Q: Were you aware of the importance of this suit, and what were your feelings as you were going through it?

A: This was a long suit, a suit that took nine years to reach a decision because there was so much opposition surrounding it. I knew the importance of the suit because there were so many people that had tried before me. A few years earlier the Brown v. Board of Education case was decided and everyone knew the importance of that case. My case was basically a case for 11 other suits that had been filed.

My feelings as I was going through the whole nine-year process were unique. I say that because I grew up in a home where this was normal. Challenging civil rights issues in my house was a normal thing. My father, J. Arthur Brown, was the president of the local chapter of the NAACP and later would be the state president. So this was something that I was used to. We were usually on every desegregation suit that was filed.

One of the things I do remember was being in the seventh grade and having to face the school board of the black school that I went to. I never imagined that I would have been drafted with questions the way I was when I met with them. They asked, well aren't you happy here? And I was. They asked don't you have friends here? And I did. Then why do you want to leave? I told them that I was tired of having the left over schoolbooks, and I wanted a fair chance to go to a school that had great equipment and great books. There was a principle involved and that principle was that you don't have the right to dictate to me where I want to go to school. I kind of got flippant with these men that were talking to me with questions and I said something along the lines of I think I'll make friends where ever I go.

Q: Where do you see civil rights headed in this new century with a new leader?

A: The rights themselves that are in doubt. I have a lot of faith that we don't need to panic, but we live in a country where there is de jure and de facto. The laws may say one thing but in fact the practice of those laws is very different. So if you have a certain kind of corporative national leadership it will affect

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Lewis Brandon, winner of the first Human Rights Medal, speaks at a breakfast marking the sit-in movement.

The site where the sit-in movement began is slated for a museum honoring civil rights.

Housing ads hit a chord with students

By T.J. Moore

Register Staff Writer

TV and radio ads urging Aggies to live on campus must have worked.

"Attention all A&T Aggies! Housing is available now for Spring Semester!" These ads were thrown into the minds of students and parents throughout the month of December, and the response has been solid.

Over 180 students have registered for campus housing since the advertisement debuted. The Department of Housing and Residence Life reports that 2,821 students live on campus. The number will greatly increase next fall as new housing opens and improvements are made to the existing structures.

The goal of this whole campaign was simple. "We hoped more than anything else that students and parents understand and appreciate the wonderful opportunities available by living on campus," said Mable Scott, assistant vice chancellor of university relations.

A key factor in the campaign's success is timeliness. "Getting good and timely information to the students was the biggest and the most beneficial thing we can do," said Auxiliary Services Director Todd Johnson.

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By Randy StClair

Editor-in-Chief

N.C. A&T and the Greensboro community came together Feb. 1 to celebrate 41 years of the Sit-In Movement, and to mark the unveiling of the university's civil rights medal.

As the triumphant voice of civil rights leader Dr. Franklin McCain rang through the Williams Cafeteria Annex, students, faculty and the community of Greensboro listened attentively.

"Feb. 1st was the call to mount up, ride up, and meet the adversary head on," said McCain.

McCain was one of the four N.C. A&T freshmen, better known as the Greensboro Four, who sat-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter and refused to leave until they were served. David L. Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Essie Blair Jr., later known as Jibreel Khazan, were the others.

McCain was the only one who could be present to speak of the experience and what of students need to be doing today to ensure that civil rights isn't a thing of the past.

"You don't need an army like Napoleon's, you don't need 100,000 people or four people to change what's wrong," said McCain. "Vision is all you need." Please see SIT-IN, Page 3

By William Davis

Features Editor

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black freshmen from N.C. A&T who sat down at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter and refused to leave started the sit-in movement, which spread globally.

Forty-one years later, the International Civil Rights Museum at 134 S. Elm St., which commemorates the four freshmen and the sit-in movement, is nearing completion despite failure of a bond issue last fall by a narrow 49-51 margin.

Even though the $3 million museum bond was rejected last November, Jones says that it has not halted the museum's progress.

"The bond was unanticipated. It would have accelerated the project, but it was unanticipated as far as the original plans," said Earl Jones, who serves as vice president of Sit In Movement Inc.

Jones says that the board, in its eighth year of the museum project, is following the model of the museum in Memphis, Tenn. completed in 12 years and in Birmingham, Ala. completed in

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Coaches get down to business.

Shuttle drivers talk about their daily routes.
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Family weekend set

N.C. A&T will sponsor its first Family Weekend, April 6-8. The Offices of Alumni Affairs, Admissions and Student Affairs are sponsoring the event.

Plans for the weekend include dinner theater, outdoor gals and cookout, tickets to Piedmont Jazz Festival and Sunday Brunch. Additionally, there will be morning information sessions for the alumni, and students, campus tours and performances by the choir, cheerleaders and band.

"Parent weekends are sponsored by colleges and universities simply to say 'welcome' and thank you," said Joanne C. Morgan, director of alumni affairs and coordinator of the event. "For spectators, it may be their only some parents come to campus."

The weekend package will cost $40 for adults and $10 for children. For additional information, please call 334-7563.

Parking lot to open

The O’Berner Parking Lot will be dedicated in a ceremony at noon Monday. The 800-car parking area at the corner of Laurel and O’Berner streets has a pedestrian mall walkway, which is accessible to both streets. It has an accessible staircase as well as a disability ramp to the lower plaza, located between Gilbert and Carter residence hall buildings. A decorative masonry and raw iron wall separates the parking lot from residential buildings on the south side of campus.

Ag has new name

To reflect changes in the agricultural industry, the N.C. A&T Department of Agricultural Education, Economics and Rural Sociology has changed its focus and taken on a new name: the Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agricultural Education.

According to Dr. Anthony Yeloh, interim chairperson of the department, the move was driven by change in the market and by input from the university’s corporate partners.

"Some of the development small to mid-size farms were numerous, and they were the dominant factor in agriculture," said Yeloh. "Because today’s farming enterprises are larger, use more technology and are often owned by corporations, the needs of today’s agriculture are different."

The department has not only changed its name, it has also added areas such as sales and marketing, finance, human resources and entrepreneurship to its curriculum.

SGA needs your help

Attention all underclassmen:

Do you know what your tuition will pay for next year? Be sure to attend the Student Fees Forum on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Questions are being made for you and about you, with or without you."

State Government Association Full Body Meeting Feb. 12 in McNeill Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. If you are a member of the ASGA, this is mandatory. Important information will be discussed.

Junior Fall full body meeting on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in room 209 of the Student Union. Thank you for considering working with us.

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The campus housing situation will get some relief beginning next fall. On the corner of Booker Street, new apartment-style housing is being built. Four hundred of the eventual 800 two-bedroom, two-bathroom suites will be open to students.

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14 years. On its current track, the museum will open in four to five years.

"We’re on schedule and we’re sticking to the original plans," said Jones.

According to Jones, the International Civil Rights museum is entering the second phase, with help from the AFI, CIO, of a three-stage project. The first stage was to pay off the mortgage of the Woolworth building as well as operating expenses. Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the National Trust of Historical Preservation, the State of North Carolina and 15 other corporations and individuals have made that stage successful by raising approximately $2.5 million.

The second phase calls for the $31 million renovation of the 72-year-old Woolworth building. The final stage will consist of the drafting of the four major exhibits and learning center.

Although the building is not complete, the museum is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ms. Alston, executive director for the museum, says that it has had over 5,000 visitors last year. The museum staff passes out brochures to visitors and shows them the lunch counter where the four freshmen sat.

Davis says that more money will be generated from fund-raisers such as the annual Sit-in Movement Banquet, a golf tournament, a walk-a-thon, an art collection and from donations. La-Z-Boy recently donated $10,000 and other individuals have contributed.

Jones says that A&T, which launched the movement, can help by supporting various fund-raising events and providing volunteers.

Brian Johnson, vice president of internal affairs for SGA, says that A&T should be more involved with the museum.

While this was built with private funds, Vice Chancellor of Development at A&T, who will set the rent based on the apartment prices in the area.

As far as the existing buildings on campus, help is on the way. First of all, Johnson has been listening to students’ ideas to improve life on campus. Decent cable television is a popular item of discussion and there are plans to upgrade the cable system.

Improvements to existing buildings in Greensboro are important. "If A&T as a university should take a more active role in this fight for the museum because so much has been done here at this university," said Johnson.

Bill Fort, former chancellor for A&T and a member of the 15-member executive board of Sites-In Movement Inc., says the board is focusing on selecting an advisory board, which will provide ideas, suggestions and support for the project.

"I’m not saying that the concerns are legitimate from either side. None of it is as important as the museum that commemorates history."

Claudette-Burroughs White

Greenboro city council member says that A&T’s and Jones’ "politics alienates people."

"I’m a conservative and I have yet to see someone that doesn’t want it (the museum)," says Phillips.

He adds that the concern around the community is that A&T and Jones need to accept a “lesser role” so that money can be raised and the politics in the matter can be eliminated.

Alston was contacted, but he was unavailable for comments.

Claudette-Burroughs White, a Greensboro city councilwoman, disagrees with both sides.

"I’m not saying that the concerns are legitimate from either side. None of it is as important as the museum that commemorates one of the greatest things that happened in this state," said White.

Henry Inoson, executive board member and attorney, said, “I’m not bothered by any controversy. This museum to commemorate the Sit-In movement is too important to pass up. We need to see it through and make it a reality. It needs to be remembered. Fifty years from now people need to say, ‘Let’s see it.”’

Foundation awards $7 million

The National Science Foundation has awarded a five-year information technology research grant worth more than $7 million to 10 investigators at A&T, Chapel Hill, Duke and Stanford for a collaboration, “Computational Geo- metry for Structural Biology and Medicine.”
Dr. Franklin McCain talks about challenges old and new.

"Students have to read, read, read and listen to what's being said." Frieron agreed. Housed in a firm believer in God and in the Bible the Lord says, 'My people perish from a lack of knowledge.' So it's very important that we take the initiative to learn and to read," said Frieron. "We need to empower ourselves."

McCain shared earlier in the program that one of the evils carried over from the past century to the 21st is ignorance. "There are certain things that carried over from the past century, among them are the false notion that students become familiar with the issues that are affecting their lives."

The morning program was followed by a panel discussion in the afternoon and a speech by Brandon in the evening.

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the way everyone in this country feels about the implementation of these laws. Yes, it's important, but we've had so many situations that we've had Reagan years, we've had Carter years, we've seen ups and downs. So that shouldn't be new to us. We must keep our eyes on national leadership. Mostly not to change the laws but for change of energy to implement laws and also policy. Laws are one thing but policy is another. Policies are a lot harder to attack.

Q: How do you feel about lawyers such as Thurgood Marshall who take on cases?
A: I think there is a real need for civil rights law, and for well-meaning black and white people, certainly and especially blacks, to recognize the need for ongoing vigilance. The Harvard law school recently honored the entire legal team that argued Brown v. Board of Education. Some of those attorneys are still alive and spoke, and they were quite clear in their statements that this is not a done deal. Schools, desegregation and the whole business of how public schools serve people of color, minorities and the poor. That is an issue just as relevant today as it was in '54. Not because there is a law that says you can't go to this school or that school, but policies, vouchers, the privatization of education. We need lawyers who see themselves as civil rights lawyers who are questioning what happens to minority students and what happens to students when they get in school. There should be some lawyers that tell about what happens when you get into a system.

It's an ongoing process of equity. I was fortunate enough to be raised in an environment where I was taught that we were proud of who we were. We were never fighting for black people and white people to be together. That is a human interaction that hopefully one day will occur. This whole business of desegregation was about equity, and those issues have not been solved. There is a need for the Thurgood Marshalls, the Constant Baker Moody's, and the Jack Greenshields.

Q: How important is it for the African American father to be present in the lives of his children?
A: It is as important for an African American father to be there as it is for an African American mother to be there. I have a notion that people take parenthood seriously. I'm not going to get into a man's role versus a woman's role here. I'm talking a thicker sadder one. The lack of recognition of how important it is to think through the idea of becoming a parent. I don't have personal feelings of morality of young mothers. I don't argue those things on moral issues. I argue them on pragmatic issues. People who are young have to understand what is it to be a parent. It is a politically charged environment and not thinking about being black in America. It has some serious, serious responsibility. It's not only the social, emotional, or economic aspect of it. There is some political reality for young people who aren't seeing that civil rights and liberties are really all about. How do we make our young people understand what racial profiling is? We need to understand that if we think politically it will carry over this and our parenting. To be political is in my way to understand.

Q: What about this case open for you, if any? and What advice would you give the students at A&T about overcoming adversity and challenging authority?
A: Some of us were involved in some early desegregation suits were spectacular. It's hard for me to see any case that was being filed for me, to be perfectly honest with you. All I knew was that I had three miserable years of high school that I tried to make the best of, and ran away from the South to a school in the North because I thought the problem was not there. I was very wrong about that. An institutional racism permeated this country and I was very wrong about getting out of South Carolina.

I'm sure that there were students after us that benefited from what we went through. It's hard for me to answer that question because at the time the guidance counselors at my school were not willing to tell me about any other predominantly white school. Their attitude was, 'calm, calm, calm,' but we aren't about to send you to South Carolina or Clemson. I'm not saying that I didn't have any advantages it was just hard for me to see them at that time.

What do I say to A&T students about challenge? First of all I say challenge is not negative. You now can decide to challenge. It's not negative because maybe you like to hear yourself talk or you like the idea that you are going against the grain for no other reason than going against the grain. I say you must be weary of that and understand that when you feel that you have a position you must be afraid to articulate it but you have to learn how to articulate and you have to learn what you are talking about. If it's one thing I've learned you have to know what you are talking about. That's the test. Whether you're challenging for your own ego or you have a genuine concern for the better good that you are really looking for.

I ask young people why aren't they changing at 30? We aren't going to tell you what to do; it's our role to tell you what to do. But there is a humility that young people need to bring to the older generation and the government.

Q: What does Black History Month mean to you?
A: It means staying busy. It means a moment to reflect. Sometimes, sadly, it is a reminder that we aren't doing something for 11 months.

There was nothing wrong with having a month of celebration, I'm not saying that. But it is a constant reminder that you don't put the brakes on the last day in February never to revisit these issues again until the following year.

Police make arrests in connection with fake $20 bills

By RANDY ST.CLAIR

N.C. A&T police may have solved the mystery of the counterfeit $20 bills that have been floating around campus.

Police said Brandon Baker, 18, was arrested and charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, and Vincent Kelly, 22, was arrested and charged with first-degree trespassing. Police said Worthy, 21, was arrested and charged with counterfeiting 20s in Scott Hall on Jan. 25.

Police say that Worthy, a student at A&T, and Kelly, a non-student, were making the bills on Worthy's computer in his room in the upper floor of the college dormitory.

Sgt. Marty Tillery made the arrests. He said authorities are not sure if they had anything to do with the branching of a Creek, but Tillery said he was found with counterfeit 20s found earlier in the Aggie Den.

"We don't yet have the serial numbers to prove it," said Tillery. "But we're getting them all. We're looking at them." Tillery said that "right now we don't want to make any assumptions, but it's a relief that we caught them, before they really got out of hand."

Earlier in the week, the three reports had been filed about vendors receiving counterfeit money from students. No one had been arrested, however, because the students who were found with the money said they didn't know it was counterfeit. Campus police then began a thorough investigation. On the night of Jan. 25, the puzzle was solved by a delivery guy from Vinnie's Pizza.

At about 4:30 a.m. that day, a man went to the restaurant the deli worker got notice that the money he was given by Worthy was counterfeit.

"At that point the delivery man called A&T campus police and informed us about what happened," said Tillery. Campus police went to Scott Hall and asked the resident assistant if he knew of anyone that just bought some food from Vinnie's Pizza. The resident assistant said he did and gave the officers the name and room number of Worthy. Police then apprehended Worthy and Kelly, who was in the room.

Bail was set at $2,540, $2,500 each of them. The Guilford County Sheriff's Department said they have been released.

The case is now in the hands of the U.S. Secret Service.

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need and it only takes one person with a vision to change things that have been wrong for years."

McCain went on to say that some of the same battles that were fought in his youth, he was a student are the ones students need to be fighting now. He mentioned the higher education bond issue and how money was allocated.

"Do you know that 50 percent of the bond money went to two schools and I bet those schools weren't A&T or N.C. Central," said McCain. "We received big crumbs, while these other universities received the real stuff. I'm not saying that I am not grateful for what we have, because I am grateful. I am grateful that Hines Hall is going to be rebuilt; it needed rebuilding when I was there. I'm very grateful, but I'm not satisfied.

Inequality and changes in this new century are other things that McCain addressed. McCain says that inequality still exists and that it's more blatant today than ever.

"You don't have to leave campus to face the inequalities of this society, it's right here on this campus," said McCain. "We can't tolerate it! It is our responsibility that we have overcome. Things have
In celebration of Black History Month.

Langston Hughes was born in Joplin, Mo., in 1902. His parents were divorced when he was a small child and his father moved to Mexico. He was raised by his grandmother until he was 12, when he moved to Lincoln, Ill., to live with his mother and her husband. It was during his high school years that Hughes began writing poetry.

Following graduation, he spent a year in Mexico and a year at Columbia University and travelled to Africa and Europe. He moved to Harlem, N.Y., in November 1924. Hughes first book of poetry, "The Weary Blues," was published by Alfred A. Knopf in 1926. He finished his college education at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania three years later.

Hughes, who claimed Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Carl Sandburg, and Walt Whitman as his primary influences, is particularly known for his insightful, colorful portrayals of black life in America from the 20s through the 60s. He wrote novels, short stories and plays, as well as poetry, and is also known for his engagement with the world of jazz and the influence it had on his writing, as in "Montage of a Dream Deferred." His life and work were enormously important in shaping the artistic contributions of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.

Unlike other notable black poets of the period—Claude McKay, Jean Toomer, and Countee Cullen—Hughes refused to differentiate between his personal experience and the common experience of black America. He wanted to tell the stories of his people without personalizing them, so the reader could step in and draw his own conclusions. Hughes died in 1967.

Books written by Hughes
"The Weary Blues" (1926)
"Fine Clothes to the Jew" (1927)
"Dear Lovely Death" (1937)
"The Dream Keeper (1932) For children"

"Scornedoor Limited (1932) Plays and poems"
"Shakespeare in Harlem" (1942)
"Freedom's Plow" (1943)
"Fields of Wonder" (1947)
"One Way Ticket" (1949)
"Montage of a Dream Deferred" (1951)
"Selected Poems" (1959)
"Ask Your Mama Twelve Moods for Jazz" (1961)
"Collected Poems of Langston Hughes" (1998)
The 15th anniversary of the Challenger explosion was celebrated quietly on the campus of N.C. A&T. The tragedy claimed the lives of all seven members of its crew, including N.C. A&T graduate, Ronald McNair.

However, McNair's alma mater cancelled its annual program for this year. Instead, the university honored the astronaut by holding a physics lecture on campus and including other smaller activities to remember McNair. The cancellation of such a significant event has many students, faculty and members of the community not only disappointed, but puzzled as well.

Tony Reames, a junior civil engineering major from Bithophville, S.C., shares in the confusion.

"I heard that the program had been rescheduled for a different day due to it falling on Super Bowl Sunday, and because the chancellor wanted maximum participation from the students," said Reames. "I've attended the program for the past two years and I was disappointed."

Lance Joyner, a history major from Greensboro and an A&T graduate, said he had been to the Ronald McNair program before, and was really looking forward to this year's program.

"I went to a couple of the programs when I was a student and I was looking forward to attending this year's since I still live in Greensboro," said Joyner. "It's kind of embarrassing to think that his own school isn't showing him as much love as in previous years."

However, Tenika Porter, a senior psychology major from Charlotte, has a different opinion.

"I think that the plans for the program weren't organized very well, and I agree that out of respect it should have been cancelled, rather than just throwing something together at the last minute," said Porter.

Reames explaining the cancellation have been circulating around campus. Some students have their own ideas, while others blame university officials, particularly Chancellor James Renick.

Whether it was a matter of cutting costs, inadequate planning, lack of student participation, university politics or even competition from this year's SuperBowl, the fact remains that the program was still cancelled.

Dr. Roselle Wilson, vice-chancellor of student affairs, was involved directly in the matter.

"The real reason for the cancellation is that there was some very poor planning in terms of the event itself," said Wilson. Wilson went on to say that a sufficient budget for the event had not been presented and that funds for the program had not been properly secured.

"There are two essential pieces for any program and you have to know what you're going to do and how much it's going to cost and then you can plan," said Wilson.

"We did not want any last minute haphazard planning. At the time we were not convinced that we were going to have a successful event."

When asked about the date of the program coinciding with SuperBowl Sunday, Wilson agreed that the game was a factor, but not a major one.

"There's always a risk that you take when you plan certain events but that's part of the planning process. You certainly can't ignore the fact that something else is going on in the world and that people's attention might be averted," said Wilson.

In turn, the decision to cancel the program was made by several of the executive officers of the university, including Wilson.

"We were all equally concerned, and when certain details for the program were not available, one week beforehand, that sounded the alarm," said Wilson.

A committee made up of students and faculty is in charge of planning these types of events, including the McNair program. Members of the committee include SGA president Nikki Mitchell, Director for Student Activities Marva Wellington and Associate Vice-Chancellor for Student Development Dr. Dorothy Harris. Members of the committee were asked to give their thoughts on the issue.

"The poor planning cannot be placed on the shoulders of any one person, especially not students," said Mitchell. "Despite this, several key overlooks were made. On the same note the reasons for cancelling the program were misreported to several students through word of mouth." Mitchell also stressed that students, university officials and members of the planning committee were in agreement and are working to continue to provide quality programming.

The Wilson and other university officials are looking into the overall planning process that is required to prepare for events, like the McNair program. Wilson also says that the university is looking into developing a university calendar that would contain the dates for annual events and programs.

Wilson also urged students to seek out answers to any questions that they may have concerning campus issues. "The best way to communicate is to ask questions."
**E-Vibes**

**Harrison players hit the road**

**A&T play opens for regional competition**

*By Mia S. Ross*

The Richard B. Harrison players have done it again. The award-winning group will be opening the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival with “Blues for an Alabama Sky.” This regional competition will take place at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Harrison players will go up against such schools as Clemson, Duke, and the University of Alabama, Florida and other schools. A&T will be the only black college featured.

The program will be directed by the late Fred S. Simms, whose name is synonymous with the play. It’s a great honor but a great deal of responsibility. A&T is the only black college in the South participating.

“Blues for an Alabama Sky” tells the story of a woman from Harlem who has been hired from the Cotton Club in Harlem and finds her fortune in a young man from Alabama. Simms says this play really portrays the time period.

“This play goes through all of African American life, the African American struggle through the Depression. It gives all of the African American culture through this time period, the art, poetry, songs, and dance,” he said.

Other cast members are Chris Bolden, Morgan Jones, Robin Douglas and Theo Ogden. Frankie Day Greenlee directs this production.

With this invitation, the Harrison players also mark another record in the region by being the only school with the highest number of invitations to the regional event. The group had to raise over $3,000 to go to the competition. Profits benefit performances were held last week toward that goal.

The competition dates are set for Feb. 7-10 with A&T’s opening on Feb. 8.

“Double Take” hits the box office

*By Mia S. Ross*

Wanted by the FBI and weighing no other alternative, he makes a run for the border under an assumed name to find the man who can clear his name. And just when you think it couldn’t get any worse, Daryl discovers that his new identity, Freddy, is more on the run than he is. This comedy tells the story of a getaway you will not believe.

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**The WOOD I heard…**

*By Mia S. Ross*

The word I heard is that the Jackson Five is going to make another album. This time with all six brothers. This is the first album after the early 80s Victory album.

Let’s just hope Michael’s hair doesn’t cause a fire again.

Damon Wayans will be starring in a new television show in March called “My Wife and Kids.” The show will have guest appearances featuring celebrities and of course his brothers and sister.

The master of funk himself is in a battle trying to get the rights to his music he wrote from 1976 through 1983. A judge in Florida says that the contract George Clinton signed in 1983 forfeiting his music to a recording company is still valid, leaving the master penalties. Some of the songs written during this time are “Atomic Dog” and “One Nation Under a Groove.”

The royalties for the songs are estimated at $100 million.

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**Special arts events highlight Black History Month at A&T**

*By Jason Boyd*

The noon of February will feature a host of events at N.C. A&T to celebrate and commemorate African Americans and their accomplishments.

The university’s Mayte Reed African Heritage Center will host an exhibition of oil paintings and Christmas ornaments by the artist Clementine Hunter. Hunter was 90 years old when she taught herself to paint, and began a career as a folk artist. In her 101-year lifetime, Hunter went from being a child living in Louisiana to a successful artist producing over 5,000 pieces of art, and earning an honorary degree from Northwestern University.

Her pieces can be located in places such as the High Museum of Atlanta, the Dallas Art Museum, and the Historic African House of Melrose Plantation in Louisiana. On March 15, Dr. Regina Perry, a professor emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University, and a African American folk art scholar, will present a slide show in Harrison Auditorium from 6-7 p.m. For more information about Hunter exhibits, contact Dr. Corinne Nogues at 434-4778.

On Feb. 10, Paul Robeson Theatre is hosting a free program entitled “Music of Magic, Mystery and Romance,” a musical performance by award-winning pianist Michael Caldwell, chairman of the music department. This event is a part of the university’s Lyceum Series, and will start at 7 p.m. Caldwell’s accomplishments include the 1976 G. B. Dealey grand prize award, and the 1991 Pianist Foundation of America “Pianist of the Year.”

The Lyceum Series is sponsoring two other free programs. Anna M. Johnson-Webb, who goes by her stage name “Kumbha,” is performing “American History Lives” at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Memorial Union Ballroom. Also, the El Greyn Dancers will give a performance at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 in Corbett Gym.

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**Join the Aggie family for a cruise down Mexico way**

*By Mia S. Ross*

No travel pass yet for early summer? Join the Aggie family on a cruise to Cozumel Mexico June 4-8.

Leaving from Miami, The Carnival’s Fascination will sail to Key West where Aggies will have a few hours to enjoy the laid-back feel of this city. From there the ship will sail for Playa del Carmen, Mexico where we will have the opportunity to see the Mayan ruins and learn a bit of the history. From here we move on to Cozumel’s hot spots.

Cruise prices range from $527.25 to $665. Prices reflect a 5 percent discount for alumni members. The first payment was due Feb. 2, but may be combined with the second payment due March 2. The balance is due April 6.

For more information, contact Dr. JG Morgan at Office of Alumni Affairs, 334-7755 or Fax 334-7165.

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SHUTTLE STORIES

Complaints may get an answer if new buses are purchased this fall

BY TARAH HOLLAND
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To avoid long walks around campus, many students ride the Aggie Shuttles. But as the number of students enrolling at A&T continues to rise, problems with the shuttle service also are increasing.

Two shuttle vans operate on campus and one comes to and from the Aggie Oaks Apartments. Contracted shuttle runs between the campus and the Aggie Inn.

According to four-year shuttle driver Orville Pass, breakdowns are a major problem.

"Brakes have to be replaced on the shuttles about every six months due to the amount of weight they support," said Pass. "When the shuttles are being serviced, there are no substitutes or replacements."

The shuttles run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., five days a week. At the end of every day, shuttles go through a brief evaluation that includes oil, tire, and transmission checks.

Every third week of each month, drivers estimate and report the average number of students who ride the shuttles. Shuttle driver George Hairston says he picks up about 500 students a day.

"Since I have been driving the shuttles, I have noticed a larger variety of men and women riders. I don't think that the vans we have now can take much more of the wear and tear that they have been taking," said Hairston.

Pass agrees, saying, "All other colleges in the area use buses. We desperately need to get in line with other schools if we're going to have a shuttle program and run it efficiently, and in order for us to do this we need the proper equipment."

Lack of space is one of the first things noticed by those who ride the shuttles. The current campus shuttles hold up to 15 passengers each. Hairston, who has been driving the shuttle for two years, said larger vans would help significantly.

"These vans are made mainly for traveling, not for shuttling students. It's just too much weight," said Hairston.

Both drivers hear complaints from students who say the shuttles are not on time or that the vans are not large enough. They agree that students should be at their stops on time because they have schedules to keep. They also say that students can help keep the shuttles clean by taking their trash.

The shuttle system falls under Parking Services, which is a branch of the campus police department. According to Joseph E. Daughtry, director of police and public safety, relief in the shuttle situation may come as early as next fall.

"Last year there were no funds to purchase buses. This year we are looking into purchasing two new buses. We are currently pricing and may see improvements in the fall, though we are making no guarantees," said Daughtry.

Daughtry added that one benefit of new buses is that they would all be equipped for handicapped students.

He encourages any students with concerns to contact his office.

"We want students to keep riding," said Daughtry. "The shuttles are for them. If there are any problems let us know by calling or coming into the office. Also if any students have any suggestions, let us know."

Shuttle drivers Orville Pass and George Hairston say that the system just has too many riders and not enough seats on the vans.

Honors program attracts the best and brightest Aggies

BY LATOYA BEST
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The Honors Program started nearly two years ago and had freshmen and current A & T students who excelled academically. They also had to make a commitment to the program.

For example, new freshmen who are public high school valedictorians/salutatorians, National Merit Achievement Scholarship finalists or students from the North Carolina School of Sciences and Mathematics are automatically invited to join the program.

Other freshmen from charter, private and home schools are eligible if they have a cumulative unweighted high school GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and SAT scores of at least 1050 or ACT scores of 22.

All current students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and a minimum of 15 credit hours.

Even transfer students are encouraged to join. Honor courses taken elsewhere can be counted towards completing the A & T Honors Program.

But are students jumping at the chance to join the program?

According to Dr. Pete Meyers, interim dean of the honors college, they are. There are 207 students currently in the program. The estimated enrollment goal was 175 students by fall 2001.

"We really underestimated the interest on campus of our students," Meyers said.

Students from the School of Business and Economics and the College of Engineering make up the largest presence of the program. The next largest group of students comes from the College of Arts and Sciences.

However, Meyers said that up to this year the program has had trouble retaining students.

"We keep bringing in big freshmen classes," Meyers said, "but we need to do a better job making sure our students come back year after year."

Out of 120 students left in the program by the end of school last year, 116 students came back to school this year.

"These are students that could have transferred anywhere," Meyers said.

Ideally, a student should be in the Honors Program all four years. At Commencement students will be given public recognition. In addition, Honors Program graduates will wear special sashes or some other symbol of high accomplishment over the standard gowns worn by all of the other students.

He said that the Honors Program helps students stay at the university by working with students earlier. He also noted that since the program is so new it would take some time for a higher retention rate. The program has heavily relied on continuous recruiting and word of mouth to make more students aware. Other strategies include placing flyers around campus, providing information at this past University Day and letting students already in the program take information to their schools. Admissions help with recruiting, too.

Meyers said that enrollment is strictly up to students.

"We don't put pressure on students to join. It's purely voluntary," he said.

For now two goals for the program are retaining current students and seeing more students from the College of Arts and Sciences enroll.
The Lady Aggies basketball team will do battle Feb. 5 at the Corbett Center against the pesky Delaware State Lady Hornets in MEAC action.

Despite their 5-4 conference record and their 7-10 overall record, the Lady Hornets match up well with the Lady Aggies. The Lady Hornets have had their share of turnover problems all season, averaging 23.2 turnovers per game, while the Lady Aggies are averaging a staggering 27.6 turnovers per game.

The keys in this game, like in just about every game this season, is to stop coughing up the ball and play sound defense.

The Lady Aggies, just like the Lady Hornets, only have one consistent scoring threat. DSU guard Chevonne Stewart averages 14.9 points per game and is a huge part of the Lady Hornets’ attack. To increase their chances in this game, the Lady Aggies must shut her down.

One positive that the Lady Aggies have on their side in this game is the emerging scoring presence of freshman guard Camille Akins. She had a solid game against Howard on Jan. 20 despite the team being smoked by the Lady Bison 112-70. Akins scored 23 points, while Malvera Johnson chipped in with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

If this trend continues, with one additional player sharing the scoring load with Johnson, the Lady Aggies will have a chance to stay in the game.

The Lady Aggies will face the Lady Rams of FAMU on Feb. 10 and conclude a two-game Florida road trip against the Bethune-Cookman Lady Wildcats on the 12th.

Lady Aggies hope to bounce back from Howard defeat against DSU

By T.L. Moore

Sports

Aggies thrash UMES, 74-54

By Chris Wallace

The Aggies of N.C. A&T may be the hottest team in the league, entering the contest with three straight wins and with none of their last nine games decided by more than 20 points. The Aggies are averaging 78.2 points per game and shooting 49.2 percent from the field.

The Aggies are also one of the most balanced teams in the MEAC, with seven players averaging 7.0 points or more. The Aggies are led by senior guard Chris Thrash, who is averaging 13.6 points per game and shooting 44.3 percent from the floor.

The Aggies also have a strong frontcourt presence, with 6-7 forward T.J. Jenkins averaging 12.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Jenkins is a solid shooter from the perimeter, hitting 38.3 percent of his three-point attempts.

The Aggies have also been strong on the defensive end, holding opponents to 69.4 points per game and forcing 13.0 turnovers per game.

The Aggies will look to continue their dominance as they head to UMES on Wednesday night.
Coaches see bright future for track teams

Senior Jermichael Watts qualifies for NCAA championships

BY SHARONDA EGGLETON

The midpoint of the indoor track season brings much promise for the A&T men's track team and a bright future for our ladies.

Coach Roy Thompson Jr., who has been coaching since 1974, can look at the men's performance in the indoor track season as a great lead into the outdoor season. Senior Jermichael Watts has already qualified for the NCAA championships in the high jump, with a jump of 7.2. Ranked 10th in the nation last year, he continues to be a leader.

Other strong points of the men's team are the 400, 200, 100 and 60. The 4x4 team consisting of sophomore Charles Shoffner, junior Seneca Rogers, junior John Twitty and junior Danny Campbell. To date, they have the fastest time with 3:16.54.

A&T also has three outstanding short sprints: sophomore Timothy Walls, junior Monte Wilds and senior Titus Hargood — ranked 1, 2 and 4 in the conference in the 200, as well as 1.3 and 4 in the 60-meter dash.

In the top 10 percent of all Division 1 track teams, the A&T men have shown outstanding times and performance thus far this year.

Three fresh faces to watch will be Gerald Weight, a new athlete here at A&T, long and triple-jumper Everett Bruce and long jumper Khal Green, who are both freshmen.

For the ladies, the sprinters have been the premiere event, much as with the men's team. Junior Danielle Fowler and Jennifer Dashall are expected to place in the top eight in sprints.

Thought many of the team members are fairly new, much of the team's leadership will be expected from sophomores Stacey Leah and Brena Cooper.

The freshmen to watch are Karen Thomas, Sara Waters and Li'Tiyah Kirby-

Although the team as a whole could be doing better, Coach Tonya McKelvey-White expects that with more work, the ladies could have a promising future.

Remaining 2001 indoor track & field meets:

Feb. 22-24, MEAC Championships, UMES, Prince Anne, Md.
March 2-3, U.S. Track & Field Nationals, Georgia Dome, Atlanta
March 8-10, NCAA Championship University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.

Women’s track coach stresses dedication

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Tonya McKelvey-White, in entering her third year as the head coach of the N.C. A&T women's track and cross-country team.

She came to A&T after coaching at the University of South Carolina and West Virginia University. At both universities, she coached the hurdles, jumps and multi-events. She also coached for both the men's and women's teams.

As an alumna and former athlete at Clemson University from 1980-84, she was a three-time NCAA All-American in the long jump, two-time ACC champion in the 4x100 relay team, ACC runner-up in the long jump and ACC champion in the long jump.

After college, she competed in hopes of making the 1996 Olympic team in the long jump, a dream hasn't given up on achieving.

As a coach, White has spread her success to the athletes she has coached by producing three South Eastern Conference (SEC) champions, three NCAA qualifiers, three NCAA All-Americans, one Big East performer and one Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference (MEAC) runner-up.

Currently, she is rebuilding the A&T women's track team. With a good recruiting class, the program should start to move up in the next four years. She hopes to be successful this year and make improvements in the MEAC.

Although White hasn't competed in a while, she still jumps in open meets, showing skills that make her a great coach.

She works out with her athletes and tells them, "The way you practice is the way you will compete."

But the most important thing White imparts to her athletes is the need for dedication. She tells the girls you must be dedicated or it's just a waste of time being out there on the track.

Dedication is what makes you work hard at anything you choose to do.

White is a native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and married to Darward White, a software engineer for East Ridge Technologies. They are the parents of 11-month-old Tyra Danielle White.

McKelvey-White

Coach Tonya McKelvey-White talks to two of her athletes during a recent practice. She stresses hard work and dedication to succeed on the track and in life.

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Math, reading labs get new equipment, more tutors

The Center for Student Success has made many notable changes in its Mathematics and Reading Skills Laboratories in Hodgin Hall.

These include purchasing new workstations and chairs, painting the laboratories, purchasing two Smart Boards, and hiring computer laboratory attendants and tutors for English, chemistry and mathematics. Ergonomically correct workstations and chairs help to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to learning. The paint in the laboratories helps to make the rooms brighter and more inviting to students.

In the Mathematics Skills Laboratory, the electrical poles were removed from the middle of the floor and the computers were rearranged to provide more open space.

The Smart Board is an interactive, electronic whiteboard that can be used with or without a projector. When attached to a computer, it allows instructors and students to collaborate on electronic documents, create a wide variety of annotated objects, import information from almost any electronic source, and save, print and publish as web pages, or e-mail a complete record of class discussions and presentations.

The TCSS Team has participated in two interactive Staff Development Workshops for the Smart Board. The center has hired seven mathematics tutors, three English tutors, two chemistry tutors and three computer laboratory attendants to assist students in the skills laboratories. In addition, it has 12 tutors to assist student-athletes for the spring semester. Both laboratories are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Tutoring schedules can be obtained from the Mathematics Skills Laboratory (301 Hodgin Hall) or the Reading Skills Laboratory (303 Hodgin Hall). These schedules, as well as other campus tutorial information, also can be found on the web site, www.ncat.edu/~tcss.

For more information, please contact Gwendolyn Godard, coordinator for Technology Development, at 334-7838 or godardg@ncat.edu.

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Mentoring skills bring national honors

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When Dr. Vallie Guthrie was an undergraduate at N.C. A&T, she learned more than facts from her teachers. She learned how to learn.

Guthrie, a chemistry professor at A&T and director of a program to boost science and math majors among secondary school students, was recognized nationally last fall with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

President Bill Clinton established the award in 1996 to recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that mentor and inspire young individuals to succeed in the fields of science, math and engineering.

Guthrie was one of 10 individuals to receive the award this year. The award includes a commemorative presidential certificate and a $50,000 grant to the winners and the institutions.

Guthrie is also the director of the Greensboro Area Mathematics and Science Education Center (GAMSEC), a program to improve math and science skills for students in grades 7-12. It offers workshops and institutes for K-12 teachers in the fields of math, science and technology.

She has directed the GAMSEC program at A&T for 16 years. It currently reaches 450 students in Greensboro and surrounding areas.

"I am a person that works quietly but very effectively," Guthrie said. "My general joy comes from the people I work with."

Guthrie, who favors the professional look of blazer, blouse, skirt and heels, wears her hair short and looks to be younger than her 61 years. She was born in 1939, in Maple Hill, N.C. She attended A&T and graduated in 1961 with a degree in professional chemistry. She also joined the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority while she was at A&T.

She attained her master's degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., and went on to get her doctorate at American University in Washington, D.C.

Guthrie said that attending A&T has helped her a lot. "There is something special about going to school here," she said.

She learned how to teach her students from the professors that she had when she went to A&T.

"I saw how patient they were with me," Guthrie said. "I try to understand, be there, and be kind."

Guthrie has written 30 science textbooks for students in kindergarten through 12th grade and post-secondary school. "I did not necessarily agree with the textbooks," Guthrie said, so she decided to write her own.

In 1976 Guthrie's students started using her textbooks. Guthrie said, "I was the first professor to write the book in the class I taught."

Guthrie has won other awards as well during her career. She won the Coca-Cola Foundation National Keeping Kids in School Program (1999), "The Giant in Science" Award from the Quality Education for Minorities Network (1998) and an Outstanding Service Award from Multicultural Science Education, an affiliate of the National Science Teachers Association.

"The main thing A&T has given me is quality education," Guthrie said.

Guthrie has given a lot to A&T as well.

"When students have questions to be answered, I take time to answer them," she said.

Lynda Jordan, chemistry professor, was mentored by Guthrie. "She is a good person and an excellent mentor," Jordan said.

"She is the kind of teacher people enjoy having and the type of faculty member you enjoy to work with," said Gilbert Carrier, mathematics professor. "Many people teach the courses. She teaches the students."

When Guthrie is not teaching or mentoring she likes to write. She said her kids consider that to be work, but she thinks otherwise. Guthrie also likes to stay in shape. She said, "I am into fitness. I work out every day."

Guthrie also likes to travel. She has been to 47 states. She has also traveled to the Caribbean, Mexico and Canada.

She has been married to John Guthrie for 36 years. They have two children: John, a minister in New York City, and Valerie, who graduated with an engineering degree this past year and is currently attending graduate school at N.C. State University.

Engineering programs report grants, new programs

Engineering students have developed a computer simulation to predict the performance of an electric car. The simulation can be used to optimize the design of the motor, transmission, and other components to improve the efficiency and the acceleration of the car.

The students developed the simulation for a project in the junior level System Dynamics course in the mechanical engineering department. The instructors for the course are Dr. Mark Schultz and Dr. Anumya Gobalab. The car is a Volkswagen Golf that was converted to battery power by students in the Automotive Technology Class at Northeast Guilford High School.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a five-year information technology research grant worth more than $7 million to 30 researchers at A&T, Chapel Hill, Duke and Stanford for a collaboration, "Computational Geometry for Structural Biology and Bioinformatics." Dr. Solomon Bilgic, an associate professor in the departments of medicine and computer science, is a co-principal investigator.

The proposal is to develop new computational techniques and paradigms for representing, searching, retrieving, simulating, analyzing and visualizing biological structural information.

A more efficient memory chip is the goal of an A&T project, just awarded $1 million in additional funding from the United States Department of Energy in Chicago.

The $156,621 award will be used to fund, "Microstructure Property Correlations in Oxide Ceramic Heterostructures," a project led by Dr. Clinton B. Lee.
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