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Jackson Jr. to speak at graduation

BY KARINA HARDY
Register Contributor
Representative Jesse Jackson Jr. will be the keynote speaker at N.C. A&T's 111th Annual Commencement, 9 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Jackson, the son of A&T alumnus Jesse Jackson Sr., received his bachelor's degree in business management from A&T in 1987. He then went on to earn his master's in arts degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary and his doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law.

Jackson moved his way up the legal ladder and landed a spot in the United States House of Representatives on Dec. 12, 1995. Jackson is currently serving on the Subcommittee on Labor, House of Appropriations Committee, Health and Human Services and Education, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Finance and other related programs.

Since being involved in legislation, Jackson has addressed health care needs to underdeveloped communities by leading the successful effort to establish the Center of Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health.

He has also co-authored two books with his father, "Legal Lynching" and "To Have and To Hold the Line.

About The Money
The size of the graduating class is approximately 900 students,

Jesse Jackson Jr.
Assistant Registrar
This is relatively the same size as the last, graduating classes we have here at A&T.

Upcoming graduating students at A&T are inspired by Jackson's appearance.

Mission Accomplished

By TARAH S. HOLLAND
Register Contributor
In conjunction with the N.C. A&T Domestic Violence Program, the Sociology and Social Work Society presented Beyond the Pain, a special appearance April 12 by Dee Sumpter, co-founder of Mothers of Murdered Offspring (MOM-O).

This year's conference was entitled Families Locked in a Violent Embrace: New Keys to Unlock the Trauma, How Many Times.

Each year the Domestic Violence Program organizes a conference designed to examine the faces of violence and its effects on society and this year Sumpter was invited to tell the inspirational story of the movement that resulted from her daughter's death.

Sumpter found her daughter, Summari D. Hawk's body in her middle class home in Charlotte on Feb. 19, 1995. She and Hawk's boyfriend found the young woman dead in the bathtub after being raped, strangled, sodomized and brutally murdered.

At the time, Hawk was an aspiring actress.

From prayer to praising graduating seniors are ready to cross the stage and receive their diploma.

Leaving hard to cope with for some seniors

By RANDY STCLAIR
Editor in Chief

College is the only place that gives you the excitement of coming in and the excitement of getting out. And for some N.C. A&T seniors the road less traveled is harder to leave than expected. For many, college is where it all began, from the dream of relationships to the stress over midterms and finals.

Even the long lines in the financial aid office and the constant runarounds from different administrators that send students into a state of rage seem forgotten by some seniors as they get ready to take the plunge into the "real world", where bills must be paid and a job maintained.

All of that can be placed aside just as long as I graduate," said Denise McClean, a graduating graphics communications major.

"It's been tough, but it doesn't look so bad once you get that diploma in Please see SENIORS, Page 3
Academic event brings together quick minds from all over campus.

By HEATHER PHILLIPS
Register Columnist

N.C. A&T’s quiz bowl team finished the year in top six at the Honda Quiz Bowl tournament, April 4-8 in Orlando, Fla.

Each year 64 HBCUs go to battle with a buzzer in hand to discover the most intelligent collegiate team.

Although Quiz Bowl is not highly recognized by the student body, the faculty and its participants deem it worthy of being classified as a sport.

"It’s a high-profile sport on a different level than athletics," said Ralph Brown, Quiz Bowl coordinator.

The team composed of all different majors and ethnic groups ranked 10 places higher this year than in four years. The secret weapon was a tight friendship, according to team captain George Moore.

Many hours of practicing in the library added to the ammunition. Varsity team members Jonathan Rovers, Antoine Harris, Derrick Ware, George McHugh and William Griffin were known for staying up for hours in the library along with the junior varsity team members Jacinta Simmons, Malee Lindsay, Justin Bullock, Jermelle Jordan and Jemile Sampsone.

"The team normally puts in seven to eight hours a week but individually we put in a little more," said McHugh.

As a freshman in search of chicken in the Student Union, junior marketing major Derrick Ware did not know he would end up with the team.

"I just needed some chicken. I was hungry. When I found out where the meal was coming from I ran over a quiz bowl scrimmage and was asked to give it a try. I’ve been affiliated with the quiz bowl team ever since," said Ware.

Over the last 10 to 15 years quiz bowl called many different department homes, but it has primarily resided in the hands of student affairs.

Every year student affairs hosts a cam- pus tournament seeking out new team members.

Through a process of elimination in about three rounds, five students out of 40 are chosen to represent A&T in the regional in hopes to go on to the national tournament.

"The biggest thing is making it available for these guys," said Brown. "A lot of times we ask sororities, fraternities and other student organizations to send some people over to a scrimmage." Team members admit that a lot of students are interested in quiz bowl once they hear about the perks.

Over the recent years quiz bowl teams have traveled to Orlando, Fla., for the national tournament and have received A&T paraphernalia.

"We get a lot of perks and recognition from the faculty, but the thing I value most is the friendship and com- rader. It’s a chance to meet and bond with people that I probably would have never met otherwise because we all have different majors and are from different places," said Ware.

For more information about Quiz Bowl, contact student affairs at 334-7676 or visit the Student Union.

Womenhood pushed by Zetas

By DESMOND J. STOWE
Register Columnist

The ladies of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. presented the annual Mini Zeta Symposium on the campus of N.C. A&T, April 22-25.

The activities were planned to give the campus audiences both entertaining and educational.

On Monday in the Stallings Ballroom, a session on "Introduction to Lessons of a Lady" was presented by Bertie Ray (Zeta Spring 2002). She taught the ladies in attend- ance the proper way to act in different environments as well as the proper dress code for different occasions.

Professionalism was one of the main topics that Ray focused on.

"Brotherhood is one of the principles of the sorority; therefore the program on "Sisterly Love" could not have been more appropriate.

What is true sisterhood was one of the topics discussed in this session. At the session there were members represent- ing from all of the fraternities and sororities on campus, thus the topic of Greek unity became the discussion of the ses- sion.

On Wednesday, the fight was on for the Battle of the States. This gave both teams the chance to express their views on sex, interracial dating and other topics relating to relationships.

Not only did the ladies battle during discussion, they played in the first annu- al Greek Basketball Games, and came out the overall winners for the sorori- ties.

The week of entertainment concluded with a session called Blue Ice. This was re-created by the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. with the Zetas as an open mic session. This gave all that did not have a chance to express their way they felt about any subject mat- ter.

Two events for this week were the idea and the work of the new inductions of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. line of spring 2002.

"The idea for the sorority next year is to plan events with other campus organi- zations, and show we as Aggies will come forth in unity," said Rhonda Fedrick, Zeta spring 2002 inducer.

EYE ON CRIME

Compiled by TAMAKA HUSHDON
Register Columnist

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents during the time period of April 4-April 10.

DISTURBANCE

A male resident of Aggie Suites reported that some unknown person(s) broke into his room through his screened window and removed items valued at $519. There is one possible suspect and no known witnesses. The case has been left open for further investigation.

LARCENY

A male off-campus student reported some unknown person(s) stole some personal items valued at $660 while he was playing basketball in Moore Gym. There were no known suspects. The case is left open pending interviews.

There has been marked inactive.

Burglary

A male resident of Aggie Suites reported that some unknown person(s) broke into his room through his screened window and removed items valued at $519. There is one possible suspect and no known witnesses. The case has been left open for further investigation.

Larceny

A male employee of Hodges Hall reported a compartmental organizer was stolen from his desk, estimated value $200. There are no suspects. The case is left open pending interviews.

The case has been marked inactive.

Brush Fire

The University Police Department and Greensboro Fire Department responded to the front of the Student Union where the brush was reported on fire. The fire was extinguished by mem- bers of the Student Union staff prior to the arrival of Greensboro Fire Department. The cause was determined to be a burning cigarette discarded into the material.

Credit Card Fraud

A male student reported that some unknown person(s) found his lost cred- it/debit card at the ATM of Brown Hall and used it to make unauthorized pur- chases. There were no suspects.

A&T quizzers finish sixth

Members of the N.C. A&T Quiz Bowl team finished sixth in the Honda Quiz Bowl tournament.

This year's quiz bowl team was composed of different majors and ethnic groups. The team members are looking forward to next year's tournament.
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have a variety of dining stations. Breakfast, lunch and dinner stations will include a southern-style breakfast, traditional home style, American grill, stir fry, deli and soup bars, pastas and potato bar, a "sugar bar" with a full selection of beverages and a bakery and dessert bar.

There will also be an Apple fruit and salad bar that will feature over 20 items. "In terms of a primary dining facility, our new Williams Cafeteria stands among leading colleges and universities in terms of what a facility can offer," said Johnson.

Meal plans for next semester have also been revised to provide more flexibility to students.

"Rather than limiting the number of meals per week, students will be able to eat anywhere their flexible dollars," said Johnson.

"Flex" dollars are assigned to each meal plan and are similar to having a declining balance. The amount of "flex" dollars a student has will vary from plan to plan.

If student has a balance remaining after the fall semester, the balance will roll over to the spring semester, but there will be no refunds for a remaining balance at the end of the spring semester.

Here is a look at the new meal plan with "flex" dollars.

Meal Plan A: 15 meals per week, plus $100 Aggie flex dollars
Meal Plan B: 14 meals per week, plus $200 Aggie flex dollars
Meal Plan C: Seven meals per week, plus $200 Aggie flex dollars

The cost of each meal plan will also increase to support the new facility.

Plans to open the new cafeterias is set for early to mid-June, with a formal opening in August.

"Plans, due to the number of students on meal plans for summer school, are to open the second floor to accommodate summer school and freshman orientation, then to open the first floor as it is completed in mid-to late-summer," said Johnson.

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paralegal student at a local community college and the only daughter and second of four children.

In March of 1993, the family and friends of Hawk founded MOM-O. The organization provides support to mothers and fathers who have experienced the loss of a loved one to murder.

Sumpter reflected on how she is still coping with the loss of her daughter and how she has found the strength to move on with her life beyond the pain.

"Every time I hear that I have to think to myself, it is really Shawn, my baby," said Sumpter. "It is an ongoing effort to pick up the pieces of my life."

During the time after Hawk was murdered Sumpter felt as though the Charlotte police were not working to find the murderer of her daughter.

Vowed to find the killer of her daughter, she held a press conference as the community college where her daughter attended and read a letter to the killer, one year after the horrific murder.

After the press conference, serial killer Henry L. Wallace would strike again. Eleven other women were killed by Wallace before he was arrested.

Angela Henderson, vice president of the Sociology and Social Work Society, says was excited about Sumpter's visit and hopes that the student body will continue to support her organization.

"We wanted everybody to hear her message. Her essence is so beautiful that it is able to touch lives and get through to them [those who attend] and also bring strength and encouragement into their lives," said Henderson.

"And a friend decided to invite Sumpter to the conference after seeing her win the Humanitarian Award at the 2001 Essence Awards on television."

The Sociology and Social Work Society also decided to collaborate with the Domestic Violence Program in order to reach out beyond students, to faculty, staff and the community as well.

"We wanted everyone to be there in support of each other and to be able to embrace and empathize with the different issues in our society among African Americans and people in a world," said Henderson.

Sumpter spoke in the Stallings Memorial Ballrooms where other seminars and workshops for this year's conference were held. Other guest speakers included Dr. Itis J. Best-Goodyear, assistant professor at Howard University School of Social Work and Rev. Auba Love, founder and directing of the Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute in Atlanta.

For more information about the N.C. A&T Domestic Violence Program or future conferences contact program coordinator Dr. Joyce Dickerson, Tammy Williams or Chasssey Greene, interior coordinators at (336) 334-3884 or (336) 334-7894 or e-mail dickerson@ncat.edu. For more information about MOM-O visit the website, www.momounderstands.com

See Sumpter sits with members of the domestic violence committee and MOM-O.

Daniel receives farmer of the year award

James A. Davis, III, the 2002 North Carolina State Farmer of the Year, is living out his dream, and flipping expectations upside down in the process.

One might expect that Davis, a young African-American, would leave the farm to attend college and then head for the "big city" to make a comfortable living. He did just that, for a while.

"Many young people see education as a route leading away from rural areas," said Davis, who graduated in 1994 from N.C. A&T with a B.S. in industrial technology.

"While it can be that, farming today isn't just simple labor. There is a lot of management involved, and technology can help in that management. Thus, you can take that education and be successful on a farm, just like you can in an office."

The prospect of self-employment and working outdoors lured Davis away from his job in technical support for IBM in Research Triangle Park.

A call from his father, a second-generation farmer from Haldice County, to tell him that some land had become available set the process in motion. Making the change even more tempting, the land was near the family farm, where his father still lived and worked.

Campus News

One of the vending stations in the new Williams Cafeteria, which is set to open August 2002.

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hand," she said. "It kind of makes it easy to forget, or should I say overlook it." For Phillip Mark, a graduating accounting major, leaving isn't as easy as he thought it would be.

"You think that when the time comes to leave you'll be so ready," said Mark. "And though I'm ready to start my career it's a little difficult to say goodbye to all the people I've met and all the experiences I've been through."

Mark just recently became a member of the Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity Inc., which he considers to be one of his best college experiences.

The class of 2002 has its own identity according to Mark. He believes that the class getting ready to face the world is most prepared than any other.

"Oh, this class is unique not simply because I'm in it, but because each and every person getting out has more wisdom and more strength than they did when they came in," he said.

But what is it about colleges or universities that just have students drooling to get in, and voice in, drooling to get out?

Is it the work? What about the people or the professors? Could it be that they aren't ready for us? According to Dr. Teresa Styles, "They experience the real world in college, and the real world isn't always pretty. In fact, it's hardly ever pretty." Styles also said that students often come to college with an unrealistic approach.

"It's about fun and it's about new experiences, but the truth about college is that you can't have too much fun and you have to be responsible," she said. "If you care, you'll just be another somebody that came to A&T and didn't finish."

The class of 2002 more than understand that as some can look back and say, "Wow, I actually made it." In fact, those were the exact words of graduating senior Jamel Phelps, an architecture major.

"It's been tough, 'cause I did have a little too much fun, but I settled down because I had said I wanted to graduate," said Phelps.

So, will these graduating seniors miss the hassle and college life, or will they just simply let it go and embrace the next challenge or experience in their lives?

Some would say they'll remember now but in five years it will be a distant memory, sort of like high school. But others would say that this (college) experience is one that is never forgotten but always remembered. Despite the trials, graduating makes it all worthwhile.

The fact of the matter is graduating is an accomplishment. Although it's hard to leave, no one has a problem doing it.
Saying goodbye is never easy

It's been four years of trials and triumphs and I loved every bit of it (wow, that is going to be tougher than I thought).

From freshman to senior. From boy to a man. The journey of college has been an adventure.

There's so much I'm going to miss about A&T. Suddenly, I'm going to miss the Café. Not the food, but the people I met there, the friendships that were established. I'll never forget the first time I ate in the Café. It was an experience that left me in the hospital overnight because I had food poisoning. That was not cool, but when I look back on it, I say to myself, "That's what college is all about." Going through the hills and spills and becoming a better person because of that.

But all my experiences at A&T weren't like my very first in the café. Some of my experiences have been really memorable, and I know you guys don't want to read this but I wouldn't be a senior if I didn't take a tip down memory lane a few weeks before graduation.

Life is outrageous, man. You just keep getting older (sighing). Don't like it but will live with and you just keep leaving other people behind and I don't want to say goodbye to them some-

day. And though you'll remember the people and things you had, you never really get in touch with them. It hurts leaving others behind, especial-

ly when you really don't think you can make it up to them.

But if there's one thing I've learned at A&T it's that Aggie relationships never die. I love A&T, but I love the people I've met most.

To The Register staff, you all will never know how much I love you, and will miss you. Man, for three years we've scratched, crawled and stood tall against all the trials. The road has not been easy but we made it, and we'll continue to make it. It may be gone in space, but I'll always be there in spirit. Just put a big 20x24 poster of me in the office and I'll be just fine. I'll never leave. Ms. Nieman, thank you for caring. Thank you for the yelling, too. Just playing. Val (I've always wanted to tell you that now I get my chance), you're remarkable. You're bet-

ter than you give yourself credit for. Without you, A&T Register wouldn't be the same. Thank you again. I just don't have the words to say what I feel, but I do want you to know that I love you. You're special to me far beyond your knowledge.

Chris "The Hollywood Walker", you're my boy. We came to The Register the same year and we went through emotions and everything. You have so much potential, Chris. It's amazing to see how you've grown as a person and as a writer. We've been through much (remember this is my freshman year?). Chris, go out on your own and short of reaching your goals, handle your leadership and with Christ you can't go wrong. Just use wisdom in all your decision-
making. I love you, man. 

Tarah Holland, a.k.a. The Beast. You know you are my girl. I am going to miss you like crazy. I look forward to going to The Register just to see your big head and laugh at you. Yeah, this is payback for all your smart comments.

By the way, please do something about the breath. You'll never find a man with breath like yours. Sorry, it's the truth. But for real.

Tarah, you have a natural gift in writ-
ing and editing. I'm sure you have leadership and creative use it. You're blessed, Tarah, and I love you for being dedicated to your work and always being consistent.

T.J. Moore, life (and this is the truth) has been in the same without you. You're a beautiful person and I hope you see what I see and what everyone else sees in you someday. Don't stop going until you get what you want, and when you get it send me $200.

Jason Boyd, love you've been a life-

saver time after time after time. You got skills, man. I know you'll be the presi-
dent of some Fortune 500 company someday and you won't forget about your old editor in college. Please make the check out to Randy St-Clair not Sinclair. Mad love, bro.

Last but certainly not least, Sharaons Eggleton, I am going to miss the mess out of you. You're so special to me. I thank God for placing you in my life. You'll forever be my little sis. Thank you for putting up with my demands and doing things even when you don't want to. You too have been a lifesaver. I love you with all my heart.

Well, that's all. I won't see your face in The Register any more after this, unless I become chancellor someday (watch out Chancellor Renick). Let me just leave you with this: A wise man once told me that life without a Christ is a long life without growth. Don't ever quit Aggies. 

P.S. This is the wise man. I just thought I'd say good-bye to get deep on ya'll.

Randy St-Clair, editor-in-chief

By MELISSA G. SLADE

As a journalist, an unbiased opinion is imperative to report the truth to your readers. Without this virtue, often the truth is lost in a sea of propaganda and rhetoric.

In the article "Crowned in SGa" by T.J. Moore, the facts about the race for the crown of Miss A&T were shoveled over with opinion and conjecture. As a faithful reader of The Register, I expect to be informed with accurate information, not the opinions of an ambitious writer. If the article is based merely on the opinions of the writer, then I expect to see it in the opinion section of the newspaper and not plastered across the front page.

First of all, the fact that I am a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has nothing to do with the fact that I sought the crown of Miss A&T. Though it was her prerogative to state the facts that she defined necessary in her article, I question the motive and appropriateness of Moore in including the title "Delta Sigma Theta member" with my name.

Other candidates for executive offices who are members of Greek organizations were not labeled as I appropriately believe that "The Register" has been in the past, and should continue to be a neutral and informative voice for the students of N.C. A&T.

Of course, I am naturally disappoint-
ed at my loss. However, I believe that as life rears we what we want. I wish Brooke Myatt all of the happiness and success in life and all Miss A&T that she deserves. And to Moore, I sincerely hope that there was no intention of malice on your behalf, and I wish you my sincerest best wishes in your endeavors as a writer.

I will conclude by stating that The Register is a powerful force within the A&T community, and I hope that in the future we will be able to inform and enlighten the Aggie family, and not spread hearsay.

Editor's Note: Melissa Slade did not fail to have a message. Information on Slade's campaign you can read in the second article on the leading office-seeking.

Have a great summer, Aggies, and congratulations to the spring graduates!

By BIDON ROLLE

Register Contributor

1. What is the difference between a fact and a opinion?
2. Who is going to write these questions when I graduate?
3. How many students are they going to work on the server?
4. Are you country if you drive with your arm hanging out the window?
5. Does anybody still tell "momma" jokes?
6. It's almost time for school to be out when
   A. Nobody brings any books to class.
   B. You want to the last minute to do everything.
   C. You can't find the parking space
   you want, so you just go home.
   D. Standing outside for no reason
doesn't sound to be

7. Things we don't want to see at graduation
   A. Happy families broken up over who
can't and can't to graduation.
   B. People marching with "beard"
dress on.
   C. People with nothing on under their
gowns.
   D. Advisers pulling folks out of line
   on May 11th.
8. How many of us know that "Cricker" was the official cell phone provider for A&T?

By T.J. MOORE

Randy St-Clair, editor-in-chief

9. Why are there so many potholes between Haley Hall and Corbett?
10. How many times has your car almost fallen in one of them?
11. Does anybody eat at that pizza place in the union?
12. Who keeps putting those chairs on the edge of the fountain by the union?
13. Are we ever going to get the Wall Street Journal back in Merrick?
14. Or are they all just gone before we

15. How do they pick the people to be
   on the front of A&T's brochures?
16. How you ever seen these people walking around on campus?&

Did they ever go there? really?

17. Is it really hot enough for people to
   be wearing straw hats already?
18. Are contraws even going to get

19. After we graduate, are we really grown?

This is officially my last edition of 20 Questions and it's been real. Hopefully my questions have made common sense or look at something or somebody a little closer. I apologize if this paper, "The Register" has been a little bit of a disappointment, but I don't have any other basis besides this one. I don't know what I've taken over but I wish them the very best.

P.S. Mark Rollie

Letter to the Editor

Can you believe everything you read?
We found stars right here on earth.

As a shooting star with Ernst & Young, your opportunities are endless.
Welcome to our newest stars from North Carolina A&T University.

Brian Graham
Tiffany Jones
Robert Peterkin
Sarah Branch
Wade Preston
E-Vibes

What's up in the 'Boro

The Piedmont Jazz Festival 2002 will be May 1-5. The festival's organizers recently announced that they will host four nationally recognized musicians as headliners for the event. Performers include Stanley Jordan, The Jazz Crusaders, Jane Bunnett & The Spirits of Havana and Mulgrew Miller. For more information about the festival visit the official website, www.piedmontjazzfestival.com or call (336) 334-7749. The Triad Stage has announced they will offer "Student Rush" tickets for all performances. One hour prior to a show time, a full-time student can purchase a ticket to attend the show for only $5. The next play at the Triad Stage will be "Julie's Dance," running May 10 through June 2. For more information contact the box office at (336) 272-0160.

The Community Theatre of Greensboro will present "Guys and Dolls" May 4 at 7 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m. The prices will be $16 for adults, $14 for senior citizens and students and $11 for children 12 and under. For more information about the performance or tickets call (336) 333-2605.

Platinum Thoughts add new flare to local music

BY CODE T. SANDERS

A local group is making lots of noise with new music on the way while thinking being platinum. Platinum thoughts is a five member hip-hop group that uses elements of R&B music to complement their lyrics. The group is based out of Greensboro. Group members are Kelli B (the Ad Libber), J 4 Me (Beat Maker), Timewave (Jsh Talker), Nippy P (Rhyme Slayer) and Manifest (Freestyler), the only male. The group has been together less than a year but member Kelli B admits they are "right like neckbeards."
The group made a name for itself by competing in free-style contests, open mic shows and winning a showcase in Washington, DC. Following the showcase, the group was asked to appear on 102 Jamz' "Busta Brown All-star Morning Show." On the show, the group performed their song, "LaidBack," and also sang the new intro song they had prepared for the show.

Local group, Platinum Thoughts, is preparing for the release of a new CD this summer.

"The Cricket Song" and "LaidBack" are currently being pushed and have gained airplay on 102 Jamz also. "Every song is gonna take you to a whole 'mother level," says Timewave of the group repertoire of songs. The group writes and produces their music and records at a local studio in the area. Energy, is how the group describes their live show.

"You can expect the unexpect-ed from us performing," said Kelli B.

The group members are very confident in their ability to make it to the next level. All members are learning the business aspect of the music indus-try, in order to better prepare themselves for the road of suc-cess ahead. "Right now we are making sure everything is copywritten," says J 4 Me. "We're all getting registered with ASCAP and our next goal is vinyl, you know you got to get to that DJ's because that's main stream."

Currently, the group can be seen in local shows and in clubs in North Carolina and they are sched-uled to perform on May 4 in the Talent Showcase at Dixie G's and as well as a concert at Cataula College. The group also plans to release its album, "Tired of Waiting," by the end of May or begin-ning of June. Platinum thoughts can be reached via email at justme9797@aol.com or jenw@jind.com.

Durham comes alive with hip-hop concert at Duke Chapel

A REVIEW BY TRINA LOGAN

Byline Contributor

On April 25, in front of Duke University's Chapel, Durham was host to one of the hottest shows ever Sankofa, the Pharcyde and the incom-plicable hip-hop band The Roots. Imagine standing outside with red, blue and white light beaming in your eyes on the stage ascm images of black and white hearts. The audience hearts out to hip-hop beats. My mind was hardly on the constant flow of EMS workers. Hip-Hop band Sankofa did a good job on stage for an opening act. Their diversity within the performers of the band brought a fresh look at hip-hop music.

The second act was the rap artist, the Pharcyde. The Pharcyde performed without the usual lineup of Slim and Fat Lip. If you were really into rap in the early 90s, you would have appreciated their performance.

The Pharcyde took its personal favorites "Dropp" and "Passing Me By." They used the classic hip-hop style to move the crowd. Even the instrumen-talist didn't differ in dances and entrances in the crowd.

The final act was the legendary hip-hop band the Roots. The South Philly natives put on an incredible two hour performance. The Roots consist of Kamal, Hult, Scratch, Black Thought, Rakzel, Malik B and Sunduro.

There was so much energy in the crowd when they performed. Just love was a mastermind during the show and with his drums solo. Black thought presented raw energy to the audience with sweat running down his face and his white T-shirt being soak-ing wet. The Roots have done such songs as "You Got Me" featuring Erykah Badu and Eve and "The Next Movement."

They covered songs from their pre-vious albums and songs from their new album "Phrenology."

The Roots came to the audience hard with the rock classics "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N Roses and "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana.

They even covered hip-hop classics like "Pooch It" by Salt N Pepa, "Brass Monkey" by the Beastie Boys and "The Bridge Is Over" by Boogie Down Productions.

Then, they decided to do some tracks from some of the hottest artists out today. "Shake It Fast" by Mystikal, "Knock Yourself Out" by Jadakiss, "Rock the Mic" by Beanie Siegel and Freeway are only to name a few.

You would have thought famous hip-hop human sound machine Rahzel was on the mic when Scratch was on the stage. I felt guilty seeing the performance for free.
A Look at the Stars by Trina Logan

‘Two Trains Running’ brought audience to laughter, tears

BY DESMOND J. STOWE

The Richard B. Harrison Players of North Carolina A&T State University presented “Two Trains Running” by August Wilson, from April 18-22 at the Paul Robinson Theatre.

This is the third Wilson play that explores the African American experience. It takes place in Pittsburgh in 1969 at a diner owned by Memphis, played by David Watkins, the main character of the play.

Memphis is fighting to get a fair price for his diner from the city, which is buy

ing up the entire neighborhood for urban renewal.

Watkins played this older guy as he had once owned a diner, with the way that Watkins paid attention to all of the characters while still doing his job as the owner.

As the main character he had many lines and did a wonderful job executing them. With the right clothing and makeup, he fit this character well.

This role was challenging for me but, this is what I like to do, and try to get to be good at it,” said Watkins.

Rissa is played by Sunshyne Gay. She is the waitress and cook at the diner, who has dashed her leg to discourage men. Being the only female in this play both Rissa and Gay felt as if she had to carry the weight of all females.

She shows a very loving and caring attitude toward the men, however, she still knew what she stood for and was very much fine on her own.

Sterling, played by Lelund Thompson, has been newly released from jail, and was looking for any means to support himself and to stay out of trouble.

This smooth-talking character is not only out to seek employment, but to win the heart of Rissa the waitress. His style is clean and Thompson gave this character the kick that it needed.

“To get into my character I decided to do my character study at the county jail, which was time-consuming but worth the work,” Thompson said.

Holloway played by Tony Whitehurst, is the eldest of the group and serves as the spiritual advisor. He portrays an older man who just about everything that went on in the community.

Being that he is the only female in the diner, Sterling is not the only man who had a thing for her.

Well, play by Michael Williams, is a smooth-dressing ladies man who once expressed feeling for the waitress.

Well, played by Jai Sims, is the lonely, wealthy, funeral home owner who was always dressed in black. He was a very strong character.

Finally Hannah, played by Tommie Osgood, was found to be funny and cute at times and sad at others. He was a traumatized, but determined man seeking to get the best hand possible. Although this character did not have many lines, this was a fantastic example of character study.

“Instead of me playing a character I want to become a real person with real issues and problems,” Tommie said.

All the characters showed their efforts to change their plight in white America. It was very clear that all the actors did their character study and used all their skills to their fullest ability.

“The actor did a great job portraying their characters,” said theater major Randall Mivel, Connect.

The play was directed by Frankie Dee Green, the director of the last spring show, "Atrigone."

This play brought forth laughter as well as tears, as the characters shared their stories of trial and triumph. Overall the play was entertaining.

Now City emerges with new talent

Atlanta and New Orleans are not the only areas that plan on representing the Dirty South.

Up and coming group Now City plans to show the music industry what North Carolina is all about.

I had the chance to interview David "Skii" Willis, producer and CEO of Now City Records. Skii welcomed me into the comfort of his home and we discussed his plans with Now City in his private basement studio in Winston-Salem.

He has MPC 3.000’s drum machine, a Titon keyboard and a Technique 1200 which are the basics tools for hip hop.

A native of Greensboro, Skii moved to New York to pursue his music career.

“I started out rapping,” said Skii. "I didn’t have producers helping me with beats so my moms bought me a SP1200. I started making beats for myself!" He then hooked up with his future partner Clark Kent.

"He advised me to sell my beats. I didn’t know how to do that at the time, but I took his advice and sold my first beat to Fathe M."

The first successful record was with hip-hop artist Sporty Jivie on Roc-A-Bloc Records, which was based out of New Jersey. Skii is also known for his work on Jay Z’s highly notable album "Reasonable Doubt."

He started Now City a year ago, and has big plans to take the hip-hop industry in North Carolina to another level.

"The only obstacle I face coming out of North Carolina is playing hating. People are putting other artists down here and nobody wants you to be successful."

Miss E Wreck also commented on the reality of being an artist in North Carolina.

"I feel like a whole lot of artists have versatility. It’s not going to be just one group representing North Carolina," said Miss E Wreck.

Skii’s latest project has been producing rapper artist Camper Loe’s new album and maybe his own album in the future.

"I really liked the 70s style R&B beat so I want to bring the 70s style back and have guest appearances like Outkast, Cee Lo and Camp Lo on the album. The name of my project would be called "Trackexploitation."

Now City consists of Miss E, Wreck, Hot Wright, Lil’Rise, Dolo and Dutch. Dolo, Dutch, and Lil’Rise joined Now City in the fall of 2001.

Dolo is from Durham, Lil’Rise, from Winston-Salem and Hot Wright is from Greensboro. Each artist with Now City has his or her own individual record deal.

Now City’s album is due mid-July.

By Desmond J. Stowe

A Review

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Krunk, Miss E Wreck and Hot Wright are all members of new music label Now City Productions, based in Winston-Salem.

"Trackexploitation."
Walls, Aggies run through Athens

BY CHRIS WALLACE  Associate Sports Editor

Recently, the N.C. A&T men's and women's track teams competed at the Bulldog Limited Invitational at the University of Georgia. Tim Walls finished with high honors, while the relay teams took fifth in the women's 4x100 and second in the men's 4x100.

Tim Walls, ranked sixth in the nation, set a new school record as he ran a 10.19 in the 100-meter dash, breaking the record of 10.2 that he set a season ago.

"With it being as hot as it was, 101 degrees, I knew I'd run faster," said Walls. "Thanks (Gerald Wright) and I warmed up real good and felt great about it. With the MEAC Championships coming soon, I believe that all of us are looking forward to it."

With his time of 10.19, Walls provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in Baton Rouge and is just three-hundredths of a second from qualifying for the NCAA 100-meter dash. The men's 4x100-meter relay team has already met the NCAA provisional standards, and led by the trio of Walls, Wright, and Monty Walls, they are looking forward to big things.

"I feel like we're progressing, the way we need to be progressing," said Wright, who placed sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.35 seconds. "Tim broke his own record, and if we had run the relay, we probably would have broke our record that we set at nationals last season."

"Individually, I had a bad start, but I'm a late peaker. However, I'm faster at this point than I was last year," Wright stated.

Other top finishers for the men included Everett Bruce (2nd, triple jump, 15.66 meters), Brian Williams (4th, triple jump, 15.67 meters) and Richard Stewart (5th, long jump, 7.04 meters).

In women's action, Stacie Lee took second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 1:08.00 and also garnered fourth place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.70 seconds.

"I felt that we did an excellent job and it was like a breakthrough performance," said Lee. "The weather was really warm and maybe we needed that. It gave us confidence to go out and perform the way we did, and we feel that we should do well at the championship if we keep progressing," said Lee. Crystal Williams (10th, 200-meter, 22.37 seconds).

Aggie track stars (from left) Montay Wilds, Gerald Wright and Tim Walls look forward to the MEAC Outdoor Championships to be held May 2-5 in Tallahassee, Fla.

The NFL Draft

The NFL Draft this past week was a showcase of beauty for some teams and misery for the others.

Who didn't know that the Houston Texans were going to select Fresno State quarterback David Carr with the number one pick? Who didn't know that the Carolina Panthers were going to select North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers with the number two pick? Who didn't know...you get the point.

The NFL Draft was just as bad as watching the NBA Draft when a whole bunch of underclassmen that aren't prepared to play are drafted.

Nonetheless, winners from the draft included the Houston Texans and the old Houston team, the Tennessee Titans. Both selected draft choices that they needed, with the Texas getting a franchise quarterback and the Titans adding defense to their stock. However, the Bills were the top winners as they snatched quarterback Drew Bledsoe in a trade.

The losers included the Miami Dolphins and Cincinnati Bengals. The Dolphins landed Ricky Williams in a trade during the offseason but didn't get much else. The Bengals...what were they thinking? Now we know why they can't win.

Aggies will be counting on “D”

BY CHRIS WALLACE  Associate Sports Editor

Let’s hope that this was a small preview of things to come. In a game that meant nothing to the Agges win-loss record, there was a little of everything in the annual spring football game.

"We moved some people around on defense and things have come along very nicely," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "There's a lot of talent on the defensive side, but team speed is the big difference. Overall, things were far from perfect, but the spring went reasonably well."

Throughout spring drills, the Aggie's revamped defense showed signs of promise and look to put to rest all of the talk of "rebuilding." Offensively, the Aggies' look a bit shaky with question marks lingering. Most notably, the quarterback situation is unsolved with several prospects battling it out.

During the spring, redshirt freshman Randall Rankin and Boocher Washington took most of the snaps, but with highly regarded recruits Jason Douglas and Marshall Glenn coming in, the quarterback battle won't get much easier.

Despite the instability at quarterback, the Aggies are deep in the receiving corps with Jamal Jones, Bud Phillips, Kenny Perry and Curtis Deloach expected to make big plays. Deloach, an All-American kick returner, is a converted quarterback.

On the offensive line, the Aggies are young but may emerge into a dominating force with time. Patrick Jordan, Junius Coston and Desmond Long will anchor the line and try to help rebuild an offense that faltered late last season.

"A&T looked really good on defense but kind of falls off the mark on offense," said Aggie fan Thomas Ray, a spectator at the spring game. "Hopefully, they'll be able to get it together and be better than they were last year. When Hicks went down last year, it just seemed like things went into shambles, especially when they lost to teams that they should have beaten."

The Aggies will open up their 2002 season with in-state rival N.C. Central on Aug. 30. The game is tentatively scheduled for Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte.
Mitchell, Hicks, Smith will get shot at NFL

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

Just days after not being drafted, former Aggie offensive lineman Qaasm Mitchell signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Mitchell, the 6-foot-6, 350-pound offensive tackle from Jacksonville, N.C., started all 35 games of his Aggie career and was slated as a third to fifth round draft choice. However, Mitchell went undrafted, leaving the door open for the Browns to sign him.

Mitchell was named the All-MEAC first team, Conference Lineman of the Year, Associated Press All-American and a Sheridan Broadcasting Network Black College All-American. Running back Maurice Hicks and fullback Taalib Smith were invited to rookie minicamp of the Chicago Bears.

Hicks, the 6-foot, 205-pound back, led the MEAC in rushing with 1,325 yards, including an NCAA-

Baseball team looking forward to tournament

BY TYREE FARROW
Regional Coordinator

School's almost out and graduation is approaching so you know what that means, the MEAC Baseball Tournament is about to begin May 9-12.

The Aggies are coming off a 6-2 win over the High Point Panthers on Wednesday, April 24. One of the big players in that game was third baseman Bruce Williams.

"We came out, we had 13 hits, and if you hit in double digits, you're gonna win," said Williams. "We had no errors and the defense was tight."

The Aggies finished up the season this past weekend at home by hosting Savannah State, against whom they opened the season in January. The Aggies won one of three in that series.

"We are definitely trying to sweep the whole series, so we're looking forward to playing them this weekend," added Williams.

During the beginning of the year, the Aggies were plagued by injuries and were struggling to win games. Junior pitcher, first baseman and outfielder Austin Love felt the same.

"Our bats were kind of cold earlier in the year, but now, we are starting to hit a little bit more," said Love. "Our pitching has been dominating with the exception of a couple of games. In the tournament, we are going to need to swing the bats and play solid defense and pretty much need to get all cylinders of our game rolling."

The Aggies have set a lot of goals this season and Love feels that they haven't accomplished many of them. However, the main goal that they want to reach as a team is still open and that is winning the MEAC championship.

"If we bring all parts of our game to the table, we should have a pretty good chance come tournament time," said Love.

KEY PLAYERS

NCAT: Jeffrey King: 2-run home-run.
NCAT: Charles Miller: Allowed only one hit in six innings pitched.
NCAT: Kevin Allen: RBI Double.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns about the sports section, feel free to contact Sports Editor Chris Wallace at (336) 334-7700 or via email at register@ncat.edu.
SENIOR GOODBYES

Some of N.C. A&T’s seniors want an opportunity to tell those closest to them farewell.

“A&T has provided me with long-lasting friends and memories. I feel fully prepared to enter the real world and begin my professional career.”
- Karen Tilghman, computer science

“My experience at A&T has prepared me for further ventures. I wouldn’t exchange that for anything else.”
- Melvin Carver, mechanical engineering

“To all the upcoming black professionals... take advantage of every opportunity.”
- Tameka Kidder, industrial engineering

“Never stop trying to achieve your goals and just do it”
- John Everett, mechanical engineering

“I will always love McNair... for the free food.”
- Jeffrey Coa, MHS

“The fruits of an A&T education are an unlimited source of opportunity and experience. Aggie Pride is forever but Aggie Days are limited. So take advantage of the time you are here.”
- William Dudley, professional history

“No career... is an experience you can’t unlearn, and at A&T we offer a world-class opportunity.”
- Craig Stokes, a junior from Fayetteville, is the founder of the group Fayetteville Aggies on the Move, also known as FAM.

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Student starts FAM

Stephen Craig Stokes, a junior from Fayetteville, is the founder of the group Fayetteville Aggies on the Move, also known as FAM.

It took the student three months to run through the registration paperwork, but after hard work and a semester of planning, FAM was born.

His initial plans for FAM was to shed a positive light on campus and to uplift N.C. A&T and Fayetteville students simultaneously. And already with its first semester as an official club, its members are sharing a camaraderie unlike any other.

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By Jessica De Vaul
Register Contributor

HOUSE FOR SALE

All spruced up and ready for new owners. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, formal living room, dining room and den. Enclosed porch. Large, partially fenced yard. New exterior paint. Stove and refrigerator remain.

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Residents strengthen economy

By Tarah Holland
N.C. A&T State University

Many Greensboro residents and businesses are optimistic about the city’s economic future.

"It is definitely changing," said Jay Maxwell, the city’s economic development director. "We continue to see improvements in the downtown area and throughout the city." Maxwell added that the city’s efforts to attract new businesses and retain existing ones are paying off.

Maxwell noted that the city has made significant investments in infrastructure, such as roads and schools, which have helped to attract new businesses. He also cited the city’s location and its proximity to major highways as factors that have contributed to its economic growth.

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Greg Drumwright, 2001-2002 SGA president, cordially allowed A&T Cribs a peek into his presidential suite at Barbee Hall.

When you first walk into the renovated office-turned-suite, you are panned through a plethora of blue and gold. His walls are two-toned in blue and gold with additional crown molding.

Accenting his living room is a plush gold loveseat with prominent blue patterned pillows and a blue couch with decorative gold pillows. The president commented that the loveseat/couch combination equaled about $8,000.

This is probably because the furniture is so rare that the only other two were reportedly in the possession of Michael Jordan and Steven Spielberg.

With an Aggie mural over the loveseat you can make a quick assumption what the theme of the room is, right? Aggie Pride!

Gold curtains with blue trim also cost an estimated $5,000, Drumwright said. He pointed out that money for the brand new suite did not come from the SGA, but from an allocated fund for the presidential living quarters.

In his small but quaint kitchen, a small dining table with accompanying chairs sit adjacent to the entrance with a tiger skin rug resting beneath the table.

“I brought that rug with me back from Africa,” Drumwright said proudly.

His bedroom was neat, organized and almost seemed a tad bit too bland considering the rest of the suite. His personalized comforter set resides on a full/queen size sleigh bed and his closet walls displayed shopping bags from his favorite merchants such as Banana Republic and Tommy Hilfiger to give the room a personal touch.

A quick peek in the bathroom shows what one may have expected: clean and personalized. His blue shower curtains displayed his name in gold cursive letters along with several hand towels and washcloths set out for decoration.

The tour doesn’t stop here, however. The president allowed a sneak peek into his private office at Vanstory Hall.

Drumwright said that the apartment was his gift to the next president.