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Day held to eliminate racism

BY COLE T. SANDERS
Regular Contributor

"Let the walls come down, and stand here together, we're all family,"
this was a verse from "We Are One," a song by Jerry York, one of the per-
formers during the International Day for the Elimination of Racism Project
2002.

The event was held to bring races
together through the arts in hopes of
eliminating racism with "Stand Up to Racism," a community performance of
consciousness held April 7 in Harrison Auditorium.

The International Day for the
Elimination of Racism was established
on March 21, 1966, by the United
Nations to commemorate the
Sharpsville Massacre.

Last year's show was held on the cam-
pus of UNCG. After hearing the show
on N.C. A&T campus this year, the
show hopes to find a home in the
Greensboro community for next year.

This year's show featured performances
from the John Gamble Dance Theatre,
Jerry York, One Human Family Choir,
Sherone Price dancers of UNCG and
The Undoing Racism Group.

"I was very pleased with the perform-
ances," said Rosemary Chasson, coordi-
nator of the event. "I was really
impressed with how powerful the per-
formances were."

The audience was composed of a mix-
ture of black and white Americans,
young and old. Highlights of the show
were performances by the Undoing Racism Group and Sherone Price's
dance group.

The Undoing Racism Group was
comprised of nine white Americans,
each dressed in black garments, who
had personal testimonies about their lives as
white people.

Many spoke of how they never under-
stood their skin. See RACISM, Page 3

Agencies recruit, visit A&T classrooms

BY BRIAN BUST
Regular Contributor

During the period of April 2-April 4,
36 speakers and representatives from 26
companies visited the campus of N.C.
A&T, reaching a staggering 1,072 stu-
dents.

The Cluster Classroom Visitation was
sponsored by the Naval Undersea
Warfare Center.

"Cluster is a combination of compa-

dies that has the interest of the univer-
sity in mind. We offer our expertise while looking for talents, which is our
main focus," said Blauroy Anderson,
former cluster chair. "Basically, A&T
has a pool of resources we are trying to

On April 2 a seminar was given by
Raytheon systems representative
Elouise Johnson on mentoring with
professionals, "brownnosing" and per-
sonality.

The next day at a reception, a chang-
ing of the guards" occurred when in-
coming president Anderson stepped
down after six years and Johnson stepped
up as president.

Chesley Johnson and his wife, Nashette,
former SGA president, were honored as
honorary cluster chairs and current
president of the SGA.

Cluster manager Greta Carter was
given a standing ovation for her other-
wise little noticed work.

At the reception students mingled and
networked with the professionals, and
on the last day of the event the repre-
sentatives visited the classrooms after
they had a breakfast and lunch.

During the luncheon Dr. Colleen
Crosby shared with the group of stu-
dents and professionals the most recent
FUTURES update, which spells out the
direction the university is heading.

Cicero Upchurch from Philip Morris
and Caroline Marvels from Best Buy
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New Greek members welcomed by students

BY SHARONDA EGGLETON
Regular Photographer

This week marked the coming out of
N.C. A&T fraternities and sororities.
Students and new members' families
turned out in droves to witness this
annual crowning of males and females
to their respect fraternities and soror-
ities.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
started the week of probations, hold-
ing its coming-out party on Tuesday,
April 9, in the Holland Bowl.

The probation began at 6 p.m.
Arriving in a U-Haul truck, the line of
14 witnessed a light rain and showed
the crowd that pushed its way to the
front assembly what they had to offer.
Following the Kappas, the Iota Phi
Theta Fraternity Inc., held its proba-
tion.

The crowd left the Holland Bowl
and relocated to the bleachers of
Moore gym. The Iota's line consisted
of three young men. The Iota's showed
enthusiasm as they crossed
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Garrett ready to lead A&T students

BY T.J. MOORE
Regular Contributor

Last month, student body president
hopewful Nashette Garrett said she wanted
with her SGA Student Government Association.

In 2002, the senior mathematics
education major will take her place as SGA presi-
dent.

This position, known as the corner-
stone of the student body, is filled with a
great deal of pressure. However, the
role of president is nothing that a well-
rounded student like Garrett cannot handle.

A Raleigh native, Garrett plans to get
involved in more activities around campus and help heal relations
between the SGA administration and
the student body. With her membership in such organizations as Zeta Phi
Bet Sorority Inc., Raleigh Aggie Club
and three honor societies, Garrett
should not have a problem reaching and
motivating students to get involved.

For Garrett, the road to the SGA presidency is more like a smooth climb.

"When I came to A&T, I became
involved with student government as
freshman class president. So I remained
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Kappas step out of hiding

BY DESMOND J. STOWE  Register Columnist

On April 9 the brothers of The Alpha Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. introduced their new members to the campus and the community. This is the first time since 1998 the Kappas have produced on campus. The Holland Bowl filled up in no time with students and members of the community wanting to see who the new members were.

Despite the overcast and prediction of rain, the event went on as planned. In order to entertain the crowd until the wait was over, DJ played music for the large crowd of students, faculty and friends. As time went by and the crowd drew closer together anticipating the arrival, a U-haul truck pulled into the area, in preparation to unveil the new men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The back door of the truck swung open and revealed 14 men all dressed alike in tan uniforms with black boots and painted masks to cover their faces. The 14 men ran full speed ahead, looking together as the crowd gathered around to see if they could recognize anyone in this line of togetherness. As the line of men showed their respect to their fraternity, the organization's history, they also showed the crowd great precision as they moved as one body.

With the aid of their fraternity brothers from all around, it was time to see the faces of the 2002 spring edition of the Alpha Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. As the brothers removed the masks from the new men’s faces, the crowd cheered thunderously.

Gerald Dash, Cleophus Waller, Lonnie Grady, Lavirell Woodberry, Jerry Wells, Dwayne Krauser, Jason Hayet, Er Henderston, William Green, Phillip Mark, Juan Figgers, Jonathan Cortis, Jonathan Kirkland and Maxqi Garrett were the new Kappas.

After they all gave their own proper introduction, they assembled themselves to show a step or two for all those who were still watching. To end this evening, 80 of both the new and older members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. gathered on their plot and sang fraternity songs lead by the chapter president Justin Blackwell.

The new inductees of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. attentively wait to be unveiled to the students of N.C. A&T on April 9 in the Holland Bowl.

Advisor Lee Morgan says he looks forward in working with the new men, as they have expressed their interest in different types of programs for next year.

“We have great leadership with the new members and they all have what it takes to make this campus and community a better place,” he said.

The Alpha Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. celebrated its 69th year of service to N.C. A&T as well as the community on April 14.

EYE ON CRIME

Compiled By Tamika Hudson  Register Columnist

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents during the month of March 27- April 3.

MV Accident

A vehicle operated by a female was attempting to make a U-turn on Sullivan Street when it was struck by another vehicle operated by another female. Total damage estimated to both vehicles was $1,500. No injuries were reported.

Burglary

Two male students reported that their room in Cooper Hall was entered by cutting the window screen. Multiple items of property belonging to each roommate were taken. There were no suspects.

Assault

A male resident of Scott Hall B reported that he was assaulted by two students. The resident reported injury to his right shoulder during the incident and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The student indicated he would seek a warrant for assault on one of the students.

Larceny

Three female students reported that some unknown person(s) stole their personal belongings from a classroom in Gibbs Hall. There were no suspects.

Larceny

A male resident of Cooper Hall reported that some unknown person(s) removed several items from his room. There were no signs of forced entry. There were no suspects.

Vehicle Accident

A female student reported that some unknown person(s) struck her parked car in the Heating Plant lot with another vehicle, causing damage to her vehicle. There were no suspects.

CORRECTION

The name of the new sophomore vice president was incorrect in election coverage April 1. She is Evokie Johnson-Cooper.

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new members

Wednesday marked the day for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. productions. The Zetas began at 5:20 p.m. in Moore gym, crossing 15. During their ceremony number 3 gave a tribute to her late aunt Geraldine Garrett, the incoming 2002-2003 SGA president. This was answered with a standing applause from us all.

The Sigma followed the Zetas at 7:14 p.m. Between the productions, music was played and other Greek traditions, and sororities party-hopped before the Sigmas made their entrances. The Sigmas entered from the side, and gave the crowd the show they were waiting for.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., continued the pattern, and held their production on Thursday, April 11, at 5:08 p.m. in Obermeyer parking lot, crossing 31, the largest of all the Greeks this semester. Following the AKAs, probation the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. held their probation at 706 p.m. The Alphas began at Scott B, and the 13 proceeded over to the Holland Bowl as the sun set on the day.

Domestic violence program to re-air

In conjunction with the N.C. A&T Domestic Violence Program, the Sociology and Social Work Society will present "Beyond the Pain," a special presentation by Dee Sumpert, co-founder of Mothers of Murdered Offspring (MOM-O) for an encore, videotape presentation this week in the Aggie Suites.

In March of 1993, the family and friends of Shavona L Daw Money founded MOM-O after she was found murdered in her Charlotte home. Feb. 19, 1993. The organization provides support to mothers and families that have experienced the loss of a loved one to murder.

Angela Hendrix, vice president of the Sociology and Social Work Society, said she was excited about Sumpert’s visit.

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RACISM
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stood why blacks were treated so differ-
tently than whites and how no one could answer their questions on the subject. Others spoke on how racist stereotypes sometimes enter their heads when dealing with the black race.
"I'm a good person and I've lived all my life in a racist world and it stinks," said a member from theUndoing Racism Group.
Whenever one group member fin-
ished testimony, the group said in uni-
tum, "How is this possible?"
"It's fantastic that people can confront
dance, paintings, etc. The groups have
six weeks to plan the response and it will be presented on May 18 at the multicultural
festival.
"I'm glad that I came," said Tom
Moody, a white male, age 54. "People
realize that racism is not a black prob-
lem, it's really a white problem and it can't change until white people decide they want to change."
On April 19 at 6 p.m. there will be another program, "Internalized Oppression," a workshop featuring Ron
Chism and Asi Hilliard.
The program will conclude on April 20 at 9 a.m. Both shows will be in Welsh Hall. Admission for students is $5 and $10 for general admission.

GARRETT
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involved with the organization," she
said.
With Garrett earning 60 percent of the students' votes in the SGA elections on March 27, the student body demonstr-
ated its faith that she would make a
great leader.
"I think that she's going to be a well-
rounded president because she would
not just only target the social aspects,
she'll target all bases of (student rela-
tions)," said sophomore electrical engi-
nering major Myles Robinson.
Paulette Foster, fellow SGA executive board member and vice president of
table of events-elect, believes that
Garrett's prior experience would serve
her and the organization well.
"I think Nashette has a lot of SGA
group, and their strength is in the
available to us to be able to come together to do
this." The Sharone Price dance group fea-
tured 15 people who performed African
dances. Only three of the 15 people were
African American. The others were
white American females dressed in
African garments and three white males
who were featured on the conga.
The performance was very energetic;
there was a lot of movement from the
crowd and everyone in the perfor-
ance smiled as though they enjoyed
giving their performance as much as the
crowd enjoyed watching.
The audience responded to the energy
from the performers by clapping and
cheering during the performance.
Following the performances, the audi-
ence was invited to stay and ask ques-
tions or make comments to the per-
formers and planning committee.
"I feel this program was a needed col-
laboration of dance and music to
acknowledge the differences between
races and the attempts to work together
to produce a better community of
understanding and homogeneity," said
William Dudley Jr., SGA vice-president
of internal affairs.
"The goal of the performances was to
create something that would last longer
than 24 hours," said Classen.
Community groups at the show will
plan an artistic response to the perform-
ances. Responses can consist of songs,
clanization from prospects on their
opinions because "your definition of
benefits may differ from theirs." The
professionals weighed the pros and
cons of the student's career choices
and desired benefits and answered their
questions based on personal experience
and knowledge.
They advocated that time manage-
ment is the most critical attribute one
could possess.
The classroom visitation was rated an
overall success at the wrap up session.
"My classroom visitation was excel-
"If the students were really looking and receiv-
ing guidance from us." For information on joining Cluster
contact Greta Carter at 334-7625 or
visit suite 400 in the Dowdy Building.

The final spring 2002 edition of The Register will be Monday,
April 29. Thanks for your support, AGGIES.

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spoke at Dr. Gibson's calculus class.
"You have to make a conscious deci-
sion and realize that all choices have
consequences," said Upchurch. "You
to have to relate that to careers. When
choosing a career you have to look for
certain things to boost your choice, and
salary really should not be one of
them."

The students listed several things
including boosting their decisions, sta-
ability, work environment, location,
respect of various lifestyles, diversity
and salary cap that they were concerned
about when choosing a career.
Upchurch urged the students to get

Campus News
Opinion
Randy St. Clair, editor-in-chief

Spring is a time of rebirth

It's that time of the year again. The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining and the semester is coming to an end! Yes, it's spring! And it's a great time to explore and do things that have never been done before and things that we have done in the past.

There's just something about the warm, bright sun rays that beam downwards that just gets me excited about the spring. I try to place the excitement elsewhere, like blaming it on the fact that baseball season has begun or that there's only three weeks until I graduate. Don't get me wrong, I am totally excited about that. But my spring excitement is so different from the joy I feel from graduating.

Maybe it's the birds chirping and playing in the air. Maybe it's the extra hour of light we have, or the beautiful sun rises. It could very well be that in five weeks I'll be a married man (Yes!).

There's just so much excitement happening in my life and in yours as well. Just think about it.

Soon summer will be here and you'll have the opportunity to do something you've never done before. You have the chance to get adventurous and tour some place you've never toured before. Not only is summer on the way, but you'll be out of school for nearly three months. If that doesn't bring excitement, I don't know what does.

There's just something different about the spring. It even smells different during the spring. There's this combination of wild flowers crossing with exotic ones, and pollinizing with bees. Or going to the beach and having the wind blow the fresh scent of ocean. Okay, maybe I'm getting carried away, but I have every right to be because I get to enjoy a part of the seasons that I've never been in a New. New challenges, new thoughts, new ideas, new people and new experiences.

It's a great time to be living. It's a great time to make plans for the forthcoming weeks and months.

I've challenged myself to never get bored this spring or this summer, to be active in my marriage and in my life. I've challenged myself to explore my most adventurous side and to document every part of it. Man, you gotta love the spring.

I can remember "back in the days" when I had not one worry. When my greatest concern was seeing the little girl I had a crush on, or playing football, basketball with the boys, who were only 9 or 10. But I remember being carefree and taking the opportunity of every opportunity there was to have as much fun as possible.

I was reminded of those time a few days ago when I and my fiance went to the park. It was just like being 10 again. Going down the slide, swinging on the swings, playing on the monkey bars, chasing each other and laughing hysterically because here you have two 21-year-olds who seem much too big to be playing on the monkey bars and sliding down slides, but who really don't care what others think or say.

It had to be one of the most carefree moments I've ever experienced since being in college. It took me directly back to the time I was living in Georgia and I met my brother and sisters along with my oldest friend were playing hide-and-seek with about 20 other kids in the neighborhood. It was a liberating experience that I hadn't experienced with the love of my life and one that I had almost forgotten about.

Sure, I don't have to wait until the spring to play in the park, but it just seems so much more fun when the grass is green and you can pick up the dandelions (the weeds with the white seeds that blow off) and make wishes.

Spring is just another word for reborn. It's the one time out of the four seasons where you just feel re-energized because you're one of the few times you are able to just start over.

I think we should have a national day celebrating springtime. Hey we have a day for everything else, why not?

That may be a little unrealistic but we all should make it a point to do the things we want to do and used to do, as long as it's legal and doesn't cause anyone else harm, and sit back and enjoy the feeling of rebirth, the feeling of spring.

Randy St. Clair
‘A&T Cribs’

It’s all about luxury, leather and comfort for three Aggies

BY COURTNEY TAYLOR  career contributor

Appearing in the fourth edition of Aggie Cribs is the apartment of three N.C. A&T students who are living in the lap of luxury. Jason Keith, Hercules Conway and Melvin Carter are three men who certainly have a flair for style.

The most used and inviting room is their living room. The basic theme is black along with splashes of orange that come from the tropical fish tank and fluorescent lamps. Black leather couches give the room a rich feel, while the black futon displays the comfort necessary for the college student. The big screen TV and surrounding sound give the guys an excellent way to entertain guests.

Across from the living area you will find the master bedroom that belongs to graduate Jason Keith. His room carries on the black theme with a large bed covered in a plush black comforter.

Across from his bed is a black modern computer desk that holds both his laptop and desktop computer. Next to the desk is Jason’s beloved electronic drum set, on which he can sometimes spend countless hours.

Down the hallway from the living area and close to the entrance is the room of senior Hercules Conway. His room also follows the black theme. His bed is covered in a black comforter adorned with zebra-striped pillows and a blanket. This gives the room an exotic feel.

On the walls are framed posters of some of his favorite artists, including Janet Jackson and Bob Marley. A black entertainment center showcasing his TV, DVD player, stereo and an extensive collection of DVDs and CDs are also part of his room of style.

A floor lamp and fluorescent light bring sparkle to the room.

The apartment also includes another bedroom, sunroom, kitchen and dining area.

A&T choir has spring concert

N.C. A&T University Choir will present a spring concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 21, in Pfeiffer Chapel on the campus of Bennett College.

The 30-member choir, under the direction of Jerry W. Mooring, will perform selections from the Baroque era through the 20th century.

Mendelssohn’s He’s Watching Over Israel from “The Elijah” will be featured in the first part of the program along with Randall Thompson’s, “Prositana: Settings of Poems by Robert Frost.” The program will conclude with a group of African American spirituals.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Styles visits Berkley

Dr. Teresa Styles, interim chair of the Department of Speech and Communication at N.C. A&T, recently attended the Robert C. Maynard Institute for Journalism Education’s Cross Media Program held at the Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkley.

The institute was designed to train educators in multi-media reporting.

This is the home of Hercules Conway and Jason Keith. They love the color black and have decided to deck each room of the apartment with the dark but daring color.
‘Blade II’ brings action, thrills

By SHARONDA EGGLETON
Photographer

“Blade II” proved to be a very exciting movie, although I was skeptical. I had not seen the first “Blade,” and wasn’t sure I would be able to follow. Initially, I was not with action, “Blade II” captures you and makes you see what fight scenes this movie has to offer. Believe me, “Blade II” won’t leave you unfulfilled in the amount of bloody, vampire-slaying action it offers.

However, it will leave you a little empty for a meaningful plot (but who really goes to these types of action movies looking a plot, not 1). But “Blade II” does not leave you unsatisfied.

“Blade II” returns to screen with Wesley Snipes as the half-human, half-vampire character of Blade. Based on the Marvel comic book, Blade returns as a vampire hunter, but this time with a twist. Blade’s mentor and weapons master Whistler played by Kris Kristofferson, has developed a serum that allows Blade to walk in the daylight.

It is this friendship that Blade has built with Whistler in “Blade”, that is incorporated in “Blade II”. Blade, who thought Whistler was dead, finds out that he is alive but has been turned into a vampire. He sets out to find him. Blade is able to turn Whistler back into a human.

Now the hunt can begin. Blade is approached by his enemy Damaskino who needs his help to deal with something that threatens vampires and humans alike—a new race of super vampires. Damaskino sends his daughter and a crew of specially trained vampires to work with Blade. Originally trained to kill Blade, these vampires must now align their skills with those of Blade, but behind every plot there is a twist, a little back-stabbing, that holds you entertained through out the movie.

This alignment shows off the new toys that Blade has, and just how skillful he and his former enemies are. Although Blade's former enemies are quite clever, Blade is still a step above the rest.

Director Guillermo Del Toro gives us our money's worth of action, and bloody gut-wrenching scenes that will have you excited, and very well entertained in “Blade II.”

“Blade II” mixes one part action, with one part horror, and just a dash of plot, mixed with a heap of great special effects graphics, that wouldn’t dare be left out of a movie of this caliber. “Blade II” is an entertaining action movie that is worth the $5.50 college discount.

Top 5 movies for the week of April 8
Panic Room, High Crimes, Ice Age
The Rookie, Blade II

April 15, 2002

T.N. Pinkston’s work is featured here and will remain until May 11 at the visual art department’s annual show.

Two Trains’ head for Robeson Theatre

By DESMOND J. STOWE
Assistant Editor

The national award-winning Richard B. Harrison Harrison Players of N.C. A&T presents “Two Trains Running” by August Wilson. The play will run at the Paul Robeson Theatre April 18-22.

This play is the third play in Wilson’s cycle of 10 plays which explores the African American experience. It takes place in Pittsburgh in 1969 at a dinner owned by Memphis, played by David Watkins of Richmond, Va., the central character.

Memphis is fighting to get a fair price for his dinner from the city, which is buying up the entire neighborhood for urban renewal. Iris, played by Sunshyne Gay of Fayetteville, N.C., is the waitress and cook at the diner, who has slashed her legs to discourage men.

Sterling, played by Leland Thompson of Richlands, N.C., was newly released from jail, and is looking for any means to support himself.

Holloway, played by Troy Whitbread of Norfolk, Va., is the eldest of the group and serves as the spiritual advisor.

Wolf, played by Michael Williams of Richlands, N.C., is the ladies’ man and West, played by Joe Sims of Winston-Salem, N.C., is the lonely, wealthy, funer

I like most, the wonderful way August Wilson deals with language. There are so many metaphors and character relationships in the play. It is a good actor piece,” said Greenlee.

This play will bring laughter as well as tears, as these men share their stories of trial and triumph.

“[This is not the only August Wilson piece that] I have directed. His plays are very heavy and the characters are older than my actors. The most difficult part for me was helping any actor reach the level of maturity of the characters. It takes a lot of research," said Greenlee.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. nightly, with the exception of a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. General admission is $12, and some area students $7, and A&T students $5. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the A&T Ticket Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. or you may call 334-7799 to charge-by-phone.
Don’t let everyday stress keep you from making the grade

Between exams, paying for summer school and summer internships, who wouldn’t be stressed?

Life for an average college student can be just as stressful as that of a full-time working adult. And yet most college alumni describe college as the best time of their lives and don’t say anything about the stress that can come along with it.

At the spring intersession term’s end, libraries will be full, enry registration will be hectic and intern-acceptance (and non-acceptance) letters will surface and bring the harsh reality that time is running out and there is so much that needs to be done.

So, before you realize it, you’re barely even realizing you’re drinking and maybe even smoking. The stress of it all has been taking over.

OK, you made a D on your test and you’re embarrassed and you shed a few tears. That doesn’t mean you’re stressed, or does it?

Of course having a few symptoms of stress does not mean that you are stressed out or headed down a dangerous path, but suffering extremely from one or more symptoms could be harmful both physically and mentally.

According to the National Mental Health Association (NMHA) stress can cause physical, emotional and behavioral disorders. These factors can then affect your health, vitality, personal and professional lives.

Excessive stress can also cause illnesses such as insomnia, backaches, headaches, a lack of energy and also bring on anxiety. If not resolved these illnesses can contribute to potentially life-threatening diseases like high blood pressure and heart disease.

As students we have a few advantages for decreasing the stress in our lives as opposed to many older adults. We can seek the support of our parents and family, take on more time for hobbies and interest and take advantage of our resources on campus.

A&T offers support through the Department of Student Affairs in Murphy Hall and also stress management courses provided through the physical education department, along with many others.

For more information about relieving stress or avoiding stress contact the Department of Student Affairs at 334-7696 or visit the NMHA website, www.nmha.org.

Surviving in the City by Tarah S. Holland

Here are a few tips that will keep you from digging a hole too deep to save yourself.

Get organized! Carry a daily planner and keep yourself organized. Being unprepared can bring on stress that could have been easily avoided by knowing what you can do and what you have time for.

Set study times you can stick to! Avoid making study times or arrangements that you know you will break later. Designate a time and stick to it. Also make it a place where you know you will get your work done and that you can concentrate.

Read and study ahead of time! OK, you have the time and the place, now do it ahead of time. Don’t wait until the night before to study for tests and end-of-the-semester exams. You are better prepared when you start ahead of time.

Allow yourself time for play! Give yourself time for personal interests. If you constantly do things you have to do without things you like to do, you will allow more stress into your life.

Engage in physical activity! Getting involved in an exercise routine such as yoga can help relieve stress and give you the opportunity to think about yourself, rather than things that may be causing you stress.

Ask for help! If you need help, ask for it. How will anyone know that you are stressed if you don’t tell them.

Tips on avoiding stress

Many of us get into bad habits that lead to stress instead of avoiding the bad things before they start.

To avoid lots of exam stress, Keisha Stoute, sophomore psychology major, is studying early for an upcoming math exam.

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Men’s track team fares well in relays

BY CHRIS WALLACE

The Aggie baseball team will travel to take on Elon on Wednesday, April 17.

April 15, 2002

By Chris Wallace

If you don’t believe that this track team is for real, now is the time. In the recently held Raleigh Relays, the N.C. A&T men’s track team had seven top-10 finishes including placing first in the 4x100 meter relay (39.30 seconds) and the 4x200 meter relay (1:24.80).

Tim Walls, a junior on the team, placed second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.42, while Montay Wilds finished sixth with a time of 10.68.

Other top 10 finishes included Charles Shoffner (9th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 47.14), Kyle Greene (8th in the long jump, 7.13 meters) and Bruce Everett (3rd in the triple jump, 15.34 meters).

In the Texas Relays, the Aggies battled cool temperatures and rain to finish sixth in the finals with a time of 40.01.

“In the first round, we ran a 40.16 but Gerald to Montay’s stick was a very bad exchange,” said Walls. “However, we still managed to run a 40.16 and that was shocking to me.”

“In the second round, the sticks were clean until Montay gave me the stick. He was yelling go, but I thought that he was yelling hold, and it caused another delay,” added Walls.

Despite the mishaps, the Aggies are still very confident in their ability to be contenders. Gerald Wright, a senior second leg and All-American from a season ago, feels that this team may be better than last year.

“If we work more on our handoffs, we’ll do better,” said Wright. “We opened up a bit slower this time than last year, but we’re on a faster pace I feel that we can definitely break the record this year because we’re all faster than last year.”

The Aggies also received a pleasant surprise at the track as new sprint coach James Daniels was able to introduce them to track stars such as Maurice “Mo” Green, Joe Drummond and others.

The Aggies are currently ranked 12th in the nation as they continue their quest for the championship.

‘Blue Death’ defense may be in question next season

By Brad Holmes

With the recent resignation of former A&T defensive coordinator Wayne Hicks, who accepted the head coaching job at Lenor Rhyne, a major question surrounds the Aggie football program.

Is “Blue Death” gone?

Blue Death, which is the nickname for A&T’s much-heralded defense, has been A&T’s strong suit over the past several years, but whether we’ll see it or not this year remains a mystery.

Defensive line coach Terrell Williams also has departed.

Blue Death’s scheme on defense has been its biggest strength, but is it still intact? The Aggie defense has been ranked among the top five in the nation each season, including a number one ranking in total defense in 1999.

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The make-up of the Blue Death defense is simple. The “stunt” defensive end, usually lined up over the tight end, must keep leverage against the run and apply pressure on the quarterback in passing situations. The “3-technique” defensive tackle, who is usually lined up on the outside shoulder of the offensive guard to the strong side, is relied upon to be an aggressive run-stopper and an avid pass-rusher.

The one-technique, usually the quickest on the line, must have a quick first step and have the ability to split double-team blocks. The “wide five” must possess excellent pass-rushing skills as well as have the ability to run plays down (behind).

Behind the defensive line is the linebacking corps. The “Mike” linebacker is the biggest linebacker and takes on blocks head-on as well as being aware of crack-back blocks by wide receivers.

The “bear” line-backers responsibilities are similar to the “Mike” linebacker except the “bear” has a bit more speed and has more pass responsibilities.

The “whip” linebacker’s main duties are coverage of the tight end in passing situations. The “agile” line-backer is the prototypical playmaker of the defense and takes on similar roles along with the “whip” linebacker.

Fans will get their first look at the 2002-2003 Aggies at the annual Spring Game, tentatively scheduled for April 20, at a location to be announced.

Tennis teams make quick work of Shaw

Several women tennis players decided to take some extra time to practice in preparation for the MEAC Championships.

By Chris Wallace

The N.C. A&T men’s and women’s tennis teams recently paid a visit to Raleigh to face Shaw University. It was a visit that Shaw probably wishes never happened as the women claimed a 7-0 shutout and the men followed with a near-flawless 6-1 victory.

The women looked especially impressive as their shutout sent a statement to their opponents.

“I feel good about our performance,” said Hasina Huntley-Cooper, a sophomore on the women’s tennis team. “Their skills weren’t up to our level and we took full advantage of the opportunity. We’re practicing every day in preparation for the MEAC Championships and we’ve also picked up our conditioning.”

The women improved to 7-14 on the season and have won three out of five since enduring a painful nine-game losing streak. Six of those losses were by shutout.

The men are back above the .500 mark with an 11-10 record. They’ve won six of eight down the stretch after losing six in a row midway through the season.

Both teams are in preparation for the MEAC Championships which will be held April 21-27, but the time and place have not yet been determined.
Hicks still optimistic

BY TYREE FARRROW
Register Contributor

Last week, at NFL teams look for talent in the
draft, the expected first-round pick by the Cowboys, Maurice Hicks, is still
waiting to hear back from the Cowboys or any other NFL club. The
time he's been waiting seems to be over due to a torn ACL. The Aggies
would have no finisher if Hicks can't return to action.

Hicks received the worst news of the year when physicians told him that
his season was over. "I was really feeling good until that happened,"
Hicks said. "I knew I was a big part of the offense," said Hicks. "We had three
games left, and I really felt that my

Motivation never an issue
with Terrapin Juan Dixon

COMMENTARY BY JUSTIN BAINES
Register Contributor

After David Stern calls his name on June 22, will Juan Dixon go down as the
most loved since Steve Francis?

Despite such a horrible beginning, Dixon has shown more talent at the
time in Maryland Territory than any other second-year player. Dixon
didn't start against the Hoosiers in last week's upset but stepped in and
brought the crowd home with his Division I-A basketball title, beating the Indiana
Hoosiers by a score of 64-52.

Dixon's well-documented family trouble (both parents died early in his fresh-
man year) gave him an almost call fol-

lowing among sports writers, who con-
tinually linked Dixon's resilience on the
court as his resilience off of it. Dixon
continually provided his team with the

Aggie Sports Notes

Baseball: The baseball team lost two of three in a
weekend series against the Florida A&M Rattlers recently.
They are currently 11-32 overall on the season.

Softball: TheLady softball team fell to Gardner-
Webb in the finals of the Lady Aggie Fastpitch invita-
tional. Cherette Stevenson, Latasha Ford and Latoya
Lassiter were all named to the All-Tournament team.

Football: The spring football game is tentatively
scheduled for April 26 at a location to be announced.

Ladies' Track: Crystal Williams was the top overall
finisher for the Lady Aggies in the Texas Relays as she
ran a 57.59 in the 400-meter dash.

Men's Track: The men's track team ran fairly well in
the Raleigh and Texas Relays as they garnered seven top
10 finishes including first-place finishes in the 4x100
meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.
Grad students honored for work

BY KARINA HARDY

N.C. A&T's School of Graduate Studies sponsored the second annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week from April 1-5, to recognize the contributions of graduate students in various colleges and universities around the nation.

"Often, graduate students feel out of place on campus. Many of these students take classes at night and in the afternoon unlike most undergraduate students," said Lelia Vickers, dean of the school of education. "This program showed graduate students that they are appreciated. It acknowledged that they are welcomed to feel at home at A&T instead of feeling left out."

The week kicked off with an Academic Achievement Luncheon on Monday, April 1, in the Memorial Union-Sullings Ballroom. The luncheon was held to honor graduate students who have maintained a 4.0 GPA and earned 15 credit hours. One student honored during the event was Nicole Smith, who works as a graduate assistant in the school of technology.

On Tuesday, April 2, from 1-4 p.m., Dr. Allan Glashorn and Professor Emeritus of East Carolina University presented a lecture, "Writing a Winning Thesis/ Dissertation" in Coltrane Hall. The information presented in the lecture Tuesday gave us insight on how to plan, organize and manage time properly in writing a thesis/dissertation," said Cortney Bolden, a graduate student working on her Ph.D in electrical engineering.

"Redemption Day" also took place Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30. It featured, advise and register undergraduate and graduate students.

"This is the first year this has been offered for graduate and undergraduate students. The turnout of students was great and was a big success," said Ayanna Williams of the school of graduate studies.

Dr. Janice Brevington, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, discussed, "Self-Care Management," Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. to give students advice on how to take care of themselves.

Hershell Proctor, a graduate student and teacher assistant, said he was deeply impacted by the program.

"It challenged me and gave me a self-esteem boost," she said.

On Thursday, a financial aid workshop was held to give graduate students advice on how to fill out FAFSA forms to receive the financial assistance they need. Counselors were on hand to give one-on-one advice to students.

Student featured at College Poetry Day

BY TIFFANY S. JONES

In a celebration of National Poetry Month, the F. D. Blaffer Library sponsored College Poetry Day.

College Poetry Day was the second of three events sponsored by the library and it included students from N.C. A&T, UNCG, Bennett and Guilford College. The featured poet of the evening was A&T's own Michael Lindsay.

Lindsay is a senior English major and has been seriously writing poetry for about four years.

"I write all kinds of poetry," said Lindsay. "I can't allow myself to be pigeon-holed."

Lindsay went on to say that he writes poetry that deals mostly with social and political issues.

"Poetry is a dream that doesn't require sleep," he explained after he read, "Even Dream Sleeps."

Lindsay read poems that dealt with issues from love, in his "untitled" poem about his fiancé, to political issues, in "Change in American Don't Mean Nothing to Me."

The event was hosted by A&T lecturer Bryan Turman. Turman opened up the program by reading a poem.

The program was an open mic setup. The majority of the people in attendance were Turman's humanities students.

"This is a good way to celebrate National Poetry Month. It gives students an opportunity to share with others their creativity and it gives everyone involved an opportunity to enhance and appreciate poetry as an art," Nadiyah Ali said.

Some students came to share their own poetry and others read from such greats as Langston Hughes and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Anjan Basu shared his poem, "A Rescue at bottom Social Life," that deal with the social situation of the youth of today.
Journalists share third world experience

BY TORNETHA BALDWIN
Regular Contributor

International online journalism award winners Joe Weiss and Jim Shamp from the Herald Sun in Durham shared with many faculty and students of N.C. A&T their experience of traveling to the country of Nicaragua.

The two held a lecture and multimedia demonstration called "Touching Hearts, A Story of Hope and Help in Nicaragua." The Richard E. Moore memorial lecture was presented by the Department of Speech and Communication in Smith Hall on April 3.

The project appeared as both a special 24-page section and an online presentation at www.neraldsum.com/heart.

Shamp, the Herald-Sun's health and science reporter, and Weiss, the newspaper's multimedia editor whose work appears online and in print, spent 10 days in the city of Leon, Nicaragua. Their assignment was to document the life-saving surgeries performed by a team of doctors, nurses and other medical professionals - most from Duke University Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital - who specialize in children's heart ailments.

The multi-media demonstration highlighted the lack of medical assistance and how it affects the high death rates of the people who live in the country. Poor housing and lack of education is also attributed to the country's poor way of life which was demonstrated by the slides. Clips from the slide show can be seen at the Herald Sun's website developed by Weiss.

Students and faculty who attended the event were able to ask a number of questions after the journalists presented their lecture and media demonstration.

The two award-winners were very quick and all too happy to answer the questions thrown their way by the various people who attended.

According to the journalists, they were given the chance by their paper to visit and report on the various hardships of the land and to develop a website that touched on their experience.

Weiss and Shamp talked about the many social problems that the Nicaraguans face including lack of funding for food, health and an overall better way of life. The men also pointed out that families within the country struggle to survive day to day on what they can get because of the lack of jobs.

"Compared to the people in Nicaragua we live like kings," said Weiss. "It is very important to travel outside of ones element and experience other cultures and what they have to offer to better assert the way we live our lives."

Most of the questions asked involved the lack of funding for health and why vaccines for diseases were so scarce within the households of Nicaraguans.

Shamp simply said, "There is no money and vaccines are very expensive for poor families within that country."

Both men stressed to all those in attendance to "please join something that will allow you to travel outside of these borders."
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