Renick says no to Division I

Tiffany S. Jones
Register Contributor

At their Feb. 19 meeting, Dr. James C. Renick told the N.C. A&T Board of Trustees that the football team would not be making the move to Division I-A.

"After careful consideration, I have decided that given the current state of the economy, the fiscal demands of making this move would be too great," Renick said.

A move of this proportion would cost the university millions of dollars that it does not have, he explained. "Our goal is to excel in the MEAC both athletically and academically," Renick said. "We will not be declaring our intent to move toward Division I-A in football."

The chancellor made it clear that the first priority of the university is to educate. With education in mind, he also announced the adoption of the Aggie Pride Compact. The Aggie Pride Compact is a document that will affect the Aggies who are currently in Aggieland and the generations of Aggies to come. The document states all the components of Aggie Pride that range from values to legacy.

Students celebrate Engineering Week

Dr. Harmanindar Singh
Register Contributor

Dr. Harmohindar Singh, director of A&T's Center for Energy Research and Technology, was presented the 2003 F.K. Campbell Award of Merit, presented by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

ASHRAE presents the award annually to one member of outstanding services and achievement in teaching. Singh has been teaching at A&T in areas of research, development, and the areas of building energy efficient products related to heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC), and indoor air quality.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I am originally from India. However I have been in America for some time.

Q: What made you want to come to America?
A: I came to America to get my master's degree. It was very unusual for me coming from India because of the cultural differences and other differences.

Q: Where did you go after graduation?
A: After graduation I went straight into teaching.

Q: What was your first job?
A: My first job was as a teacher in India. I then came to A&T and I have been teaching here ever since.

Q: You have been teaching here total of 21 years. What was your incentive for teaching here so long?
A: I enjoy teaching. That has been my main incentive for staying at A&T and teaching. I love sharing the knowledge that I have with others. I like to think of myself as being a good teacher and I want to help students strive and reach their highest potential.

Q: What have you valued most in your career and what advice would you give to students on making the right career decision?
A: I would tell them to do what they want to do in their career. Don’t let anyone discourage you from reaching your goals.

Q: How has your experiences been with teaching here?
A: Teaching here has been a priceless experience.

Q: What does this award mean to you?
A: This award is as much a testament to A&T’s Civil Environmental Engineering...
Students discuss campus life

By Sherrita Valentine

On Feb. 24:
1864 - Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an M.D. degree.
1868 - The House of Representatives voted, 126 to 47, to impeach President Andrew Johnson.

On Feb. 25:
1948 - Martin Luther King was ordained as a Baptist minister.

On Feb. 26:
1869 - Fifteenth Amendment guaranteeing the right to vote sent to the states for ratification.
1926 - Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. This week would later become Black History Month.

On Feb. 27:
1902 - Marian Anderson, who will become a world-renowned opera singer and the first African-American soloist to perform at the White House, is born in Philadelphia.
1988 - Figure skater Dela Thomas becomes the first African American to win a medal (bronze) at the winter Olympic Games.

On Feb. 28:
1859 - Arkansas legislature required free blacks to choose between exile and enslavement.
1932 Richard Spikes invented/patented the automatic gearshift.

Did you know...?

Boy Scout Troop 29 is chartered to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and based on the campus of N.C. A&T. It’s the first Boy Scouts of America troop activated on a historically black college/university (HBCU).

This troop is a part of the Scouterchase Program designed to provide scouting experiences to disadvantaged and other boys in the community. It’s operated by the Beta Epsilon (undergraduate) and Kappa Lambda (graduate) chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

The troop meets at 6 p.m. on Thursdays when school is in session in Campbell Hall. The Cub Pack accepts boys from 6- to 10-years old and the Boy Scouts are for ages 11 to 17.

Scoutmaster Lionel S. Castro II, and the troop strive to promote scholarship, discipline and fun.

A&T faculty and staff are encouraged to have their boys join the troop.

Engineers recognized

Engineering students Vicki Roberson (sitting), Johnathan Royer (right) and Travis Jackson vote for their favorite teacher during Engineers Week. This was only one of the many highlights of the week which began Feb. 18.

Other events included a basketball game, a career fair in McNair and a closing reception.

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Career

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Wachovia offers careers in finance sales and financial management.
Representative Stephanie Henson said, “We offer internships for the summer that allow students to work in titles such as ‘Bookkeeper.’”

A major area of business management and finance offer great preparation for a career with Wachovia Corp. Representative Tammy Garnett said, “We are looking for students who have lots of extracurricular activities. We are looking to hire well-rounded students.” Wachovia can be contacted by phone at 800-623-HIRE or tammyga
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Former Aggie Lee Blackwell speaks to representatives from the Mutual Life Insurance Co. at a career fair Feb. 19.

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SGA holds movie night

Tiffany S. Jones
Registrar Coordinator

As a part of N.C. A&T's Black History Month Celebration, the Student Government Association will sponsor movie night on Feb. 27. The SGA will be showing "School Daze," directed by Spike Lee. Vice President of External Affairs Brian "Barbados" Holder is excited about movie night. "My committee Dem Dawgs decided to show this movie to have fun and get everyone's attention," Holder said. He went on to say that the movies that deal with black history are being shown on the television networks. "We wanted this to be the type of event that people could come to and be entertained and enlightened," Holder said.

The event will be held from 9:11 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Staglins Ballroom. In addition to the movie, cotton candy, popcorn and bounce will be served, courtesy of the Student Union Advisory Board and the Williams Cafeteria.

Among other events the SGA held in honor of Black History Month, the SGA also hosted The Collective, an open mic session, in the Williams Cafeteria on Feb. 19.

The movie night concludes the SGA's participation in the university's celebration of Black History Month.

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Allen Middle School and Aycock High School, to name a few. The students began their morning in MenNair Auditorium, receiving an introduction to college life. From there students moved to workshops and demonstrations hosted by the engineering department.

Students visited the materials testing lab in the IRC Building, as well as, put their creative skills to the test in a catapult competition. In this competition students where given spoons, cups and wooden sticks to build a catapult. The object of this event was to see whose catapult would launch the farthest. Kenet Scott, a seventh grader from Harriston Middle School, said he enjoyed PCI Day. "I liked when they showed how they make keys chains using plastic bottles." Students visited the chemical processing lab and saw how liquids are filtered to pure liquids. PCI students took a walking tour of A&T's campus. For many students, this was their first time on a college campus. The tour ended with a sit-down lunch and a student's panel. This panel consisted of A&T students from a variety of majors. Students answered questions dealing with a variety of topics that affect college students, from how is dorm life, to the effects of attending an HBCU.

Students were entertained with a taste of college life when the men of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. performed. Jeanne Harris, NSBE's PCI Committee and PCI day chair, said she was overwhelmed. "People registered late, but because of the help from M. Alfred, and Mrs. Dennis we pulled through and the day was successful," Harris said.

Harris was also thankful for the large donation from Procter & Gamble, and to the many volunteers who came out and helped.

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standards that have been set forth for all Aggies, future and existing, to follow. In the committee reports, athletics chairman R. Steve Bowden said, "We had a chance to meet with the new head football coach George Small and we are very excited about the new signee." Bowden informed the trustees of new football signees including a six-foot-three quarterback. "We need some big guns on the field," Bowden said. He quickly shifted to the men's and women's basketball programs and stated, "Our men's team is not doing as well as we'd like, but we need to show them that we will support them through this tough time."

He also gave credit to Coach Saudia Roundtree and the women. "Those ladies are out there getting it done and winning some games and they are to be commended." The chairman of the Budget and Finance committee, D. Hayes Clement, announced that the university is undergoing its annual state and internal audit and there are no major findings. "About 90 percent of our student body is on some form of financial aid, therefore our goal for financial aid is $40 million," Clement said.

In the Development Committee, chairperson Carole Bruce said, "The marketing report for the Capital Q&A
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Department as it is a personal honor for me. The department has a high-quality HVAC and Indoor Environment Quality Laboratory and are extensive heating and air conditioning curriculum. This has earned us a tremendous national and international attention and respect."

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Affirmative action: Is it right or wrong?

Issues surrounding affirmative action are more controversial now than ever. Federal courts are facing a decision in March whether the government should keep or repeal affirmative action in regards to the admissions process with college and universities.

The issues against affirmative action recently arose when Caucasian students from the University of Michigan claimed they were denied admission into the school due to the required racial quota enforced by affirmative action.

Affirmative action was created to erase the differences and give minorities rights and opportunities against the color line. Therefore, it ensures equal employment opportunities, fair and equal treatment in the workplace and protection from discrimination for minorities and other groups of people.

The misconception of affirmative action is that it only affects African Americans. It also helps the disabled, those with a different sexual orientation and women.

Taking away affirmative action will disable equal opportunity programs and make it hard for minorities and others to break the glass ceiling that exists in today’s society.

The absence of affirmative action in the admission process could hurt minorities’ chances of entering the college of their choice because a racial quota was not taken into consideration.

It is believed that if affirmative action is taken away, the number of minority students at white universities will decrease.

However, there are those that feel that singling out one group for special favors through affirmative action ignores the fact that people are individuals - not groups. This is the issue that those against affirmative action use to support the end of affirmative action.

Many of them also feel that affirmative action takes jobs away from one group in order to compensate a second group - and that to correct injustices done in the past does not promote justice but promotes racism.

Many Caucasian Americans (and surprisingly some African Americans) that are upset that they may not get an equal chance that they feel they deserve because of the racial quota has to be filled.

So what is the best alternative to affirmative action?

The rational alternative is to focus on each individual according to his or her own merits. This requires using the theory of color-blindness and individualism.

Everyone should look beyond the superficial issues of skin color and judge people on what really matters: their character. Race should not be a factor. Instead of requiring race on an application, take it off and judge a person based on their character, level of skills, honesty and integrity.

American is known as the “land of the free and the home of the brave.” I think it is time for America to wise up and live up to that. Free itself from racial prejudices and discrimination, and be brave enough to judge someone by the content of their character, not the color of their skin.

Briefly stated...

Man is the only government-making animal in the world. His right to a participation in the production and operation of government is an inference from his nature, as direct and self-evident as in his right to acquire property or education. It is no less a crime against the manhood of a man, to declare that he shall not share in the making and directing of the government under which he lives, than to say that he shall not acquire property and education.

The fundamental and unanswerable argument in favor of the enfranchisement of the negro is found in the undisputed fact of his manhood. He is a man, and by every fact and argument by which any man can sustain his right to vote, the negro can sustain his right equally. It is plain that, if the right belongs to any, it belongs to all.

Appeal to Congress for Impartial Suffrage by Frederick Douglass, January, 1867

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Letters must be signed and should include an address and telephone number.
Balancing life as a full-time student, full-time mother

A COMMENTARY by Rhonda Crowder

Being a single mother can sometimes be frustrating whenever you are trying to accomplish your goals, but it also showed me how to be independent and more mature in life. I was a senior in high school when I met a guy who was older than I was and we began to have good conversations. We later decided to begin a mutual relationship.

I thought that things were going great then I found out that I was pregnant. I was about to graduate from high school and go to college. I had many career goals and a high standard. I realized that I had to make many changes in my life because I not only had to think about myself, but also a new baby. I had applied to N.C. A&T in the beginning of my senior year. I had wanted to go to this college since my freshman year of high school. I was set and ready to go for the fall of 1999. Instead I was planning a baby shower, working hard, engaged and was about to go into delivery in November 1999. This was a very exciting occasion for me, but then I realized that a college closer house would accommodate my schedule and the baby. I applied to UNC Charlotte, which was only 45 minutes away from my house.

I was not accepted because of limited space for students. I had to look at other options, but those options never worked. A&T still kept flashing in my face.

I continued to pray and seek God for what he thought that was best for my life. In the midst of all of this, I had the baby on Nov. 10, 1999. I named her Kaila Symone Crowder. She was beautiful and I did not want to leave her, but I knew that I wanted a degree so that I would be able to provide for her.

Just because you’re in a relationship with a person, you should always have a back-up plan. My backup plan was to get an education and a good job.

In the midst of all of this I became stressed because of my former fiancé’s extravagant ideas and my parents talking in the other ear. Many females do not want to listen to what their parents are telling you, but in my case, I wished that I had and later I did. They were the only ones who ended up helping me.

My parents decided that they wanted me to pursue my career at A&T. They sat down and explained why they were doing this for me. They were going to keep my daughter and let me go to school. My parents wanted me to make something of myself.

In the Spring of 2001, I was leaving to go to college. My baby was two months old. It really was a hard task for me, but I gained strength. I thought that my child would not know me as her mother because I was so far away and I could not care for her every minute like I wanted to. I went home every weekend and did my motherly duties.

After two years of being engaged, my fiancé’s goals were at a stand still and it created problems within the relationship. We went our separate ways and I was left to take care of the baby.

My mother warned me about this. Some men run away from responsibility or they just don’t want to be bothered. Some men and women think that they have to be together in order for them to support the child, but that is irrelevant. It does not matter whether the father and the mother are together, people need to understand that it is a précieux situation involved and he or she wants to be loved just as we do.

I then gained more wisdom and knowledge for what God wanted me to do in my life, meaning that I had to put him first and not man. I had to go take care of my business and most of all use my mind.

I am now a junior at A&T, reaching my goal for a degree in public relations. I am taking care of my daughter and most of all job opportunities are looking good for me.

I thank God for my parents and family that were and are still there for me so that I could reach my goal in life and believing in me. I have met a wonderful person who loves me as well as my daughter and he is very much my soul mate.

There are times when a person feels like giving up because of all the stress and anger inside of them. When you eventually grow up, realize that it is not worth the entire headache, then move on with your life. Put Jesus Christ first and you can make it.

Don’t be naive and aim for your goals whether you have children or not, and pursue them with pride and dignity. Also, know that with Christ you can do all things.

Will you accept logic?

BY NAJAH MUHAMMAD

Register Coordinator

If you were in attendance of the lecture at Guilford College given by Chuck D, you may have been left with some questions.

The topic was “Rap, Race, Reality and Technology.” Chuck D, the frontman of the hip-hop team, Public Enemy, must have realized this.

He covered several issues related to hip-hop and stressed the importance of information.

To me, the quote that stands out was, “If you want to be part of society, but society general, but you still don’t have a voice in this because of college-aged youth do tend to set trends in society. Once we accept college-aged youth do tend to set trends in society. Once we accept illogical behavior we get the trend for continued illogical behavior.”

“College is supposed to make you see the world in a logical way, not in an illogical way. Don’t buy into it,” said Chuck D.

This is, we come to college to learn.

Learning goes far beyond textbook information. If you want to be part of society, you must accept the insanity that the world may throw at you.

So, my question to you is, will you take advantage of your college education? Push your knowledge to the limits to see the world clearly.

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E-Vibes

R. Kelly's new CD "Chocolate Factory" is one of the year's most anticipated albums.

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Chappelle enjoys success

BY TERIA LOGAN
Register Entertainment Reporter

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Hodge honored at banquet

By Tiffany Poundexter
Register Correspondent

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R. Kelly's new CD hits the spot

BY TIFFANY S. JONES
Register Contributor

R. Kelly's recent legal issues have not stifled his creative talents. Kelly's recent "Chocolate Factory" CD may be some of his best work ever.

Many have labeled his sophomore album "12 Play" as his best work and "Chocolate Factory" is a close second, if not equally as outstanding.

The first single, "Ignition" is reminiscent of previous songs with raunchy sexual undertones. The single serves as a part two to his single "You Remind Me," from his self-titled CD.

The R. Kelly trademark is to make the remix better than the single, and he did that once again. Kelly sought the help of musical giant Ja Rule for his track "Born Around the World."

This song could have done without Ja Rule, who seems to have been on every- one's track. This song serves as yet another forum for Kelly to state how he appreciates his fans for sticking by him through thick and thin.

Other bright spots on the album include "I'm Never Leave," "Forever," and "Apologies of a Thug" a single that features the Terror Squad.

"Chocolate Factory" presents Kelly at his best. The thing that makes this a great album is how he sublimely sampled music from musical geniuses of yester-year like Al Green, Lenny Williams and Marvin Gaye.

Kelly has scored another hit with his fourth album. This album will be a timeless treasure, much like "12 Play."
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Look beyond the numbers.
Hair stylist Ellen Moore reveals tips for finding a new spring look

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**Don’t miss out - Find a do that’s you**

**Hair trends on campus**

Some women say they enjoy medium length hair because they are easy to manage like this hair style of

_Laveda Castorlego_, a junior biology major.

Many short length hair-dos require little maintenance are also easy to manage like this asymmetrical cut of industrial engineering major, junior Nicole Champion.

If you’re looking for versatility, maybe long tresses like those of

_Veronica Hunt_, a sophomore electrical engineering major, are for you.

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Kobe playing like the M-V-P

Heels trample Aggies 93-57

By Chris Wallace
Register Sports Editor

N.C. A&T head coach and Carolina alum Chris Hunter is tired of losing. So are the rest of his Aggies. However, playing at the Smith Center in front of 14,000 fans versus the North Carolina Tarheels didn't make matters any better.

Playing without injured star point guard Tyrone Green, the Aggies ran into a barrage of dunks and layups as the Tarheels ran past the Aggies 93-57.

The Aggies, who fell to 0-2 overall, remain the nation's only wireless team.

"We tried a man defense then a zone defense," said Aggie guard Landon Beckwith. "But they're just so athletic and their back screens and lob shots hurt us.

The Tarheels (14-11) left no doubt about this one early on as they raced out to a 47-19 halftime lead and shot 54 percent from the field, while the Aggies shot a dismal 34.9 percent. No Tarheel player recorded more than 22 minutes. Freshman Rashad McClanahan led the Heels with 16 points while point guard Raymond Felton added 11 assists in just 19 minutes.

Reserves Ray除尘 and Michael Kirkpatrick led the Aggies with 16 points, including four three-pointers.

If there are any questions or story ideas about the Tarheels section, please address them to Chris Wallace at register@ncln.edu or call (336)334-7790.

N.C. A&T student-athletes honored by MEAC

By Chris Wallace
Register Sports Editor

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner Dennis B. Thomas announced the Commissioner's All-Academic Award winners recently. N.C. A&T honored 33 of the 499 winners and the student-athletes honored are listed below:

WOMEN (23): Brenna Cooper (WT, 3.42, Psychology), Donisha Freeman (WT, 3.08, Marketing), Calmeese Howard (WT, 3.00, Mechanical Engineering), Tiffany Purham (WT, 3.64, Business Education), Karron Thomas (WT, 3.03, Health & Physical Education), Lucynthia Best (SB, 3.06, Computer Science), Gerri Crockett (SB, 3.38, Computer Science), Lorraine Geiger (SB, 3.69, Animal Science), Latoya Lassiter (SB, 3.11, Management), Sibofin Obin (SB, 3.06, Management), Alaina Bloodworth (WE, 3.29, Elementary Education), Haniyah Madyun (WE, 3.13, Architectural Engineering), Judith Ball (VB, 3.14, Agricultural Science), Crystal Daily (VB, 3.86, Journalism), Kristina Hernandez (VB, 3.50, Health & Physical Education), Amelia Langi (VB, 3.25, English), Tuamafoa Reily (VB, 3.72, Health & Physical Education), Fei Ye (VB, 3.29, Marketing), Michelle Hanna (BO, 3.00, Math Education), Amanda Richardson (BO, 3.52, Mechanical Engineering), Tiffany Mack (WSW, 3.52, Accounting), Jessica McClanahan (WSW, 3.23, Laboratory Animal Science), Tiffany Paulus (WSW, 3.56, Family & Consumer Science).

MEN (10): Landom Beckwith (MB, 3.18, Computer Science), Joseph Coles (BB, 3.69, Political Science), Conley Price Stevens (BB, 3.16, Health & Physical Education), John Dalley (BB, 3.00, Electrical Engineering), Charles McClintock Ill (BB, 3.20), Joseph Peacoe (BB, 3.87, Marketing), Clinton Summers (BB, 3.44, Graphic Communications), Perry Westmoreland (BB, 3.00, Electronics Technology), Jerome Myers, II (FB, 3.34, Architectural Engineering), Montraill Pittman (FB, 3.34, Mechanical Engineering).

WT= Women track and field
BB= Bowling
VB= Volleyball
WSW= Swimming
FB= Football
MB= Men's basketball
WE= Women's tennis
SB= Softball
BB= Baseball

Athletics director Charles Davis has planned to meet with Curtis Hunter following season.

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Kobe Bryant (right) blows past his counterpart Tracy McGrady during a game earlier this season. The Los Angeles Lakers have steamrolled their way back into the playoff hunt, winning 17 of the last 23 games. Bryant has averaged 43.5 points per game over his past 11 games, including seven straight games scoring 40 or more points, extending his own team record.

For a Kobe Bryant vs Michael Jordan comparison at age 24, please see page 11.
A&T track team fares well in Penn State meet

By Chris Wallace
Registered Sports & Urban Editor

The N.C. A&T track team traveled to Pennsylvania and fared well in the Penn State University Nationals recently. Aggie junior Tim Walls, ranked in the top five in the world, placed first in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.79 while the all freshmen 4 x 400 meter relay team featuring Etina Okodiko, Marcus Satchell, D’Route Polite and Justin Bryan finished eighth overall.

"It was a big meet for us," said Walls. "There were 101 teams out there and the track was a beautiful, hydraulic track and it was fast. We did well and made it to the finals in just about every event.

"Individually, I’m suffering from some groin muscle. I slipped out of the blocks in the 60-meter but still won," added Walls.

A&T junior Terrence Roland finished sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.92 while senior Charles Shoffner finished eighth in the 400-meter relay.

For more men’s and women’s results from the Penn State Nationals, logon to www.ncat.edu/athletics and click on track.

NBA All-Star weekend an experience to remember

By Sherita Valentine
Register Correspondent

The city of Atlanta is the place where the players, play and the ballers ball. It was also the place where the 2003 NBA All-Star weekend was held Feb. 7-9.

Every year during the month of February, the NBA’s best of the best come out and party along with many other stars. Last year, this famous event was held in Philadelphia, but traveled down south to the Atlanta this year. The events attracted over 90,000 spectators. However, not all 90,000 went to all of the All-Star weekend activities. Some were there for the fun and the experience.

My experience was the best ever and the most unforgettable ever. For some, this fabulous weekend started on a Thursday night, but for me it started on Friday night when we arrived in Atlanta. Some of the events held on Feb. 7 included a celebrity basketball game at Morehouse College sponsored by Atlanta-based rapper Ludacris, a party sponsored by Reebok and Allen Iverson, young rapper Lil Bow Wow’s 16th birthday party and many other events.

My friends and I just rode around and checked out a few places that we could go to on Saturday night. We ate at the famous Cheesecake Factory Restaurant in Atlanta and then we checked out a few of the malls on Saturday.

The Lenox Mall seemed to be the place where everyone famous person or not so famous happened to be. Some of the stars that were at the mall included singer Ashanti, basketball players Dominique Wilkins and Tracy McGrady, rappers 50-Cent and Memphis Bleek and others.

Lenox was so crowded that it had to be shut down at about 5:30 p.m. due to the big crowd, which was a shopping hazard. They also shut down a couple other malls to get some of the crowd out and then reopened the doors later in certain malls.

We returned to the hotel to get dressed for our long night out on the streets of Atlanta. We headed to the hot spot, downtown on Peachtree Street, where all of the clubs were live. By the time we got out of the two-hour three-hour traffic, club prices were soaking well over the $100 mark. At one particular club called “The Bounce,” rapper Ja Rule and Ashanti, rapper and producer Jermaine Dupri, Janet Jackson and newcomers 50-Cent all made appearances.

After being in traffic for a total of about five hours, we returned to our hotel at about 6 a.m. on Sunday. We started our day off by eating breakfast and trying to recuperate from our long night. We went down to Lenox Mall where all of those people were once again. The mall was crowded and it had to be shut down at about 4:30 p.m.

The Atlanta Police Department then began shutting down streets or making them one-way because traffic was very heavy and people were having a lot of trouble getting to their destinations. The police had advised travelers all weekend to take the Marta, the train system in Atlanta, to their destinations because it would make things a lot easier and traffic a lot better.

We rode around downtown for a while and then we made our way back to the hotel to watch the All-Star game on television. After the game, it had begun to rain. The clubs for the night were Club 112, The Euphoria, Level 3, The Fluid, Club Vision and few other clubs downtown. They were full of famous people who had come out for the game and decided to club on the last night of this spectacular and famous weekend.

Some notable people that were there included rapper Eve, Jay-Z and his companion Beyonce, P Diddy, Jermaine Dupri, basketball star Dominique Wilkins, rapper Trina and a few other stars.

The 2003 all-star weekend was truly a lifetime experience for my friends and I. Trust me, it’s better to be there than hear about it later.

Kobe vs Michael

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