

Crime can be avoided by safety measures

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Keeping students safe and secure is a dominant concern of N.C. A&T.

Yet despite safety measures such as crime prevention programs, security surveys and communication between the students and Resident Security Officers, many campus residents still fall victim to crimes each year.

The offenses usually are property crimes such as petty thefts (larceny), vandalism and malicious damage.

According to the N.C. A&T Annual Security Report for the year 2000, 18 incidents of robbery were reported as well as 15 reports of weapon violations. Twenty-one incidents of burglary were reported, four more than the previous year.

Across town, UNCG reported only 15 incident reports of burglary for the year, according to its crime statistics.

Maj. Gloria Graves, departmental supervisor for crime prevention and training at A&T, said the incidence of theft in female dormitories has improved, yet the rate of male dormitory thefts has shown no improvement.

"Male residents are not as security-conscious as female residents," she said. She believes male residents do not take the proper precautions to secure their rooms, leaving them susceptible to thieves.

Campus police advise these precautions to ensure the safety of your valuables:

- Take responsibility for your property.
- Lock your doors before leaving your room or dorm.
- Get to know your roommate.
- Do not loan your room key to anyone.
- Get your valuables engraved through campus police.

"It's important that students are aware of their surroundings. Make sure not to attract attention to yourself, especially if you have expensive valuables such as jewelry and video game equipment," said Codie Sanders, a resident assistant in the male dorm Scott Hall C.

Actions you should take if you are a victim of larceny are:

- Immediately call the University Police Department.
- Make a report out with a police officer.
- Always report a theft, even if it is minor. Contact the campus police at 334-7675.

Coed living

Vanstory Hall is the first coed honors dorm for A&T

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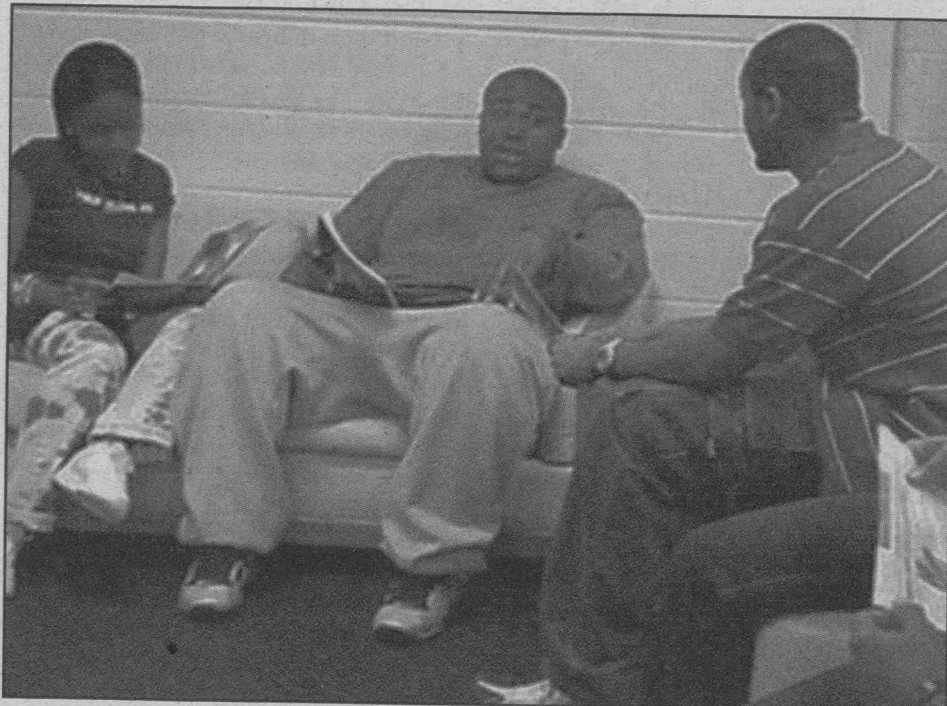
What do the words "trend-setting," "unique," "academia" and "maturity" have in common? They're all words used to describe the first 24-hour coed dormitory in N.C. A&T's history, Vanstory Hall.

Formally known as C. M. Vanstory Hall, the dorm (built in 1966) has gone through some surprising changes. Once a single-sex dorm catering only to women, Vanstory's new coed status astonished former residents.

"I was shocked," said senior professional English major Jawana Southerland, who resided in Vanstory Hall during her freshman year (1998). "Usually you see coed dorms on white campuses. But I think it's a good idea because college students are basically adults. You might as well treat them like that."

Resident assistant and junior marketing major Jamaal Stewart agrees, but cites a more impressive reason for going coed.

"This (24-hour coed) is a privilege. Residents don't want to lose it, so they follow it. Everyone acts like adults, and I wouldn't change a thing," he said.



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Residents of Vanstory Hall, now a coed honors dorm, hangout in the lounge.

Part of what Stewart wouldn't change involves location and placing of residents. Female residents reside on west ends of the first, second and third floors. Males reside on the east sides of

the first floor, basement and a few on the third floor.

Then there are the privileges. Vanstory residents are not required to

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The battle continues for a park

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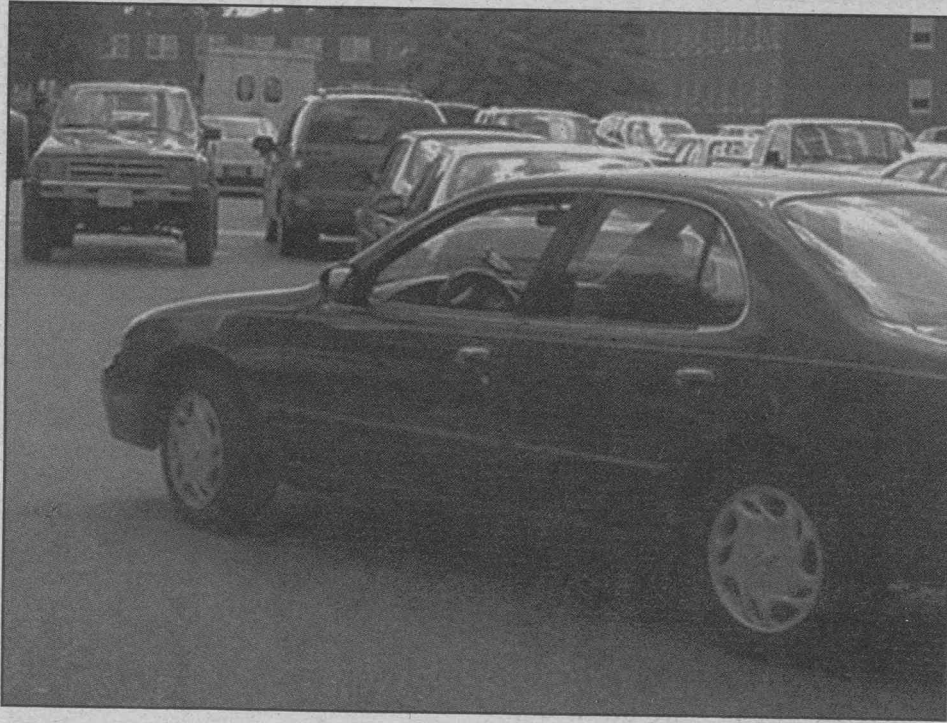
N.C. A&T students, faculty and staff are fighting a war.

There isn't any violence -- except for the occasional bouts of cursing over a parking ticket. There aren't any casualties -- except the chained and captured metallic bodies strapped to the back of tow trucks chased by wailing owners. And there aren't any victors in this battle for parking spaces.

The University Police Department reports that its officers issue about 1,500 tickets each month, ranging from \$25 for parking without a permit to \$250 for parking in handicapped zones. That's about 50 tickets a day -- and the strain of parking tickets, both issuing and receiving, is once again causing debate.

"It costs too much to park on campus without a guaranteed spot," said freshman sociology major Thomas Lewis. "There should be one letter and everyone should be able to park there. A, B and C parking stickers should not be necessary. All of those reserved spots are not necessary."

Darlene Neal, traffic supervisor, agrees that numerous reserved spots can cause parking problems, but cites several other issues.



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The usual parking woes have haunted A&T students and staff another year.

"The biggest problem with student and illegal parking is people with unregistered vehicles in places requiring registration. There is a problem with people parking their vehicles in a position that blocks traffic," said Neal.

Recently, Crosby and Merrick Hall parking lots closed to make way for a new building. Students and staff were instructed to park their vehicles in the newly paved Aggie Stadium parking lot. While the new parking lot was the best

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IN BRIEF

Former chancellor's house to be faculty club

Teacher of year award

Undergraduate students at N.C. A&T can now nominate their favorite "Teacher of the Year." The teacher can be any public school teacher in grades K-12 (A&T teachers are not eligible). The selected teacher will receive \$2,500 and will be recognized during American Education Week, Nov. 11-17.

A&T students can nominate a teacher who has made a difference in their lives by securing an application from A&T's School of Education Web Page under American Education Week Celebration or may pick up the materials in 113 Hodgkin Hall. Application deadline is Oct. 5. For additional information call 334-7663.

A&T hosts blood drive

The university will host an American Red Cross blood drive Thursday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall of the Memorial Union.

Local campus sponsors include Alpha Phi Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Biology Club, the Department of Biology, ROTC, the School of Nursing and the Student Government Association.

A&T is trying to enhance its donation by 10 percent after receiving a challenge from N.C. Central earlier this year.

To make an appointment or obtain additional information, call 334-7982.

Golf tourney Oct. 12

The 23rd Annual Richard E. Moore Memorial Aggie Homecoming Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 12, on the Champions Course at Bryan Park.

The tournament is expected to attract more than 140 golfers. The event was organized 23 years ago when tournament founders, the late Dr. Richard E. Moore, Dr. Albert Smith and Waddell Pearson, were seeking a vehicle for golf-loving Aggie alumni to meet and greet each other and also raise money for A&T's athletics program.

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For additional information, call Joanne Cozart at 334-7686.

Ellis named to post

The Board of Governors has approved the appointment of Willie T. Ellis Jr. as vice chancellor for business and finance at N.C. A&T. Ellis has served in the interim capacity since Sept. 1.

Prior to becoming interim vice chancellor, Ellis served as the university's budget director for four years.

The Greensboro native began working at A&T in 1979 as a research analyst. In 1985 he left the university to take a job with Coopers and Lybrand in Charlotte. Since returning to the university in 1986, Ellis has held several positions.

Turner appointed

Dr. Carolyn Turner has been appointed associate dean for research in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at N.C. A&T.

In this position, Turner will oversee the university's Agricultural Research Program.

Turner has been a housing researcher at A&T since 1982. Her recent research has focused on energy efficiency.

By T.J. MOORE
Register News Editor

The faculty of N.C. A&T will soon have a place where they can sit back and relax, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and just kick it during a long day when the old chancellor's home, The Oaks, turns into The Faculty Club.

Administrators plan to renovate the old chancellor's house and turn it into a 1,700-square-foot faculty club. However, this will not be some run-of-the-mill teacher's lounge. The concept of the club is for faculty members to expand their minds as well as relaxing.

Director of Education Dr. Karen Guy describes the facility as a "developing area where faculty can discuss intellectual ideas and dialogue."

Dr. Chi Anyansi-Archibong, professor of strategic management, thinks that the transformation of the old chancellor's house to a faculty club is a sign of recognition for the faculty of A&T.

"I think I like it (the idea) I got the impression that the faculty is finally being recognized," Anyansi-Archibong.

To give the club a more comfy and homey atmosphere, faculty members along with other workers will place tea tables for discussion groups in the living room, dust off and repaint the screened porch and use the upstairs bedrooms for guest speakers and other dignitaries.

Besides redecoration, the facility has to meet certain safety qualifications and



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The old chancellor's house is the site of the new faculty club.

codes before opening next semester. Besides meeting the typical handicap accessibility and fire standards, the facility must be free of any asbestos hazards.

The Oaks has not been used in two years, since former chancellor Edward Fort moved out when he retired.

Chancellor James Renick lives in a 5,600-square-foot, university-funded \$600,000 home in New Irving Park.

Former chancellors had called The Oaks home since Ferdinand Bluford moved in the home in 1952.

Sewer lines in Union fixed after bad break

By SHAKINTA M. JOHNSTON
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On Sunday, Sept. 16, Memorial Student Union visitors entering through side doors immediately covered their noses, emitted disgusted grunts and asked startled questions.

"The first thing I wanted to know was what was that smell," said Uche Richards, Aggie Escort driver. Richards was scheduled to work from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and did not like the prospect of returning to such offending conditions.

The smell was caused by the backing-up of the union's plumbing system, according to staff from the N.C. A&T Physical Plant -- and students are partly to blame.

"The Physical Plant does everything in its power to alleviate problems on campus," said John White, Physical Plant plumbing supervisor. "Students could help if they would stop placing improper items (plastic bags, personal items, etc.) in the toilet."

White went on to say that most blockages occur within 100 feet of the manhole cover that needs to be drained. Students need to be more responsible with their rubbish.

Ian Knight, junior business management major, agrees.

"I first noticed the smell last week. After I found out what was causing it, I got a little upset. Some students need to develop some common sense and know what not to flush down the toilet. They need to dispose of things properly," he said.

James Armstrong, Memorial Student Union director, said that the sewage problem was fixed Thursday, Sept. 20.

"We need students to understand that they shouldn't put paper towels down the commodes because they don't dis-

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NY/NJ club unite to bring relief

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sign in guests, may go from one side of the dorm to the other and may maintain a constant study partner.

However, there is another aspect to Vanstory Hall's academic jump into A&T history. All residents of Vanstory Hall are required to earn and maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA. It wasn't until the new coed rule was applied that students began to realize there were requirements and expectations. Fortunately, those students are responding well.

"This is the first dorm in the history (of A&T) to have 24-hour coed. And this first group that we have are very motivated and very excited about coed," said Sylvia Davis, assistant director for Vanstory Hall. Davis also believes that other students will be motivated to earn the grades that will allow residency into Vanstory Hall.

"Chancellor Renick's stay here helped a lot. I heard a lot of students talking about it. And I think that was a good experience for the chancellor and the university. I know a lot of students would love to get into Vanstory Hall," added Davis.

But Vanstory Hall and coed isn't all freedom and relaxation. Males are not allowed on female halls unless they are accompanied by a female and vice versa. Residents also are not allowed to spend the night in each other's rooms, contrary to what some students have been saying.

However, even that stipulation doesn't hurt Vanstory residents.

"It's cool. There really isn't a difference from coed or single-dorms," said James L. Imes, sophomore business economics major and author. "You have a higher level of maturity."

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solution at the time, many students and faculty are finding legal parking there difficult.

Illegal parking and new locations become their next attempt. It doesn't always work - especially if they try private property.

"Stop parking over here," said senior speech pathology/audiology major Lesley Johnson, who lives at College Park and Suites on Benbow Road. The year-old complex is not affiliated with A&T, but because of its location, it becomes a primary spot for illegal parking.

"It's such a small parking lot," said senior agricultural education major MacArthur Mitchell, Jr. "It's not big enough to accommodate residents and A&T students. So, you will get towed if you park over here."

Mitchell's warning holds power. During the 27th Annual Career Fair, Bobby Friendly's Towing towed three vehicles from College Parks and Suites, and this isn't the only facility experiencing illegal parking. Residents of the Aggie Suites also share parking woes and safety concerns.

"If we're going to spend all of this money to have somewhere to stay, I think they should use some of that money and put it into a bigger parker lot so students can have a safe place to park their car," said Jeffrey Hayes, sophomore construction management major.

Hayes goes to say that when parking at the Aggie suites is unavailable, students must park their vehicles behind trailers adjacent to the lot. And Hayes isn't convinced that the lighting is adequate for residents.

BY JASON BOYD
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It's strange how in when there are rivals, it takes a major event, or in this case a national tragedy, to bring them together. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 did more than leave the nation in a state of shock, it brought unity.

At N.C. A&T, two hometown clubs which generally try to out do each other, are uniting around their grief to bring peace and support to those in need.

The Metro Aggie Club, which serves students from Washington, D.C., Maryland and northern Virginia, and the NY/NJ Connection have rivaled each other for campus exposure. But because the nation's recent state of emergency affects their hometowns the most, the two clubs have decided to work together toward a more important goal.

The two clubs have decided to plan a series of activities to support the unfortunate families in both Washington, D.C., and New York.

The clubs will sponsor a penny drive Sept. 24-26, by having members from both organizations travel door-to door in the dormitories between 7-10 p.m. In addition to the penny drive the two hometown clubs will throw a "Gym Jam" in Moore Gymnasium on Friday, Sept. 28.

"We didn't want to plan events that would further depress people, the actual incident was bad enough. We wanted to help the cause in a positive way," said Jason Hart, president of the Metro Aggie Club and a junior biology major.

Proceeds from these two events will go to help the victims and their families in the two cities.

Hart said that the cooperation

So, are there any solutions to the parking dilemma? A host of students recommend limiting parking to upperclassmen. Other students say to reduce the number of reserved spaces.

One immediate solution for some people may be to purchase a temporary parking pass, which costs \$1 per day for up to 30 days.

For more information on parking, contact the University Police Department at 334-7675.

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solve like regular tissue," said Armstrong. Students disagreed on the effects of the odor.

"I think the smell is disgusting," said Darreth Cooley, junior business management major.

"It made me seriously consider being a vegetarian. Plus it gave me an upset stomach," he said.

But junior music major John Lea said he had never noticed a problem. "It smells fine to me," he said. "If I'm hungry. I'm going to eat."

Lea's friend Ian Knight, who earlier chastised students for not properly disposing of their waste, agrees.

"The smell isn't coming from the eatery area, so I figure it's fine over there. So it's not going to stop me from eating," he said.

between the clubs reflects what's happening across America.

"I believe attitudes are changing and people are uniting. Our club is an example of this. Before, the Metro Aggie Club was in competition with the NY/NJ club, but now we are interacting together to help each other," said Hart.

Kitara Garner, president of the NY/NJ Connection, agrees that the last academic year there was a healthy rivalry between the two organizations.

"Since we both have the largest out-of-state membership on campus, there was a little rivalry. It's nothing big, everything is still cool," said Garner.

For some members of the club, not being able to contact all of their family members after witnessing terrorism on television was a devastating experience. Lisa Wright, freshman accounting major, still has a loved one who is unaccounted-for.

"I have an aunt who works in the World Trade Center. We are all praying because we still have not heard from her," said Wright.

Monique Johnson tells about an e-mail she received from her aunt in Manhattan after the hijacking.

"My aunt was late for work that day. Right before she got to the building she saw the plane crash. She saw death right before her eyes. People were burning and jumping. She stood in shock until the second plane hit, then she took off running," said Johnson, a freshman computer science major.

Herbert Taft, a junior majoring in architectural engineering, recalls his phone call home on that terrible day. He, too, had family members who experienced the tragedy firsthand.

"My dad was supposed to go to work

that day at the Pentagon, but he was late. My cousin was inside the Pentagon when it was hit; she said she was scared but was OK," said Taft.

Several club members disapproved of Chancellor James Renick's decision on Sept. 11 to "move forward" and not cancel classes.

Students like Lakisha Perry, a junior majoring in chemical engineering, and vice president of the Metro Aggie Club, felt that the university was not sensitive enough to the needs and emotions of its out-of-state students who were directly affected by the attacks.

"I was in my car driving to school. The first thing I did after hearing the news on the radio was park and call home. Students were scared, some were crying. I think having class on that day was absurd," she said.

Perry also commented about the fact that some cell phones and some regular phones were down.

"How can you concentrate on school-work when you are trying to make sure all of your family is accounted for and safe? I thought the university was being inconsiderate and callous," said Perry.

The tragic turn of events of Sept. 11 will forever be in the minds of the nation. The lone bright spot is that Americans now have a new sense of patriotism. Hart admits that the airline hijackings have changed his outlook on life.

"I didn't want Bush in office, now I'm behind him," said Hart. "I see American flags everywhere, and it's a good thing. There is greater sense of pride."

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Faith gives us the courage to face trials and succeed

Moving from one level to the next is always a difficult task.

The many trials that one has to face and overcome makes the next level seem nearly impossible to reach, even may make it seem somewhat undesirable.

So, how to move forward when it seems as if everything is holding one back?

I think of the devastation nearly two weeks ago. How can we as a people and as a nation move forward without fear and without hesitation?

The frightening thing about going to the next level in a relationship, job or school setting is that you never really know what lies ahead. I've learned that one has to walk by faith and not by sight.

It may look as if America will never be the same because of the hurt we've experienced, but faith says that things will be better than ever. It may look as if graduating on time is impossible, but faith says that all things are possible. It may look as if the dearest things or dearest people that you've lost can never be replaced, but faith says that you'll have an abundance.

I've also learned that faith is the substance for things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Faith is the key to overcoming any fear, any circumstance that may be as devastating as the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks. We are a people, university and nation that stand and exist under the principles of faith, and it's time that we put our faith to work.

When the odds are against you and the confidence to move forward just isn't

there, it's the faith that you have -- knowing that you're an overcomer and knowing that you won't accept defeat -- that's going to give you the courage to take on your enemy. It's the faith you have in knowing your destiny, knowing your purpose and believing in the vision you have for your life that will enable you to have peace in the midst of the storm. A storm that will pass, a storm that will change your life for the good or the bad.

Things don't just happen by chance. Any or everything that happens good or bad, big or small has been purposed to happen, but you have a say in it. For example, you may graduate, but you determine whether or not you graduate with honors or with a 2.0 GPA.

We don't have to let people or circumstance take away our joy, peace or happiness.

Our country is in a state of need and that need will only be met through our trust in God and in each other, faith in God and in each other and unity with God and with each other.

It can be done. It was done the entire week of the attacks. But it's important that it just doesn't last for a week or a month or even a year.

Let us take this love, trust, faith and unity with us for the remainder of our lives. Our reaching and conquering the next level in our lives is dependent on how we make it through this level.



Randy St. Clair

AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

How do you feel about the parking lot behind Crosby and Merrick closing down for the construction of a new educational building?



Antonio Donnell - senior, accounting- "It's good that they are taking up the parking spaces for the new business building because we need it -- although I feel A&T should provide alternative parking spaces for the students."

Wendy Johnson - freshman, broadcast production- "Even though they are going to close down the parking spaces, I don't necessary think it's a good idea because we lack parking spaces and people have to already drive around for at least 30 minutes just to look for parking spaces. They need to provide more parking spaces."



Erica Dean - freshman, business management- "I feel that them closing the parking lot to build new buildings is putting students in a bind because there are not enough parking spaces to begin with, and people already have to pay for parking decals. It makes it a waste of money."



Letters to the editor

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How dare terrorists destroy our safety and peace?

I'm supposed to write about my personal experience in this, our nation's, tragedy. But I don't want to. I'm supposed to tell you about my cousin's fiancé who didn't make it out alive. But that hurts too much, and I don't want to do that either. I'm supposed to talk about relief that my aunt did make it out okay. While I praise God for His love and guidance in getting her out, I don't want to do that either.

What I want to do...is wake up.

I want to open my eyes and see that the death, injuries, tears, screams and disbelief are all horrible nightmares. I want to call my cousin and hear her tell me that she can't wait to be the next married girl in the family. I want to fuss because I'm expected to make a journey to Jersey that I really don't feel like making.

I want to take things for granted. And most of all, I want to go to sleep secure

in the knowledge that everything will be normal when I wake up. But I can't.

I can't because it's not a dream. It's real. It's the most awful form of reality that there is. It's pain caused by other God-created individuals.

How dare they! How dare they take the father of a one-year-old boy whose innocence prevents him from understanding that his father will no longer come home? How dare they kill all of these innocent people and remain so deeply entrenched in hiding that we, as American people, are not exactly sure whom to trust? How dare they make me, my friends, my family and my asso-



Shakinta Johnston

ciates stand in awe as we watch television trying to make sense of all this? And how dare it happen now?

Now. When many of us are planning our futures, when many of us are planning journeys to D.C., Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania. Now, when many of us are graduating and expect our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, friends and buddies to be at graduation cheering us on.

How dare they destroy a dream of safety and peace?

The funny thing about this is (and funny is used oh, so satirically), the peace is not gone forever. The support system that has become America is not destroyed. It is only strengthened. It was temporarily disrupted. But we are strong, and woe to those who think different.

I'm not going to be bitter because that is not what I was taught. I was always

taught to treat others as I would want to be treated. I was always taught to forgive and forget. I was always taught to love everyone as my neighbor. So I will. Or at the very least, I will try. But it's really hard to love a neighbor who would rather kill me because of my nationality than accept it.

I don't wish for retaliation. Despite the fact that there are people I know and love that are no longer here, I wouldn't want to dishonor them by killing their murderers. But I do wish for justice.

And it is coming. My Lord has blessed me with the security that one day all of this senseless killing and betrayal and dishonor will stop. All the tears that I can't cry will no longer have need to be shed. All the pain that I am going through will be erased. And the world will be a better and peaceful place. Because it's written, it has been spoken and because I believe.

Two former Aggies now part of city police

By SIDNELL BOYD
Register Contributor

Richard Lamont Alston, a graduate of N.C. A&T's School of Business and Economics, and Milford Jehrome Harris II, former employee of A&T's Police Department, have taken their careers to the next step. They have become a part of Greensboro's finest, graduating May 8 from the Greensboro Police Academy.

Both say that A&T had a major role in their decision to become a part of the Greensboro Police Department.

Alston, a 26-year-old native of Greensboro, says that "becoming an officer was a big accomplishment for me."

Growing up on Laurel Street in Aggie Land made him proud, Alston said, and he felt that Greensboro needed him. After graduating from A&T in 1999, he had his mind set on making a difference in his community.

Being a student at A&T made the transformation from a student to an officer of the law easier, he said. Having that strong background of

Aggie Pride kept him focused and sure of himself as he went through the steps of becoming a sworn law enforcement officer.

"I received my degree and I am proud of it, but at this time I want to be out in the open. I don't want to be in a suit and tie behind a desk," said Alston. "I want to give back to my community and my fellow and future Aggies."

Alston said he hopes people will realize that A&T is not only a place that provides you with education but also motivation.

"A&T not only taught me how to be on time for class and work, but it taught me how to be a team player and how to stay focused on my goals," he said.

Harris, 23 and also a native of Greensboro, was not a graduate of A&T but started his law enforcement career here. Harris was hired as a residence hall officer in August 1999.

While working third shift, he attended class from 9 to 5 weekdays for three months to receive his state certification to become a sworn law enforcement officer. After he graduated in December 1999, A&T hired him as a sworn LEO.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Richard Alston and M.J. Harris, Greensboro Police Department.

He said that working third shift and going to school full time was hard, but coworkers and students kept him encouraged and instilled Aggie Pride in him.

After working a few months on the A&T police force, Harris decided it was time to make another step in his life.

After consulting with fellow officers at A&T, he applied to the Greensboro Police Department. He was hired in November 2000.

Sgt. B.G. Blanks of the Greensboro police had the opportunity to work with both Harris and Alston while in training. Blanks said both these men show the leadership that the city of Greensboro needs.

"Harris and Alston have passion for their job and the citizens of Greensboro," he said.

Having good work habits, writing, investigative, and communication skills plays a major part in the police profession, he added.

"A&T really gave them a great foundation for the job they are doing," said Blanks. "I really applaud them for choosing this profession."

Harris and Alston recently finished field training and are patrolling on their own. Harris is patrolling in District 3 in the High Point Road area and Alston is patrolling in District 2 in the Randleman Road area.

Local organization focuses on seeing children succeed

STEVEN D. SHIPP SR.
Register Contributor

A Greensboro organization dedicated to helping children succeed in life is looking for N.C. A&T students to lend a helping hand.

The Black Child Development Institute of Greensboro Inc., or BCDI-G, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving and protecting the quality of life for young people and their families. This United Way member agency was founded in 1978 as the Greensboro affiliate of the National Black Child Development Institute.

The BCDI-G recruits and screens volunteers and then trains them to provide direct service to the children in the Guilford County area.

"The bulk of the volunteers are A&T students but more are needed. Last year the program helped over 300 children but closed out with 76 children on the waiting list," said Rosalind Sellers, tutorial program coordinator. "If there are any A&T organizations that are looking for some community service work, this program could really benefit from it."

The BCDI-G sponsors many educational and positive programs. The Spirit of Excellence Tutoring program is designed to improve the academic skills and performance of "at risk" youth. The program provides cultural enrichment activities as well as assigning role models and mentors for the children.

The Algebra Project is one of the institute's academic programs, helping children in middle school and high school gain understanding of this "gatekeeper" subject.

The institute also sponsors Entering the College Zone, intended to help high school students gain valuable information about college.

The BCDI-G offers other programs as well. The Mel Corp Mentoring program fosters relationships between middle- and high school-age children and trained adults to provide a positive image along with providing positive life possibilities for these children. It is common for law enforcement agencies refer "at risk" adolescents to this program.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Violence Prevention and Leadership Academy provides alternatives to problems of conflict, violence and potentially violent acts by children and young adults. Using Dr. King's non-violent philosophy, the academy teaches goal setting, decision making and leadership skills.

Greensboro Parent to Parent program helps parents become effective supporters for their children.

The BCDI-G is has 14 tutorial sites throughout the city. Sellers said they are located in primarily black neighborhoods, "making it easy for the children to get there."

"I am deeply grateful to the board, members, volunteers and supporters for the vote of confidence in our work. I pray that we stand ever vigilant on behalf of children because they are, indeed, our future," said June Swanston-Valdes, executive director.

For more information about BCDI, or to volunteer, call 230-2138 or e-mail to BLACKCHILD@aol.com.

A&T receives endowment from agents

N.C. A&T recently received \$50,000 from The Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina Inc. to establish a scholarship endowment.

IIANC is a professional trade association representing over 850 independent insurance agencies across North Carolina.

"One of the most special times of the year is when someone reaches out and gives you a gift of opportunity," said

A&T Chancellor James C. Renick. "We sincerely appreciate the scholarship endowment gift from IIANC, which could not have come at a better time. We have been working diligently to develop business partners throughout the state of North Carolina, and we are pleased to welcome you as a significant other in partnership."

The endowment was made through the NCAIA.

Co-op program has new dean

Dr. M. Ray McKinnie has been named interim associate dean for the Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

He replaces Dr. Dalton McAfee, who will remain with A&T Cooperative Extension Program in the area of community development.

As interim associate dean for Cooperative Extension, McKinnie will oversee the extension activities of the A&T School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, including campus-based faculty and field staff in several North Carolina counties.

The A&T Cooperative Extension Program works collaboratively with A&T's Agricultural Research Program to address the state's farm and environmental issues.

Since 1980, McKinnie has served as the animal science specialist for the A&T Cooperative Extension Program, focusing efforts on swine, rabbit and meat goat production for small-scale farmers.

For the past four years, McKinnie has been responsible for coordinating A&T's federal facilities program and for leadership to the University's Farm Complex.

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Paul Robeson Theatre opens season with Broadway classic "Colored Girls"

BY ALEXANDRA GRAY
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T's Paul Robeson Theatre has done it again, opening the 2001-2002 season with the award-winning play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," directed by Miller Lucky Jr.

"Colored Girls" is a 1974 Broadway classic with a modern twist.

The play is about women coming together and discovering womanhood.

"It serves as encouragement for the heartbroken, letting them see that there

is a brighter day," said stage manager and theater major Michael Williams.

"Even though it features an all African-American cast, women of all races can relate," adds Williams.

"The message is relevant to today's audience because of its themes of physical and psychological abuse," said Lucky.

What makes this play even more unique and appealing is that it is written in poetry form and the updated musical score.

"Colored Girls" features songs from

artists such as Erykah Badu, India Arie, Jill Scott, Bob Marley and many more. Each song was selected to set the mood for the various monologues.

Different from the original are the indoor settings, modern hair and clothing styles.

Unlike many other plays, there is no supporting cast because each character grabs your attention by sharing a different experience.

"This is a one-of-a-kind "Colored Girls," said Williams. "I believe that women should watch to learn about

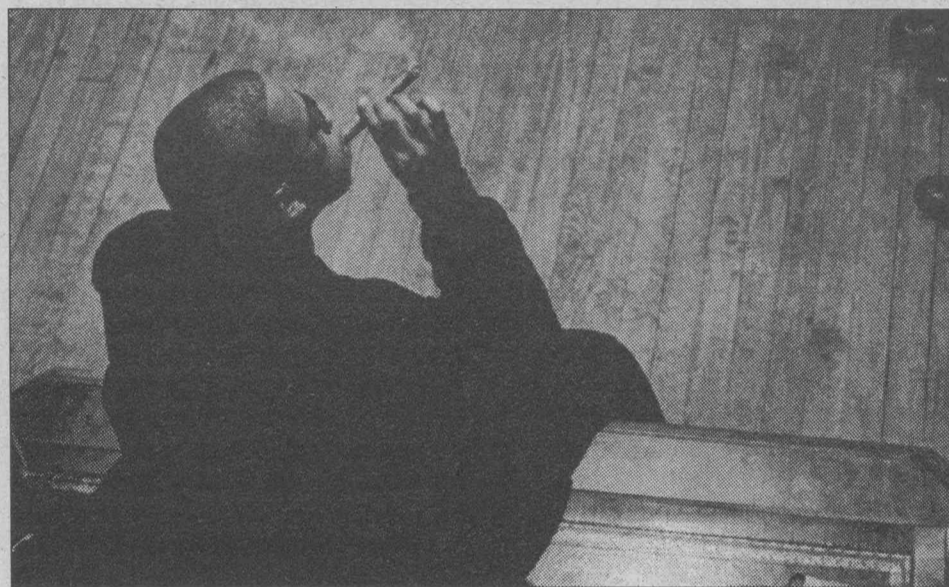
themselves, and brothas should see this to understand the true nature of a woman."

"Men need to hear the trials women are going through," said Lucky. "Women aren't heard, as evidenced in music videos, which seem to condone violence."

The play will run from Sept. 27 through Oct. 1, nightly at 8 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for general admission.

Jay-Z draws 'Blueprint' to reveal hip-hop talent at its best



Jay-Z's "The Blueprint" holds the number one Billboard slot.

BY ALEXANDRA GRAY
Register Contributor

From the intro to the last track Jay-Z's sixth album "The Blueprint" is a realization of his own hip-hop and lyrical genius.

In just a matter of days "The Blueprint" made it to the top of the Billboard charts.

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Jay-Z felt the need to release the album Sept. 11 rather than the anticipated Sept. 25 date. On top of that, the long-awaited album has also received a rating of five mics from Source Magazine.

He has once again made hot lines into hot songs. "The Blueprint" has a song

for every mood. "Izzo," which has a party beat, reflects his rough times and then his rise to glory.

"Girl, Girls, Girls" and "Heart of the City" have nice melodies that you can bounce your head to.

"Never Changed," "All I Need" and "Song Cry" serve as inspirations for those who like to write their own lyrics.

Jay-Z collaborates with producer Timberland on a track entitled "Hola Hovito," and other collaborations include Eminem in the song "Renegade," Kamaal a.k.a. Q-Tip, Slick Rick and Biz Markie.

"The Blueprint" proves to be yet another flawless example of Jay-Z's lyrical talent. Fans have spoken: It will definitely be deemed one of the best hip-hop albums of this year.

Fox leads cast of 'Two Can Play...'

BY TARAH S. HOLLAND
Entertainment Editor

The Set-Up: Vivica A. Fox heads gains control of the spotlight in her latest film, "Two Can Play at That Game."

Fox plays the lead as the very lovely, successful Shante who is a genius when it comes to men and love, pouring out advice to her girlfriends in their times of need.

It seems as though she has her game under control, but when the haze begins

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to clear she soon finds that her perfect gentleman, Keith (Morris Chestnut) is going astray. Not at all stressed, Shante begins implementing her "10-day plan" to pull him back.

In an online chat on www.allcampus.com, Fox had plenty to say about why she accepted the role.

"It was a strong African-American female, leading character ... and the other characters were positive portrayals of African-Americans. And it was funny," said Fox.

"Shante Smith is a classy, confident, professional woman who thinks she has life and love figured out. I would say that 75 to 80 percent of the character is a lot like Vivica."

When asked about her chemistry with co-star Morris Chestnut, Fox reflected back to their past affiliation on the sitcom "Out All Night."

"It was actually better because on "Out All Night," my character and his didn't really get involved so it was really fun to play the cat-and-mouse game with him," replied Fox.

"My favorite scene that I filmed in the movie had to have been the very last scene of the movie where I got to kiss and make up and dance with Morris Chestnut."

The After-View: The cast of "Two Can Play That Game" is definitely one of a kind. The dynamic movie talents include Tamala Jones and comedian Monique, not to mention the talents of Fox and Chestnut.

The flow of the movie was steady; there are no boring moments and everything seems to happen at the right time.

The set-up of the movie has Fox in a narration mode as she speaks directly to the audience.

While no one else is abreast to what is going on in her mind, the audience is well aware and is also given the opportunity to make judgments on her character throughout the movie.

From The Register, the movie gets an overall rating of ☆☆☆☆. The best things about it are its cast and the positive roles that the characters have.

Rating System

- ☆ Don't waste your time
- ☆☆ You have to really be bored
- ☆☆☆ Wait until it hits video stores
- ☆☆☆☆ Hit up the matinee
- ☆☆☆☆☆ Run to the theater

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Hicks, Aggies look for big season



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Maurice Hicks gets a handoff against FAMU last year, leading them to a 30-10 win.

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

After a season in which he set several school records including a single-game rushing record of 353 yards in the season finale, senior tailback Maurice Hicks is looking to lead the Aggies back into the postseason after a one-year absence.

The Aggies, who beat N.C. Central on Sept. 1 by a score of 22-0, will be looking to make Hicks even more of an offensive weapon this season.

"Maurice is an exceptional talent," said Head Coach Bill Hayes. "We have a young offense, especially the offensive line, and only four starters from last season."

A season ago, Hicks received several postseason accolades including being selected first team All-MEAC, Don

Hansen Division I-AA third team All American, and was ranked 12th in the nation in rushing yards per game.

The statistic that's so amazing, however, is the fact that Hicks rushed for only 76 yards in his first four games, but burst through for 1,411 yards and 14 touchdowns in the final seven games, thrusting him into the class of the elite.

Against the league's top teams, Hicks was absolutely phenomenal, rushing for 236 yards in a 30-10 win over Florida A&M, 168 yards in a 30-19 win over Bethune-Cookman, and 259 yards in a 31-28 win over the Hampton Pirates.

Hicks capped off his stellar season by rushing for an Aggie and MEAC record 353 yards and six touchdowns in a 66-14 victory over South Carolina State.

Entering the 2001-2002 season, Hicks

is a candidate for the Walter Payton Award, which is awarded to the top running back in Division I-AA. The Aggies received 11 of 15 first place votes and have been predicted to win the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference by coaches and sports information directors.

"As I look at the early league standings, there is no clear-cut standout team right now," said Hayes. "The conference is struggling with Hampton and Howard's games being decided by one touchdown, and Morgan State and Florida A&M games were decided by less than 12 points."

"Norfolk State looks pretty good defensively, but the MEAC championship is sitting on the table and ready for the taking. We hope our team rises to the occasion," Hayes said.

MEAC extends season, Hornets return in November

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

It's been three weeks since the Aggies football team, or any team, has stepped onto the playing surface facing competition against another team. After an opening 22-0 win over the N.C. Central Eagles on Sept. 1, the Aggies followed with a bye week.

On Sept. 11, tragedy struck the nation, halting all major sporting events. It's a day never to be forgotten. For the Aggies, it meant a scheduled Sept. 15 game against Delaware State was cancelled.

Aggie Head Coach Bill Hayes and his players are anxiously awaiting a return to the playing surface for competition. "It's been almost three weeks since we've had a chance to hit someone other than ourselves," said Hayes. "Unfortunately, we were unable to play our first home football game, but we're really excited to get things started on the road to the MEAC title."

With all of the nation still recovering from the terrorist attacks, the MEAC decided to cancel all games scheduled on Sept. 15 and extend the season by one week to make up the games. The Delaware State game was pushed back to the final week of the season.

"Football allows you to forget the whole world for at least a couple of hours each day, no matter what you're going through," said Hayes. "There was talk off the field, but on the field, it's all business."

Following their Elon game on Sept. 22, the Aggies will conclude a three-game stretch away from home and then return home for probably two of the most anticipated games of the year against Florida A&M and Howard University.

Lady Aggies have high hopes for championship season

BY KYLE NACHTSTEIM
Register Contributor

"Dig! Spike! Kill!"

To sports fans attending their first volleyball game, one question would pop into mind when hearing those words; "What?" Nonetheless, it's these same terms and same fans who will try to help the Lady Aggies volleyball team reach their highest goals. They want to qualify for the NCAA volleyball tournament.

"Our goal this season is to win the MEAC championship and go to the NCAA playoffs," said Head Coach Kathy Roulhac.

Roulhac, who is a graduate of A&T, has been with the team since 1994, and over the past seven years, she's become the winningest coach in Lady Aggie volleyball history. She's put together a solid squad this season filled with much talent and potential.

"This team has so much potential," said senior captain Danesha Taylor. "This is the best I've ever felt."

Although the talent is abundant, every road to success has its speed bumps. At the recent Aggie Classic, the Lady Aggies finished with a record of 1-3

after being shut out by Mercer (30-28, 32-30, 30-23), and Winthrop (30-22, 30-26, 30-28). On the final day however, the Aggies defeated High Point (30-17, 27-30, 25-30, 30-26, 15-7), but fell in their final match to Campbell (30-27, 29-31, 30-26, 28-30, 15-11).

Currently, the Lady Aggies stand at 2-8 overall, but players still feel optimistic about the season. "When we begin to gel, that's when we'll stop the losing streak," said Taylor.

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 27	at UNCG	7 pm
Sept. 29	vs S.C.State	noon
Oct. 2	Davidson	7 pm
Oct. 5	vs BCC	6 pm
Oct. 6	vs Elon	6 pm
Oct. 9	vs Liberty	7 pm
Oct. 12	vs FAMU	7 pm
Oct. 15	at Norfolk St.	6 pm
Oct. 19-21	MEAC Round Robin, Va.	TBA
Oct. 23	vs UNC-C	7 pm
Oct. 24	vs Norfolk St.	6 pm
Oct. 31	at BCC	7 pm
Nov. 2	at FAMU	7 pm
Nov. 4	vs Samford	1 pm
Nov. 8	at S.C. State	6 pm

2001 Aggie Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	
Sept. 1, 2001	vs N.C. Central	W 22-0
Sept. 8, 2001	OPEN	
Sept. 15, 2001	vs Delaware State	canc.
Sept. 22, 2001	at Elon College	
Sept. 29, 2001	at Norfolk State	
Oct. 6, 2001	at Morgan State	
Oct. 13, 2001	vs FAMU	
Oct. 20, 2001	vs Howard University	
Oct. 27, 2001	at Bethune-Cookman	
Nov. 3, 2001	vs Jackson State	
Nov. 10, 2001	vs Hampton	
Nov. 17, 2001	at South Carolina State	

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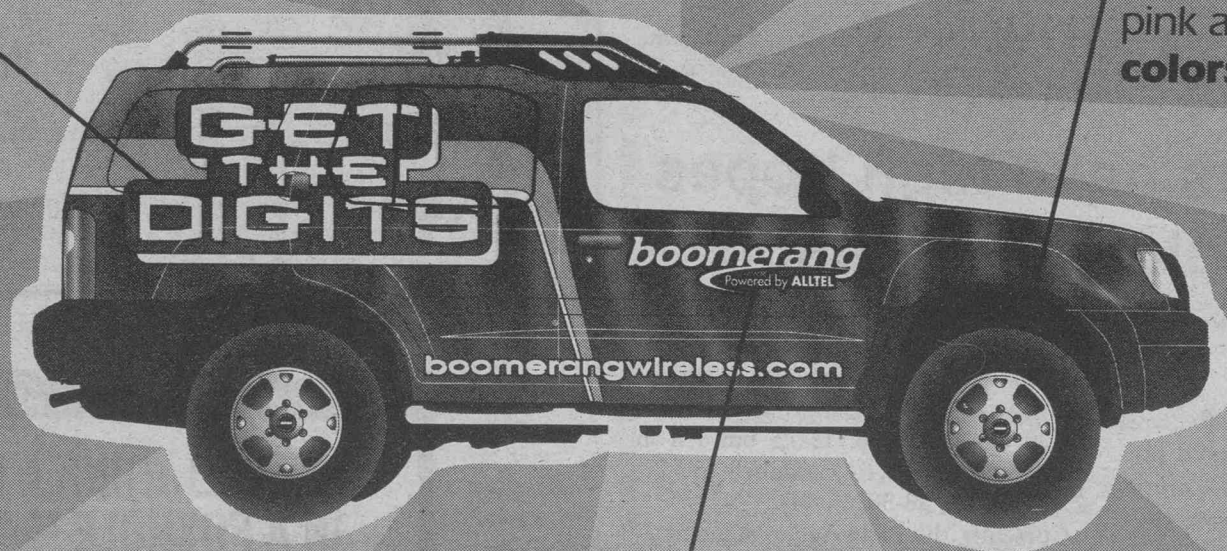
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