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SGA deals with student issues

BY DION ROILLE Register Staff

The third full-body meeting of the A&T Student Government Association included discussion on topics ranging from an environmental program to post-Homecoming details.

SGA President Nickia Mitchell praised A&T students for helping to get the education bonds passed. She also thanked the staff, students and faculty who helped with the massive voter registration drive on campus. A&T had the second-highest voter registration in the nation.

"We should all be proud of our university. We helped make history," said Mitchell.

The SGA president and her staff have been working with officials at auxiliary services to make improvements for students. These include:

* Having coat and hat racks installed in the annex;
* Providing 20-ounce beverage cops for students;
* Having pizza served once every three weeks;
* Having breakfast available from 7:30-9 a.m. during the week in the Aggie Den;
* Extending the hours for the Aggie Den;
* And cracking down on food fights in the area.

The food fights have become a major concern, and officials are checking into having video cameras in the area and posting police officers to catch perpetrators.

Mitchell urged students to raise their voices for any issues with feedback about any of the campus eateries.

Another hot topic of discussion was the completion of the parking lot behind Holland Hall. The lot is still under construction, and work to be completed by the end of the year.

Mitchell has also been working with campus police to address issues such as the shortage of police officers on campus, tolerance of drug use on campus and improved traffic control during Homecoming and other major events.

Mitchell and her staff are making plans for the coming semester, including a Black College Day tentatively scheduled for March 24.

Nashett Garrett, SGA chief of staff, who detailed activities in her office, is the head of the "Aggies in the Capital" student lobbyist program. The group has been working on several issues such as police conduct, standard professor exams and other areas of interest to students. She is also working on a high school prep program that will have A&T students from all departments in area high schools early next year.

She noted that a toy drive is being sponsored through Dec. 8.

Nicole Walington, Miss A&T 2000-2001, has been busy with several activities and adjusting to her role as queen. She thanked the students and faculty for their support.

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Commuters say privacy is worth the hassles

BY ARION S. RICHARDSON Register Staff

Why do most N.C. A&T students prefer to stay off campus and commute? In 1990 there were 6,515 students enrolled at A&T. Of those students, 973 were commuters and 5,542 were residents on campus. By 1999, enrollment had increased to 7,442 students. Of those students, 4,499 were commuters and the remaining 2,943 lived on campus.

The percentage of commuter students enrolled at A&T has not changed over the decade, remaining at approximately 60 percent.

Lommi Lindsay, a senior majoring in business finance, said she has never stayed on campus. Lindsay, a Greensboro native, lives with his parents and his younger brother on Guilford College Road. It takes him approximately 20-25 minutes to get to the A&T campus.

He said the biggest advantage to staying off campus was not being in the campus environment too much.

Lindsey believes one of the biggest disadvantages to staying off campus is access to a computer and parking. "It's a hassle. When they arrived, the residence hall staff wouldn't allow that residents could come to the lobby to buy their food. But this service ended earlier this fall, as a result of complaints from another restaurant and concern that the food sales violated a contract the university has with its food service provider."

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Domino's delivery man Karl Lovette gets ready to deliver, but he won't be going to A&T unless called upon.

Friendly faces are now a phone call away

BY JASON BOYD Register Contributing Editor

Students living in A&T residence halls have made friends with men from two local restaurants over the pizza and egg rolls that became staples of their diets.

For the past three years Karl Lovette from Domino's and Andy Chen from Grand China made it their goal to provide friendly, quality food service by making unsolicited deliveries to the dorms. When they arrived, the residence hall staff wouldn't allow that residents could come to the lobby to buy their food.

But this service ended earlier this fall, as a result of complaints from another restaurant and concern that the food sales violated a contract the university has with its food service provider.

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Tuition takes another hike

BY WILLIAM C. DAVIS II Register Contributing Editor

The UNC Board of Governors approved a 4 percent tuition increase for the 2001-2002 school year at each of the 16 universities.

This systemwide act must be approved by the N.C. General Assembly before it can be implemented. Last year's increase was 2.1 percent.

The 4 percent increase will only apply to the in-state undergraduate and graduate tuition. At A&T, the tuition increase will mean an extra $39 a year for in-state undergraduate and $41 from graduate students. Out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students will have the same dollar increase as the in-state students, which equates to a 3.5 percent tuition increase.

"We are pleased with the moderate increase because we feel that our students would be able to afford it," said
Helping the homeless

By T.J. Moore

Thousands of dollars in donations and a lot of public awareness were the goals as the Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. held an annual sleepout for the homeless on Dec. 1.

The Sigma, along with community organizations, slept out each December on the Zeta Phi Beta Sigma plot — tolerating the conditions that people in Greensboro’s homeless community face on an everyday basis. The event also recognizes organizations that provide shelter and care to homeless families and individuals.

In its 10th year, the sleepout for the homeless always seems to affect people and make them realize that there are less fortunate people in the world by its graphic simulation of the living conditions for the homeless. The Sigma does this by choosing the cold and windy condition.

“We pick the coldest night of the year, so we have to endure the cold and winds,” said Tyrone Aiken, a member of Phi Beta Sigma. "Joining Phi Beta Sigma and their effort to bring attention to the issue of homelessness in the Triad is the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

Over the last 14 years, the Greensboro Urban Ministry has served over one million of the Triad’s homeless. Just last year, the ministry served 200,000 people.

These statistics reveal two things: the homelessness situation in Greensboro continues to stagnate and the ministry is just what this project needs.

According to the ministry’s statistics, the main demographics of the homeless are the elderly and black men, 10 percent of women with children.

With this in mind, Phi Beta Sigma knew it had a role in the Greensboro Urban Ministry to fight this situation.

Phi Beta Sigma had the mission to be the leading proactive community service organization that focused on those issues that affect African-American males,” said Aiken.

“We recognized that we needed more services outside of A&T because our impact on our community could be better.”

The event is expected to garner thousands of dollars in food, clothing and other donations to benefit the Greensboro Urban Ministry.

SGA

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making this year’s coronation so successful. Currently, Washington is working on her new SGA program, a student-governed, grandparent, holiday activities and the Empty Stocking Fund in Guilford County. She is looking for volunteers to assist in these activities.

Attorney General Kimberly Cole reported that Windsor had been 19 robberies of homes and buildings over the past year nearby.

However, the noted that the majority of these incidents were committed by individuals who did not attend the university.

Brian Johnson, vice president of internal affairs and student senate, announced that the senate was working on new two-peace of legislation.

One of them would require the GPA requirement for Miss A&T from 2.5 to 3.0.

Treasurer Terrielle Robinson briefed the students on the money spent and revenue generated during Homecoming. The SGA spent $50,700.31 for this year’s activities, staying within its projected budget and breaking even this year.

However, a hop, hop music conference that was held in Philadelphia over the weekend affected this year’s Homecoming concert.

The Homecoming concert is our main money-maker … yet it posed a dilemma for many artists because in order for them to continue to have their music played in Philadelphia and receive airplay anywhere else, it was in their best interest to attend,” said Robinson.

Vice President of External Affairs Shannon Canady provided additional details and figures from Homecoming.

Guest speaker Dr. Godfrey A. Uzochukwu, a professor and director of the Waste Management Institute, spoke briefly on his work.

The WMI offers certificates to any undergraduate student who completed the 18.20 hours in environmental and waste management courses.

“We encourage all students, no matter what your major is, to participate in this program,” said Uzochukwu. ‘Having knowledge about environmental concerns and issues will only enhance the skills that you already have in your chosen field’

Currently, the Waste Management Institute is working on a five-year, $18 million project designed to find ways to replace water with carbon dioxide in industrial processes.

The research will help reduce water use and commercial pollution. N.C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill and the University of Texas at Austin are also collaborating on this project.

For information on current and future SGA activities, please call the SGA office at 334-7820.

For more information on the Waste Management Institute, call Leon Lovette in the Carver Annex at 334-7034.

The next SGA meeting will be scheduled in January.

FACES

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Lovette, the unit manager of the Sigma’s at 584 E. Rosemary Ave., was responsible for the Dominos’ deliveries. He would sell one-topping pizzas at the door for $5.

“I have been working for Dominos for 17 years. I first started this practice in Detroit, when I would make runs to Wayne State and Detroit College,” said Lovette. “I moved to Greensboro in 1993, and I started doing the same thing here at A&T. Everybody wins. We sell the pizzas, and the students save money.”

Students like Shantell Eggleton often benefited from Dominos’ deliveries. “I like Dominos because it was cheap, and a change from the same old cafe food,” Eggleton said.

The student was not the only ones who appreciated the pizzas. “Kad is really a nice guy,” said Scott B Hall director of marketing at Dominos. “For instance, if he brought 10 pizzas to sell to the students, then he would bring some extra free ones for the students.”

Grand Chins is a family-owned business that has catered to A&T students since opening on 1457 E. Boulevard three years ago. Grand Chins’s delivery’s included meals ranging from sesame chicken and egg rolls, to shrimp fried rice and chicken wings.

“We offer a lot of things on our student discount menus, and we realize that many people don’t have cars,” said Chen. “I get to know people when they first get here as a freshman, and we become and stay friends as the years go on.”

Brian Holder, a sophomore from Bolivia, knows firsthand how nice Chen can be. “Last year I was hungry, and the store was closed. Andy really wanted that it was new I was not from around here, and I did not have a car getting around town,” Holder said.

“He drove me to McDonald’s so I wouldn’t be hungry anymore,” Holder said. “That was really nice of him; I was out of his way. I had something that he didn’t have to do.”

But the random deliveries that made Dominos and Grand Chin so popular with students did not exist anymore. In a Sept. 14 memo, Todd Johnson, director of marketing at Dominos, explained that vendors are no longer able to do this food to A&T unannounced, because it was a violation to the university’s solicitation policy.

“We received complaints from other vendors and customers; I’m sure because Dominos was monopolizing the student consumer market.”

He added, “The solicitation policy states that since we have a contract with Sodexo Marriott, that no other vendor can sell food on campus without being called upon by phone.”

Sodexo Marriott has the contract for food services at the cafeterias and the student union.

The action was prompted by Ali Bib, an A&T alumni managing Golden Pizza on 2278 Golden Gate Drive who believed that Dominos and Grand Chin were using good business practices. “I don’t want to hurt anybody, but everybody has to follow A&T policy,” said Bib. “If Dominos and they have to be stopped.”

One of the main principles in the contract between the university and the business is the law of supply and demand. Dominos and Grand China were the first in this area to meet the demand were using their service to A&T.” I hope we can start making random deliveries again. We were helping the students with their lunch options at the same time,” Lovette said.
TUITION

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Paula Jeffries, assistant vice chancellor, The Board of Governors raises the tuition to help support the state budget, which covers increases in enrollment, increases in the salaries of faculty and staff, improvements on students' access to universities and the modernization of universities as well as other expenses.

Jeffries said that the state is being more lenient on out-of-state students. Out-of-state students will save approximately $300 because of the board's decision, she said. In the past, the tuition increases were the same percentage for both out-of-state students and in-state students.

"Three hundred dollars may not seem like a lot of money, but when you're putting it on top of everything else you have to pay, it is," said Jeffries.

Five North Carolina institutions raised nation last year. This year UNCG has decided to raise their nation above the state mandate of 4 percent. Jeffries says that A&T has decided not to impose a university increase for next year. A&T is concerned with its students' financial situations.

"We are very sensitive to the needs of our students and their ability to pay for college," says Chancellor James Renick. Jeffries says that A&T's decision makes it more competitive and affordable. She says that it could be the difference between whether a student will stay at A&T.

"Even though compared to other states, tuition is low, we need to be careful and make sure that we continue to provide education accessible to our students," said Renick.

PRIVACY

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you don't have a computer you have to go to the computer lab," he said.

Nicole Neal, a senior manufacturing systems major, stays at a location off Cone Boulevard, and said it takes her 15 minutes to get to campus. She said she moved off campus because she did not like dorm life.

"I am a private person. Off campus I have more privacy and space," Neal said.

She that there were some disadvantages to staying off-campus, such as dealing with a car that is questionable. Another disadvantage, she said, was having extra expenses that you don't think about when you are on campus because everything is already pre-paid.

"I also said parking was a big issue. I have to park by Forest Grove because I do not have a parking sticker," Neal said.

Petrina Lyons, a junior majoring in business education/administrative systems, used to stay on campus. Now she lives off-campus with three other students.

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Changes to The Register will blow your mind

BY RANDY ST. CLAIR
Editor-in-Chief

The dawn of a new student newspaper is upon you. Starting Jan. 29, 2003, you will see a revamped and remodeled newspaper, and you’ll see it more often.

The Register is moving from a bi-weekly publication to a weekly publication, giving you what you want, whether it be sports, news, or entertainment. We’re also redesigning the newspaper so not only will we read like an award-winning paper but we’ll look like one, too. It’s assured to make you, the reader, even more pleased and impressed with the publication.

We thought that we’d be in the new year with a bang.

Don’t worry, we won’t get ridiculously cranky with it, but you can expect to see a new front page with stylish design, and eye-popping features. More on-campus and off-campus entertainment, more community news, and more student features are other things that will capture your interest.

What The Register is trying to create is a newspaper that belongs to the students first, and we’re hard about that thing. We want students to have a voice in what’s being printed and what’s not being printed. We also want students to envision The Register as the best paper there is.

As editor-in-chief of The Register, my staff and I share a vision. We want to be noted as the best HBCU student newspaper. Last year, Hampton University was awarded that honor, with Howard University and N.C. Central University right behind them.

In order for us to be the best we need the best. We need you to help us in the revamping of our newspaper. Write letters to us, voice your opinion – you pay tuition, you deserve to be heard. The Register is an outlet for all students to vent, and to assure that the real issues are being reported. We want what you want and when you want it.

I’m excited, for this is not only a great time for the staff of The Register but for all of you who read The Register. We appreciate your dedication to our paper and we want to reward you for it. The best way I know to do that is by printing a newspaper that you can take home to your family and friends to show off. I want you to brag about how good the paper looks and how we cover real issues. The Register is on a higher level and we have no choice but to keep going higher.

We’ve already started taking it to a higher level by creating a website. We will continue to build the site this week and will continue to improve and update it. Now you’ll be able to look back on old issues you missed, and you’ll be able to see more entertainment, and more sports. With the Internet we are able to print as much as we like. A section of the web page is set aside especially for students to voice their opinion in a forum and debate polls.

Reach out to us and we’ll ensure you the best paper A&T ever has had. We take writing personally – hey, it’s our major and it’ll probably be what we do after we leave A&T. And we take what you have to say seriously for we know that you know what matters and what doesn’t.

So call us at registers@ncat.edu and later this week check out our website at www.collegepublishing.com/aggies. I along with the staff look forward to what you have to say, and the ideas you have to give to make that paper the absolute best.

Thank you.

20 QUESTIONS

1. How many times did you eat on Thanksgiving Day?
2. How many of us had to work on Thanksgiving Day?
3. Did you take home more dirty clothes than clean ones?
4. Did you take all the "Tupperware" try to bring back later?
5. Is a member of your family "show off" and embarrass you this Thanksgiving?
6. Why is the heat so hot in Creek Hall?
7. What is it you ask yourself off your paper and cell phone before you go to class?
8. Why is it that the person whose phone is really ringing always turns off your paper and cell phone before you go to class?
9. Has the "Koko" become your best friend this semester?
10. Does the staff know your by name whenever you come in? Can you say "Open 24 Hours?"
11. We know we kinda late on this one but, how could they close the movie theaters at Four Seasons Mall?
12. What happened to the "Bike Cop"?
13. Why were they forever trying to "sell" on people in cars, like they could really catch them if they show off?
14. Why does the "Aggie Den" always have a new "procedure" every time you go in there to get your food?
15. Why do "promoters" always wanna stick their flyers on your car?
16. How many times have those same flyers gotten stuck on your windshield whenever it rained? How many times have you been really to fight those cars (even though you still can’t get it off)?
17. Maybe it’s just us...but don’t we miss Club Sensations just a bit?
18. Why does that man who works in the "College Pantry" always look so mean? How many of us get what we came for and leave quickly? Can you say, "Don’t play around in the CP"?
19. Don’t we all agree that Christmas just wouldn’t be Christmas if you didn’t hear these songs played on the radio?
20. Which of these things would you like for Santa to bring you?
23. A vacant spot in that "closed" class that you really need.
24. A valid parking sticker (so you can stop parking in the cut).
25. Those last few hours you need to graduate.
Lack of housing affects students’ lives

By Walita Campbell

Dr. Campbell is a member of the Class of 2003.

I remember chaos in front of Murphy Hall at the end of spring semester. Students waited in endless lines, hungry, hot, upset, and missing classes trying to find a place to stay for the incoming year.

Many students were given a room, but many other upperclassmen were turned away with these options: find a new place to live, transfer to another college, or drop out of school altogether.

Some students were lucky enough to find a relative or friend to stay with; others decided to continue their education at A&T and found themselves driving through the Apartment Bluebook for a decent apartment within their price range.

It was no surprise to see fellow A&T students at various apartment offices trying to find a place, too. Most students were greeted with, "Hello...are you from A&T? I hear there's no housing over there."

We were shocked that the office representatives knew about the housing situation, and equally a little surprised by the trial to Aggie Pride, but it was business as usual. All the more fulfilling for apartment complexes that boasted that there were "no more apartments available."

The rush to find a place to live was on.

A new place was definitely a nice change — but for most students, getting an apartment meant getting a job to pay for it.

Not having to use the macabre dormitory bathrooms, not being awakened by loud music and not hearing two pairs of feet running up the stairs after 2:00 a.m. were a few of the perks. Having a job to pay for a place to live is a true test of time management: work enough hours to pay the rent, but leave enough hours for studying. Students who aren’t getting money from home find their social lives almost non-existent.

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A&T has created alternatives to make the living on campus a little easier. For example, the Ramada Inn on Elm-Eugene Street was renovated to become the Aggie Inn, an extension of A&T as an off-campus establishment. This is the same reason alternative due to the fact that the Aggie Inn charges more for housing.

The Aggie Inn also has an Aggie Shuttle to transport students to and from campus. It is a great addition for students living at the Aggie Inn, or would be if it only ran on time.

A new fall semester in a new apartment complex means a new job behind the counter of Wendy's — students face transitions affecting their lives negatively or positively. Sad to say, there have been more negative outcomes for students forced to move off the yard.

The struggle to keep the heads and their grades above water has become a greater challenge to most students.

Students living off of the yard realize that those carefree days of being a freshman are long gone. Now, not only are they trying to maintain grades, but trying to balance life as well.
Black Nativity touches audience

Richard B. Harrison Players put on another wonderful performance

**Review by Trina Logan**

Black Nativity was a very exhilarating show. I don't know exactly how the past shows have been directed but what I do know is that this one was incredible. Most holiday productions bring you the same old story the week before Christmas every year. Well, the Richard B. Harrison Players proved to everyone that the chances of that happening with "Black Nativity" are slim to none. Miller Lucky Jr., the director, put together almost a brand-new show with a little something for everyone.

The Pi, comprised of Tenille Fout, Laton Smith and Greg Drumwright, helped the show achieve its musical glory along with the cast and crew. The show opened with Tony Steele, musical director Jatred Boyd, Osei Appagyei and Greg Henders preparing music for the opening of the show. Even though Steele and Boyd have been into music for over 20 years, they still knew what kind of new flavor to bring to this production. Also joining in was 16-year-old Henderson, a junior from Broadfield High School. He, Appagyei and Magnanoffe poured all the musical talent and performance the opening of the show ever.

The musical portion and the performances of the opening of the show overcame the many problems with the sound. The scenery was well-crafted by Kevin Speller. The prologue had a story being told to the church youth by "Sister Erka Boyd" played by Sheling Smith. They were a dynamic opening with "Ay Me Denambe!" People were dancing and singing to celebrate the new arrival. Rondrell McDormick blessed the audience with "We Expect You," while waiting for the birth of Jesus. "No Room," sung by Zonya Johnson, Leland Thompson and Dana Lewis brought captured many laughs from the audience. They sang about how there was no room for Mary and Joseph to have their baby, referring to hotels such as "Embassy, Best get us a room in a Fairfield," and then said there was no room in a "Holt, Haley Scott A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J which really had everyone rolling. During this, Mary and Joseph played by Eric McRae and Latura Godbold, gave a ground breaking performance. They depicted the painful struggle of finding a place for Jesus to be born.

The company showed tremendous energy with dance movements and screams and holes during the birth. The "No God Shall Have Jesus Boy," brought a different side to hip-hop. The performers did just about every old school hip-hop dance, along with their own version of a shepherd's tap song. David Winkins, who played the Shepherd Boy, showed why he will be a future star during his two years as a Richard B. Harrison Player.

"On Go Tell it on the Mountain," the whole audience clapped and sang to the beat. "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," performed by John O, Jovan, Mynachesha Miller and Godbold, closed out Act I with warm hearts by showing the audience the value of a Mother's love. The combination was just enough time to make you cry, begin to gather tissues and start drying your eyes.

The effect of candles, the soothing voice of Jessica Edwards amidst the powerful sermon played by Thompson took "Silent Night" to a new level. Then, Godbold broke out with "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," and then closed with the help of vocalists Fout as the worshipers and congregation entered. "Now Behold the Lord" featured the Harris-Matuz-Dancers, which brought back fond memories of praise and worship on Sunday mornings. The performance was graceful and angelic. James Blocker and the rest of the congregation made clear that right through the weeks of the show, their presence should pull out their tissues.

When Johnson started preaching and the choir started singing, I think everyone jumped into the spirit of Christianity and forgot that this was a production. Her performance was phenomenal.

Johnson and the last closed with "What God Has For Me," "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Joy to the World."

Dancer Sunshine Gay, an A.JTian, said, "by the second act, I felt worn with the slavery, civil rights and contemporary scenes. I don't feel exhausted, though, I just look forward to the next show."

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The final performance is 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Paul Robeson Theatre.

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**Entertainment in brief**

The Live Stock Players youth theater will present the world premier of "Americanism and the Country Opera." Dec. 7-9 at 8 p.m. at the Carolina Theatre.

"Prologue to the Country Opera" is a play about a girl who leaves a promising career and returns to her roots in North Carolina singing backup at the Country Palace.

The Green Hills Center for North Carolina art will be showcasing work at their annual winter show is showcasing work through Dec. 31.

The show features works in all media and from artists across the state. It’s also a good opportunity to buy a piece of artwork for the art lovers in your family.

The Greensboro Ballet will be performing the timeless tale of the Nutcracker on Dec. 9 and 10 at the War Memorial Auditorium in the Greensboro Coliseum complex.

The music will be performed by the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

*Bah Humbug* You got it, Scrooge and Tiny Tim and the rest of the gang will be live at the High Point Theatre, Carolina Theatre and Stevens Center as the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival presents “A Christmas Carol.”

For ticket information call (336) 887-8400.

On Dec. 8 the Carolina Theatre will be showing the 1934 classic film "It’s A Wonderful Life" starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore.

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**Walt Disney lights up the holiday box office**

Many of the starting roles have gone to a variety of top actresses, including a bullmastiff, border terrier, horse and Chinese crested dog. The film features a breakout performance by Waddlesworth, the macon who thinks he’s a dog? So laugh, get mad and rejoice like a kid at "101 Dalmatians."

"The Emperor’s New Groove" is a mythical mountain kingdom, the young Emperor Kuzco rules and becomes too arrogant for his good dog, so is transformed into a llama by his advisor, the devilish diva Yzma.

Stranded in the jungle, Kuzco’s only chance to get back home and reclaim the royal palace is to find a heard peasant named Pacha, Kuzco’s perfect world seems to have the perfect mess. As this most unlikely duo deal

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**Mia S. Ross**

**Magic Tree House**

just when you thought "101 Dalmatians" were too many dogs, they added another one to the litter Cruella De Vil (Glen Close) is back to take care of the little dogs for clothing.

Walt Disney Pictures brings back a wonderful live tale of how good over comes evil. This time Cruella is released from prison on good behavior, vowing that she will have nothing to do with fur ever again. However, she doesn’t keep this promise long and starts scheming on how to get a real authentic Dalmatian coat.

The sudden disappearance of Cruella’s probation officer’s own Dalmatian puppies, namely Pongo and Perdy’s grandchildren, Little Dippers, Domino and Oddball, suggest that all is not as it seems. Cruella also stars Joan Gruffudd as dog shelter owner Kevin, Alice Evans as Cruella’s probation officer, Chloe, and welcomes back Tim McInnery as trusty manservant, Alsono.

In addition to the people, the film adds a host of new animals: Dipstick (son of Pongo and Perdy) and Dottie, their puppies Domino, Little Dippers and Oddball, and the supporting cast of Dalmatian puppies.

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**Snoop Dogg will be releasing his album on Jan. 16. O.K. so I have to clown. Snoop was in McDonald’s signing auto-graphs in Philadelphia and he knew about theruz" One little girl said, "I think America’s Dumbest Criminals should be giving him a call any day now! We all know that Wu-Tang clan’s nothing if not a group with to everybody might want to step aside. Word has come that the group will be in the studio for a reunion on their third album “The W”**
Behind the Scenes

Campbell Hall stalwart has Aggie, military ties

BY SILAS DARDEN
Register Contributor

A hush falls over a usually noisy Campbell Hall. A 6-foot, 235-pound shadow creeps past each door, flicking the lights out and making sure the rooms are locked. It's 6 p.m. on a Friday and the building has long been vacated, but Alonzo Rucker's day isn't over until the job has been done.

Born in and raised in Guilford County, Alonzo James Rucker Sr. graduated from Dudley Senior High School in June of 1965. He recalls a time when the schools weren't integrated. "It was 11th grade," he says. "All the smart kids were bused to Page, but I wasn't."

After graduation, Rucker enlisted in the Marine Corps. In September he was shipped to Okinawa. By August of 1967, Rucker was deployed to Vietnam. "I was stationed at Camp Bacs, (Red Beach) and it hadn't been touched all I got there," Camp Bacs, located in Da Nang, was the largest Marine supply base in Vietnam at the time.

"One day after my first three weeks, me and a buddy had pulled two jeeps beside each other," he recalls. "We heard mortars going off in the distance but next thing we knew, the enemy had rockets going off all around us! Aimed at us!"

It was pandemonium all through out the night. Rucker recalls the dead enemy lined up at the gate: "We wanted to show them they couldn't mess with us.

Rucker ended his active-duty military service shortly before getting married in June 1969. Alonzo Jr. was born soon after, he recalls.

"I got stuck taking care of the child," says Rucker, explaining the marriage only lasted 13 months.

Out of the Corps and out of work, Rucker applied to the local fire, police and sheriff's departments and was turned down by all because of his eye-sight.

"What a way to treat an experienced soldier," he chuckles. After passing the postal exam in 1970, he packed up and moved to Charlotte.

After attending Central Piedmont Community College and a driving a taxi, he was able to transfer to A&T in 1975. But in 1978, the Veteran's Administration inadvertently stopped sending his check for school, and Rucker says he was forced to withdraw as a senior.

While maintaining a part-time job at the Memorial Union, Rucker went back to driving a cab. He continued to drive the cab for 13 years but stopped because of a robbery.

"I picked him up in the Grove. No, it was the Southside. People were around the back of the house talking. He got in and took me way out off Mt. Hoke Road," he says. Rucker explains how he pleaded with the robber to take the money and the cab, but to leave him alone.

"The sheriff's department called the guy with the dogs. I don't know if they ever found him," Rucker says.

After the cab incident, Rucker began working at the Union full time. He stayed for 10 years. "I did some of everything," Rucker says. "They had me driving, setting up tables. You name it, A&T had me do it!"

In the fall of 1993, he was transferred to work in the supply office of Air Force ROTC.

"I had a grin from ear to ear," says Rucker of the day he was transferred. "Now the only people I have to deal with are students."

Rucker says that "Rucker is the coolest goddamn I know," or note how he helps them out.

M. Sgt William Jefferson of the Air Force ROTC considers Rucker to be a great role model for the cadets.

"He's a father figure to all the cadets. He tries to keep them straight," he says. "When they need advice they can go to him. He's also a perfectionist when it comes to uniforms."

Rucker is a man of patience. Although hardly ever recognized, he asks that he be left alone and allowed to do his job.

The first to arrive and the last to leave, Alonzo Rucker's day isn't over until the job has been done.

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Phenomenal Women celebrated on campus

BY BRIAN JOHNSON
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Keeping a tradition by paying hom- age to black women is the purpose of the Zeta Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Each year the Zeta women sponsor a week of activities celebrating the accomplishments of the black woman.

On the first night, the ladies presented Sisterly Love, which was designed as an icebreaker for the series of seminars.

Program participants engaged in a round-table discussion with members of Zeta Phi Beta. Phenomenally Beautiful was the topic for the second part of the series.

A representative from Mary Kay products brought makeover tips. Phenomenally Beautiful was followed up by Lessons of Lady eli

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quiete seminar. Here the ladies learn how to handle bad hair days as well as proper attire for social and professional atmospheres.

The week ended with a Sabotage to Black Women. This was an opportunity to evaluate phenomenal women and their accomplishments.

When asked what was the reason for a Phenomenal Woman Week, Zeta Phi Beta member Natasha Garrett said, "We recognize that sometimes sisters feel as if they have to search in the stars for female role models when they can look next door."

"Moreover, we want sisters to rec-ognize what is phenomenal about each other."

Garrett further stated that a phe- nomenal woman is one who is God-fearing and always knows to put God first in her life and all that she does.

Being bold and daring where also some other characteristics of a phenomenal woman, in Garrett's opinion.

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta feel that the weeklong activities were a success and that every night program participants left with something beneficial.

Moreover, they feel that the pro- grams allowed time for fellowship between women as they empowered each other.

The Phenomenal Women week was just one installment at the programs prepared this year by the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta.

Caldwell named chairman for Music Dept.

Dr. Michael Caldwell has been named chairperson of the Music Department as N.C. A&T.

Caldwell is an advocate for cultural lit- eracy, and believes that a strong, artistically interconnected music unit is vital to the progress of all humanity, and not just the arts.

"I view music as a presently underdevel- oped component of the campus," Caldwell said. "I have plans to increase awareness of its potential through educa- tion."

"I am also looking forward to working with other disciplines in the College of Arts and Science on collaborative proj- ects."

Caldwell holds a doctorate of musical arts from the University of Arizona, where she received the Creative Achievement Award, highest graduate honor.

She received a master's and bachelor's in music from the University of Miami.

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Greenhouse shelters holiday harvest

One of the most colorful decorating and gift choices during the holiday season is the poinsettia. Since Aug. 15, the Reid Greenhouse has been growing a variety of poinsettias including Jingle Bells (red speckled), Peppermint (pink with red speckle), Marbled (pink and white) and Heidtform Peach (peach with variegated foliage) as well pink and traditional red.

The greenhouse will be selling these lovely blooming during an open house on Dec. 6 from 2-4 p.m. The poinsettias can be purchased for $5 a pot, $30 for baskets.

“This is the 14th year that Reid Greenhouse has done variety trials for a producer of poinsettia cuttings,” said Dr. Marihelen Kamp-Glass, professor of horticulture and program coordinator for landscape architecture and horticulture programs.

Kamp-Glass says buyers should care for the plants as they would any other houseplant. It will need to be watered according to the environment of the house and will need light in a south or west window.

“Make sure the poinsettia needs water before watering it,” she said. “You do that by taking a sharpened pencil, stick it down into the pot and leave it for a minute. Remove and look at the color of the newly shaped wood, it has not changed into a darker color it needs water.”

Kamp-Glass said that you should never place the plant on a television. She pointed out that poinsettias contain a small amount of indoleacetic acid, which can be toxic to people.

Dr. Marihelen Kamp-Glass shows off some of the hundreds of blooming poinsettias ready for buyers at the Dec. 6 open house.

Stressed out?
Here are some ways to cope with the pressure of finals and holidays

BY LATOYA BIRD
Managing Editor

Working at a part- or full-time job, getting along with roommates or simply fulfilling academic obligations can cause stress, stress and more stress!

Stress is the physical, mental and emotional reactions you experience as the result of dangers and demands in life. Some common signs of stress include increase in heart rate, headaches, insomnia, stiff neck or an upset stomach. You may also become irritable or feel jumpy or exhausted all of the time.

When symptoms like these occur, recognize them as signs of stress and find a way to deal with them.

There are many strategies to help manage stress.

- For example, spend time each day with at least one relaxation technique — imagery, daydreaming, prayer, meditation or yoga.

Several yoga classes are offered in the community, for beginners to intermediates. A class for beginners and advanced beginners is offered at Guilford College from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $8 per class. For a list of other yoga classes, visit www.newsrecord.com/nc/features/health-cal.shtml.

A healthy lifestyle will make it easier to cope with stress. This means eating well-balanced meals and getting at least seven hours of sleep nightly. Go for a short walk.

Avoid caffeine since it may aggravate anxiety, insomnia, nervousness and trembling.

Another strategy is to never procrastinate on an assignment. It may take some time and imagination to see which strategy works well for you.

Some students have found other ways to relieve stress.

“T milk takes nap when I feel stressed,” said LaFonda Parmaid, a freshman accounting major.

“I listen to slow jazz,” said Peaches Holloway, a freshman business management major.

However, it is important to remember that not all stress is bad. Positive stress serves as a motivator and challenges you to stay on task.

For more information on stress management, log on to

http://students.wic.ac/ml/health/stress.html

Eight N.C. A&T students have been honored with scholarships.

Selected as Gates Millennium Scholars were Ashanta Allen, Randell Carter and Antonio Reese. They competed with more than 62,000 for the scholarship.

Allen is a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Cedar Hill, Texas. Carter, a sophomore electrical engineering major, is from Spotsylvania, Va., and Antonio Reese, a freshman computer science major, is from Hickory, N.C.

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative is funded by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It was created last September and is aimed at increasing the number of low-income, high-achieving African-Americans and Asian Pacific Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

In addition, five students have received four-year scholarships from the university’s National Alumni Association. The alumni scholars are Carlton Campbell Jr., Jennifer Davis, Terra Dobson, Akelah Hughes and Jeffrey Thorembloy.

Campbell, a biology major, is from Whiteville, N.C. Davis, a graduate of Dudley High School, is majoring in chemistry. Dobson, a chemical engineering major, hails from Columbia, Md. Hughes is from Orangeburg, S.C., and is in electrical engineering major.

Joyner is an engineering major from Madlouissa, Va.

The N.C. A&T Alumni Association launched its annual alumni scholars program in the fall of 1982.

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Hicks, Massey headline All-MEAC selections

Seven Aggies honored

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Staff Writer

The N.C. A&T Aggies football team finished up their 2000 football season with an 8-3 record and had seven players named to the All-MEAC team.

The Aggies were led on the All-MEAC team by their brilliant running back Maurice Hicks. Hicks rushed for 1,487 yards and 15 touchdowns. Both are school records.

Fellow Aggies joining Hicks on the first team were senior center Victor Marte and senior guard Anthony Nobles. Both were a huge part of the Aggies offensive success this season and Hicks' breakout year.

The Aggies selected to second team All-MEAC were senior guard Chris Kinloch, placekicker Darren Dawkins, senior linebacker B.J. Little and senior linebacker Ray Massie. Kinloch had a great year on the line for the Aggies. Dawkins was key as he connected on 13 of 22 field goals this season helping the Aggies. Linebackers B.J. Little and Ray Massie anchored the defense as they both recorded over 70 tackles on the season. Little also ranked third in the MEAC with eight sacks and Massey added six sacks.

Six of the seven Aggies named to the All-MEAC team are seniors. The top accolades are:

- Linebacker Ray Massie (55) and B.J. Little (38) were selected to All-MEAC second-team defense.
- Coach of the Year: DSU, Ben Blackwell
- Offensive Player of the Year: DSU, QB Kevin Smith
- Defensive Player of the Year: Howard, DE Tracy White
- Offensive Lineman of the Year: FAMU, D. Freddie Moore
- Rookie of the Year: FAMU, K Juan Vasquez

Aggies slay Bulldogs, but get passed over by committee

BY CHRIS WALLACE
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CHARLOTTE - The 2000 football season came to a sweet and sour end for the Aggie football team. The sweet part is that they rolled past S.C. State by a score of 66-14 to improve their record to 8-3 overall. The sour part is that their selection committee left them out of the play-off bracket.

"The Aggies will not make a return trip to the postseason this year despite wins over Bethune-Cookman and Florida A&M. They not only beat these teams, they beat them handily as BCC took a 50-19 loss and FAMU took a 30-10 defeat. The Aggies then traveled the Bulldogs of S.C. State in a game that was over nearly halfway through the first quarter."

The most outstanding stat was Hicks' numbers in the game and the first quarter. Hicks rushed only eight times for 201 yards and four touchdowns in the first quarter to put A&T up 28-0 after one quarter.

Hicks was nowhere near done as he finished with a school and MEAC record 664 yards and 11 touchdowns. Hicks was selected to All-MEAC after a huge season.

"Once we got them, we never looked back."

QUARTERBACK KEITH MATKINS

353 yards and six touchdowns to lead the Aggies to the 66-14 win.

"I am proud of the way my team played," said Coach Bill Hayes. "We jumped on them from the start and kept the heat on."

S.C. State seemed to be in a state of shock after the first quarter as the Aggie offense lit up the score board. The Bulldog could not stop the Aggies as they piled up over 500 yards of offense and controlled the ball. The defense played very well as they forced the Bulldogs into many mistakes.

"We ran the ball very well from the start," quarterback Keith Matskins said. "Once we got them, we never looked back."

The Aggies offensive line did a great job as they've done all season long to help lead the MEAC's number one rushing attack.

"Aggie quarterback gets popped while throwing to an open receiver."
Clipping their wings
Lady Aggies seek revenge against Central in home opener

BY T.J. MOORE
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The Lady Aggies basketball team will try to put their early season struggles behind them when they take on the Lady Eagles of North Carolina Central in their 2 p.m. home opener Saturday.

Revenge has to be on the mind for the Lady Aggies, because the Lady Eagles smashed them 69-54 in front of the home crowd last year. In order to avenge a loss like that, the Lady Aggies would have to work together as a team and turn up the overall level of intensity.

Coach Karen Hall is holding on to the hope that her team will not lay down and play dead. "We’re hoping that we can be competitive and win our home opener," she said.

One way to stay competitive in this ballgame is to contain Central’s top scorers and All-CIAA Women’s team selections, Monique Fearrington and junior center Amba Kongolo.

However, the Lady Aggies’ early defeats against Gardner-Webb and UNC-Chapel Hill may provide the needed emotional fuel for victory.

The first defeat was a nail-biter against Gardner Webb, which the Lady Aggies just by two points.

The second loss was an old-fashioned smackdown as the Lady Tarheels pummeled the Lady Aggies 101-33.

As this edition was to press, the Lady Aggies were playing in the Stony Brook Tournament. The results are not available.

Despite two devastating early losses, this team still has reason to hope for a turnaround.

“I think that we will be okay and we are in the learning process," said Hall. "There have been good performances by individual players, and all we need to do is pull together as a team.”

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