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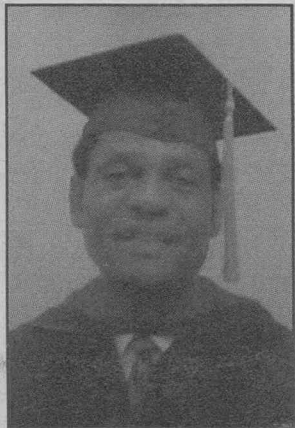
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Q & A

Royall M. Mack Sr. was the keynote speaker for N.C. A&T's Honors Day Convocation, which was held Thursday, March 21, in the Richard B. Harrison Auditorium.

Mack talked about how A&T has contributed to his success in life, as well as offering ways in which students can achieve their ultimate goals.



Royall M. Mack Sr.

Mack, a 1969 graduate of A&T, holds the position of corporate vice president of civic affairs at The Gillette Co. in Boston. He has the responsibility of leading civic affairs programs worldwide.

Q: During your matriculation at A&T were students honored for their academic achievements in the same manner as today? If so, did you have the privilege of being honored?

A: Students were honored but not to the extent of how students are today. Unfortunately, I was not honored. It wasn't until my senior year that I buckled down and studied. I believe it took me close to two years to settle down and concentrate on school. Because this was my first time away from home I took advantage of everything except academics. I had freedom.

Q: How has A&T contributed to your success in life?

A: A&T taught me how to get up after I was knocked down. A&T was the place where I discovered my true self. During my time at A&T there were those teachers that stood out and pushed me to believe in myself and get back up and try again. I've learned the only thing between success and failure was that success told me to get up and try. The problem is so many of us don't know what it actually takes to try.

Q: What types of activities did you participate in as a undergraduate student at A&T?

A: I was an athlete mainly, I was on

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Honoring high achievers

N.C. A&T students and faculty received honors for academic success.

By **BRIAN BEST**
Register Contributor

The students gathered in Harrison Auditorium for the annual Honors Day Convocation. The event started with A&T professors marching in, followed by ROTC students "posting the colors."

After the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was sung by all, and SGA President Greg Drumwright delivered a heartfelt prayer.

Royall M. Mack Sr., the speaker of the day, is the corporate vice president of civic affairs for the Gillette Co., and an A&T alumnus.

Mack fondly talked about his pride in his alma mater, referring to a story when he was in England, and wearing an old A&T shirt from 1967, he was spotted by a military official and met with our proud greeting of "Aggie Pride."

He told students the importance of giving back to our school when we graduate and challenging us not to forget about Aggieworld when we leave.

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N.C. A&T faculty stand outside of Harrison Auditorium at Honors Day Convocation on March 21.

Giovanni speaks of role, work of others

By **TRINA LOGAN**
Register Contributor

On March 21, the UNCG chapter of the NAACP sponsored a women's history lecture with highly recognized poet Yolande Cornelia Giovanni a.k.a. Nikki Giovanni.

Giovanni is a poet, activist and a professor at Virginia Tech, and has a new book coming out on March 22. She talked about that new book, going into detail about the poem she wrote about Martin Luther King, Jr.

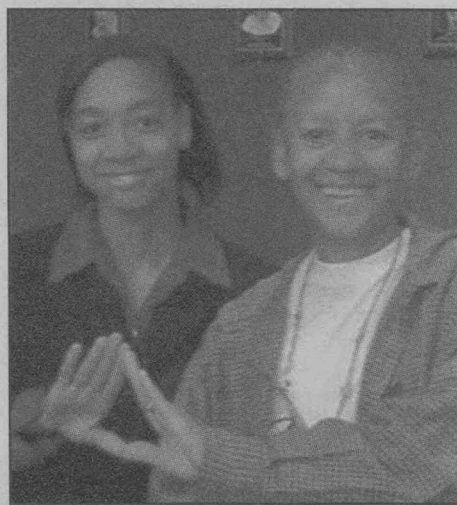
Giovanni said that she wrote the poem as if Martin were still alive and if he were living in 2002. She said that Martin was adventurous and would probably have vote or freedom tattooed on his arm and cornrows. Giovanni said that her tattoo would say Thug Life.

Giovanni spoke to the crowd about not getting paid for the job you excel in.

"Sometimes you just think that you want to have a purpose in life and I want to mean something," she said. "Then there are other times when you just say naw, I just want to be rich."

The crowd was filled with laughter. Giovanni spoke on her role as an activist.

"To advocate for women's rights and Black Americans or anybody for people



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Nikki Giovanni and fellow Delta soro January Smith, president of the UNCG chapter of the NAACP, pose for a photo before Giovanni spoke at Taylor Auditorium.

in need is the right thing to do," said Giovanni. "Hopefully, maybe I have helped people to look at issues differently. Maybe I have brought something to somebody's attention. When I was younger we sat-in and I was a part of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. Now, I teach at the univer-

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SGA race for internal and external affairs may be tight

By **T.J. MOORE**
Register Staff Writer

With a few days before elections, the race for the vice presidential offices of internal and external affairs is heating up.

Vice president of external affairs hopefuls Brian Holder and Karen Fairey and vice president of internal affairs hopefuls Paulette Foster and Jose Barros have their chance to share with the student body why they should be in these executive positions.

The race for vice president of external affairs is a two-party race, but it's no doubt the most interesting.

Brian "Barbados" Holder and Karen Fairey are running for this position that is probably more important than even the president. One of these two would be responsible for making this campus fun again.

Holder may not have any fancy fliers plastered around campus but one thing that he has is a lot of heart and surprise.

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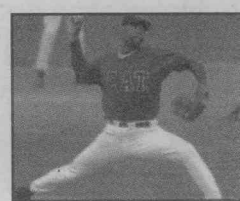
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IN BRIEF

McGirt named A&T employee of the year

E. Albertina McGirt, a program assistant with the Upward Bound Program at N.C. A&T, has been named the university's "Employee of the Year."

McGirt began working at A&T in 1980 and has served in several positions including administrative assistant for the Office of Student Teaching, secretary for the U.S. Army ROTC Enhancement Skills Training Program, and part-time library assistant.

McGirt currently serves as the chair of A&T's Staff Senate for SPA and Non-Teaching EPA employees. She serves as a liaison between the senate and the chancellor, provost, faculty senate and student government association. Her informal duties include meeting periodically with the chancellor, provost, the director of human resources and other appropriate university officials.

Named vice chancellor

Andrew M. Perkins Jr. has been named assistant vice chancellor for business and finance/facilities at N.C. A&T. His appointment became effective March 1.

Perkins has served as interim assistant vice chancellor for facilities since 2000 and prior to that he served as the university engineer.

Before coming to A&T, Perkins served as director of the installation management program, Office of the Secretary of Defense; commander and district engineer, Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; facilities construction program manager, Office of the Assistant Chief of Engineers; and commander, and district engineer, San Francisco District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Poet, author will speak

Lenard D. Moore, poet, author and educator, will speak at N.C. A&T on April 4 from 7-9 p.m. in Bluford Library as part of National Poetry Week.

A native of Jacksonville, N.C., Moore has performed at festivals and on television programs throughout the United States. His poems, essays and reviews have appeared in more than 350 publications in more than a dozen countries. Moore's poetry has been on exhibit at museums in the United States and Germany. He has judged competitions for schools, colleges, cultural centers and organizations throughout the country.

An English professor at Shaw University, Moore is the recipient of numerous awards including the Tar Heel of the Week Award, Indies Arts Award, Margaret Walker Creative Writing Award, Haiku Museum of Tokyo Award and others.

The Register

will hold an interest meeting for students who would like to take part in the publication in 2002-'03. Skills in writing, editing, photography, graphic design, business management and online publication are needed. The meeting will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, in Room 309, Crosby Hall.

Goodwill Industries helps, needs help

Clothing drive planned for April 7 at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

BY HEATHER PHILLIPS
Register Contributor

Goodwill Industries is asking people not to put off tomorrow what they can do today.

The Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina has been seeking donations for its retail stores. Donations are needed to meet the increasing consumer demands over recent months.

"Not everybody needs the same things so we have to try to meet all the needs," said Kris Caughron, marketing specialist. "It's like ordering a la carte around here."

Retail stores are expecting to see a boost in donations in April because it is generally the time for spring cleaning.

Immediate donations are needed not only to accommodate the consumer demands but also to fund many programs that Goodwill Industries provide.

"The profits are used to fund our educational programs that teach the job skills needed to survive in a competitive work environment," said Celeste Allison, vice president of retail operations.

Donations are so important to Goodwill's mission of providing vocational services and work opportunities for people with special employment needs.

Eight-five percent of the profit generated from these retail stores goes directly to the job-training programs like Work First and Wheels to Work.

The Work First program is designed to assist welfare recipients in developing careers to become self-sufficient. Participants in this program are typically experiencing difficulty in finding work due to outdated skills and lack of training or education.

The Wheels to Work program assists people in resolving transportation issues. Private individuals contribute cars to the program to help provide a source of transportation for individuals who do not have reliable transportation and public transportation does not operate during their working hours.

The two programs combined helped 283 people last year alone.

"It's simple. Donations help put people back to work in the Triad. Last

year alone added over \$6.5 million in new salaries," said Rick J. Gorham, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina.

Generally, people want to help when donating things but many are unaware that Goodwill cannot resell certain items.

"I can't tell you how many mattresses and box springs we turn away," said Caughron. "Not many people know it's illegal to resell those items in North Carolina."

Clothing seems to be the fastest-selling item but Goodwill also accepts donations ranging from furniture to books and games.

In the upcoming weeks Goodwill Industries will be teaming up with local churches and businesses.

On April 7, Goodwill will be providing a clothing drive at Mount Zion Baptist Church on Alamance Church Road.

"We are working with businesses in the area. We generally set up a trailer at a business site, (preferably in the parking lot) and let people donate items on their way in to work," said Caughron.

More information about donations and career opportunities in the Triad can be found at Goodwill Industries website www.triadgoodwill.org.

Honor society inducts new members at spring ceremony

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Scholarly achievements were recognized on March 20 at the Golden Key International Honor Society Spring New Member Induction Ceremony.

The event was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Stallings Memorial Ballroom. One hundred and seventy-nine new members were inducted at the ceremony.

Golden Key International Honor Society is an organization designed to further enhance the enrichment of scholarly achievement through community service. Juniors and seniors who are in the top 15 percent of their class are eligible for membership.

Senior Zanjabil Williams and junior Sarah Branch, both 4.0 accounting majors, were awarded \$500 scholarships courtesy of Ford Motor Corp.

The scholarship recipients were selected based on their collegiate achievements prior to their induction.

"It was a real honor receiving the award," said Williams. "After giving birth to my third child on March 2, winning the scholarship was a pleasant surprise."

Dr. Rita Lamb, director of N.C. A&T's Center for Student Success, was the keynote address for the event.

Soloist and freshman music vocal performance major Angelia Ray provided the entertainment accompanied by music professor John Henry on piano.

Four A&T faculty members were granted honorary memberships. Army Battalion Commander LTC Larry

Bumett, Dr. Tracy Hanner from the Department of Animal Sciences, Dr. Randolph Hawkins from the Department of Sociology and Social Work and Dr. Teresa Styles from the Department of Speech and Communication were each presented with a certificate and pin symbolizing their honorary induction.

"I was not an honor student when I attended school here. This is one of the most exciting things that ever happened to me. This is not your average organization," Bumett said.

Faculty adviser and School of Business and Economics instructor Dr. Robert Howard pinned six chapter officers for their hard work and service.

President Destiny Ramjohn, Vice President Lakisha Allen, Treasurer Cecilia Alston, Recording Secretary Candice Brown, Corresponding Secretary Latisha Falcon and Public Relations Director Jason Boyd all received pins.

"Golden Key members have truly made being president an enriching experience," said Ramjohn. "Whether it was convincing my tone-deaf members to sing Christmas carols for the elderly or sharing screams on the haunted trail. I have formed a perpetual bond with these scholars."

Howard added, "Golden Key is a recognition of academic excellence. Golden Key is a lifetime membership so it's important that they continue to excel."

EYE ON CRIME

COMPILED BY TAMIKA HUDSON Register Contributor

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents during the time period of March 11- March 18.

Larceny

A Scott Hall A male resident reported the theft of two Champion basketball jerseys, estimated value \$140. No evidence of forced entry was noted. There were no suspects or witness.

Robbery

A male resident of Cooper Hall reported that an unidentified male assaulted him when he answered a knock at his door. The suspect attempted to take a Sony Play Station but was fought off. He fled empty-handed.

Controlled Substance

A security officer requested University Police after he detected the odor of marijuana coming from a specific room at the Aggie Inn. Two male students

were found in the room. Marijuana residue was found. This case was forwarded to Student Affairs.

Vehicle Larceny

A male off-campus student reported that some unknown person(s) stole his unsecured 1993 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses or suspects.

Fraud/Lost Property

A student of Scott Hall C reported

that some unknown person(s) found his lost wallet and used his credit card to make unauthorized purchases. There were no suspects.

B&E/ Larceny

A Cooper Hall resident reported that some unknown person(s) entered his secured room via the window and removed several items of personal property. There were no suspects.

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Mack stated he has several degrees and certificates from other educational institutions, but he said he got his education from A&T.

Students were given encouraging words on their journey through and after college.

The importance of solid communication skills was also something Mack stressed, saying students needed to be knowledgeable in that area.

"What good is a 4.0 grade average if your oral and communication skills are a 1.5?" he asked.

After Mack's speech, the university choir performed and the honors presentation followed.

After the students from each school were honored, one teacher from each school was given the distinction of Teacher of the Year. The audience was filled with rousing screams and applause as the students cheered for their favorite



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

N.C. A&T Chancellor James Renick (second from right), Provost Carolyn Meyers (front) and SGA representatives stand with Honors Day speaker Royall M. Mack Sr.

teachers. Upon completion of the event students and teachers shook hands and congratulated each other on their achievements.

There were over 1,900 students who

were honored from various departments.

Those receiving honors had a grade point average of at least a 3.0 cumulative.

Q&A

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the university's varsity baseball team. I also participated on the intramural basketball team.

Q: In what ways do you believe A&T has changed physically, socially and educationally?

A: Physically, the campus is much larger, construction is taking place, which represents a sign of new beginning and growth. Socially, the school has more diversity, which is wonderful, you get to experience many cultures on campus. The school has a reputation of producing the best engineers in the country as

well as other majors. Chancellor Renick is attracting top-quality faculty and top-quality faculty produces top-quality students.

Q: As corporate vice president of civic affairs, what obstacles if any have you had to overcome to succeed?

A: Like any other person of color, people had to look beyond my race and see what qualities I possessed. I wanted people to see me and not define me based on my color. Once I delivered results my executives saw who I was. I had to believe in myself. One main obstacle that I came across was my capabilities. I was questioned if I was capable enough or if I could complete a job.

Q: Being that March is Women's

Emphasis Month, what woman has stood out in your life and how has she encouraged you to achieve your goals?

A: Two women have made an impact on my life, my mother and my grandmother. My grandmother was a mature woman when I was born, my mother was young. My grandmother had a fairly large family, she was very strong and focused. Her strong image taught me discipline. My mother on the other hand had two boys, my brother and myself. She was and still is a person who taught us real practical lessons at an early age to treat others with respect and most importantly women with respect.

Women are the strongest of our race. They have held families together, raised children solely on their own and continuously supported black men.

-Interview done by Tamika Hudson

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sity and we touched the students in another sort of way."

Giovanni spoke on her transition from being a poet to being a professor at Virginia Tech.

"This was my first real job. I didn't actually have a real job until I accepted a position at Virginia Tech," she said. "Twenty years ago there were no black professors. It's not like bang, bang I want to teach you. It's more like, I want to take Nikki's class. I have been there for 15 years and it's been very exciting."

Giovanni is going to be honored with the first Rosa Parks Women of Courage Award, and said that she is thrilled about it.

Giovanni also spoke on changing the world and self-empowerment.

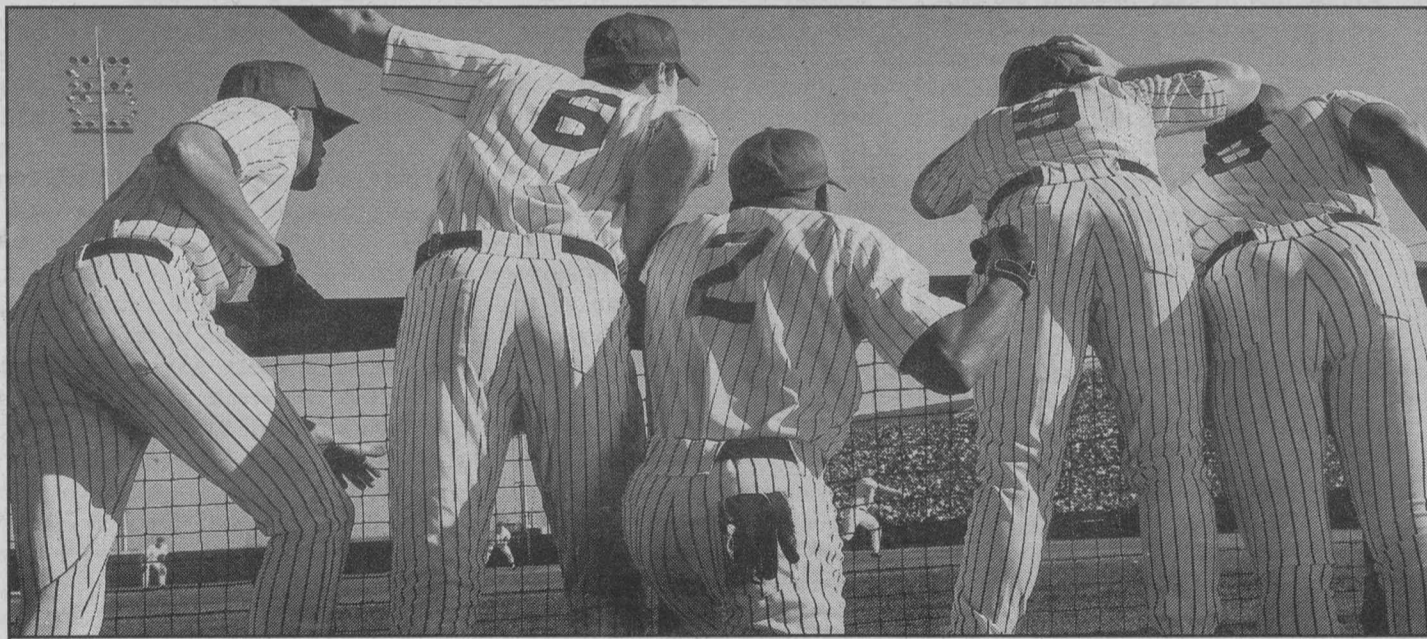
"We are making an evolutionary change. You have to know what you're doing and whom you are doing it with. I don't think it's our job to tell you what to do. I think it's our job as a generation, we did what we had to do. We get ragged on a lot and the political right is still very angry. We lost the battle of race and we lost the battle of gender," said Giovanni.

Giovanni says her inspiration in writing is storytelling.

"The American experience is a storytelling experience. It is my east Tennessee roots that really inspired me."

She shared her views on Tupac Shakur by saying that he was really special to her generation because of his mother Afeni Shakur who was a Black Panther and his godfather Geronimo Pratt.

Giovanni made reference to some of the known rap artists today. She mentioned that she was a big fan of Q-tip, Outkast and thought that Ja Rule was "a cute kid."



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A reward far greater than an 'A'

Sometimes in life you spend so much time trying to achieve one goal that you lose sight of some unexpected ones. You don't realize that something special and remarkable is staring you right in the face.

My mother invested a great deal of money for me to attend college so there was some pressure (mainly from within) to make her proud.

On May 11, I will walk across the stage, thus officially entering the "real world." My college years have provided me with many academic accolades providing membership in multiple honor societies

So on paper it would seem that I have gained and learned everything that was expected of me. But there is one lesson that I have had the fortune of learning that cannot be found in any of my textbooks (believe me I checked), or any 60-minute lecture from a professor.

The most valuable lesson I will take away from these eight semesters I acquired through my membership in Golden Key.

I learned that no matter how smart you think you are, or how many accomplishments you think you have, there is always something extra that could be done. And this something extra comes in the form of helping someone who needs help.

Golden Key is so remarkable because it's unlike other honor societies that just bask in the glow of their achievements and say they have a commitment to community service. Golden Key's commitment is community service.

The first Golden Key activity our chapter took part in was conducting an all day workshop for middle-aged women who had just received their high school diplomas. My fellow members and I taught these women the basics of professionalism from resume writing to effective interview techniques.

Other members even pitched in by babysitting the children while their mothers participated in the workshop.

The look of confidence and satisfaction on their faces is something I will never forget. We just helped a group of women start their lives over.

Golden Key served as the bridge joining their newly attained high school diploma to their new career. All their lives they were told that it is never too late to learn, and thanks to our help they understand why.

Our next activity took a little less preparation but the end result was just as gratifying. Our chapter decided to spend the afternoon at Moses Cone Hospital playing bingo with the elderly patients.

Every Saturday these patients use bingo as a chance to spend time with their families or just visit another room other than their hospital bed.

That Saturday we learned first hand the term old doesn't

mean boring. These 15 men and women were some of the liveliest people I had ever encountered. We called out the bingo pieces, passed out chips and conversed about current events.

Before leaving we joined as a chapter to sing a few Christmas carols. The standing ovation we received at the end was symbol of how precious the time we spent together was. One lady candidly admitted that she didn't think we were very good singers, but the fact that we attempted to brighten their day was special enough.

This past month our chapter participated in the Craven Headstart program. This school is designed to introduce pre-kindergarten children to the basics of numbers and the alphabet.

At the school we helped teach Spanish numbers one through 10 and acted out the characters in the children's favorite books.

Their smiling faces and energy proved to be a fun activity for everyone young and old. I was amazed and delighted to answer their questions about my collegiate life.

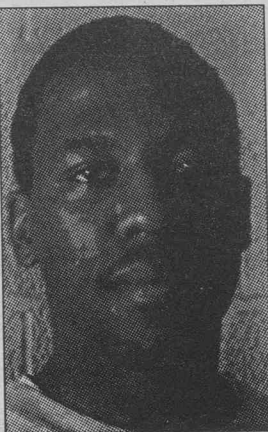
It's a blessing that they even know what college is at such a young age, and it was an honor to encourage their enthusiasm.

Children are so impressionable and it's important that they're exposed to the right influences. We walked away knowing that at least for one day we were that positive influence.

Golden Key has taught me the importance of being well-rounded. Scholarly achievements are nothing if you are the only one who benefits from them.

My reward for being a scholar is the inner satisfaction of knowing that I made a difference in the lives of others. And the best part about it is that at 22 years old we are young enough to appreciate this reward and apply it in future endeavors.

If we live our lives without touching the lives of others, then where is the evidence that we ever lived.



Jason Boyd

20 QUESTIONS

By **DIJON ROLLE**
Register Contributor

1. (O.K...we know we're a bit late on this one but it still needs to be said) What's up with India Arie not winning anything at the Grammy's?

2. Wasn't her album just as good, if not better than Alicia Keys?

3. Why is the show "Blind Date" so funny?

4. Is it because the participants always make themselves look stupid?

5. Where did all the "broke people" go for Spring Break?

6. Did any of us celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

7. How many people got hurt trying to pinch somebody else?

8. How many days can you really drink milk after its expiration date?

9. When is SpringFest?

10. Better yet...are we even going to have one this year?

11. Why do so many TV shows have the word "reality" in them?

12. Which is the best way to tell if you're from a small town:

A. It takes you at least 10 minutes to explain to somebody where you live

B. There are no more than two stop-lights in your whole town.

C. You know who's coming to A&T before they get here.

13. Aren't we glad to see the new building in the old Crosby/Merrick parking lot finally taking shape?

14. Why is the Sally Jessy Raphael Show being cancelled but Maury Povich is still on?

15. How many shows can you do about "wild teens" and paternity tests?

16. Since Winston-Salem State has Danny Glover...who do we have for our commencement speaker?

17. How about Denzel (Washington)?

18. Which of the following movies have you've seen at least 50 times and know the dialogue word for word;

A. "Coming to America"

B. "The Color Purple"

C. "Player's Club" (just the part where the cousin gets slapped)

D. "Friday"

19. Speakin of "Friday"...why is there a third installment coming out?

20. How many of us know that March is Women's History Month?

Guest Commentary

Our community still needs to change

Some of our friends are weary --weary of working against the grain in a society where things are not as bad as they were and weary that the wounds that racism created are not healed.

Perhaps we could say that our society has created a membrane across the wound that gives an impression of wellness. But in order to truly heal, the work, though wearying, must go on.

Last year in March the results of the Social Capital Community Survey were released.

Who recalls what that survey reflected about Greensboro? Not to be accused of calling the glass half empty, we note that Guilford County ranked high in faith-based activity, volunteerism, and charity.

However, the survey also said that our community was low in trust, socializing, and political activism. Specifically, Greensboro was ranked 21 out of 40 communities in inter-racial trust, 25 out of 40 in social trust, and 36 out of 40 in regard to protest politics. Although this clearly is not a dreary picture, it is not yet the community we are seeking.

Although survey summaries were quick to point out that our scores in Greensboro on the dimensions above "reflect a generalized suppression of social trust in one another as opposed to targeted mistrust of people from different races," typically the more diverse a community the more difficult it is to build inter-racial trust.

Our belief is that to create the strong, beautiful community tapestry we want we must continue to tackle the sometimes messy issue of racism. How can we do this?

Our white brothers and sisters have to admit to themselves the extent of their privilege and we in the black community must become aware of the extent to which we have unknowingly internalized our oppression.

Over the past five years, 1,200 plus

Piedmont Triad area residents have achieved these insights from the "Undoing Racism" workshop sponsored and facilitated by the Partnership Project (a collaboration between the City of Greensboro, Guilford College and area neighborhoods).

Greensboro's past and present mayors as well as numerous city departments have participated. Guilford Colleges' decision to be an anti-racist institution can be traced to the Partnership Project. The workshop (based on the People's Institute model) is a tool that creates the understanding needed to eliminate racism.

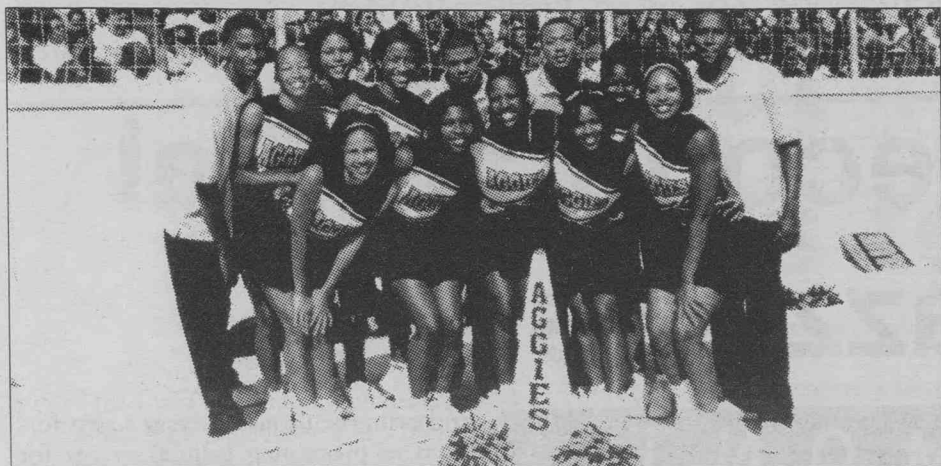
Participants learn that racism is a system rather than an or feeling. This system, as it exists, was not designed to nurture a diverse community consequently racism affects us all. To get involved in the Partnership Project call 333-6304. The black caucus holds monthly video and discussion sessions; the white caucus meets every second and fourth Wednesdays.

Using artistic expression, along with facilitated dialogue, the International Day for the Elimination of Racism (IDER) Project has begun a community art-making experience that not only provides participants an opportunity to discuss ways to stand up to racism, but as one community group stated last year, "It challenged us to put our beliefs on the line."

The project last year produced a most moving and heartfelt dramatic piece that they continue to perform.

On Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. in N.C.A&T's Harrison Auditorium, a free dance/drama/musical performance will be held that demonstrates how the arts can be used to stimulate community dialogue on standing up to racism. Call 336-334-7916 for more information.

This article was written by Nettie Coad, Tracy Harvey and Rosemary Closson.



The N.C. A&T Cheerleading squad won first in the co-ed MEAC cheerleading championships during the MEAC tournament.

A&T cheerleaders place first at MEAC

By **DESMOND STOWE**
Register Contributor

The N.C. A&T cheerleaders have once again gained the title as the co-ed MEAC Champions, at the MEAC tournament March 9 in Richmond, Va.

The squad entered the competition as returning champs and had all the right tools to bring the title home again.

In preparation, the squad held open try-outs in order to have a squad of nine males and eight females. The team came together and made up the best routine throughout the entire MEAC conference.

There were teams competing for both co-ed title as well as female squads. Among the co-ed squads were A&T, S.C. State and Norfolk State University, and the female squads were from Morgan State and Coppin State.

The winners for the co-ed MEAC championship were A&T, then came

Norfolk State second and S.C. State third.

Winning for the female squads were Morgan State in first and Coppin State in second.

The judges scored each squad on motion techniques, showmanship, spirit, stunting and jumps. The judges said that A&T's squad had good use of space and gave lots of spirit throughout the entire routine.

"A&T's jumps were excellent along with great voice projections," said one judge, Kimberly Lee.

Leading A&T to victory was coach Gail Cobb and senior captains Porsha Parker and LaKeisha McClod.

"The squad is thankful for this victory; God is the one who made this victory possible," Cobb said.

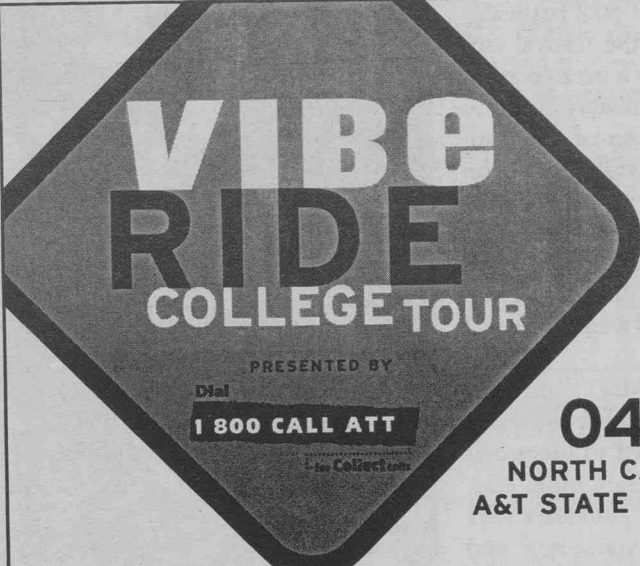
Tryouts for the upcoming year will start on April 15 for all females and April 22 for all males.

Professor presents paper on environment

Dr. M.R. Reddy, professor of soil science in the department of natural resources and environmental design, along with graduate students Bianca Rolle and Christopher Mundle at N.C. A&T, participated in the Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy Annual Meetings in conjunction with the Southern Association

of Agricultural Scientists that was held in Orlando, Fla. last month.

Reddy presented a paper on "Growth and Yield Response of Sweet Corn and Cucumber to Green Manures." Rolle and Mundle are co-authors on the paper. About 600 academicians, research scientists, extension specialists and graduates attended the conference.



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Plans set for second annual Piedmont Jazz Festival

BY TARAH S. HOLLAND
E-Vibes/News Editor

Spring is here and plans are set for the second annual Piedmont Jazz Festival.

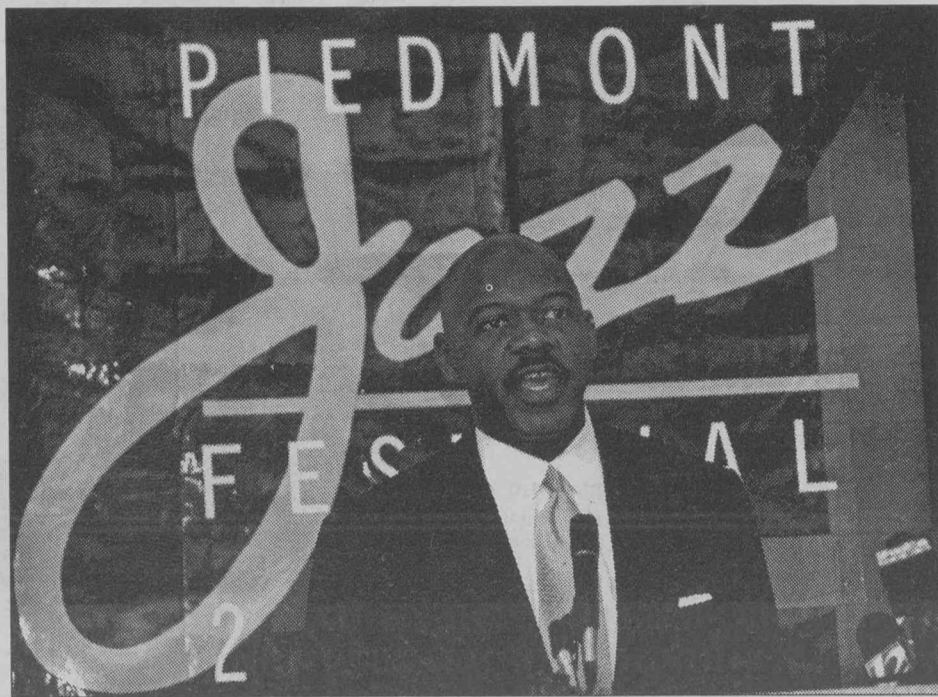
Richard Williams, of the festival stirring committee, opened a press conference March 20 at the Embassy Suites to announce the continuation of the festival as "a dynamic event, still building on a dream."

"We identified something last year that that brought us (the Piedmont) closer, and rather than put it on a shelf, we rolled up our sleeves and went to work," said Williams.

The festival will be May 1 through May 5 and will highlight more local and regional artists as opposed to the previous year. It will also feature more educational activities and collaborations with local restaurants, museums and organizations.

Festival coordinator Ryan Maltese says although the planners faced challenges they have tremendous support throughout the Triad.

"Coming off of last year's festival, the one thing that resonated loud and clear was that there was plenty of local talent right here in the Piedmont Triad that should carry a more significant part of the festival," said Maltese. "That is something we somehow failed to capitalize on in our inaugural event."



Charles Watkins/A&T Photo

Richard Williams, of the festival stirring committee, opened the press conference to announce the dates for the festival.

Winston-Salem Alderman Fred Terry, High Point mayor Arnold Koonce and Greensboro Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson were also in attendance.

Terry believes the festival will have a great impact the economic balance of the Piedmont.

"The festival is important to the eco-

nomie base of the Triad. People spend money for entertainment and it's time to take advantage of that," said Terry.

Koonce is in support of the festival and also the recognition that High Point will receive for its involvement.

"This is an opportunity (for High Point) to do other things besides market

and promote furniture. It is a step forward in promoting cultural events for the Triad," said Koonce.

For Johnson the festival is an outlet for everyone to enjoy this cultural experience together.

"The Piedmont Jazz Festival is the opportunity for all to be free and enjoy the legacy together," said Johnson.

There will be performances by local high school bands, college jazz bands and also jazz workshops with performers and music educators at area colleges and high schools, all free and open to the public.

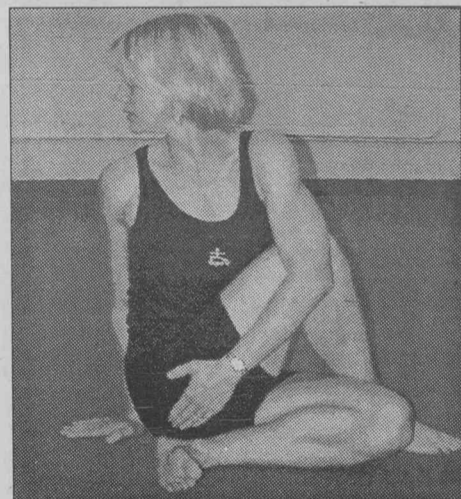
Other events include Poetic License, a poetic slam event that will feature performers from HBO's Def Poets at the Greene Street Bar in Greensboro, a day-long music extravaganza at Oak Hollow Overlook Park in High Point and an International Music Explosion in Winston-Salem, among many other events.

Local artists who will perform include those of Sankofa, Carl Grubbs, Martha and the Moodswingers and Cle Thompson.

The Piedmont Jazz Festival is a collaborative effort by art councils, convention and visitors bureaus and various civic organizations in Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem.

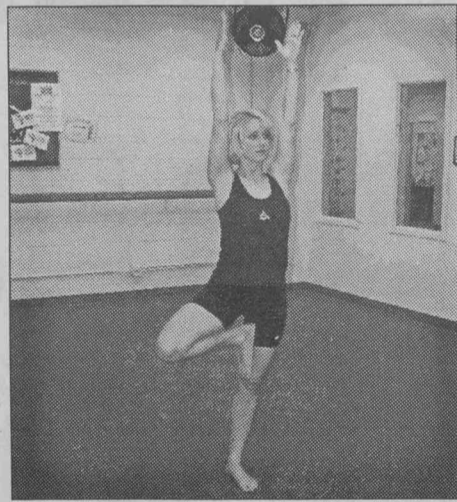
You'll feel better with Yoga

Yoga is a growing fad in the Triad, and its benefits go beyond a healthy mind.



Yoga instructor Cindy Ramsey demonstrates common yoga techniques that can be done in just about any quiet, comfortable location. On the left she is in a spinal twist position that aids in flexibility. On the right she is in the Tree Pose position that focuses on balance, flexibility and strength. Central YMCA offers nine yoga classes a week. For more info call (336) 272-4146 ext.250.

Tarah S. Holland/Staff Photos



Though it's not a new craze, yoga is certainly becoming more common at local gyms, YMCAs and other fitness facilities throughout the Triad.



Surviving in the Triad By Tarah S. Holland

Cindy Ramsey is the fitness and wellness director, as well as, yoga instructor, for Central YMCA at the corner of West Market and Tate streets. She has been an aerobics instructor for 19 years and yoga instructor for four years. In her

three years with the YMCAs of the Triad she has seen a boost in yoga throughout the region.

"The age range for my classes are from 13 to about 70 something. We will also be starting a children's yoga class in May," said Ramsey.

Ramsey explained how yoga can improve one's health and also provide a way to deal with the stress of life.

"Yoga is a mind and body connection. It also improves flexibility and other components that many people often times neglect," said Ramsey, "also the length and strength of the body."

Unlike other exercise techniques, yoga involves several types of systematic breathing routines.

There are many benefits to practicing yoga other than its calming effects on one's mind and body.

Yoga also has an effect on the nervous system. One's nerves become stimulated by the compression and extension of

muscles and in return allow a fresh supply of blood, oxygen and nutrients to be released throughout the body.

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"After only one session (you can see the difference) due to the breathing techniques and the calming of the body. You become one with you senses," said Ramsey.

And as far as words of advice...

"Be in the moment, be present. When not thinking about what you are doing it is possible to injure yourself or let stress into your life," added Ramsey.

The goals of practicing yoga are:

- * Deep breathing, which is the key to longer life
- * Achieving a union of body, mind and spirit
- * Stilling the mind
- * Achieving liberation
- * Relieving suffering of all kind.

What's up in the Triad

The 2002 Piedmont Jazz Festival Triad Professionals Mixer will be held Thursday, March 28, by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) at 750 Marguerite Dr. in Winston-Salem. Prices for adults will be \$5, \$3 for students. For more information call (336) 725-1904.

"Black Fairy," an African-American heritage play by Eugene Perkins, will be presented by Bennett College Theatre April 18-21. The play will feature short story-telling, music and dance for children. For more information on tickets and times contact Bennett College at (336) 517-2301.

A UNCG Faculty Jazz Trio will perform, accompanied by pianist John Salmon, from 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 at Cup A Joe at 411 Tate St. The cost is \$2. For more information call (366) 230-0017.

Buy your ticket now to see Jerry Seinfeld at War Memorial Auditorium Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. For more event information and ticket prices contact the Coliseum at

'All About The Benjamins' proves to be all that

By **TARAH S. HOLLAND**
E-Vibes/News Editor

Ice Cube and Mike Epps lead the way in the New Line Cinema film "All About the Benjamins." The film is also directed by Ice Cube himself.

Now I must admit, I wasn't sure that I would enjoy this movie from the start. It wasn't because of the plot or the cast. More so because it's a short movie.

When I go to the movies, I want to go for a few hours as opposed to an hour and 30 minutes. Sometimes I find that shorter movies tend to rush just to get to the climax or just to fit in every point that they are trying to make.

My opinion after the movie was completely different and it proved to me that

I shouldn't under-estimate short-running movies.

From the start, the movie is filled with action and comedy. It stars Ice Cube as Bucum Jackson and Epps as Reggie Wright. Bucum is a bounty hunter in

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Miami who has had past run-ins with Reggie.

While trying to take Reggie in for avoiding court appearances, the two find themselves in a bind that leads can them both to the "Benjamins." They become partners and then the action and excitement begins.

Epps, of course, has the comedic role in the film and his comedy will keep you laughing throughout the entire movie. He and Ice Cube make a good pair, just as good as or better than their joint performance in the "Friday" sequel.

Ice Cube plays a more up-tight type of character with a hard shell about himself and doesn't like to say much about his personal life.

By the end of the movie, Epp's character pulls a little sensitivity out of Ice Cube's character and causes him to reveal personal things about himself.

Also starring in the movie are Eva Mendes, Tommy Flanagan and Carmen Chaplin.

Overall, the movie is great and Ice

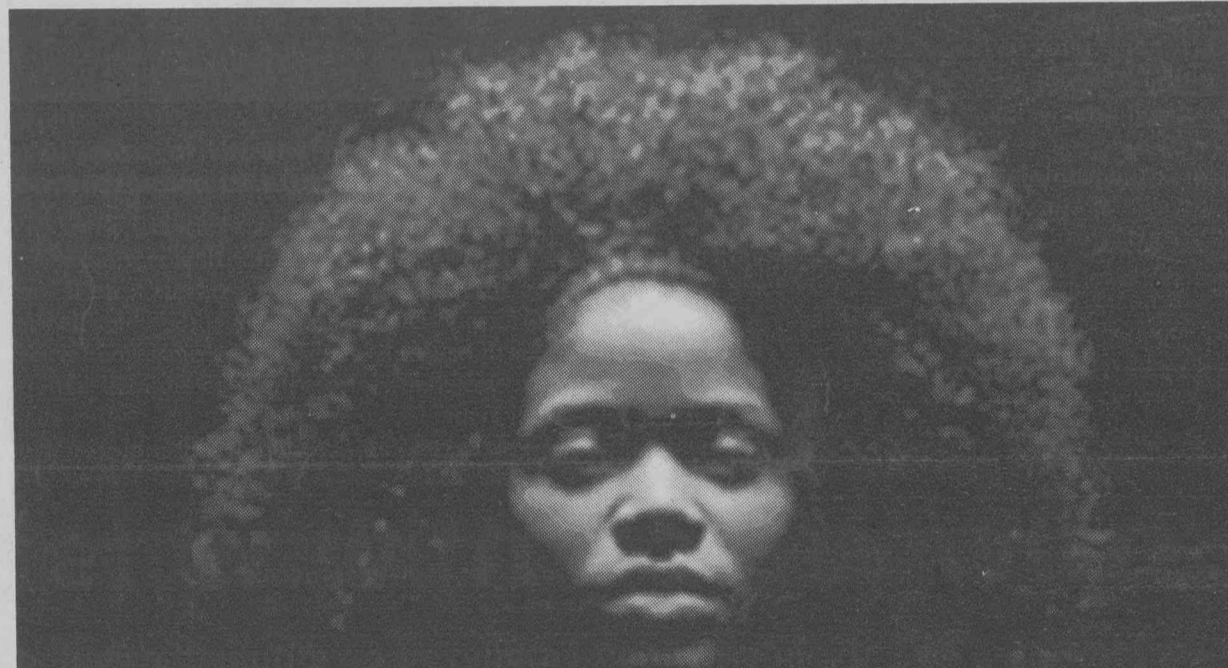
Cube has definitely made a name for himself in the director's chair as well as in the starring role.

As of March 21, the movie held the number six slot on the box office charts and had also raked in over \$17 million.

From The Register, the movie gets an overall rating of *****. Take our word for it and go see it for yourself. It will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Rating System

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



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Saturday night at 7, it's time to get JIGGY cause the Bennett Belles are putting the Ball in motion with "Formal Flow" at the Bryan Park Country Club, Dinner and dancing for only \$10, but don't worry fellas it's cool to roll solo (450 belles, 1 venue, YOU DO THE MATH!)

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"Barbados" doesn't want to talk a good game, but live it.

"I want my actions to speak for themselves," he said.

The only thing Holder wants mentioned is that the students know what to expect with him.

"Everyone knows I'm wild and crazy," he says. "So they know whatever I plan will be fun."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, candidate Fairey's focus is about healing the rift between the student body and the SGA and to give back to the surrounding community.

As far as community issues are concerned, if elected, Fairey would have programs such as highway cleanup, Big Brother/Big Sister mentoring and programs that would help the elderly.

"We need to give back," said Fairey. "A&T started with the community, and now we're kind of separated from the community."

The race for vice president of internal affairs is another two-candidate battle. Paulette Foster and Jose V. Barros (who could not be contacted for an interview at press time), are the two that are gunning to improve university relations internally.

Foster has very lofty expectations for her position and her platform. She wants to increase student involvement in the senate and increase the participation of the senate on campus.

"I want to motivate the senate to become more involved with residential districts and to take an active role in keeping students more knowledgeable in SGA," Foster said.

Foster also believes in getting back to fundamentals: the student constitution.

Foster believes that reliance on the constitution would increase the knowledge of the workings of the university and help cure the confusion of roles of the SGA as a whole.

"If you are knowledgeable of the constitution, you would understand checks and balances and procedures and protocol of the SGA," Foster said.

Another tight race that has been brewing in the last few weeks is that for the

office of Miss A&T. Melissa Slade and Brook Myatt are the two women that feel strongly about what they could bring to the students and the university if elected.

Slade's campaign is all about "continuing the quest for Aggie success." One way to accomplish this goal is her plan to cater to the student body with her "student first policy."

Slade feels that it takes communica-

tion to make this policy work and she says that the lines of communication on this campus needs to improve.

"Communication between the student body and SGA as well as SGA and administration needs to be more open," she said.

Myatt was interviewed in last week's edition.

Elections are March 27 in the Student Union from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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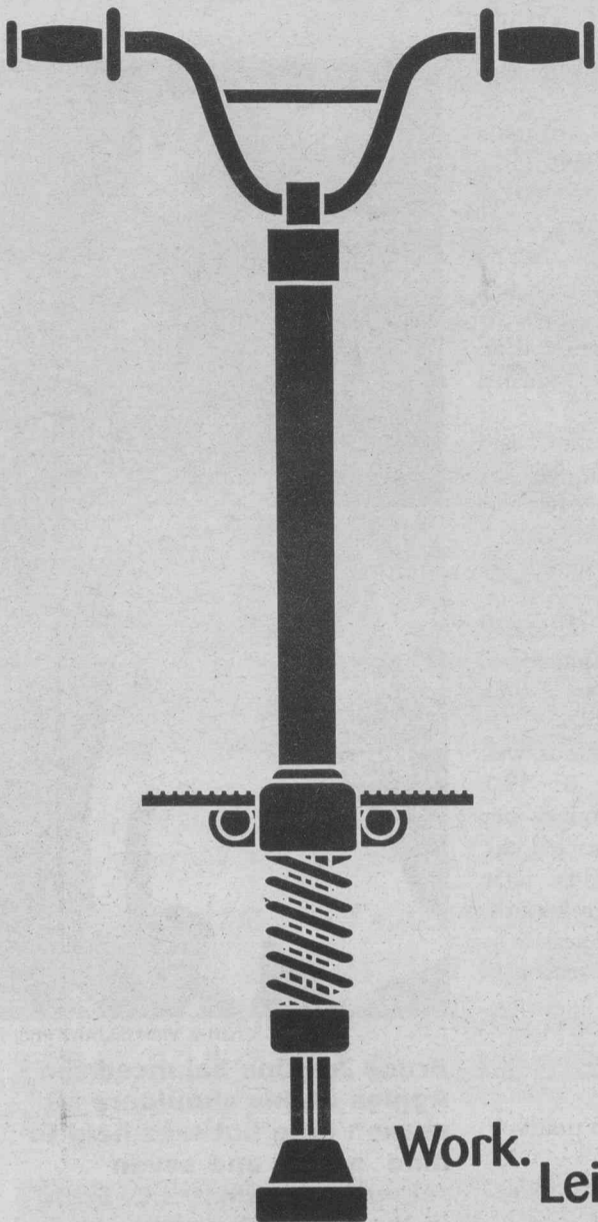
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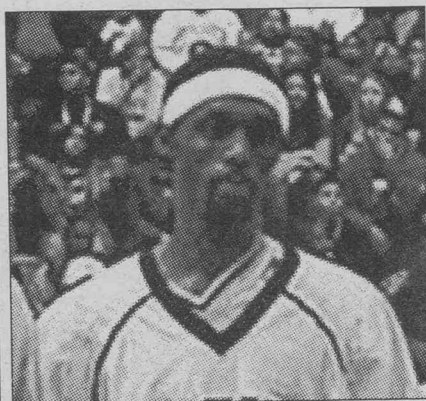
Farewell to the seniors who made it more than special



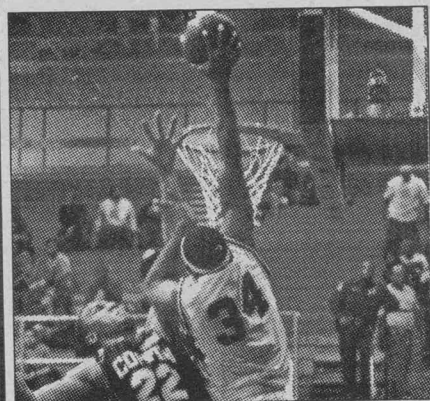
Forward Bruce Jenkins emerged in his senior season in a big way as he averaged 18.7 PPG and 11.7 RPG. He was named first-team All-MEAC for his play.



Guard Marque Carrington rebounded from a back injury last season to average 9.2 PPG, 4.2 APG (2nd in MEAC), and 1.8 steals per game (5th in MEAC).



Guard Anthony Debro finished his career by leading A&T with 15 points in their season-ending loss. He was second on the team in 3-pointers in 2001-2002.



Center Jafar Taalib returned from a foot injury in January and added punch to the Aggies lineup. The team went 10-5 when he was in the lineup.

Bulldogs send Aggies packing again, 63-61

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

The series between the N.C. A&T Aggies and the S.C. State Bulldogs has intensified over the past several years as these teams are seeming to get pretty used to each other. However, it seems as if S.C. State has A&T's number as they've won eight of the nine meetings by an average of 3.2 points. This year was no different as the Bulldogs used a miracle shot from Andre' Riviera to spurn the Aggies 63-61 in the quarterfinals of the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Tournament.

"It's just been very frustrating against S.C. State," said Aggie head coach Curtis Hunter, speaking of A&T's recent failures to the Bulldogs. "I thought that we'd be able to change some things against them this year with the way things have been going in this series. They had us way down, but we fought back because that's how we play. Had we played that way the entire game, who knows what the outcome could have been."

A&T didn't help themselves at all offensively, hitting just 38.8 percent from the field and committing a dubious 21 turnovers, but they would not give in.

Trailing 56-44 with just over nine minutes remaining, A&T went on a furious 17-5 run to tie the game at 61 with 57 seconds remaining. S.C. State's Dexter Hall would miss a jumper on the ensuing Bulldog possession, setting up A&T

with what was shaping up to be the final shot of the game.

As Aggie guard Marque Carrington drove the lane, he was stripped of the ball by Hall, who fired a pass to Riviera. Riviera initially had plans to drive to the basket but was cut off by A&T's Beckwith and forced into a fadeaway shot.

With time expiring, Riviera's shot, which swished through the net, signaled the end for the Aggies.

"I didn't think he'd hit that shot," said Beckwith. "The shot was a tough one but he made it and they won. I felt that we weren't out of it until the very end."

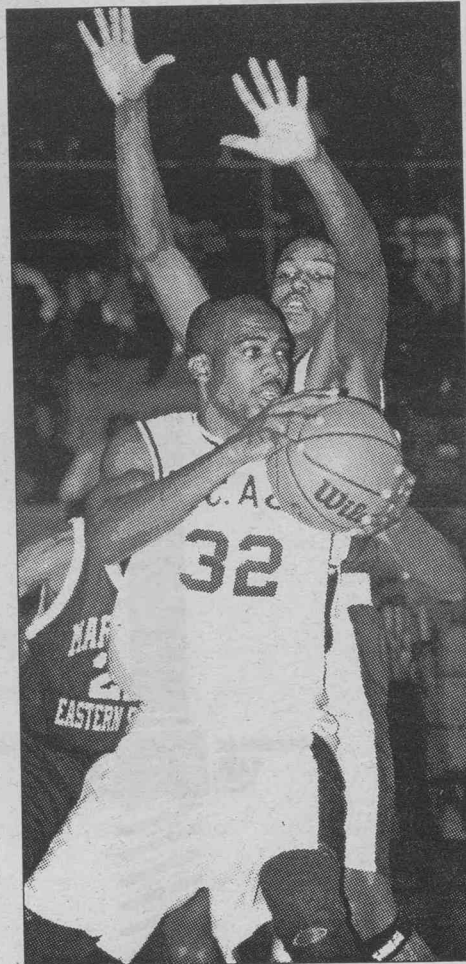
Riviera torched the Aggies, scoring 29 points on 11-of-15 from the field, including the game-winner. S.C. State did a particularly good job defensively, shutting down A&T's star Bruce Jenkins, holding him to nine points (1-of-9 shooting) and seven rebounds, well below his season averages of 19.1 points per game and 12 rebounds per game. Senior Anthony Debro led the Aggies, scoring 15 points while Jafar Taalib added 14 points and 14 rebounds.

A&T ended their 2001-2002 season at 11-17 overall after starting the season 1-13.

LEADING SCORERS

NCAT- Anthony Debro- 15 points

S.C. State- Andre' Riviera- 29 points



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Bruce Jenkins balanced the Aggies on his shoulders all season long but was held to nine points and seven rebounds against S.C. State in the MEAC Tournament.

Hicks, Mitchell, others look to NFL draft

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

Maurice Hicks, Qasim Mitchell and several other Aggies will look to continue to impress NFL scouts when they go through intense workouts in the coming weeks.

Maurice Hicks, A&T's all-time leading rusher, was a shoo-in to the NFL draft prior to his knee injury, but the injury has scared some scouts away. Hicks is still confident, however, about his chances of being drafted.

"I'm not 100 percent yet but I'm about 90 percent recovered," said Hicks, who rushed for 1,325 yards and 15 touchdowns this past season. "I feel pretty good though and I'm confident that I can impress the scouts enough to be drafted."

Hicks' 4.4 speed in the 40 and quickness is what the scouts were yearning over prior to the injury and he hopes to show that he can still produce those types of things.

Qasim Mitchell, an offensive lineman, hopes to also impress scouts enough in time for the NFL draft. Mitchell has shed 25 pounds from his once 360-pound frame and says he feels as strong as ever.

Both of them, along with tight end Marcus Bryson, tackle Dwayne Hammett and fullback Taalib Smith, are anxiously looking forward to the draft, which will be held April 20-21.

Aggie Sports Notes

Women's Basketball- The Lady Aggies fell to the Lady Bison 83-53 in the quarterfinals of the MEAC Tournament. Latoya North finished up her stellar career as she tallied 10 points and seven rebounds.

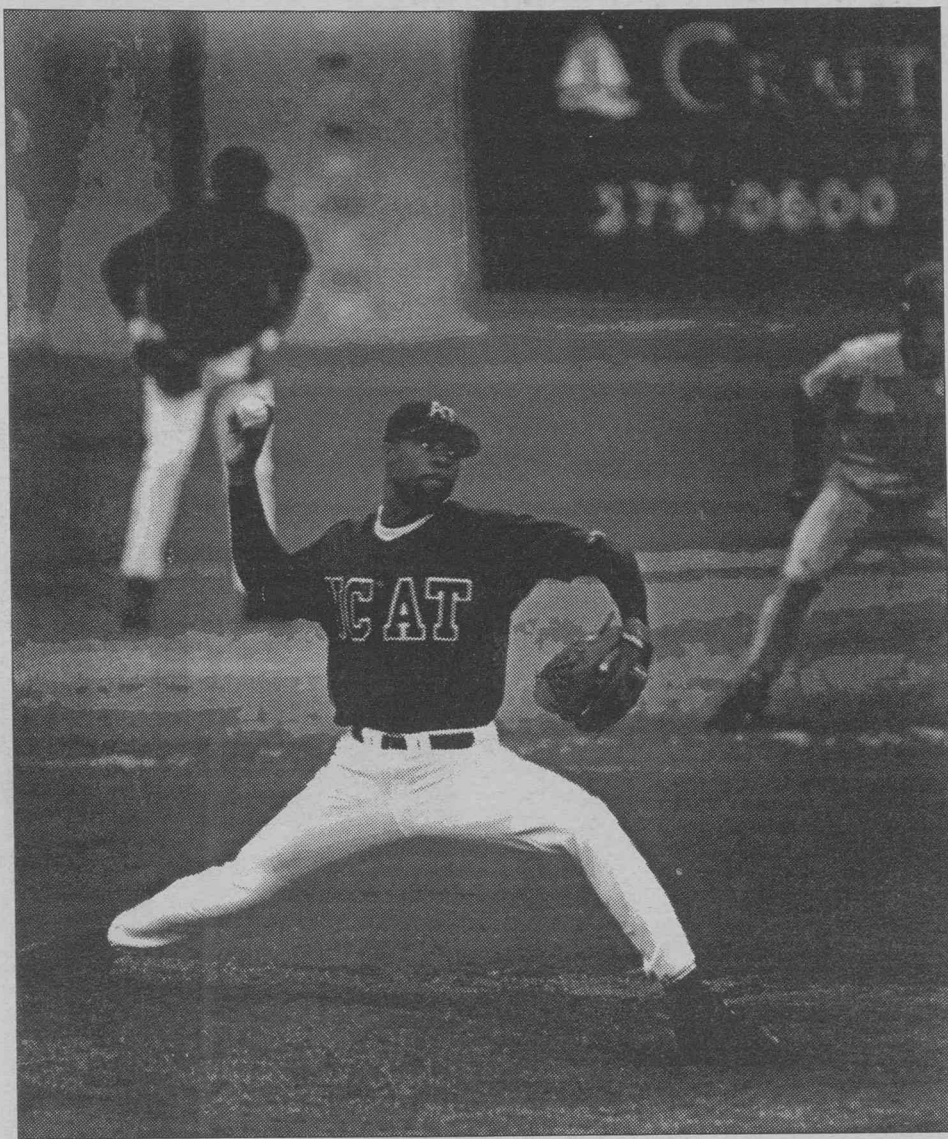
Women's Bowling - The nationally ranked N.C. A&T team is trying to qualify for the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships, with the sectional qualifier held over this past weekend.

Baseball- The baseball team continues to struggle as they are currently 8-24 this season.

Softball- Recently, the Lady Aggies fell to East Carolina 14-4 in the Winthrop Invitational.

Football- The Aggie football program received another blow as defensive line coach Terrell Williams resigned and took a similar position with NCAA Division I-AA powerhouse Youngstown State. Youngstown State defeated A&T in the 1999 playoffs.

Volleyball- Recently, the Lady Aggies signed volleyball recruit Amelia Langi. The ladies look to best their 2001 record of 23-16.



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Damian Phillips, pictured above, gets ready to deliver his pitch in recent action against Duke at War Memorial Stadium.

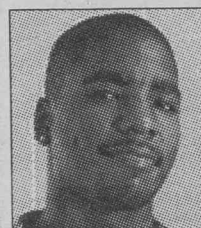
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The 2002 Aggie baseball team has experienced far more lows than highs this season. Currently, the team stands at 8-24 overall but looks to improve before the MEAC Tournament. In recent action, the Aggies dropped a close decision as they fell to Davidson by a score of 10-8. Trailing 10-5, the Aggies scored three runs to close the gap to two, but with two outs in the ninth inning, pitcher Tim Freud struck out the final Aggie en route to Davidson's eighth victory of the season.

Upcoming Schedule

- March 30-31-** at B-CC
- April 2-** at N.C. State
- April 3-** vs UNC-G
- April 6-7-** vs FAMU
- April 13-14-** vs B-CC
- April 17-** at Elon
- April 20-21-** at NSU
- April 24-** at High Point
- April 27-28-** vs Sav. State
- May 9-12-** MEAC Tournament

Are today's athletes greedier than ever?



Chris Wallace on Sports

Athletes in today's sports are bigger, stronger and more athletic. In fact, they are arguably more gifted, but there looms a large cloud above many of them. It's simply because many of them are greedy.

Contracts today are at its highest point ever, so why are athletes so quick to complain about how much they make?

Just recently, the NFL's New York Giants had a problem with one of their star players. Michael Strahan, new owner of the NFL sack record, turned down a proposed contract offer of seven years that would pay him \$58 million, including \$17 million in the next two seasons. Strahan's excuse? He felt that the Giants weren't making the moves to win, but keep in mind that he initially asked for more money.

Alex Rodriguez, the Texas Rangers superstar acquisition in 2001, got a contract that'll make many people cry tears of joy. His contract of 10 years and \$252 million makes him the highest paid athlete in the history of sports.

Sure he's a star and very gifted, but is he worth that kind of money? Is anyone? Hey, he makes more over the 10 years than the \$250 million that the team is worth! Now you have just the average athletes asking for more money than they're worth.

Are athletes of these days truly playing for the love and passion for the game or is it about those benjamins?

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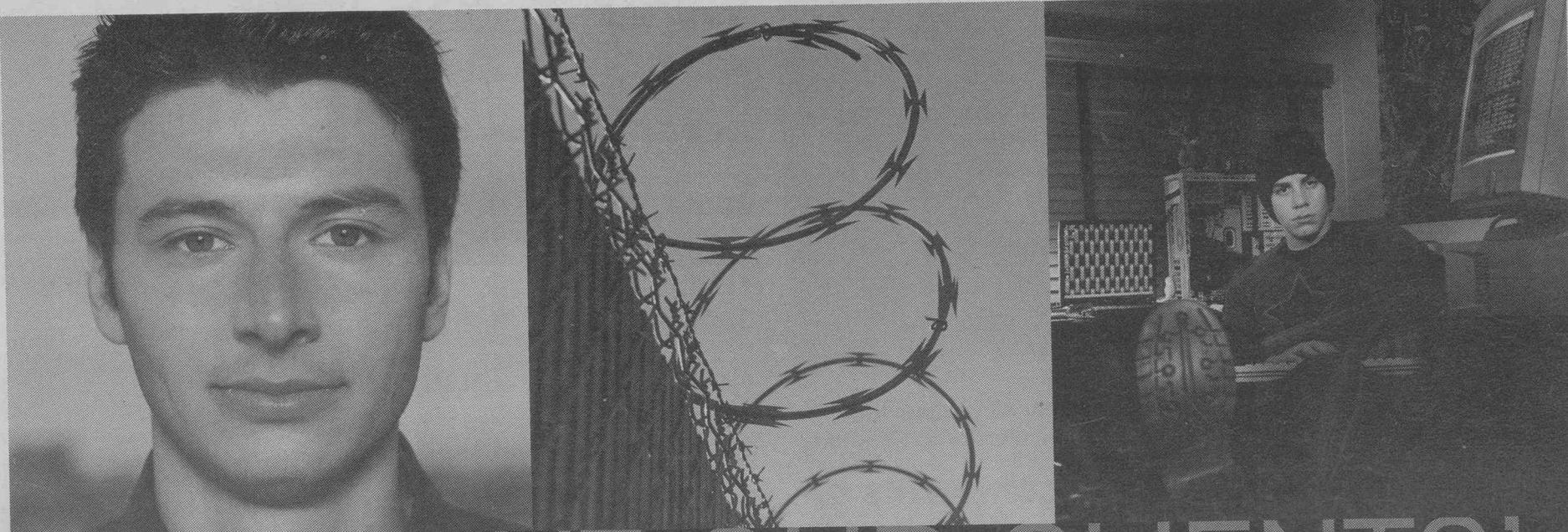
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