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North Carolina A&T State University Student Newspaper

Engineering students win big at regionals

BY JESSICA DEVAULT
Copy Editor

The Institute of Industrial Engineers at A&T won first and third place in the Technical Writing competition at the Annual University Regional Conference in Knoxville, Tenn. The competition, which was hosted by the University of Tennessee, was held Feb. 3-6. This year's success was the first win since their 2nd place win in 2001 at the Southeastern Regional.

Among the events were competitions for technical

writings and presentations. Students were judged on both style and technical content. Several competing schools participated including: Virginia Tech, North Carolina State, Clemson University, and West Virginia University.

A&T participants were split in two teams. On the first team was seniors Jarrett Chapman, Alicia Herndon, Lashonda Lee, and Loznee Lee; and in the second team was Michael Ray, Darius Guy and Leonard Washington.

Entering the competition was the Industrial

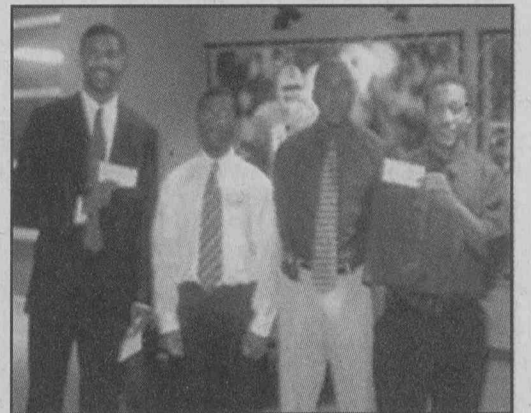
Engineering department's suggestion.

"They sent off an email saying that we can use our senior design project for the technical paper competition, in the conference in Knoxville, Tenn.," Guy said. "When we got there we had to present where we worked at and what we did for the company. . . and we got first and third."

The Industrial Engineer design projects consisted of the students going into a company that produced a product and trying to make the process more efficient. This can be done by improv-

ing the way the products are produced and dealing with the ergonomics associated with production, Chapman said.

Chapman's team won first place for "A Case Study in the Application of Industrial Engineering Models to Operational Improvement at Greensboro Welfare Reform Liaison."



From l-r, Jarrett Chapman, Leonard Washington, Michael Ray and Darius Guy.

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Renick hopes for tuition decrease

BY CHAD ROBERTS
Editor-in-Chief

A&T students may get a reprieve from rising tuition costs for a year, depending on the outcome of a Feb. 16 Board of Trustees meeting. Chancellor James

Renick, after reaching a consensus with his cabinet, is moving to rescind a scheduled tuition



hike for the 2005-06 school year. The university stands to miss out on the millions of dollars that a \$225 campus-based tuition increase would have raised, but Renick said an affordable higher education is important.

"We had to weigh the importance of funding a high quality education with students' and parents' ability to pay," Renick said.

One of the motivating factors, according to Wille Ellis, A&T's vice chancellor for business and finance, was the uncertainty of financial aid at the federal level. If legislation is passed reauthorizing the Higher Education Act of 1965, federal programs that help students like TRIO and Perkins Loans might be discontin-

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THEATRE GETS THE SHOW ON THE ROAD



photo by Chad Roberts

Students from A&T's theatre department (left) discuss performance techniques with students from Page High School during their visit to the school on Feb. 14. They also performed scenes from "A Raisin in the Sun," which they will present starting Feb. 19.

BY CHAD ROBERTS
Editor-in-Chief

Select members of the A&T theatre department and cast members of an upcoming production got away from the friendly confines of 'AggieLand' for a few hours on Monday to visit and workshop with fellow thespians at Page High School.

The visit was apart of the local Theatre In Education program.

After the troupes were introduced and went through warm-ups, the A&T

crew acted out three scenes from "A Raisin in the Sun." The play opens at A&T's Paul Robeson Theatre on Feb. 19.

The A&T actors paused between each scene to give the high school students a chance to ask questions and discuss the details of the play. Damien Lee, a member of the A&T cast, said the workshop portion of the visit was beneficial to the Page students.

"We're just trying to help the kids," Lee said. "It gives them a better insight into

the play."

Michael Parish, the advisor to the 'Page Playmakers,' said he was glad to see the two schools interacting and learning from each other.

"It was interesting. We do some of the same things, we just have different names for them," Parrish said. "Our folks were teaching them and they were teaching our folks."

After the A&T students went through the scenes from "A Raisin in the Sun" they took questions from the

Page students about performing on the collegiate level and acting as a career. Next, some of the Playmakers read Langston Hughes' poem "A Dream Deferred" and had their performances critiqued by the A&T delegation.

Towards the end of the session, the Page Playmakers got a special bonus: discounted tickets to see "A Raisin in the Sun," good from Feb. 19 until Feb. 24.

Aid office goes high-tech to protect student identity

BY PHILIP MORGAN
Contributor

Afraid that saying your social security number out loud will let people have access to your personal information? Well don't worry, because the Financial Aid Department is taking steps to protect your personal information.

The Financial Aid Department is now using a mobile numeric keypad, designed for laptops by Micro Innovations, which will enable to students to give their social security number to the secretary without saying it aloud. "We felt that students exposing their social security number could be subject to theft and cause them a lot of problems," says Jewell Ramage. Because the

department often has more than one student in the office, security became a big issue. She and her coworker, Lenner Lavall-Williams who is also a secretary with the department, were the ones who came up with the idea. The idea mainly came about because of the reports of identity theft not only by regular people, but by prisoners as well. "Students should be able to give us their personal information without everyone hearing it," says Ramage.

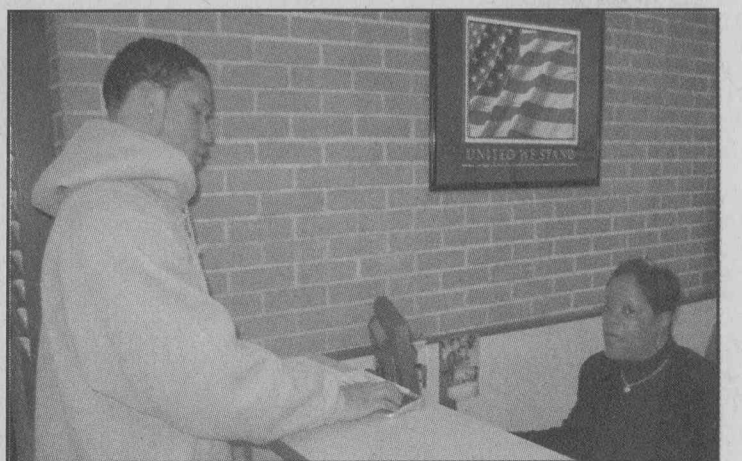
While it was Ramage and Lavall-Williams who came up with the idea, Sheila Gothard, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, was the one who implemented the measure to get it done. "It was not an expensive process," says Gothard. The

keypad was under \$40 and it took about ten minutes to install on the computers. When it comes to the students' reactions, Gothard says "They appreciate us even considering keeping their information private."

Even though Gothard is new to A&T, her concern for the students is genuine. Another security measure she plans on implementing is equipping the computers with special screens that blur out the students personal information. The only way to see the information would be to stand behind the secretary. Otherwise, the screen will be blurred.

As of right now, the Financial Aid Department is the only one that uses the keypad. However, other departments, such as

Bookkeeping and the Treasurer's Office, are interested in using the devices.



Montray Jackson tries the new mobile numeric keypad while Sheila Gothard watches. The keypad allows students more privacy in the Financial Aid office.

photo by Chad Roberts

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM, RETIREMENT DESERVING OF STUDENTS ATTENTION

By **BRETT HARRINGTON**
News Editor

Not often does the common college student concern him or herself with the idea of retirement. And the thought of Social Security is limited to ill feelings when looking at the number attached to the SSI deduction on check stubs.

Social Security, once a third rail topic, has become a hot button issue under the current presidential administration and rather than today's senior citizens, its students will be affected.

Many students have anywhere from a five to ten year plan that outline where they want to be professionally but very few students think about retirement.

The reason young adults fail to factor in retirement and future savings is mainly due to dreams and misconceptions. You have heard more than one friend say "I am going to be rich," and others say, "they have been

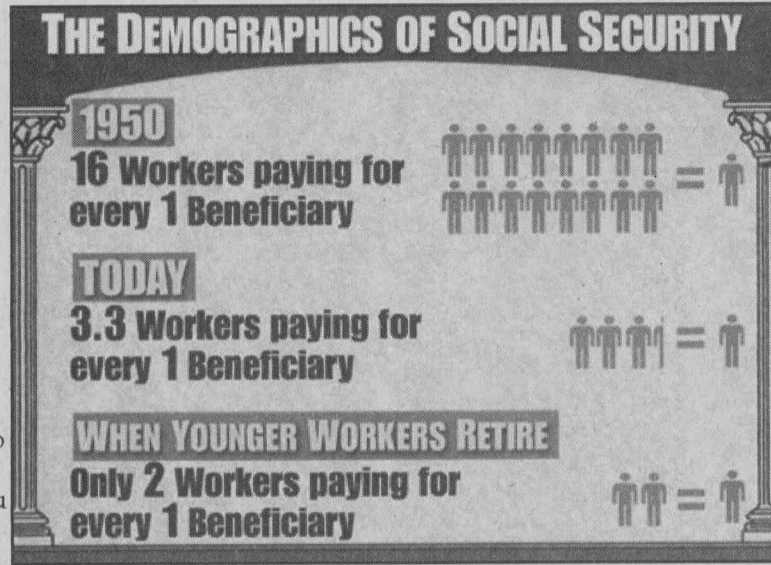
taking Social Security out since I was 15, I better have money when I get old."

The truth is great wealth is a dream that will elude the bulk of today's college students; a majority of students will end up middle class, living comfortably. The other truth is all that money the government has been taking from your check since you were 15, working at a local supermarket, and is continuing to take from your check is not being put on reserve for you when you get older.

Social Security taken from checks today is paying for retirees, children who have lost a parent and disability. Social Security is a flow-through system.

The question that stems from the above fact is, if I am paying others social security today why won't others pay for me?

In 1950 there were 16 workers paying in to social security for every one beneficiary taking money out, today there is only 3.3 workers paying for every one



Artwork illustrates Social Security by showing the ratio of beneficiaries to workers paying in

beneficiary and as more workers from the baby boom generation begin to retire the ratio will continue to reduce until the antiquated system will no longer be able to support itself.

Yes, antiquated! According to the Bush administration, the 1935 model Social Security is based on is just one of the noted reasons for the programs failure.

The Bush administration states in their Strengthening Social Security for 21st Century Report, "For our younger workers, Social Security has serious problems... (It

Cannot afford to pay promised benefits to future generations because it was designed for a... world in which benefits were much lower, life-spans were short-

er, there were more workers per retiree, and fewer retirees were drawing from the system."

Bush said in his State of the Union address, "We must pass reforms that solve the financial problems of Social Security once and for all."

The social reform that Bush has been campaigning on is personal retirement accounts. Personal retirement accounts are aimed at young workers that will be most affected by the proposed social security reform.

Personal retirement accounts are voluntary accounts that would allow a worker to take four-percent of his payroll tax - currently 4 of the 12 payroll tax - and set it aside in an interest-earning account. The account would gain interest similar to a private sector 401(k) or the government-run Thrift Savings Plan (TSP).

Although there are guidelines to the personal retirement accounts it is at its

very basic level your money; whatever you put in is what you get out with interest.

At an event on a recent visit to Raleigh, N.C. President Bush breaks it down, stating, "if you're a worker who earns \$35,000 a year over your lifetime, and this system were in effect where you could put 4 percent of your payroll taxes in a personal account, and you start at age 20, by the time you retire, your personal account would grow to \$250,000." That would include the compounded interest.

Social Security reform is still in its infant stages and needs further debate before any changes to the current system are implemented.

It is in the best interest of young adults to research early savings options, private retirement plans such as 401(k)s and investments because if Social Security fails the resulting cost of funding retirement will fall squarely on future retirees.

Drugs, Deadly Dosages, Delinquents, Defamation, & Drunk Driving

DATA COMPILED BY PHILLIP MORGAN
Contributor

February 3

05-0157 Vandalism Smith Hall

-A university employee reported person(s) unknown, shot two glass windows at Smith Hall with a BB gun. Estimated damage is \$1050.00.

05-0161 Vehicle Accident Benbow Road

-A vehicle made contact with another vehicle. One vehicle made an unsafe movement. The estimated damage to both vehicles is \$2,000.00. There were no injuries.

February 4-6

05-0163 Mental Subject Gibbs Hall

-A male (non-student) was removed from Gibbs Hall after threatening a faculty member bodily harm. The suspect was transported to Mental Health.

05-0166 Drug Violation Campbell Hall PVA

-A male student (resident of Cooper Hall) was cited and released on a traffic stop for simple possession of marijuana.

05-0167 Information Lindsay & Sullivan St.

-The Greensboro Police Department responded to a Hit & Run that involved an unknown person knocking down a NC A&T light pole. The damage amount is \$1,000.00. There were no injuries.

05-0169 Disturbance Riverwalk Apts.

-A male and female student (residents) had a verbal argument over person issues, which resulted in the University Police Department locating marijuana residue and paraphernalia. There were no signs of injury.

05-0171 DWI Arrest E. Market & Dudley St.

-A male student was arrested for an underage person Driving While Impaired and carrying a concealed weapon on educational property. The Magistrate issued a written promise to appear.

05-0172 Burglary 1011 Palmetto Street

-A female student (resident) reported an unknown person entered her secured residence, opened her bedroom door, and then fled from the scene. There were no signs of forced entry.

05-0174 Suicide Attempt Barbee Hall

-A female student/resident attempted to overdose on medication due to a personal problem. There were no signs of injury. The victim was taken to Moses Cone for further assessment voluntarily.

05-0176 Suicide Attempt Aggie Suites

-A female student reported her roommate was contemplating suicide. UPD located the victim asleep in another suite. The victim has an appointment with counseling services.

February 7

05-0181 Assault Cooper Hall

-A female student resident of Cooper Hall reported being assaulted by a male student in the same building. The suspect was transported to Guilford County Jail, where he received a written promise to appear.

05-0183 Larceny Corbett Center

-Members of Morgan State, Men's Basketball Team, coaching staff reported two NC A&T SU students were in possession of their team jerseys, stolen from last year. The property was taken and placed into evidence. The Morgan State Women's Team had to be escorted out of Corbett Center, due to disorderly conduct between them and NC A&T SU fans. There were no injuries.

February 9

05-0192 Sick Call Moore Gym

-University Police responded to Moore Gym, in reference to a male (non-resident) student being kned in the chest during a basketball game. The student advised he was fine and refused medical attention.

05-0193 Sick Call Barbee Hall

-University Police responded to Barbee Hall in reference to a female student (resident) possibly overdosed. The student advised she was fine and had taken two ibuprofen prescriptions. She refused EMS treatment.

February 10

05-0195 Sick Call General Classroom

-A female staff member, from the New General Classroom Bldg., was transported to Moses Cone Hospital after fainting in the hallway. She was evaluated, treated and released.

05-0198 Sick Call Health Center

-A male (student/resident) was transported to Moses Cone Hospital, from Sebastian Health Center, due to severe flu-like symptoms.

05-0200 Sick Call Cooper Hall

-A male (student/resident) reported having difficulty breathing due to chronic asthma. Guilford County EMS responded and transported the victim to Moses Cone Hospital for further treatment.

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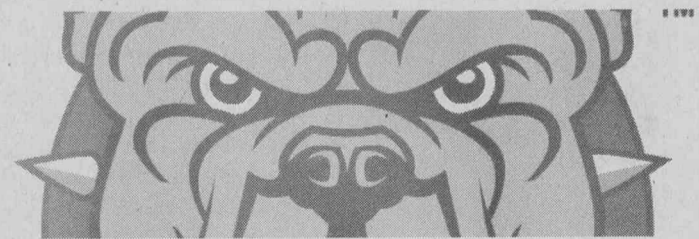
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DRUG-RESISTANT HIV FOUND IN N.Y.

By ERICA FRANKLIN
Assistant News Editor

HIV usually takes years to develop into full-blown AIDS. Yet on Feb. 12, New York City residents heard otherwise.

An unidentified man in his mid-40s contracted HIV after having unprotected anal sex with multiple men while using methamphetamine.

"Meth" is an addictive stimulant drug that damages brain cells while enhancing moods and body movements. The drug also provides an intense sensation called a "rush." The use of "meth" may have contributed to the man's dangerous sexual activity.

He was diagnosed at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in December 2004. He had been infected recently and he had practiced unsafe sex, said doctors. Unlike other cases, he developed AIDS just months after having HIV. It often takes up to 10 years for HIV to transform to AIDS.

Scientists have created medications to control the virus, however in a Canadian Television (CTV) news report, health officials say that his HIV did not respond to three out of the four classes of anti-retroviral medication that is most commonly prescribed.

"What makes this case important to scientists is the double whammy of resistance to the three classes of drugs in combination with the rapid clinical course of the HIV to AIDS," said Dr.

Ron Valdiserri, deputy director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention for CTV news.

A fact sheet from the AIDS Treatment Data Network stated that anti-HIV drug resistance happens randomly. Since there are billions of viruses being made in the body, there is a great chance that at least one of the new HIV viruses would be drug resistant.

In a CNN report, the New York City health department noted that while patients being treated for HIV do develop drug resistance, finding such resistance in someone who has never taken HIV drugs is "extremely rare."

"The virus changes or mutates. As things reproduce some versions survive and some don't. With a virus like HIV, scientists have developed medications to allow people to live much healthier. Yet, since viruses reproduce, HIV can develop into a strain that can be resistant," said a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) health communication specialist.

"Drug resistance is increasingly common among HIV-positive people, including some who had never been treated before," said Valdiserri.

There are four classes of anti-HIV drugs that are usually given to those with HIV. Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTIs), available in 1987, were the first drugs to treat HIV. Its purpose is to slow the production of the

reverse transcriptase enzyme and make HIV unable to infect cells and duplicate itself.

Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase (NNRTIs), first approved in 1997, intervenes with the transcriptase of the virus to stop HIV from infecting cells while blocking the duplication and spread of HIV.

The third type of anti-retroviral drug is called the Protease Inhibitor (PI) group. Protease in HIV damages and shrinks the long healthy chains of enzymes and proteins. These infected pieces are then able to affect other healthy cells. For this reason, the drug attempts to prevent the protease from entering enzymes and proteins, so the virus is unable to duplicate and affect new cells.

Finally, Fusion or Entry Inhibitor seeks to stop the reproduction of the virus by blocking HIV infected proteins. These drugs have not been approved and are still under clinical review in the USA.

The man's sexual partners are still unknown. The city's health commissioner said New York City's health authorities are working with the CDC to find other cases like this one.

"It is always very alarming to read about something like this. This is a real call for heightened prevention," said Addison Ore, executive director of the Greensboro Triad Health Project.

Campus Briefs

"A Raisin in the Sun"

The visual and performing arts department will present the award-winning drama "A Raisin in the Sun" on Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. in Paul Robeson Theatre. Call 334-7749 for ticket information.

"A Black and White Affair"

Miss A&T, Latiera Streeeter and the campus-based NAACP will hold the 1st Annual Diabetes Charity Ball on Feb. 20 in Stallings Ballroom, from 6p.m. until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for singles and \$12 for couples. Tickets are on sale at the A&T ticket office.

Parking Deck

According to SGA Pres. Calvin F. Williams, Jr., construction will begin later this year on a parking deck, and the deck should be completed and fully operational by Fall 2006.

Career Day

All majors and classifications can attend the North Carolina Career Day, on Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in Exhibit Hall of the Memorial Union. Information is available by calling 334-7755.

Softball

The Lady Aggies softball team will open their season Feb. 19 against Morgan State on the new softball field. The field is located across from the Physical Plant, in the field beside Aggie Stadium.

Chat with the Chancellor

Chancellor James C. Renick will hold the next "Chat with the Chancellor" on Feb. 24 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. in room 101 of the Memorial Union.

Live Jazz

The Lyceum Program will present "The Elmer Gibson Jazz Trio" on Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Stallings Ballroom

Tsunami Relief Project 2005

The brothers of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. will be collecting donations of body care products, OTC drugs, medical supplies, camping equipment, new cloths, bibles and dry foods.

Saviour's Day 2005

Join others at the Carolina Theatre on Feb. 27 to hear Minister Louis Farrakhan speak live via satellite. The Carolina Theatre is located at 310 S. Greene St. The program begins at 4 p.m. and costs \$10.

Omega Psi Phi Fashion Show

On Feb. 18, the Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi will host the Fashion Extravaganza at the Carolina Theatre. This fashion event will feature modeling troupes from Couture Productions, Verge, Black Finesse (NC State), H.A.L.O. (Bowie State) and Eccentric (Bennett). The event will begin at 8 p.m. The presale cost is 7\$ for students and 10\$ for non-students. General admission will be 10\$ on the day of the show. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

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"WLR is a nonprofit company that takes donations from places like Walmart or Sam's Club, or any kind of retail place," Chapman said. "They ended up moving into a larger warehouse facility. So we helped them organize the inventory, the warehousing process, the workflow, and a couple of organizing issues that they

had."

Chapman's team won \$800 for their project and will present their paper at the National Convention in May.

Washington's team placed third and won \$50 for their project, "United Brass Catalog Organization System."

"They [United Brass] wanted a refined catalog system," Washington said. "We had to just go in and list everything and put it in computer format."

Zahra Bennett, the IIE

Chapter President, was proud of the winners.

"Being the only African-American school in the chapter just kind of proves that we are the best. We really put forth the effort this year."

Ray, Washington's teammate was enthusiastic about their success.

"I was very overwhelmed and shocked that we won," Ray said. "It shows that we're capable of doing whatever we want to do; because we can do it."

raise the rates.

But, with public universities facing a greater demand and at the same time coping with dwindling state support, all factors seem to suggest a tuition climb sometime in the future. Renick did not say whether students could expect tuition to be less costly or more expensive beyond 2005, only acknowledging the unusual request for the upcoming academic year.

"A tuition freeze is a very rare occurrence," he said.

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ued. The number of students receiving Pell Grants may also shrink. Ellis estimated about 80 percent of students at A&T receive some form of federal financial aid.

For that reason, temporarily freezing tuition is "the best thing for A&T students," Ellis said.

If the cost of tuition is raised, the money will likely be spent on improving academics through new faculty hires. Even if Renick's proposal does not survive the Board of Trustees meeting, at least one student is happy to hear of the possibility of a temporary halt to tuition costs.

"The tuition freeze is a long time coming for the students of North Carolina A&T," said Calvin F. Williams Jr., the 2004-05 Student Government Association President. "For the past few years, students have almost become accustomed to the tuition increasing."

Indeed, tuition for an in-state, undergraduate full-time student jumped from \$1,470 in 2003 to \$1,544 in 2004.

Also, on Feb. 11, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors agreed to freeze tuition at all 16 UNC system schools. If the A&T Board of Trustees concur with Renick's plan, the only way students would see tuition go up next year is if the NC General Assembly voted to



Looking for an Opportunity to Make a Difference?

CIA's Directorate of Intelligence will be interviewing candidates for Analyst Positions.

Representatives from CIA's analytical arm, the Directorate of Intelligence, will be interviewing for analyst positions in Raleigh during the week of March 28th. Analysts work on the forefront of protecting national security, quickly assessing how rapidly changing international developments will impact US interests at home and abroad. They use information from classified and unclassified sources from around the world to develop and provide the reliable intelligence that is essential for US policymakers to make informed decisions. The DI is hiring for the following positions:

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- Counterintelligence
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- Counterterrorism Analyst
- Medical Analyst

Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Language skills, previous foreign area residence or travel, and relevant work experience are pluses. Candidates must successfully complete a medical examination, polygraph interview, and an extensive background investigation. All positions require US citizenship and relocation to the Washington, DC area.

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Full-time administrator, part-time paper thief

A stack of newspapers vanishes. It was not an act of magic, but administrative heavy-handedness.

During the first week of February, while A&T was hosting the HBCU Think Tank conference, an entire rack of The A&T Register student-newspaper mysteriously vanished from the student union. But, according to one student, there was no magic behind the disappearance – the papers were stolen.

According to this source, an administrator (who for the time being shall remain nameless) ordered a maintenance worker to remove the papers and hide them because of a printed article that was critical of student leadership on A&T's campus. The administrator's reason, according to another student close to this as-yet-unnamed administrator, was that he or she "did not want students from other HBCU's to see A&T leadership portrayed in a negative light in the student newspaper." Aggie Pride...WHAT?!

An administrator can come to the defense of a student in most situations, and the action is justified; like if a student is having problems with campus police, can't get along with a professor, or is having difficulty with the housing or financial aid process. But this administrator's action was not justifiable under any circumstance. It was unscrupulous, unethical, unreasonable, uncalled for, un-(insert your own root word here...). This was a case of an administrator meddling.

Whatever student leaders the article in question was referring to, they are quite capable of defending themselves and do not need an administrator to cover their behinds for them. The fact that A&T was the host school for the successful conference, and not just a participant, should be a testament to the capabilities of the student leadership on campus.

There are names for those who try to control the way people think. They are called communists, tyrants, dictators and censors. In this case, "thief" would be appropriate as well.

The administrator failed to look at this angle: when an outsider sees a student be critical of the administrators, faculty, staff or other students, they might be more fascinated with the environment of free speech that the campus has, moreso than what the disgruntled student is complaining about. Students complain all the time. True, a visitor may be curious as to what the complaint is, but they may already have an opinion that is totally different and unlikely to change because of what somebody wrote in an article.

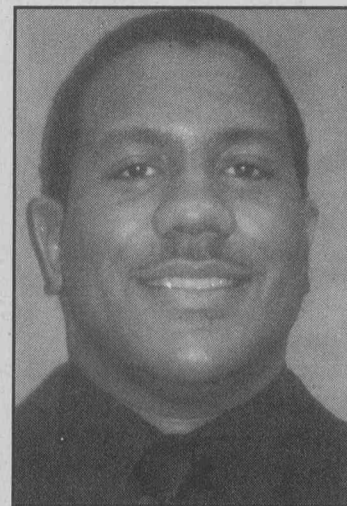
And what about the student fees? The Register is partly supported by student money. Students are owed a newspaper, but thanks to a paper thief whose IDENTITY is not REVEALED, some got cheated.

What makes a student leader

BY RURY GRISHAM
 COP President

What makes a student leader?

There's been a lot of talk about lack of student leadership on campus. This year has been one of the most productive years if not the most productive as far as SGA, SUAB, Pan-Hell, and COP. We've seen the most programs and collaborative programs ever on campus. This year has seen the most registered and active voters to date. Everything about Homecoming was extraordinary, and each Fraternity/Sorority is pulling their weight as leaders. Community service is done by our students all over the city. But they say there is a lack of it, and there is a lack of real student leaders. Let's define a student leader before we say who one isn't. A student leader has great time management skills, organization skills, communication skills, and a good academic record. A student leader thinks before he or she reacts, listens to the problems on hand and then tries to solve them. A stu-



dent leader is a committed member and balances the time spent with each organization in which they are involved. A student leader (a great president) delegates tasks among the members of the organization when needed; a good president doesn't take on everything on his or her own. A student leader for the Council of Presidents fulfills their duties as a COP eboard member and as a president of their respective organization; they don't neglect their other organization for COP. A student leader listens to comments and suggestions and takes them into consideration;

they are not tyrants, dictators, or bullies. A student leader on this campus is a FULL TIME student with at LEAST a 2.5 GPA! School comes first and is their top priority, not being seen and heard on campus trying to make their presence felt. A student leader is respected by the students of the university. A student leader proposes solutions to problems, not just the problems. A student leader doesn't talk about other leaders in the school paper to get things off of their chests; they confront them face to face. A student leader comes forward with their accusations and doesn't hide behind someone else's name. Likewise, a student leader doesn't allow a coward to make spiteful comments and then use their name as a scapegoat. A student leader doesn't mix friendship and business. It seems to me that the writer of the article two weeks ago clearly doesn't fit the characteristics of a student leader. In conclusion I would like to ask the real writer of the article, what is student leadership, and how are you involved?



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT Respecting Women

BY CALVIN F. WILLIAMS, JR.
 SGA President

Relationships and Respect are Back! Relax; it is still cool to have a girlfriend. I know that most of our friends are more concerned with how many girls they can get, or how many girls they have calling their phone. But really deep down, it really is cool to have a main girl. It is ok to have just one girl that you confide in. It is ok to not have to worry about lying about what you did the past night.

Maybe it is just because it is getting cold, but even on facebook you can see that a lot of people are in relationships. This is a perfect example of how although the media portrays us a people that do not respect each other and cannot be in committed relationships, in actuality we are doing just the opposite.

There is nothing wrong with opening doors for women around campus, saying hello when they pass by, getting the chair for a woman and helping a female with her coat. There is nothing wrong with getting out of your seat on the shuttle if there are no more seats available and allow a female that you do not know to sit down. There is nothing wrong with respecting females and not cussing in their face (as long as they respect themselves). There is nothing wrong with treating women like women and not like girls (as long as they are a woman). Respecting women and chivalry is not dead; we just forget we know how to do it. Ok it is our fault, it did fall out of style for a while, but it is on its way back. You

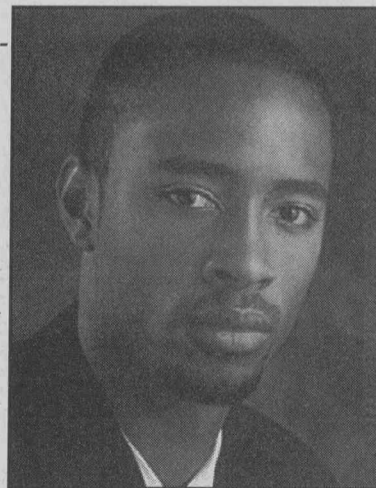
can see it around campus.

Women have begun to respect themselves more; you can see it in their dress and the way they carry themselves.

I know it may feel weird or awkward when you first do it, but after awhile it will become second nature.

After awhile, men and women will look at you different because you will be seen as a role model; someone for them to look up to. You will begin to carry yourself better. You will begin to respect yourself and the people around you. It is called common courtesy. It is the courtesy extended to someone not because you know them, but because you care about them. It will be a challenge to build this community that we as a people are losing.

Therefore, start small. Give up your coat when you see a young lady cold. Give them directions even when you are in a rush. Maybe we men can start making changes so the ladies will stop saying there are no good men around. You should try it. It is not as hard as it seems.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The wicked leader is he who the people despise. The good leader is he who the people revere. The great leader is he who the people say, we did it ourselves." Lao-Tzu

What's Next!!

Lucky Jeans

BY CANDRA WHITLEY
Contributor

Ladies, buying jeans can be a daunting task. Not only do you have to sort through dozens of style details, you also have to find a pair that works with your particular body.

While the flatter-factor varies greatly from cut to cut and brand to brand, there are a few baseline rules to follow when shopping for jeans.

1. **Go for a straight or boot cut leg.** A straight leg falls straight from the hip to the hem. A boot cut flares slightly. Both cuts are slimming and make you look taller and leaner.

Avoid tapered legs, as they give an unbalanced silhouette and make your hips and butt look extra big.



Boot cut jeans are slimming

2. **Stick to a dark wash.**

Dark denim jeans always look polished and are most flattering.

3. **Try a low waist.** In the past few years, waistbands have been steadily lowered.

While ultra-low waist is better left to teenagers, jeans labeled "low waist" are actually flattering to women of all shapes and ages.

4. **Add some stretch.**

Jeans with some lycra are flattering because they hug your curves, and they're comfortable because they move with your body.

Dark rinses look polished

If your body type is short-waisted then low slung, hip hugger styles are best for you. They will give the illusion of having a longer torso.

If you have a petite frame then jeans with straight legs will give you a taller silhouette.

If you are very slim then jeans with straight legs or boot cuts work best for you.

If you are cursed with the wide hips then jeans that are slightly flare-legged work the best. They help to balance your hips with the rest of your body.

Also look for jeans with large back pockets; they help to minimize your behind.

These days jeans are becoming more appropriate at unexpected places,

like cocktail parties, nights at the theatre and even some places of employment. All you have to do is add some sexy shoes, a dramatic shirt and some great accessories.

Sorry Fellas, next time this section will be dedicated to you. Hopefully you are up on "What's Next!!"

Stretch jeans come in a large variety.

Low rise is actually flattering



Photo by Patrice Withers

Karen Peters, left, and Ebonie Johnson Cooper, right, are marketing representatives for the S. Carter HBCU Marketing Initiative.

Bring 'em Out! Bring 'em Out!

Marketing Reps bring the S. Carter Collection to NC A&T SU

BY KAREN PETERS AND
EBONIE JOHNSON
COOPER
Contributor

The S. Carter HBCU marketing initiative has brought Reebok's S. Carter Collection to North Carolina A&T State University.

North Carolina A&T was one of the six colleges selected to be apart of the S. Carter HBCU Marketing Representative Initiative.

The initiative includes two Aggies: sophomore marketing major Karen Peters and senior marketing major Ebonie Johnson Cooper, who serve as S. Carter College Marketing Representatives.

As part of the S. Carter marketing team, the market-

They want to give you an S. Carter Prize Pack!!

ing reps will sponsor diverse campus events in order to help promote S. Carter brand awareness throughout North Carolina A&T. Through this initiative, S. Carter is seeking to grow its reach in the college market, increase its consumer audience and build its target market awareness.

In June 2003, Reebok's street-inspired footwear division, RBK, launched the

S. Carter Collection. It is the signature footwear collection of hip-hop star Jay-Z.

This collection was categorized as a lifestyle product designed to appeal to young fashion-oriented consumers. Today, the endorsers of the brand include Kenyon Martin of the Denver Nuggets, Jamal Crawford of the NY Knicks, and rapper T.I.

The newest sneaker in the collection is the S. Carter Basketball Mid, which will be launching March 4.

For this launch your S. Carter Reps are giving Aggies numerous chances to win the sneakers BEFORE they hit the streets. They want to give you a S. Carter Prize Pack. You can enter to win a S. Carter Prize Pack

by giving the reps your e-mail on Feb. 21 and Feb. 24 in Williams Cafeteria from 5-7pm. All email addresses will be entered into a raffle and the winners will receive an S. Carter Prize Pack. The saved email addresses will also allow the S. Carter team to let you know what's going on with the S. Carter Collection.

If you want to increase your chances even more, next week, Feb. 21 st - 25 th, is the S. Carter Basketball Winning Week on WNAA 90.1! You can instantly win a S. Carter Basketball prize pack by listening between 2 p.m and 5 p.m, calling in and correctly answering Jay-Z and S. Carter trivia when you hear the question of the day.

Black History Trivia

Who am I?



Questions

BY PHILLIP MORGAN
Contributor

1. This person was born in Paris, Kentucky.

2. This person owned a sewing and repair shop and established a newspaper called the *Cleveland Call*.

3. This person invented the gas mask and used it to save several men trapped during an explosion in an underground tunnel.

4. This person is mostly known for the invention of the traffic signal.

The first person to send an email to flavasava76@yahoo.com with the correct answer will receive a prize from Phillip Morgan.

Bonus: What's Next!! Art is Life

BY CANDRA WHITLEY
Contributor

A&T has a legacy of producing innovative minds. There are even a few who have ventured into the world of fashion, like Patrick Lynch with "Lorenzo Lauren," Nicholas Tillman with the up and coming "Nicholas Adair" and now Ayinde with "Iman Fashions."

The West Philadelphia native came to A&T in 2003 as an engineering major. By the end of the year he had changed his major to business management. This would later prove to be quite helpful.

The summer after his freshman year, Ayinde got a summer internship with the world-renowned Miskeen Originals in Philadelphia. After working for two months, he decided that he wanted to do something similar, but with his own flair. From that "Iman Fashions" was born.

Iman is an Arabic word that means "to have faith." Ayinde's line is available in Mr. Smith's, Dr. Styles and Hiz and Herz Fashions.

Ayinde is currently working on a new addition to his line which will be more along the feel of urban-retro-vintage. The line will include items like deconstructed blazers. It's expected to make its debut in the spring or early summer of 2005. Currently, he has items for babies, women, men, and boys.

Ultimately, he wants to have a nationally-recognized clothing line and to develop himself as an abstract artist.

He lives by the motto: "Art is Life." He owes his success and drive to his mother, whom he calls his inspiration.

Check out Ayinde and his apparel on Feb. 18 at the Carolina Theatre. His clothes will be presented by the models of Couture Productions.

Also, his line can be seen in early March in a fashion show at Club 9.

"I do this to see the customer satisfaction. I love to see people walking around, looking good in something that I've created."

For more information contact Ayinde at ImanFash@yahoo.com

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FORMER FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR, WILL SMITH, STARS IN 'HITCH'

BY JESSICA DE VAULT
Copy Editor

Just when I thought we had our fill of sap-ridden movies; just when I was sure that nothing could be cornier than scenes of tears in the rain and last-minute kisses at the brush of death, it got worst. "Hitch," Will Smith's latest flick, has graced theatres and yanked at the heart strings of America. Smith, who I must say hasn't looked this good since *Bad Boys II*, has taken a startling turn in his career with this film. Though, he's still his charismatic, Prince-of-Belair self, he managed to play a more complex role as a man who struggles to hide his own hang ups about love by helping other men date the women of their dreams.

Smith plays dating consultant, Alex Hitchens,

secretly known as the anonymous Date Doctor. Thanks to Hitch, the Joe Schmos of the world now have a fighting chance to get the beautiful women they



Courtesy of Sont Entertainment

want. However, a trip down memory lane shows Hitch during his college years, when he was a bumbling, Steve-Urkely-geek. After getting played by a beautiful, he vowed never to allow it to happen again. Surprisingly, he focused all of his negative frustrations on a lucrative gig that helps

other men remain optimistic about love and women.

His most challenging client, Albert Brennaman, played by Kevin James ("King of Queens") hires Hitch to get Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta), an heiress that Brennaman works for, to fall in love with him. Hitch's consultation with Brennaman proves to be comical and eyebrow raising as Hitch effortlessly shows Brennaman the ways of love. You'll find yourself nodding your head in agreement and rolling your eyes at the obvious as Hitch walks you through the ways of the dating scene.

While at a club, Hitch finds the woman of his dreams Sarah Melas (Eve Mendes), a gossip columnist. Sheer coincidences have made it difficult for Hitch to maintain his game. The interaction between

Hitch and Sarah changes the movie's theme from a comical, Get-the-Girl flick; into a sophisticated, romantic film; thus making it bearable for men and women to sit through. The only flaws the movie had were close to the end where sappiness hits an all-time low, but that's to be expected from a romance-comedy.

The soundtrack is perfect for the tear-jerking scenes and if you're able to get past lines like, "If you must lie, lie in the arms of the one you love. If you must cheat, cheat death..." then you're a better person than I am. I'm willing to give this film some leeway, after all, I'm not into romances like most are, but you can appreciate the film's integrity. It'll make you laugh, it'll make you think, and for those who love to pour on the maple syrup.....it'll make you cry.

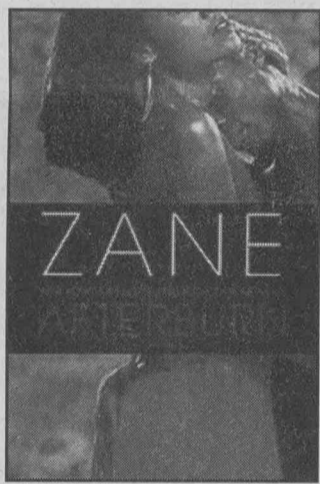
'Afterburn' slated to be a best seller among books this year

BY SHANNON PITTMAN
Contributor

New York Times best-selling author Zane has recently released her latest novel *Afterburn*. The 37-year-old author has released countless best-selling novels such as, *Addicted*, *Nervous and Shame On It All*. Zane's unique style of writing captivates the reader each time they turn a page in one of her books. In her latest, *Zane* has once again delivered a story that is a guaranteed page-turner, while educating her reader on some of life's lessons.

Afterburn is the story of two lovers who can never seem to come out on top in the world of dating. Yardley Brown, a chiro-

practor in Washington D.C., is every woman's dream. He is handsome, respectful,



Zane is a top selling author

and knows how to treat his woman in every way. But, for some reason Yardley

cannot seem to find what he wants the most, and that is true love. He has his eyes set on a woman who works at his local bank, but he has yet to come up with the courage to ask her out.

Rayne Waters, a bank employee, have had her share of failed relationships. She was on the verge of giving up when the handsome man that comes into her bank everyday asks her out (Yardley). The two begin their journey as a couple, but encounters plenty of roadblocks on the way. Yardley has to deal with his ex-girlfriend that seems to have an obsession with him, and Rayne has to deal with her alcoholic mother who wants to tear apart Rayne's long term plans with

Yardley. In a world that seems set out to ruin their relationship Rayne and Yardley struggle with trying to make their relationship work. As soon as they think they are good to go, tragedy strikes.

Afterburn is a novel that keeps the interest of the reader. It speaks on a subject that all women and men can relate to. Zane developed the characters very well in this book, and left her readers with an important life lesson. This book has reached a rank of 131 on the USA Today's Top 150 Best-seller list, and according to stores such as Waldenbooks is a very popular book.

Children's book translates the moments of the sit in to kids

BY TAMAR STINSON
Contributor

More than forty years ago many students from local colleges challenged the Jim Crow laws by arranging sit-ins that later started a historical movement in the South.

"Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins," a new children's book by Fayetteville State University professor Carole Boston Weatherford, introduces young readers to an important event in the Civil Rights Movement.

Weatherford is an award-winning poet and author who began writing in the first grade. Today she's the proud author of 18 books of poetry, children's literature and nonfiction.

Weatherford's latest release "Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins" is a fictional story inspired by actual events. The story's main character, Connie, is a little girl who craves a banana split at the Woolworth's whites-only counter. She is inspired when four students stage sit-ins to desegregate the lunch counter. Her parents encourage the movement and her older siblings join the sit-ins. Connie waits and watches as history unfolds.

The sit-ins in Greensboro started in February 1960 when four courageous students, all freshmen at A&T State College, sat down at the Woolworth's lunch corner in Greensboro and asked to be served. The four

Franklin McCain, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil and Ezell Blair (now known as Jibreel Khazan) were refused. Soon, more students from A&T, Bennett College and Dudley High School joined the protests. In the following months, sit-ins spread across the nation. The Greensboro sit-ins led to pickets, boycotts and many arrest. The sit-ins ended in July when three African-American kitchen workers were served at the lunch counter.

Weatherford's love for African American history was a big inspiration for this book. She also loved that the sit-ins were led by young people. This book shows how powerful young people are and the difference they can make.


For Weatherford, writing "Freedom on the Menu" was to preserve the past. "Today, memories of the Jim Crow era are fading," says Weatherford. "I hope to help today's children understand segregation and appreciate the sacrifices made to gain equality."

Mrs. Weatherford lives in High Point, N.C., a short distance from where the sit-ins began. Her literary work has won her the Carter G. Woodson Award from National Council for the Social Studies, the North Carolina Juvenile Literature Award and an NAACP Image Award Nomination.

"I mine the past for families, fading traditions and forgotten struggles. This book reflects that mission," Weatherford said.

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2005 Grammy Award Winners

Record Of The Year Here We Go Again Ray Charles & Norah Jones	Best Pop Instrumental Album Henry Mancini: Pink Guitar Various Artists	Best Rock Instrumental Performance Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Brian Wilson	Best R&B Song You Don't Know My Name Alicia Keys	Best Country Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal Top Of The World Dixie Chicks	Best Jazz Instrumental Solo Speak Like A Child Herbie Hancock, soloist
Album Of The Year Genius Loves Company Ray Charles & Various Artists	Best Pop Vocal Album Genius Loves Company Ray Charles & Various Artists	Best Rock Song Vertigo Bono, Adam Clayton, The Edge & Larry Mullen, songwriters (U2)	Best R&B Album The Diary Of Alicia Keys Alicia Keys	Best Country Collaboration With Vocals (Portland Oregon) Loretta Lynn & Jack White	Best Jazz Instrumental Album, Individual or Small Group Illuminations McCoy Tyner With Gary Bartz, Terence Blanchard, Christian McBride & Lewis Nash
Song Of The Year Daughters John Mayer, songwriter	Best Dance Recording Toxic Britney Spears	Best Rock Album American Idiot Green Day	Best Contemporary R&B Album Confessions Usher	Best Country Instrumental Performance Earl's Breakdown Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Featuring Earl Scruggs, Randy Scruggs, Vassar Clements & Jerry Douglas	Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album Concert In The Garden Maria Schneider Orchestra
Best New Artist Maroon5	Best Electronic/Dance Album Kish Kash Basement Jaxx	Best Alternative Music Album A Ghost Is Born Wilco	Best Rap Solo Performance 99 Problems	Best Country Song Live Like You Were Dying Tim Nichols & Craig Best	For a complete list of the grammy winners go to www.grammy.com
Best Female Pop Vocal Performance Sunrise Norah Jones	Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album Stardust...The Great American Songbook Volume III	Best Female R&B Vocal Performance If I Ain't Got You Alicia Keys	Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group Let's Get It Started The Black Eyed Peas	Country Album Van Lear Rose Loretta Lynn	
Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Daughters John Mayer	Best Solo Rock Vocal Performance Code Of Silence Bruce Springsteen	Best Male R&B Vocal Performance Call My Name Prince	Best Rap/Sung Collaboration Yeah! Usher Featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris	Best Bluegrass Album Brand New Strings Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	
Best Pop Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal Heaven Los Lonely Boys	Best Rock Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocal Vertigo U2	Best R&B Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals My Boo Usher & Alicia Keys	Best Rap Song Jesus Walks	Best New Age Album Returning	
Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals Here We Go Again Ray Charles & Norah Jones	Best Hard Rock Performance Slither Velvet Revolver	Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance Musicology Prince	Best Rap Album The College Dropout Kanye West	Best Contemporary Jazz Album Unspeakable Bill Frisell	
Best Pop Instrumental Performance 11th Commandment Ben Harper	Best Metal Performance Whiplash Motörhead	Best Urban/Alternative Performance Cross My Mind Jill Scott	Best Female Country Redneck Woman Gretchen Wilson	Best Jazz Vocal Album R.S.V.P. (Rare Songs, Very Personal) Nancy Wilson	

LADY AGGIES WIN TWO OF THREE ROAD GAMES

The Lady Aggies defeated the Lady Bears of Morgan State 80-76 for the second consecutive time Feb. 10 at Hill Field House in Baltimore, MD.

After a 21-point win and setting a school record for points scored in a game on Feb. 7 the Lady Aggies had to earn their second win over a Morgan State team that came out shooting the ball very well, led by Whitney Johnson, who scored a career-high 28 points. The Lady Bears shot 59 percent in the first half which sparked a 13-0 run. Johnson scored eight straight points and handed out two assists to give Morgan state a 44-36 lead going into halftime. Johnson had 18 points at halftime, shooting 8-of-10 from the floor.

A&T continued to trail in the second half. With 7:13 remaining on the clock the Lady Aggies were down 71-58 but Morgan State could not hold on to their lead and A&T crept back into the game. The Lady Bears committed eight turnovers that A&T took advantage of, scoring their next 17 points as a result of Morgan State's lack of ball control.

The Lady Aggies were

led by Shareka Glover's 23 points. Tia Richardson pitched in 14 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. A&T's defense forced critical turnovers and forced Morgan State to shoot only 30 percent from the floor in the second half. "We finally played some defense in the second half," A&T coach Saudia Roundtree said.

The Lady Aggies were on their way to a three-game winning streak until losing 53-75 to the Lady Pirates of Hampton University in Hampton, Va.

A&T lost Starter Malea Gibson to a knee injury which put the Lady Aggies at a disadvantage. The pirates scored a halftime season-high 48 points for a 48-29 lead at the break including 30 points in the paint.

The Lady Aggies were outrebounded 49-24 and allowed the Lady Pirate to shoot 53 percent from the floor. They only got as close as 20 points within pinching into Hampton's lead. Yanumbe Sherman led the way for the struggling Lady Aggies with 13 points. Sharema Dean scored a game-high 14 points and pulled down six rebounds to lead Hampton to victory.

After the blowout loss

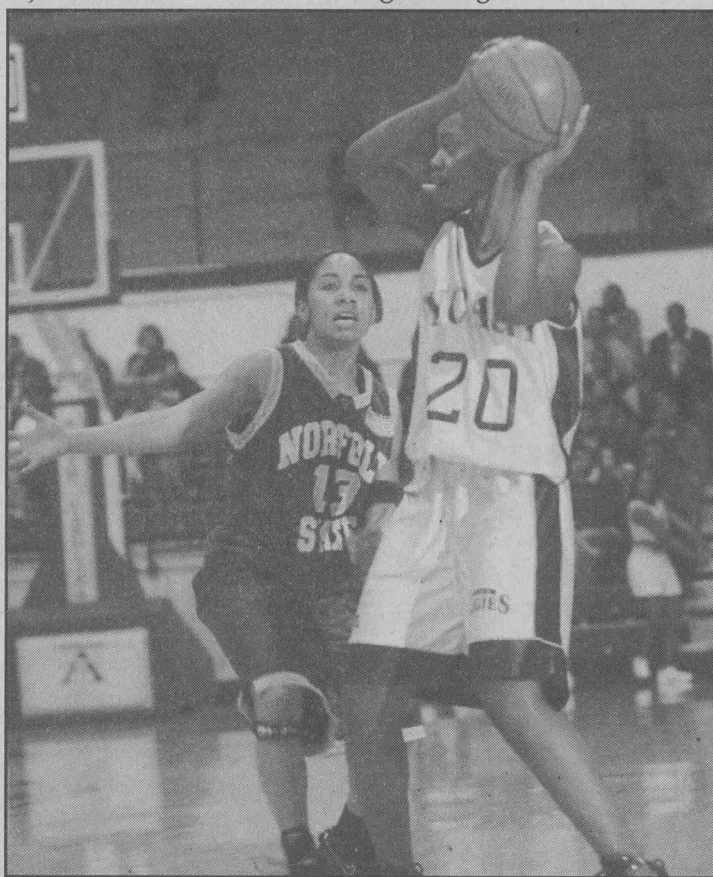
the Lady Aggies overcame a 15-point halftime deficit to win 70-63 in a bout with the Lady Spartans of Norfolk State in Norfolk, Va.

A&T was hampered by injuries most of the game. Shareka Glover was troubled with a stomach ache and Tia Richardson had to leave the game with an injured hand. Norfolk State

took advantage in the first half, going up 35-23 at intermission.

Glover sparked A&T's second half rally, pouring in 16 of her team-high 21 points to go with four assists.

The lady Spartans were led by Areya Walker's 17 points, but she committed a game-high six turnovers.



file photo
Yanumbe Sherman scored 13 points in a 53-75 loss to Hampton University.

Men's losing streak continues

BY GREGORY BOND
Sports Editor

Just three days ago, Morgan State edged the Aggies at Corbett. On Feb. 10, the Bears defeated the Aggies 71-54 at Hill Field House in Baltimore.

Ron Timus, who scored 21 points in the first meeting, took control of the game once again. Timus scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds on the night. Sam Brand was the other player from Morgan State who scored in double-figures with 17.

Morgan State (9-13, 7-5 MEAC) shot 43 percent from the field while the Aggies shot just 36 percent from the floor.

"We just didn't hit our shots," Aggie head coach Jerry Eaves said, from the Sports Information Department. "You can run the play and get the look

you want, but into the ball goes through the hoop it's all for not."

Michael Hayes led the Aggies with 11 points. Hayes was the only player for the Aggies who scored in double-digits. Sean Booker was held to only two points. Booker was 0 for 8 from the field.

When Hampton came to "Aggieland" this season, they had to overcome a 13-point deficit to beat the Aggies 81-72. On Feb. 12, Hampton made sure that they did not sleep on the Aggies as the Pirates cruised over A&T 65-47 at Hampton, Va. The Pirates have won nine in a row over the Aggies.

Devin Green scored 25 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Pirates (11-11, 9-4). Bruce Brown scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

In the first half, Hampton

dominated as they scored 22 points off turnovers and 22 in the paint while the Aggies only scored three points off turnovers and only six inside the paint.

The Pirates led by as many as 36 points. At halftime the Pirates were ahead 43-16.

Steve Koger and Booker, A&T's leading scorers, were 1 for 20 from the field. Booker only scored four points. Koger was 0 for 7 from the field.

No Aggie player scored in double-figures. Rechodd Carter led the Aggies with nine points. The Aggies shot a dismal 29 percent from the field.

On Feb. 14, Norfolk State broke the Aggies' hearts on Valentine's Day as the Spartans defeated A&T 56-51 at Norfolk, Va.

Chakowby Hicks led Norfolk State with 20 points and had eight rebounds.

Booker, who was held to a total of six points in the last two games, scored 17 points for the Aggies and Demetrius Guoins added 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

The Aggies (4-20, 3-10) did not score within the first 8:45 of the game, but were only behind 15-4 late in the first half.

"The one thing about our kids is they don't give up," Eaves said, from the Sports Information. "But we're young. Plain and simple, we're young. We've got babies on the floor and they have full-grown men. Now in a few years, my babies will be men and the other team's men will be gone."

The Aggies will stay on the road when they face Delaware State on Feb. 19. Game time is at 4 p.m. Eaves has never won a road game since coming to A&T.

TRACK TEAMS FINISH STRONG IN TIGER INVITATIONAL

BY GREGORY BOND
Sports Editor

A&T went to Clemson, S.C. and came away with top finishes in the Tiger Invitational Indoor Meet on Feb. 12.

Tiffany Green finished strong in her meets. Green finished second in the 60 Meter Dash in the preliminaries with the time of 7.53 and took second place in the finals with a 7.54.

In the 200 Meter Dash, Green finished first with the time of 24.63 seconds. Phykesha Blackmon finished 15th with 25.66.

In the 400 Meter Dash, Raquel Ramseur from Western Carolina won first place. Carl-Ann McBean finished seventh place with the time of 57.70. Crystal Williams and Courtney Clark finished 10th and 11th.

In the preliminaries, Caryle Decruise finished in third place with a time of 8.65 in the 60 Meter Hurdles. Lauren Taylor finished fifth with the time of 8.72.

Decruise finished second to Nathilee Dawkins in the 60 Meter Hurdles Finals. Decruise improved the time of 8.57.

In the Long Jump Pit 5.30 Meter, Taylor finished fourth in the preliminaries

and in the finals. Her distances were 5.67 meters in both rounds.

Toya Woods won first place in the Shot Put 12.00 meters. Her distance was 13.61 meters.

For the men, they also finished on a high note. Robert Martin finished second place in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 22.21. Abe Morlu finished ahead of Martin with the time of 21.90.

Antonio Lee finished eighth place in the 400 Meter Dash with the time of 50.17. Bryan Burley, from Appalachian State, finished first with the time of 49.12.

Richard Walcott finished ninth in the 800 Meter Run with the time of 2:00.81. Clarence Williams, from Campbell, was first with the time of 1:57.66.

Gordon Smith and Jimmie Fields won second and third place in the High Jump 1.92 meter. Smith's and Fields' jump was 1.97. Michael Massey was first place with a 2.02 meter jump.

Brandon Via finished first place in the Triple Jump Pit with the time of 15.14 meters.

The Aggies will travel to Landover, Md to compete in the MEAC Indoor Conference Championship on Feb. 17-19.

Aggies lose to ECU and Coastal Carolina

BY: TERENCE HILLIARD
Contributor

Terika Palmer 6-1, 6-5.

On Feb. 13 Coastal Carolina men's tennis team (4-2) took the doubles points and won five of six singles matches in defeating A&T 6-1 at Billy Nichols Tennis Center in Conway, S.C.

In singles competition, David Mellis (CC) defeated Jeremy Martin 7-5, 6-2.

Simon Taylor (CC) defeated Eldred Stephens 6-0, 6-1. Florentin Meynie (CC) defeated Damon Martin, 6-4, 6-2. Richard Redding (CC) defeated Porter Myrick 6-3, 6-3. Andy Caress (CC) defeated Vitas Hawley 6-3, 4-6, (10-1).

In single competition for the men, Paulo Baumer (ECU) defeated Jeremy Martin 4-6, 6-1, 7-5. Darren Mansell (ECU) defeated Eldred Stephens 6-1, 6-0. Florian Tremmel (ECU) defeated Porter Myrick 7-5, 6-3. Nick Rose (ECU) defeated Jerome Kirkland 6-3, 6-2. Robert Starsch (ECU) defeated Vitas Hawley 6-2, 4-6, 10-6.

Damon Martin (NCAT) was the only victory for the men as he defeated Henrique Viana 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles competition, Baumer and Rose (ECU) defeated Hartsfield and Myrick 8-2. Mansell and Vianna (ECU) defeated Damon Martin and Jeremy Martin 8-4.

ECU (6-2) women won all six singles matches and did not lose a game in five of the 12 sets played. The Pirates defeated the Aggies 7-0.

In singles competition, Mireia Gol defeated Karissa Johnson 6-0, 6-1. Rauluca Baicu defeated Haniyyah Madyun 6-2, 6-0. Luiza Borges defeated Kathryn Jackson 6-2, 6-0. Hannah Priest defeated Tracy Ross 6-2, 6-0. Alex Smith defeated Christina Ruffin 6-3, 6-0. Zandy Overcash defeated

Jerome Kirkland (NCAT) gave the Aggies their only singles victory by defeating Brian Dowis 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles, Meynie and Redding (CC) defeated Myrick and Stephens 8-5 and Taylor and Mellis (CC) defeated Damon Martin and Jeremy Martin 8-6.

Kirkland and Hawley (NCAT) defeated Dowis and Caress 8-5 for the Aggies.

The Lady Aggies (0-2) were defeated by Coastal (2-0) with a 7-0 final score.

In the singles matches, Marie Marka defeated Karissa Johnson 6-0, 6-4. Virginie Dinh defeated Haniyyah Madyun 6-0, 6-0. Petra Jantti defeated Kathryn Jackson 6-1, 6-0. Sarize Coetzee defeated Tracy Ross 6-3, 6-0. Nicole Lemmerer defeated Christina Ruffin 6-1, 6-2 and Sofie Ahlberg defeated Terika Palmer, 6-1, 6-0.

The Aggies will travel to Altamonte Spring, Fla. on Feb. 16-20 to compete in the MEAC Round-Up.

ESPN reaches extensive agreement with MEAC, SWAC

FROM MEAC SPORTS INFORMATION

ESPNU, a multimedia college sports initiative including a 24-hour television network launching March 4, has reached a seven-year agreement (through 2011-12) with the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), two prominent HBCU leagues, for coverage of multiple sports, including cable exclusives for football and men's basketball. As part of the agreement, ESPN Classic will provide a live telecast of at least one football and one men's basketball game a year from each conference. It was announced by Burke Magnus, vice president and general manager, ESPNU, Dennis Thomas, MEAC commissioner, and Robert Vowels, SWAC commissioner.

As part of the agreement, ESPNU will acquire exclusive cable rights for MEAC and SWAC football and men's basketball. ESPNU

will televise a minimum of seven football contests, primarily on Thursday nights, and eight men's basketball games a year from each conference.

ESPNU will provide extensive action from numerous MEAC and SWAC sports including women's basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, track & field and more.

ESPNU or ESPN Classic will offer coverage of the SWAC football conference championship. Also, ESPNU will televise matchups from each conference's men's and women's basketball tournaments. ESPN2 will continue to cover the MEAC and SWAC men's basketball conference championships, while ESPNU will televise the women's.

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"These agreements illustrate the wide-ranging collection of quality ESPNU offerings that will serve col-

lege sports fans everywhere," Magnus said. "We look forward to providing tremendous national exposure of these two historic conferences and their member institutions. Sports fans across the country can tune to ESPNU, ESPN Classic and ESPN2 to learn more about the fascinating stories about the great rivalries, athletes and traditions of these teams."

Thomas said, "This is truly a groundbreaking moment for the MEAC. To have a partnership with a world-known brand like ESPN is significant. I must commend ESPN's leadership for not only seeing a value in our product but having the financial courage to make a commitment to our conference. There are some encouraging benefits outside of the obvious television exposure which will give our universities and athletic programs worldwide exposure. This deal will provide our coaches and student-athletes an opportunity to be seen by the world. I would not be



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