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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 alumni 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.

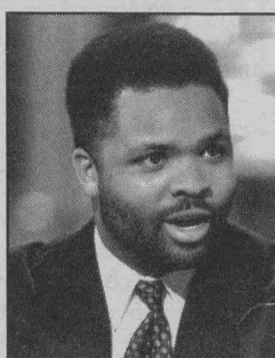
Since being involved in legislation, Jackson has addressed health care needs to underserved communities by leading the successful effort to establish the Center of Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health.

He has also co-authored two books with his father, "Legal Lynching" and "It's

About The Money."

"The size of the graduating class is approximately 900 students," said Deborah Livingston, assistant registrar. "This is relatively the same size as most graduating classes we have here at A&T."

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



Jesse Jackson Jr.

"It is good to know that an alumni from A&T who rose to the top, is coming back to A&T to give the graduates pearls of wisdom," said Tammy Giles. "Although I am not graduating from A&T this year, it shows me that A&T alumni don't forget where they came from and give back to the institution that gave them a future."

All students participating in the spring 2002 commencement must line up at the Coliseum at 8 a.m. The processional will then be given at 8:30 a.m., and the ceremony will begin shortly thereafter.

Rehearsal for graduation is 10 a.m. May 10 in Harrison Auditorium.

MOM-O leader teams with A&T to fight murders and violence

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

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).



Dee Sumpter

This year's conference was entitled Families Locked in a Violent Embrace: New Keys to Unlock the Trama; "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, Shawna D. Hawk, murdered in her family's home in Charlotte on Feb. 19, 1993. 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 Please see **SUMPTER**, Page 3

Mission Accomplished



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

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

Leaving hard to cope with for some seniors

By RANDY ST. CLAIR
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 drama 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

Cafeteria almost set to open for next year

By CODIE SANDERS
Register Contributor

Williams Cafeteria has a new look and new features that will surely have students proud of their Café.

Renovation costs for Williams Cafeteria were \$10.1 million and included the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system, expanding the footprint of the building 30 percent to increase overall seating capacity to 1,000, equipping the facility with an audio/video system that includes video monitors and surround sound and installing wireless networking capabilities.

"The exterior was renovated and enhanced to create a better dining experience and ambience," said Todd Johnson, director of auxiliary services. "This was accomplished by opening the building and making a glass picture storefront that overlooks the Holland Bowl."

On the inside, Williams Cafeteria will feature a new food court that will house restaurant chains Pizza Hut and Krispy Kreme. There will also an Aggie Gift shop on the first floor that will sale A&T and Greek paraphernalia.

Also on the first floor are the Chancellor's Dining Area, which will be used for chancellor-hosted events, a specialty dining area that will serve as a location for catered events, as well as a dining area for faculty and staff and a student carryout area.

The main dining area for students is located on the second floor and will

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IN BRIEF

Amponsah speaks at African conference

Dr. William A. Amponsah, an associate professor of international trade and development at N.C. A&T, was invited by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa to participate in the third African Development Forum (ADF III) that was held March 3-8 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The forum brought together heads of African governments, ministers of states, parliaments, businesses, financial institutions, labor, civil society and international organizations to define priorities for Africa's transition from the Organization of African Unity and formation of the African Union.

In addition to serving as a key resource person on the UNECA technical committee on trade integration and the African Knowledge Network Forum, Amponsah presented a paper titled "Analytical and Empirical Evidence of Trade Policy Effects of Regional Integration: Implications for Africa" and spoke with reporters from international press agencies.

Professor speaks

Dr. Patricia Bethea-Whitfield, associate professor of counseling at N.C. A&T, recently presented at the annual North Carolina Counseling Association Conference held in Greensboro. Her session, "African American Men in Counseling: Who's Pulling the Trigger Now?" investigated the workforce, health, education and criminal justice trends involving African American men from 1987 to the present and offered strategies for enhancing counseling services.

Compound studied

Dr. Salam Ibrahim, an assistant professor in the department of human environment and family sciences at N.C. A&T, recently gave a presentation titled "Bifidobacteria: Efficacy and Applications to Food Products" at the USDA Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor, Pa.

Ibrahim's presentation was related to bifidobacteria, which are natural flora in the human intestinal tract that control the growth of foodborne illness. He discussed a new mechanism by which bifidobacteria produce an antimicrobial compound that is regulated by certain elements in human diet and has shown resistance against many foodborne pathogens, including *E. coli* O157:H7 and listeria.

Ibrahim is working with Dr. Abolghasem Shahbazi of A&T's Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Program to develop a new technology for continuous production of this compound.

FAM does cleanup

On Saturday, April 20, the first campus cleanup was sponsored by the Fayetteville Aggies on the Move (FAM).

At 9 a.m., bright and early, FAM members were cleaning the campus with vigor and enthusiasm.

Delta Sigma Theta, the band, Gospel Choir, SUAB and other organizations helped out as well.

Improvements were made to the campus such as the planting of a dogwood tree behind the union, along with miniature flowerbeds.

A&T quizzers finish sixth

Academic event brings together quick minds from all over campus.

By HEATHER PHILLIPS
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T's quiz bowl team finished the year in the 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 former years. The secret weapon was a tight friendship, according to team captain George McHugh.

Many hours of practicing in the library added to the ammunition. Varsity team members Jonathan Rosero, Antoine Harris, Derrick Ware, George McHugh and William Griffin were known for practicing for hours in the library along with the junior varsity team members Jacinta Simmons, Haile Lindsay, Justin Bullock, Jermelle Jordan and Jemeika Sampson.

"The team normally puts in seven to eight hours a week but individually we may 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 smelled some chicken. I was



Courtesy of Student Affairs

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

hungry. When I found out where the smell was coming from I ran upon 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 departments home, but it has primarily resided in the hands of student affairs.

Every year student affairs hosts a campus 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 comradery. I got 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.

Womanhood pushed by Zetas

By DESMOND J. STOWE
Register Contributor

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

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

On Monday in the Stallings Ballroom, a session on The Lessons of a Lady was presented by Bettie Ray (Zeta Spring 2002). She taught the ladies in attendance 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.

Sisterhood 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 represented from all of the fraternities and sororities on campus, thus the topic of Greek unity became the discussion of the session.

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

Not only did the ladies battle through discussion, they played in the first annual Greek Basketball Games, and came

out the overall winners for the sororities.

The week of entertainment concluded with a session called Blue Ice. This was co-hosted by the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. with the Zetas as an open mic session. This gave all that were in attendance a chance to express the way they felt about any subject matter.

The events for this week were the idea and the work of the new inductees 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 organization, and show we as Aggies will come forth in unity," said Rhonda Fedrick, a Zeta spring 2002 inductee.

EYE ON CRIME

COMPILED BY TAMIKA HUDSON
Register Contributor

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 Inn reported that an unknown subject(s) knocked on his room door and asked him to come outside.

Larceny

A male off-campus student reported some unknown person(s) stole some personal items valued at \$60 while he was playing basketball in Moore Gym. There were no known suspects. The

case 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 Hodgin Hall reported a computerized organizer was stolen from his desk, estimated value \$200. There are no suspects. This case is left open pending interviews.

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 members 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 credit/debit card at the ATM of Brown Hall and used it to make unauthorized purchases. There were no suspects.

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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 bar, pasta and potato bar, a "thirst base" with a full selection of beverages and a bakery and dessert bar.

There will also be an Aggie fruit and salad bar that will feature over 20 items.

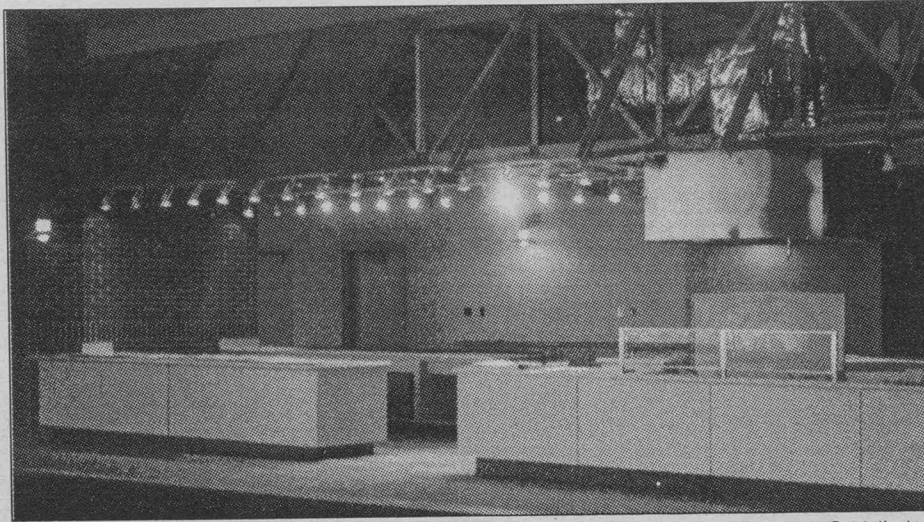
"In terms of a primary dining facility, our new Williams Cafeteria will rank among leading colleges and universities in terms of what a facility can offer," said Johnson.

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

"Rather than limiting the number of meals per week, students will be able to eat anywhere using their flex 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



Codie Sanders/Register Contributor

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

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: 19 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 cafeteria are 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's 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 families that 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 story I have to think to myself, is it really Shawna, my baby," said Sumpter. "It is an ongoing effort picking up the pieces of my life."

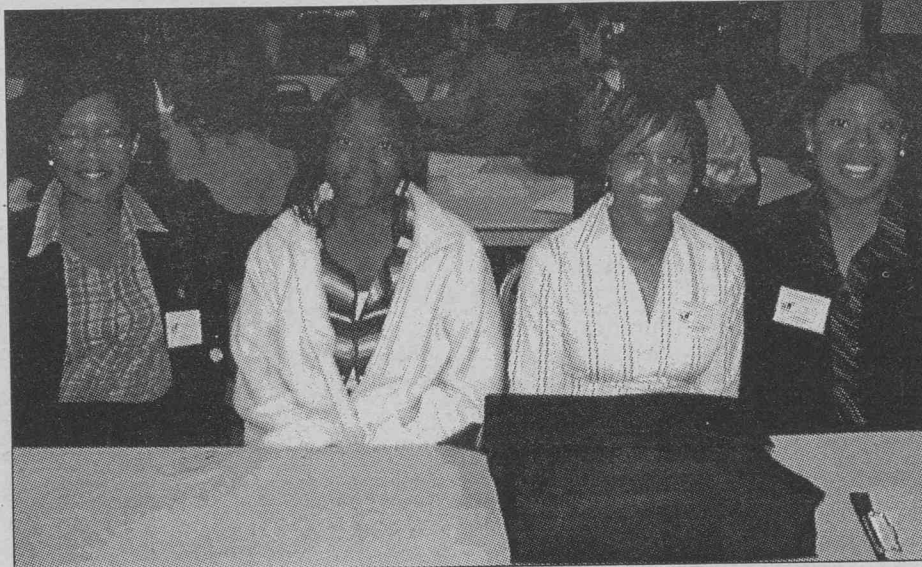
During the time after Hawk was murdered Sumpter felt as though the Charlotte police were not working to their full capability to find the murderer.

Vowed to find the killer of her daughter, she held a press conference at the community college 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.

"We wanted everybody to hear her message. Her essence is so beautiful that it is able to touch lives and get through



Tarah Holland/Register Staff

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

to them (those who attend) and also bring strength and encouragement into their lives," said Henderson.

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, but 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 as a whole," said Henderson.

Sumpter spoke in the Stallings Memorial Ballroom where other seminars and workshops for this year's conference were held. Other guest speakers included Dr. Tricia B. Bent-Goodley, assistant professor at Howard University School of Social Work and Rev. Aubra Love, founding director 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 Chauncey Greene, intern coordinators at (336) 334-3884 or (336) 334-7894 or e-mail dickersj@ncat.edu. For more information about MOM-O visit the website, www.momunderstands.com

Davis receives farmer of the year award

James A. Davis III, the 2002 North Carolina Small 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 Halifax 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.

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hand," she said. "It kind of makes it easy to forget, or should I say over look."

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 Psi 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 more 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 once 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 it?

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 don't you'll just be another somebody that came to A&T and didn't finish."

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

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

So, will these graduating seniors miss the hustle and bustle of 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 a few 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 worth it.

The fact of the matter is graduating is an accomplishment. Although it's hard to leave, no one has a problem doing it.

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Saying goodbye is never easy

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

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

There's so much I'm going to miss about A&T. Surprisingly, 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 ills and spills and becoming a better person because of that.

But all my experiences at A&T weren't like my very first one 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 trip down memory lane a few weeks before graduation.

Life is outrageous, man. You just keep getting older (something I don't like but will live with) and you just keep leaving other people behind. You build relationships just to say goodbye to them someday. And though you'll remember the person or persons it's just not the same. It hurts leaving others behind, especially when you really don't think you can make it without 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 more.

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. I may be gone in flesh, but I'll always be there in spirit. Just put a big 20x24 poster of me in the office and it'll be just like I never left. Ms. Nieman, thank you for caring. Thank you for the yelling, too. Just playing. Val (I've always wanted to call you that now I get my chance), you're remarkable. You're better than you give yourself credit for. Without you The 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 "Hollywood" Wallace, you are my boy! We came to The Register the same year and we went through the motions and everything else. You have so much potential, Chris. It's amazing

to see how you've grown as a person and as a friend. We've been through much (remember your freshman year?). Chris, don't ever sell yourself short of reaching your goals. With 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 writing and editing, use it. You have leadership and creativity, use it. You're blessed, Tarah, and I love you for being dedicated to your work and always being consistent.

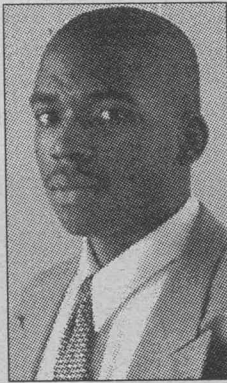
T.J. Moore, life (and this is the truth) will never be the same without you. You're a beautiful person and I hope you see what I see and what everyone else sees in you someday. Don't stop going until you get what you want, and when you get it send me \$200.

Jason Boyd, bro you've been a lifesaver time after time after time. You got skills, man. I know you'll be the president 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 most certainly not least. Sharonda 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 it. You won't see my 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 challenges is life without growth. Don't ever quit Aggies.

P.S. There is no wise man. I just thought I'd try to get deep on ya'll :).



Randy St. Clair

20 QUESTIONS

BY DIJON ROLLE
Register Contributor

1. What is the difference between a hotel and a motel?
2. Who is going to write these questions when I graduate?
3. How many times are they going to work on the server?
4. Are you country if you drive with your arm hangin' 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 wait 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 so bad.
7. Things we don't want to see at graduation
 - A. Happy families broken up over who can and can't come to graduation.
 - B. People marching with "busted" dress shoes on.
 - C. People with nothing on under their gowns.
 - D. Advisors pullin' folks out of line on May 11th.
8. How many of us knew that "Cricket" was the official cell phone provider for A&T?

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 just all gone before we get there?
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?
17. Do they even go here...really?
18. Is it really hot enough for people to be wearing straw hats already?
19. Are cornrows ever gonna go out of style?
20. 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 someone laugh or look at something or somebody a little closer. I apologize for any "wack" questions I might have put out there, but I do have other gigs besides this one. I don't know who's takin' over but I wish them the very best.

I'm Out.
MizRolle

Letter to the Editor

Can you believe everything you read?

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 snowed 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 opinion of the writer, then I expect to see it in the opinion section of the paper, 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 deemed 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 was.

Furthermore, there were many extenuating circumstances and controversies surrounding this election, which may have influenced the voters that the public is not aware of. For example, in the initial article written by Moore introducing the candidates running for executive offices in SGA, it was stated that I could

not be reached for an interview at print time. This is an untruth. There is no proof that any attempt was made to contact me before the printing of this article. My interview was printed only after I contacted the editor...even then, it was hidden within another article, which had nothing to do with the Miss A&T election.

Please do not misread my intentions. This letter is not a ranting from a bitter loser, but an expression of concern and disappointment from a reader who ardently believes 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.

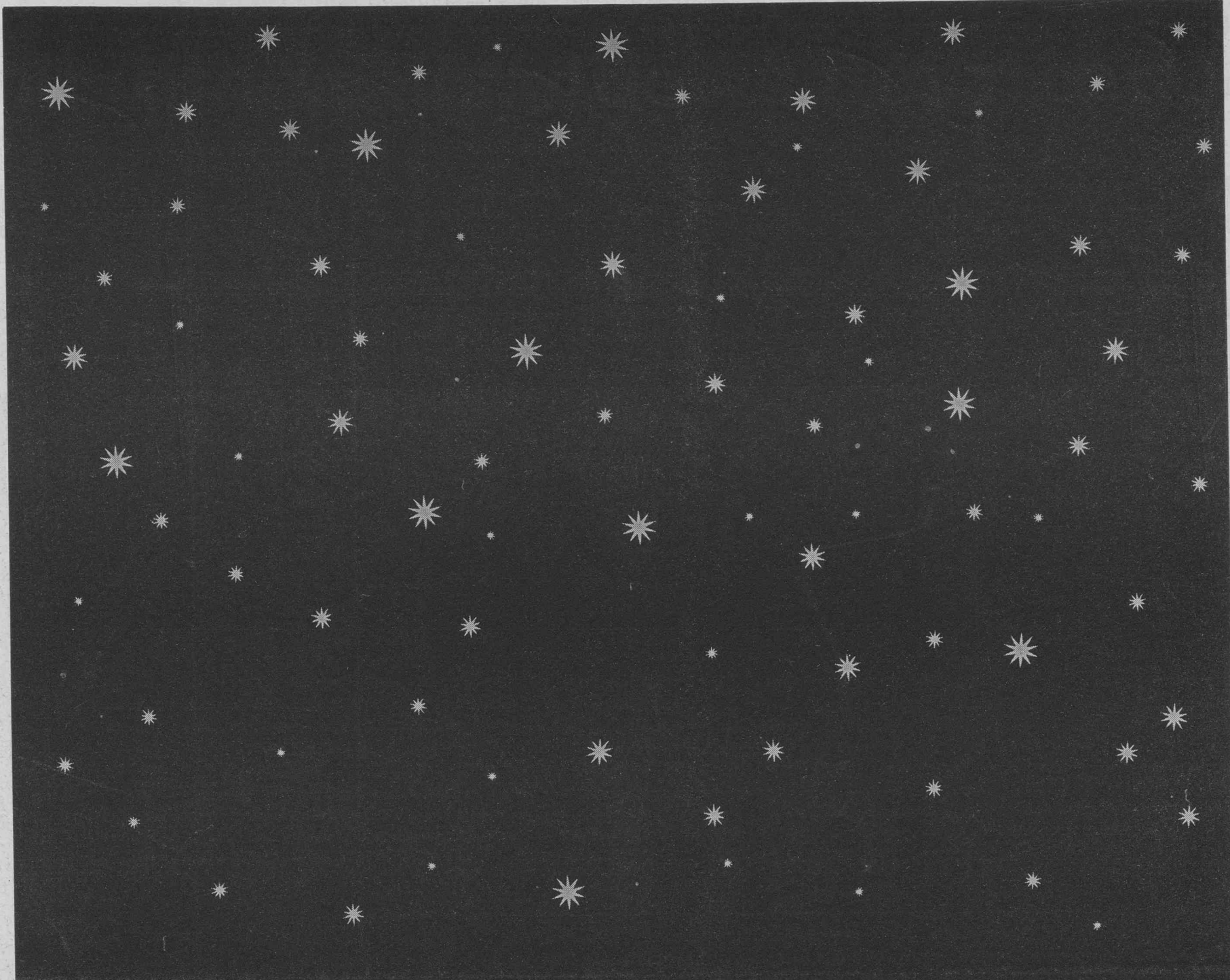
Of course, I am naturally disappointed at my loss. However, I believe that in life we reap what we sow. I wish Brooke Myatt all of the happiness and success in life and as Miss A&T that she deserves. And to Moore, I sincerely hope that there was no intention of malice on your behalf, and I wish you my 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 this power will be used in the future to inform and enlighten the Aggie family, and not spread hearsay.

Editor's Note:

T.J. Moore indeed did call Melissa Slade but failed to leave a message. Information on Slade's campaign was carried in the second of two articles on the leading office-seekers.

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



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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 CODIE T. SANDERS
Register Contributor

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 Liber), J 4 Me (Beat Maker), Tinacious (Ish Talker), Nicky 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 "tight like neckbores."

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.



Submitted photo

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 'nother level," says Tinacious of the groups repertoire of songs. The group writes and produces their music and records at a local studio in the area.

Energetic, is how the group describes their live show.

"You can expect the unexpected 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 industry, in order to better prepare themselves for the road of success 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 that to the 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 scheduled to perform on May 4 in the Talent Showcase at Dizzy G's and as well as a concert at Catawba College. The group also plans to release its album, "Tired of Waiting," by the end of May or beginning of June.

Platinum thoughts can be reached via email at just4me997@aol.com or j4me@triad.rr.com.

Durham comes alive with hip-hop concert at Duke Chapel



Submitted photo

The roots performed at a concert held April 24 at Duke University. Other performances included Sankofa and The Pharcyde.

A REVIEW BY TRINA LOGAN
Register 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 incomparable hip-hop band The Roots.

Imagine standing outside with red, blue and white lights beaming in your eyes from the stage as artists flowing as they pour their 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 "Drop" and "Passing Me By." They used the classic b-boy style to wow the crowd. Even the instrumentalist did different 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, Hub, Scratch, Black Thought, Rahzel, Malik B and ?uestlove.

There was so much energy in the crowd when they performed. ?uestlove was a mastermind during the show and with his drum solo. Black thought presented raw energy to the audience with sweat running down his face and his white T-shirt being soaking 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 previous albums and songs from their new album "Phrenology."

The Roots came at 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 "Push 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.

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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.



A Look at the Stars by Trina Logan

I had the chance to interview David "Ski" Willis, producer and CEO of Now City Records.

Ski welcomed me into the comfort of his home and we discussed his plans with Now City in his private basement studio in Winston-Salem. Ski seemed very relaxed as he

began to describe some of his equipment.

He has MPC 3,000's drum machine, a Triton keyboard and a Technique 1200 which he explains are your basic tools for hip hop.

A native of Greensboro, Ski moved to New York to pursue a career in music.

"I started out rapping," said Ski. "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 Father MC."

The first successful record was with hip-hop artist Sporty Thievs on Roc-A-Bloc Records, which was based out of New Jersey. Ski 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 playa 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.

Ski's latest project has been producing rap artist Camp Lo's new album and maybe his own album in the future.

"I really liked the '70s style Blaxploitation Era. 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



Photo courtesy of www.nowcity-productions.com

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

album would be called "Tracksploitation."

Now City consists of Krunk, 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,

Dutch, Miss E Wreck and Hot Wright are from Winston-Salem and Krunk is from Greensboro. Each artist with Now City has his or her own individual record deal.

Now City's album is due mid-July.

'Two Trains Running' brought audience to laughter, tears

BY DESMOND J. STOWE
Register Contributor

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 Robeson 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-

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ing up the entire neighborhood for urban renewal.

Watkins played this older guy as if he had once before 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 make-up, he fit this character well.

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

Risa is played by Sunshyne Gay. She is the waitress and cook at the diner, who has slashed her legs to discourage men. Being the only female in this play both Risa 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 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 Risa 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 Troy Whitehurst, is the eldest of the group and serves as the spiritual advisor. He portrays an older man who knew just about every thing that went on in the community.

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

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

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

Finally Hambone, played by Tomike Ogugua, was found to be funny at times and very sad at others. He was a traumatized, but determined man seeking to get what belonged to him. 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," Tomike 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 Rondrell McCormick.

The play was directed by Frankie Day Greenlee, the director of the last spring show, "Antigone."

This play brought forth laughter as well as tears, as the characters shared

their stories of trial and triumph. Overall the play was entertaining.



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Walls, Aggies run through Athens

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register 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. Ten Aggies 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. "Toonk (Gerald Wright) and I warmed up real good and felt great about it. With the MEAC Championships coming soon, I believe we're gonna drop it there, and I feel that all of us are looking forward to it."

With his time of 10.19, Walls provi-

sionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in Baton Rouge and is just three one-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 Montay Wilds, 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.

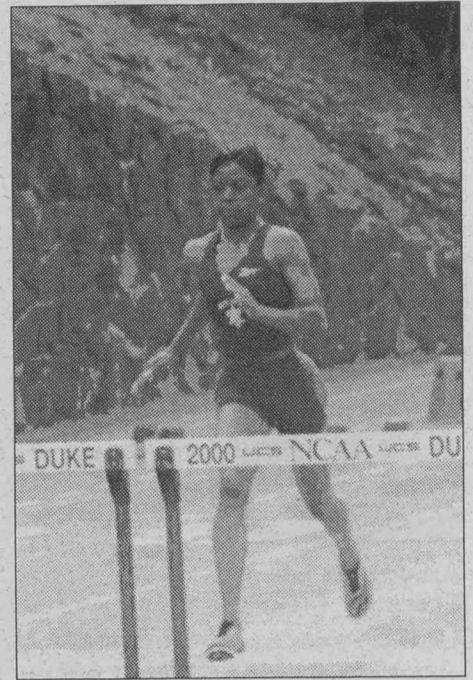
"Individually, I had a bad start, but I'm a late peaker. However, I'm faster at this point than I was last year," Wright stated.

Other top finishers for the men included Everett Bruce (2nd, triple jump, 15.66 meters), Brian Williams (4th, triple jump, 13.67 meters) and Richard Stewart (2nd, 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 boosted our confidence to go out and perform the way we did, and we feel that we should do well at the championships if we do perform the way we did at Athens but a little better."

Crystal Williams (10th, 200-meter,



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Lady track star Stacie Lee prepares for the hurdles in a track meet. She took home second place in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles in the Bulldog Limited Invitational.

24.82), Tiffany Purham (7th, triple jump, 11.61 meters) and Donisha Freeman (5th, shot put, 12.98 meters) all took home top 10 honors as well for the women.

Both teams are in preparation for the highly anticipated 2002 MEAC Outdoor Championships, which will be held May 2-5 in Tallahassee, Fla.



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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

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor



Wallace

The NFL Draft this past week was a thing 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 Texans 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
Register Sports Editor

Let's hope that this was a small preview of things to come. In a game that meant nothing to the Aggies win-loss record, there was a little of everything in the annual spring football game on April 20. After losing star tailback Maurice Hicks and returning only eight seniors, the Aggies will turn to their strength once again: the defense.

"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 Aggies' 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 questions still lingering. Most notably, the quarterback situation is unsolved with several prospects battling it out.

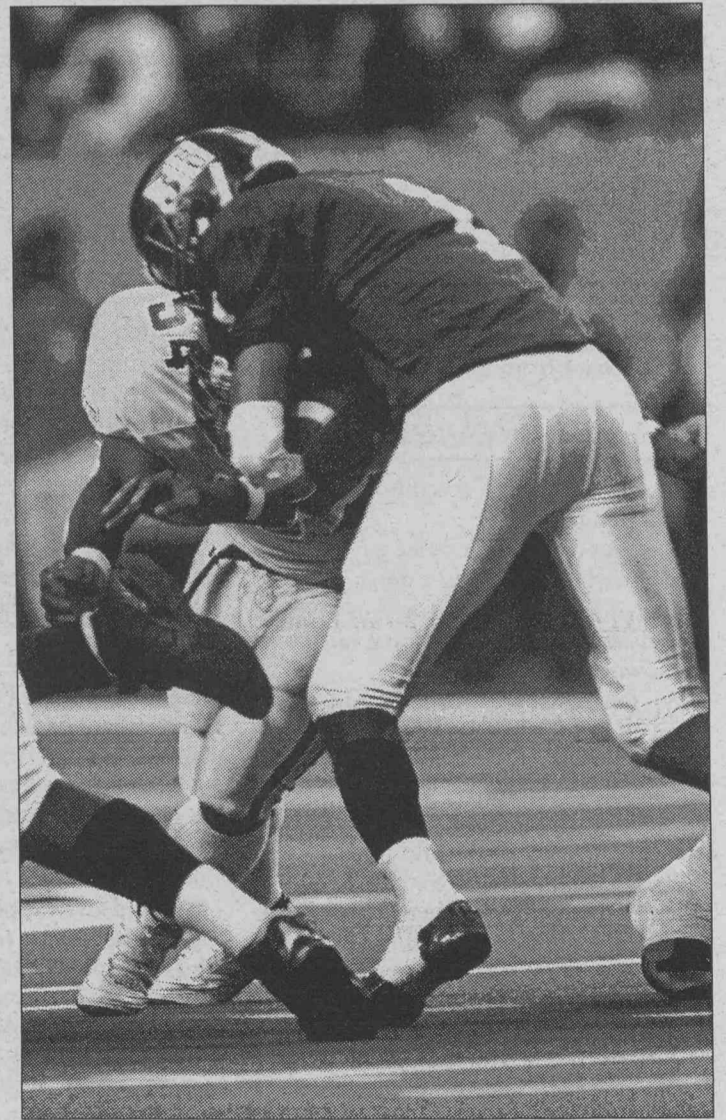
During the spring, redshirt freshman Randal Rankin and Booker Washington took most of the snaps, but with highly regarded recruits Jason Douglas and Marshall Glenn coming in, the quarterback battle won't get much easier.

Despite the instability at quarterback, the Aggies are deep in the receiving corps with Jamal Jones, Bud Phillips, Kenny Perry and Curtis Deloatch expected to make big plays. Deloatch, 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 kinda 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.



Charles Watkins/ A&T Photo

The Aggies "D" will be looked upon to produce big things this season. However, with the loss of key starters, they will be tested.

Mitchell, Hicks, Smith will get shot at NFL

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Sports Editor

Just days after not being drafted, former Aggie offensive lineman Qasim 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, leav-

ing the door open for the Browns to sign him.

Mitchell was named to 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-

Division I single-game record 437 yards against Morgan State on Oct. 6.

Hicks was selected as the MEAC's Offensive Player of the Year, Associated Press All-American, Football Gazette and Sports Network All-American, Sheridan Broadcasting Network Offensive Player of the Year and First team All-MEAC.

Smith, 6-foot-2, 280-pound fullback from Durham, N.C., was used primarily as a lead blocker.

Baseball team looking forward to tournament

By TYREE FARROW
Register Contributor

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 University 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.

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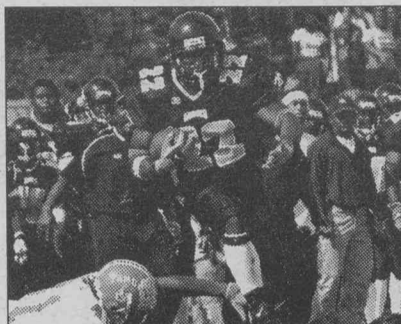
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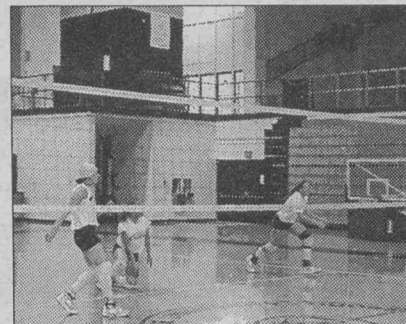
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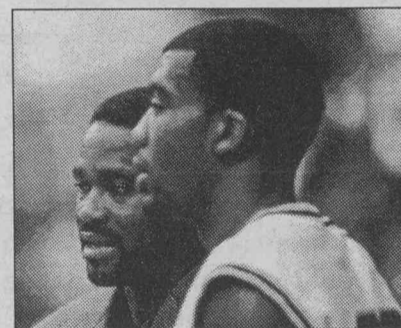
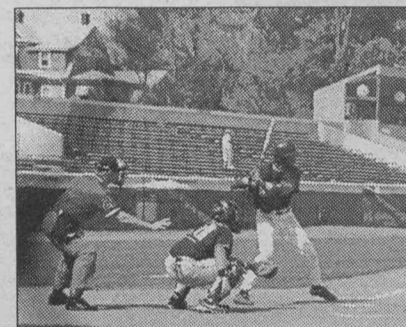
Sports Year-end Review



The 2001 football season for the Aggies began with tremendous promise. After beginning the season 7-1, the Aggies lost star tailback Maurice Hicks and then lost two of its last three games. The volleyball team set a school record as it recorded 23 wins, and Amanda Padilla was named MEAC Rookie of the Year.



The men's and women's tennis teams had an up and down season in 2002. The men finished with a 11-10 record while the women had a 7-14 record. After last season's record-setting season, the baseball team has struggled this season. The team is currently 14-37.



After a miserable 1-13 start, the men's basketball team finished the season winning 10 of its last 14 games. However, they were bounced in the first round of the MEAC tournament by S.C. State, 63-61. The women's basketball team began the season 0-15 and then fired head coach Karen Hall. The ladies finished 4-24.



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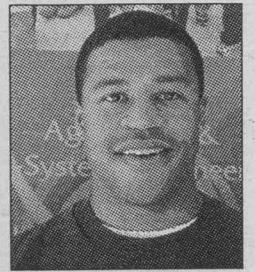


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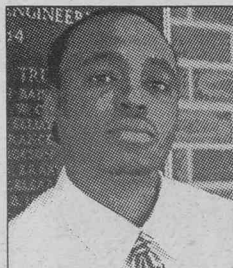
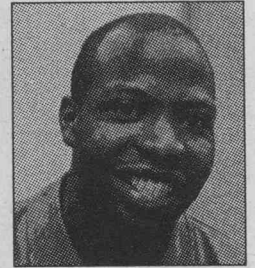


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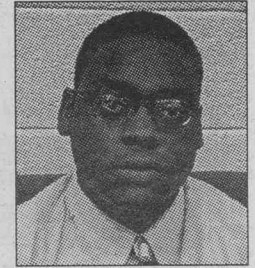


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-Jeffrey Coa
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-William Dudley
professional history



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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.

At a recent social gathering at Ruby Tuesday's the students not only got along with one another, but they laughed and talked for hours before they finally decided to leave the restaurant that evening. Even their meetings turned out to be productive and exhibited a lot of potential.

FAM is not nearly as large as its counterparts, however the young architectural engineering major replied, "We're small now, people just aren't aware of us yet. It'll grow, though."

Stokes didn't know how right he was. Membership may not have increased yet, but FAM's credibility has. With the group's latest project (campus cleanup) many organizations are more than willing to take part.

By Jessica De Vault
Register Contributor

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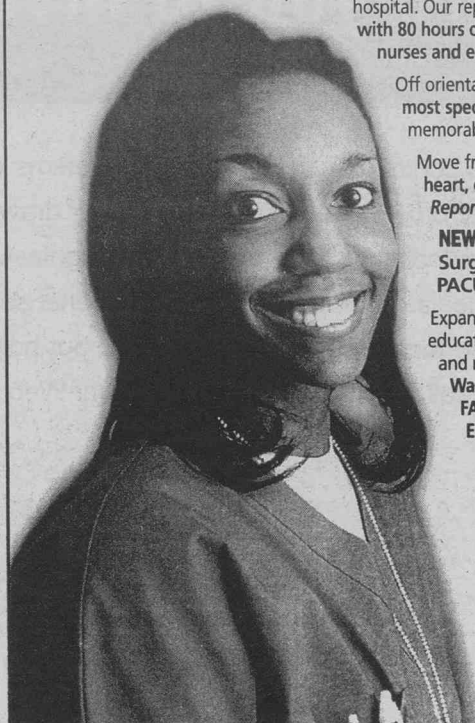
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Residents strengthen economy

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

Many Greensboro residents and businesses are optimistic about the country's economic future.

It is definite that the effects of Sept. 11 continue to haunt the economy of the United States.

Though experts say we are climbing out of a recession and are on our way to a heightened recovery, employment rates remain at an all-time low.

Figures from the U.S. Labor Department show that the number of people making new employment claims grew to a seasonally adjusted 460,000 in the week ending March 30.

However, a spokesman for the department says that layoffs in the aftermath of the terror attacks inflated those figures and they will remain distorted for a few weeks to come.

As for Greensboro, employment rates remain at somewhat of a standstill with few new hires and many layoffs.

City officials say Greensboro may be forced to raise property taxes this summer, due to a series of economic blows.

So what does this mean for the city's residents?

Aside from a slowly recovering economy, entrepreneur Jay Maxwell is in the midst of opening up a new business.

Currently Maxwell works as a barber in a local shop on Greensboro's eastside. As he cut the hair of his regular customers, he reflected on his thoughts about his profession and the economy.

"People are going to always need a haircut," said Maxwell. "As for now, I feel as though I'm in a safe profession."

Maxwell has been looking forward to opening his own business since he began his professional career as a barber 15 years ago.

His barbershop, Hairballz, is set to open in mid-May on Spring Garden Street.

"It (opening a business) has been a dream of mine since I used to cut hair as a young boy and I've been saving up for it since about '95," said Maxwell.

Maxwell hopes his central location near the city's largest universities and also residential neighborhoods will help to expand his business.

"I plan on having a very laid-back atmosphere different from many existing barbershops in the area. I will offer things that many of them don't, including a hair-ball mascot, Irvy," said Maxwell.

Maxwell is one of a strengthened majority of Greensboro residents that are optimistic about the future of the city's economy.

"At this point, according to the historical pattern since World War II, we are in the usual pattern for unemployment after coming out of a recession," said Dr. Larry Morse, associate professor of economics at N.C. A&T State University.

Though many of the city's businesses have made necessary changes, the Dana plant of Whitsett recently announced it would change the employee roster by laying off more than 25

percent of its work force.

In June the company, which currently makes axle parts for SUVs, will lay off 100 of about 370 workers.

Melvin King works for the Dana plant and is trying to keep positive thoughts as the uncertainties about his company have been revealed.

"I'm trying to stay positive about everything because I do have a family," said King.

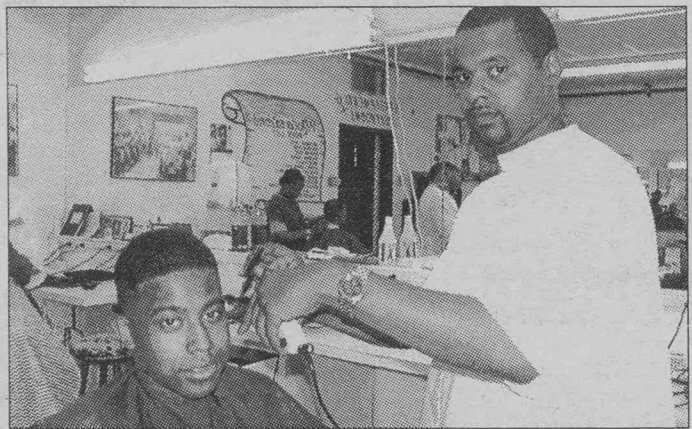
"I also want a new house so the last thing I want to think about is being laid off."

With recent talks of govern-

ment cutbacks, it may not seem like the United States is headed for better days, but in the hearts and the minds of some Greensboro residents, seeing a united community is providing them with enough reassurance.

"I know that the economy will definitely get better in time," said junior lab animal science major Sesha Jackson.

"Sept. 11 was rough on the entire nation, but it also showed that we can come together in times of need. That's important as we improve our economy," she said.



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Jay Maxwell cuts the hair of regular customer Reuben Brooks as he talks business.

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'A&T Cribs'

"The Presidential Suite"

BY JESSICA DE VAULT
Register Contributor

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 paraded 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!

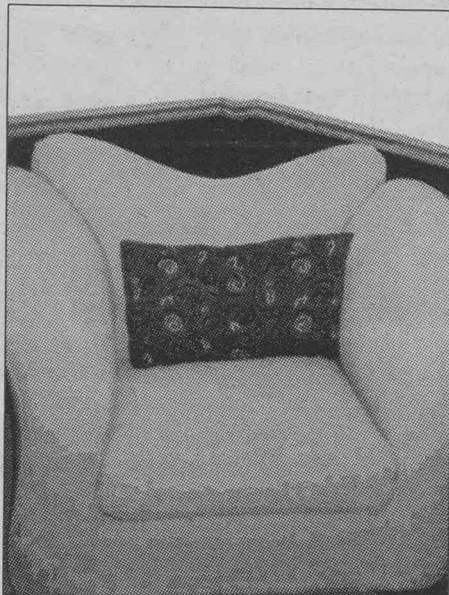
Gold curtains with blue trim also cost an estimated \$5,000, Drumwright said. He pointed out that money for the brand-new suite did not come from the SGA, but from an allocated fund for the presidential living quarters.

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 rested



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This loveseat is part of Drumwright's living room combination.

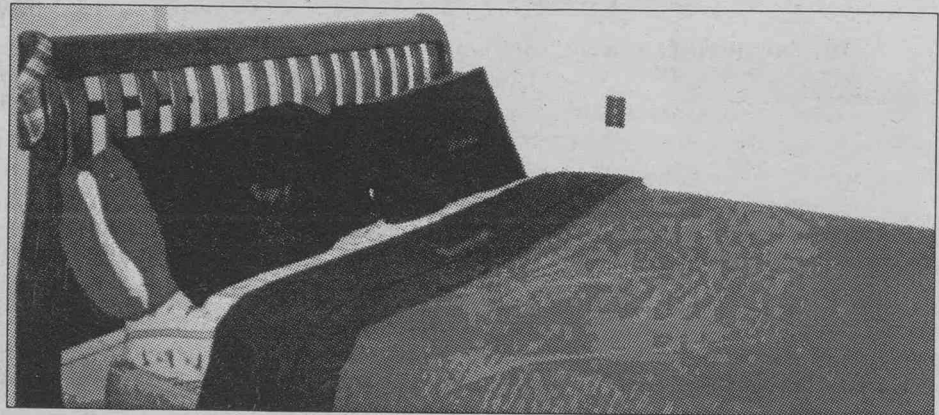
on a full/queen size sleigh bed and his closet walls displayed shopping bags from his favorite merchants such as Banana Republic and Tommy Hilfiger to give the room a personal touch.

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.

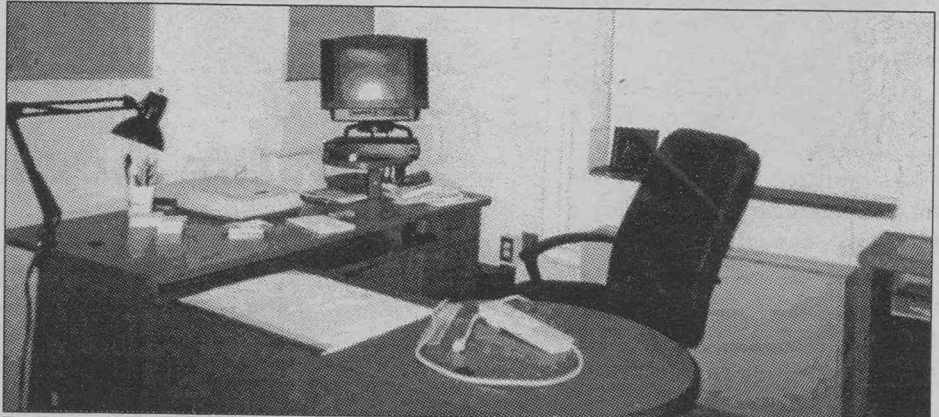
The tour doesn't stop here, however. The president allowed a sneak peek into his private office at Vanstory Hall.

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



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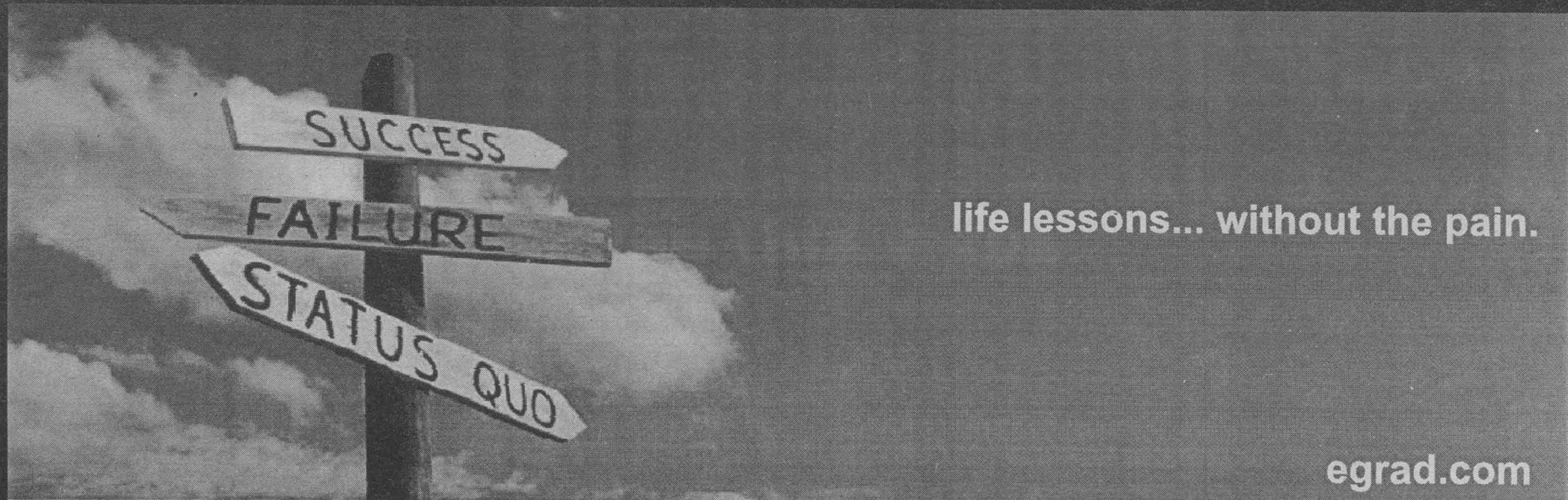
The top photo is a picture of Drumwright's bed. He likes Tommy Hilfiger products. Below is a picture of Drumwright's office.



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