Tear’em down; build’em up

Many gather for the opening of the updated Student Union

By T.J. MOORE Register Staff Writer

The grand opening of the expansion of the Student Union was in fact a proud day for administration, faculty and students.

On March 22, the official opening began after Chancellor James Renick grabbed a huge pair of wooden scissors to cut through the ceremonial ribbon in a ceremony that lasted about 15 minutes.

After the ribbon-cutting, patrons chomped the new ballroom and with a continental breakfast. Items served were ham and cheese croissants, various pastries and bagels.

The highlight of the day came two hours later with the opening of the new food court and the unveiling of its new name.

The newly named Aggie Sit-In served samples from its new partner: Pizza Hut, Blimpies and spicy chicken from Tyson’s Sunset Terps.

One month ago, there was a “name the new food court” contest. After continuous searching, the winner of the contest was senior broadcasting major Chris Bullard.

Bullard came up with the name by mixing the early ’60s struggle with a touch of common sense.

“I started thinking about the Aggie Don and what you or I do once we go there,” said Bullard. “You sit and eat your food.

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Results are in; Drumwright S.G.A president

By TARAH S. HOLLAND Register Staff Writer

Students have cast their votes and the new members of the Student Government Associations are beginning preparations for their upcoming year in office.

All day Wednesday, March 22, students voted for S.G.A. candidates in the Memorial Student Union, using a computerized voting process.

After 9:15 p.m., the Board of Elections tallied the votes and the results were then announced after 10 the same night.

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The new officers include Gregory Drumwright, S.G.A. president; Chester Williams, S.G.A. vice president of external affairs; William Dudley Jr., S.G.A. vice president of internal affairs; Jeanelle Frensser, Miss A&T; Latashia Castenfons, S.G.A. attorney general; Mia Ross, S.G.A. secretary, and Wanda Hunter, S.G.A. treasurer.

Drumwright, S.G.A. president-elect, was satisfied with the victory.

“I am more than honored to have the opportunity to serve my fellow students and also put into action the vision I have for students of the university,” said Drumwright.

The vision Drumwright speaks of is one he hopes will make leaders out of all Aggies.

“Operation is to reanimate the initiative, fostering future leaders and responsible Aggies,” he explained.

Voter turnout was one of the greatest things in this year’s election, said Roslyn Parker, secretary for student activities.

“Voter turnout was excellent. It was also an improvement over past years,” she said.

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New housing will ensure that students have a place to stay

BY RANDY SCULLAIR Editor-in-Chief

The land has been marked, the buildings are being built and N.C. A&T students will have new student housing for the 2001-2002 school year.

Student housing construction is among the 40 projects university officials have begun since the passage of the state bond issue that gave $133.8 million to A&T.

David Houd, vice chancellor, development and relations, said that all those projects including housing should be complete within seven years.

“We project that all student housing as well as all the other projects will be complete within a five- to seven-year period,” said Houd. “If you really look at all the university is doing, that’s a pretty short time to get everything done. But we’re going to do it.

The university’s main priority at this time is student housing, said Houd.

“When the chancellor came in, that was one of the first things he wanted to address. He wanted students to not just have a place to stay, but a nice place to stay,” said Houd. “With the chancellor’s vision and his aggressiveness, things are getting done.

In its entirety, the private housing projects and the renovations to each dorm will cost A&T about $41 million. Renovations will begin this summer with the tearing down of Haley Hall.

The A&T Oaks will no longer be in

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Looking for help?
Aggie Help Desk gives support for the computer-baffled

BY NATASHA EVANS
Register Contributor

If you have been experiencing problems with your Internet access of obtaining your school e-mail account, the Aggie Help Desk, located in the IRC building, can help.

This department provides free Internet access and e-mail accounts, and on/off campus telephone support about computer problems, for all students and faculty members.

Five consultants work at the help desk, which serves well over 5,000 students and faculty.

"During the fall semester we received anywhere from a 120-150 calls a day. It has been a challenge being short-staffed in the number of consultants," said manager David Weaver, adding that the Help Desk was hoping to catch up over spring break.

A study was done to find out the number of consultants that the Aggie Help Desk should have, Weaver said. The results found that nine would be the appropriate number.

Despite the small number of employees, the Help Desk still manages to get around to everybody.

Weaver believes that good customer service is a must.

Kim Munstair is a part-time consultant who is also enrolled as a full-time student majoring computer science.

The N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents from March 15-21.

March 15 Drug Violation A student was found in possession of marijuana and alcohol. No charges were filed and the items were seized by university police for evidence.

Vandalism A student was cited and released for damaging a smoke detector and ceiling tile on the second floor of Scott Hall C. Estimated damages are $200.

March 16 Larceny A resident of Curtis Hall reported that while visiting another resident, her credit card was stolen. There is one suspect in this incident. The case remains open.

March 17 Larceny A non-student reported that his game bag was stolen from the bleachers while he was playing basketball in Moore Gym. There are no suspects at this time.

Larceny A resident of Cooper Hall reported that an acquaintance from Benner's college entered his room, while his roommate was present, and removed three items of clothing and left the room. The case remains open.

Delinquent Juvenile The university police department investigated a complaint from a mother who reported that a male student sexually assaulted her 15-year-old daughter in Cooper Hall. According to police reports, further investigation revealed the daughter called the male student and requested him to pick her up and bring her to his residence, which resulted in consensual sexual intercourse. No charges have been filed. This case remains open.

March 18 Larceny A resident of Morrison Hall reported that someone removed her laptop from her closet. The case remains open.

March 19 Larceny A female student reported that someone removed her secured laundry from the washing machine. There are no suspects at this time.

Drug Violation Two male students were found with possession of marijuana and alcohol on campus grounds. They were cited and released.

March 20 Vehicle Accident DeCarlo Bennett reported that he struck a 1990 Honda while backing his 2001 Toyota from a parking space on Drew Drive. Estimated damages are $300.

Vehicle Accident Flinton Wilson reported that he struck a 1989 Nissan Stanza while attempting to make a right-hand turn into Blueford Street in his 1992 Isuzu Rodeo. Estimated damages are $800.

School of nursing to host grad school fair

A&T's School of Nursing will host a Graduate School Day Fair, Thursday, March 29. The fair will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Dudley Building Multi-purpose Room.

At this time, students and N.C. A&T nursing alumni can pursue in the surrounding area are interested in pursuing a graduate or professional degree will have the opportunity to speak with representatives of graduate and professional degree programs on campus.

Women in agriculture honored this week

As part of its 2001 Small Farms Week activities, A&T will host the Women in Agriculture Symposium on March 27-28.

Activities include the Small Farms Luncheon, during which the 2001 Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dodley Small Farmer of the Year Award will be presented to the state's top small-scale farmer.

Experts will lead seminars on such topics as policy, leadership, environmental and risk management issues, and new opportunities for women in meeting global issues.

Michelin donates $300,000 gift

Michelin North America donated $300,000 to establish a student scholarship, research opportunities, internships and faculty development.

The gift was presented Feb. 26 to Chancellor James C. Riddick.
Housing

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service to students. University officials decided not to renew the three-year contract due to the new privatized housing provided by the foundation.

The Aggie Inn, which will be able to house up to 840 students, will be available by the beginning of August. The Aggie Inn will remain open until its contract expires in three years, and all dorms will remain open until the summer of 2002 when Scott Hall and Curtis Hall will be renovated completely.

Why is the community concerned with the privatized housing being built? They're called the North Carolina A&T Foundation Inc., composed of six university officials who are separate from the university, but are here to support the university. The foundation is in its 45th year of its existence, and its main objective is to provide the university with private housing.

Andrew Hoard, who is also the executive director of the foundation, said that the foundation is responsible for the new privatized housing on campus. He also says that they are really trying to suit the needs of the students.

"We've seen the demand," Hoard said. "We see that there is a need for student housing so we decided that we would hire a few private contractors to build what we see behind Hall, Aggie Suites."

The foundation strictly gets its money from donations and investments. No student funds are allocated to the foundation.

We're part of the university but we're separate," Hoard said. "We're here to support them in any way we can."

Hoard and the foundation have more than done that by raising half a million dollars for next summer's project, the renovation of Scott Hall. They have also raised money to build more privatized housing.

"The completion of the housing project will include new housing units, and renovations of all the dorms on campus," said Hoard. "The special thing about the new privatized housing is that it's not just a place where students will rest until the end of the year, but it's a place where they can stay their entire four years at A&T. They are fully furnished, with a computer lab for everyone, and there are no extra costs. The price to stay in these housing units includes phone, cable, free Internet access, utilities - so students are really getting a bargain and we're making them affordable to any student who wishes to stay in them."

The foundation has also helped raise almost $20 million for university uses other than housing this year - a number that has almost quadrupled from previous fundraising efforts.

The new projects began by university officials and the foundation have students, families interested about what the university will look like when it's all said and done.

Tyvon Perw as a senior business economics major, says that it's great to see the university evolve into something really great.

"Students should be excited about what's going on, and the fact that we actually asked for the university is doing," said Perw as. "The chancellor has really done what he said he was going to do, and that pleases me as well as students. I wish I could be here to see it all come together, but that's okay. I'll see it when I come back a few years later for Homecoming."

Through the university has made moves in revolutionizing the campus, the goal is still far from being reached, said Andrew Perkins, interim vice chancellor for facilities.

"The renovation process of each dorm is going to take some time, but we're going to reach our goal. It's just going to take some patience on everyone's part," said Perkins.

Perkins, who is now in his second year at A&T, said that a main objective for the remaining three years or so is to availability is too easy to avoid students, said Perkins also think that the parents of the students would like that so they won't be pressured in buying cars for their children, and when parents learn what the dorms provide for students they'll really be convinced that A&T is working to meet the needs of its students."

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"I remember the struggle of the Greensboro Four and it just came up and made sense...at sit-in."

Bollard continued by saying that winning the contest is a gift to him as a graduating senior because he was credited with the naming of something meaningful for years to come.

Bollard received a $75 certificate for his efforts. To give the sit-in a stylish touch, there is going to be a replica of the famous Woolworth's lunch counter on the wall.

For four hours on Thursday, patrons came in to the food court to sample the food from the concept brands and drinks from Coca-Cola.

Many students are impressed with the products. "I like Blimpies and Pizza Hut because it gives us variety," said Sherrie Henry.

"No one likes the concept of one over the others," said Bollard. "I like Blimpies better because I like the non-fattening, lean and low-in-calories foods," said Mahanas Kearney.

As far as the concepts in the new food court goes, a lot of negotiations are still going on. One of those concerns Chick-fil-A.

If Chick-fil-A does not extend its services to the sit-in, Tyson's Sunset Strip will get the nod, authorities said. If Chick-fil-A cannot extend its services, Sunset Strip is out of the picture.

Greek summit planned

A&T's Division of Student Affairs and the A&T Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council will hold its 15th Annual Pan-Hellenic Summit on March 30-31, in McNair Hall and the Memorial Student Union.

Another important item in the menu of the concept brands Pizza Hut will not be serving its entire menu but will provide its Pizza Hut Express menu, which will serve personal pan pizzas and breadsticks, said Langston Adams, director of food services. However, Blimpies is a different matter.

"Blimpies will feature a diverse menu," said Adams. "Ham, turkey, roast beef or anything you wish you want."

As a result of the new food court, a new menu will be created.

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March 26, 2001

Campus News
Never underestimate power of a brother’s love

Basketball is something my brother and I love to watch, play and have heated debates about. Who's got the best crossover, who's got the sweetest handles, who's got the best dribbling skills? Even though my brother and I love basketball, we always manage to be at peace and watch a contest with each other.

On the drive back almost three weeks ago, I had a chance to talk about what it means to have a brother. Not just any brother but a brother who looks up to you, one who's got a great sense of humor and to let you know how he's progressed along over the years. Who's got the amazing amount of wisdom at the age of 15 and one who's got the nastiest crossover I've ever seen.

I think of what he means to me and what he has helped me get through in my college experience and say he's a true brother. I didn't always do him right. Yeah, I was one of those brothers that didn't want my younger brother around until I realized the importance of who he was in my life.

No one can be what he is. No one can laugh like he laughs, smile like he smiles, dance like he dances. No one's got game like he's got. He's one of a kind. I've learned that there's nothing like a brother's love when the times get rough, and no one else seems to understand. A brother proves to be that voice of reason and sense when we aren't always making much sense or using much reason.

I've learned that a brother isn't necessarily of blood, a friend can quickly turn into that brother one never had. A brother does more than smack you with the ball, or play ball with you. A brother looks out for you, tells you when you're wrong, expresses to you his need for you and keeps you laughing.

I never want to take for granted all the times my brother and I sat up playing Dungeons and Dragons in the morning. I never want to take for granted all the basketball discussions and female discussions and most importantly I never want to take for granted my brother's love. A love not too many can say they have experienced.

I take a look at the many young black men on A&T's campus and see wonders of works in each and one of them. I also see how they interact with each other. Though each person's interaction isn't the same as the next, with every embrace or "what's up doggy"? there's an underlying statement being made. That statement is "this is my brother."

We hear all the time how black men are this and that, and some may be those things. But there's one thing one can say about a black man, and that is, he's got love for his brother.

Randy St. Clair, editor-in-chief

AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

Are professors pushing students to work to their potential?

Katrina Simons – senior, broadcast news – "I feel that A&T is a good university, but the professors can do a better job, altogether, of helping students."

Cynthia Lucas – senior, broadcast news – "Yes. Because the communication department professors do their best to prepare us for the world."

Maurice Dixon – junior, broadcast news – "Yes. Especially Mrs. Jenkins because she's always encouraging us to get exposure and providing advice to prepare as for the future."

Michael A. Thomas – senior, broadcast news – "Yes. They realize that we have to work, to our potential in order to make a name for ourselves in the media business."

Jaime Brown – sophomore, psychology/broadcast news – "I feel like half of the professors are here for a paycheck, and it's obvious by their actions. On the other hand, there are professors who do care."

Donna Coletrane – junior, public relations – "My experience at A&T has been a great one! I came here to increase my education, so if any of my professors have not pushed me to my potential I haven't noticed. Simply because I've been trying to reach my goals."

Justice wasn't served for Lionel Tate

By Tendisha Barnes

Guest Commentary

For a society that was founded on the inalienable rights of liberty, and the pursuit of happiness...where we have missed the mark. And, racism has become the malignant cancer that kills us slowly from the inside out.

If the truth be told, racism has become as American as apple pie. On Friday, March 9, 2001, racism showed up in a Florida courtroom and sentenced Lionel Tate, a 6-year-old African-American male to life in prison for a child's plea that went too far. Tate was convicted of killing a 6-year-old girl while imitating wrestling moves. The punishment does not fit the crime. I am led to believe that it is a violation of his constitutional rights and should be deemed "cruel and unusual punishment."

Tate was being kept in a maximum security prison for the duration of his trial as if he were a real "menace to society". The only "menace" to society is society itself. In the same week of Tate's sentencing, Charles "Andy" Williams, purposely went on a shooting spree at Santana High School in San Diego, Calif, killing two people and wounding several others. For his crime, he was sent to a juvenile detention center. He will probably use the "insanity plea" and face a light slap on the wrist for his actions. Two different scenarios, two different outcomes.

Justice wasn't served for Tate. Could it be that America still views the African-American male as 3/5 of a man? There should have been a big indicator that this sentencing was cruel and unusual punishment when passersby joined forces with the defense attorneys to seek clemency on the child's behalf.

The underlying issue is that justice went wrong and instead of being fair and impartial, it was malicious and excruciating. If clemency is not granted by Gov. Jeb Bush, then Tate will be faced with a mandatory life sentence for an innocent mistake. Only God can deliver us from the terrors of our adversary, which is simply divide and conquer.
Convocation honors students, faculty

BY WILLIAM DAVIS II

An air of excellence filled Harrison Auditorium last Thursday morning, as faculty marched down the aisles wearing academic regalia to open the Honors Day Convocation.

This annual event honors the achievements of students, faculty and staff members.

"Today we pause to recognize and commend all the students who have achieved academic excellence in their academic endeavors," said Chancellor James Renick.

And Honors Day is equally important for faculty and staff, he said. "We are here to honor and pay tribute to a number of faculty members who have made a difference in the lives of our students," Renick continued.

Julius Chambers, chancellor of N.C. Central University, outlined three main points in his keynote address.

First, he said there is a major disparity between the resources at historically black colleges and universities versus those of other institutions of higher education. "I come to A&T and I see the disparity in the facilities," he said, adding that there must be equity between what's available at N.C. State and A&T, between N.C. Central and Chapel Hill.

And more financial support is needed for students.

"Nothing hurts me more," said Chambers, "than to go to HBCUs and see a young student, black student, trying to get an education and then know that the student doesn't have the resources."

In his second point, Chambers noted that A&T and other HBCUs must be prepared for diversity and embrace it, saying the day may come when 50 percent of their student body is not black.

Finally, he said that African American students must do better before college, and that they need the help of the community if they are to succeed academically.

Chambers, who later was to receive a honorary doctorate in humanities, read a portion of Langston Hughes' "Mother to Son" and said that every black person can quote from the poem, which begins, "Life for me ain't been no crystal stair," because it speaks to their experiences.

The program also featured selections by the university orchestra and choir, and remarks by Ralph Shelton, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Pamela Hunter, who chairs the faculty senate; and Nicole Wadlington, Miss A&T.

Students from the various schools and colleges were asked to rise to be honored.

The university also recognized outstanding area high school students, and made awards to leading faculty, administrators and researchers.

Faculty and staff say that honoring the students is important to the university.

"I think it's a great idea that we recognize our superior students," says Sandra William, a professor in the Department of History. "We should congratulate the students for the efforts they've made.

"Like we honor athletes, we should honor students that excel academically," said Claude Lamb, chairperson for the Department of Chemistry.

Students also feel that Honors Day is an important time for the university.

"The convocation is definitely a good idea," said Joe Finerson, a junior political science major. "Not only does it continue the encouragement for the academic student, but it encourages academic excellence for the university as a whole." It makes me feel good that A&T recognizes the efforts of these students.

Many agree that the Honors Day Convocation is a good idea, but some are disappointed with the number of students that attend events like these.

"Where are the students?" Chambers asked during his speech. "We want to bring a message because you want to develop young people who are going to take advantage. We are going to have to go and find them and let them know that we are not going to get anywhere without them involved."

Nakkita Mitchell, outgoing SGA president, has attended the Honors Day each year that she has been at A&T. She said there could be 'better student turnout.'

"I've come all four of my years and I'm disappointed," said Mitchell. "We have a lot of honor students, but I don't think a lot of the student body puts value in this program."

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Jazz fest brings diversity to A&T

By MIA ROSS

So, you're tired of hearing all the hip-hop and R&B around campus and you want to hear something different. Well, through the efforts of Art Professor James Renick, the first Piedmont Jazz Festival is just around the corner.

Co-sponsored with Black Enterprise magazine, this event serves as a host for sevemnent and jazz acts that are sure to make you appreciate the art form.

"As a native of the area, I am thankful that we, the university, are such a big part of bringing something to the community that helps revitalize the Greensboro area and provide an outlet of family entertainment for all age groups," says S.G.A. President Nikkia Mitchell.

"I am just as proud that Aggies are in the forefront of these efforts."

Festivities start Wednesday, April 4, with a 10 a.m. panel discussion on "The Business of Jazz" in Harrison Auditorium.

"3 p.m. A Big Band Showcase will be in the Student Union Ballroom featuring A&T's Big Band and area high school big band performances."

"Tuesday, April 5: Top of Market Street Jam session with live music and a DJ."

"10 p.m. A jazz jam session featuring local and headlining jazz acts will be at the Alexander Deveron's restaurant. Jam session will continue on Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. Admission is $5."

Friday, April 6
"10 a.m. A jazz workshop featuring Grammy nominee Nnenna Freelon at Winston-Salem State University is scheduled."

"11:30 a.m. A brown bag lunch at the Greensboro Governmental Plaza while jazz groups perform."

"1:30 p.m. Jazz workshop discussion on improvisation and technique featuring vocalist Ever Cornelius will take place at Smith High School."

"6 p.m. A dinner theater is scheduled in the ballroom to watch A&T's own E. Crowny Dancers."

"7:30 p.m. Step show at the Carolina Theatre followed by an old school jam outside the theater from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m."

"7:30 p.m. "An Evening of Jazz" at the Carolina Theatre featuring saxophonist Kenny Garrett and vocalist Ever Cornelius."

"8 p.m. International Music Celebration at Winston-Salem's Swannoot Building. Afro-Cuban and jazz bands will perform. Admission is $10; International buffet is $10."

Saturday, April 7
"10 a.m. Jazz workshop at UNC-G featuring saxophonist Kenny Garrett discussing jazz improvisation and technique.

"Noon: A jazz concert at Oak Hollow Park in High Point. Artists performing include Ravi Coltrane, Pieces of a Dream, Sankofa, Jane Bennett and the Spans of Havana and Rachelle Ferrell. Admission is $10."

Sunday, April 8
"1 p.m. Jazz takes to the streets at the Downtown Street Festival. Local college and high school bands will perform jazz classics by Ellington, Basie, Strayhorn and more. Regional and local jazz bands will perform as well.

Bilal goes away, Arie shines in debut albums

By JOSHUA ALSTON

Regular Contributor

In America, everything is for sale, and culture has always been a hot commodity. Most people would like to think that we are cultured and refined, but many wonder how white bread they actually are. Are they the same as we, the native, that we are? It seems like the answer is yes.

"First Born Second," the long-awaited debut of Bilal Oliver of the tightly knit Soulquarians collective, is an unfortunate case of the whole being less than the sum of its parts. Almight "Quardslove" Thompson of the Roots and James Poyser, the producers of D'Angelo's ultra-popular "Voodoo," are behind the boards on Bilal's first effort as well, but all that coddling can't seem to help his anemic songwriting. "First Born Second" is packed full of good ideas, but the Berklee-trained Bilal seems to be aiming for angular and hitting scatter-brained instead.

"Sometimes," the worst victim of his short attention span, begins, with a sedate, dub-influenced intro that when the appetite, despite sounding a bit too much like Mor Dee's "Unin Sa'd." "This is a song that makes one spell out all my guts," he sings right as the song hits a hard left, veering into the Fender Rhodes' neighborhood, a part of town D'Angelo often frequents. Then he spoons out an angry salvo at an ex-lover that sounds almost non-verbal for mass consumption, but is hardly motivating enough to warrant the song's seventeen-minute length.

Bilal's lyrics have a tendency to favor cayenne over poissonic, which causes some occasional unreliability.

Nonetheless, "Your Love Sent Me To," starts promisingly enough, featuring his modest tenor over a pretty keyboard. Soon enough though, he strikes his own punch with a boring hook and a worse guitar solo.

These, of course, are only the ballads. The uptempo tunes are even less fulfilling, like the leads, fork-rock cover "Way Back To You" and the reggae tinged "Home Is Where I Wanna Be." For those who thought the single "Soul Sista" was too neo-soul as a virgin margarita is to alcohol, I'm sorry to say that's as good as it gets.

India Arie faxes much better on her debut, "Acoustic Soul," mostly because her sound is unique and refreshing, but you won't see the sweat on her brow. The lead-off single, "Video," is positive in its infectiousness with its simple guitar riff and hand claps, but it's a bit of a Trojan horse. The remainder of "Acoustic Soul" is just as enjoyable, but where "Video" would fit comfortably on most radio playlists, Arie's other songs are the type of rock-soul hybrids that make marketing departments and DJs throw their arms up in frustration.

"Promises" and "Beautiful" are stark, simple guitar gems, reminiscent of Joan Armatrading if she had listened to less John Mitchell and more Stax. 45s. Arie seems most influenced by Stevie Wonder, even going so far as to dedicate the reverent "Wonderful" to him. "You are the sunshine of my life/Another Shakespeare of your time," she sings over a propulsive bass line. Elsewhere, on the uplifting "Strength, Courage & Wisdom," she flirts with a chord progression similar to that of Stevie's "Visions."

Just like Stevie, India Arie is just as strong with ballads as she is with uptempo tracks, as evidenced on the heart-wrenching "Ready For Love," a cautionary confession that most anyone who listens to it will relate to in some fashion. "Acoustic Soul" is a success of a侨 steps, and should prove to be one of the most impressive debuts, if not albums, of the year.

"First Born Second" goes away, but "Acoustic Soul" serves as proof that there is not necessarily anything wrong with buying culture. The key is to be selective about the person in the trench coat you buy it from.

CHRISTINA APPLEGATE (right) and Jean Reno (left) star in "Just Visiting," a time-travel fantasy coming soon to local theaters.

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READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE?
His Airness back in the NBA?

By REGINALD NICHOLS
Sports Editor

As preparations began to rise with the arrival of spring, the need to be physically fit but also perform well was evident. The Wizards, led by a strong roster, were among the teams that set high standards for physical fitness needs and a wide array of state-of-the-art workout equipment. The Wizards Laboratory is staffed by several assistant coaches and a dedicated staff. The Wizards Laboratory, whose primary goal is to improve student-athletes' performance, offers a variety of resources and programs. Students work up a sweat in the Wizards Laboratory under the direction of the lab director, Randy St. Clair, physical education staff assistant.

Baseball team makes good on promise

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register-Star writer

The N.C. A&T baseball team won to have a better season this year and so far, so good. Their offense has been special this season, and it was no different as they swept a three-game series at War Memorial Stadium over the previous weekend, beating the Spartans of UNCG and Norfolk State. In game one, the Aggies fell behind 9-0 before scoring 15 runs over the final three innings in a 15-10 win over Norfolk State. Eric Jones' grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning began the triumphant rally.

In the second game, the Aggies' Travis Scott pitched a beautiful complete game shutout, giving up only three hits and striking out 10 in the 1-0 victory over UNCG. Kevin Allen's sacrifice fly produced the only run in the game, propelling the Aggies to victory.

In the finale of the three-game sweep, Adams Smith and Austin Love combined to go 5-8 to lead the Aggies to an 11-2 victory over conference foe Norfolk State. "These kids are playing hard and we're trying to improve more daily," said Aggie fifth-year head coach Keith Stamper. "Beating Bruce Miller yesterday was a big deal. We get good pitching this weekend." The win improved the Aggies to 11-15 overall and 2-0 in the MEAC.

Cardio lab offers convenience to Aggies

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Last week marked the beginning of spring practice, and the A&T football team looks to take care of the problems that haunted last year. With a defense that ranked in the top five in the country, the Aggies' problem seemed to be an offense that had trouble scoring. But with a wealth of talent returning, the N.C. A&T football team will try to gain the chemistry that will enable them to put up points against teams that are not as talented.

"Talent definitely wasn't the problem," said senior running back Adrian Hicks. "We've just got to learn together and believe in the system." The offense will be led this year by running back Maurice Hicks. Hicks, who was happy with the season opening game against Norfolk State. "I feel good about the season," said Hicks. "We're going to be a tough team this year."
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soaring lay up down the lane to pull the Bulls within one at 86-85 with 25 seconds remaining in the 1998 NBA Finals. Then, comes down court and steals the ball from Karl Malone with 17 seconds remaining to set up the storybook ending.

Instead of calling time out, the Bulls clear out for Jordan. With the clock ticking down, Jordan crossed up Byron Russell and sank the title-clinching shot with 5.2 seconds left in one of the most memorable moments in NBA history.

So why return now after five league MVP titles, six NBA titles, and six NBA Finals MVPs?

Maybe it's just Jordan's competitive nature. It would be to his delight to one day compete again but if he does, there will be one of two things. He'll either be good or mediocre. There's no bad at Jordan's game ... old man or not. He's still the most feared player in the game and he's retired! But in all reality, this is the Wizards and not the Bulls. Scottie, Dennis and Phil have moved on to newer places and Mike really needs 'winners' around him. Not just players.

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