect anyone. It has a large impact on everyone's community."

Prince says that the Walk is critical for the Triad Health Project. "We want to get as many people involved as we can. This walk raises about 20 percent of our budget each year," says Prince.

This budget is important to the Triad Health Project's continued commitment to providing emotional and practical support to people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

This year, a number of non-profit organization will benefit from the

Winter Walk: Triad Health Project, American Red Cross, Beacon Place, HIV Outreach Programs and Education (HOPE) of Winston-Salem, Home Health of Randolph Hospital - Positive Links Program, Mt. Sinai AIDS Education Project, Positive Wellness Alliance and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont.

"Anybody that would want to do anything for the community should participate," says Moore.

Summing up what the walk, Moore says, "It's nothing that is too demanding. It's just asking a little of you for a big cause."

FOOD

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Fruit-filled baskets graced the European table. Finger sandwiches with pepperoni, ham and cheese were a favorite of this table. Hushpuppy-like muffins, which had broccoli inside a breaded meat, had many skeptical to try this dish, but those that did expressed surprise at the pleasant taste. By the end of the event, none were left.

Erikah Melvin, a junior computer science major, simply said, "It was really good."

Fajitas were the main dish of the

South American table. These fajitas were made of vegetables wound into an eggroll-shape. Though the fajitas consisted of green, leafy vegetables wound by an outer orange coating, and many were hesitant to try them, they also served as a pleasant surprise.

Participants enjoyed trying the food of other countries as well as enjoy the artwork in the museum of the Dudley Building. Many people stood in groups around the many tables critiquing the food and filling plates to take home. The atmosphere was rich with the desire to explore the exotic tastes of other continents.

"It was great. It had a very nice variety of food to compliment each country"

said Berry Cuffe.

But not all students felt that the event was so successful. Coolty is a vegetarian and felt that there were not enough dishes available to those who do not eat meat.

Michael Gordon, a junior computer science major, said, "I felt that the food was very tasteful, but I wish they had more variety... they only had four stations, and the layout could have been better."

The International Tasting event enriched the culture awareness of those who attended the event.

"I thought it was really good, it was nice to get a variety from regular food on campus" said student Vanessa Lewis.

Media Workshop draws high school journalists

DIJON ROLLE
The A&T Register

More than 150 high school journalists from across North Carolina attended the annual high school Media Workshop Day on Oct. 19 at N.C. A&T.

Students attended a series of workshops on opportunities in the media industry. The workshops were held in Crosby Hall, Martena Hall and in the student union. Among the topics discussed were careers in television and radio, photography and web page design and layout

A&T communications majors and members of the Media Network served

as assistants.

Some of the more popular sessions were ones on careers in television and radio and photojournalism. News anchors Dia Davidson of ABC 45 NEWS and Jim Donovan of FOX 8 WGHP were presenters.

"You must love what you do," said Davidson. "Journalism is truly a career...one which takes a lot of hard work and dedication. It's not easy."

Donovan gave the students even more practical advice. "The first step to making it in this business is to get an internship," he said. "This is a very competitive business and you've got to be able

to do the job...you've got to have experience."

In one session, Dr. Kay Phillips, director of the NC Scholastic Media Association, spoke on yearbooks/newspapers. "I can't explain how important it is for students to have a voice," she said.

"I enjoyed this experience; this is my second time here.

"Being here helped me to really decide what I wanted to do and some of the seminars gave me some ideas that I can use at my high school paper," said Ryan Martin, a junior from Parkland High School.

Brian Best contributed to this story.

SGA president focuses on leadership

Reidsville native emphasizes the need for civic involvement

By KEVIN McCRAE
Register Contributor

Nikkita Mitchell is now well into her term as president of the Student Government Association for the 2000-2001 school year.

Mitchell, a senior economics major, is from Reidsville. She graduated from Reidsville High School in 1997. During her high school career, Mitchell was very active among many student organizations and clubs, yet she was able to maintain a high GPA in school, while cheerleading at athletic events. Mitchell's GPA propelled her into A&T in 1997 with a full academic scholarship.

"Ever since I have been at A&T, I have run for some type of position," said Mitchell. "I was a senator my freshman year, and I was class president my sophomore and junior year."

Mitchell said she did not run for SGA president in her previous years because



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

NIKKITA MITCHELL

of the love she had for her class of 2001.

"Being SGA president is a great

honor," said Mitchell, "but the title speaks for itself."

Mitchell said her job allows her to appoint people to office, and it entitles her to inform the student body.

Not long before the Nov. 7 election, she expressed concern about getting out the Aggie vote.

"We are constantly called 'sleeping Aggies' because we never have a large turn-out of voters for the United States presidential campaign," said Mitchell. "We have an opportunity to hold a large amount of votes due to the fact that we have two precincts, GO5 A&B."

Mitchell turned to Kim Jones, A&T's voter registration chair and NAACP president, for help in a registration drive that signed up more than 2,200 new voters.

"Kim Jones is a wonderful person," said Mitchell. "She helps me out a lot with getting students registered to vote."

Jones returned the praise. "Nikkita has some wonderful tactics in leading the SGA," she said, noting her "great decision-making skills."

Mitchell said the job of SGA president comes with many responsibilities, one being part of the Board of Trustees.

"It is a honor to be able to sit on the Board of Trustees because it just recently started accepting students to sit on the board," said Mitchell. "The Board of Trustees is the biggest decision-making group on A&T's campus."

Mitchell, who hopes to attend law school after graduation, reflected on her role.

"I have a lot of power on campus, but I cannot become overwhelmed by it," she said. "The reason I ran for president is not for power, but to make a difference, and with my leadership skills I knew I could."

Plans being made for proceeds of bond issue

By DIJON ROLLE
Register Staff Writer

Now that North Carolina voters have passed the \$3.1 billion dollar education bonds, many are wondering what will happen next and how will it affect the students at N.C. A&T.

A&T is expected to receive a percentage of its \$153 million dollar share early next year and the money will be distributed as it is needed.

However, several projects are already underway.

Recently, Andrew M. Perkins Jr., university engineer, discussed the changes about to take place at the university and the impact that the bonds would have on the future of A&T.

According to Perkins, there are three major projects that will be first on the agenda: Acquiring land to expand the university, building a general classroom building and laboratory that will house the business school and the college of arts and sciences, and renovating the second floor of Dudley Hall.

All of these projects are set to begin construction this coming spring.

"We're trying to start all three of these projects simultaneously, so that we can

get an aggressive start on our construction program and make the most of these bonds" said Perkins.

Another big project under way is the \$26 million dollar replacement of Scott Residence Hall. Scott is the largest residence hall on campus and is also in the worst condition.

Renovations for several other dorms are also planned. However, the university intends to address its major concerns such as adequate housing space and chemistry facilities first.

All construction and improvements are expected to take between five to eight years to complete.

Approval for the bonds appeared to be high within the state and on A&T's campus with 73 percent of North Carolinians voting to pass them.

A large percentage of students have also expressed their support.

"I'm extremely happy that the bonds went through; our school is in need of a lot of improvements, and even though I won't be here to see most of them, as a true Aggie, I want the best for our university" said Kim Levi, a junior marketing major from Charlotte.

"I voted for the bonds and I really

want to see them work on the housing situation first off. I know that we need other things, but students also need somewhere to stay... we need more dorms now," said Jason Johnson, a history major from Winston-Salem.

"I think that this is a very exciting time

for the educational system within the UNC system as well as for the state of North Carolina," Perkins commented.

The bonds are set to fund improvements and additions throughout the state of North Carolina's 16 public universities and 59 community colleges.

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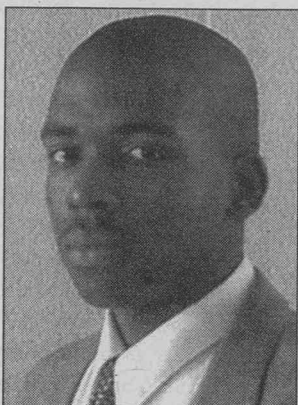
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Love makes the world go 'round

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
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The weather's changing, leaves are falling, and the smell of collard greens, corn bread, and sweet potato pie looms in the air.

It's that time of the year. To see family you haven't seen in months, for some of us years. It's that time of the year when you reflect on the past months, and say dang it was just January. Where does the time go?

What is it about the holidays that just gets everyone talking about Uncle Joe who doesn't have a job, but always has money. Or Aunt Janice who won't ever stop talking about how she needs a "good" man somebody who will quote, unquote "rock her world." What is this season really about?

It's about love, it's about memories, it's about giving. Giving thanks for the many things we take for granted. Giving thanks for the new friends we've made this semester who have impacted our lives in way we'll never be able to express far beyond the eight-letter phrase. Giving thanks for life. Most of all this time of the year is a time to put things into perspective.

To examine yourself, and the people and things around you. Look at where you've come, and where you're headed. What you were and what you've become. For some, first-time Aggies. For others, lawyers and engineers, or actors and writers. But for all, a new beginning. A new beginning to change what's twisted, to right the wrong, and to share love.

Whether it's Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, or tomorrow, love is what makes this world go 'round. Love is what brings us together to give thanks for what our ancestors have done, and what God has done and is continuing to do in our lives. Love goes far beyond Feb. 14 or any holiday. It's seen in the faces of our loved ones, and it's felt through their embraces.

I look back on Aug. 21, the beginning of this semester, and say we've come a long way. We still don't have a president but that's okay, I think we all want to keep President Clinton in that seat for as long as possible. There's nothing like true friendship or true companionship between you and another. There's nothing like a smile, or a simple "hello" to brighten someone's day.

This holiday season and every holiday season go beyond the regular gifts and spread a gift that is certain to put a smile on a young one's face, or stir the echoes of laughter. This is the time of the year to spread love.

Something my grandmother always told me, and has stuck with me throughout my life is that the greatest gift one can give in the gift of love. It's just like MasterCard, priceless.

20 QUESTIONS

By DIJON ROLLE

- How much longer will it be before somebody finally figures out who the new president is?
- Why can't "Bill" (the current president) just stay in office a while longer?
- Didn't it seem like everything but the "civil rights museum" bond passed?
- What's up with Judge Frye not being re-elected?
- Why is it that the folks who didn't even vote... have the nerve to complain about the outcome?
- Why does the snack machine in Gibbs always look empty?
- Who still hasn't heard that remix for Ludacris's "What's Your Fantasy"?
- Why wasn't "Lil Kim" on it? Could it be because of that "supposed" beef between her and Foxy Brown?
- How many of us have been so stressed lately, we've thought about taking an extended "break" from school?
- Which of the following reasons prevented you from quitting
 - The thought of your parents killing you.
 - The thought of paying back all those loans.
 - Realizing that you'd be forced to get a real job.
- The thought of no more "refund checks."
- Why do some residence halls still have up their "Homecoming decorations" in the lobby?
- Excluding Mary J. Blige...aren't we tired of seeing girls walking around with messed-up "flips"?
- Aren't we glad that it's almost Thanksgiving?
- Don't you remember back in the day when you used to trace your hand and made "hand turkeys" out of construction paper in elementary school?
- Are you scared that you won't know how to act when you get to eat some "real food" at Thanksgiving?
- How many of us actually noticed that they tore down Gamble (residence hall)?
- How many of us are mad because we can't park down that street anymore?
- Why is it that when you tell people you're going to Wal-Mart, they want to give you a whole list and a half of things to get (for them)?
- How many people still haven't registered for classes next semester?
- How many people don't care because they're not coming back anyway?

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Guest Commentary

What a thief takes, and what really hurts

By CRYSTAL MCCOY
Accounting Major

What constitutes hurt? What causes emotional pain? Is it the fact that some asinine fool stole from you? Is it possible that the reason is because your significant other left your side and as a result left you alone?

What if I propose something totally different? If you give me your eyes and your mind for a few moments, I will show you that none of the situations I have mentioned are the reason for pure hurt and emotional pain.

Possessions mean a lot to humans, especially Americans. We tend to value that which we work for, but if those possessions that we worked for some how ended up destroyed or missing we wouldn't be hurt, we would be upset. Anger would be the emotion that we would show.

Really, now, have you ever wondered when some one gets robbed, why it is that they cry? Well, I can tell you that it is not because that person is so mad they have to cry. No, it is because they were emotionally disturbed.

My house was robbed when I was about 8. The robber broke in through a window and headed towards the kitchen.

His whole intention was to kill my brother, sister, and I. While rummaging

through the drawers to find a knife, my mother attacked him. It startled him and they began to fight. After the fight, he fled.

He didn't get anything but a child's wallet, containing a single dollar, and my family's sense of security.

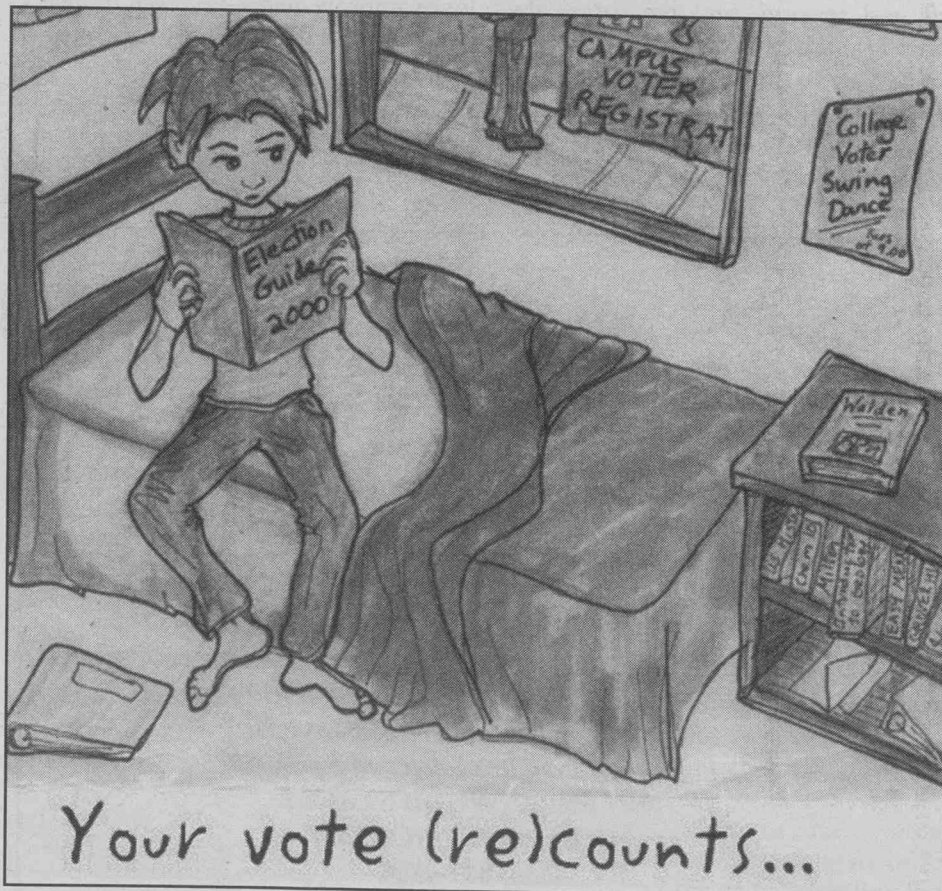
When someone's sense of security has totally been ripped from them, they no longer feel safe. The wallet that that man took was the actual possessions and amounted to nothing compared the emotional pain that my family suffered.

He was later arrested in his home. The police told us that he had just gotten out of the shower and he acted as if he knew nothing about it. It is evident to me that he was at peace about what he did. His self-security was intact while my family's suffered immensely.

Physical things are easily replaceable but when you tamper with someone's mental state, emotional hurt sets in.

If you get robbed you can replace those material things. If your girlfriend or boyfriend leaves, you can replace them too.

That's why I suggest that hurt has nothing to do with what is replaceable. Emotional pain has to do with the fact that something was taken that cannot be replaced. A sense of security and joy are things that if they are once taken, leave permanent scars.



This editorial cartoon, courtesy of the National Environmental Wire for Students, is by Christina Lea Larson, a recent Stanford graduate who freelances as a cartoonist in Washington, D.C.

Phi Beta Sigmas stress brotherhood

By KEVIN McRAE
Register Contributor

Now an international brotherhood of over 105,000 men from the Caribbean, Germany and Africa to the Philippines, Switzerland and the United States, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has stood the test of years.

The blueprints for this new fraternity were laid down in 1913. The fraternity was formally founded and chartered at Howard University in 1914, but the local Eta Chapter of A&T was not founded until 1915. Three young men, A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse and Charles I. Brown, organized the now-global entity called Phi Beta Sigma, incorporated at a local YMCA.

The founders wished to create an organization that viewed itself as "part of" rather than "apart from" the general community; believing that each potential member should be judged on his merits rather than his family background or affluence, without regard of race, nationality, color of skin or texture of his hair.

"We are not looking for a specific amount of brothers, but we are looking for brothers with quality. Numbers do not matter, it is all about the quality," said A&T Sigma William Dudley.

Phi Beta Sigma, founded upon the principles of brotherhood, service and scholarship, has remained a force in the African-American community.

Brotherhood was really represented this past spring when brother Shane and Sean Reaves successfully pledged together. Not only did they "cross"

together but they are the first twins to do so in the history of Phi Beta Sigma. Natives of Greensboro, they graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1998.

Shane entered A&T and became a computer science major, while his brother, Sean became a chemical engineering major. The twins are both maintaining GPAs higher than a 3.2.

"It was special because Shane and Sean chose Phi Beta Sigma as a unit, and that is a lifetime commitment," said A&T Sigma Tyrone Aikens.

Dudley said, "The brothers truly showed brotherhood by choosing the frat."

Through its three national programs, Bigger and Better Business, Social Action and Education has become a well-known fraternity.

"The Sigmas take part in many activities such as score for charity at every football game, date rape self-awareness in Barbee Hall, and we also give an endowed book scholarship to incoming freshman in the name of Henry Goldston (last Phi Beta Sigma advisor)," said advisor David Miller, an A&T graduate who now teaches at Dudley.

"Phi Beta Sigma stood out to me because I saw that they went above and beyond; since I was student body president and the time that I pledged I looked to see which organizations was most community-oriented and that is how I chose to be a Sigma," said Miller.

In the 1930s and '40s Phi Beta Sigma focused on the issue of racism. The group was instrumental in establishing

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Tyrone Aikens

national and state anti-lynching legislation.

"The mindset of some of the Sigmas that I met helped me make my decision to pledge Sigma. We as a people need to overcome racism and the Sigmas have made gigantic steps toward that in the past," said Bryant Suitte.

Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta are constitutionally bound brother-sister African-American Greek letter organization. In 1995, they became the only African-American fraternity and sorority to support and also sponsor the Million Man March.

Phi Beta Sigma was the first black Greek organization to establish chapters in Africa, and it is often called the fra-

ternity of African presidents, princes, and kings.

Miller said the group takes pride in having a unique link with African culture.

"I love being a Sigma because I feel like a king or someone of great prestige," said former A&T football player and Sigma, Jamaica Barnette.

He said he chose the organization because of the brotherhood and some of his teammates were Sigma, said Barnette.

"Destiny is why I chose Phi Beta Sigma," said Aikens. "I knew that my life was upside down until a few of my high school teachers took me aside in school one day to help me. I did not realize that people would care about me like they did.

"I later found out that those teachers were Sigmas, so I felt if Sigmas can do that for me then, I want to be a Sigma so I can help someone in the future."

Special hours set at Bluford Library

All of us who have taken final exams know that the stress involved can be somewhat overwhelming. Bluford Library tries to do its part during this stressful time by operating on an extended 24-hour schedule for two weeks.

The 24-hour schedule dates are Sunday, Dec. 3 - Thursday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 10 - Thursday, Dec. 14.

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The Register

Backstage with 'Black Nativity'

Richard B. Harrison Players reveal what goes into their upcoming play

By TRINA LOGAN
Register Contributor

"Black Nativity," a Richard B. Harrison Players production, is performed every year towards the holidays. Each production has its own flavor, as the directors, operators, performers and designers will agree.

"Black Nativity" takes a different spin this year with new director and A&T graduate Lucky Miller.

"The show varies in clothing from traditional to African motif. The music takes a different approach this year from spiritual to an urban contemporary movement and dance," Miller said.

He pointed out that the Richard B. Harrison Players have won two national titles for their theatrical work. "In 1999, the theater team won the Kennedy Center American Theater College Festival award for best full-length production in America. Over 800 productions were judged including productions from Ivy League schools.

"We have future superstars. Catch a rising star; see them now with phenomenal talent," he said.

Jeffrey Richardson is the lighting designer for "Black Nativity." This will be his fifth year working with the production.

"You have to adjust the lighting differently towards the new show," he said. "I hope that the support A&T is showing in the theater department will spill over in the local community."

Miller added, "Professor Jeffrey Richardson is a genius that creates spectacular lighting and it is something special to see."

Jared Boyd is a rising junior and the musical director for "Black Nativity." He has been a RBH player since 1998 when he first joined the department. Last year he worked with the costumes. The year before that he was a singer. Now he has blossomed into the music director.

"Most of the arrangements are new and some are familiar. I wanted to expand from the early spirituals to hip-hop. I wanted a little something for everyone," he said. "It has been a real treat to pursue my passion and to be guided by Mr. Lucky among others."

This is the sixth "Black Nativity" production for Suz Latham, an assistant professor who is currently the costume designer. In Act 1 she plans to have the actors wear various African wraps, cloths, collars and wristbands. Act 2 takes the story from slavery to modern-day church.

She is using bags for the slaves' clothing and suits and dresses for the church scene, opposed to last year's costuming of robes.

"Being from up North, I really enjoy doing the



Trina Logan/Register Contributor

Costume designer Suz Latham (left) helps Mela Clivens get into her costume for the production.

show. It's the biggest show as far as the number of students, and plus I enjoy Christmas stuff," she said.

Keon Speller, set designer, created an African village scene as the play opens.

"The opening act will consist of drum sets, different tree stumps, the floor will be painted to look like the grass," he said.

"The second act will be the church scene and the lights will go up. There will be a row for the congregation, choir stand, platforms, pulpit in the middle,"

he continued. The village will become a church through props that can be moved on and off the stage easily.

Bernadette Davis is the sound operator and a senior here at A&T.

"Working with the soundboard is not easy — it is hard work," she said. "You have to make sure the singers hear themselves because the musicians overpower the singers.

"Mr. Richardson and Kierron Robinson are helping me through this experience. They have been good teachers through this production. I advise anyone to come and work with equipment, lots of money in light and sound. Come out and volunteer."

Robinson, an A&T graduate, is working with the technical side of the production.

Shayla Thompson is a junior and the stage manager. "I was a dancer for two years in this production. This year I am getting more of a directorial aspect behind Lucky."

Eric McBroom and Zonya Johnson are juniors at A&T and performers in the production. This is their third year working with "Black Nativity" and they both agreed that it is different.

"The process and the vision are different from the beginning to the end. The audience will get the spiritual message," Johnson said. "The first act I play a griot, which tells the story as if it is happening now. I will be informing the audience of past events.

"I play a contemporary church minister in the second scene. For me it took a lot of focus to portray a minister."

McBroom plays the part of Joseph. "He is a leader in the village that keeps the warriors in check. I guide them so that the only thing the women should worry about is raising kids," he said. "In the second act, I am apart of the four-member choir, which sings 'Send It On Down,' a song that speaks to me with Zonya leading."

"Black Nativity" will be presented in the Paul B. Robeson Theater Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

"The feeling that you'll get before you leave 'Black Nativity' will be the true meaning of Christmas," said director Miller.

The word I heard...

By MIA S. ROSS
Register Staff Writer

Debbie Mathers-Briggs, or maybe you just know her as the mother of Eminem has her own album entitled "ID-X" intended to send her son a message, has song such as "Dear Marshall," and "Set the Record Straight." I guess he shouldn't have said so much about

Ma-dukes, huh?

A collaboration of songs is being put together for Big Pun's album entitled "Endangered Species."

This album will feature unreleased material and cuts from the rapper's two studio albums.

This album is expected to be released in February.

Don't forget to check out the Jingle Ballers concert featuring Juvenile, Lil' Wayne, Lil' Kim, Trick and Trina at Greensboro Coliseum on Nov. 25.

'The Grinch' is 'Unbreakable'

Box office adds great movies for the Thanksgiving holiday

By MIA S. ROSS
Register Staff Writer

So do you want to know how the Grinch stole Christmas? Well, take a trip to Whoville and find out. The always-controversial Jim Carrey brings the world yet another zany remake of a Christmas tale that we loved as kids.

In case you forgot: "How Grinch stole Christmas" is about a wonderfully perfect town of Whoville, where just north of the establishment, a certain cave-dwelling gremlin peers down on the Christmas-adoring Whos.

The Grinch is absolutely tired of the Yuletide carolers as they prepare for Christmas.

So why is the Grinch so obsessed with hating Christmas? Who knows, surely even his only faithful companion Max cannot answer that question. But one thing is for certain, with an expression that goes from bad to worse and then to

a contagious lip-curling grin, the Grinch gets the idea to do something about this annoyingly happy holiday once and for all.

The Grinch puts on his Santa suit and takes a trip to Whoville, where he meets little Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen). The Grinch also meets her father, the postmaster Lou (Bill Irwin), her Mom Betty (Molly Shannon), who is really involved in trying to beat Martha May Whovier (Christine Baranski) in the Whobilation lighting competition.

So I invite you to join Cindy Lou Who as she tries to find out exactly why the mayor of Whoville, Mayor May Who (Jeffrey Tambor), thinks the Grinch is so blasphemous.

'Unbreakable'

So here is the scenario: You are the

only survivor of a train accident and you don't quite know how it happened.

Well, that's exactly the story of David Dunn (Bruce Willis), a character who is uncomfortable in his own life.

He hasn't found what it is he is meant to do in the world and is drifting. When he steps onto that train he has no idea where he is going in his life and has hit rock bottom.

When the train crashes he can start to hear what has called him, the thing that before in his life he had ignored. This time, he follows it to find out what it means.

So, he is now sent on this journey to find out that he is in fact a very special person in the world. He finds out what his life truly means.

With the help of a stranger, Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson) he gets the explanation for which he has been looking.



David Dunn (Bruce Willis) talks to Elijah Price (Samuel L. Jackson) about his gift.

Late rally dooms A&T at Delaware

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Writer

DOVER, Dela. -- The Aggies football team's hopes of a second straight MEAC title were shaken severely as it fell to unheralded Delaware State by a score of 46-45.

The Aggies looked to be well in command during the Nov. 4 contest, but lost momentum and eventually lost the game.

With the Aggies ahead 45-27, DSU seemed to be deflated, but a flurry of big plays turned the momentum in DSU's favor.

Most impressively, DSU scored 25 of its 46 points in the fourth quarter, including 19 points in the final three minutes of the game. All of this was against the nation's top defense. DSU quarterback Rahsaan Matthews completed 18 of 36 passes for 276 yards and a school record six touchdowns.

On the other sideline, a couple of Aggies set school records as QB Keith Matkins passed for 327 yards and wide-out Steve Shipp caught six passes for a school record 183 yards.

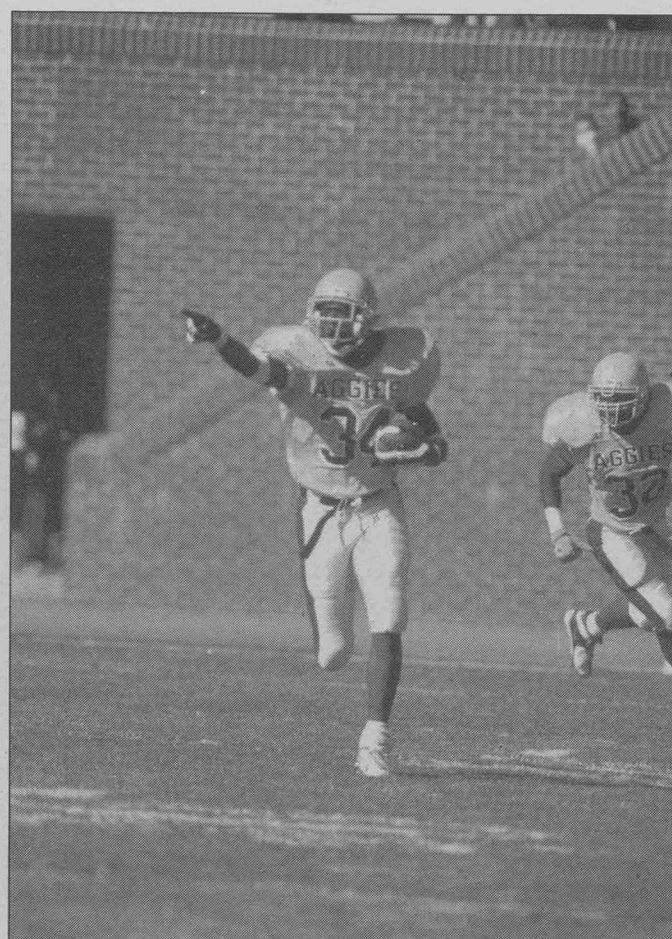
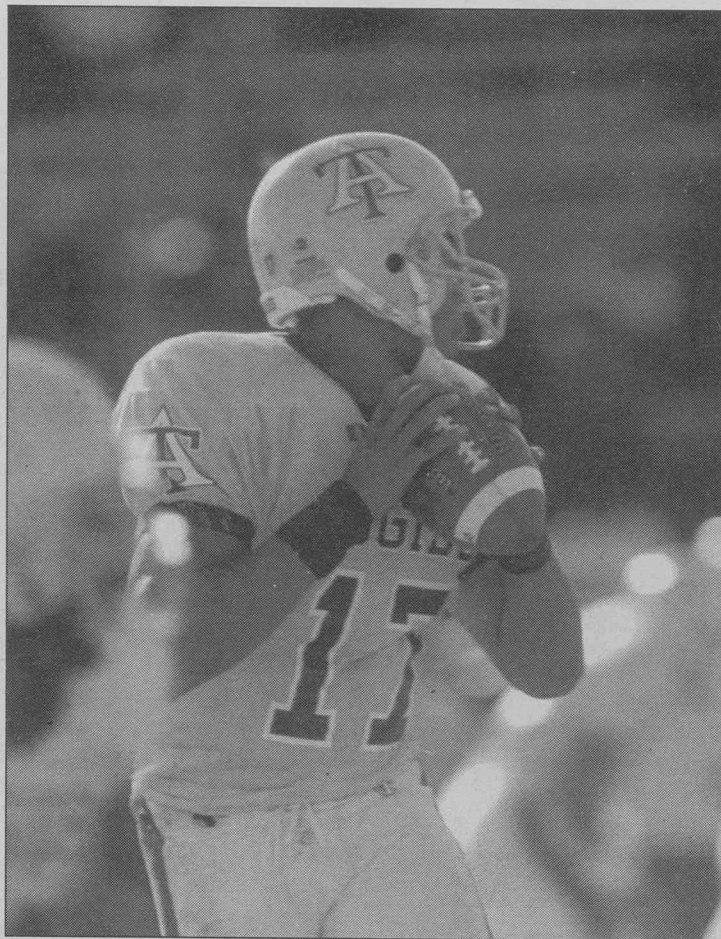
A&T's emerging star running back Maurice Hicks rushed for 113 yards, pushing his streak to five consecutive 100-or-more yard performances.

A&T's 500-yard offensive performance wasn't enough, though.

"This game was wild and one we wanted badly," said DSU QB Rahsaan Matthews. "Even when we were down by 18 in the fourth quarter, I felt we could come from behind to win the game and that's what we did. We never gave up."

With the score 45-39 late in the fourth quarter, Delaware State attempted an onside kick and recovered. A few plays later, DSU would score the touchdown and take the victory.

"We are very disappointed by this loss," said A&T Coach Bill Hayes. "This is a game we let slip away from us."



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

Quarterback Keith Matkins (left) goes back for another pass in the Hampton game, after setting a new school record in the loss to Delaware State. At right, defensive back Curtis DeLoatch points the way up field.

Aggies hold off Hampton Pirates to quench their hopes for title

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Staff Writer

HAMPTON, Va. — Before a crowd of just over 10,000 at Armstrong Field, the N.C. A&T Aggies football team held off a determined Hampton Pirates team, beating them 31-28 to end their hopes of a MEAC championship.

But Bethune-Cookman's win over

Howard, 35-0, also ended the Aggies' hopes for a second consecutive title.

For the second consecutive week, A&T jumped out to a large lead only to fall behind late in the game. This time, however, the Aggies rallied to win.

They ran out to an early 21-0 lead, but a collapse caused them to fall behind 28-21 late in the fourth quarter on a 68-yard touchdown strike from Hampton quarterback Ataveus Cash to wideout Vernon Woodson.

A&T would regroup and tie the game at 28 with four minutes remaining on a four-yard touchdown run by tailback Maurice Hicks.

The Pirates would get a chance to win but A&T's defense held them, forcing a three-and-out and giving the Aggies a chance to win. With 1:24 remaining, A&T would start their drive at the Pirate 35-yard line and with just 16 seconds remaining, Aggie place kicker Darren Dawkins booted in the game-winning 29-yard field goal to propel the Aggies to victory.

"We jumped out at them early but then put ourselves in a hole later in the game," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "We were able to recover and get the victory, though."

The Aggies "D" held the MEAC's top offensive player, Hampton tailback Montrell Coley, in check as he was unable to be consistent.

The biggest star in this game, however, was Aggie tailback Maurice Hicks. Hicks has continued to turn heads and emerge as a legitimate star in the MEAC. He rushed for a game high and school record 259 yards and two touchdowns to boost his season total to 1,134 yards and nine touchdowns in just 184 carries. His 1,134 yards ranks him second in the MEAC, trailing only Hampton's Coley.

MEAC standings

College	Overall	Conference
1. FAMU	8-2	6-1
2. Bethune C.	9-1	6-1
3. NCAT	7-3	5-2
4. Hampton	6-4	4-3
5. Delaware St.	6-4	4-3
6. Howard	3-7	3-4
7. Norfolk St.	3-7	2-5
8. S.C. St.	3-7	2-5
9. Morgan St.	1-9	0-7

RUSHING LEADERS

	Yards	TDs
HAMP. - Montrell Coley	1,329	25
NCAT - Maurice Hicks	1,134	9
SCSU - Chad Eaddy	1,028	12
DSU - Grayland King	1,027	10
MSU - Ali Culpepper	851	7

PASSING LEADERS

	Yards	TDs	INTs
FAMU - Quinn Gray	2,399	21	5
DSU - Rahsaan Matthews	2,104	28	13
HAMP. - Ataveus Cash	1,487	12	10
Howard - Bobby Townsend	1,216	12	6
SCSU - Avery Bowden	1,091	7	7

RECEIVING LEADERS

	Catches	Yards	TDs
FAMU - Jacquay Nunally	83	951	8
SCSU - Monte Stokes	52	879	4
DSU - Albert Horsey	48	803	9
HAMP. - Zuriel Smith	45	798	4
DSU - Darneri McCants	34	604	17

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