A&T honors Ronald E. McNair

Tiffany S. Jones
Senior Contributing Editor

Jan. 28 marked the 17th Annual Ronald E. McNair Day. It honors outstanding Aggie Ronald E. McNair.

McNair was born on Oct. 21, 1950, in Lake City, SC. He graduated valedictorian of Carver High School in 1967. Upon graduation, he ventured to Aggeland where he joined Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

In 1971, he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Physics. In 1975, he went on to study laser physics in France. The following year, he obtained his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1978, he was selected by NASA as an astronaut candidate. His first flight as a mission specialist took place on Feb. 3, 1984. On Jan. 28, 1986, McNair died in the space shuttle Challenger approximately one minute after its take off.

Prior to his death, McNair was awarded many special honors including Omega Psi Phi Scholar of the Year, a Presidential Scholar, Ford Foundation Fellow and many others. He also received three Honorary Doctorate degrees from A&T, Morris College and the University of South Carolina respectively. McNair was survived by his wife Cheryl and his two children Reginald and Joy.

In honor of McNair, a memorial program was held in the Stallings Ballroom.

The theme for this year's program was, "Pursuing a Life of Excellence.

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SGA sponsors Soul Food Fest

By Tiffany S. Jones
Regents Contributing Editor

The N.C. A&T Student Government Association is planning numerous programs in celebration of Black History Month.

The first of these events will be Soul Food Fest. This event will be held in the Williams Cafeteria 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 7.

"I wanted there to be a fun event to balance the straight informational events," said Brian "Barbados" Holder, vice president of external affairs.

This event will combine '80s and '70s soul music courtesy of WNAW, with soul food and an emphasis on African-American history.

"We want to challenge the students with questions about their black history," Holder said.

This challenge will also have prizes. Holder is working with the bookstore to have prizes donated for this event.

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Suites to host Winter Ball

By Karina Hardy

Aggie Suites will hold its second annual Formal/Semi-Formal Winter Ball at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Stallings Ballroom. The ball will be sponsored by the Aggie Suites Club and is open to all students and surrounding colleges. Money raised will go to the United Negro College Fund, while a canned food collection will benefit the Greensboro Urban Ministries. This year’s Winter Ball will hold several events such as a raffle, photo booth and the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Winter Ball. The organizers will raffle off gift certificates, centerpieces and other various items. Carnations will be available for purchase to add a special romantic touch. Professional photographers will also be on site to take pictures of each couple, individual or group of friends for $5 and two for $10 with payment due at the time of purchase. The catered food will offer a good atmosphere to mingle and dance throughout the night. Participants from last year feel optimistic about this year’s ball.

“Last year the ball was good. They had good music and a nice atmosphere. I know that this year’s ball will be even better,” said Tasia Davis.

Organizers are also optimistic about the outlook for this year’s ball. “The ball is like a pre-Valentine’s celebration for couples and singles so we feel that we will get a good turnout,” said Natasha Smith, organizer of the ball.

“We began planning for this year’s ball months in advance, unlike last year where we only had three months to come up with all the ideas for the ball. We put a lot of effort in the ball this year to make it a success.”

Organizers of the event decided to donate proceeds to the United Negro College Fund which helps send black students to college, giving those students the opportunity to expand their education and build a future where otherwise they would not be able to afford a college education.

“We decided to donate towards the UNCF because we support their cause and hope that one day a future A&T prospective student will be able to benefit from it,” Smith said.

The canned foods that are collected from this event will go to the Greensboro Urban Ministries. This organization focuses on local kids and the community of Greensboro and helps those who seek assistance.

The canned foods are going towards families that need food and this event is an important contributor to the cause.

The cost of the tickets will be $15 per couple, or $7 per couple with two canned food items, $7 per individual or $5 per individual with one canned food item. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Aggie Suites Office.

Black History Month Milestones

ON FEB. 3:
1920 - The Negro Baseball League is founded.

1874 - Blanche Kelso Bruce is elected to a full six-year term in the U.S. Senate by the Mississippi legislature.

ON FEB. 4:
1996 - J.C. Watts becomes the first black selected to respond to a State of the Union Address.

1971 - National Guard mobilized to quell rioting in Wilmington, N.C. Two persons killed.

ON FEB. 5:
1866 - Congressman Thaddeus Stevens offered an amendment to Freedmen’s Bureau Bill authoring the distribution of public land and confiscated land to freedmen and loyal refugees in 40-acre lots.

1938 - Clifton R. Wharton Sr. confirmed as minister to Romania. This career diplomat was the first black to head a U.S. embassy in Europe.

ON FEB. 6:
1993 - Arthur Ashe dies; he was the first African American tennis player to win a Wimbledon.

1867 - Robert Tannor Jackson becomes first African American to receive a degree in dentistry.

ON FEB. 7:
1926 - Negro History Week, originated by Carter G. Woodson, is observed for the first time.

ON FEB. 8:
1944 - Harry S. McAlphin is the first African American to be accredited to attend the White House press conference.

1986 - Oprah Winfrey becomes the first African American woman to host a nationally syndicated talk show.

ON FEB. 9:
1952 - Author Ralph Ellison’s novel Invisible Man was the National Book Award.

1995 - Bernard Harris, African American astronaut, takes space walk.

Black History Month Events

Thursday, Feb. 13

Thursday, Feb. 20
7 p.m. at Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, “The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow” Video presentation of highlights of the television documentary. Discussion led by A&T history professor Dr. Millenec Ellis will follow the presentation.

Saturday, Feb. 22
7:30 p.m. at Bethany United Church of Christ located on the opposite side of U.S. Route 70. Brown Memorial Singers in concert. Event is free and open to the public.

Sunday, Feb. 23
3 p.m. at Bethany United Church of Christ. “The Negro Leagues” presentation by stars Carl Long and Cliff Layton. Long will also have a display of personal memrobilia. Event is free and open to the public.

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A 90-minute Remembrance Ceremony, sponsored by A&T and held in honor of Harmon on Jan. 29, where students, staff, family, friends and alumni were able to pay their respects. The ceremony, led by the singing of A&T student Chrisys Foster and a poem by Mr. Aggie, Darrell Young, filled Stallings Ballroom to near capacity and left many in tears.

“I’m uplifted by the ceremony because so many of the students, faculty and staff were here to celebrate the life of one of our students,” said A&T Chancellor James C. Renick. “It really says a lot about who we are as a community when we take time out to recognize and realize how important Chris was to all of us, not only to those of us who knew him personally but what he represented. Chris was here to learn, to achieve, to accomplish things and he befriended so many people. Tonight was very powerful,” Renick said.

Many of Chris’ friends insist that he was not a trouble maker, but instead a peacemaker and a laid-back individual who always wanted to lend a helping hand.

“He was laid back and cool. He wasn’t the type of person that would go out and cause trouble,” said Spruill. “He held his ground but he wouldn’t go out and start trouble. He was quiet, and a lot of people don’t know him like that. He wasn’t out there like that.”

Dr. Samuel Moses, a professor in the political science department who had known Harmon in two of his classes, added that Harmon’s quiet demeanor proved that he was well-raised and respectful. Bishop also said that Chris was a well-respected person and the atmosphere was good when he was in the room.

“Everybody loved Chris,” said Bishop. “He never had any anger against anyone.”

lack of student participation and support.

This event is a balance between the information sessions the departments have and the more enjoyable events that are sponsored by the SGA, Holder said. Other events being sponsored by the SGA include a movie night on Feb. 27 and a throwback party in the Stallings Ballroom on Feb. 21.

SGA is also hosting a reception for the Young Gifted and Black program that is sponsored by the Office of Housing and Residence.

The menu for the Soul Food Fest will include jallof rice (similar to dirty rice), curry chicken, bathtub ribs, macaroni and cheese, fried fish, candied yams and collard greens.

SECC surpasses campaign goal

By TORNETHA BALDWIN

N.C. A&T exceeded its goal for the 2002 State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) thanks to the support of employees and retirees.

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McNair also broke down racial barriers during a time where many African-Americans weren’t considered intelligent enough for careers like the one he had.

“He paved the way for African-Americans to achieve their goals,” Iley-George said.

“He broke down racial barriers and left a legacy of determination, hope and encouragement,” Pauling said.

In order to be a Ronald E. McNair Scholar, a student must go through an application process which includes an essay that must detailing future plans and aspirations. They must also discuss attending graduate school.

In order to qualify for the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, the student must be either a first-generation college student or show financial need.

A&T students remember Harmon

Chrissy D. Foster, a member of the N.C. A&T Gospel Fellowship Choir, sang, “His Eye is on the Sparrow” during a remembrance ceremony for Christopher Jerome Harmon in Stallings Ballroom, Jan. 29. Harmon, 20, was gunned down Jan. 26 near Enigma night club on Patterson Ave. Police are still investigating the shooting.

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In Remembrance of Christopher Harmon

BY TRINA LOGAN

I hear a lot of people say that they never knew Christopher Harmon. I have listened to everyone speak at his memorial service and I realized that a person’s spirit is inside a little bit of everyone. If you’re ever enlightened someone’s day by smiling, you knew him. If you ever gave a ride to someone in need, you knew him. If you’re in college trying to better your life, you knew him. If you ever encouraged someone to do great things in life, you knew him. Three Ps come to mind as I inform you of the life Chris lived. He was a philanthropist, peacemaker and a dealer of promises.

Hopefully, these little insertions will help those who’ve never come across his path to acknowledge and value his memory. Philanthropy is defined as a general love or desire to improve humanity, especially through charitable activities. Christopher Harmon epitomized the very meaning of this term by spreading love and wisdom to his family, friends and peers. Peacemaker is defined as someone who brings peace and reconciliation between others. Christopher was a peacemaker among men who portrayed boy-like actions.

Promises are defined as indications that somebody or someone will turn out successful. Chris promised me that I would do “big things” as a writer. As the tears fall on the keyboard of this computer, I promise him that I will. Here’s my tribute to Christopher Harmon: Aggies, we lost a young black brother by gun violence that’s increasing. His death should give us all a shock treatment. Some of us should take a look and think about what it is that we believe in. Because we were having to bury an Aggie, who just died for no reason. Ignorance took his life and packaged it with a gun. Let’s our Aggies without a friend and Lisa Harmon without a son. He’s alive y’all, just physically not on Earth.

We should reflect on his soul and make it our resolve. Some of us should take that image and destroy it. Honestly, can you think of who actually benefited? Everyone should celebrate his life and never forget. This honorable man, as you pay your respects. Chris was that cat with the big smile on the worst day ever. In fact be encouraged me to blend words together. His spirit will always inspire me as I take the journalistic battle between a pen and a pad. I will cherish and love how dearly for the brief moments that we had. Commemorate his memory in the highest degree.

For he will always remain at Dr. Mr. Kennedy’s “A Gentle Giant” in our Aggie family. However, he had to be dragged out of the courtroom by federal marshals as he demonstrated American shoes was sentenced to life in prison Jan. 30.

Authorities said Reid was equipped with enough plastic explosives in his shoes to blow a hole in the fuselage of the plane and kill all 197 people aboard on Dec. 22, 2001. After Reid also attacked a flight attendant on the tarmac, he was subdued by several passengers and given a tranquillizer by a doctor onboard.

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What does Black History Month mean to you?

"In a word it means rememberance, everything: that our ancestors fought for, our right to vote, our right to ride a bus, our right to be at this institution, or at any institution we choose." Adam Andrew, sophomore, computer science major

"It means the study of recent past, and how our black leaders paved the way for us today." Sean Murphy, sophomore, electrical engineering major

"It gives us a chance to learn more and understand more about our history and heritage." Wayne Robinson, freshman, graphic communication technology major

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E-vibes

Video Games taking interest of A&T males

By Chris Wallace

First and 10 for the Eagles at the 49ers 45-yard line. McNabb back to pass. While the controller continues to click and clack, so does the game clock on 0:21 remaining in the second quarter, and the real time, which is at 12:35 a.m., quickly clocks to 12:45 a.m. and then 12:52 a.m. It doesn’t faze some video games, however, despite steady responses and early classes. As junior N.C. A&T student Chris Chappell continues to concentrate on the game (Madden 2003 on PlayStation 2) as it is, he’s plotting a move in a game of chess, which shows no sign of anger or the outside about the 44-0 lead. Playing on his Eagles, now does show the fatigue. Junior engineer major Chris Preston plays his Xbox in his spare time.

"I play late because I guess the day is winding down and it's something calming to do," said Aaron Colos, a freshman broadcast producer major. "It does affect you studies because I could be studying right now. It's always something you could be doing educationally, but I'm losing this and usually wait until the last minute to do my work."

Even as some students are admittedly struggling with their addiction to the video games, retailers are benefiting from the increased interest. Retailer Best Buy’s overall sales increased drastically for the month of December, going up 10 percent over the previous month’s sales, and Wal-Mart’s sales increased by 95 percent in December 2002 compared to the same time period last year.

Hi-Tech Rage Centre, a store that sells video games and systems in Greensboro, is one of the beneficiaries of the increased interest. "Our sales have definitely increased," said Lawrence Smith, a store associate at Hi-Tech. "It's becoming very popular because most systems are coming with built-in DVD players and people can play online now. We've got a lot of college guys buying them, and they are usually males. If a woman buys them, it's usually for their kids."

The intensity level between the players is as high as ever, and the competitiveness is winning. Sometimes the competitiveness gets out of control, however. "It's very competitive," said Yusef Lawrence, a senior computer-aided design drafting (CADD) major at N.C. A&T. "It's just like another sport. You're trying to gauge yourself and see how good you are and what you can get better at."

Whatever the case may be, the video game is becoming a household name.

Artist brings new twist

By Karina Hardy

B.B. King, Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday all had a sense of musical style that could not be touched by any other musician of their time. Nationally renowned jazz vocalist and Chicago native Brion Perry hopes to achieve the same greatness and unique quality as the timeless performers before him.

"Positively," Perry's debut CD recorded with the legendary Frank Foster, embodies a rare combination of astounding talent and a warm presence that exudes charm and sophistication.

An accomplished musician, Perry started out at a young age singing and playing the trombone. As his passion for music blossomed, Perry began to perform at several main venues throughout Chicago and eventually gained the opportunity to perform with the Chicago Jazz Orchestra, John Barrett Swing Orchestra and the Norwegian Cruise line's "Jazz Cruises" to the west coast and Caribbean.

For those who need a break from the everyday loud and often outrageous lyrics in most of today's music, this is the album for you. His smooth jazz vocals are reminiscent of George Benson and Sammy Davis Jr. and has the ability to relax the mind, bodies and spirits of even the most vexed of souls.

Songs such as "Sweet Lorraine" and "Teach Me Tonight" will get couples in the mood for romance. So players show your girl that you have a sensitive side and get her in the mood by slipping in Perry's CD, turn down the lights and do what you do. Ladies, get your man in the mood to do what you want him to do.

Universal and Motown in search of college reps

By Alexandra Gray

Ever have dreams of working for a record label? Well, Universal and Motown records could give you that very opportunity. Universal and Mosun records has organized a college representative program, in which college students are being urged to apply for a position within Universal and Motown records.

Although the position is on a voluntary basis, the chosen students will promote the work of artists such as Erykah Badu, India Arie, Nelly and Brian McKnight.

In order to apply for the position, you have to have at least a 2.5 GPA or better, have knowledge and love for urban music and be driven and outgoing. The position also involves supplying campus radio stations DJ with music, passing out promotional material around campus and doing bi-weekly updates on promotion activity.

In the past, the only record company to have a representative on A&T's campus was Atlantic. Codie Sanders, an A&T graduate, was last year's Atlantic records college representative.

"I really love music, so I was excited about the opportunity to work with a major record label like Atlantic and being close to what goes on behind the scenes at a major record label," said Sanders.

Although his love for music and excitement from his job made it an enjoyable process, Sanders also added that there some difficult times as there would be in any job.

"The most difficult thing was coming up with marketing strategies for new artists, like when I had a meet and greet for Nappy Roots, nobody wanted to come because no one knew who they were," said Sanders.

For those of you who gain the opportunity to work with Motown and Universal Records, Sanders had these words of advice.

"I would say get close to all your SGA people, radio people, television people and newspaper people. You'll need help from everyone in order to make your experience a success."

Applications are available on the web at www.ourpeopleonline.com or questions can be emailed to kristian.tucker@umusic.com. Applications will be reviewed and two to three students will be chosen from each college or university.

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Chuck D, from the group Public Enemy, will be at Guilford College on Feb. 12.
Spartans roll past Aggies, 83-60

BY CHRIS WALLACE
Register Deltanna E-Foote Editor

Things just don’t seem so getting any better for the Aggies.

On Jan. 27 in front of a modest crowd at Corbett Sports Center, the Norfolk State Spartans used their three-point shooting and fast break ability to run past the winless N.C. A&T Aggies by a score of 83-60.

“We needed this win just as much as they did,” said Norfolk State guard Daryl Towne, who scored a team-high 16 points in just 23 minutes. “We were on a two-game losing streak and wanted to play well because we knew that this was a big game. This game was a motivator and we just want to keep it moving.”

Midway through the first-half, the Spartans (6-2, 2-8) led the Aggies 20-17 after a three-pointer by Aggie guard Tyrone Green but outscored them 28.9 over the remaining nine minutes to take a 48-26 halftime lead.

The Aggies (6-7, 0-14) were led by Green, who totaled a game-high 19 points, including three of four from three-point range but didn’t get much else on offense as they shot 33.9 percent from the field and just 10 of 19 from free throws.

“That boy can play. I don’t want to see him anymore this year,” said Norfolk State head coach Dwight Freeman of Green. “When you get a player who can break down a defense and create, then he’s good. It’s like when I coached at Miami (Fla) and we played against Allen Iverson (Georgetown). We knew he’d get his but we just had to stop everyone else.”

The Spartans’ sealing shooting shock the Aggies zone defense all night as they shot 51.3 percent from the field, including nine of 18 from three-point range, and reclaimed the Aggies 42-16 in the paint. It hardly mattered that the Aggies shot 10 of 22 from three-point land as this game was all but decided by halftime.

“I don’t think everyone came out with the same intensity,” said Aggie forward Chris Ferguson, who grabbed 12 rebounds. “Everybody didn’t play hard. We have to be consistent by having inside play, the guards hitting their shot, boxing out and just playing hard.

Glover’s last-second heroics

BY GREGORY BOND
Register Correspondent

This bunch of ladies wouldn’t let themselves lose this one.

In a game that featured 13 ties and 15 lead changes, freshman guard Shareka “Mia” Glover rose above all, lifting the N.C. A&T Aggies over the Norfolk State Spartans by a score of 76-73.

Glover emerged to score a career-high and an A&T freshman record 32 points in the game, including six of nine from three-point range. Glover also added a team-high 13 rebounds and six assists. Twanda Jackson helped out with 21 points while Camile Akins chipped in with 13 points, despite being hampered with a shoulder injury.

“Camile has a shoulder problem,” said Aggie head coach Saudia Roundtree. “Her shoulder pops in and out, but I really love Camile to death because she comes back out and gives you 110 percent.”

The Aggies (2-5, 2-12), with only seven players active, held down Norfolk State’s (4-4, 5-11) number two ranked scoring offense by limiting them to only 34.9 percent shooting from the field and five of 17 from three-point land.

The Aggies seemed to be having some problems with Norfolk State’s full court pressure, which forced them into 27 turnovers, but they managed to overcome the pressure by hitting 31 percent from the field.

After Glover hit the game-winning three-pointer, sheiske the ball and was fouled with 1.3 seconds left. An excited Roundtree burst out with joy on the sideline.

“I’ll have to give it to the kids,” said Roundtree. “The kids played their heart out. I mean they just refused to lose tonight. I mean they went out and excelled on offense. I’m just proud of the team.”

The Spartans out-rebounded the Aggies 44-36 in the game, but the Aggies were dominating from the three-point line, hitting 10 of their 20 attempts, including Glover’s last second heroics.

Renata Phillips led the Spartans with 16 points and 15 rebounds, despite shooting only seven of 20 from the field, while teammate Twanda Newman added 14 points and six rebounds in defeat.

LEADING SCORERS
Norfolk State
Sharika “Mia” Glover- 32
Twanda Jackson- 21
Norfolk State
Renata Phillips- 16
LaWanda Newman- 14

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