Alexander retires after 30 years

By Tiffany S. Jones

This year's recipient of the outstanding teacher award is Dr. Sandra Carlin-Alexander. She has given 30 years of service to the university in several capacities. At the end of the current semester, she will retire.

She is a graduate of N.C. A&T, Harvard University and the University of Pittsburgh. She was this school's first Dardenth Foundation Fellow. To say that Alexander has accumulated a great teaching record is an understatement. She thrashes her entire self into whatever she is teaching thereby requiring the students to learn.

"It has been a wild ride, a constant challenge and there is never a dull moment," she said of her experience at N.C. A&T. For 15 years, Alexander served in an administrative capacity. First, she was the director of freshman advisement and the Learning Assistant Center. In this position, she initiated many programs that have remained a part of the Center for Student Success. These programs include the Peer Advising Leadership (PAL) program, the weekly Leadership Development and Success Seminars and the Academic Monitoring Program for Student Athletes.

"The challenge with working in administration is finding a way to make people work for the good of the students," she said.

She later became the co-chair of the English Department, enacting the Hilda Hayes Satterfield Scholarship Fund. She has also played an integral role in the "redemption of the technical..."

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Surviving the exam rush

By Tiffany Poindexter

Have you been to Biofilm Library recently?

A line of students is waiting 15 to 20 minutes for laptop computers, study groups are occupying study rooms to finalize class presentations and people are scattered on all four floors of the library cramming for final exams. You might be one of those students.

The use of laptops has soared from February to April. In the month of February, students checked out a total of 4,730 laptops. In March, the total circulation checkouts were 5,494. From April to date, 5,975 laptops have been checked out.

Director of Library Services Walthere Canada is not surprised with these figures.

"Students wait until the last minute to study every semester," Canada says. "We always get a huge rush around this time." Some students are stressing over the end of the semester. Aside from final exams, there are term papers, class presentations and even tests right before exam week. Diana Greene, a junior laboratory animal science major, feels final exams are "exhausting."

"Many students have semester-long projects that are already an accumulation of everything you learned during the semester," Greene said. "Those projects should take the place of a cumulative final exam."

One student, senior public relations major, Shantia Valentine, thinks taking a final exam depends on the class structure.

"If you have only taken one or two tests during the semester," Valentine says, "then a final exam is necessary."

Whether students like it or not, there

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International students hold annual banquet

By Karina Hardy

News Reporter/Online Editor

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The festive atmosphere transcends more than just the clothing of the audience members. Two dances were performed depicting African dance and Greek forms of dance.

The fashion show depicted African fashion presenting the latest trends in African clothing for business wear and casual wear to a right out on the town. Organizers of the event planned the banquet to not only be a close-out for the year but also to be entertaining.

"This year we have several dances in the program and the addition of the African fashion show added a little spice to the program," said Loretha Graves, intern director of international students.

Keynote speaker from a local church came to shed light on the war situation and give comfort to the students.

Towards the end of the banquet students of the organization were presented awards. In dedication to Harsha and Mary, the two students that were killed during spring
Ford Day to be held at A&T

On May 1 Ford Motor Co. will have Ford Day (they will be celebrating their centennial) on the campus of N.C.A&T. There will be a car show at Smith Hall, labs dedicated in the School of Technology, campus tours and much more. Ford will be having a round table discussion with 20-40 students on the role of a woman within Ford Motor Co. The discussion will take place with one of Ford’s top female executives.

Pringle receives promotion

Valle J. Pringle, an assistant professor of military science at N.C. A&T, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Pringle serves as a recruiting operations officer. Her primary role is to educate students attending or planning to attend a college/university about the Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Program.

A native of Fayetteville, N.C., Pringle received her commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Signal Corps in 1983 after completing her bachelor of science degree in Greensboro College. She earned a M.S. degree in human resources management from Golden Gate University.

Pringle’s decorations, awards and badges include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Recommended Service Ribbon, Training Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with number three, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and Kuwait Liberation Medal.

In Brief

Student survey response needed

N.C. A&T, along with several hundred colleges and universities across the country, is participating in The College Student Research Survey. This survey will ask specifically about your experiences A&T. While it’s easy to ignore surveys, this is a rare and has the potential to actually make a difference in the quality of undergraduate experiences at A&T.

Your participation in this survey is important in order for the results to make a difference.

All undergraduate students at A&T can participate in The College Student Research Survey. Many students have completed the survey; however, some have not because their A&T e-mail accounts are full and need to be cleared in order to receive this important information. If you have not completed The College Student Research Survey, logon to your ncat.edu e-mail account and make sure your account is not full. If you have any difficulty logging in, e-mail help@collegeprep.org or call 1-800-676-0900 for assistance. More complete information about the survey will be sent to you once your e-mail account is available. If there is a better e-mail address to contact you, please inform help@collegeprep.org.

Chancellor James C. Rieble stated that helping students is important in order for the results to be useful to us.

Piedmont welcomes third annual jazz festival

By Tiffany S. Jones

Register Contributor

In its third year, the Piedmont Jazz Festival promises to bring 11 days of the best in jazz music and entertainment. The festival is presented in part by the Eastern Music Festival, N.C. A&T and other Triad businesses and organizations.

This year’s festival will bring to the area some of the biggest acts in jazz music and entertainment. This year’s events include performances by dancer, actor and singer Gregory Hines, trumpeter Joe Robinson and several local blues bands. The festival is also helping to celebrate Carolina Theatre’s 75th anniversary.

The festival will feature events in High Point, Winston-Salem and Greensboro. In an effort to have different music types, the festival offers blues, reggae and Latin music events.

“We are trying to encompass a broad scale of good music,” said Jason Fourteme, talent coordinator for the festival.

There are a lot of different events happening at the same time in different places, which gives people the opportunity to pick and choose exactly what they want to see with no headlining act conflicting with another.

“It gives people the option of going to dinner and catching an early event plus the headliner or going to the headliner and a late event,” Fourteme said.

Other headliners include Mark O’Connor’s Hot Swing Trio, Marcus Roberts with Jason Marsalis and Roland Guerin, Lucinda Souza and John Pizzarelli and Carolina Pops.

Many of the events have student prices and several events are free to the public. For more information, visit www.piedmontjazz.org.

The EMF website is displayed with a Piedmont Jazz Festival button in the bottom right corner.

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Conquer your summer internship

BY BROOKS NEWBIRK
Register Contributor

Like it or hate it, if you're a student in some departments here at A&T, then there's something you're going to have to take if you want to walk out of here with a diploma in your hand. No, I'm not talking about P.E. or foreign languages, I'm talking about the summer internship.

Since summer is upon us, hopeful- ly you've landed your dream intern- ship, or at least one you can tolerate. And it is a paid internship, consider yourself lucky, because some of your fellow classmates were logging their hours for free while doing double-duty flipping burgers at McDonald's.

You can say, "Would you like fries with that?" I know I can and will be, but part-time jobs aren't what this summer is about. This summer is about getting real job experience. Getting your feet wet in your chosen profession and surviving while you're doing it. So to help you out, here are a few tips to get you through your summer internship.

Get to know your co-workers. The best way to know how a job really is, is to talk with people who work there.

"Find a person that you find easy to talk to. Find a mentor, start networking," said Jackie Jones, internship coordi- nator for print and public relations majors at N.C. A&T.

Don't just sit there, do some- thing. If you find yourself sitting around like a J.C. Penney man- nequin, there's a serious problem. According to Jones, the best way to fix this situation is simply to ask for something to do. If you're sitting idle, you need to go to your supervisors and ask them if there's something you can do or even better, go to them with an idea. You have to take the initiative because if you don't, you will sit there.

Your coworkers are not Dr. Phil, so leave your problems at home. As for the students, there are no prob- lems on your coworkers, you have to remember that you really don't know this people. Plus, it's just plain taddy and unprofessional to talk about your business, and that's exactly what it is—your business, with people at your job. Just don't do it, check the drama at the door.

Be courteous (to everyone, not just your boss). Always be kind to everyone in the office, because remember karma is crazy. It'll come around and bite you in the behind when you least expect it. And in the office, karma often takes the form of a $5,000 check

Don't sweat the little things. If you find yourself making copies, answering phones or making the coffee run for doughnuts and coffee, don't complain because it's all part of the job. It's not the job but it is a part of it, so as Nike says, "Just do it."

Don't burn bridges. "Don't burn bridges that you really haven't crossed yet because you don't know what doors your internship may lead to. Even if you don't work for that company, maybe they know some- one else who can give you a job," said Tamara Giles, public relations major

Don't forget the two-week notice. When you leave any job, it's customary to give a two-week notice, so why should the internship be any different? "It's very important to give a two-week notice when ending your internship. That notice should be in writing and never a verbal notice," Jones said.

The most important thing to remember about summer internships is that they give you the chance to learn if this is what you really want to do.

The collegiate inventors competition

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Spring is out, summer is near

Well, that time of year has come once again when it’s time to pack up and ship out. Is it just me or hasn’t this been an extra-long year? After endless nights in The Register office, 21 newspapers, final papers and final exams, I’m tired and ready for a little needed change of scenery.

Too bad I can’t say it’s time for relaxation because for me and many of you out there like me, we’re headed straight for our summer internship with little to no time for a little fun in the sun or a week away at our favorite hideaway. No time to relax and certainly no time to play. For 12 weeks I’ll be busy writing articles, holding interviews and much, much more at a daily newspaper with only three days in between to recuperate from my spring semester woes.

Lately I’ve been asking myself, does anyone really know how hard college students have it? Yeah, just because we may not begin our day until past noon, it doesn’t mean we don’t work hard for the remaining hours of the day, going to class, writing papers, taking exams and working other jobs, whether they’re part-time or full-time.

I know you, you don’t have to tell me again, no, nobody every said life would be easy, but sometimes, I have to admit, I didn’t think it could get to be so hard either. Call me naive if you wish, but do you ever think about those days before college when all your friends did go to school and didn’t have to worry about working or bills or whether you have enough credits to graduate on time? And hey, what happened to those easy college days where all you had to worry about was what you were gonna wear to go out on the strip, or those summer vacation memories that you looked forward to at least a few weeks to get away from it all at your favorite spot? And at the end of it all, as summer wound down, you still managed to find some time to recuperate and prepare for the fall semester. I guess those days are a thing of the past, all a part of getting older. We all have to have those memories and now look forward to the future milestones we hope to achieve in life.

If there is one thing that I’ll be looking forward to it’s my graduation next year and other milestones that I hope to achieve later in life. Life is just one thing after another, after another, so it’s best to roll with the punches and make the best of it because by the end of it all, life proves to be all that you have chosen to make it. So, make it worth while.

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AGGIES TALK BACK!!!

As a graduating senior, what will you miss the most about A&T?

"I will miss the atmosphere and the people; being around diverse black students. It was an enjoyable experience."
-All Flowers
senior, finance major

"What I will miss the most is the idea of community that A&T try's to further. Although it's dwindled since the past, it is much more prevalent in this HBCU environment, more so then in neighboring schools..."
-JaCoryn Carter
senior, biology major

"I will miss the love and the Aggie Pride. I am going to miss all my professors and the wonderful staff at the Registrar's office. I will miss the common bond of the Aggie family and my line sisters..."
-LaShaunnya McLaughlin
senior, public relations major

"I will miss being able to just walk through campus, and see so many positive African-Americans who have a common goal and a purpose that they are trying to achieve..."
-Lelund Thompson
senior, professional theater

"I will miss the Aggie family, that sense of family that is here. I think that is what I will miss the most because when you go to other places people aren't as eager to help you, and they're not as friendly..."
-Raushawnna Clayton
senior, industrial engineering major

"The thing I will most about A&T is the theater. The theater was an outlet for me to express myself. I learned a lot about myself through the theater and became more comfortable with myself..."
-Zonya Johnson
senior, professional theater

BRIEFLY STATED...

On commencement: "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed..."
-Booker T. Washington
Music or morals?

**Commentary**

Young people today have to deal with the pressure of fitting in with peers, dealing with puberty and self-esteem issues. Now it seems that the pressure of the music industry is being added to that list.

Today's music is causing extensive damage on the minds of today's youth. Child psychologist Wilma Flins stated that the changes in the music industry would have a negative effect on the minds of young teens, which could last through their whole lives if not stopped.

Among today's youth, there is more violence involving teens, unnecessary killing, low self-esteem in young girls and early pregnancy, more now than ever before. Young children and teens have impressionable minds and the music industry is no longer attentive of the effect of the music they put out.

The messages that lyrics send to young people today cause moral and ethical decay. Children will listen to a song and not know what the words truly mean. What they do realize is the more they listen to the song, the sooner they pick up on the words and being to sing them without realizing what they are saying.

The lyrics in songs now have no meaning. Someone could make a song about collard greens and bacon and people would listen to the song as long as it has a good beat. The music industry has reached its peak of obsceneness with sex, violence and sexual innmorality.

The days where music had a meaning are over and now it's all about the money, unless of course you listen to gospel, all of that has a meaning.

Face it, this is an obscene world. A parent can try to restrict what their child listens to and what they look at on TV, but in most cases working adult only spends a maximum of five to seven hours with their child per day.

Knowledge is power. Teach children what to listen to and what not to listen to. Let them know that songs with lyrics that exploit women, promote killing and unnecessary violence is the type of music to stay away from.

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**Letter to the Editor**

We have all deservedly heard of the terrible cases of war crimes committed recently by the Iraqis. But why have we not heard of the war crimes committed by the U.S.? There have been cases of the U.S. violating or potentially violating international and Geneva accords.

A U.N. resolution has declared that the use of depleted uranium shells, which the U.S. has regularly used, is a violation in that the U.N. has labeled DU as a Weapon of Mass Destruction (we do it too). Thousands of civilians will suffer diseases in the future, as doctors have documented from the past. And the weapon violates at least five international treaties.

Also, the use of cluster bombs in populated areas has been roundly criticized by human rights groups. And U.S. stated possible (actual?) use of non-chemical substances (like tear gas) is also considered a chemical treaty violation.

The bombing of TV stations in Iraq is against the Geneva accords unless the stations are being directly used for military purposes. The head of the relevant international journalist association has already come out strongly against that. There are the cases that journalists have condemned of the U.S. military attack on the Palestine Hotel for foreign journalists, when journalists condemned no fire came from the hotel first.

Also, U.S. special forces have been going without uniform in Iraq (obviously that is the intention to be understood). The answer given by a government/military spokesperson about that was total doubletalk.

Also, a nonembled Australian senior correspondent wrote about observing and being sent away from a school (where the war was occupying and Kurds were not very happy about, i.e., use of civilian locations for military work). And while Iraqi paradigm of U.S. soldiers in front of the camera was cited, how about U.S. parading of the Guantanamo Bay base and in Afghanistan?

**Neil Wolman is a senior fellow at the Peace Studies Institute and professor of psychology at Manchester College in N. Manchester, Ind.**
By Chris Wallace
Register Sports/E-Vibes Editor

The Carolina Panthers and Bank of America teamed up to host the fourth annual Panthers Caravan Tour on April 22 at N.C. A&T's practice football field. The tour featured several Parather players, including defensive tackle Kris Jenkins, kick returner and wide receiver Steve Smith, safety Jarred Cooper, quarterback Randy Fasani and running back Bodi Smart. It also brought the TopCats cheerleaders. Sir Purr the mascot and the Future Scholar $50 savings plan which helps families plan for the rising costs of a college education.

"This is my second year and I like it," said Smith of the tour. He was the Parather's leading receiver last season and was selected to the 2003 Pro Bowl as a kick return specialist. "Every year, it's getting bigger and better, and I'm having fun. I'm no different than anybody else. I'm just a regular person like everybody else out here having fun and entertaining them." Children of all ages were able to get autographs and participate in the "Panthers Experience," an assortment of football-themed games, which included a football toss, long snap drills, an inflatable obstacle course and playing catch with the players. The kids were also able to jump around in an inflatable trampoline-type object, meet the cheerleaders and also line up for pictures with the Carolina Panthers players and cheerleaders. The players also seemed to enjoy the fun while participating in the activities with the kids.

"It's fun, and it's one of those things where we do it on our own. We have fun when we get to come out here, you know," said Jenkins, the Panthers defensive tackle. "I think the parents will benefit in a positive way because it gives their kids the motivation to work towards what they want to do in their lives, and the kids need some type of dreams to drive them." The tour will make its final stop in Columbia, S.C. on April 29 before heading home. Previously, the tour had made stops in Charleston, S.C., Greenville, S.C. and Raleigh, N.C.

See additional Panthers Caravan photos on Page 12.

Chris Wallace/Register Sports/E-Vibes Editor

Carolina Panther quarterback Randy Fasani autographs a young fan's shirt. Fasani and several other Panther players participated in many events including playing catch with the kids.

The men of Couture make an impression in an Amazon-themed portion of the troupe's spring production, "The Art of War."

"We thought the idea before January," said Lynch. "When we got back it was almost destined to do this show."

Much respect is due to Couture for creating one of the best shows I've seen all year.

Chris Wallace/Register Sports/E-Vibes Editor

"The Art of War"

Couture's themed show stirs emotions

Review by Trina Logan
Register Entertainment Reporter

If you are a true fan of Chinese movies, you laugh at the Jackie Chan, try to imitate Bruce Lee and admire Jet Li. But if you're extremely wack, you find yourself quoting famous phrases from Bruce Lee.

Modeling troupe Couture Productions performed its final show this year April 22 at Harrison Auditorium, "The Art Of War."
The first scene, "Sun Tzu," consisted of the ladies gracefully walking up and down the stage with parasol umbrellas, kimono dresses and bright makeup. The beautiful yin-and-yang firework backdrop helped you enter a little bit of Couture's Chinatown.

All of a sudden two ninjas performed the ultimate face-off as Linkin Park played in the background. While they tried to settle their vendetta, you couldn't but notice their black suits, Chinese star weapons and great fighting techniques. The men made you feel as if you were watching an authentic Chinese film.

The intersection show took everyone by surprise with footage from the blockbuster movie "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon." The show didn't lose its focus, even with a fire alarm distraction before the second scene.

The next scene introduced you to the hot and steamy land of the Amazon. It was definitely getting hot in here when the men walked off shirtless with nothing but straw bottoms. The women performed with their tribal clothing to rap artist Jay Z's "Excuse Me Miss."

The third scene may have touched a couple of hearts in the crowd. "The Regime" featured Couture Productions' own version of a patriotic flag. Soldiers marched in black and blue colored army fatigues to rap artist Bone Thugs N Harmony and Tupac's "Thug Love." Couture really proved that a finale is supposed to grab all of your attention. The lights cut off and all you could see was a large wire fence consuming the stage. The backdrop was a black sky with scrambled clouds. The bottom of the floor was filled with purple neon lights and Couture's secret agents. The male models paced back and forth as the audio played scenes from "The Matrix." The closing had you saying "What the?" when the president himself, Patrick Lynch, grabbed hold of a pair on stage and rose to the ceiling.

"Being though, this was the last show in Harrison, we wanted to pull out all of the stops with ninjas, staging and me coming down from the ceiling," said Lynch.

Couture showed a great deal of class by representing all types of war despite our current issues with Iraq.
Skeebo Productions looking toward big things

By Trena Logan
Regular Entertainment Reporter

Not many people can say that they know movie directors such as Antoine Fuqua, Spike Lee or Denzel Washington. But you can get to know one of your peers who aspires to be one of the greats.

Business marketing and entrepreneurship major Troy Whitehurst and theater major Mike Williams have goals of becoming two of the most sought-after producers and directors in the black community.

Whitehurst and Williams met on the set of "Gangsters of Harlem 2001" at The Paul Robeson Theater. They worked together again on the production "Two Tins Burning" in 2002, and their bond has become strong enough to form their own production company titled Skeebo Productions.

Whitehurst and Williams' first major production was "The Fuzz and The Jive," which was a classic tale of scandal based around a college campus.

"We sell 'The Fuzz and The Jive' right out of the trunk of our car," said Williams. "If the Fuzz and the Jive was a record, we would be gold right now."

Skeebo Productions specializes in several different business aspects. They do commercials, films, photography and headshots for actors, musicians and dancers.

The business plan for Skeebo Productions won first place for the Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business (CCEB) awards this spring.

In February, Whitehurst and Williams had the chance to attend The Spaghetti Junction Urban Film Festival in Georgia.

"I got to meet a lot of film makers in the business," said Whitehurst. "It let us know that we are one of the top independent companies coming out of North Carolina."

"The Fuzz and the Jive" was a finalist for Best Short Film at The Spaghetti Junction Urban Film Festival. They also offer marketing consultant services for other businesses.

Williams gave a comical answer when asked why he decided to enter the entertainment industry.

"I wanted to start making films when I saw 'Hollywood Shuffle' by Robert Townsend. He said the film with credit cards," said Whitehurst. "One of the characters name was Jheri Curl, and I always wanted one. But my mother wouldn't..."

Global studies, Black London program discussed

By Phoenix Bruce
Regular Contributor

You may not have to leave an A&T classroom to travel abroad. On April 30, professors from the engineering, foreign language, nursing, history and communications departments gathered in the Seminar Room in Bluford Library to engage in a discussion lead by Dr. Hakim Adi, head of the Black London conference and member of the Global Studies Program.

Adi teaches African & British History at Middlesex University in London. All the professors supported the importance of international studies provided in the curriculum at A&T. The discussion began with an open-ended question, "Why is it important to have a Global Studies Program?"

"It's past time we began uplifting the numerous contributors that arise from all people of the world, particularly young students and scholars who yearn to be transformed, whether consciously or unconsciously," said C. Nwochiche Jacobs, a study abroad coordinator.

Students can earn the global certificate while fulfilling the academic requirements for an A&T degree in any discipline. Recent studies show that today's careers are geared towards bilingual applicants and knowledge of international skills. The Global Studies Certificate Program will complement your degree as well as broaden your knowledge of the international world.

"TBCS especially should not be short-sided or left out of a multi-cultural experience," said senior Candice Nichols.

The next question was, "What do teachers need to bring to the classroom, to make global internationalism effective?" Views of teaching styles and developing courses were thrown across the room.

"Vanity is the spice of life," said African American history professor Dr. Million Brown.

Dr. Fasehun Fonge, world civilization professor, expressed his thoughts on the most effective way to teach cultural appreciation, "The first step is to clear the mind of the student so they can take in the information with an open mind."

The Office of International Programs has developed a new curriculum that will give students the opportunity to better prepare themselves for a global society. Black London is a part of the global studies program that gives students the opportunity to live in the lives of other cultures.

"Nothing is like being there in person and reality of the experience," said sophomore Jerue Gordon, who has traveled abroad.

This summer from June 26-Aug. 8, the Black London conference will explain the contributions of black people in art, literature, music and theater as well as examine the history and significance of Europe's largest and most famous street festival. Guided visits to museums, significant historical locations and cultural centers will also be a part of the students' visits.

Launching the program this fall semester 2003 may only scratch the surface. Minnie Maves, director of the international studies department added, "We know there may be not many students involved while we start but we hope to make the program permeate the university in time."

R&B singer Luther Vandross suffers stroke

By Chris Wallace
Regular Sports/E-Vibes Editor

Grammy-winning R&B singer Luther Vandross suffered a stroke on April 36 and is recovering in an undisclosed New York hospital. His condition is listed as critical but stable and as of April 24, he was showing signs of recovery.

Vandross, 52, is a five-time Grammy winner and began his career as a backup singer in the 1970s. His 1981 album "Never Too Much" sold two million copies and also had a number one hit from his title track. Vandross is still expected, however, to release his new CD entitled 'Dance With My Father' on June 10.

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Old shoes die hard
21-year-old shoe still making prints around the globe

A FASHION REVIEW
BY ALMEDA HORNS
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What is the best tennis shoe out right now? Do you have any clue? The answer to both questions is the Air Force Ones made by Nike.

There are many adjectives to describe the Air Force Ones. They are versatile, hot, stylish, universal, cool, comfy, rare, once of kind, hard to get, priceless, colorful, and feasible.

Air Force Ones come on the scene or was invented in 1962. Adults, children, athletes and many others wear this tennis shoe throughout the United States and foreign countries.

All races buy them, but they have become especially popular with African-Americans according to Dennis McFayden, a Foot Action cashier at Four Seasons Town Centre.

"Ranking them from highest to lowest, African-Americans would win," McFayden said.

The first Saturday of every month, sales go sky high for the Air Force Ones. The all-white, the most popular of them all, come out every month. The Nike Air Force Ones come out in August in late summer.

Spring colors come out with the all-white Air Force Ones. Fall colors are put on with the black ones. The spring colors and fall colors are started after Feb. 5 of each year.

Did you know that also Air Force Ones were regional and name-oriented as well as for seasonal and holiday themes? In the state of Maryland, the Air Force Ones in Baltimore have their city on them. Puerto Rico and the West Indies have their countries imprinted on their Air Force Ones.

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A&T wraps up spring practice, looks prepared

BY RONALD CARTHEN
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The N.C. A&T Aggie football team concluded three weeks of spring practice with an hour-long scrimmage on April 15. Aggie head football coach George Small, a former defensive line coach and co-defensive coordinator at Hampton University, will walk into Aggie Stadium as an Aggie for the first time in nearly 25 years. Small will face a tough task of rebuilding a team that finished 4-8 last season, the school’s worst season since 1995.

“We have to have consistency and discipline in the assignments in the course of the ball game,” Small said.

The offense will have six returning starters led by senior quarterback Jason Douglas, who finished the season with 1,158 passing yards, with nine touchdowns and six interceptions. The team finished seventh in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in total offense, including being second in passing offense. However, the Aggies finished last in the MEAC in the running game.

“We have to a ball control offense and try to be balanced with both,” said Small.

The defense will return six starters, and due to the departure of the defensive back Jason Hall, who was third in the MEAC with six interceptions, and Montrael Pittman, senior defensive back Eddie Rosedale and defensive tackle Nick Gaskin will lead the “Blue Death Defense” into the 2003 season. The pass defense finished seventh in the MEAC last season.

The Florida A&M Rattlers used defense to propel them to a series victory over the N.C. A&T Aggies. The Rattlers (22-18, 10-5 MEAC South), who defeated the Aggies in both game series and the Aggies (8-31, 4-8 MEAC South) ended by losing five of their last six games against Florida A&M.

Rattler pitcher Patrick Pinkerton (1-1) pitched a complete game for his first win of the season. Pinkerton allowed six hits and gave up two earned runs in the victory. The Aggies hit the scoreboard first in the fifth inning with a RBI double by designated hitter Quincy Jones. The offense was shut down after that until the ninth inning when the game was out of reach.

Ben Morgan led the offense for the Rattlers going 2-6-4 and adding three RBIs. The Rattlers broke out offensively in the fifth inning by scoring four runs. Morgan hit a line drive into center field to clear the bases, helping the team take a 4-1 lead. Hauff, AXT’s starting pitcher, gave up 10 hits and four earned runs in the eight innings but struck out five in the loss.

In Wednesday's game versus UNCG, it was an offensive explosion for the Spartans as they handed the Aggies a 26-1 spanking. The Spartans (30-11) set a school record for most runs in a single game, and the 25-point margin of victory is a school record. They have a very good team," said Aggies Coach Keith Sharmate. "They are a top 40 to 50 team.

The loss was the worst since a 24-3 defeat on Feb. 12 to the Spartans. Jay Maile had a field day with the Aggie pitchers by going 2-6-4 with five runs scored and a career-high seven RBIs. Maile led the team with seven base hits. Ryan Cogdon went a perfect 5-for-5 with five RBIs and Robbie Redic hit a grand slam for the icing on the cake.

The Spartans outscored the Aggies (85-32, 10-5 MEAC South) 54-2 in the two games that they played this season. The game was well out of reach by the end of the fourth inning as the Spartans went up 16-0, adding 10 runs in the eighth inning. A&T used five other pitchers who combined to allow 16 hits and 26 earned runs. Ryan Falcon (2-2) pitched only 5.9 innings, giving up only one hit for the victory. Patrick Battle was the only Aggie to drive in a run.

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Michael Jordan's patented fadeaway jumper may be the best type of shot in the history of the game.

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A&T sports picture review

The N.C. A&T athletic programs enjoyed some success during the 2002-2003 seasons. The bowling team was crowned the 2002 MEAC champion, but the men’s basketball team stumbled to a 1-26 record. A new era has dawned over the football team as new head coach George Small replaced former head coach and legend Bill Hayes, who was fired. The athletics department is under new leadership with the hiring of Charles Davis as athletics director and the men’s basketball team is in search for a new coach.

Men’s basketball: Finished the season with a league-worst and school record 1-26 season. Head coach Curtis Hunter was subsequently fired.

Women’s basketball: Finished 7-21 for the season.

Track: Several track stars on the men’s and women’s side are ranked nationally and are NCAA hopefuls.

Volleyball: Finished with a 20-14 record.

Bowling: Finished as 2002 MEAC champions.

Football: A 4-8 record led to firing of head coach Bill Hayes and the hiring of new coach George Small.

Softball: Record as of April 24 was 22-22 and 5-7 in the conference. Final game is April 29.

Baseball: The Aggie baseball team is currently 4-8 in the conference and 8-32 overall.
Spring is now in bloom, the rain is gone (so we hope) and the warm weather arrived just in time for Aggie Fest. Aggie Fest was kicked off with a Greek basketball game, won by the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. The Carolina Panthers paid us a visit, entertaining young and old alike. Verge and Couture ended their year in a fashionable way, and now it's time to say goodbye to the good old class of 2003.