

BIOTERRORISM



The newest threat in America's fight against terrorism.

Q & A

An outbreak of anthrax has many Americans asking questions about the disease that has taken the lives of four and threatened the lives of millions.

Q: What is anthrax?

A: Anthrax is an infectious disease caused by the spore-forming bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*.



Anthrax Bacillus

Anthrax most commonly occurs in wild and domestic animals, such as cattle, sheep, goats, camels and antelopes.

Q: Why has anthrax become a current issue?

A: It is said that anthrax can be used to be a potential agent in for use in biological warfare.

Q: How common is anthrax and who can get it?

A: Anthrax is most common in agricultural regions where it occurs in animals. These include South and Central America. When anthrax affects humans, it is usually due to an occupational exposure to infected animals or their products. Anthrax in wild livestock has occurred in the United States before now.

Q: How is anthrax submitted?

A: Anthrax infection can occur in three forms: cutaneous (skin), inhalation and gastrointestinal. *Bacillus anthracis* spores can live in soil for many years, and humans can become infected with anthrax by handling products from infected animals or by inhaling anthrax spores from contaminated animal products. Anthrax can also be spread by eating undercooked meat from infected animals. It is rare to find infected animals in the United States.

Q: What are the symptoms of anthrax?

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Lethal weapons: Anthrax, smallpox

NEWS ANALYSIS BY
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Editor-In-Chief

A new enemy has shown its face on U.S. territory, taking the lives of four Americans and infecting many others.

The deadly disease anthrax has crept into the offices of government officials, public post offices and newsrooms of several newspapers across the country placing fear in the hearts of a people who are already on edge.

While President George W. Bush is giving orders to continue air strikes on Afghanistan and the U.S. continues its search for Osama Bin Laden, people of this country fear that anthrax may show up in their mailbox, at their job or even in their home.

Anthrax has become a new American killer since the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11 -- from the 56-year-old man dying in Florida in late September to a New Jersey woman dying a few days ago from inhalation anthrax.

Fear of this newfound source of terror, which hasn't been seen in the U.S. since the early 1900s, is spreading quickly.

Congressman Tom Daschle along with ABC news anchor Tom Brokaw were almost chosen to be the next contestants for this disease that is nothing to play with.

Anthrax is a disease that is generally found in cattle and rarely found on U.S. soil. It can be contracted in three forms: cutaneous (skin), inhalation or intestinal. The deadliest of them all, and the one which has claimed the lives of four civilians, is the inhalation form

of anthrax.

With post offices being shut down for anthrax tests and businesses, too, is any place safe from this threat of bioterrorism?

President Bush has called these cases and scares of anthrax "the second front" to the war on terrorism. While he nor anyone else knows whether or not Bin Laden or his group al Qaeda are behind the spread of anthrax, linking them to this recent terror act is not so far-fetched, especially since they're the prime suspect in the terrorist attacks.

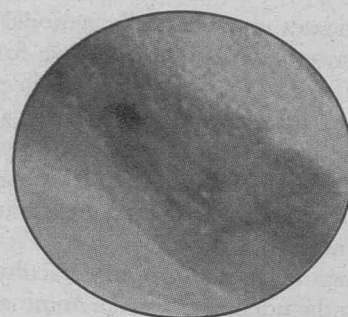
In fact, a reporter from the New York Post who contracted skin anthrax publicly accused Bin Laden of being behind the spread of anthrax in America.

Bioterrorism has caught the U.S. off guard just as the attacks did and now its having an affect on the general public that will be almost harder to get over than the attacks themselves.

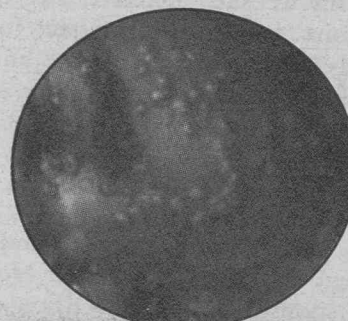
The first sign of a cold and people are going to consider themselves possibly infected with some type of anthrax. The first letter that one receives that has funny handwriting will be inspected by the local fire department or possibly the FBI. Even the sign of any white substance appearing on someone's porch or lawn will draw immediate concerns because of the described look of this substance given by government authorities.

The truth of the matter is that bioterrorism is real in this country and it's more serious than people think, and the concern shouldn't be in just this coun-

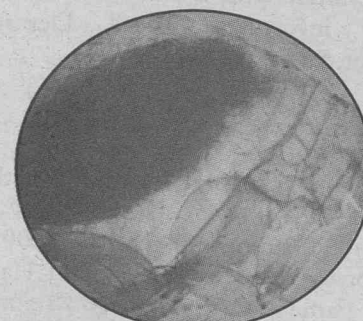
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Cutaneous anthrax on a person's neck



Smallpox on the face.



The plague starts from a flea.

Photos courtesy CDC

Muslim leader speaks peace

BY **TARAH HOLLAND**
Entertainment Editor

Imam W. Deen Mohammed, speaking Thursday, Nov. 1, at an Interfaith Unity Week event, said that the suicide bombers who attacked the World Trade Center would not find their actions acceptable to God.

Mohammed, the son of the late Nation of Islam founder Elijah Mohammed, has led the Muslim American Society since his father's death in 1975.

He has taken part in the World Parliament of Religious Leaders for the Survival of the Earth and serves on the Advisory Panel for Religious Freedom

Abroad formed by former U.S. secretary of state Madeline Albright.

Mohammed said the faith of Islam is in fact an extremely peaceful religion.

"Islam, by its language, means of peace. It and everything about it comes from the word peace," he explained.

In response to the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings, Mohammed gave his view of those who gave their lives in the name of Islam.

"Those suicide bombers who wanted to give their lives to God [should realize] that taking their own life and killing innocent people will not be a gift accepted by God," he said.

At the end of Mohammed's speech, the floor was open for audience ques-

tions. Many of the questions were centered on Islam and its relation to other religions, especially Christianity.

Mohammed responded by saying, "Islam should not be seen as a religion separate of Judaism and Christianity because many of our practices are similar."

A crowd of students and many members of the Greensboro community filled the Memorial Union Ballroom for the one day event. Also in attendance were members of A&T's Muslim Student Association.

Terrence Mohammed, representing the Muslim student group, said the organization wants to foster a vision of peace on campus.

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IN BRIEF

Civil rights medal designs sought

The Office of the Chancellor is seeking nominations for the 2002 N.C. A&T State University Human Rights Medal.

The medal is awarded to recognize an individual who has endeavored to correct social injustice and has significantly contributed to the betterment of this world. It honors the sit-in movement launched by four A&T students to end segregation in the South.

The first medal was presented on Feb. 1, 2001, to Lewis A. Brandon III, a 1963 A&T graduate and civil rights activist.

Candidates may be locally, nationally or internationally recognized for their efforts to correct social injustice, promote human welfare and social reform, acts of heroism, promotion of fellowship, dedication to learning, diplomatic endeavors or community contributions.

Alumni in good standing, faculty, staff and students may make nominations, which must be received by Dec. 1. A nomination form may be found in the "A&T Today" section of the university website. Direct entries or questions to the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees and Founders/Honors Day, c/o Office of the Chancellor, telephone 334-7940.

Family weekend set

N.C. A&T will have its Family Weekend and Fall Open House Nov. 9-11, sponsored by the Office of Admissions and the Division of Student Affairs.

The theme will be "Connecting Your Family With Ours."

For information, call Denise Iverson-Payne at 334-7696.

Miss A&T competes

Jeanelle Feimster, Miss North Carolina A&T State University, was second runner-up in the 2001 National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Queens Scholarship Competition in Atlanta.

A native of Greensboro, Feimster competed with 31 other contestants. She recited a monologue entitled "A Room Full of Sisters."

"I felt privileged to be amongst 31 other talented young ladies who represented the best and brightest their school had to offer," the marketing major said.

Vickers to train team

Lelia Vickers, dean of the school of education at N.C. A&T, recently participated in the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Training for Chairs of NCATE Teams. The session was held in Washington, D.C.

Vickers will chair a NCATE team at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, Dec. 1-5.

Uzochuku on Board

Dr. Godfrey A. Uzochuku, professor and director of N.C. A&T's Waste Management Institute, has been appointed to the Board of Management of the Central YMCA. The Central YMCA of Greensboro is a nonprofit organization and a United Way Agency.

Students wary of anthrax?

By WILVENA T. McDOWELL
Register Contributor

"I am shocked and afraid of the effects," said junior, Shane Reaves reacting to the news of anthrax in America.

That is how majority of the students on campus are responding, yet concerns about anthrax has not been a pressing issue for the students.

With recent anthrax cases targeting government and media facilities, many students are not worried about an outbreak on N.C.A&T's campus. Yet that did not stop anthrax from hitting the campus in 1931.

According to reports from the veterinarian division of the State Department at Agricultural and Consumer Services, the anthrax outbreak of 1931 on A&T's farm killed three cows and nine hogs. Animals on the farm had to be quarantined to stop the spread.

Only one human case was reported, of a veterinarian who became ill after drinking milk from an infected cow.

But with human cases popping up in America, health officials want to get the word out on safety measures. Guilford County Public Health program manager, Pat Sappenfield says students living in dorms should be aware of ways to prevent any spread of infections.

"Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands," she said. "I think people tend to forget that is the effective way of preventing communicable diseases," she said.

Sappenfield also informs that there are two ways to get anthrax: inhalation anthrax, when a person breathes in the spores, and cutaneous anthrax.

The Sebastian Health Center on campus warns about cutaneous anthrax, which is passed by direct skin contact with spores.

Barbara Gravely, the university physician, said flu shots will help doctors focus in on possible anthrax on campus.

Since anthrax symptoms resembles the flu, the Health Center encourages

students to get flu shots, which will be on Nov. 6, in Murphy Hall, Room 111.

"If you've had a flu shot you won't get the flu, and it makes it easier to spot out anthrax," she said.

Gravely wants students to be aware of anthrax. Symptoms of inhalation anthrax may resemble flu-like symptoms. Skin contact to anthrax includes a rash in the area touched.

If students notice any of these symptoms they are to contact the Sebastian Health Center immediately.

With government facilities like the U.S. State Department and the Supreme Court being targeted through the mail system, many people are nervous about checking their mailboxes.

A&T's mail center has taken on a new responsibility of protecting students.

"We're going to check everything before we deliver it to the students," said Charles Carter, who supervises the center.

EYE ON CRIME

COMPILED BY TAMIKA HUDSON

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents during the period of Oct. 15-24:

Oct. 15

Lost Property

Property was reported lost in Cooper Hall by a male non-student.

Suspicious Package

A suspicious package was found in A&T's Physical Plant. No suspects were reported in connection to this case.

Oct. 16

Communicating Threats

A female student complained of threats in Scott Hall. The suspect is also a female student.

Oct. 17

Motor Vehicle Accident

A female victim reported a motor vehicle accident at the Webb Hall Lot.

Vandalism

A female student reported vandalism on Arthur Headen Drive.

Oct. 18

Larceny

A female non-student reported a larceny in Crosby Hall.

Oct. 19

Attempted Fraud

A female non-student complained of attempted fraud in Brown Hall.

Oct. 20

Assault

A male non-student complained of an assault in the Aggie Stadium parking lot.

Oct. 21

Motor Vehicle Accident

A female victim reported a motor

vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Aggie Suites.

Oct. 22

Robbery

One male student and one male non-student were reported to be victims of a robbery in Williams Cafeteria.

Oct. 23

Missing Property

A Morrow Hall resident reported missing property in the dorm.

Oct. 24

Robbery

A male resident of Curtis Hall reported a robbery in dorm.

Oct. 24

Assault

Two female students reported an assault in Morrison Hall. The suspect is a male non-student.



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Q&A

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A: Symptoms of disease vary depending on how the disease was contracted, but symptoms usually occur within seven days.

Cutaneous: Most (about 95 percent) anthrax infections occur when the bacterium enters a cut or abrasion on the skin, such as when handling contaminated wool, hides, leather or hair products of infected animals. Skin infection begins as a raised itchy bump that resembles an insect bite but within 1-2 days develops into a vesicle and then a painless ulcer, usually one to three centimeters in diameter, with a characteristic black necrotic (dying) area in the center.

Inhalation: Initial symptoms may resemble a common cold. After several days, the symptoms may progress to severe breathing problems and shock. Inhalation anthrax is usually fatal.

Intestinal: The intestinal disease form of anthrax may follow the consumption of contaminated meat and is characterized by an acute inflammation of the intestinal tract. Initial signs of nausea, loss of appetite, vomiting and fever are followed by abdominal pain,

vomiting of blood and severe diarrhea. intestinal anthrax results in death 25 percent to 60 percent of cases.

Q: Can anthrax be spread from person-to-person?

A: Direct person-to-person spread of anthrax is extremely unlikely. Communicability is not a concern in managing or visiting with patients with inhalational anthrax.

Q: Is there a way to prevent infection?

A: In countries where anthrax is common and vaccination levels of animals herds are low, humans should avoid contact with livestock and animal products and avoid eating meat that has not been properly slaughtered and cooked. Also, an anthrax vaccine has been licensed for use in humans. The vaccine is reported to 93 percent effective.

Q: What is the anthrax vaccine?

A: The vaccine is manufactured and distributed by BioPort Corporation, Lansing, Mich. The vaccine is a cell-free filtrate vaccine, which means it contains no dead or live bacteria in the preparation. The final product contains no more than 2.4 mg of aluminum hydroxide as adjuvant. Anthrax vaccines intended for animals should not be used in humans.

Material for this report was compiled from The Center for Disease Control at www.cdc.com

American Education Week activities set for Nov. 11-17

N.C. A&T will celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 11-17 with activities sponsored by the School of Education.

The national theme for the week is "Together: Making Public Schools Great for Every Child."

The university's theme for the week is "Best Practices."

Sunday, Nov. 11

- Education Sunday (churches recognize education)

- Dean Book Club

Author: Frank Smith 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Memorial Student Union

Monday, Nov. 12

- Apples for Educators

Tuesday, Nov. 13

- Presentation: Washington School (5th graders)

Speaker: Dr. Lelia Vickers, dean, A&T School of Education.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

- A&T Honors Excellence in Teaching

Thursday, Nov. 15

- Presentation: Eastern Guilford Middle School (7th graders)

Speaker: Dr. Velma Speight

The Professional Educators Speaker Series

Speaker: Danielle Cook, Educator, Common Sense Foundation

Saturday, Nov. 17

- School of Education Intercollegiate Conference 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Memorial Student Union.

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try, but globally.

What's even more serious is that there are other infections out there that are just as deadly that Americans are unaware of.

One of them is smallpox, which is caused by the variola virus. This too can possibly be used as a weapon in biological warfare, because of its severity and its high rate in deaths, along with

the fact that it doesn't take much to transmit this disease from one person to another.

Smallpox has been feared as being the most devastating of all the infectious diseases. Other infectious diseases that people ought to be aware of is the pneumonic plague, botulism and tularemia.

A poll taken by Newsweek showed that Americans expect large number of civilians to die in future terrorist attacks, but majority of the Americans are willing to support the Bush administration in their fight against terrorism.

War kept in perspective with Gibbs Hall meetings

By T. J. MOORE
News Editor

Ever since the Sept. 11 tragedy, there have been meetings and discussions of the current state of America's affairs on campus.

Every Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m., the Department of Political Science meets in Room 123 Gibbs Hall to discuss the "War on Terrorism."

For weeks, the group of faculty members of the history and political science department, campus outsiders and a few concerned students have discussed deeper issues like how the war would affect federal expenditures like health care and the economy at large.

However, on Oct. 24, the forum tackled another important issue: media coverage.

Department of Political Science interim chair Dr. Claude Barnes hosted the forum and gave his own spin on how mainstream media networks like CNN, ABC, NBC and CBS are covering the crisis.

In his presentation, Barnes was critical of the mainstream media, claiming that the media was an example of "profiles in cowardice."

Barnes accuses the media of not sharing more information and opinions with the public.

One example Barnes gave was when Politically Incorrect host Bill Mahr

made a controversial, anti-war statement one night about how America was the real cowards for bombing Afghanistan and the Taliban.

For that comment, Politically Incorrect was almost cancelled and Mahr had to appear on numerous news shows to apologize for his statements.

When asked to explain further about the media being cowardly, Barnes defended his statement by reiterating the job of the media.

"The press is supposed to give out objective and unbiased information. The press censor themselves when policy will be inaccurate," said Barnes. "What we have done was provide alternate sources of information that is beyond the mainstream media."

Barnes talked about sources such as "Common Dreams," which is a compilation of articles from different organizations, Real network, which has many audio and video sites and The Nation magazine's website, which features a newly added resource page and web letters concerning the attacks.

You can find the links to those online services and others like them by logging on to www.poli.ncat.edu and clicking on research links. This gives you access to all of the alternative news sources regarding the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Unity will prevail, no matter the circumstance

Four people have died and many more have been affected by the infectious disease that the government is finding hard to track down and kill. Anthrax, something not many people knew about until a few weeks ago, has protruded into the mailrooms and workplaces of thousands of Americans, looking to infect and destroy their lives.

And while we fight this new enemy, another enemy, Osama Bin Laden, is still out there untouched and possibly planning further attacks on America.

So where do we go from here?

How do we keep safe?

Who do we trust?

Though it has been almost two months since the terrorist attacks, this country still needs to unite. It's important that we don't let fear overcome us and get us out of doing the things we love and being who we are. Unity is what brought this country to the point it is at now and unity is what will help us get past this point.

It's not just about uniting in time of turmoil, but it's about uniting with your fellow man who may be feeling the affects of a family member being laid off, passing away or concerned for his health. It's about comforting the comfortless, encouraging the disheartened and uplifting the distraught.

Safety begins right here with us. We have an obligation to protect each other. It should be our number one priority. It was for Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Gandhi, President Roosevelt, the firefighters and police officers who died at the World Trade Center, the men and women on the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania who refused to just let the terrorists do as they pleased, and many others.

A sense of urgency is among us and the only ones we can trust are the ones we're most familiar with and the things we're most familiar with. The church is like home to any American and it's time to go home. It's time to hear words of faith, comfort, encouragement and action.

This is not a time for us to run into our shells and not come out. This is not a time to back down from the challenge of uniting on all fronts. This is not a time to think about yourself, but it's a time to think about the millions who are jobless, homeless, hungry, tired, fearful or lonely.

This is a call to all leaders and to all those who want change. It starts with us and it starts now. You don't need lots of money to change something that's wrong; all you need is a vision and faith.

My vision is to see everyone unite on all fronts, see man helping woman, boy helping girl. It's my vision to see a better Greensboro, a better America, a faithful Greensboro and a faithful America. My faith in God himself will bring make that happen.

One can put 1,000 to flight, two can put 10,000. Let us join in taking the people of this country and the people of this world to a place of no fear, but of love, peace and faith.

The winner of any war is determined by who's fighting it, how many people fighting it and whether or not they're united.



Randy St. Clair

Family is all you need in times of trouble

By T.J. VINSON
Register Contributor

The events that took place on Sept. 11 made people realize how important family is. With everything going on right now in the world you need your family.

Most students are provided with support from their families, money for tuition and books and food.

The values that my parents instilled in me, like respect and integrity, are the same values I will instill in my 2-year-old son Tylan.

My parents, Thomas and Evelyn Vinson Sr., put my three sisters and me through college. My father worked 30 years as the meat manager at Harris Teeter, and my mother worked 15 years for Bank of America.

No, we were not rich, but we didn't want for anything, and when adversity came we came together. When we struggled financially, we pulled together emotionally, and we made it.

My mother is my heart and soul, and my father is my backbone.

America is now facing adversity so we have to come together.

Some children in the world are without a mother or father. Some may have loss family in the World Trade Center attack. I admire people, and the world should too, who manage to make it through these tragic events without a strong family background.

Sometimes people have their grandparents to depend on. My grandmother, Nancy Vinson who passed at the begin-

ning of the year, was one of the greatest women I ever met in my whole life.

My grandmother worked many hard years cleaning other people's houses. She would give you her last dollar, and the shirt off her back. I remember her trying to feed the whole church on Sundays.

She didn't have much education, but she was a God-fearing woman. I know a lot of people feel the same way about their grandmother.

As you get older and have different experiences in life, you see that there are many people in the world who are less fortunate than you. Then you understand how important a good family really is.

Somewhere along the line Osama Bin Laden's family went wrong with him. His father probably gave him money and told him to go play, never thinking he would turn evil.

Religion is meant to benefit the soul and make you a better person, and in return you should be kind and generous to the next person, no matter the religious beliefs. And just because we have different religious beliefs doesn't mean that we can't be a family.

Psalm 27:1 says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?"

So we should not fear terrorism or anthrax, but just come together as one, as a family.

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20 QUESTIONS

By DIJON ROLLE

1. Why were they taking senior pictures during the week of Homecoming?
2. Speakin' of pictures...who do you have to know to get your yearbook?
3. How many of us remember when our parents always made us get the "cheapest pack" of school pictures? Can you say "one 5x7 and two mini-wallets"?
4. Are class rings played out or are people too busy payin' their tuition increase to buy one?
5. Other than freshmen...how many

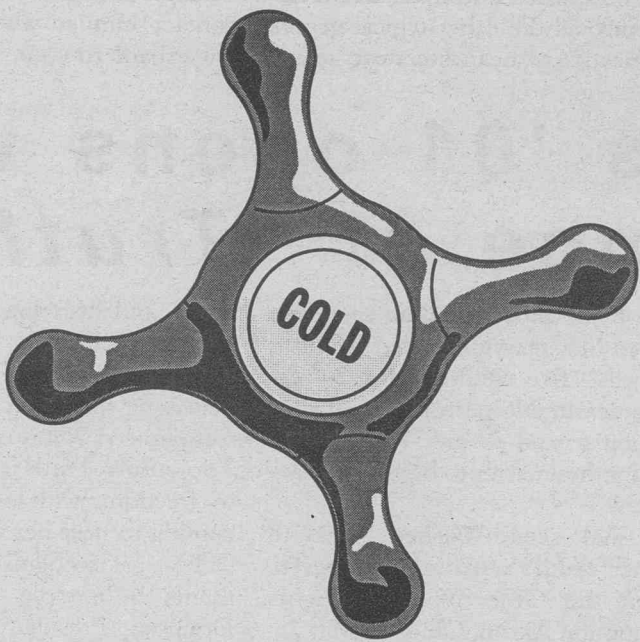
- of us still wear our class rings from high school?
6. Didn't we need those two days of Fall Break to get ourselves together after Homecoming?
7. Why do people front like they don't know about "Cricket phones"?
8. What is up with all these ghetto cell phone "rings"?
9. If you had to make a choice...which is the tightest "boy band," N'SYNC or BackStreet Boys?
10. Maybe it's just us...but don't the BackStreet "Boys" look like a bunch of

"Old Heads"?

11. Whatever happened to Shabba Ranks A.K.A. "Mr. Lover"?
12. Is it just us or is everybody and they cousin tryin' to make a buck off of the American flag lately?
13. How many of us have seen people drivin' around with flags that are just too big for their car?
14. Don't they need to see out their back window, too?
15. Why do people just walk out in the street by Holt gym like you won't hit them coming around that curve?

16. On which campus will you get your car towed or ticketed the fastest...A&T or UNCG?
17. How many of us are scared to open our mail now?
18. Is that why some people keep frontin' like they never got a second tuition bill?
19. How many of us (out of state) might have to take out another loan just to pay the tuition increase? Can you say "In-State is Great"?
20. Why does Miss Cleo (the psychic) have her own website?

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Imes, his rhyme, the story in him

Sophomore makes a name for himself through writing novels

BY ALEXANDRA GRAY
Register Contributor

Sophomore business economics major Jaeyel Imes is a young author on the rise. He has published "the rhyme, the story n me" through an innovative print-on-demand process, and has other books scheduled for publication next year.

Imes, a Denver native, began writing his book in the eighth grade and completed it his senior year of high school.

"The reason it took so long was because the book was originally a collection of short stories," he says.

"The main story that was used to connect all of the stories ended up being strong enough for its own book, so here

it is," says Imes.

The book is about a storyteller who learns the lessons that he tells. What makes this novel so different from most mainstream novels is that narrator is telling the story to another man, and the fact that many classify it as a "hip-hop" novel.

Although Imes has begun his writing career early, having completed three books and is working on a fourth and fifth.

The first book he wrote, "never too much," was accepted in March of this year and is scheduled to be released in January or February.

"My third book, which is a novella (a short book which is approximately 96

pages long) called "now i see" will come out Aug. 6, 2002," says Imes.

His fourth book is a cross between mystery and fantasy that is set to come out before he graduates in May 2004.

The fifth book will be a spin-off of "now i see" but no release date has been set.

As a young African American writer he hopes to make a precedent in merging literature and hip-hop culture.

"While I won't say that I am the first writer to try it, I will say that I am part of the beginning," he says.

Imes went on to say that he did not want to be restricted to mainstream fiction or any of the other typical genres that African American literature seems

so be caught in.

Being a college student, Imes also has to deal with some financial trials in trying to get his novels published. He took the non-traditional method of print-on-demand technology.

"With print-on-demand, I don't have to have caseload after caseload of books, I can have them printed as little as one at a time," he explained.

He's also collaborating with the Economics Club for an event called "Red Day," which will be Nov. 6. Those who wear red shirts and black pants will have a chance to receive a copy.

People interested in Imes' books may contact him at www.jaeylimes.com or www.rbanwrtr.com.

A&T's Lyceum Series '01 opens with dynamic performance of "Truth"

BY CRYSTAL DAILY
Register Contributor

Rasheryl McCreary's moving testimony of Sojourner Truth in Harrison Auditorium on Oct. 28 gave audience members a peek into the life of an African American woman in the early 1800s.

Born in 1797, the youngest of 12 children, the child Isabella was sold to slavery when she was 9 years old. After sur-

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Living many years of manual labor, childbirth and maltreatment, Isabella escaped her master to become a free woman.

Later she changed her name to Sojourner Truth and became a speaker of the Bible and women's rights.

The stage was arranged with wooden boxes, a bucket and a washboard, which set the mood of the play.

Wearing a simple cotton blouse and a heavy skirt, McCreary appeared as 9-year-old Isabella.

Drenched with fear, McCreary entered with her wrists together, as if bound with rope as haunting rhythms written and performed by Bill Ransom on percussion, combined with the voice of a distant auctioneer, immediately gave the vivid picture of a horrid slave market.

McCreary not only played the role of Sojourner Truth, she also portrayed her parents, her master and her own children.

Audience members experienced humor, anger and sympathy during this

Radio show debuts

"Common Ground," a live, call-in talk show designed to foster dialogue among diverse groups, premiered at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, on the city's largest non-commercial radio station, WNAA, 90.1 FM.

The hosts are Joya Wesley, a freelance journalist who has worked with the station since 1995, and Mac Sims, a longtime community volunteer and leader.

Wesley, also hosts the pre-recorded show "A&T Today," which premiered Nov. 2.



Courtesy Library of Congress

Sojourner Truth, was an advocate of women's rights throughout the 1800s.

hour of historical, educational entertainment.

One of the most dynamic segments was when McCreary portrayed the birth of Isabella's five children in a 20-second, immeasurable performance, while also being forced to give each of the children to her master to be sold to slavery.

The final scene flashed back to Sojourner Truth's most famous speech, given at the Ohio Women's Rights Convention in Akron, Ohio, on May 28, 1851.

"Nobody ever helped me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place! And ain't I a woman?" she said.

"Look at me! Look at my arm! I have plowed and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me! And ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man, when I could

get it, and bear the lash as well! And ain't I a woman?"

McCreary's strength and realism in delivering this speech made it as if she were indeed Sojourner Truth.

Sojourner Truth traveled from slavery to freedom, with people of all colors coming to hear her words.

She was recognized for her achievements by people such as Frederick Douglass, President Abraham Lincoln and Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. She died on Nov. 26, 1883 and is buried in Battle Creek, Mich.

"Truth, the Testimonial of Sojourner Truth" was the first in a series of special performances sponsored by A&T's Lyceum Committee. Admission is free to most of the events.

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Sculptor captures essence of history

James Barnhill gets a chance to make history all over again.

By T.J. MOORE
News Editor

It started with an idea. Just like the sit-in movement itself, the statue immortalizing the four who sat at the Woolworth counter forty one years ago, started with an idea. Sculptor James Barnhill's idea, however stems from a photo -- a famous shot of Jibreel Kazann (Ezelle Blair, Jr.), Franklin McCain, David Richmond and Joseph McNeil walking out of the restaurant and into history. Barnhill wanted to capture the essence of the Greensboro Four by showing them not sitting but standing and marching because he thought that showing the four sitting would be dull. "Four guys sitting at a counter was static (non movement)," said Barnhill, who is artist-in-residence at N.C. A&T. Barnhill added that the four marching out of the restaurant gives a stronger visual impact. The Greensboro Four statues are intended to be a centerpiece when the campus takes shape in line with the new master plan. After the idea gained approval from Chancellor James C. Renick, Barnhill began the long process of making the statues.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

James Barnhill looks at a picture of the Greensboro Four while working.

Ever since May, Barnhill has been scraping away to capture the spirit of the four brave and gutsy freshmen. This process of creating the statues is described as a complex process.

First, Barnhill had to build the four skeletal frames and build rolling stands for support. The frames are created by one-inch steel pipes and diamond mesh material.

Next, Barnhill had to take water-based clay to shape over the frame. To keep the clay from drying out, Barnhill had to keep bags over the figures.

Finally, sectional molds had to be made, so the figures can go to a foundry. The foundry is the final step in the process, where the statues once made of clay will become bronze.

Barnhill thinks that the fact that these four men were just ordinary college students makes that particular moment in time special.

"It's a monument of four guys, not military members or presidents. These were just people...who became heroes," said Barnhill.

Barnhill has been doing sculptors for 20 years, and he has created pieces that can be found from his native Asheville, N.C., to Mission Viejo, Calif.

During his career, Barnhill believes that the Greensboro Four statue is his best work to date.

"I'm actually pleased with these guys," he said. "This is a very strong and dramatic piece."

After he has completed this statue, the current full time professor is slated to create a statue for his alma-mater, UNCG, in 2003.

Saxophonist set to appear at A&T

James Houlik, a tenor saxophonist, will present a mini-recital seminar for musicians entitled "Connecting the Dots" in Webb Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Houlik was designated by the London Daily Mail as the "World's Great Saxophone Virtuoso." In his recital, Houlik, will perform and speak on the music business to students.

Houlik has enjoyed a career as a saxo-

phone soloist, a distinguished teacher and as a change agent in the music profession. He currently teaches at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and he is the director of the Career Perspective program at the Breckenridge Music Festival in Colorado, where he works directly with the National Repertory Orchestra. Houlik performs with energy and wants to improve the future of musicians.

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Defense stands tall as Aggies top Wildcats

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Homecoming 2001 for the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats welcomed an unwelcome guest in the Aggies of N.C. A&T. In the end, however, the Aggies would grab sole possession of first place powered by a 233-yard effort from Maurice Hicks and a strong defensive performance in the 16-14 victory.

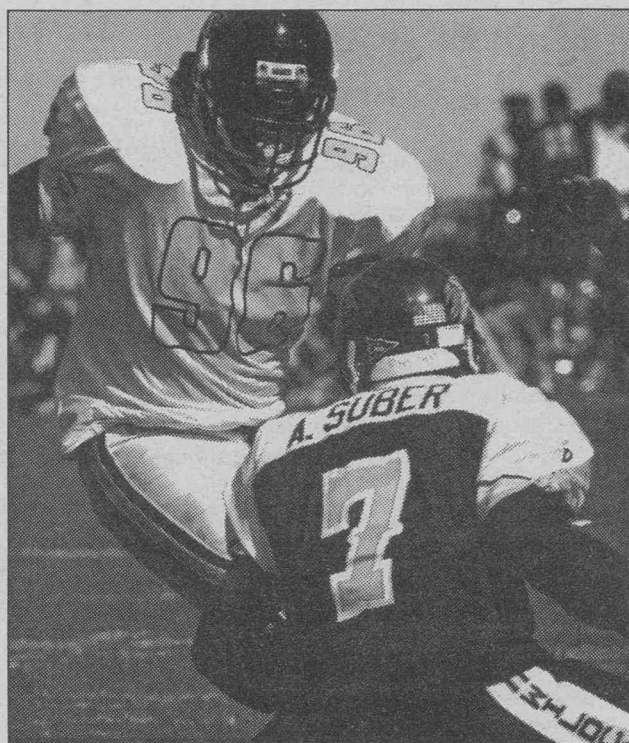
"Needless to say, I'm the happiest coach in America today," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "I said last week that we would be in a war, a dogfight actually, and we were. This was a physical game and we were able to pull it out."

Hicks, the star senior tailback for the Aggies, continued his torrid pace as he rushed for a game-high 233 yards on 36 carries and one touchdown. At 1,244 yards, Hicks ranks second in the nation and needs only 53 yards to become the all-time leader in rushing for the Aggies.

"Maurice is a special athlete that runs on a different type of fuel than most athletes," said Hayes. "He has a great attitude, he's motivated academically, and puts out 150 percent effort. He's got the total package." The win also set a milestone as Hayes picked up his 100th victory.

A&T opened up the game scoring the first nine points as kicker Pat Simcox connected on a 26-yard field goal before Hicks broke free for a 15-yard touchdown run. Bethune-Cookman rallied with only seven seconds remaining in the first half as Jovon Henry scored on a 1-yard touchdown run making the score 9-7 at the half. The Aggies would strike again early in the fourth quarter as tight end Marcus Bryson caught a game-breaking 72-yard touchdown from quarterback Damien Phillips boosting the score to 16-7. However, the Wildcats did not wait long to return the favor as quarterback Allen Suber brushed through the Aggie defense for a 32-yard touchdown run with just over 10 minutes remaining cutting the Aggies' lead to 16-14. After an Aggie punt with less than five minutes remaining, the Wildcats' Rashean Mathis took the punt and returned it 72 yards for an apparent go-ahead touchdown, but a clipping penalty nullified it, and the Wildcats would never recover.

"Bethune-Cookman matches up well against us, so we were prepared for a grudge battle between us," said Hayes. "The last four games have been decided by no greater than two points," Hayes added. The win improved the Aggies to 6-1 overall and 4-1 MEAC while Bethune-Cookman falls to 5-2 overall and 4-1 MEAC.



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

Defensive lineman Osita Alaribe chases down Wildcat quarterback Allen Suber.

Road Trip: An inside look at the big game

(Editor's Note: Cornelius Gary is a running back for the Aggies football team. This is his first-person account of a crucial road trip.)

It's 2:45 a.m. and I'm on the bus getting ready to go to the airport to fly to Daytona. This is the first time the team will be flying since the tragedy in New York.

When we arrived at the airport, there is a long security check that gives me a little more peace of mind but reminds me of why security was so strict. As we board the plane my stomach is filled with butterflies. I wonder if anyone else feels the way I do about flying, but when I see the starting quarterback draw a cross on the side of plane as we walk through the front door, I wonder no more.

The flight goes great and I, along with a lot of my teammates and coaches, take a big sigh of relief. With the plane ride out of the way, it is time to focus on our goal, which is to beat Bethune-Cookman.

When we arrive in Daytona, we take a bus to Mainland High School, the same school that NBA star Vince Carter attended. There, we draw a large crowd for one of our best practices.

After practice, we eat dinner at a nice restaurant and then it's off to the hotel.



Cornelius Gary

We meet later on that night in the hotel ballroom for a motivational speech from Coach Hayes.

Coach tells us how much more important and vital this game was going to be. Not only is this game important but with everything going on this weekend, this game is special. It's special because Coach Hicks pressed his way after his daughter was born on Friday night. It's special because this game could determine who is going to win the conference. Guys, I cannot stress to you enough how important it is for us to win this game," he says.

A speech from Coach Hayes is more than just a pep talk for a game; a speech from Coach Hayes is a lesson in life.

After the meeting, it's back to the rooms to make sure we get plenty of rest. I don't get much sleep because I can't stop thinking about this big game. Bethune-Cookman is undefeated in the conference and we're playing them on their Homecoming. If hearing about Bethune-Cookman in practice for three hours a day seems too much, try hearing it from the media and your friends all day.

We eat breakfast Saturday morning at the hotel. Immediately following breakfast, we go to the hotel parking lot to do our traditional pre-game walkthrough.

We leave the hotel at 11:30 a.m. The bus ride is totally quiet because everyone is focused on the game.

As we arrive at the stadium, Bethune-Cookman fans are tailgating and making

their decisions on where to park. When we get off the bus, what looked like a track around the football field is actually sand. The wind was blowing hard.

This week, defensive back coach Daren Hart gives the pre-game talk. Coach Hart touches our hearts and gives us a reason to fight for a victory.

As we take the field, the home crowd that fills both sides of the stadium welcomes us with a series of boos, however, there is a small section on the visitor's side with about 200 Aggie fans.

Bethune-Cookman wins the toss and chooses to receive. As the whistle blows, my adrenaline is flowing and I am determined to make the first hit. I am the first one to hit the man with the ball, but I miss the tackle.

We score first with a field goal. With only 20 seconds left in the first half, Bethune-Cookman scores a touchdown with help from the referees. This leaves everyone upset and we are ready for payback. As the kickoff return team takes the field for the final seconds of

the half, all we are thinking about is scoring. They kick the ball to the left side of the field. As they charge down the field towards us, I single out one opponent, number 29, and made the biggest hit of my life. Those who see the hit go "ooh." I hit him so hard that my eyes cross up.

During halftime our coaches tell us that this is an all-out war and we have to win. We come out in the second half pounding Bethune-Cookman. The offense scores twice and the defense continues to stop them cold. The score is 16-14. Bethune-Cookman has the ball and is trying their best to score, but our band gets in behind us and the defense comes through for us once again.

The victory is sweet. Coach Hayes gets his 100th win, and Coach Hicks has some good news to take back to his wife and his newborn daughter, Nicole. Knowing that we are now on the verge of becoming the MEAC Conference champions makes the trip home on the plane a whole lot easier.

Aggies smash Bison, 76-30.

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

On Saturday, Oct. 20, at Aggie Stadium, the Aggies of N.C. A&T scored 41 first-quarter points on their way to a 76-point effort in the 76-30 win over Howard University.

The Aggies surpassed their previous record of 73 points set in 1996. Senior tailback Maurice Hicks rushed for 114 yards and four touchdowns (all in the first half) while Cornelius Gary also eclipsed the 100-yard barrier with a 119-yard performance. The Aggies also returned four interceptions for touch-

downs during a streak in which they scored 63 consecutive points

"I'm proud of the way our team is playing, especially our defense and special teams," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. The Aggies piled up more than 400 yards of offense against the Bison, 383 of which were rushing yards.

"Coach Keith Wagner is the offensive line coach, and I feel that he's done the best job of coaching this season," added Hayes. "He deserves all of the credit. Our mentality is set to dominate the opponent and we owe a lot of our offensive success to them."

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