Trip to civil rights sites is emotional experience

BY CRYSTAL DAILY
Register Contributor

While visiting the museums and historical sites commemorating the civil rights movement during the annual fall break trip sponsored by the N.C. A&T Office of Minority Student Affairs, several students became emotional.

"Much of the presentations were done in such detail that it seemed horrifying. It actually hurts some people to look at," said Daniel Richardson, freshman computer science major.

Students departed for the trip, designed to reduce prejudice, after the conclusion of the Homecoming football game on Oct. 12 and returned on Oct. 15.

"This experience helps reduce prejudice because it encourages you to picture yourself going through the struggle as African Americans did during this time," Richardson said.

While viewing the Martin Luther King Jr. Historical Site in Atlanta, African-American and Caucasian students became acquainted with each other.

"Students from all different backgrounds found the MLK museum to be an emotional and educational experience," said Dr. Cliff Lower, president of Minority Student Affairs.

The MLK museum tour begins after visitors watch two videos: the first on the role of children in the civil rights movement and the second about lynching.

"After the video, we entered a photo gallery that showed various photos of lynching. The pictures were very graphic and made me sick to my stomach but it was something that I needed to go through," said freshman Lauren McCree, environmental science major.

"The MLK historical sites are located on a street which was named Sweet Auburn Avenue by a pastor. Along this street, we were able to visit the graveyard, birth house and church that Martin Luther King Jr. attended and later became a pastor," said William Griffin, junior, management information systems and business economics major.

From Atlanta, students traveled to Montgomery, Ala., to visit the Rosa Parks Museum, the Southern Poverty

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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Junior public relations major Kia Ervin knows what it is like to beat the odds

BY TORNETHA BALDWIN
Register Contributor

Sometimes life can offer us overwhelming obstacles, some more so than others. Junior Kia Ervin and her family knows that through faith, no obstacle is too overwhelming to overcome.

While only six weeks old, Ervin was diagnosed with what doctors believed to be meningitis, but was the often-fatal disease infant botulism.

Botulism is defined as a rare but deadly paralytic illness caused by nerve toxins from bacteria that can result in death, paralysis or paralysis for its victims.

Ervin recalls what her mother told her about the first day this dangerous disease entered their lives.

"My mother told me that she was nursing me and suddenly I just went limp like a rag doll," she said.

Junior public relations major Kia Ervin suffered a near-fatal illness when she was a baby. Today she is an honor student at N.C. A&T.

Sharonie Eggleston/Register Photographer

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A&T hosts Great Pumpkin Drop

More than 200 elementary school children will get the chance to experience a debate between Aristotle and Galileo on the motion of falling bodies, at the North Carolina A&T State University Great Pumpkin Drop, Communicating Science to Kids program. The Great Pumpkin Drop will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31. The event will start with a science show to be held in the Physics Building at 12:30 p.m. There, children will experience musical sounds, see a laser-light show and take part in intensive demonstrations and hands-on activities.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., the A&T bulldog mascot will lead the children in a parade to the site of the Aristotle and Galileo debate. Both "scientists," fully costumed and played by two N.C. A&T theatre students, will again try to prove their own theory on the motion of falling bodies by dropping pumpkins of various sizes and shapes. The children will help these two great scientists to settle their historical dispute before the end of the day.

Campaign fights AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), the umbrella organization for over 100 historically black colleges and universities, is unveiling an innovative effort to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, the Stop the Silence Campaign. The campaign fights AIDS.

Stop the Silence: Over 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities United in a Global AIDS Response will include:

- The launch of an extensive, multimedia website, filled with useful information, shocking statistics, forthright dialogue and support mechanisms relating to HIV/AIDS.
- The release of 200,000 free copies of the Stop the Silence CD/CD-ROM with HIV/AIDS information and musical offerings of some of hip-hop and neo-soul's most talented artists.
- And the unveiling of a photo-media advertising campaign.

Swine waste tested

Researchers at N.C. A&T are examining the use of duckweed in the treatment of swine waste.

According to the project's director, Dr. G. B. Reddy, chairperson of A&T's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design, this treatment has the potential to remove the problem element of swine waste.

"Many of the problems associated with swine waste, including odor and water pollution, are due to the nutrients in it, such as nitrogen and phosphorus," Reddy said. "Duckweed has the ability to remove these nutrients, leaving a liquid which can safely be used in agricultural applications."

Duckweed are high-protein, small floating plants. In the A&T project, duckweed will be allowed to grow in waste cell used to treat waste originating in A&T's swine facilities. The duckweed will then be harvested weekly and tested for its nutrient value. The researchers believe the work will also be tested to measure the effectiveness of duckweed in removing nutrients.

The A&T "Swine Unit" is home to a 100- to 150-head swine operation.

Bio-technology: Learn all about it

By Kim Yarbrey

Dr. Guochen Yang, associate professor of plant biotechnology, is heading up an interdisciplinary committee, funded by a grant from the Future Ventures Fund to create a program called "A Model of Interdisciplinary Biotechnology and Biodiversity.

Co-sponsored by the Agricultural Research Program, this A&T program has two primary components: scholar-ship opportunities for A&T students and a public lecture series. The lecture series will extend through this academic year. Speaker for the first lecture on Sept. 19, Dr. Anand Yadav, professor of fruit biotechnology at Fort Valley State University, drew approximately 40 people from both on and off campus.

Yang said that the second lecture, which featured Dr. Eric Bastian, director of research and development at Glamba Foods Inc., showed a growing interest in biotechnology. One hundred people participated in this event, with 30 percent coming from as far away as Asheville and Raleigh.

Two final lectures are scheduled for this season. On Oct. 31, Dr. Daniel O'Sullivan, social professor from the University of Minnesota will present lecture topic, "Food Microbiology and Biotechnology." This lecture will take place in room A-14 in the C.H. Moore building.

The final lecture of the series will bring Dr. Deborah Sheely of USDA/CSREES to speak about "National Priority and Opportunities in Biotechnology and Diversity." The date and location are to be announced.

All lectures are free to the public and require no registration.

In the other component of the program, five students were chosen to receive this scholarship for this year. Yang said that because the program has received strong interdepartmental support at the dean and co-dean levels, he foresees the possibility of an extension into the next academic year.

Benefits of the scholarship include $11,000 per year and a mentor that works with each student. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be entering juniors or seniors and possess at least a 3.5 GPA.

Bennett scholar speaks on 'A Lesson Before Dying'

On Sunday, Nov. 3, Triad Stage continues its InSeries, a free humanities program that helps audiences focus on the world of the play and the playwright, expanding on the dialogue created on stage.

The play is presented in conjunction with Greensboro's One City, One Book community read program.

Also, on Thursday, Oct. 31, Triad Stage offers PostScript - a walk-back about bringing the play from the page to the stage.

PostScript is an open discussion led by artistic director Preston Lane, accompanied by members of the cast, and featuring stage and screen star Erinn P. Hall of TV and film's "Soul Food." Meet the members of the cast and discuss the play with them immediately following the 7:30 p.m. performance.

Triad Stage shows are staged at 232 S. Elm St., downtown. Single ticket prices for the play on InSights Sundays range from $10 to $20. Single ticket prices for the play on PostScripts Thursdays single ticket prices range from $15 to $25.

To purchase tickets, call the Triad Stage Box Office at 272-0160.

Get help for finals

The Center for Student Success offers a special program, "Help! Getting Ready for Finals!"

Do you feel like the time has passed you by? Learn how to effectively manage your time and decrease your stress level by living a balanced life.

The program, facilitated by University Counseling Services, will be offered from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Mehaffey Student Union. For more information, call Carla Lee or Lee Morgan at 334-7838.

Charles Watkins/A&T Photographer

The renovated A&T art galleries in the Dudley Building were opened in a gala celebration recently featuring (from left) Dr. William Reed, Mattye Reed, Peggy Renick and Dr. James Renick, chancellor.

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"So basically I was without a heartbeat or respiration, they tried to revive me but they couldn't," Ervin said.

She was pronounced clinically dead by doctors for 35 minutes. After being announced dead, Ervin was put on life support with the consent of her family. There she fell into a coma, and was completely paralyzed for a month.

"I did not accept the doctor's word that my child was dead because I knew that God gave me a healthy baby, I know that my child was going to survive this," said Ervin's mother, Kathy Ervin.

"Doctors told my parents that if I had come out of the coma I would be completely retarded because of the small supply of oxygen to my brain for such a long period of time," Ervin said.

According to Ervin, the disease was not hereditary, and even today doctors still don't know what caused her to contract this illness that so often results in death.

"None of the ways the doctors told me botulism was contricted was the reason for my daughter having it. I knew that I hadn't fed her anything with the bacteria in it," Kathy Ervin said. The disease can also be caused by anaerobic bacteria. But through all of the confusion, a miracle happened. Ervin awoke from the coma completely cured of any signs of botulism. She and her mother credit the recovery to God.

"The doctors had pretty much given up on Kia surviving. That's why I knew that it was God that cleared the sickness from her body and brought her back to us," Kathy Ervin said.

Although things seemed to have changed for the better at that point, some rough patches still managed to come their way.

Ervin's family tried taking her off life support three times after she began to recover, but she had setbacks. After a few more days of being on life support and prayer from family and friends, the six-week-old conquered botulism once and for all.

As strong believers in God, the Ervin's say they found solace through their faith.

"It gives me a great sense of responsibility because I survived. I was dead and doctors could not do anything so I know that it was God that gave me back my life," Ervin said.

Doctors told her that if she made it out of the coma she would be mentally retarded, but today Ervin is attending N.C. A&T to achieve a B.A. in Public Relations, with a current GPA of 3.8.

Many feel that Ervin is a prime example why it's important having God in our lives.

"Kia Ervin is a true child of God because he knew that she had a purpose to the world, and she had to make an impact in people's lives," senior political science major Shamicki Mooney said.

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Law Center and the Civil Rights Memorial.

"The Ross Parks Museum was the highlight of the trip for me. The interactive video gave us a first-hand experience as if we were at the site when she was arrested. It was exceptional," Griffin said.

"The trailer ride gave us an opportunity to tour Montgomery. While resting our feet, we were able to listen to a tour guide speak of the history of the town," Richard said.

Students are invited to join the Minority Student Affairs Organization for the spring break trip to Washington D.C. and New York City.

"When I signed up for the fall trip, I didn't think that I would learn as much as I did. The exhibits and historical sites were much more personal then I had prepared for," Richard said.

"This was my first experience with the Minority Student Affairs Organization and I would strongly recommend going on the trip offered in the spring or next fall," McGee said. "It was an enriching experience."

For more information about activities and services provided by the Minority Students Affairs Organization, stop by Suite 219 in the Memorial Union or call 334-7982.

National Science Foundation aids scholars

The School of Technology at N.C. A&T has received a grant for $339,960 from The National Science Foundation.

The grant was awarded to provide scholarships for students in the School of Technology, College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering.

This project under the direction of Dr. Ernest Walker-Pl, and Dr. Caesar R. Jackson, Dr. John C. Kelly, Dr. Kathy Coloumas-Cooper, and Sherri Avent-Colpy is entitled: 'The Student Pipeline-Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology Scholarship Program.'

The SP-CSMET is used to identify incoming freshmen and sophomores who are interested in computer science, engineering, mathematics, and technology.

The SP-CSMET provides enrichment experiences in engineering, mathematics, and technology by outlining existing programs and by providing lecture series, workshops, and faculty mentorship for the students.

The new scholarship program is a feeder to a recent NSF-funded Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology (CSMET) Scholarship Program, serving juniors and seniors.
Yet another opportunity for us to open our eyes

By Jameya Porter
Magazine Co-Editor

Wasn’t it already bizarre to see the idea of being in or anywhere near a government building or airplace after the tragedies of 9/11? Now, someone please tell me what type of world could we possibly be living in where a person could stand near a store, pump gas at the gas station or walk across a street in the middle of the day, in a suburban neighborhood no less, without getting shot out of the clear blue? No name...no face...no idea whatsoever of the person or persons responsible for these horrific acts. Two men were arrested on Thursday in connection with the sniper case, but police were not saying as of press time that they had solved the case. Perhaps most eerie fact of the whole situation is that the shootings do not seem to reveal any patterns. Blacks...whites...men...women...young...old...there is not one aspect of anyone in which makes him or her immune. I have some questions and statements...First, why are the authorities so focused on the white van and truck? Of course, it makes sense for the police to have some type of idea as to the connections to the shooter/s, but why does it seem as if these two vehicles are subtracting from any other potentially crucial possibilities? What about possible license plate alterations? Or perhaps, last minute paint jobs? Or, how about an ENTIRELY NEW AUTO MOBILE? Secondly, why is the media talking so much? I understand that television, radio, and newspapers are methods of information in the gears-and-world of the world, but aren’t we giving the sniper/s just a few hands-up-by saying so much? Next, who says it is just one person? How do we know it is not a group of people or an organization, for that matter? Maybe it is necessary for us to take time to stand back and look at the big picture...in which brings me to my next statement. Not to get into conspiracies, but someone brought a few things to my attention. Prior to the Oct. 20 shooting, there had been a period of five days since the 11th person had been shot. Before that, 11 people were shot within close intervals. Was the pause somewhat of a message? Of the 11 people, nine of them died. Eleven. Nine. Hmm...And, the authorities say none of the victims appear to have anything in common. Well, let’s see, the victims have been Black American...White American...Hispanic American...Native American. I can think of at least one type they all have in common. America was determined to not allow the Sept. 11 incidents halt our way of life. In the beginning, many people were afraid to fly on airplanes. Well, drivers have to eventually go to the gas station. Several of the victims were shot at gas stations. Those who don’t drive may take the bus or any other form of public transportation. A woman was sitting at a bench waiting to take a bus to work and was shot in the head. And the most recent incident, a commuter bus driver was shot while on the job of beginning his daily duty. Children have to go to school. A Maryland boy had just gotten out of his aunt’s car and was on his way to school. He was shot out of nowhere. These sniper incidents introduce an entirely new fear: being afraid to leave the house, period.

Here on A&T’s campus and even back home in Raleigh, I have noticed that although the “sniper issue” is known among people, it only seems to be a concern in regards to how they are affected. I have heard such statements as “just as long as he (the sniper) doesn’t come to North Carolina, I’m straight.” Okay. Of course, whether we like it or not, it is human nature to automatically be concerned about oneself before anyone or anything else. It’s natural.

But I believe that the people making these types of remarks don’t understand the extent of the situation. Many of us weren’t too old to understand or even know of such past serial killers as the “Son of Sam,” Charles Manson or Jeffrey Dahmer, at the time of their crimes. Last year, we experienced one of the most enormous monstrosities of US history. Now, here it is the year 2002, and we are a part of what many are calling one of the most terrifying US serial killing cases of all time. The hard and cold results of the matter is that we love to be blinded and oblivious. It’s the easy way out. And I’m not just talking about North Carolinians; I’m talking about people in general. We would rather be sheep than to open up our eyes and face reality. Well, I think it’s well past the time for us to all wake up.

20 Questions

By NAZAH MUHAMAD
Magazine Co-Editor

1. How come all of a sudden rappers are saying that they are not rappers? (“I’m just feeding my family”)?
2. How many prank calls did you get after the new A&T telephone directories came out?
3. How many prank calls did you make?
4. Is that espresso cart in the library there just for the look?
5. Did you hear Solange Knowles’s song from the “Scrooby Doo” soundtrack? Whooh!
6. Is she trying to sound like Big Sir Byonce, or does that voice run in the fam-
7. Why do A&T police keep blocking off the strip?
8. Don’t they know it’s too cold for us to be out there anyway?
9. Does anybody know how to get to Ed McKay’s?
10. Are dorm room closet doors designed to keep?
11. Have you seen Gerald Levitt’s new album cover? Hmm.
12. With IMX back on the scene, is there really a need for B2K?
13. How many Aggies know the words to the Alma Mater?
14. Shouldn’t it be sung at more campus events?
15. Is Heath Headley’s song just “Booth” part 2?
16. Remember After School Specials?
17. Doesn’t it get confusing when every twin is called “Twan”?
18. Has Blackboard told you that you weren’t registered yet?
19. Don’t you just want to see movies while playing at the cafe?
20. Okay, so if Toni Braxton and Jay-Z both produced (quote heavily) Tupac’s “Me and My Girlfriend,” who can say who stole from the other?

AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

Do you feel A&T offers a safe campus environment?

“Whenever I first got here I didn’t, but since all the little houses have been removed, it feels like more of a campus/school environment.”

-Kenneth Kingsberry, junior, political science major

“I honestly can’t give a full opinion on how safe campus is because I don’t live on campus. During the daytime, you really don’t see a problem with security or safety.”

-Taronzia Graves, junior, business management major

“I think they provide a safe campus environment you don’t hear about to many unsafe inci-
dents or people getting hurt.”

-Shannon Price, junior, accounting major

“Yes, I do think A&T offers a safe campus environment; I’ve never seen any violence.”

-Jon Robbins, junior, management information systems major

“Yes A&T offers a safe campus environment, because there are security guards everywhere looking out for everybody.”

-Sean Pittman, freshman, public rela-
tions major
Guest Commentary

Sexual cohabitation: Positive or negative?

Almeda Hobbs
Regular Contributor

While many young adults are choosing not to marry before becoming married, there are religious, psychological, health, and legal reasons why young adults should refuse to sexual cohabitation before marriage.

Religious Standpoint - Those who live together before marriage do not experience God's best for them. Genesis 2:27-28 says, "So God created man in his own image: male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful and increase in number." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate," other verses state.

Because sex is so powerful in emotion and bonding, God has constraints on how it is to be used, to specifically relegated it to the arena of exclusivity - marriage - a public union, with one person of the opposite sex, for life.

Casual sexual relationships devalue the person, causes emotional trauma and have serious effects on the personal well being of those involved.

Psychological Standpoint - Those living together often do so to "prove" their love to their partner. The partner who demands sex as proof of love is likely exploitative. He or she is looking out for number one at the other person's expense. How the other party feels about it is not his or her primary concern. There is an ego and physical desire to satisfy, and the other party will be used to fulfill it.

Such a person can become a dominating tyrant and may become abusive. These behaviors can carry over into the marriage.

Health Standpoint - The National Health Center for Health Statistics report those who live together are at a high risk for an unwanted pregnancy, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. On the other hand, those who choose to marry rather than live together live longer and healthier lives. The National Center for Health Statistics found that nonvirgin brides increase their odds of divorce about 60 percent. Some argued that living together does not mean that sex is taking place. However, cohabitation and sexual relations have a strong correlation.

Sociological Standpoint - Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles reports that 90 percent of married women were monogamous compared to 60 percent of cohabiting women. With men 90 percent of men were faithful to their brides, while 40 percent of cohabiting men stayed true to their partner.

People living together are in a fleeting romance and not a lasting relationship. Relationships take time and work to develop and maintain. In this fleeting romance, when an argument arises the romance is easily discarded.

Good relationships are built upon knowing each other on social, recreational, spiritual, intellectual and communicative levels.

The maturing process is also eliminated with cohabitation. Both partners must the willingness to make commitments and live up to them. A willingness to defer immediate pleasures and concentrate on goals is a sense of maturity.

People who make a commitment and accept total responsibility for their choices are more likely to develop self-respect, personal pride and integrity.

Legal Standpoint - Issues of paternity and income will arise when the breakup occurs. No legal property ownership rights are given to either of the partners. The sexual partners do not have the right to make funeral arrangements and has no survivor inheritances. Both partners have additional parenting issues. Finally, the other partner cannot make end-of-life or medical decisions.

Bible commentator William Barclay says, "While it is right to stress the dangers of the permissive society, the argument from danger is not in itself a good argument, because it seems to imply that, if the danger could be removed, too. It tends to imply that the object is to the attendant dangers and not to the thing itself."
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The word

Collective brings together artists, writers and musicians in creative atmosphere

By Kiara Drewery
Special to the Register

Aggie, do you ever feel like you are about to burst from anxiety and need to release a whole lot of stress? Well, the Collective is just the place for you.

The Collective is the name of an open-mic session that consists of poetry reading, singing or just expressing your deepest thoughts whether from a political or personal view. The Collective goes on Sunday nights at Lucky's Bar and Patio on Market Street in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

“It’s an event where people can come and compile their different experiences and make sense out of life,” said Tina, who is also known as Woman Storm and hosts the show. When Josephus Thomas first thought of the Collective, it consisted of the band “Untitled” and a group of poets.

“The Collective, originated from the word collection, brings in all types of people, artists, music and poets,” said Thomas.

The show brings in a diversity of people, with ages ranging from 18-45. The show opens with “Revelations,” which is an opportunity to express what is on your mind whether it is about a bad relationship or things that have happened throughout your week. During the show, the audience hears selections from a local Greensboro band, Untitled, and two or more featured performers.

The band Untitled was started in 2000 and has played throughout the state of North Carolina, including performing with Jonathan Butler during Homecoming. The band includes a saxophonist, bass, drummer, keyboardist and singers.

“Maybe we can be the next Mint Condition, the biggest and best band out of Greensboro,” said Garvin, who writes the music.

The badass diamond princess returns

Slip-N-Slide’s badass female MC, Trina (aka Katrina Taylor) has renamed and is crowning herself the diamond princess.

Although she’s still talking about jewelry, sex and money, her sophomore album definitely shows a more independent and dominéering Trina. This is clearly displayed in the majority of the tracks. However, it’s particularly true for tracks like “Fistful,” “B R Right” and “How We Do.”

“Fistful” is set like a talk show where Trina is revealing to the host her secret on getting the man away from his girl. She even tells the host how to scheme him out of his money.

“B R Right” featuring Ludacris is another track that displays her somewhat changed attitude. She’s letting men know what she wants and telling “fatties” to step up their game.

“How we do” featuring F.A.B-O-L-O-U-S, paints the listener a picture of the duo dressed in the hottest gear and intriguing the opposite sex into being with them. Both artists are claiming to be on top of their financial and appearance game.

Collaboration that adds a touch of “girl power” are with Missy “Misdemeanor” Elliott on “Rewind That Back,” Ruff Ryder’s first lady Eve on “Ladies First” and Tweet in “No Panties.”

Other collaborations on the album include with Rick Ross, Daque Poppie, money Mark of Tre + 6 and producers Kanye West and Just Blaze.

“I’ve stepped up the game,” she says, and I can’t let myself down. I’m trying to pave a way for everybody that wants to follow in my footsteps.”

Trina aka Katrina Taylor

Submit photo

‘Brown Sugar’ adds flavor to theaters

Review by Sharonda Eggleton
Register Photographer

Stevie Wonder had it right when he said that music brings people together, and “Brown Sugar” does just that. The familiar leads of Taye Diggs as Dre and Sanaa Lathan as Sidney deal with their friendship, love lives and careers. Dre and Sidney have been friends since grade school and have shared a love for hip-hop music. Now all grown up, both are successes in the music industry with Sidney being a well-known music critic and Dre working as a music executive. “Brown Sugar” explores the friendship of these two characters who discover that they not only share a love for hip-hop but a love for each other as well.

Staged in New York, “Brown Sugar” not only offers music and romance but also a bit of offbeat comedy with two actors/performers who are no strangers to the screen themselves; Queen Latifah and Mr. Def.

Latifah gives you the feeling of that girlfriend who always knows the problem before you tell them and gives you the advice you know is right. However, you just don’t want to hear it. Mos Def brings Dre back to why he really fell in love with hip-hop and its realness. His character gives you just a feeling of someone that could be your homie.

Many of these urban love stories place a feeling of “wow, black people don’t really do that” or “that would never happen to me.” In “Brown Sugar,” however, you find yourself saying, yeah that could possibly happen. This film is a feel-good romantic comedy that is a college student, you can say you’ve either been through that or have known someone that has gone through that.

The film doesn’t give me the taste of originality, and I found myself a few times wondering had the movie been switched with another one of Lathan’s films. If you like the good ol’ urban love movies such as “Love Jones,” “Jason’s Lyric,” “The Best Man” and of course “Love and Basketball,” then this is definitely the movie for you.

“Brown Sugar” definitely leaves you with a smile and not a frown because you just paid $5.50 when you could have gone to Mrs. Winners and gotten a full meal, and still had change to wash a load of clothes.

‘Brown Sugar’ hits single ‘Luv U Better’ hits the Billboard charts at number one.

LL Cool J’s hit single ‘Luv U Better’ hits the Billboard charts at number one.
NFL Season Overview

Ratings: Simmering Six

(1) Green Bay Packers:
Packers fans can now breathe a sigh of relief as it appears that Brett Favre is okay. Favre suffered a sprain of his left knee and will not need surgery. As Favre goes, so do the Packers, and Favre has been super-hot this season. Can you spell M-V-P.

(2) Denver Broncos:
Brian Griese is the leader of this team and when he gets hot, so do the Broncos. As of late, Griese has been on fire.

(3) New Orleans Saints:
Wins over the Falcons, Oilers and Bears don’t hurt. Daunte Culpeiller is good and Aaron Brooks is even better. Can they win in December though?

(4) Pittsburgh Steelers:
Is the Kordell Stewart era REALLY over in Pittsburgh? Will the real Jerome Bettis please stand up? Even with the injuries and adversity, the Steelers have finally played like the Super Bowl contenders that they are and Tommy Maddox has been a spark...Kordell who?

(5) San Diego Chargers:
With a young nucleus, Lindaman Tomlinson and Drew Brees, the Bolts are striking opponents left and right. Can they hold for real? Ask the Oakland Raiders.

(6) St. Louis Rams:
Yeah...go ahead and laugh but who really wants to play this team right now? NOBODY! Marshall Faulk is back to demoralizing his opponents and the defense is playing well. When Kurt Warner comes back...we’ll see. Can you say play-offs in a weak division?

By Chris Wallace

Persuasion games don’t mean much of anything to anyone. Don’t tell that to Hornet’s shooting guard Courtney Alexander, who was traded this past off season from the Washington Wizards to the New Orleans Hornets, schooled the Wizards, hitting one shot after another as the Hornets handed the Wizards their first pre-season loss of 2002 by a score of 99-92.

“Nine more Hornets,” said Wizard guard Jerry Stackhouse after coming back home to North Carolina and scoring 31 points, including 19 in the third quarter alone. “It’s always fun to come home and Dong (Collins) told me he was going to give me some minutes, and unfortunately we didn’t get the win. I think we know the mistakes that we made, we just have to make sure we change one part of game and hopefully we get better from that.

“We’ve been working real hard, and now we have a little physical, but mental fatigue is probably setting in right now,” added Stackhouse.

The Wizards and Hornets both sat out key players as Michael Jordan and Chris Jeannite, Haywood said that although he didn’t get a chance to get back to Dudley, he had the opportunity to see Coach David Price. On basketball, Haywood credits a lot of his growth to his teammates and coaches. "Patrick (Finga) has helped me out a lot, helping me with post moves and defensive schemes," said Haywood. "It’s also great playing with Jerry and Michael because they are really great guys on and off the floor and they make everyone better.”
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