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Knocking down pins nationally

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
Editor-in-Chief

The N.C. A&T women's bowling team is going where no HBCU women's bowling team has gone before: nationals.

This is the first time in A&T women's bowling history that the team has been to the national championships, to be held later this month in Michigan.

It's also the first time any historically black college or university has been to the bowling national championships.

This is a feat that first-year coach,

Adam Chaskin said he knew his team could accomplish.

"Even though this is my first year, I didn't think that this was an unrealistic goal to achieve," said Chaskin.

Chaskin also expressed his excitement at his girls having this opportunity to compete nationally, but he says it's not a shock to him that they're in this position.

"I'm excited that we're headed to national competition," said Chaskin. "These girls work hard and they stick together, but I knew that they were

more than capable of competing on this level."

After finishing in the top four of the sectional competition, the A&T women's bowling team is ready to shock the bowling world.

Team leader Crystal Bailey, a senior mechanical engineering major, doesn't feel this is the end of the line for the team.

"It's great that we've got this far and I'm excited about it, but we didn't just want to get to nationals, we want to win nationals," said Bailey. "We have as good

as a chance that any of the other 15 teams have."

The National Championships will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., from April 18-22.

On Thursday, April 19, the lady Aggies will bowl 32 Baker-style games and receive their seeding. The following day starts the double elimination competition where it's the best of seven games to move to the next contender.

The style of play will be Baker style, in which everyone bowls as one. There
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Courtney Taylor/Register Staff

Small Farms Week brings support to A&T, farm families

By T.J. MOORE
Register Staff Writer

Chancellor James Renick vowed that he was going to put the "A" back in A&T and so far, that's been the case with the help of two new projects that will benefit the School of Agriculture.

During Small Farms Appreciation Week, the School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences made alliances with the John Deere company and the Golden LEAF Foundation, a program to help the state's tobacco communities.

John Deere will give the university's farm complex new equipment that will be a very welcome asset and will improve the complex's operations. Under the contract, A&T will receive tractors, all-terrain vehicles, hay balers and a mower.

The equipment will be loaned for up to 250 hours of use and will be replaced after those hours are up.

The reason for the replacement cycle is just good common business sense. "They (John Deere) can still sell and make a good profit on the sell," said Dr. Alton Thompson, dean of

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Quiz Bowl?

Fast-thinking Aggies head to Orlando contest

By JASON BOYD
Register Contributor

Sharp instincts and quick wit are essential when trying to advance in tournament play.

Key ingredients that N.C. A&T Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Quiz Bowl tournament team already knows and relies on.

The team, supervised by Sandra Williamson, associate history professor, Ralph Brown, dean of student development and Dr. Dorothy J. Harris, associate vice chancellor of student development, is gearing up for its tournament appearance April 7-11 in Orlando.

The travel team is composed of team captain and senior, Haile Lindsay, mechanical engineering major; Thaddeus Robinson, graduate computer science major; George McHugh, junior, earth science major; Jonathan Rosero, sophomore, laboratory animal science major; and Antoine Harris sophomore political science major.

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Sharonda R. Eggleton/Register Staff

(Top) The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. stand tight as they are presented to N.C. A&T students as the new line of men in Black and Gold. The new Alphas stand masked, awaiting their time to unveil who they are. (Bottom) Sisters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. show their sisterhood in their line that can't be broken. Stepping to "I'm coming out" by Diana Ross, these newly found AKA's show their love for the Pink and Green. These activities were all a part of the 2001 Greek Probate on March 28-29.

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IN BRIEF

Grads appreciated

N. C. A&T Graduate School will have a graduate student appreciation Week April 1-7.

The activities will include a GRE preparation workshop, information on balancing family, career and school, a program on test-taking anxiety and free glucose and blood pressure screenings.

For additional information, call (336) 334-7920.

GE gives grant

General Electric recently awarded N.C. A&T a \$75,000 GE Fund grant and \$150,000 for its final payment of a \$450,000 grant for the university's School of Business and Economics Learning Excellence Initiative.

Funds from the GE grant will be used to focus on the retention and the enhancing of engineering students in their first two years of study. The monies also will be used to prepare senior engineering students for the Fundamental of Engineering Examination.

GE has had a 30-year-plus relationship with A&T. The relationship has evolved from one of permanent placement of students to one of a strategic partnership.

Mayor will visit A&T

Keith A. Holliday, mayor of Greensboro, will speak on the campus of N.C.A&T from noon - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in Smith Hall, room 2014. His presentation is part of A&T's School of Technology Lecture Series.

The lecture series is designed to expose students to a range of perspectives from technological and computer innovations, leadership development, and socioeconomic and political issues that will impact them.

Holliday currently serves as vice president/retail banker for First Citizens Bank. Holliday received his B.S. degree in sociology from Guilford College.

Bowden leads group

Attorney R. Steve Bowden, a member of N.C. A&T's Board of Trustees, has been named president of the Guilford County Association of Black Lawyers. Bowden is in private practice with R. Steve Bowden & Associates.

Bowden is affiliated with numerous organizations including the Greensboro Citizens Political Action Committee, Greensboro Sports Council, Greensboro Men's Club and the NAACP. He also is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, St. John's Lodge (Prince Hall affiliation) and North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Bowden received his B.A. and J.D. degree from Campbell University.

Sebastian accredited

N.C. A&T's Sebastian Health Center Laboratory Services has met all criteria for laboratory accreditation by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation, a national healthcare organization.

Accreditation is given to laboratories that apply rigid standards to quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrate continued accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing, and pass a rigorous on-site lab survey.

Seminar sparks emotions

Domestic violence discussed at fourth annual seminar

By KEVIN ALSTON
Register Contributor

It is all around us and we fail to recognize or talk about it.

It's none of our business what happens in that family next door; or don't you say anything about me beating you or your mama, some say.

Domestic violence was the topic on Friday, March 23, in Merrick Hall at the Fourth Annual Domestic Violence Underserved Population Conference.

The Department of Sociology and Social Work at A&T, directed by Dr. Joyce Dickerson, spearheaded this event that touched the hearts of many audience members.

The audience was startled when suddenly a lady in black with red lace gloves stood up, dramatically saying, "I am Domestic Violence!"

Wambui Bahati proceeded to portray different characters going through and dealing with domestic violence. Many members of the audience fought back tears or had to walk out to compose themselves.

"One lady ran out crying," said Dickerson, head of the Domestic Violence program. She said the student told her, "She's telling about my life and current relationship."

After Bahati's performance she took questions and told about her life in an abusive relationship.

She said that domestic violence did not have to be physical. She said that her ex-husband would mentally abuse her to the point that she felt and thought she was nothing. Originally from the Greensboro area, she now resides in New York, with a national career in performing arts.

After Bahati's segment, Dr. Brenda Jarmon, associate professor of Florida A&M University and Department of Social Work in Tallahassee, Fla., told her story of domestic abuse.

At age 14, she was "in love" with a man much older than she. She ignored the warning from her parents that he was not good for her. She became preg-

nant at this age with her first child.

She was impregnated by the man again soon after the birth of their first child. Seven months pregnant, her boyfriend struck her, beating her profusely after she refused to accept his marriage proposal.

Jarmon expressed how important it was to tell and not to hide domestic violence. She overcame her situation, raising both her children to be productive

"Men have to be responsible for their own behavior. Instead, many put the blame on the woman when she had nothing to do with their problem."

Billy Stokes
Domestic violence counselor

members of society. Her son now owns a business, Jarmon Inc., and her daughter in the military serving in a high position.

During the last session of the three-segmented program, Billy Stokes, who is a domestic violence counselor for Family Service of the Piedmont in Greensboro, outlined other important factors to the audience.

He said 95 percent of the people being abused are women while the other 5 percent are men.

"Men have to be responsible for their own behavior," he said. "Instead, many put the blame on the woman when she had nothing to do with their problem."

Agreement flooded the auditorium as he spoke these words. "If she would have just had my dinner fixed when I got home she wouldn't have gotten hit. She knew what the deal was; she brought it on herself," he said, speaking as an abuser may speak.

He gave four signs of a battering personality. They are jealousy, quick

involvement, unrealistic expectations and isolation.

Defining them, he said that if your man or woman gets jealous quickly when seeing you with another man or woman, watch out.

If he just met you and instantly falls in "love" with you, he said to beware. "I've never met anyone like you," "you are my woman," "You must come with me so we can get married" are other potential warning signs.

Unrealistic expectations pertain to meeting the opposite's every need. This is rarely possible, Stokes stated.

Isolation is what really sums up what the person's plan: "Getting you away from your friends and family. If you are seen with a guy, then you are talking to him; if you are seen with a woman, then you are called a lesbian."

He said, "If he sees your friends telling you that he is wrong for you, he tells you that you need new friends or that you don't need them. Therefore, he pulls you from everyone leaving you alone with no one but him."

He said a healthy relationship is two people's mutual agreement on and in the relationship. First help yourself. Once this is done, you will then gravitate others who are like you, Stokes said.

Ending the program, the hard-working interns presented their research on domestic violence on the campus of N.C. A&T. Their research found that 18 percent of students were victims. More than half of the 173 students surveyed knew someone experiencing domestic abuse.

From the research they said that domestic violence is a growing problem. Nearly 50 percent of the abusers can change their behavior.

From the survey, 60 percent were aware of the community development center to help them with abusive relationships.

If you know someone being abused or are being abused, you can go in confidence to room 118 in Gibbs Hall to talk about it.

EYE ON CRIME

The N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents from March 22-28.

March 22

Possession of marijuana

Several residents of Cooper Hall were found in possession of marijuana. No charges were filed at the time.

March 23-25

Breaking and entering auto

A student reported that person(s) unknown broke into his 1996 Honda while it was parked in the Laurel Street lot. He stated that a CD player and eight CD's were stolen from his vehicle. Estimated value is \$700. There are no suspects at the time.

Breaking and entering larceny

A faculty member in Crosby Hall reported the theft of her purse. Police said that Ronald Nathaniel, a non-student, was arrested on a charge of breaking and entering larceny. Estimated value of items stolen is \$200.

Larceny

A student reported that a set of keys and a cell phone were stolen from a bench near Laurel and Salem streets.

Estimated value of things stolen is \$165. There is one suspect at the time.

Breaking and entering auto

A student reported that person(s) unknown broke into his 1996 Honda while it was parked in the Laurel Street lot. Nothing was stolen from his vehicle. There is one suspect at the time.

Recovered stolen vehicle

A 1996 Mitsubishi Galant reported stolen by a non-student was found in the Laurel Street parking lot by police.

Vehicle damaged

A non-student reported that his 1997 Chevy was struck while parked on Arthur Headen Drive. Estimated damage is \$300. There is one suspect at the time.

March 26

Vandalism

A female student reported that unknown person(s) forced opened the gas tank cover of her vehicle and poured salt into the gas tank while it was parked on Lutheran Street at Haley Hall. There are no suspects at the time.

March 27

Possession of weapon

Police said that Nathaniel Rice, a non-student, was arrested after a complaint that he was brandished a handgun near the fraternity plots on south campus. Rice was charged with possession of a weapon on educational property and possession of a weapon by a felon.

Larceny

A member of a sports team reported that person(s) unknown removed several items from his room while he was at practice. There were no signs of forcible entry. There are no suspects at the time.

Larceny

A resident at the A&T Oaks reported that person(s) unknown forced their way into his room by bending the middle connecting rod of his window and removed his personal safe. There are no suspects at the time.

March 28

Breaking and entering auto

A student reported that person(s) unknown broke into his 1991 Volkswagen and removed various CD's. Total estimated value of items stolen is \$700.

BOWLING

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aren't any individual scores, just the team score. This style really favors the Aggies.

"We've fared well in Baker-style play," said Chaskin. "Everyone's game is coming along and it's allowing us to be competitive."

Chaskin says that the team will prepare for competition by bowling at several different bowling alleys.

"We're trying to make conditions as difficult as possible, so that it won't be a hard adjustment when we get to the championships," said Chaskin.

So what has contributed to the Lady Aggies success this year?

Well, Chaskin attributes their success to the team's togetherness.

"Our success is truly a team effort each and every game," said Chaskin.

"They're extremely competitive and help each other. They understand that without each other they can't be successful, and you really don't see that much with other bowling teams."

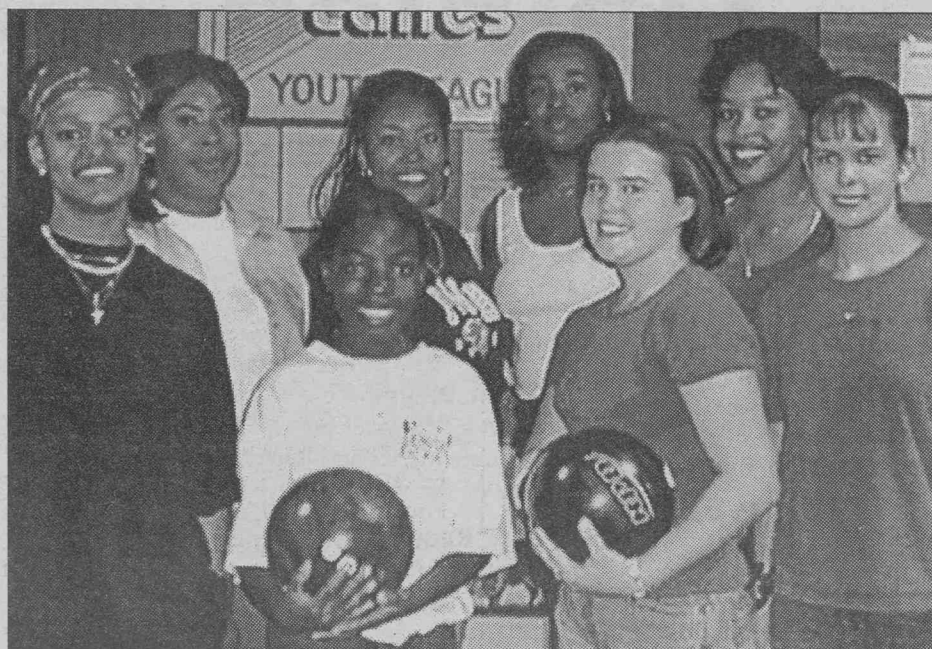
Bailey agrees with Chaskin and said that the team's strength is their togetherness.

"The closeness of the team, its morale and how we're able to stick together through anything really contributes to our success," said Bailey. "We know how to get the job done."

Bailey says that the team, although thought to be underdogs, has an advantage against other teams.

"We have an advantage because we're the underdogs," said Bailey. "And Baker is any man's game. No one person can lead the team. It's a total team effort."

The women's bowling team has defeated some top-ranked bowling squads in the country such as Florida State, Florida, Nebraska and Wichita State in head-to-head competition.



Sharonda Eggleton/File Photo

Members of N.C. A&T Women's bowling team are heading to Grand Rapids, Mich., for the 2001 Intercollegiate Bowling National Championship.

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the School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences.

In a second major effort, the Golden LEAF Foundation will give the university a \$250,000 research grant to help farmers find alternatives to tobacco. The Golden LEAF Foundation project will aid farmers in the Northern Piedmont weather the declining tobacco market and eventually, help look for specialty crops that will replace tobacco.

Leafy greens, organically grown fruit and vegetables, pastured pork and poultry are the most likely crops that will surpass tobacco in earning power, according to Thompson.

The School of Agriculture is also experimenting with aquaculture. "We had one demonstration at the farm," Thompson said, "We grew tilapia and we are looking at some other varieties of fish, but we're undecided."

Golden LEAF was created two years ago to handle the money from the state's settlement with Philip Morris Inc., R.J. Reynolds and other tobacco companies. Since then, the group has distributed over \$5 million in first-round funding.

During the 15th annual celebration of Small Farms Day, Burnice and Bonnie Blanks was honored with 2001 Gilmer L. and Clara Y. Dudley Small Farmer of the Year Award.

Former national parks director to deliver Gibbs Lecture

Robert Stanton, former director of the National Park Service, will be the 2001 Gibbs Lecturer speaker. He will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in Gibbs Hall. This event is part of the university Lyceum Series and is being co-sponsored with the department of history. It is free and open to the public.

Stanton is a nationally recognized leader in cultural and natural resource management, youth programs, government and interagency relations and diversity in employment and public programs. For three and a half years, he served as the director of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

He was the 15th person to serve as director and the first African American to hold that position since the agency was established by Congressional legislation in August 1916.

QUIZ

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The travel team students are determined by the five finalist of the school-wide quiz bowl tournament between a pool of more than 50 students, which was held on Nov. 4, 2000.

The next eight students who are not among the top five are placed on the varsity team, and attend practices regularly to help the travel team members sharpen their skills.

Some team members had their minds set on participating on the quiz bowl team before they even set foot on

A&T's campus.

Students like varsity player Jacinta Simmons, a freshman, economics major, who was fortunate enough to make the trip to Orlando explained that she played on her high school team, and knew she wanted to tryout once she entered college.

Lindsay also had previous quiz bowl experience in high school.

"In 1997 my Dudley High School team scrimmaged A&T, and from that day forward I decided that I wanted to become a member," Lindsay said.

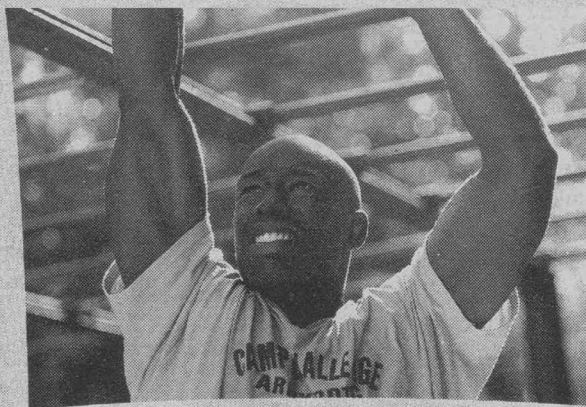
In life, success sometimes comes at a heavy price, along with being a travel team member comes long hours of additional studying to their regular

course load.

Each travel member attends practice prepared with their own set of questions to ask other members that they have researched on their own time. Additional practice questions are derived from sources such as The Dictionary of Cultural Literacy, and ones sent directly from Honda.

Robinson comments on the amount of time spent trying to remain competitive.

"Playing on this team is real time consuming," said Robinson. "The key to success is the motivation to achieve our common goal; we want that first place ring."



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Affirmative action not a crutch but a bridge

Affirmative action, two words that send some Republicans and Democrats kicking and screaming to the Supreme Court judge to cancel the body of jurisprudence that gives equal rights to minorities.

What is so unconstitutional about wanting equal rights or wanting the same opportunities that white Americans have?

I bring this "touchy" topic to your attention because since our new president (who is trying to "bring together" two parties that don't want to be together) has been in office three lawsuits have been filed by predominantly white businesses or schools seeking to overturn affirmative action.

Their argument is that there isn't a need for affirmative action and that it is unconstitutional.

To say that there isn't a need for affirmative action is to say that there isn't a need for a savior. No, affirmative action shouldn't be a crutch for African Americans or any other minority, and I don't think it serves as one.

Affirmative action serves as an equal rights opportunity for a people or persons that don't have the rights that the majority do. It preserves equal rights and assures that one's gender or the color of one's skin doesn't keep that person from being successful.

Politicians and others who stand against affirmative action need to understand why it was brought to the table to begin with. Why is it always associated with black people? It helps people from many groups. It wasn't brought up so black men and women could outrank or out do the "white man." Affirmative action is not a punishment to those who aren't a minority.

Affirmative action is simply something that allows and ensures that all who apply for the same job or school get fair treatment.

What will really get Americans of all colors talking is how President Bush is going to handle the recent cases dealing with the cancellation of affirmative action laws. Such as the most recent one dealing with the Colorado contractors, who some say hire too many black and Hispanic people.

The white contractor challenging the federal program is pushing for a strict standard that would allow U.S. government officials to use affirmative action in exceedingly rare situations, reported USA Today.

So what are extremely rare situations?

Who determines what a rare situation is?

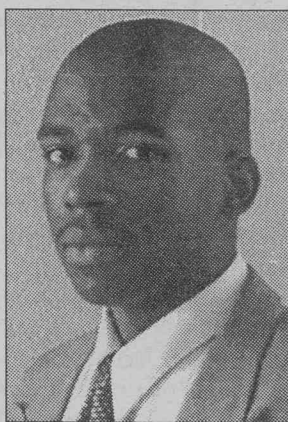
Don't tell me those who are doing the hiring and firing, and please don't say the government. Does a rare situation fall under the category, if we can't find anyone else for the job then we'll look to the minorities?

Rare situations are situations that all minorities encounter today. Whether black, Hispanic, Asian or in some cases white. A rare situation is one that would be classified as, I need a job. Or, I want to go to your school, will you let me? That is a rare situation.

Once the government walks away from its role of ensuring fair treatment for all, then it creates dismay for the entire country.

President Bush needs to realize that everything isn't peaches and cream. Racism is alive and breathing, and affirmative action is a way to discontinue the racist and prejudiced dealings of all employers.

But, then again we're dealing with a man that refers to affirmative action as affirmative access, which by the way has no meaning. Which really means that affirmative action may be no more, and the oppression of all minorities will once again arise, because we have a man in office who refuses to think realistically.



RANDY ST. CLAIR

20 QUESTIONS

BY DIJON ROLLE
Register Contributor

- Now that the housing lottery is over, how many people are homeless again this year?
- Who do you have to know to find an Apartment Guide book around here?
- Which response did your parents or family use when you told them you didn't get housing this year?
 - "Well, you know I don't have any money right?"
 - "Can't you stay with so-and-so?"
 - "What do you mean, you don't have housing?"
 - "Well... you ain't coming back home, are ya?"
 - "CENSORED"
- Why is the "Black Planet" website so slow?
- When are the Summer School books really coming out?
- Doesn't it seem like everybody at A&T is a member at the Hayes Taylor YMCA?
- Don't some of us wish we had kept our lil' \$35 since we don't have time to work out anyway?
- Speakin' of workin' out... why do some people wear anything to the gym?
- When is spring really coming?
- How many "Aggie" related apartments are there?
- What's up with BET getting rid of Tavis Smiley?
- Did "Oh Drama" get cancelled or what?
- Why do some "drivers" wanna stop traffic to talk to their friends and then have the nerve to tell everybody behind them to go around? Can you say, "How about you get out the way?"
- How many more days is it until graduation?
- When did "white jeans" come back in style?
- Why do some (not all) of the café workers wanna get smart with you... when you are paying your money to eat in there?
- Can you say, get your grill fixed before you talk trash to me?
- Why do some people have more than one clock in their room but all of them have a different time on them?
- Once again... what can't folks turn off their phones while they're in class? Will they violate their service contract or something if they do?
- How many of us are not surprised that "Puffy" didn't go to jail? How many of us didn't care either way?

Housing process at A&T needs fine tuning (to say the least)

BY KARISTON MCPHERSON
Register News Editor

The time has come and gone for A&T's housing lottery. By now, most of you know whether you have on-campus housing for the fall or not.

Now this topic is near and dear to my heart because I have gone through the drama of the housing selection process. Fortunately, I am graduating in May and did not have to go through the "drama" this year.

But I feel for the people who do not have housing next semester and haven't a clue as to what to do. My personal problem with this whole housing selection is that it basically stinks. It has gotten to the point where if you are an upperclassman, your chance of receiving housing is as slim as a split atom.

Don't get me wrong; I see the strides that A&T is making to accommodate more students. However, the new housing accommodations are APARTMENTS in which students have to pay rent. What A&T needs are new DORMS. Every college student know that unless your family has money to burn, the four or so years you spend in college are the most financially restricted years of your life. If you don't learn anything else in college, you will definitely learn the value of a dollar.

When it comes to housing assignment, upperclassmen are basically second string. Freshmen and transfer students are guaranteed housing, which is understandable. But what about out-of-state students? What about the students who don't have the luxury of personal transportation?

With the limited amount of space and the growing number of students, many students will be forced in this ugly cycle: Since you don't have on-campus housing, you need an apartment. To keep an apartment, you need to pay rent. To pay rent, you need a job.

Let's say that you find a job. What if this job is not walking distance? Do you have a car? No? Gee, how are you going to get to work, to pay the rent and keep a roof over your head since you cannot stay on campus?

Out-of-state students really have it bad because home is hundreds of miles away. Even if you are from North Carolina, would you want to commute two hours from Charlotte to spare yourself from worrying about paying rent?

I know some of you are saying, "What's wrong with working and going to school at the same time?" Absolutely nothing, if you can handle it or if you have no other choice. But when you are 18 or 19 years old and in college, your main goal should be getting your degree and moving on to bigger and better things after you graduate. That is when you should worry about where your humble abode will be.

And as tuition-paying students, we should have the right to stay on campus if we want. We should not be forced to scrimp and scrape to find shelter because our university cannot satisfy our housing needs. If you can only accommodate me for one year, then don't take my money and don't accept my application. I will save my money and my energy for an institution of higher learning that can.

As hard as it is to believe, I do not have a personal vendetta against the housing department at A&T. I appreciate my experiences and my education here. But the housing selection is the one thing I will gladly leave behind when I graduate.

Letters to the editor

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"Vengeance" is mine says models

REVIEW BY TRINA LOGAN
Register Contributor

On March 28, students came out to support the fashion show "Vengeance" by Empose Modeling Agency.

Former Verge member Michael Posey starred, directed and produced "Vengeance." Despite the hour wait, fans sat anxiously to watch "Vengeance."

The crowd applauded the opening, which was done by a screening from a projector. When the projection screen rose, the curtains opened and the models began to perform.

The first scene consisted of the models dancing and modeling to Michael Jackson's "Remember the Time" with queen costumes and pharaoh attire. The pharaoh and queen modeled together until her death closed out the scene.

"Angel in Disguise" by Brandy led the next scene. The female models performed in various white outfits in which they portrayed angels.

Dance Tech was in the fashion show's intermission. Jocelyn Crawford and Shanina Stanback performed to Eve's "Who's That Girl" before the third scene.

Dance Tech is a newly formed group which performs for various community affairs. Amma Waddell leads their choreography.

In the third scene, "The Mummy's Return," the special effects were very



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Models of Empose Modeling Agency walk the runway with a "Vengeance," the theme of this year's show, directed and produced by Michael Posey, formerly of Verge.

smoky. The audience had trouble focusing on the models.

"The Secret Garden" was where all the male models received their screams and hollers. The ladies showed their gratitude in scene four, as just about all

of the male models came out with nothing on but green leaf attire.

Maurice Caesar, one of the models, got onto the floor and ate an apple and the crowd went wild.

Then Terrance Hawkins ate grapes in

front of the audience and the ladies once again went crazy.

Media Network, WNAA 90.1 FM, Wildlife Worlds, Emperial Food Services and SUAB sponsored the show.

A&T and Dudley High form partnership

BY KEVIN ALSTON
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T and Dudley High School have formed a partnership in which A&T students tutor and mentor Dudley students during their lunch hour.

This program was started under the School of Education at A&T, with Dean Lelia Vickers and Dr. Andrew Tobias in Hodgkin Hall, Interim Assistant Dean Audrey Carter of the College of Arts and Sciences and James Williams, executive director of Communities in Schools (CIS).

Dudley High School was chosen because it was the first African-American high school in Greensboro. It has a long history but is in desperate need of help.

Many of its students are perceived as being pushed through and not really learning anything. Though some students understand the material, there are

more who do not, both Vickers and Williams said.

Many of the students are not ready for the end-of-course test, making it look as if African-Americans cannot learn in a predominantly African-American school.

Dudley's main problem is not its students but a conglomerate of many other factors. One factor is the quality of its staff. With the redistricting, two years ago in Guilford County, many qualified, caring and proficient instructors were transferred to other schools, Williams said.

"Now there is a divide within the student body," said Williams, whose Community in Schools program is helping with the partnership.

He noted that the principal has formed an academy for those students who are doing well and can grasp instructed material quickly, but there is

not such a program for the students who have more difficulty grasping the material.

"With A&T's help, Dudley can be back on track as it was years ago," Williams said, adding that right now, Dudley is performing at the bottom 25 percent of schools in Guilford County.

"We must form a systemic plan, meaning working long-term with the school in order to redirect Dudley High School," said Vickers.

The academic problems are administrative staff, lack of committed faculty, lack of enough resources and the new type of students the redistricting brought about both, Vickers and Williams said.

"If the teachers do not care about the

students, and the students don't have someone there to help them along academically, the students don't graduate but drop out," said Williams.

Any A&T student who wishes to help is welcomed.

"What the students at Dudley need are interactions with A&T college students, not only as a tutor to help them with their studies, but as a mentor as well. Someone to call them up and help them talk with them and be a big brother or sister to them," said Carter.

If you would like to help Dudley High School with tutoring and mentoring call Tobias or Vickers at 334-7757 in Hodgkin Hall, or email Tobias at atobias@ncat.edu.

A&T accounting students receive scholarships

Clarence Clayton and Karen Galloway, senior accounting majors, are recipients of KPMG LLP scholarships.

The scholarships were presented to them by Dr. Mark Kiel, accounting department chairman, and Dr. Ida Robinson-Backmon, chapter faculty advisor, at a recent Beta Alpha Psi-Zeta Sigma Chapter luncheon.

Beta Alpha Psi is a national honor society for accounting and information systems majors.

The purpose of the honor society is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field.

Clayton is from Henrico, N.C. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence J. Clayton and president of the Zeta Sigma Chapter.

Galloway hails from Garysburg, N.C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toney Clark and reporting secretary for the chapter.

Both of the recipients are listed in the 2001 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" and both of them are members of the Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society.

The professional services firm, KPMG LLP, awards annually \$1,000 to chapters that achieve superior status. Superior status, the highest rating for chapters, is based on chapter-sponsored activities such as professional seminars, workshops and community service.

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Coltrane, Garrett featured in Jazz Fest

Ravi Coltrane will be one of the jazz artists performing in High Point at Oak Hollow Park on April 7 from noon to 9 p.m. as part of the Piedmont Jazz Festival.

Coltrane has worked with Elvin Jones' Jazz Machine from 1991 to 1993 and has worked with other artists such as Lionel Hampton, David Murray and Kenny Barron.

Ravi is the son of the late John Coltrane, whose hometown is High Point. Coltrane will play his own compositions, which are a mixture of jazz, funk and classical, as well as his father's. Coltrane is scheduled to perform an hour-long set starting at 5:40 p.m.

Other artists performing include Rachele Farrell, Chris Murrell, The Steve Gaines Quartet, Sankofa, Pieces of a Dream and Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana.



Coltrane



Garrett

Saxophonist Kenny Garrett will appear at the Carolina Theatre on April 6 to perform in "An Evening of Jazz."

The Detroit native joined the Duke Ellington Orchestra when he was 18 years old. After three years, he moved on to New York to play with the Mel Lewis Orchestra and Dannie Richmond Quartet.

Throughout his career, he has worked with artists such as Herbie Hancock, Guru, Sting and Q-Tip.

In 1996, Rolling Stone named Garrett the "Hot Jazz Artist," and in 1997 he was nominated for a Grammy for his album "Songbook."

He will perform music from "Songbook," and some of his latest material. He will also be at UNCG teaching a jazz improvisation workshop on April 7.

Festival Highlights

April 4: 10 a.m. - "The Business of Jazz" panel discussion in Harrison Auditorium.

3 p.m. - Big Band showcase in the Student Union Ballroom.

April 5: 5:30 p.m. - East Market Street Jam.

April 6: 11:30 a.m. - Brown bag lunch at the Greensboro Governmental Plaza.

6 p.m. - Dinner theater featuring the E. Gwynn Dancers in the ballroom.

7:30 p.m. - "An Evening of Jazz" featuring Kenny Garrett and Eve Cornelious at the Carolina Theatre.

April 7: 9 a.m. - Outdoor Gala and cookout at Aggie Stadium.

10 a.m. - Jazz workshop at UNCG featuring Kenny Garrett.

April 8: 1 p.m. - Downtown Street Festival.

Cuban violinist inspires A&T

TARAH S. HOLLAND
Register Staff Writer

As part of the University Lyceum Series, Jaime Jorge visited A&T with the hope to enlighten others with the inspirational sounds of his violin.

Students, faculty and members of the community filled the Webb Hall Auditorium on March 27 to hear the concert. With background music provided by the Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra, Jorge performed a variety of tunes including works by Saint Saens, Anka and Kreisler.

"I have a group of arrangers that help me to formulate my music and put it with the works of other artists," said Jorge.

Jorge makes no hesitation when describing the impact of God in his life and in his work. "I know that I was given this talent by God in order to share with others," said Jorge. "I classify my music as inspirational. I use tools of classical and gospel music to inspire people."

"He did a great job and if he came back, I would come to see him perform again," said sophomore accounting major Robert Peterkin.

"I like classical music and I like the

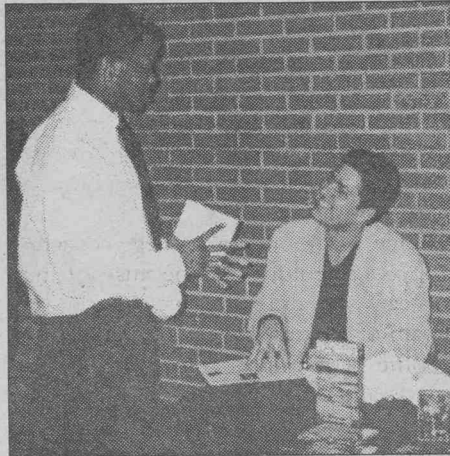


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Jorge signs autographs.

variety of music that he plays," said sophomore psychology major Kineisha Hunter.

Born in Cuba in 1970, Jaime Jorge began playing the violin at the age of 5. When he reached the age of 10, his family emigrated the United States to escape communist Cuba. Jorge attended Loyola University of Chicago and initially planned to go to the University of Illinois Medical School but after two years, he chose to pursue his career as a violinist.

"I am always motivated and excited

about sharing talent wherever I go. I want others to gain an appreciation for good music, and I want them to get excited and motivated to use their talents to the best of their ability," said Jorge.

Since 1988, Jorge has performed in 25 countries on five different continents, including South America, Europe and Australia. He has also had the opportunity to perform in Carnegie Hall and for the king of Norway.

"Jaime Jorge gave an outstanding performance of sharing his talents as a violinist. It was well received by the A&T Aggie family," said Dr. Nita Dewberry, chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages, who co-hosted the event along with Dr. Michael Caldwell, chairperson of the Music Department.

"I thought it was very well carried out, in particular for this campus, by exposing us to different issues and world views," commented junior history major Tonetta Landis.

Jorge has released five albums, with his last release in 1999 entitled "Christmas in the Aire." All five albums have also won the Angel Award for Instrumental Religious Album of the Year.

He is now headed for gospel concert performances in California.

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Johnson hopes to shine at WNBA pre-draft camp

By REKHA PATTERSON
Register Contributor

Proving people wrong. That is what Malveata Johnson has been doing since the day she tore her ACL in high school and was told she would never play basketball again.

Johnson's all-time career performance at A&T has earned her an invitation to the 2001 WNBA pre-draft camp.

The camp, by invitation only, will be April 5-7 in Chicago. This camp will give Johnson, as well as other college seniors, international players and veterans with prior professional experience an opportunity to display her skills for WNBA coaches and general managers.

Since the first WNBA pre-draft camp in 1997, an average of 82 females have been invited to the camp. Just as in the past, all athletes invited to the camp signed a contract.

"I was excited and I couldn't believe that it was right there in front of me. After I started smiling really big, I went outside to holler," Johnson said. Which could be expected from someone who can see her dreams about to come true.

The camp usually consists of physical examinations on the first day followed by drills and scrimmages on the second day. The final day concludes with the camp. All participants are eligible for the April 21 draft, as well as local try-outs the first week of May.

"Seeing that I cannot lose a lot of weight or gain a great deal of muscle mass in two weeks," Johnson said, she has been running, lifting weights, swimming and playing basketball to prepare for the camp.

Johnson hopes that her performance at A&T will be the groundwork needed to make it to the next level. Her career marks include: all-time scoring and rebounding leader at A&T, the NCAA shot blocking leader (2000-2001), 2001 MEAC All-Tournament Team, MEAC First-Team performer (1998-2001), MEAC Player-of-the-Year (1998-1999) and MVP of women's basketball all four years.

"I've been really blessed because God chose me to take A&T's women's basketball to the next level. It just goes to show that it doesn't matter what school you go to, with God all things are possible," she said.



Johnson

Even though Johnson has garnered many accolades in college, she still works to prove naysayers wrong.

Johnson first proved people wrong when her doctor told her she would never play basketball again because of the ACL injury her sophomore year of high school.

While some major college coaches stopped recruiting her because of her surgery, she did not give up on her dream of playing college basketball.

Some people even told Johnson that her dreams of playing professional basketball in the states went out the door when she committed to playing at an HBCU. But over the past four years she has given herself a chance to make it to the next level and once again prove others wrong.

Although only one player has been drafted from an HBCU, Denique Graves from Howard University in the inaugural season, Johnson plans to become the second from an HBCU and the first from A&T.

Unlike Graves, who did not last the year, Johnson plans on making a career out of playing professional basketball. Of course in doing this, she will have to overcome the history of the HBCU players who have been invited to WNBA pre-draft camps, but have not had what it takes to play in the league.

"I have favor," Johnson said. "While other players from HBCU's in the past have played well, it is my faith and God's will for my life that will give me the edge."

This camp will have Johnson competing against much taller and quicker post players, but she believes her experience playing with Athletes In Action during her sophomore summer will be beneficial. AIA is a Christian organization whose purpose is to spread the love of Christ through sports. Overseas, she played with other college players from the U.S. against university and club teams in Brazil and Bolivia.

Johnson's coaches and teammates are not only excited about her invitation to the camp, but they believe that she can do it as long as she does her best and works hard.

"This (WNBA) is what we've been waiting for," said Head Coach Karen Hall said.

Not only would Johnson's draft be a notable individual accomplishment, but it could also do wonders for recruiting women's basketball players.

Johnson has also been invited to participate in the Black College All-Star Game, April 21 at Morgan State.

She will graduate in May from the College of Engineering.

Aggies nab two dozen signees

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Staff Writer

Spring practice on the gridiron has already begun and the Aggies look to improve on an 8-3 record from last season.

Here are the 2001 football signees for the Aggies:

Quaji Battle — DB,
Justin Bennett — TE/FB
Marcus Bland — RB
Lester Brown — RB
Ivan Butler — DL
Junius Coston — OL
Reggie Daniel — LB
Domonique Dixon — LB

James Francis — LB
Eduardo Freeman — DB
Nate Goodson — DL
Thomas Holmes — LB
Alan Jones — RB
Terry Jones — LB
Patrick Jordan — TE
John Kato — OL
Josh King — DE
Anthony McLeod — DE
Ronnie Lee — OL
Kenny Perry — WR
Randal Rankins — QB
Parish Reinhardt — DB
Schrial Wynn — DL
Maurice Weaver — DB.



A&T Photo

Sophomore pitcher Austin Love trots in to first base in recent action against UMES.

Aggies swept by Rattlers

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Staff Writer

The N.C. A&T baseball team was swept in a double-header on Saturday, March 24, by the Florida A&M Rattlers. A contest was scheduled for Sunday, March 25, but it was postponed soon after due to rain.

In the two games against the Rattlers, Austin Love went 3 for 4 with two home-runs for the Aggies. Patrick Battle also collected three hits in the two game series.

"We're still trying to improve more and more every day," said Aggie head coach Keith Shumate. "We're going to have to play better in order to compete with everyone else."

The two losses dropped the Aggies to 12-17 overall and 3-2 in the MEAC. They are currently on pace to shatter their win total of 15 games a season ago.



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Admissions hosts open house April 7

The Office of Admissions is having its first Spring Open House, 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 7.

"This historical event will mark a milestone for the university," said Harry Williams, interim director of the Admissions Office.

The Spring Open House is part of the university's Family Weekend, which is being hosted by the Alumni Affairs Office.

For additional information, call 334-7946 or 1-800-443-8964.

Research program open to high school students

The School of Agricultural and Environmental and Allied Sciences at A&T is seeking applicants for the Research Apprenticeship Program, scheduled for June 24-Aug. 3 on the A&T campus.

RAP is a six-week residential program for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Its main objective is to stimulate interest in careers in natural resource management, and the food, agricultural and environmental sciences.

Through the program, students will conduct research projects, ranging from landscape architecture and pesticide studies to air quality and international trade, under the direction of the School of Agriculture's research scientists.

A stipend is included for those accepted to RAP, and the program pays all expenses, including room and board. To qualify for RAP, students must show an interest in natural resource management, and the food,

agricultural and environmental sciences, and in pursuing a college education in these areas; have an overall GPA of 2.5 or better; rank in the first 25th percentile of his/her class; be a citizen of the U.S.; and agree to abide by university and program rules and regulations. Applications are due by April 6.

For more information, contact Azell Reeves at 334-7041. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.C. A&T cosponsor RAP.

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