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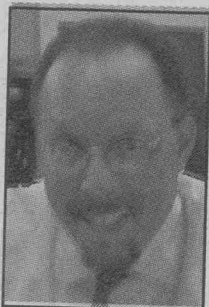
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Q & A



Chancellor James C. Renick shares his thoughts on A&T's future.

Q: In the Aggie Report, you were quoted as saying, "These are the best of times and the worst of times," in reference to the budget crisis. What things is the university doing to leverage budget shortfalls?

A: "Well, we're raising more private money and our graduates are supporting our alma mater at higher levels and that's really a good thing. We're going to announce a capital campaign soon that will be a major fundraising effort for the university and we've asked our people to essentially do more with less and it's amazing what our employees, faculty and staff have done. In addition to that, we're doing what we need to do politically talking to our elected officials and making the case to why it's so important to support education."

Q: Who, on campus, will be affected by any type of loss of money?

A: "We have said that we're going to keep our people first, we're going to protect the classrooms and we're going to plan our future forward as we deal with this budget. We're at the point now where we've got to get some relief."

Q: Is there an expected amount of money A&T stands to lose or at this point, is it more about being on hold?

A: "Right now it's a political decision as much as an economic decision. What you have to do is kind of think about scenarios, and we have some very skillful deans and vice chancellors who know how to plan like that."

Q: Will the budget have any effects on the progression of A&T's master plan?

A: "Well, it shouldn't. It shouldn't because the bond was voted on in 2000 by the voters of North Carolina. Therefore, they approved that and that money has been approved. So the budget shouldn't affect our master plan."

Q: What is the university doing to encourage faculty, staff and students to remain positive and optimistic about the budget concerns?

A: "We're blessed in a lot of ways and there are people who are in much worse off situations than we are. The students

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Williams Cafe goes from 'rags to riches'

By KARINA HARDY
News Reporter/Online Editor

It's finally here! Williams Cafeteria is finally complete.

Students and faculty have been waiting for this project to be complete as they patiently sat in the doublewide trailers otherwise known as "the cafe."

"The freshmen are lucky, they will never know what it was like to eat in that overcrowded trailer," said Janelle Branch, an accounting major.

Williams Cafeteria first opened its doors in 1971. Only 4,300 students were enrolled and the seating capacity was 800. As the years, passed the number of students enrolled rapidly increased, and space in the cafeteria became a growing problem. The university then began to go a step further in 2000 with plans to expand and renovate the old cafeteria into something that would last for years to come.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

New cafeteria welcomes students.

During the renovations, students and faculty had to eat in the doublewide trailer and other small trailers set up on campus.

"Space was extremely limited in those trailers. Everyone was anxious for the new cafeteria to be complete so that we could have more room," said OSHA major S.M. Brewington.

In the old cafe, there were three entree stations, a dessert bar and a fruit and salad bar, with the selection of food limited.

Students had to endure this for two years but now, the wait is over.

This project was a phase in the university's \$250 million master

plan to transform A&T's campus.

"The project to renovate the cafeteria roughly cost \$10.1

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Sept. 11 tragedy renews family ties

By TORNETHA BALDWIN
Register Contributor

We all have our versions of what happened on Sept. 11. This tragic day hit America right in its backyard, taking the confidence most Americans have in this nation's security to an all-time low.

Confidence that N.C. A&T student Corey Kingsberry is still trying to restore in his life today.

Kingsberry's uncle, Rodney Kingsberry, began Sept. 11, 2001, like any other, a soldier within the walls of the Pentagon.

And Corey began that same day as any other; surrounded by other Aggies in class at A&T.

It was around that time that Corey Kingsberry learned of the tragedy in New York from one of his professors. Moments later he would witness the turmoil of the Pentagon tragedy unfold on television.

"The first thing that ran through my mind was that my uncle worked in the Pentagon. I wondered where he was and was he OK," Corey Kingsberry said.

Like thousands of others, Kingsberry

reached for his cell phone, but couldn't get through. He then called his grandmother, who had not heard anything due to a 48-hour lockdown of the Washington, D.C., area.

"I was worried, I was scared. It was a hard dosage of reality. I was worried about my uncle's children and whether or not I would ever see him again," Corey Kingsberry said.

From then on was an agonizing period of waiting, an entire day of fearing the worst, but it would take Kingsberry and his family another 24 hours before they received the news about his uncle Rodney.

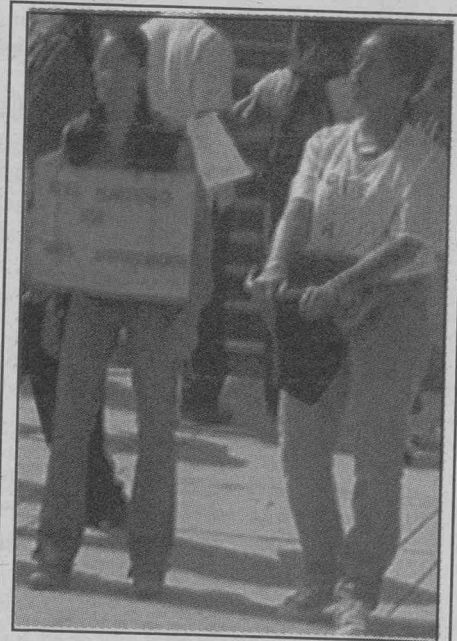
By a twist of fate, his uncle had survived.

"He didn't get hurt because he was sent away on an errand for his commanding officer, which took him away from the building just in time of the attack," Corey Kingsberry said.

"I left the building just in time before the plane hit," Rodney Kingsberry said.

The first thing he did was to praise the Lord because he was not in the building

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Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Students creatively campaign at SGA elections.

By KARINA HARDY
News Reporter/Online Editor

The Student Government Association had its first full body meeting Sept. 4 to discuss their plans for the fall semester.

The SGA also announced students who were elected into office earlier that day. The group also discussed plans for Homecoming 2002, a lecture.

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IN BRIEF

A&T focuses on environment, Sept. 9-10

N.C. A&T Waste Management Institute is co-sponsoring a National Conference on Environmental Science and Technology, Sept. 8-10 at Grandover Resort and Conference Center in Greensboro.

The conference is a forum for the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Science Foundation and other federal agencies, industrial technology users and colleges/universities to address pollution prevention needs, solutions and research. The goal of the conference is to foster relationships that could result in partnerships needed to protect the environment and improve the quality of life.

For details about the conference, visit the website at www.ncat.edu/~wmi/conference/conf.html, or email inquires to uzo@ncat.edu.

Try peanut-fish nuggets?

Kendra Mathews, a graduate student in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, earned a runner-up certificate of merit in the 2002 Institute of Food Technologist Product Development Graduate Paper Competition.

The Institute of Food Technologists' Annual Meeting, held in Anaheim, Calif., attracted nearly 20,000 people from universities, agencies and companies throughout the country. More than 1,500 papers were presented during the meeting.

Mathews' paper, "Development and Sensory Acceptability of Peanut-based Fish Nuggets," earned her a position among five finalists in the competition.

Improving tutoring

An improved computerized tutoring system for algebra is the goal of a new project.

A&T researchers will study the dialogue between tutors and students to create precise descriptions upon which a computerized tutoring system could be based. They will then create a test version of a tutoring system to verify that these descriptions can be incorporated into computer software.

"The dialogue mode of tutoring has been proven to be very effective, but successful computer simulations of one-on-one language-based tutoring are rare and difficult to construct," said Dr. Jung Hee Kim.

"The ability to imitate human tutoring dialogue is currently the subject of intense research at some of the leading artificial intelligence labs," he added.

USAF funds project

Researchers at N.C. A&T have begun a new project to improve the performance and commercial viability of a revolutionary semiconductor.

Led by Dr. Shanthi Iyer, Department of Electrical Engineering, A&T researchers are developing a novel structure for giant magnetostriptive semiconductors. Applications for such devices include electronics, medical instruments, and automobile oil-injection pumps.

Magnetostriiction occurs when materials change shape in a magnetic field.

Iyer's project was funded with \$233,000 through a larger project led by the U.S. Air Force through UNC-Charlotte.

Housing shortages stir emotions on campus

By TIFFANY JONES
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T is growing rapidly and so is its population.

This fall, a record 2,046 freshmen were enrolled. Interim Director of Admissions, Mary Mims-Correll, attributes this rise in enrollment to the increase in high school graduates, more people applying to the university, the economic status of the state and A&T's ability to accept more out-of-state students.

This is great news for all of the people involved, except the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

A&T is one of many schools that offer housing for all freshmen that seek it, but this year, this guarantee has caused a few problems.

Due to the large enrollment of freshmen and transfer students, a small portion is being housed at the Travelodge

on Meadowview Road.

"There are always more freshmen than there is housing," said Mims-Correll. "We have a large population of students who commute and a lot of them are freshmen."

The students temporarily housed at the Travelodge either didn't go through the housing process or were admitted past the deadline.

A lot of the students are being housed in the dormitories on campus, the Aggie Suites and at Riverwalk Apartments on Sullivan Street.

"The vast majority of all freshmen live on campus," said Dr. James C. Renick.

Some of the parents of the students were more understanding than others.

Chaka Austin is a freshman who spent four days at the Travelodge but is now living in Vanstory.

"My mom was upset. She didn't want me living that far off campus," Austin said.

On the contrary, Aja Graham's parents were okay about the whole situation.

"My parents did not think it was the best place for me to be, but they knew that it was only temporary," she said.

Director of the Office of Housing and Residence Life, Dr. Carmen Tillery, doesn't cite the closing of Cooper Hall in the lack of housing for the freshmen.

Tillery explained that the large amount of incoming students caught the office "off guard," but all of the renovations are on schedule.

Renovations were needed for Cooper Hall, which once housed 400 students.

"The types of renovations needed in the dorms can't be done in the summer months," Renick said.

"So the dorms have to be shut down for the entire year and students still have to be accommodated."

At press time, about 40 students remained at Travelodge.

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at the time of the accident, Rodney Kingsberry said.

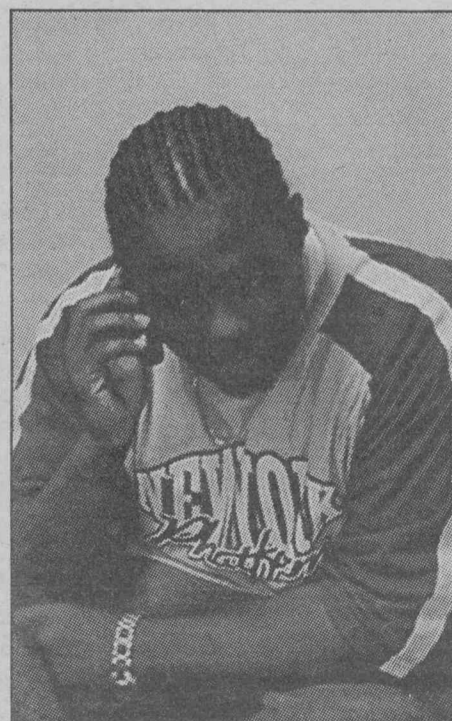
"After experiencing something like this I never forget to tell someone close to me that I love them, because you never know what could happen," Rodney Kingsberry said.

For Corey Kingsberry, the experience has made him stronger and now, he never takes anything for granted especially family.

Kingsberry is serving his last two years in the Army before he retiring.

For the families who lost loved ones in the attacks, Corey Kingsberry says they didn't die in vain.

"Even though their lives ended so tragically they will not be forgotten and they will always have a place in this great nation's heart," he said.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Corey Kingsberry's uncle, Rodney, was in Washington, D.C. Sept. 11, 2001, and was scheduled to be at work at the time of the crash at the Pentagon. For Corey and his family, that day changed their lives forever. "I was worried, I was scared," Corey Kingsberry said.

Career Awareness Fair set for Sept. 11

Organizers optimistic for this year's fair

By KARINA HARDY
News Reporter/Online Editor

With the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11 approaching, it would seem that the turnout of prospective students might be reduced.

However, this is not the first time the career fair has had to endure such a challenge.

Last year the career fair was held on Sept. 12 one day after the tragedies in New York and Washington, D.C.

Out of the 210 high profile companies scheduled to show up, more than 20 percent weren't present for the fair.

The loss of recruiters from the visiting companies left organizers of this event wondering if the turnout would be as high for prospective A&T students.

After the events of Sept. 11, many students thought the event would be cancelled or postponed.

Executive Director of Career Services Joyce Edwards put out an announcement on A&T's radio station WNAA and sent out e-mails to alert students that the career fair would take place on its original date.

But company representatives who left due to the tragedies did not go without recognition.

"We still wanted the absent companies' to be represented, so we put out tables with the companies name on it along with folders for students to place copies of their resumes to send to the companies," Edwards said.

Recruiters at the fair remained optimistic and worked hard to make the career fair a success.

This year approximately 180 companies, mostly Fortune 500 companies, and over 400 representatives from all over the country are expected to participate in the career fair. It also features one of the largest job fairs in the country.

"This is one of the largest career awareness fairs sponsored by a university," Edwards said.

"The purpose of the event is to expose A&T and other students to the career opportunities available in their chosen field of study as well as provide insight into the job market."

"Students are encouraged to start their career search by attending this event, asking questions, and following up on leads through this networking activity," she said.

Activities will include an address by Chancellor James C. Renick and a panel discussion by A&T students and deans. Alumna Faye L. Mitchell Moore will speak at the Career Awareness Program Banquet at the Sheraton Four Seasons - Joseph S. Koury Convention Center.

Moore is the first African American and the first woman general manager of SEPTA, the fifth largest transit authority in the country. She joined the company in 1995, as the first minority treasurer in the authority's history.

General Motors, General Electric and AT&T are a few companies that will be represented.

But why hold the career fair on Sept. 11?

As it turns out, each school has its own particular day to have a career fair, so changing the date would cause problems, Edwards said.

"We tried to arrange another date for the fair to take place, but if the date were changed it would affect the schedule of hundreds of other schools," Edwards said.

The 28th Annual Career Awareness fair, sponsored by the Office of Career Services, will be held Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 9am to 4pm in Corbett Sports Center.

Representatives of business, industry and government will be on hand to talk with you about career options and the employment outlook for 2002-2003.

For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at (336) 334-7755 or visit www.careerserv.ncat.edu.

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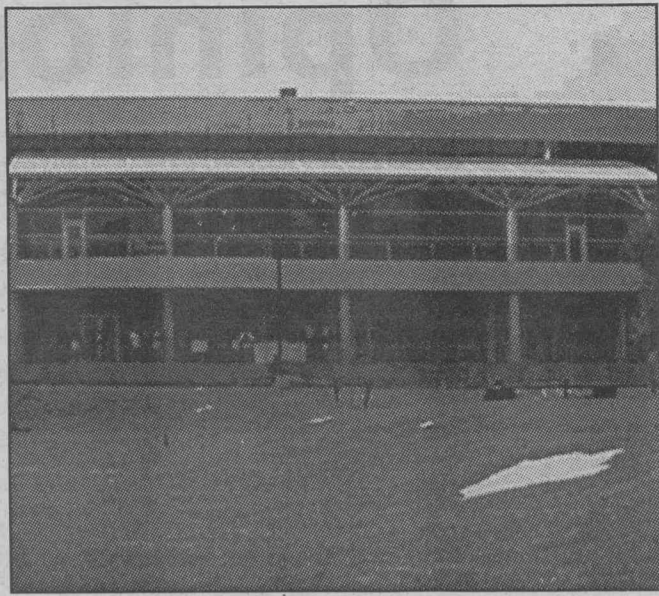
million," said University Engineer Andrew Perkins, who managed the project.

One large financial source for the project was the Michael K. Hooker Higher Education Facilities Act, which gave the university \$153.8 million to improve A&T's campus.

Williams Cafeteria now has a balcony overlooking the Holland Bowl, data connection for Internet access, restrooms on every level, a 30 percent increase in building space to extend the seating to 1,000, an audio/video system, wireless networking capacities and a new heating/air conditioning system.

Renovations of the lower level included a new food court featuring a Pizza Hut, a Krispy Kreme and an Aggie Gift Shop, which sells Greek paraphernalia, along with a chancellor's dining area and special reception area.

Another essential improvement for the new cafeteria was the better food choices and the new dining area on the



Photos by Sharonda Eggleton/Register staff

The newly renovated Williams Cafeteria (r.) can now seat 1,000 students and offers a wider variety of foods for students to choose from. The 2001 photo (l.) shows the demolition process before the renovations began.

upper level. On the upper level is an American grill, a stir fry station, a deli and a soup, pasta, potato and dessert bar with a bakery, and a "thirst base" with a

full selection of beverages. The Aggie fruit and salad bars feature over 20 items for students to choose from.

"This cafeteria exceeded my expecta-

tions," said mathematics major Connie Sidberry. "We have truly gone from rags to riches with this cafeteria."

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are going to college, faculty and staff are employed and involved in a very noble enterprise, which we think is educating the next generation of leaders. That's really important. I think the motivation comes in when you start really thinking about the importance of what we're all doing here together."

Q: Why is there so much confusion surrounding housing accommodations?

A: "I think more people want more housing. It's more complex than that because we're providing housing and renovating housing at the same time. So

that's how it gets complicated."

Q: Have any resolution attempts been made by the university to ease tensions and bring students at places such as Travelodge back on campus?

A: "That's been happening with regularity. Travelodge was a way to deal with the expanded need for housing... A lot of people in the later dates were told you're admitted but housing...we don't have it."

Q: Has there been any progress made with increasing cooperation with other colleges?

A: "Well, you know we have this consortium arrangement. We have cooperative degree programs, and we've got research going on with universities

around the state and actually around the country. We're working with Bennett to be helpful to them."

Q: Has any progress been made at the farm or has it slowed due to the budget?

A: "Well, we've made some progress out there, and we've got some additional research going on."

Q: What effect has the economic slowdown had on support given by the A&T Foundation?

A: "It's making our job tougher but our giving is going in the positive direction. The corporate giving is such an important part of the overall gift structure at A&T. It's really important. I'm optimistic...I think we've got a good case for supporting A&T. We've got to talk

to currently enrolled students more about giving back."

Q: What things are you hoping to bring to A&T in 2002 or what are some things you would like to see accomplished on campus in 2002?

A: "I have so many of them. I want to continue to work on insuring that N.C. A&T is the most conducive place for all of us to learn. That means whether it's facilities, whether it's the people we hire, whether it's research opportunities, whether it's travel abroad, whether it's the library staying open 24 hours, whether it's Chick-Fil-A or pizza hut or whatever. The learning part is why we're all here together."

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ture series, coronation, safety lectures, school budget and concerns of student concerns.

SGA President Nashett Garrett, expressed her goals of political awareness, community awareness, re-enhancing Aggie Pride, building a legacy and empowering Aggie leaders.

"This meeting is geared around getting alerting students of what is going on for this semester," Garrett said.

The meeting got more lively when Brian Holder, external affairs director, made announcements of Homecoming events.

Events will take place from Oct. 6 to Oct. 13 with events such as block parties, a comedy show, a basketball tournament, a fashion show, a step show, a hip-hop concert and a gospel concert.

As it was last year, the step show will be held at the Greensboro Coliseum, however those on campus without a car won't be left out.

Holder says he will try do his best to provide busses to ship students to and from the step show.

Paulette Foster, internal affairs director, announced a lecture series open to all students beginning at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 lead by Dr. Ashwar Kwesi in the Student Union ballroom.

Towards the end of the meeting, students were allowed to voice their concerns, with the biggest concern being parking.

The parking dilemma has forced the university to create new parking facilities. A new parking lot will be placed between Murphy Hall and Williams Cafeteria, which is scheduled to be completed by Homecoming.

Election results were also announced at the meeting. The results are:

SGA Secretary Jessica M. Alacorn
Judiciary Council Tiffany C. Smith
Freshman Class President Rondah E. Nelson

Freshman Class Vice President Willie White

Freshman Class Secretary Jessica D. Robinson

Freshman Class Treasurer Shariva D. Hope

Miss Freshman Christina J. Rogers

Sophomore Class Secretary Erika N. Atkins

Sophomore Class Treasurer Michelle Watkins

Miss Sophomore Myna L. Watford

Junior Class Treasurer Briannica Daye

Senior Class Vice President Andrea Thweatt

Senior Class Secretary Ra'Leisha Groves

The next SGA meeting will be 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in the Student Union ballroom.

All students are invited to come out and voice their concerns and learn of the things the SGA is doing on and around campus.

"More students should show up for the meetings and events the SGA has. They do these things for the students to come out and participate in the events they have," said Leigh Brancholf, an Aggie who attended the meeting.

Board of Trustees meetings set

The Board of Trustees of N.C. A&T will have its first regular meeting of the 2002-2003 academic year on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room in the Dowdy Administration Building.

The remaining dates of the regularly scheduled meeting are:

*Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002

*Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003

*Wednesday, April 16, 2003

All meetings will be held at 2 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Room in the Dowdy Administration Building.

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Out with the old, in with the new

Once again, fall semester is here and it's out with the old and in with the new.

For those who worked hard this summer, there's no real transition. Only the reality that, despite what the ol' folks say, life actually IS all work and no play.

After a 12-week internship and having to pack up and head to school with no vacation, I can hardly see any room for play.

For those, however, that took it easy this summer, riding the easy waves and trading in work hours for couch socials, it's time to wake up and get back into the swing of things.

You don't have to tell me, it's easier said than done. Trust me, I know.

Bringing *The Register* back from a cold summer isn't as easy as it may appear to be either, but I can say I have a welcoming and refreshed staff to help start the year off right.

It's true, *The Register* is under new management, but don't expect anything to change. We still plan on keeping N.C. A&T abreast about what's going on at



Tarah Holland

all times on campus. And we plan to do so with dedicated writers focused on reporting the truth, reporting it with the quality of any professional newspaper and we will remain focused on you, the students.

You are our readers and we plan on being an outlet for you.

If you have issues you want to see talked about, come to us. If there is something we should be aware of, come tell us. We are your student publication. We rely on your input.

I encourage all of our readers to respond to us this year. Please let us know the things that you like seeing in the paper and the things that you feel could be done without. We want to know what you want to spend your time reading and what issues on campus needs our attention.

To my staff at *The Register*, it's time to start this year off fresh and ready to take on all aspects of Aggie news. From Aggie football games to Richard B. Harrison performances. From administrative decisions to city and state issues that affect our daily lives as college students.

Our goal is to be a quality college publication for A&T's campus and for our Greensboro community.

To all Aggies, enjoy your first issue of *The Register* and know that there are many more to come all year long.

In brief...

Like many other North Carolina institutions of higher education, N.C. A&T has been riveted by state budget shortfalls.

But through all the turmoil with many programs hanging in the wind waiting to receive their yearly budgets, A&T has managed to keep all members of their faculty and staff employed.

That is something that not all institutions or businesses can boast.

In the midst of an all-time high enrollment rate, the administration saw fit to assist students who had missed the deadline for housing applications or who decided at the last minute to try to obtain housing.

These examples are only a portion of the positive things that our administration at A&T has done recently to aid in our well-being.

As students, we should salute and be proud of our administration. Without them, many would be left not knowing what to do next or how to make the best out of a troubled situation.

Most of the time we point the finger and only think of ourselves when things don't go our way or if things sound a bit out of the ordinary. We should stop and think about those who we can and do turn to for help and begin saying thank you more often.

Guest Commentary

Finding comfort away from home

BY JESSICA DEVAULT

Fellow Aggies, the time has come again for a new school year. Now we meet new roommates, stand in line (for what seems like forever) hoping for a refund check, and move into our new rooms. But what happened to the freshmen who are staying at the Travelodge?

An estimated 40 students are residing at the hotel on Meadowview Road. At the beginning of the school year these students were told the worst case scenario, they would be calling the hotel "home" until Homecoming or the end of the semester.

Surely, these students couldn't complain because many of them had applied for housing past the deadline, June 15th. And the fact that one could find a place to stay on campus had to be a miracle by itself!

Dr. Carmen Tillery, the Housing and Residence Life director, had metaphorically broken her neck to house these students. Many of us thought she'd create room on the campus where there was no room, but she did a little more.

When I asked where these 40 students would be staying, she quickly informed me that they would be housed in the Aggie Suites, and to my surprise, River Walk Apartments! Yes, you read correctly. My mouth was agape as well.

I asked her, "How much extra will the students be paying?" To add to my initial state of shock I found out that these students would be paying the basic rates as if they were staying in a double room on campus! Do I dare attempt to do the math? For a student to stay at Aggie Suites it would cost \$621 extra each semester. I won't even attempt to make out the difference if a student were to

stay at River Walk Apartments instead.

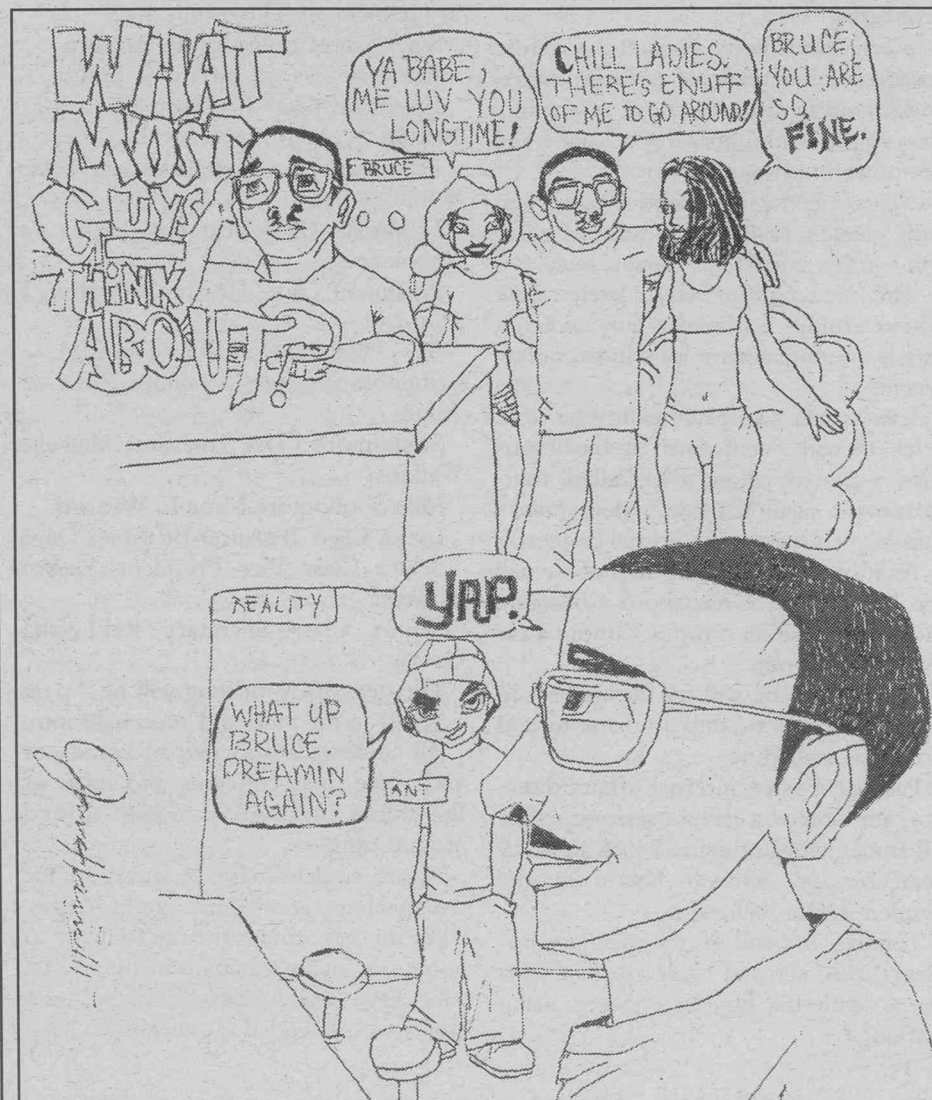
The school is actually paying the difference! Apparently Dr. Tillery saw the look of disbelief on my face as I tried to write down all this information.

I thought, "Why would the school go to this extent to house students who, technically speaking, weren't guaranteed housing?"

Dr. Tillery may also be a mind reader because she quickly added, "We are working hard to meet the students' needs."

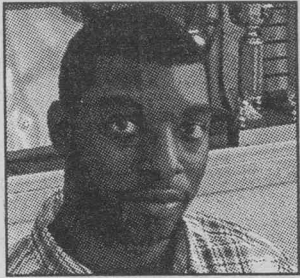
Now that gives things a different perspective. A&T has been so willing to make housing available to every student in need that the university was also willing to pay nice sums of money to supplement the difference. I felt reassured by this.

So how will the student body take this? It does seem rather unfair, but look at the lengths our housing department went for the sake of helping every student. Look at the cost the department is taking on, so that all students may have housing. Sure, not all of those students in Travelodge were late with their paperwork, but while the average college would just turn away the students when there was no room in the inn, our school extends its arms to accommodate everyone! I remember speaking with my friend the other day, who just happens to attend a predominantly Caucasian school. She told me that she might not receive housing. The fact is, if you are not a freshman, housing IS NOT guaranteed at most colleges. But at A&T if you need a place to stay they'll find you one. Now, if that doesn't give you Aggie Pride I don't know what will!



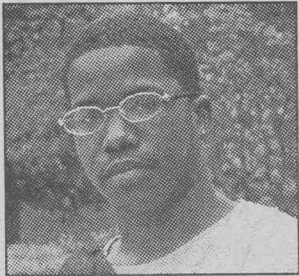
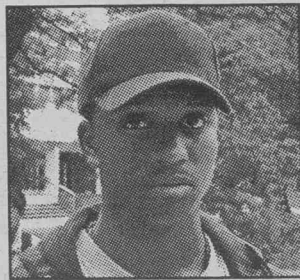
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How do you feel about the state's budget crisis and its affect on the uni-versity?



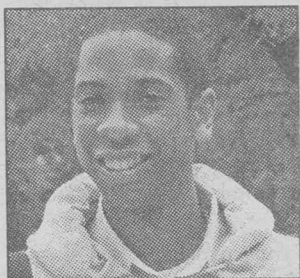
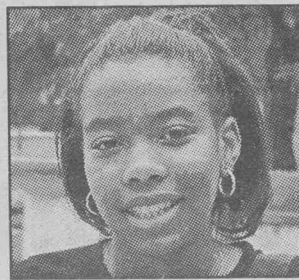
Antonio Ray - graduate student, computer science - "As a member of a Greek organization, I think more programs will have to be developed due to a lack of funds. It puts added pressure on outside organizations and threatens already exiting programs of being taken away."

Jordan Barber - freshman, mechanical engineering - "It makes me have to pay more money, and I think people will be persuaded not to attend A&T in the future."



Akil Lile - junior, electrical engineering - "Because of the economy and the fact that tuition is going to always increase we have to deal with it."

Kristal Brown - junior, biology - "A lot things still have to be done here at A&T and cutting funds slows down the process, and jacks up the prices for students: prime example, parking stickers."



Jasmine McInnis - junior, English - "I think that the budget has affected us greatly because of the lack of teachers considering the fact that the departments need new people to help out students that are trying to graduate."

Letters to the Editor Smart growth can help protect water supply

A report released Aug. 28 finds that North Carolina's development patterns worsen drought conditions and threaten the future availability of water for the state's citizens. For example, Charlotte and Raleigh are among the country's top ten fastest-growing communities. Between 1982 and 1997, these metropolitan regions have added 74 and 95 percent to their land areas, respectively, and this sprawling growth is more than double the rate of their population growth. The report, "Paving our Way to Water Shortages - How Sprawl Aggravates Drought," by American Rivers, Natural Resources Defense Council and Smart Growth America reveals that such development, which consumes open space and increases impervious surface, causes our state's aquifers to lose billions of gallons of water each year. Even in absence of a drought, we clearly must consider our expected future population growth and look seriously into our development patterns and long-term protection and enhancement of the region's water supplies.

Open space, or undeveloped land is valuable not just for recreation and wildlife, but also because of its natural filtering function. Wetlands, for example, act like sponges, absorbing precipitation and runoff and slowly releasing it into the ground. As our communities consume more and more land per household, we experience a significant loss of these valuable natural resources. As the impervious surfaces that characterize sprawling development—roads, parking lots, driveways, turf—replace meadows, forests and wetlands, rainwater can no longer seep into the ground to replenish our aquifers. Instead, it is channeled into streams and rivers through storm drains.

In the Aug. 29th New York Times article, "Development and a Drought Cut Carolinas' Water Supply," it was reported that the drought is affecting about one third of the nation, but the impact may be greatest here in the Carolinas. We may not be able to do much about the weather in the short term, but by using our land resources more wisely, we can help protect our

water supplies for the long term by applying smart growth principles to development.

What we can do:

- Focus new development where there are existing impervious surfaces (roads, rooftops, turf) or other infrastructure (water and sewer) and services (jobs, schools, police, EMS, etc.). This entails revitalizing downtowns and brownfield sites and allowing for/encouraging compact, mixed-use development where people of various incomes can live, work, and play without heavy reliance on the automobile.

- Maintain and enhance aging infrastructure systems before building new ones.

- Provide more transportation options, which entails more housing units per acre than what we currently have. Only then can multiple modes of transportation – walking, biking, bus and rail systems – work effectively.

- Permanently protect open space, especially wetlands, forests and critical aquatic areas.

- Engage in regional planning efforts, which are necessary to grasp the larger picture and encourage collaboration among municipalities.

- Implement best management practices for stormwater management, which will allow for more natural filtering of rainwater through the ground.

These broad action ideas, typical of smart growth principles, do not entail curbing development and leave it to individual communities to determine implementation strategies. Governmental regulations alone will not solve the problem. Incentives, public-private partnerships, regional cooperation, and community-driven planning should all play a role in guiding growth and protecting our water supplies.

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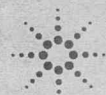
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Jenkins storms radio waves as the 'Skinny Man Scoop'

By **TRINA LOGAN**
 Entertainment Reporter

To some he's becoming a household name. For many he's their favorite DJ. But for the man himself, he's simply Terrance Jenkins.

A junior at N.C. A&T, Jenkins, also known as "Terrance J" or "Skinny Man Scoop" is a Mass Communications major with a concentration in public relations.

Jenkins hosts a hip-hop show on local radio station, 102 JAMZ and was voted "Announcer of the Year" last year by WNAA 90.1 radio station.

this past summer, Jenkins took his talents to NASCAR, where he was an intern.

"I solely handled talent relations," Jenkins said. "If we wanted to have an artist sing the national anthem on one of our races or have a celebrity appear, I would assist in getting that taken care of."

Some celebrity appearances Jenkins was directly involved with included getting pop recording artist Jessica Simpson, actor Antonio Banderas and actress Gloria Reuben from the television series "ER" to attend some NASCAR races.

"I got a chance to go to Los Angeles, and work with the most incredible staff on the planet. I was able to work with the vice president of Motown Records, actor Vin Diesel and Jeff Gordon, one

of NASCAR's top racers," Jenkins said. In high school, he worked at Foot Locker, Foot Action and a clothing store until a local DJ noticed his work habits from shopping at various stores.

you're working hard, people take notice. Jenkins knew at a young age what kind of career he wanted to gain.

"I am a skinny kid from New York City, who has been in the Carolinas for

get where I need to be ... I always knew that I wanted to do something with radio and television," he said.

Jenkins has discovered many obstacles while working toward a career in communications.

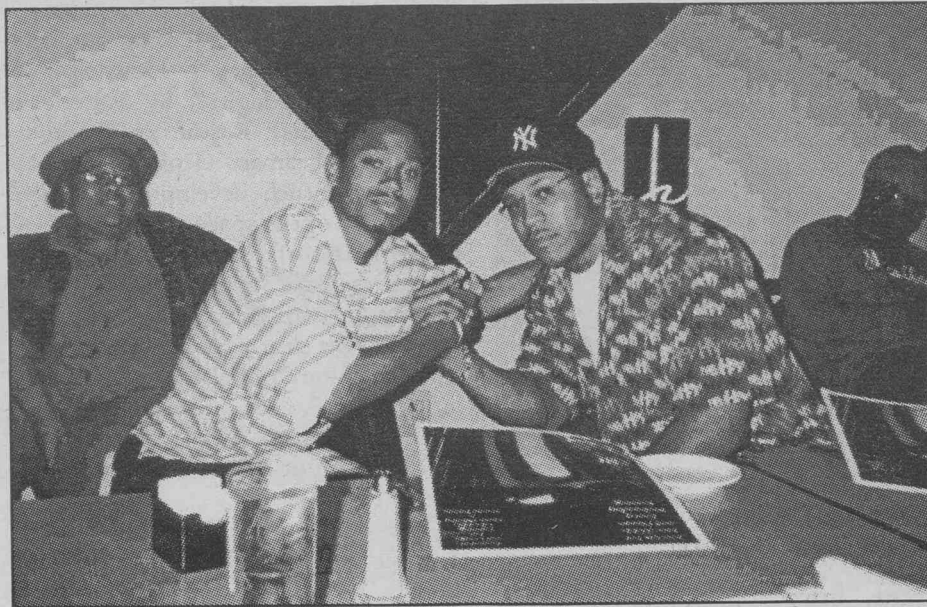
"I messed up by stuttering at a show that I was hosting in Atlanta and basically got booed out of the arena. It hurt me, but I have hosted a lot of shows since then," Jenkins said. "I have hosted A&T's homecoming step show, interviewed Usher, L.L. Cool J and hosted a concert with Carl Thomas.

"Don't be afraid to try new things and keep opening up new doors. Make sure you do internships ... Don't get involved with the partying as much now...when you're older, you can have your fun, buy your nice cars, go to the bar and spend the money that you want to spend," Jenkins said.

He advised students to get along with others "because these are going to be the same people that you are going to be working with ... in years to come."

For Jenkins, persistence is the key to success.

"When I wanted to worked for 102 they were fully staffed. I brought them my air check and resume but I didn't get any phone calls. My mentor, Cherie Lofton, helped me and before you know it 102 Jamz was calling me in my dorm room," Jenkins said. "Keep your options open and stay focused."



Submitted photo

Terrance Jenkins (l.) and L.L. Cool J. (r.) meet in Cafe Pasta in Greensboro, where Jenkins interviewed the rap star.

He was offered a radio internship in high school which helped him gain skills needed to work at WNAA's 90.1 at A&T.

"You might be flipping burgers right now, but stay focused," he said. "If

about nine years now. I got kicked off the junior varsity basketball team when I was in high school. Ever since then, I knew physical things wouldn't be my life," he said.

"I had to focus on using my mouth to

Local film director has success with first film

A REVIEW BY **ALEXANDRA GRAY**
 Register Contributor

"The Fuzz and the Jive" is a movie filmed in Greensboro and directed by local filmmaker Terrence Steele Jr.

The movie premiered Aug. 20 at the Carousel Theatre on Battleground Avenue. Local actors starring in the film include Troy Whitehurst, Lauren Beck and Michael Williams. The movie also includes scenes shot on A&T's campus.

"The Fuzz and The Jive" is a flashback to the '70s that gives tribute to movies like "Shaft" and adds a twist of "Undercover Brother."

This independent film by local director, Terrence Steele Jr. is set in 1975. It depicts the murder of the daughter of a the town's white mayor.

Three African American students are named suspects while a young African American detective attempts to piece it all together.

The story is set in a city much like Greensboro, with students from schools similar to A&T and UNCG.

The film opens with the discovery of a body turning out to be the mayor's daughter.

The mayor then orders the only black

detective on the police squad to pin the murder on someone by the afternoon of the same day.

Throughout the movie Steele shows the events that occurred through the eyes of the three suspects, which gives the film dimension.

It's not only a murder-mystery but also contains humor.

Steele also collaborates with other local talent by including a music video by local artist, Othaz, called "September 12th," in remembrance of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

What's up in the Triad?

There will be a Candlelight Vigil at 9 p.m., Sept. 11 at Greensboro College on W. Market St. The Vigil will begin at "The Rock" at the rear of campus and move to the fountain on the front lawn. For more information call 272-7102.

Muslim Perspective on a National Tragedy will be from 2-4:30 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Islamic Center of Greensboro on 16th St. It will include discussions about Islamic beliefs on the issue at hand and the positive role Muslims play in American society in coping with the horrific nature of the events of Sept. 11. For more informaton call 996-0955.

The Central Carolina Fair will begin Sept. 13 from 5-11 p.m. in the parking lot at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex on W. Lee St. General admission is \$5 and ride prices vary.

The Barber Park Concert Series will begin Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Barber Park on Dans Rd. between E. Lee and E. Florida Streets. There will be Gospel music performed by Bethel AME Church Gospel Choir.

Ice Cream and Music Festival noon to 6:30 p.m., Sept. 15 at Guilford College on Friendly Ave. and Guilford College Rd. It will feature ice cream, live

entertainment, amusements, games and refreshments.

African Dance and Drumming Class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 14 at the Greensboro Cultural Center on N. Davie St. It is a presentation by the Community Theatre of Greensboro. For more information call 379-7470.

"Lord I'm Coming Home" will show from 4-6 p.m. and from 8-10 p.m., Sept. 15 at the Carolina Theatre on S. Green St. Gospel music will feature Melvin Williams of the Melvin Williams Brothers. Group rates are available. For more information call 333-2605.



The Richard B. Harrison Players season opens Sept. 26 with "The Glass Menagerie." Performances will be 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 30, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29.

The Langston Hughes classic, "Black Nativity," return with evening performances Nov. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and Dec. 1 and 2. Matinee performances are set for Nov. 23, 24, 30 and Dec. 1.

The season resumes in 2003 with "Tokoloshe." Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20, 21, 22 and 24, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The Robeson Poetry Slam, a Stage II late night special, will light up the 372-seat Robeson Theater with an open mic on March 27, 28 and 29 at 10 each evening.

The final performance for the season will be "Steppin: Percussion, Rhythm & Soul Review." April 24, 25, 26 and 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m.

For information on the \$15 student subscription information, contact Yolanda Stone, 226 Crosby Hall, at 334-7519.

McQueen makes gospel debut

BY TRINA LOGAN
Entertainment Reporter

Not many college students can add a record deal to their resumes. Junior theater major Stephen McQueen is a rare exception.

McQueen is one of the latest local artist to add his own urban flair to gospel music.

While working at Four Seasons mall, McQueen met a local producer interested in helping him record an album.

With no music, McQueen sang in the

"You don't have to always wear a suit and tie to be Christian.... there is not a certain sound or beat to be considered Christian."

Stephen McQueen

mall parking lot to prove his vocal talent.

"The producer liked me on the spot and we went from there," McQueen said.

McQueen released his debut single entitled "Chosen" at a release party in Harrison Auditorium last Friday.

The audience had the chance to buy copies of his CD in Harrison, and is available at Willie's record store on Summit Avenue.

McQueen's goals of being signed to a major label and performing with gospel

star Bobby Jones has him focusing hard on music - which he says is well worth the effort.

McQueen's debut album also is entitled "Chosen." His local choir, The Voices of Victory, appears on the CD's title track.

"Being a bishop's son, and being in the church my whole life, I have always heard the scripture in the Bible, 'many are called but few are chosen,'" he said.

"God's Love" is another track off McQueen's CD which he says shows the grace and mercy that God has demonstrated in his life.

"This song is saying no matter what's going on, you'll have God's love because it's unconditional," McQueen said.

McQueen reflected on how time-consuming recording an album really was, but contends that he will never abandon his quest for college success.

"I wrote the song a month ago, and I was in a practice for about 10 hours trying to get the chorus together and spent about 12 hours in the studio. It was a very strenuous process," McQueen said.

"I have to balance out my classes... and then try to go to the studio. I try to balance everything, stay patient and keep a level head," he said.

Another goal for McQueen is to appeal to different audiences.

"I want the audience to realize that we

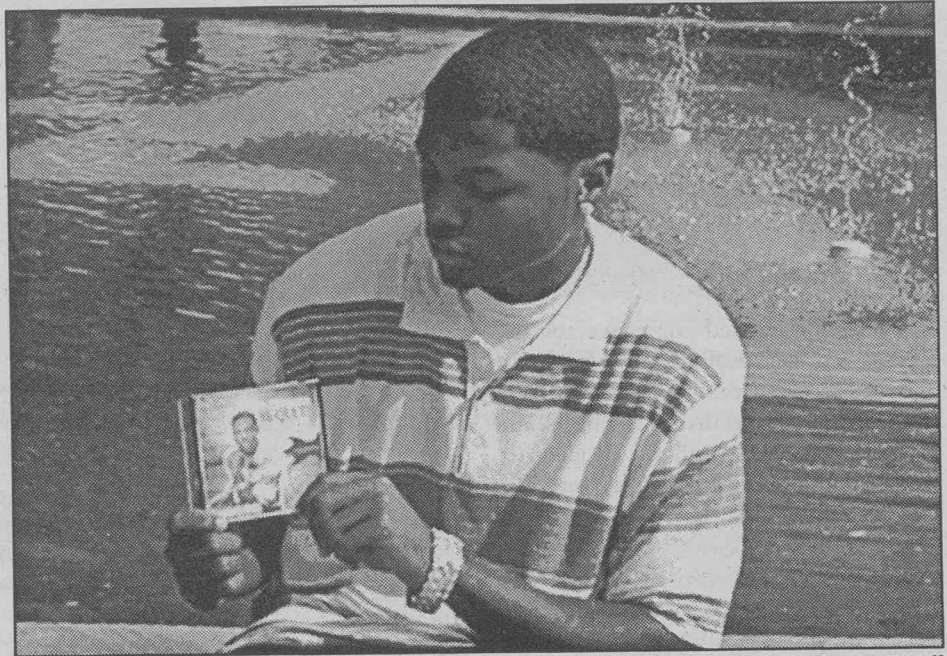
are in the year of 2002 and music is changing. I don't want people today to be so close-minded to one particular style of music," McQueen said.

"You don't have to always wear a suit and tie to be Christian.... there is not a certain sound or beat to be considered Christian. I just want to show that it's

universal," McQueen said.

McQueen hopes his fellow Aggies will help support his CD.

"We should be more supportive of people who doing something positive and that is of the Lord," McQueen said. "If we could do that, then the process of bringing people to Jesus is easy."



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Stephen McQueen, a junior theater major, has completed his debut album, "Chosen." He says making music is a challenge, but worth it.



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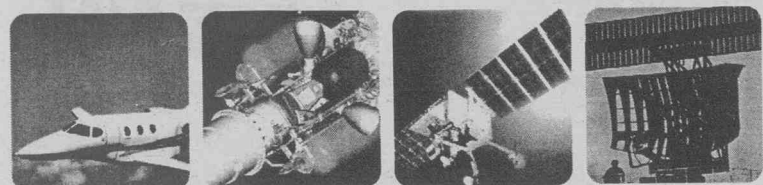
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Master plan on target

Officials say building program has 'exceeded expectations'

JESSICA DEVAULT
Register Contributor

N.C. A&T has been making many changes amongst its campus. Renovations and new buildings will be springing up before the students' eyes in no time, and surely everyone is curious to know how A&T shall progress from its current state.

The five-year Master Plan is the plan that dictates what buildings will be constructed and restored in the next five years. University engineer Andrew Perkins wasted no time explaining what was in store for A&T.

"We have exceeded our expectations," he said enthusiastically. Perkins said that two bond projects have already been accomplished: security lighting and complete renovation of the art gallery.

The General Classroom building directly behind to Merrick and Crosby halls is 80 percent done, he said, and the steam lines and access holes are about 85 percent done.

A new science building is being added next winter. Also next year, there will be transformer replacements.

A priority list for the bond program, Perkins said, was to provide better than adequate facilities. The residences halls were first on the agenda. Academic facilities were to be taken care of next and lastly was the infrastructure itself. Perkins said he believed this would all take place in accordance with the 3 to 7 year framework.

From the housing aspect, everything is on schedule. The new Residence Mall will offer 840 beds and will be rather similar to Aggie Suites. It will take up quite a bit of space. To allow for construction, Salem Street will be closed off, and the residence halls will extend to the intersection of Bluford and Obermyer streets.

This Residence Mall will also have an accompanying clock tower.

Cooper Hall has just gone into a period of renovation and will open in fall 2003. Alex Haley was just reopened and is now accommodating students. The next dorms in the lineup for renovations will be Holland, Barbee and Morrow Hall.

Officials stated that it hadn't been determined if renovations will take place at Curtis Hall. As of now Scott Hall has been slated to be torn down and rebuilt, but it is not definite. However, the wall of Scott Hall that is marked by bullets shot during the civil rights movement, will be reserved.

"Yes, everything is definitely on schedule," said Dr. Carmen Tillery, the director of Housing and Residence Life. Parking, on the other hand, has been an

Accounting students earn scholarships

Fourteen students in the accounting department received scholarships at the 31st Annual Convention of the National Association of Black Accountants: Sarah Branch, Priscilla Bullock, Shanyce Campbell, Melanie Glover, RaL/Leisha Groves, Keisha Lassister, Shondae' LeGrand, Tia Hastye, Leslie Maynard, Robert Peterkin, Marcus Phillips, Jerome Smith, Rachel Wigfall and Ja'Kim Williams.

Professor Ronald Campbell was awarded the National Achievement Award for Education.

issue for years now, and the influx of students does not help. Perkins was quick to add that parking is already being established throughout the campus.

For example, he said, the lot next to the cafeteria will hopefully be finished in 10 days or so. The new General Classroom building will have a parking area.

However, the students will have to wait a little bit longer for more parking.

Perkins predicted that in 6-8 months more parking spaces will be created. And a parking deck, although much talked about, is not on the agenda as of now but is being looked into.

Perkins emphasized that there will be more spaces for the students on the campus.

"The physical Master Plan transforms our campus," said Chancellor James C. Renick. "The Master Plan will create wonderful green spaces, incredible visu-

al appeal and be more pedestrian friendly. It will create an environment that will be conducive to learning and elegant as well. The buildings we'll build will be beautiful and functional."

Students have been using the benches. We have an opportunity to create an exciting space and spaces and it's really very exciting to me and the people, the community and the staff," Renick added.

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Freshmen warned: Don't get caught up in credit

BY JAIME BROWN
Register Contributor

College freshman are faced with many new challenges. Adjusting to dormitories, campus life, and extended freedom are only a fraction of what one faces during their first college experience.

Along with these changes, the lack of spending money is a challenge for some freshman - and the option of getting credit cards could prove to be dangerous in the long run.

You will find credit card applications in campus survival packs, in your mailboxes and some creditors will even set up stands offering you free T-shirts as you walk by. But they sometimes fail to warn students about the dangers of overusing credit cards.

Credit cards are not bad if you know how to use them. Here are a few helpful hints so those "Gucci Boots" don't keep you from buying a house or car after graduation.

* If you must have a credit card, start

with one that has a low credit limit and low APR's (annual percent rate).

*Again if you must have a credit card, get one without acceptance and introductory fees.

*If you have credit cards, try hard to pay more than the minimum. Paying the minimum only covers the interest to get you by until the next billing cycle.

*Avoid paying late. If you pay late most creditors will add on late charges.

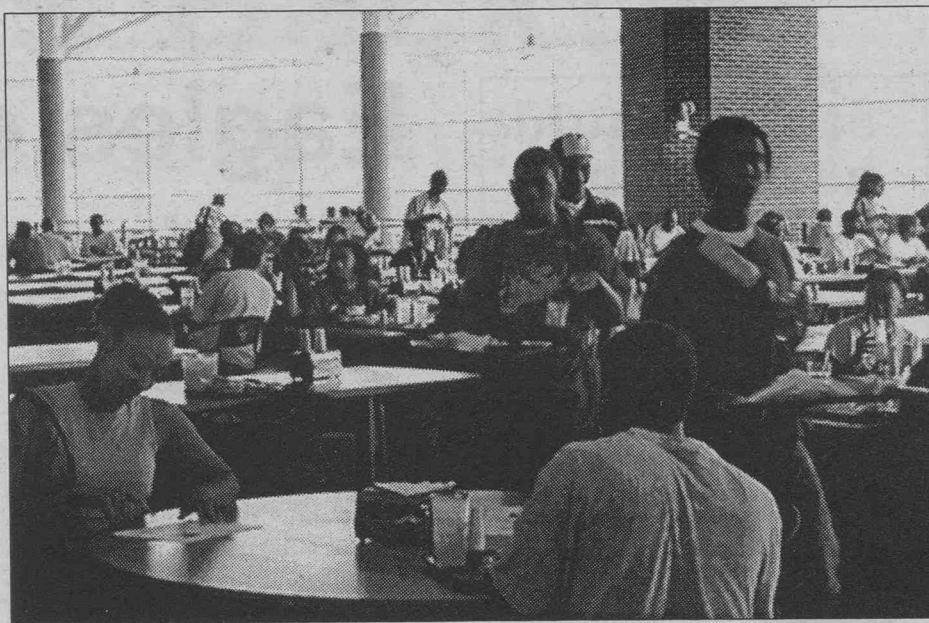
*Avoid individual store credit cards. If you must, get a major credit card so that you are able to purchase from more than one store.

*Avoid getting numerous credit cards.

*If you don't need credit cards, don't get them. It is always better to pay with cash. If you need a major credit card's logo, try applying for a check card through your bank.

*Request your credit report to check for errors.

*Always remember that your credit is like your reputation, it follows you!



Sharonda Eggleton/Register Staff

Students gather to meet, eat and study in the new cafeteria. The new independence of college years can spell trouble if students forget the rules on handling credit cards and other financial business.

Kappas host two events to welcome Aggies back

SHARRI DUELL
Register Contributor

On Aug. 28, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity sponsored a movie night. Students filed into the commuter lounge of the Student Union ready to laugh and have fun. New and old students were all there with smiles on, ready to watch "All About the Benjamins" starring Ice Cube and Mike Epps.

"The turnout for movie night was better than he expected," said Juan Figgers, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi.

The evening was full of laughter and food, with the Kappas selling popcorn and sodas.

"We really enjoyed giving the students

various events to attend. The members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc would like to thank all students for supporting us," said Lonnie R. Grady Jr.

The Kappas wanted to do a movie night because "we wanted to do something that the students would like and it's a good way for us to meet the student body," said Jonathan Kirkland.

Linaya McMillian said she likes the fact that the Kappas did a movie night for the students that was free and it was a meeting place for other students.

"It would be a good experience to meet and greet other students," said freshman Timmeke Caldwell.

The Kappas also sponsored another

night of activities, a "pamper night" on Sept. 5 where students could get special treatment with pedicures and massages in the union's commuter lounge.

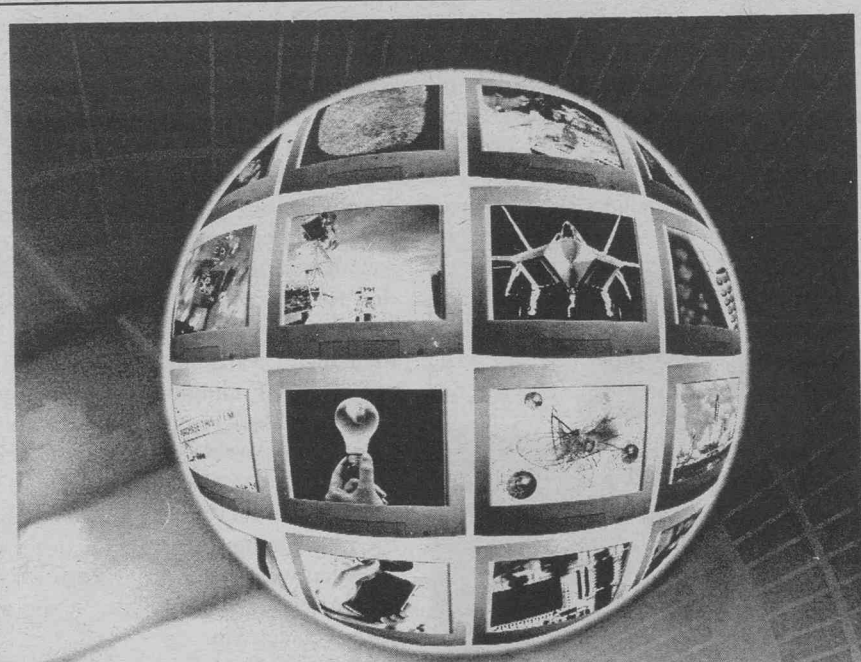
"It's always nice when we can provide free events for students. We are planning more of these kinds of programs and now since this one was such a success we will venture into some more meaningful event that target the entire student body," says Kappa Gerald Dash.

"We would like to thank all students who came out and made the event successful. We really enjoyed the event and look forward to seeing the student body attend our events and programs," said Lavtrell Woodberry.

"I feel like the movie night was a success. It was a real good turn out and I feel that everyone enjoyed themselves," said Kappa Denaz Green.

"There will be something else sponsored by the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in the near future," said Benjamin King.

"It's without a doubt an honor and privilege to be able to provide quality social activities to the campus community. We enjoy sharing events with all and we look forward to everyone enjoying our future activities. I would like to thank everyone who supports the positive events that we sponsor," said advisor Lee Morgan.



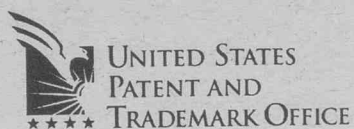
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Strike would have been a disaster

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Co-Editor



Chris Wallace
On Sports

Strike one. Strike two. Strike three...almost. Major League Baseball nearly struck out on Aug. 30, which would have subsequently ended the 2002 baseball season and possibly ended a sport that has been the home to heroes for over 120 years.

It's really about time that the players, owners and commissioner came to some agreement after those long and stressful days of wondering. Even after eight prior labor negotiations that failed and resulted in strikes, everyone seemed as if they cared somewhat this time around.

Players and owners fighting over money issues and other things is just the beginning of a slow death to a game that used to be great when it was played for fun. Here's what they agreed on to avoid a strike.

The collective bargaining agreement is set to run through the end of 2006 and calls for increased revenue sharing, a luxury tax, a 50 percent rise in the minimum salary and the elimination of contraction talks during the life of the collective bargaining deal. What this basically means is that the higher payroll teams will have to share revenue with lower payroll teams and would be assessed a luxury tax for having an excess amount of money. Also, the contraction talks meant that no team would be contracted or eliminated at least until the agreement ends in 2006.

A strike would have caused us to miss Barry Bonds inch closer to the all-time home run record and Sammy Sosa chasing 500 home runs, a plateau which only a few major leaguers have ever achieved.

The Yankees' Alfonso Soriano is looking to become the first-ever second baseman to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in a season, John Smoltz of the Atlanta Braves is on pace to set the record for most saves in a season and the American League West race is as good as it has ever been with the Athletics, Angels and Mariners battling it out.

With declining attendance and ballooning hatred for the game, baseball needs all the help that it can get at this time. Not even a great postseason will help baseball, but just like your credit, time will help it heal.

Fans were ready to pack their bags and leave baseball for good after the labor talks lingered on. In fact, many have already gone as baseball is witnessing some of its lowest attendance ever, and if you think that luring fans back will be easy, think again. Even the commissioner of Major League Baseball, Bud Selig, is sold on the fact that fans are absolutely abandoning the game.

Baseball is on life support right now, and any minor mess-up will cause the game to rest in peace.

Eagles end drought, stun Aggies in overtime 33-30

By CHRIS WALLACE
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As they say in sports, all streaks must come to an end.

On Sept. 1 at Carter-Finley Stadium, the N.C. Central Eagles made that statement work in their favor as they used a furious rally and took advantage of 16 A&T penalties to stun the Aggies of N.C. A&T in overtime by a score of 33-30.

"We're definitely excited about the win," said Eagle head coach Rudy Abrams. "The assistant coaches did a great job of keeping the players in the game after it didn't start too well, and I was thinking it was going to be a long, ugly night. It was a great win for our program and for our players."

The Eagles, which had not beaten the Aggies since Sept. 3, 1988, looked well on their way to yet another classic meltdown as they fell behind 27-0 before they could even blink their eyes, but a sudden turn of events went against the Aggies and changed the game to Central's favor.

"I was surprised that we played well in the first half, especially with the youth of our team," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "Our team jumped off to a good start and we looked up and were up 27-0. The thing that really broke our backs was having the two punts blocked."

The Aggies ran exclusively with a no-huddle offense that seemed to keep the Eagles off balance early on. A&T runningback Cornelius Gary had two first-half touchdowns and defensive back James McCoy, in for injured Aggie All-American Curtis Deloatch, scored two defensive touchdowns, helping the Aggies build a 27-0 cushion with just under five minutes remaining in the first



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N.C. Central quarterback Lawrence Fuller (5) tries to avoid Aggie defensive captain Ivan Butler (99) during the Aggie-Eagle Classic on Sept. 1.

quarter. The Eagles finally cracked the scoreboard on a 34-yard field goal with 7:47 remaining in the second quarter.

"We came out very, very strong against Central, but Central somehow got momentum," said Ivan Butler, A&T's defensive captain. "Somehow it seemed like we backed off just enough, but it's not going to happen again. We're going to work a lot harder and work on mistakes."

With the Eagles trailing 27-10 early in the third quarter, Aggie quarterback

Jason Douglas threw a pass into coverage that was intercepted and returned to the A&T 27-yard line. However on the very next play, Eagle quarterback Sean Williams was injured and replaced by reserve Lawrence Fuller. On Fuller's very first snap, he connected with receiver Nathaniel Fitch on a 25-yard touchdown pass and they later added a field goal to cut the deficit to 27-20 entering the fourth quarter.

A&T would attempt to respond, but tempers began to flare early in the fourth quarter as the Aggies were whistled for successive personal foul penalties resulting in a fourth and 42 from their own 2-yard line.

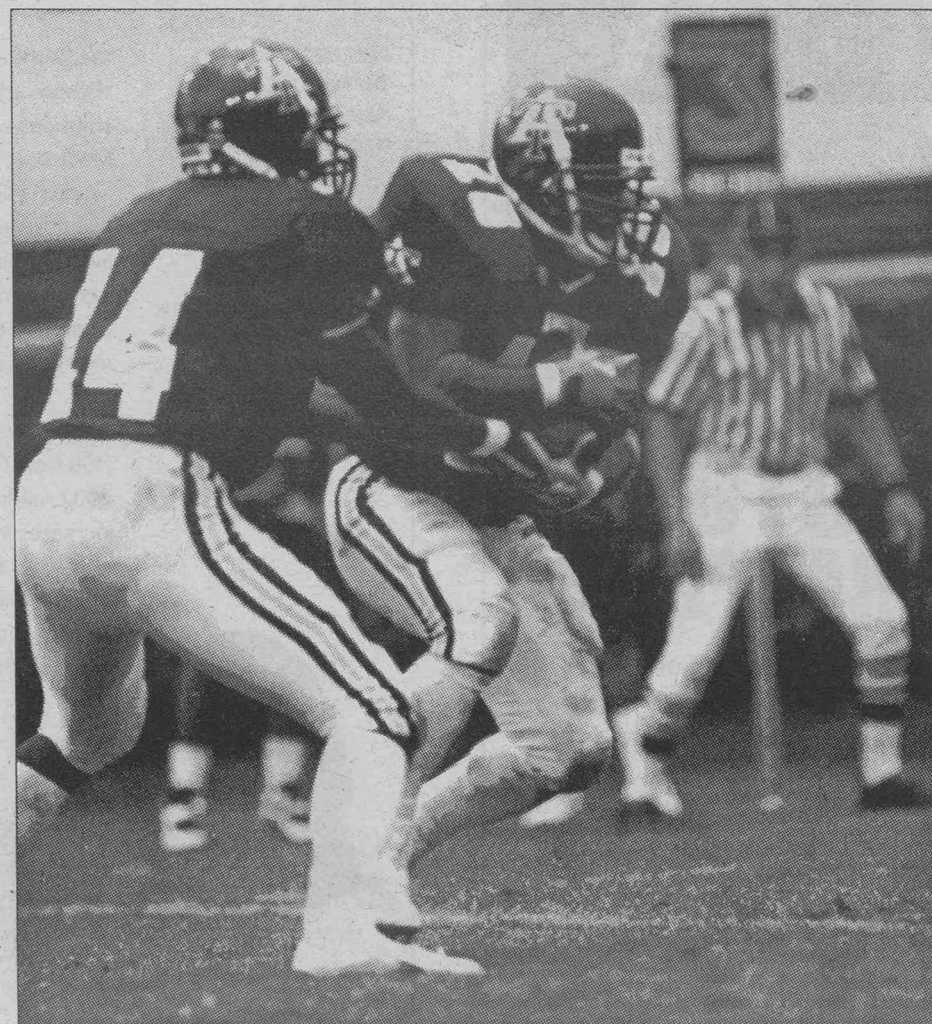
With A&T clinging to a seven-point lead, Ivan Butler appeared to make perhaps the Aggies' biggest play of game as he sacked Fuller on third and 8. However, a face mask penalty nullified the play, giving the Eagles another shot. They converted the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 27 with 4:50 remaining.

A&T was forced to punt on the ensuing possession, providing the Eagles an opportunity to score and end the game. With just eight seconds remaining, the Eagles lined up to attempt a 32-yard field goal, but missed wide, sending the game to overtime.

In the overtime session, the Aggies were forced to kick a field goal and took a 30-27 lead. The Eagles would get their chance next when a pass interference call on second and 10 from the 15-yard line set up a first and goal from the 2-yard line. Players and fans later reacted to the pass interference call.

On the very next play, Eagle runningback Donnie Pippen took a pitch and dove in from 2 yards out for the game-winning touchdown, ending the Aggies' run of 12 consecutive victories in the series.

"It's quite disappointing but we learned an awful lot," said Hayes. "I saw a lot of positive things come out of that ballgame and we'll get better."



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Aggie running back Cornelius Gary (15) takes a handoff from quarterback Jason Battle (14). Gary's two first-half touchdowns helped A&T build a 27-0 lead early on.

Football is Back!!!

HBCU powerhouses ready and loaded

By CHRIS WALLACE
Register Co-Editor

Ah...its that time again where you buckle up that chinstrap and get ready for battle and where the bands compete amongst each other for bragging rights. Yes, HBCU football is back and may be better than ever this season. As the 2002 season gets under way, five teams stand out in football and heres how I see them:

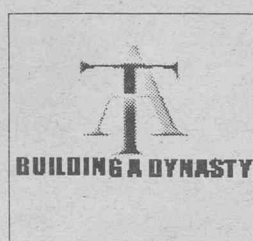
1. Tuskegee Golden Tigers (11-1 in 2001)



Eleven wins in a college football season is a great accomplishment. In 2001, Tuskegee not only accomplished the feat but also did it without much difficulty. Over the past two seasons, the Golden Tigers have compiled a 23-1 record, and the 2002 season may be no different as the Golden Tigers are the favorite to repeat as SIAC champs. However, Tuskegee lost perhaps their best player in tailback Bobby Wilson to graduation. Wilson rushed for a league-high 1,771 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2001. Nonetheless, the Golden Tigers had 10 players selected to the preseason All-SIAC teams led by wideout Kylin Kimble and offensive lineman Bruce Lawrence. Kimble, who caught 28 passes for 726 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2001, should be a major help for new quarterback Terrance Jones. Defensively, Tuskegee is loaded. Defensive lineman Donald Joyce is a run stopper on the inside while cornerback Drayton Florence and free safety Jeffrey Stanton are playmakers in the secondary.

Key Game: Oct. 19 at Morehouse

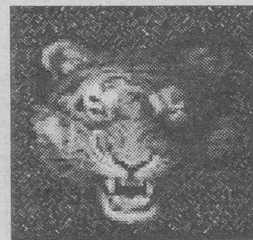
2. North Carolina A&T Aggies (8-3 in 2001)



The 2001 season for the N.C. A&T Aggies left a bitter taste in their mouths. After losing star tailback Maurice Hicks to a torn ACL, the Aggies dropped two of their final three games and lost out on the MEAC title and a playoff berth. However, the 2002 Aggies seem to be fully recovered and ready. While they've been hit by a major off-season makeover (five new coaches), the Aggies "Blue Death Defense" motto has resurfaced. The Aggies' much heralded defense has been ranked amongst the league and nation's best over the past three seasons and looks really good in 2002. That could be scary for opponents as the Aggies only surrendered 2.6 yards per rush in 2001. Offensively, new offensive coordinator Linwood Ferguson has installed a passing attack on a team known for pounding the football in the ground game. Senior tailback Cornelius Gary will try to fill the void left behind by Hicks, and Gary's ability has been questioned thoroughly during the preseason. However, Gary impressed enough people to be selected as preseason first team All-MEAC. The difference between the Aggies and everyone else in 2002 will be special teams, where they thrived a season ago.

Key Game: Oct. 19 at Florida A&M

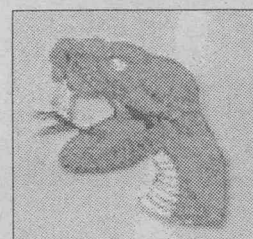
3. Grambling State Tigers (10-1 in 2001)



Last season was indeed a magical season for Coach Doug Williams and his Grambling State Tigers football team. With expectations swirling, the Tigers exceeded all expectations as they were honored by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network as the 2001 SBN Black College National Football Champions as well as garnering their second straight SWAC title. The 2002 season won't be as easy for the champs, but they should be successful. After losing first-team All-American linebacker Robert Taylor and several other key starters to graduation, the Tigers will look to its youthful team to step up and make plays. They return only eight starters from last season (three offensive and five defense), and former running back Brad Hill is academically ineligible for the 2002 season. Offensively, the Tigers will need to fill huge voids and do it in a hurry. However, the Tigers are very good defensively, led in the secondary by Denmark Reed and Chris Brown. When all things clear up in 2002, the Tigers will be okay.

Key Game: Oct. 26 vs Jackson State

4. Florida A&M Rattlers (7-4 in 2001)



Each and every year, the Rattlers seem to have no problems putting up astounding offensive numbers in their Gulf Coast offense. This season should be no different for the defending MEAC champs. Coming off a 7-4 campaign in 2001, the Rattlers look to make a return trip to the playoffs, and with new transfer quarterback Casey Printers, they feel as if their chances are even greater. Printers, a transfer from Texas Christian, looks to lead an already potent offense and with wideouts Marco Junio and Charles Allen returning, Printers will have plenty of targets to throw to. Defensively, the Rattlers run a 46 or 43 scheme, which produces turnovers. Defensive lineman Sean Kelly is a star in the making, and the Rattlers are banking on the sophomore to make big plays. The Rattlers are the preseason favorite to win the MEAC and are also ranked number one in the Street and Smith poll. With a favorable schedule, the Rattlers look as if they could cruise to the MEAC title, but if they can't defeat their nemesis (N.C. A&T), to whom they've lost for three consecutive years, they could be sidetracked. Nonetheless, the Rattlers have a powerful team.

Key Game: Oct. 19 vs N.C. A&T

5. Jackson State Tigers (7-4 in 2001)



It'll be another year of the run and gun for the Tigers of Jackson State. After putting up unbelievable offensive numbers a season ago, the Tigers plan to attack the same way. Junior quarterback Robert Kent had an unbelievable sophomore season as he passed for 3,640 yards with 31 touchdown passes and even ran for nine more touchdowns. Kent's marvelous season was followed by him being nominated as a finalist for the top football player in Mississippi award. Kent's favorite target from a season ago, T.C. Taylor, was also nominated as he hauled in 84 passes for 1,234 yards and 11 touchdowns. However, Taylor has graduated leaving a void for the Tigers to fill at receiver. Defensively, the Tigers will need to improve just a bit. The defense gave up an average of 31.1 points per game as well as surrendering just under 348 yards of total offense to opponents. The Tiger's biggest problems, however, may have been in the first and fourth quarters where they were outscored by 35 points in 2001. Nonetheless, the Tigers offense should be good enough to carry them as Street and Smith's have placed them at number two in the preseason poll.

Key Game: Oct. 26 at Grambling State

Tuskegee

8-31 vs. Clark Atlanta
9-7 at Winston-Salem St.
9-14 vs. Benedict
9-21 vs. Miles College
9-28 OPEN
10-5 vs. Lincoln University
10-12 vs. Albany State
10-19 at Morehouse
10-26 at Fort Valley St.
11-2 vs. Lane College
11-9 at Kentucky St.
11-25 vs. Alabama St.

N.C. A&T

9-1 vs. N.C. Central
9-7 vs. Jackson St.
9-14 at Portland St.
9-21 OPEN
9-28 vs. Elon
10-5 vs. Norfolk St.
10-12 vs. Morgan St.
10-19 at Florida A&M
10-26 at Howard
11-2 vs. Bethune-CC
11-9 at Delaware St.
11-16 at Hampton
11-23 vs. S.C. State

Grambling St.

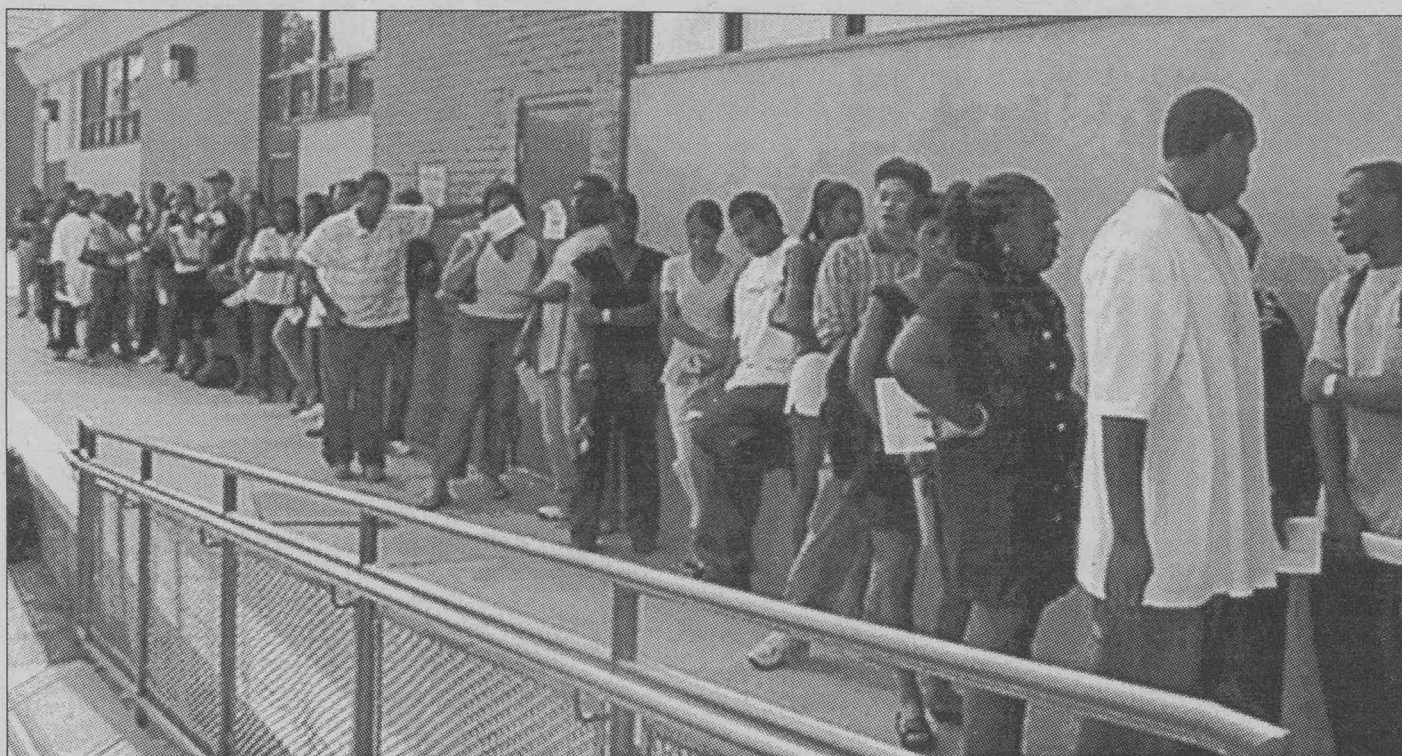
8-31 at McNeese St.
9-7 vs. Alcorn St.
9-14 at Alabama A&M
9-21 vs. Tennessee St.
9-28 vs. Langston
10-5 at Prairie View
10-12 OPEN
10-19 vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff
10-26 vs. Jackson St.
11-2 at Texas Southern
11-9 vs. Alabama State.
11-16 at Morris Brown
11-23 OPEN
11-30 vs. Southern

Florida A&M

8-31 at Miami
9-7 vs. Morris Brown
9-14 vs. Morgan St.
9-21 at Delaware St.
9-28 vs. Tennessee St.
10-5 vs. S.C. State
10-12 vs. Howard
10-19 vs. N.C. A&T
10-26 at Norfolk St.
11-2 vs. Hampton
11-9 at Troy State
11-16 OPEN
11-23 at Bethune-CC

Jackson St.

8-31 at Southern Miss.
9-7 at N.C. A&T
9-14 at Tennessee St.
9-21 at Southern
9-28 vs. Miss. Valley
10-5 OPEN
10-12 vs. Alabama St.
10-19 OPEN
10-26 at Grambling
11-2 at Ark.-Pine Bluff
11-9 vs. Alabama A&M
11-16 vs. Prairie View
11-23 vs. Alcorn St.



Sharonda Eggleton/Register staff

A line of people seeking parking stickers extends along the side of the new police department on Laurel Street. Waits of up to two hours were reported last week as students, faculty and staff sought a place to park on a campus with a new record enrollment and continuing construction.

Police department gets new home

By **TORNETHA BALDWIN**
Register Contributor

It seems that the new campus police station is bringing smiles along with better security to the campus of A&T.

According to Curtis Bigelow, captain of Patrol Operations, the presence of a new and improved police station has been long overdue.

"This is something that fellow officers and I have been pushing for," he said. "This is a more visible location for students and faculty."

The new station is located in Ward Hall between Smith and Carver halls on Laurel Street.

The police office houses five departments: investigations, communications, administration, parking services and training/recruiting. Before Ward Hall was renovated, these were located on Salem Street and around campus.

The new station also includes an interrogation room, workout facility and conference room that the old station lacked.

It is equipped with a new dispatch and computer services to provide better communication with officers throughout campus.

"Communication is top priority," Bigelow said.

Close to 60 employees work at the

new station, including 25 sworn officers. There is more working space in the office for employees. There is also better security with surveillance cameras in every room.

Considering the university has been under a year-long budget crisis, Bigelow said the state still found it in its best interest to come up with the funds for the school's new and improved department.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Rosemary Closson, an assistant professor in the adult education program, became a fully certified Feedback Coach for the Center for Creative Leadership. **Closson** and faculty member **Ronald Smith** recently accompanied three A&T adult education graduate students to the African American Pre-Conference.

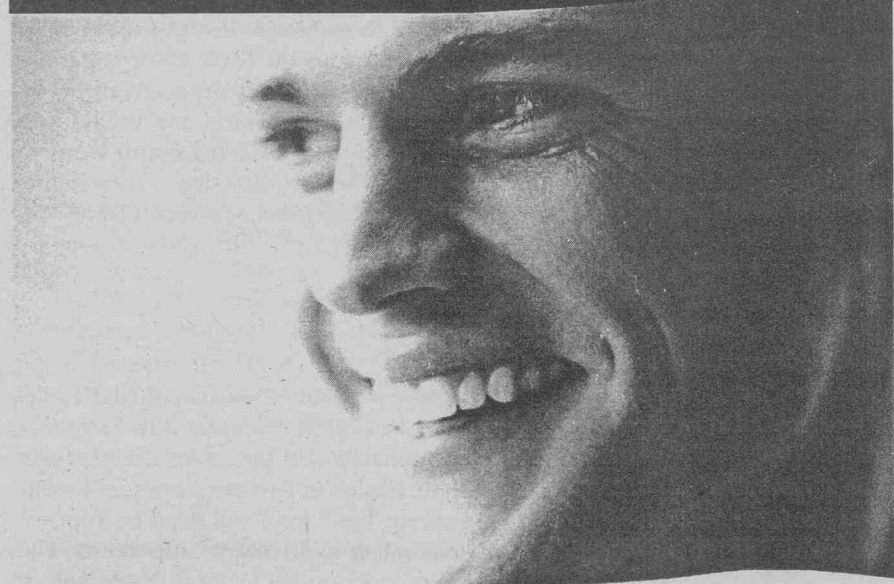
Patricia Price Lea, Ph.D., RNC, was named dean of the School of Nursing, where she has served as interim dean since January 2001. Since joining the A&T faculty in 1975, Lea has served as an instructor, assistant and associate professor and interim dean. She has also served as a clinical instructor at Rockingham Community College.

Dr. William Amponsah presented two papers during two international conferences. Amponsah, an associate professor in A&T's Department of Agribusiness, Applied Economics and Agriscience Education, was invited to present a paper during the 2002 Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences and at the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium conference, "The Developing Countries, Agricultural Trade and the WTO."

Dr. Gladys Gibson Shelton has been named chairperson of the Department of Human Environment and Family Sciences.

Shelton most recently worked as an associate professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics at the University of Georgia. She holds degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Cornell University and N.C. Central.

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