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Voter rally wants students

By Jameya Porter
Editorial Consultant

"How do you expect changes if you're not going to vote?" is the question presented by junior and Mr. Aggie, Derrell Young, regarding the issue of students who chose not to vote.

A Voter Empowerment Rally is being held Monday, Nov. 4 in Harrison Auditorium from 5-7 p.m. to encourage N.C. A&T students to vote.

A&T's voter empowerment organizer, Jameka Pankey, says the basic objective of the rally is "to bring A&T students to the polls."

The rally is a non-partisan project developed in an effort to get the campus excited about Nov. 5, Young said. Organizers also say its focus is the student body, but it also allows students from various campus organizations to support voting and show students its great relevance.

In addition to the entertainment element of the rally, it is also intended to inform students of available voting precincts and other related information.

"We've been working on this (rally) for a while," Pankey added.

"We're trying to get back what we had in 2000 (with the presidential election)," Pankey said.

A political forum was held on campus on Oct. 16, giving time for political candidates to speak, however, there will be no speakers at Monday's event.

There will be entertainment, including music, singing, dance and stepping,

Young adds, "If you want to change out-of-state tuition, you got to vote. These people that you put in office can help that."

Students who are registered nationally may vote in their local area Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Memorial Student Union as well as Bethel AME Church.

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Pumpkin toss attracts area kids

By Karina Hardy
Editorial Consultant

The Great Pumpkin Drop sounds like something out of a book but in fact, it was the gathering of 375 area elementary school students who arrived on campus. They were then escorted by communication department students to the Paul Roberson Theater where they experienced an interactive science show.

With a trombone and bubbles, students learned about how sound waves travel through the air. Students got a real laugh when it came to the egg toss, which taught them how to make a sound wave. While tossing, one of the students tipped over and made quite a mess, but it was all in the name of science. After all the many hands-on activities the students

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Jobs, grades in conflict?

By Karina Hardy
Contributor

Thirty years ago, most college students were concerned about passing their courses and graduating.

Today, college students are adding stress from jobs to the list.

The recent, declining economy and raising tuition rates across the country have forced many college students to get jobs to help pay for college, especially those who don't qualify for financial aid. Many college students take on part-time and even full-time jobs to help maintain their financial status or to simply make ends meet.

Senior biology major Phillip Moore does his work study in the biology lab.

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Recognizing depression

Each year 17 million Americans suffer from more than the blues.

By TORNETHA BALDWIN

Sometimes the many changes and pressures students face can become overwhelming. So it isn’t surprising that from time to time one may feel “down” or discouraged. But what happens when one’s outlook on life stays “down” for weeks and begins to affect the person they are?

For college students, school years can be complicated and demanding. They may not be sure of who they are, what they want to be or whether the choices they make from day to day are the best for their future. In times like these, it’s not unusual for one to become depressed.

When that “down” mood (along with other symptoms) lasts for more than a couple of weeks, the outcome could lead to depression. Depression is a serious health problem that affects 17 million Americans each year. In addition to feelings, it can change behavior, physical health and appearance, academic performance and the ability to handle everyday decisions and pressures.

At some point in life, one in five women and one in 10 men will suffer from depression. It affects people of all ages, races and incomes. What’s so amazing about depression is that it’s a growing threat among young people in today’s society.

Even more alarming is the fact that depression, if untreated, can be fatal. Without treatment, 15 percent of people suffering from it will commit suicide, which is also becoming a huge threat for African-Americans.

Rates among African-Americans have been rising, especially in teenagers and young adults. This is a tragic result to a treatable illness.

Between 80 and 90 percent of people with depression respond well to treatment. Treatments include anti-depressant medications and counseling. Although these medications may increase the risk of suicide during the first 2 weeks, it would be too much of an overstatement to say that suicide is a side effect of treatment.

When a person is depressed, relationships with family, friends and co-workers often suffer. Friends and family may not realize that depression is an illness and may tell the person to “snap out of it,” or “get over it” or “quit feeling sorry for themselves.”

Talking through feelings may help a friend recognize the need for help. By showing friendship and concern and giving unsolicited support, a person suffering from depression can be encouraged to get the help they need. Many people who commit suicide who are depressed have given warning signs to friends and family such as “I wish I were dead,” “I can’t take it anymore; I want out,” or “the world would be better off without me.” If a friend or someone you know talks like this, take it seriously. Immediately tell someone who will seek help for that person.

For more information about depression, contact counseling services at 334-7727.

EYE ON CRIME

N.C. A&T University Police reported the following incidents Oct. 23-Oct. 30.

Larceny

In Scott Hall B a student reported that an unknown person had removed several items from the laundry room dryer. The items were valued at $60. There were no witnesses.

In Merrick Hall, a faculty member reported that an unknown person entered the office and stole two Compaq notebook computers. The notebooks were valued at $3,750.

Armed Robbery

In the Student Union parking lot two students reported that four males robbed them with a handgun. Suspects used their vehicle to block the victim’s vehicle. The victims were taken out of their vehicle, searched and property was taken.

Motor Vehicle Theft

In the Haley/Campbell parking lot a non-student visiting at Haley Hall reported that some unknown male stole her 1995 Lexus GS 300. Suspect/student was taken into custody a short time later.

Drug Violation

At the Aggie Suites UPD officers responded and searched suspect’s room and recovered a bag of marijuana seeds.

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TREATMENTS

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and being a student.

"Being in school and working at a job is hard. It is like having two jobs at one time. It takes a lot of time management to be able to get done what I need to get done," Gilmer said. "I do my homework in between the breaks before I have to work. I have both day and night classes to accommodate my job so it's hard to get my work done thoroughly and it takes too much time out of my schedule to do it," Gilmer added.

Some students chose work-study programs to help make ends meet and pay off their tuition because they feel work-study jobs are less demanding than off-campus jobs.

Academies suffer when one does not apply the rules of time management.

"When I first came to N.C. A&T, I did not have a job so I had more time to study and get my work done. Now that I have a job it is a lot harder to find time to study and to get all my work done," said A&T student Jay Smitherman.

"I think it would be better if I did not have to work. I would have more time to study and to complete my work as I did in my freshmen year," Smitherman said.

Many students feel as though college is the one time where students experience their social life at a whole new level, and for working students, the valuable experience could be cut short.

"When I got a job, my social life went down the toilet. Now all I do is go to my classes, go to work and go back home to study and start the same routine over again the next day," said working A&T student, Tamika Williams.

"It's not like being in high school where you can get some of your work done while you are at work or get it done in class. With some of the classes that I take, that is nearly impossible. Most of my homework takes hours to complete," Williams added.

Out-of-state students face higher tuition and recently, that amount went up $400 per semester. Many out-of-state students face no choice but to work jobs.

A&T TO HOST ADULT FORUM/INFORMATION SESSION

The Office of Continuing Studies at N.C. A&T will host an adult forum/information session for persons seeking degrees, certificates and professional development programming Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in Smith Hall.

Those interested can meet with academic deans, department chairs and university administration in an open forum to learn about the academic and professional programming opportunities available at A&T.

Information will be available on admission and registration procedures, financial aid, distance education, weekend and evening possibilities and training tailored to professional development needs.

For further information, contact Pat O'Connor or Phyllis Cole at (336) 334-7607 or e-mail ceprodev@ncat.edu.

Students talk to candidate Brad Miller in the student union.

Democrats host voter rally

By Jessiva DeVault
Register Contributor

Democratic candidate for North Carolina's 15th Congressional District, Brad Miller, stopped by N.C. A&T, Oct. 30, to attend a rally, hosted by the 21st Century Democrats, to discuss voting incentives and platform.

The 21st Century Democrats held the Get-Out-The-Vote Rally to correspond with the "Drive Up the Vote," project to increase voter participation.

Miller had lunch with several students and discussed the benefits of voting and why it should be taken seriously among college students. While placing emphasis on voting, Miller also discussed his platform on streamlining federal grant applications, environmental efforts and creating more jobs.

Students who joined Miller for lunch were not apprehensive about asking tough questions dealing with the current $1.6 billion budget deficit, lack of collegiate health insurance and private school vouchers.

In response to a question about educational inequality and whether he was prepared to work towards solving the problem, Miller said, "I believe that we should deliver on the promise of equality for opportunity."

For more information on voting visit www.driveupthevote.org.

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The stuff of life
Gone, but not forgotten

BY CALVIN WILLIAMS
Associated Press

It has been six years now since the rap world was stunned, as one of its greatest MC's, Tupac Shakur, was shot dead in a drive-by shooting. Shakur, 25, was the son of Afeni Shakur, a former Black Panther, and stepson of Manita Shakur, another former Panther.

As a child he grew up in tough neighborhood and homeless shelters in the Bronx, Harlem and Baltimore. It wasn't until his teenage years that he moved to the West Coast and joined the rap group Digital Underground. His talent as a rapper excelled and in 1991 he signed a solo recording deal. Tupac soon released his debut solo album "Suge-Lyfe Now," which made him a star.

In 1994 he was convicted and sentenced to a four-and-a-half-year prison term for sexual assault. Death Row chief executive Marion "Suge" Knight offered to pay $1.4 million for Tupac's bond appeale under the terms that Shakur sign a recording deal with Death Row upon his release from prison.

Tupac entered the studio within hours of his release to record the album "All Eyez On Me," which released, the album sold more than five million copies topping releases by Madonna and the Rolling Stones.

It was very clear to any hip-hop fan that Tupac was one of the world's greatest rappers. Although his life and career was brought to an abrupt end, many of his supporters and fans refused to let go.

Immediately following his deaths many theories started circulating around saying that Shakur faked his own death. The theories, in some ways make sense and are still believed, but fans should now face the fact that Tupac is dead and gone.

"In "I Ain't Mad atcha," released only a few days after his death, the video depicts Shakur being killed similar to the way he was actually killed. His album that was released two months after he died was named "Makaveli: The Day Today.""

Michiavelli was a historian, statesman and a political philosopher born in Florence, Italy in 1469. He was known for offering advice on how to fake your own death and come back to kill your enemies. This is what some fans believe Tupac has done, hence the title of his album that will be released after his death. Ironically, faking your own death in a felony offense, but the statute of limitations states that an individual cannot be charged for fraud if the crime occurred more than seven years before it was discovered.

All these interesting facts, but I hate to say untrue. In all honesty Tupac's death to the hip-hop world was similar to that of Elvis Presley's death to the rock world. It was unexpected and at the peak of their careers and fans refuse to let go.

With all the theories circling about Tupac still being alive, Chuck Phillips, writer for the L.A. Times, really put a nail in the coffin in a recent article. He talked with some members of the South Side Crips, the street gang believed to have performed the hit on Tupac. The members described how the events went down on Sept. 6, 1996 and what led to his murder.

The Crips told Phillips they killed Tupac in retaliation for the beating of one of their members earlier that night. The member who was beaten, Orlando Anderson, was also the person who fired the fatal shots. It was also mentioned that the Notorious BIG had offered $1 million for the hit and paid the gang $50,000 a few days after Tupac died. The Notorious BIG even supplied the weapon to do the job with, it's reported, stating he wanted the fatal bullet to come from his gun.

Different people in the music industry such as rapper Jadu Rule and Def Jam CEO Russell Simmons have expressed their frustration towards reporters still writing about "what really happened."

They both mentioned how things are getting stirred up about a man who has been dead for six years and is not being allowed to rest in peace.

Tupac is dead, the man who allegedly paid for the hit is dead. The man who carried out the hit is dead. The only witness that could identify the true murderer is also dead.

So, will the case ever be officially solved? Like a Magic 8 ball, all signs point to NO! However, I'm wrong and Tupac really does come back next year!
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Dedication to the slain DJ Jam Master Jay

Run D.M.C. seemed to take the world by storm with their signature black hats, leather blazers and shell toe Addas.

They took over the music scene and their style made everyone aware of the rap takeover in the music industry.

Jam Master Jay was a hip-hop pioneer for all turntablists across the world. He founded Scratch DJ Media Productions to help educate amateur DJs and along with DJ Premier, Evil Dee and other rap DJs, he taught classes at Scratch DJ Academy in NYC.

You can listen to the radio right now and truly experience the impact that Run D.M.C. has had in the hip-hop nation. "Peter Piper" is used as a sample to keep you dancing on rap artist Missy Elliott's current single titled "Work It." When Run D.M.C. made "My Adidas," the concept of writing rhymes about sneakers was accepted. It was too cool to rock artist Nelly to get to stompin' in his current single "Air Force Ones."

Run D.M.C. made you realize that Jam Master Jay's scratching and mixing wasn't a game. You respected the fact that the DJ was not just your average hype man for a group. He was Run D.M.C.'s band, partner and as we said in the '90s, homeboy.

There will be an endearing feeling each year on Halloween Eve in the hearts and minds of hip-hop fans everywhere.

In honor of the incomparable hip-hop DJ, I dedicate the lyric from Run D.M.C.'s "Jam Master Jay."
"So when asked who's the best, y'all should say:
Run D.M.C. and Jam Master Jay."

Memorable movies revisited

Taking a second look at some of the great films of our time

BY SHARONDA EGGLETON
Register Photo Editor

Good of "Coming to America."
who over the age of 15 hasn't heard of the land of Zumbanda or who doesn't know the line, "Bark like a dog. Bark like a big dog." I don't think anyone that has seen this movie can deny that "Coming to America" is one of the most memorable movies. Usually the key to memorable movies is to know at least one line. I don’t know anyone who will deny that this movie doesn't fall under the umbrella of favorites.

Starring Eddie Murphy as Prince Akeem and Arsenio Hall as Semmi, this movie takes you on Prince Akeem's journey from Zumbanda, Africa to Queens, N.Y., to find his queen. Truly this movie transcends generations with its charm. Who would ever realize this movie loved by young and old came out in 1988? It just makes you look back and wonder for a second what were they thinking? The jenfuri, the rat-tails, faded jeans, and girls who could actually wear a tight short skirt, mini skirt. and not get labeled some name other than their own. This movie truly is a blast from the past that makes you look back and say, wow, style has come a long way.

All in all this is one memorable movie that offers a genuinely good time. One quick question, how long did it take you to get the joke at the end of the movie, or are you still a bit puzzled? —Alexa.

Al Pacino. Mentioning that name alone makes you think of quite a few movies. "The Godfather Trilogy," "Casino" and so on. But there is only one movie that has Tony Montana. "Scarface. " Is about a Cuban refugee who builds a powerful cocaine empire through cutthroat and ruthless methods. Although I am not much for just a straight violent movie, there is something about this movie that captivates. Maybe it's the in-your-face action, that leaves you wondering what more can be done. You get lost in what could easily be in reality, a true gangster. Even though he's obviously a bad guy, you find yourself rooting for him and turning into a Cuban Tony Montana wanna be, reporting the same vulgur, yet when Montana says them, cool lines.

"Scarface" really explores the trials of wealth, power and the search for the American dream. The ending scene, the most memorable scene of the entire movie, ends in complete chaos and of course bullets as Tony's search for the American dream overtakes his empire and his life. "Say ello to my little friend!"

Following the life of Celie, "The Color Purple" isn't your average telling of black history. The story follows the life of Celie as she touches the lives of many. Adapted from Alice Walker's novel (which I recommend reading) we first see Celie as a child with her sister, running innocent and free. "You and me must never part, my-ke-da-da."

But we soon find that for Celie growing up in the rural South is no bed of roses. At 14 and having been made pregnant twice by her father as well as having both of these children taken from her, something most of us can't even fathom, Celie is destined to go through trials. This movie introduces many unforgettable characters, several of which are women who have been beaten down by life, yet never give up.

Mister, Sofia, Shug Avery, Squack, Harpo, Nettie - all unforgettable people that take you on a roller coaster ride of emotions. "The Color Purple" is the movie that has you not only repeating every line, but also singing and chanting every line right along with the movie. These are the movies you sit back and reminisce on. They make you laugh, and they make you cry, but you remember them. You walk out feeling you got something out of your time spent with the movie. No money wasted, only time well spent.

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Men's and women's cross country teams finished 9th/10th in MEAC Championships.

November 4, 2002

Blown call may have cost Aggies season in 20-16 loss to Howard

By CHRIS WALLACE
Regular Sports S-E/Writer Editor

On Oct. 20, the door may have closed on Aggie hopes for a 2002 MEAC title. In a pivotal game for both teams, the Howard Bison took advantage of 18 N.C. A&T penalties and an apparent "blown call" while rallying to defeat the Aggies 26-16. The Aggies, who have been plagued by penalties all season, committed 18 for 148 yards against the Bison.

"We were really plagued by penalties," said Aggie head coach Bill Hayes. "We've said all along that having as many young players that we do, we can't commit penalties. We want to play aggressive but we have to play smart."

A&T raced out to 10-0 and 16-6 leads in the third quarter behind running back and kick return specialist O'Brian Hodge. Hodge exploded for a 55-yard touchdown run just minutes into the third quarter and followed a Howard touchdown with an 84-yard kickoff return for a touchdown to give the Aggies a seemingly comfortable 16-6 lead. That's when things got weird.

After a Jai Cuber touchdown run cut A&T's lead to 16-12 early in the fourth quarter, the Aggie offense stalled, providing opportunities for the Bison.

After committing a costly pass interference penalty on the previous possession, the Aggies were looking for a call in their favor on Howard's final drive. They never got it. The Bison stopped an A&T fake punt attempt on fourth and 28 and subsequently drove 78 yards in six plays, highlighted by a questionable 33-yard pass from quarterback Donald Clark to receiver Daryl Nun. Clark took the snap on first and 10 from midfield, eluded the Aggie pass rush and fired to Nun. However, Clark may have crossed the line and the Aggie players and coaches felt that he did indeed cross the line.

"I didn't throw the flag," said Bison head coach Rayford T. Perry. "They changed the momentum of the game and the perception of what you want to do with your game plan."

The Aggies must win their final four games to avoid missing the first losing season since 1995.

NBA 2002-2003 Preview

PREVIEW BY CHRIS WALLACE
Regular Sports S-E/Writer Editor

The 2002-2003 NBA season is under way and what a season it will be Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest athlete of all time, will entertain the sixth man role in Washington. Vince Carter and Grant Hill return from injury, the Lakers and Kings will renew a rivalry that has heated up over the past few seasons, the young Chicago Bulls will be on display and the "Ming Dynasty" will begin in Houston. Let's take a look into my best of the best in the 2002-2003 season.

Top Teams

(1) Los Angeles Lakers: With Shaquille O'Neal missing his sore toe, Kobe Bryant will have to step up. That should be no problem, however, as Bryant has yearned for an opportunity like this. Adding 15 pounds of muscle during the offseason shouldn't hurt Bryant either, and he'll continue to prove why he has drawn comparisons to Michael Jordan. The Lakers added veteran Tracy Murray to the lineup but didn't do much else. They still need a consistent power forward and need for Derek Fisher to get back to the form he was in during the 2000 playoffs. With only the Kings as their closest competition, the Lakers may win their fourth straight championship, but it won't be easy.

(2) Sacramento Kings: Did the 2001-2002 Western Conference Finals convince you that the Kings are ready to dethrone the champs? Maybe. Sacramento was a bucket away from hoisting the finals last year, and with the addition of Keon Clark to bolster their already deep lineup, the Kings are improved. Mike Bibby is out until December with a stress fracture in his foot, but the Kings shouldn't miss a beat. Sacramento claims that they are better than the Lakers and the team to beat so here's their chance to prove it.

(3) San Antonio Spurs: Tim Duncan is the reigning league MVP. David Robinson is a former league MVP. Bruce Bowen is an All-Defensive team member. Tony Parker is a 20-year-old emerging point guard. Malik Rose is very solid off the bench. All the pieces seem to be there for the Spurs except consistency during the playoffs. It wasn't Shaq but Kobe Bryant who hurled the Spurs in last season's playoffs, which left the Spurs stranded. However, the Spurs look ready in 2002-2003 and could push the Lakers in the Western Conference.

(4) Dallas Mavericks: This one is simple. The Mavs are by far the most talented offensive team in the league. The negative side: NO D! The Mavs wouldn't be able to play D' if there were five Bo Outlaws on the floor.

(5) Orlando Magic: Grant Hill and Tracy McGrady together finally for a full season? Let's wait and see. If it does happen, then the Magic easily win 60 games because T-Mac is super and Grant Hill is solid. The Magic should win the Eastern Conference only if they stay healthy.

Top 5 Players at any position

(1) LAL- Shaquille O'Neal (Just a man amongst boys. Dominates games at will.)

(2) LAL- Kobe Bryant (The best player, besides Shaq, in the league and he's only 24! He can shoot, defend, finish and lead.)

(3) SA- Tim Duncan (Fundamentally sound in every aspect.)

(4) MIN- Kevin Garnett (Puts up huge numbers every season but can't win in playoffs.)

(5) ORL- Tracy McGrady (When he left the Raptors, he said he was good. He is wrong because he is on the verge of greatness.)

Top 5 Players ready to break out

(1) CLE- Darius Miles
(2) SAC- Hedo Turkoglu
(3) MIL- Tim Thomas
(4) WASH- Kwame Brown
(5) UTAH- Andrei Kirilenko

Top 5 players who are washed up

(1) PHO- Penny Hardaway
(2) ORL- Shawn Kemp
(3) HOU- Glen Rice
(4) BOS- Vin Baker
(5) PORT- Scottie Pippen

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Western Conference Finals:
Lakers over Kings 4-3
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