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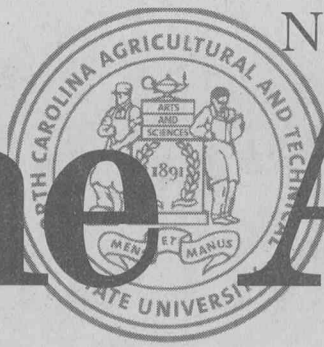
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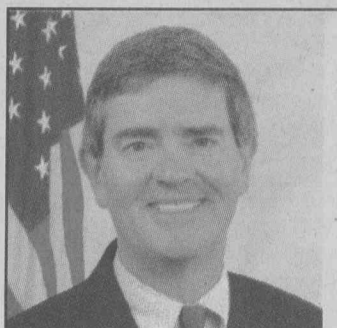
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# The A&T Register

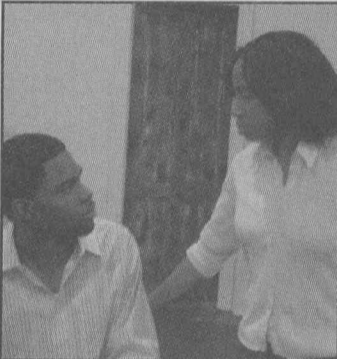
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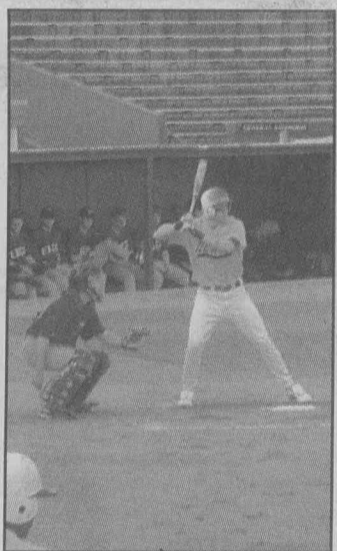
**Congressman Brad Miller Honors "Four" Through Bill**

### Entertainment



**'Raisin In The Sun' a Must See This Weekend**

### Sports



**A&T Gets Into The Swing Of Things For Baseball Season**

### Weather

Friday	Saturday
Partly Sunny Hi 45°F Lo 28°F	Mostly Sunny Hi 52°F Lo 28°F
Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy 48°F 35°F	Chance of Rain 42°F 35°F

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North Carolina A&T State University Student Newspaper

## Students say housing lottery an unfair gamble; Housing Dept. tight-lipped

By: ALEXIS K. MASON  
Contributor

"No such thing as a good number," students were told by the Housing department at the beginning of the housing application process.

With these comforting words, students did not feel the need to rush and turn in housing application as many have in the past. With the new lottery system students felt that they stood a better chance at getting in the dorm of their choice.

For those students who still weren't convinced about the new lottery

process the senate and housing committee held a housing form where students had the opportunity to ask question about the new system. At the meeting students were reassured that there is "no such thing as a good number."

On Feb. 14 students soon realized that there was such a thing as a good number.

Students that had numbers ranging from one to 500 were given scheduled times on Monday, Feb. 14, where they stood in long lines and waited for their numbers to be called. Once the student's number was

called they were allowed to go to the table that represented the dorm of their choice. There they were allowed to choose what room they wanted, and the student walked away knowing that they had a room and that it was somewhere that they wanted to be. The 14th was the first day to select housing, and in some students point of view the only day to select housing.

On Tuesday when students went to their appointed time the word soon spread that there was only a limited number of space left out of 1,984 beds that the

Housing department provided for returning students. This upset students who, despite housing's reassurance, had turned in their application on the first day in hopes of getting the dorm of their choice, or even bed space at all.

"I turned in my application on the first day and was given number 2006," said Jessica Geter, an incoming senior, who wants to return to campus life after staying in an apartment for a year.

Students like Geter who had the higher numbers decided not to show up for their appointment because

they knew that there was no spaces left for them. With the new lottery system the Housing department has revamped waiting list process. The new waiting list is a volunteer list open to students that have exhausted all other housing options.

Last year, if you were not satisfied with your housing arrangement you could be put on a waiting list, with a chance of receiving a different room assignment.

Students hoped that the

### Lottery

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## RACE IS ON FOR STUDENT ELECTIONS

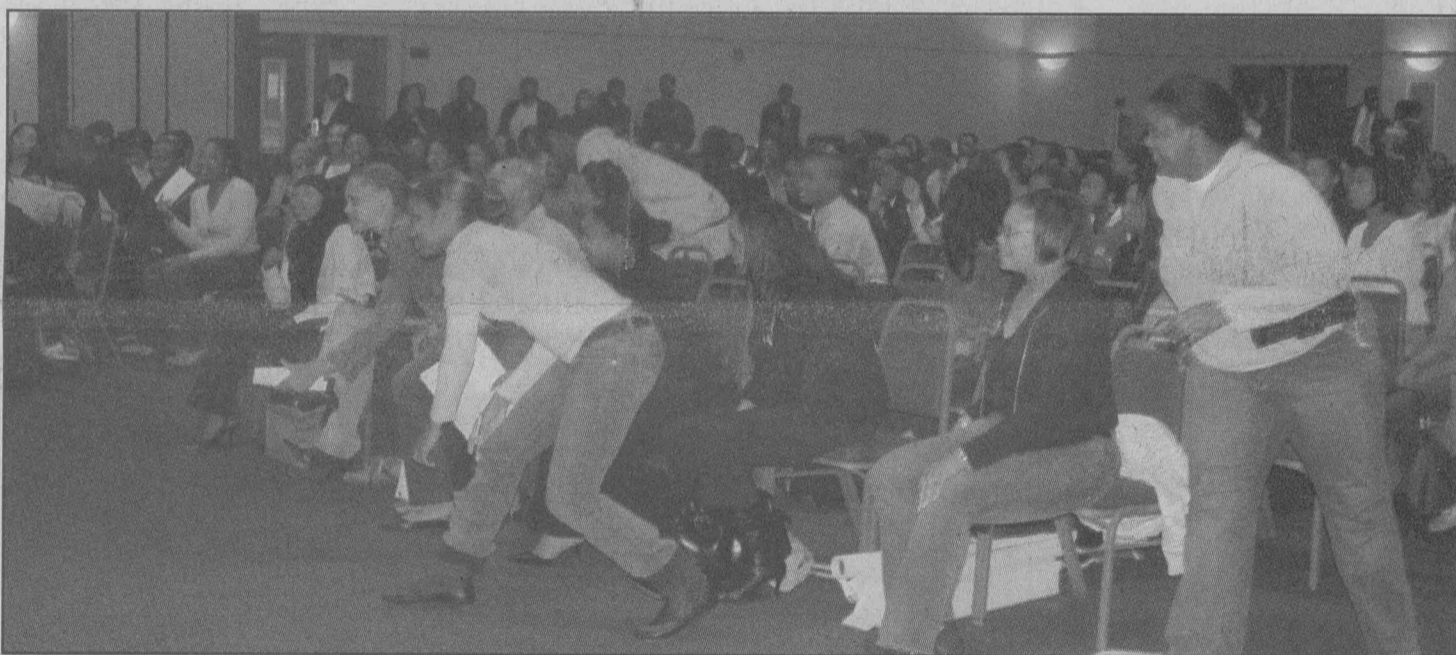


photo by Erica Franklin

Students, set like runners in the blocks, wait to be the first to cast their bid for candidacy in the upcoming Student Government Elections.

By: CHAD ROBERTS  
Editor-in-Chief

Elections for the 2005-06 school year are less than a month away, and all class officer and student government positions are up for grabs. On Feb. 21, the first official day to start campaigning, hopeful students wasted no time in getting signs, flyers and the popular plastic-cup billboards up all over campus.

But, before any plastic-cup portraits or poster posting could begin, the candidates had to sit through Monday's official meeting, which was held in the Memorial Union Stallings Ballroom. The committee governing student elections presided over the meeting. With the help of a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation,

the elections committee explained the rules governing student elections.

For example, any signs that a candidate puts into the ground on campus must use a wooden stick. Metal poles or cement are not allowed. Any candidate who wanted to have a table on campus to distribute their campaign materials had to be pre-approved. Rules governing the placement of posters and flyers, which cannot be put anywhere a candidate wants, were also explained by the committee. The committee also had the candidates to sign up for spaces on fences to put up plastic cups, in hopes of keeping people from fighting over the most desired spots.

Another stipulation was attendance during the entire meeting. The committee

took roll twice, and promised that anyone who was not in the meeting during each roll call would automatically have their names taken off the list.

Once the meeting was over, some of the students and their campaign committee members immediately went to work. Chance Lynch, a candidate for SGA President, had thoroughly filled the Memorial Union lobby with his campaign materials before some hopeful candidates had even gotten out of Stallings Ballroom. At the corner of Benbow Road and Sullivan Street, which is prime real estate for campaign signs, a plastic cup display promoting Anisah Rasheed for Miss A&T quickly came together. Throughout the night and the next day, more cups joined Rasheed's as the elec-

tion race started to heat up.

Within 24 hours of candidates being given the green light to start campaigning, an estimated 2,000 signs, posters, flyers and plastic cups hit the A&T campus. Before the election is over, the number is expected to rise by several more thousand.

A series of debates and forums will be held throughout the first three weeks of March so candidates for the various elected positions, including student government executive board, class officers, student senate and Miss A&T can explain their platforms and discuss their views with the entire student body. Elections will be held on March 23 in the student union.

## Midterm grading period is decision time for some borderline students

By: SOPHIA DOWNING  
Contributor

Midterm decisions are the second chance students need to drop a class and take it over with positive results ahead.

The time awaits as midterm approaches so that students can drop those unattainable "A" or "B" classes. As sophomores, juniors and seniors can attest, anything less than a "C" is not what one wants on the resume. Yet, many students

have a wide variety of important things to do outside of class. Apparently teachers do also, because some never return work, and low midterm grades are a surprise to the student.

Shanayah Larue, a sophomore majoring in English Secondary Education, believes she is failing two of her classes and intends to drop them at midterm. She does not know for sure what her grade is because in one class the teacher has not

returned assignments.

"I'm just glad that midterm exists because I want to succeed in all of my major classes. At this point every grade counts and I know through the remaining of my college years I will need second chances and different teachers. I don't blame myself because it is not always the student who is failing, it is the teacher failing the student," she said.

"I can't wait for midterm

so I can dump this load off my shoulder," said John Hall, a computer engineer major. "I am dropping one class. The load of work this teacher gives feels like enough work for two classes. My teacher feels the more work you do in a particular subject the least likely you are to forget the information. I agree with

**'A&T Four' honored by Congress**

BY BRETT HARRINGTON  
News Editor

"The sit-ins became an important tributary of the river of the Civil Rights Movement"

On February 15 U.S. Rep. Brad Miller sponsored a bill to honor the works of the A&T Four. In tribute of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair, Jr.), David Richmond, Franklin McCain, and Joseph McNeil, Miller introduced House Resolution H. Con. Res. 25 in his first address to the House of Representatives in 2005.

In his opening statement Miller said, "Mr. Speaker, I rise in the support of this resolution honoring an act of conscience and courage that forever changed North Carolina, the South and the nation."

The act of courage Miller spoke of was the acts of the Greensboro Four. Miller was a one man show reiterating the conversation of the four freshmen's sentiment prior to the night of February 1, 1960. Miller explained the history of the sit-in movement, what sparked it, who was involved outside the Four and the outcome of the movement.

Quoting from Parting The Waters by Taylor Branch, Miller read, "No one had time to wonder why the Greensboro sit-in was so different. In the previous three years, similar demonstrations had occurred in at least sixteen other cities. Few of them made the news, all faded quickly...and none had the slightest catalytic effects anywhere else. By contrast

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**SPECIAL  
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# 2005 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES

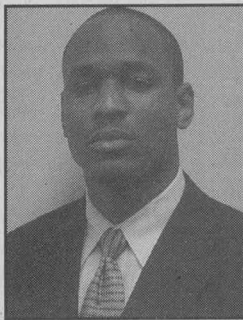
## President

**Chance Lynch**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** English Secondary Education  
**Hometown:** Enfield, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I want to be a servant to the students of NCA&T. My entire platform is designed to empower the individual because the better we are as individuals the better A&T will be."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Student Senate 2002-03, Senate Clerk 2002-03, Homecoming Planning Committee, Director of Aggie Interdenominational Fellowship, University Elections Committee, campus life mentor, Aggie Ambassador, junior class Parliamentarian.

**Justin Ramsey**

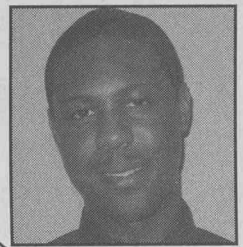


**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Electrical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Henderson, NC  
**Experience:** Vice President of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Project Engineer Toyota Motor Manufacturer  
**Reason for running:** "The Only True Aggie Life." (TOTAL)  
**Affiliations:** University Marching Band 2001-03, Aggie Ambassadors of College of Engineering 2002-03, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Tuba Phi Tuba Brass Fellowship.

Information Not Available  
Cory Adams  
Matthew Melvin

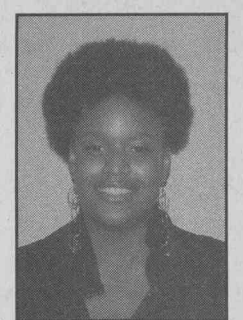
## Vice President of Internal Affairs

**Kirk Monroe**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Baltimore, MD  
**Reason for running:** "A&T has given so much to me as a student these last 3 years that I feel it is my responsibility to ultimately shape the A&T experience for young men and women."  
**Platform:** "Excellence in Motion."  
**Affiliation/Experience:** Student Senate 2002-03

**Arnita Moody**



**Classification:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Business Administration  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Reason for running:** "I feel I am the best candidate for this position because I have a serving spirit, a genuine care for the student body and the experience needed to carry out all of the duties that come with the position."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly (Senate), UNCASG delegate, finance committee chairperson, elections committee  
Senate, history club, Think Tink

## Vice President of External Affairs

Information Not Available  
Megan Brooks  
Blake Johnson  
Michael Fairfax

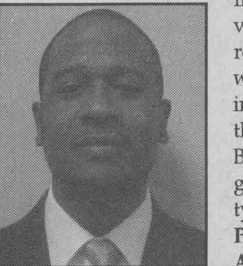
## Attorney General

**Kwashawn Berry**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Journalism and Mass Communication  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I want to promote better publicity. If one student knows about upcoming events, all students should know. I also want to put more programs into effect involving health awareness."  
**Platform:** "Promoting the Golden Rule". Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Media Network President, Junior Class Vice President, Rules and Regulations Chair, National Association of Black Journalists, National Council of Negro Women.

**Dominique Tillman**

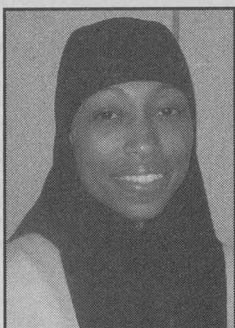


**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Finance  
**Hometown:** Baltimore, MD  
**Reason for running:** "Over the past three years of serving on the Student Judiciary Council, I have seen many of the same types of cases as well as the same types of people. If granted the opportunity to serve my university, I will have access to the proper resources to implement mechanisms that will decrease the occurrence of regulatory infractions and increase the effectiveness of the Student Government Association Judicial Branch. Electing me to this position will give the SGA's Judicial Branch an opportunity to grow instead of maintain."  
**Platform:** "Experience Matters"  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Henry Frye Pre-Law Society, Student Judiciary Council- 3 years, Student Senator of the year 2003-04, Election Committee Chair Spring 2003.

Information Not Available  
Khaleena Anderson  
Erique Berry  
Brooks Shands

## Miss A&T

**Anisah Rasheed**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Business Marketing  
**Hometown:** Roanoke, VA  
**Reason for running:** "I know I have what it takes to represent the university, the students, and my community. I have a passion for this position and I feel it is my time to make a difference at this university and in the lives of so many."  
**Website:** www.anisahasheed.com  
**Affiliations/Experience:** sophomore class president, secretary of COP, Miss Students in Free Enterprise, campus life mentor, Verge model, Ladies of Excellence member, human resource assistant for Student Technology Services.

**Constance Currie**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Fashion Merchandising and Design  
**Hometown:** Burlington, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I have a passion for helping others achieve and belief that the students of A&T can make a difference in the community if given a chance."  
**Platform:** "Encouraging Tomorrow's Leaders Today From Generation to Generation"-geared around children and the enrichment of their education  
**Affiliations/Experience:** campus life mentor, day care volunteer, 37 legislative assembly Senate.

**Janie McClurkin**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Bioenvironmental Engineering  
**Hometown:** Columbus, OH  
**Reason for running:** "I want to leave my legacy with A&T. My experiences at A&T have been ones of growth and educational enhancement. I want to be among the great group of women who promoted this university in the past!"  
**Platform:** I will work to make our growth transition one that will keep the integrity and pride of being an HBCU.  
**Website:** www.janiedenise.com  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Tau Beta Pi National Honor Society, U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security Scholar, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), A&T Honors Program, Miss American Society of Agricultural Engineers.

**Kislyck Smith**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Greensboro, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I have several goals and objectives I want to accomplish for the student body and the community as a whole. I want to represent the institution in an exemplary fashion, one that will leave a legacy of excellence for years to come."  
**Platform:** Respect for the Past + Preparation for the Future = Results for the Present  
**Website:** www.KislyckSmith.com  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Richard B. Harrison Players, President of Alpha Psi Omega National Dramatic Honor Society, Chaplain of Alpha Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.

**Calmeese Howard**



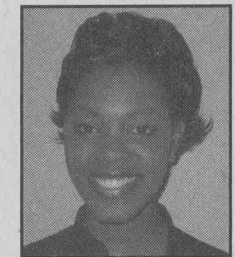
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Mechanical Engineering  
**Hometown:** Wilmington, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I want to be known as Miss Historical Black College and I have to be Miss A&T first."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** female coordinator for Couture Productions, dance choreographer, A&T track.

**Amber Brown**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Washington, DC  
**Reason for running:** "I feel A&T has contributed a great deal to who I am today. Since this institution has done so much for me, I feel I need to give back. This position is more than a title, it is a job and I am ready to work full-time for the student body."  
**Platform:** Planning for Resolution in Hopes of a Revolution: Preserving and Fulfilling Our Destinies.

**Rachel Wilson**

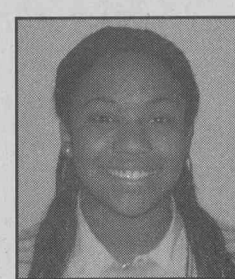


**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, NC  
**Platform:** Helping to Enrich Aggies Lives (HEAL), A&T Connection, Aggies Today-CEOs Tomorrow.  
**Affiliations/Experience:** School of Business and Economics Senator, American Marketing Association (AMA), Dean of Students Advisory Council, Alpha Lambda Delta  
Email: Rachel4MissNCAT@aol.com

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## Secretary

**Jessica Robertson**



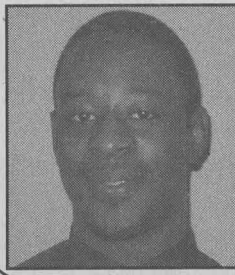
**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Hometown:** Charlotte, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I have the experience and knowledge to accurately organize information and inform the student body."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** freshman class secretary, corresponding secretary of COP, psychology secretary Senate, yearbook staff

**Marissa Wilkes**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Henderson, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I am running for Student Government Association Secretary because I believe that the Student Government Association is a vital part to the Aggie Student Community. Historically A&T students have taken a pro-active approach in making change at the university and in the Greensboro Community. This spirit is what sets A&T apart from other Universities. I would like to implement different programs and activities that A&T students can be involved in."  
**Website:** www.MarissaWilkes.com  
**Affiliations/Experience:** SUAB Special Affairs Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Political Science Society.

**Jubril Ogunbunmi**

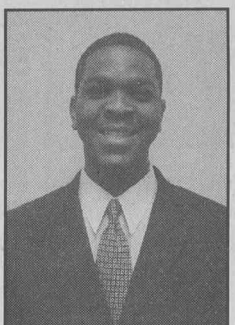


**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Richmond, VA  
**Major:** Industrial Engineering  
**Reason for running:** "Besides being the right person for this job, I have been taught how to occupy time and resources and delegate responsibility to those I work with. I also plan to own my own company one day and feel this would be a great experience."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** student ambassador, Virginia Aggie Club, SGA.

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Janelle Mason  
Eric Singleton  
Kiana Bennett  
Tiffany McCain

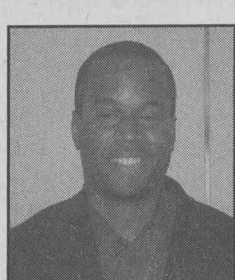
## Treasurer

**Charles Biney**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Hometown:** Raleigh, NC  
**Reason for running:** "I feel the student body demands qualified and experienced representation for this executive position."  
**Platform:** Financial management workshops  
**Affiliation/Experience:** Honor's Program, treasurer of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., ALOBEAEM Accounting Society, National Association of Black Accountants, staff accountant for local CPA firm, Gillette Scholar.

**Rashad Ladson**



**Classification:** Junior  
**Hometown:** Queens, NY  
**Major:** Computer Science  
**Reason for running:** "I am very interested in the business aspects involved with the SGA and I would make sure the money is managed properly and evenly distributed throughout the budget. I am also owner of my computerbusiness, Ladent Computers, LLC."  
**Affiliations/Experience:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., NSBE

Information Not Available  
Melanie Chavarria

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VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES**

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# Wrecks, Weed, Held Without Bail

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From The North Carolina A&T State University Police Department

## February 11-13

05-0201 Accident Aggie Suites  
-A vehicle made contact with another vehicle in the PVA of Aggie Suites. There were no injuries due to the accident. The estimated damages are \$600.00.

05-0203 Arrest Circle Drive  
-Three non-student males were arrested after a traffic stop on Circle Drive. Two of the three subjects were placed under a \$2,000.00 secured bond, and the other subject was placed under a \$50.00 secured bond.

05-0205 Robbery Curtis Hall  
-A male student (resident of Curtis Hall) reported that he was robbed by four unknown male subjects. The estimated value of the items stolen is \$150.00.

## February 14, 2005

05-0209 Larceny McNair Hall  
-A male student (resident) reported person(s) unknown removed his cell phone from a desk at McNair Hall. Total estimated value of the stolen property is \$170.00.

05-0210 Information E. Market St. @ Hwy. 29  
-University Police assisted Greensboro Police in talking a female (non-student) subject from jumping from the East Market Street at Highway 29 Bridge. There were no injuries.

05-0208 Larceny Noble Hall  
-A university staff member, at Noble Hall, reported person(s) unknown removed three LCD projectors from her classroom. Total estimated value of the stolen property is \$7,200.00. The case is still open.

## February 15, 2005

05-0214 Sick Call Haley Hall  
-EMC transported a male student (non-resident) to Moses Cone Hospital, after he fainted in front of Haley Hall.

05-0216 Larceny Craig Hall  
-A staff member of Craig Hall reported person(s) unknown removed an IBM, CPU (hard drive) from the first floor computer room. Total estimated value of the stolen property is \$1,000.00. The case remains open.

05-0220 Vehicle Accident Vanstory Hall  
-A university Police Officer, caused \$543.40 damage to a patrol vehicle while responding to an emergency call.

## February 16, 2005

05-0226 Larceny Pride Hall  
-A female student (resident of Pride Hall) reported that she had university rental property stolen from her room in Pride Hall. The estimated value of the items stolen is \$1,200.00.

## February 17, 2005

05-0229 Weapons Violation Bluford Library  
-A male student (resident of Aggie Suites) was found in the possession of illegal weapons at Bluford Library.

## February 18-20, 2005

05-0231 Larceny General Classroom  
-A female student reported an unknown person stole her unsecured purse during class. Estimated value of the property stolen is \$50.00.

05-0232 Robbery Gibbs Hall  
-A male (Middle College student) reported four unknown persons assaulted him and robbed him of his leather jacket. The estimated value of the jacket is \$800.00. There were minor injuries to the victim.

05-0233 Vandalism Noble Hall  
-A staff member reported an unknown person cut the vacuum cleaner bag holder on a vacuum belonging to NC A&T State University. The estimated amount of damage is \$130.00.

05-0237 MV Accident Benbow Road  
-A motor vehicle made contact with another motor vehicle while backing up at a stop light. There were no injuries. The estimated damage to both vehicles is \$1,100.00. The male driver (non-student) was transported and confined to the Guilford County Jail. He could not provide identification.

## February 21, 2005

05-0243 Disturbance Obermeyer Street  
-A non-student reported he had a verbal altercation with two A&T male students.

05-0244 Disturbance Dewey Street  
-Three female students (residents of River Walk Apts.) reported that a non-resident (female student) damaged their residence and created a verbal disturbance.

05-0245 Information Lutheran Street  
-A male student (resident of River Walk Apts.) and a male non-student were involved in a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Benbow Road and Lutheran Street. The student was transported to Moses Cone Hospital for treatment. GPD is the primary reporting agency.

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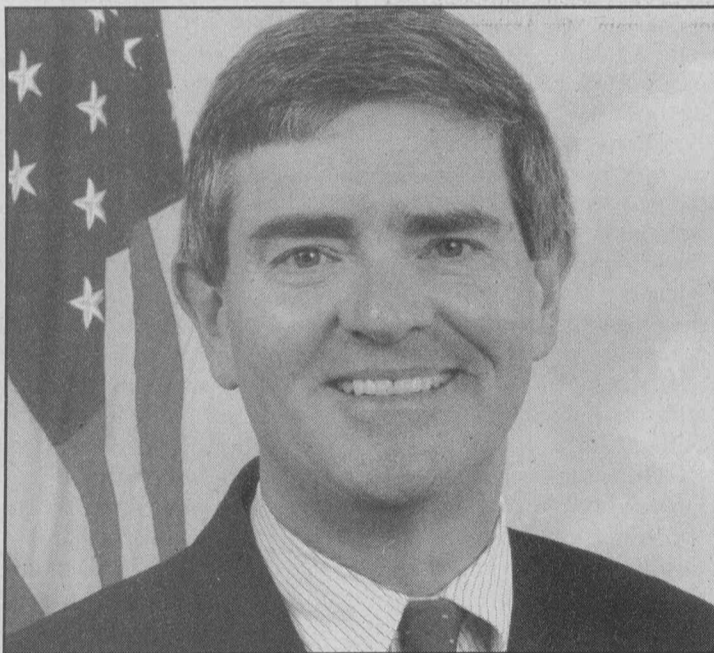
Greensboro helped define the decade."

Miller explained the tidal wave of events that followed the protest of McNeil, Richmond, McCain, and Khazan. He explained how a sit-in on February 1, 1960 in Greensboro snowballed from four freshmen protesting on a dare to 70,000 protesting by August of 1961 for a cause.

Rep. Miller did his best to explain why the sit-in was important enough to honor in a resolution. Miller made a direct correlation of the sit-in to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by saying, "The sit-ins became an important tributary of the river of the Civil Rights Movement."

Miller closed by expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to introduce the bill to the House. He also took time out to thank N. C. natives U.S. Congressmen Mel Watt, head of the Congressional black caucus, and Howard Coble, republican of N.C. 6th district, for cosponsoring the bill.

Later on the same day as Miller presented H. Con. Res. 25 it was passed by the



Rep. Brad Miller introduced bill to honor Greensboro Four

House and was submitted to the Senate where it passed and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House Congressional Resolution 25 states in its operative portion: "(1) applauds the valor and courageous efforts of Jibreel Khazan (Ezell Blair), David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Franklin McCain, known as the 'Greensboro Four,' and (2) encourages all Americans to remember the contributions they made to the civil rights movement and to conduct appropriate

ceremonies, activities, and programs to commemorate the sit-in of the Greensboro Four.

House Congressional Resolution 25 is a testament to the greatness of A&T and four freshmen who attended the university.

U.S. Congressman Brad Miller has used his term to serve all the communities entrusted to him. Miller's resolution is not his first attempt to serve a diverse community and hopefully not his last.

## Lottery

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new lottery system would eliminate some of housing's problems, but for some students it only seems to have made things worse.

"When I got my housing assignment there weren't many rooms left," said Dominique Tillman, who registered on the second day of housing, and by about the third and final day of housing bed space was limited.

"I think that A&T should allow females more space, because there are more

females on A&T's campus than males," said Geter.

Students this year felt disappointed with the Housing department system. Some even believe that last year's system worked better.

"At least last year when I stood in line for housing I knew I had a chance of getting what I wanted, but this year with the lottery I was just given a random number, almost putting all my power in the hands of housing," said La-Shonda Perry, who is now looking for an apartment because of a lack of bed space on A&T's campus.

Several attempts to contact an administrator at the

Department of Housing and Residence Life about the new housing lottery were unsuccessful. It is difficult to determine which housing system is fairer. The lottery is fair because it is random and puts all students on an equal level. However, the "first come, first serve" system was fair because it allowed people who took the initiative to select the housing of their choice.

Any lottery is a high-risk game that can leave the players out in the cold, literally. For some students the housing gamble was a bust.

# Campus Briefs

## 'Swing for Bling'

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 'Swing for Bling' will be held at the Greensboro Cultural Arts Center on Feb. 26 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The Greensboro Cultural Arts Center is located at 200 N. Davie Street. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Greensboro Chapter of the American Red Cross. For more information please call (336) 333-2111.

## FAFSA Day

All students are encouraged to attend FAFSA Day on March 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Smith Hall's computer lab. The Student Financial Aid Staff will be available to provide personal assistance in completing the 2005-06 FAFSA application via internet.

## Freelon Art Exhibition

The art work of Allan Freelon, Sr.: Pioneer African-American Impressionist will be shown through March 12 in the Dudley Building's University Galleries and H.C. Taylor Gallery.

## 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.

## 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 Greene St. The program begins at 4 p.m. and costs \$10.

## Tsunami Relief Project 2005

The brothers of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. will be collecting donations of body care products, over-the-counter drugs, medical supplies, camping equipment, new clothes, Bibles and dry foods.

## Roundtable Discussion

The College of Arts & Sciences Colloquium Series will present a roundtable discussion of the Text-in-Community book "The Invisible Man" on Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. in A218 of the General Classroom Building. Dr. Anjail Ahmad will be the moderator.

## Midterm

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him, but this semester was the wrong time to take his class, because I am too busy to keep up with all the assignments. I heard a lot of people like his class because they want to find out as much as they can about statistics."

Mark Rogers, a junior and a psychology major, says midterm is an emotional period for him. When he has to drop a class he feels like a failure.

"It is a constant battle for me. I go and reconcile

with my teachers for words of encouragement. Every class I drop at midterm, the second time around I pass," he said.

A group of freshman who were studying in McNair said they could feel it in their guts that at midterm they would drop a class or some classes. Even though the freshmen did not have documents at hand they knew by the work they have done that their grades will not be high.

Midterm serves a purpose, which is to relieve students from a failing grade and provide a new beginning for the semesters to come. Most students are

happy that it exists because they will not always do well the first time around.

As an advisor, journalism professor Tamrat Mereba understands when students need to drop a class at midterm. He says students' reasons for dropping a class most of the time is death in the family and because they are too far behind in their work. Mereba said he is sensitive to their problems, but he does not want to hear a lot of excuses. He encourages them to be sure of what they are asking for. This year he has only had two or three of his students to drop.

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## Tuition freeze would be a welcome change

The cost of higher education from North Carolina's public universities has risen sharply since the new millennium. Students may get a break in 2005.

Conventionally, two things are certain in today's world of higher education: expensive textbooks and rising tuition costs.

Unfortunately, students are subject to both and have a voice in the cost of neither of the two. Lucky for next year's crop of A&T students, Chancellor James Renick stepped in and called for a halt to the escalation of the latter, the first time in recent memory that a chancellor had proposed to do such a thing.

Indeed, the money from the proposed \$225 campus-based tuition hike could have went towards hiring more faculty or adding more sections to crowded courses on a campus that is seeing enrollment increases each year. The extra money could have also went to financial aid.

But, Renick saw a need to hold off, at least for one year. Rescinding the hike gives rising seniors a break, because they have seen tuition go up every year since their first semester.

The freeze evidently struck a chord with some of Renick's peers, as well. Shortly after the A&T announcement, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors voted to freeze tuition across all 16 UNC campuses.

What remains to be seen is the reaction from the state government. North Carolina is projected to have a budget shortfall this year. The state's General Assembly could vote to have the UNC system schools raise tuition rates anyway, regardless of what the university chancellors and Board of Governors recommends.

The state's constitution requires that an education from any one of 16 UNC-system schools be "as far as practicable...free of expense." Over the past few years, the state

has drifted away from that mandate.

Consider: Between 1999 and 2004, campus-based tuition at UNC-system schools had risen an average of 54 percent. In 2002, the average UNC-system graduate left school with about \$15,000 of debt. Meanwhile, the General Assembly gives about \$40 million in financial aid each year to students at North Carolina private colleges.

No student deserving of aid should be denied at least some assistance, but state lawmakers have been quite charitable to wealthier, private school students and simultaneously cutting the budget to state-supported universities.

At a time when many of the state-supported institutions are experiencing record highs in enrollment, these public institutions need all the funding they can get. The more conservative lawmakers seem to think that the public institutions should be more self-supporting, but many of the graduates of UNC-system schools go on to become the workers and wage-earners who support the state lawmakers. North Carolina students and public institutions are an investment in the future, not just a line-item in a budget.

Perhaps that's what Chancellor Renick was thinking when he decided to cancel the tuition increase for next year. The fact that the higher-ups on the UNC Board of Governors may share his thoughts is encouraging.

In our world of supply-and-demand, the cost of education will likely rise more than it falls or stays the same. But, it is good to know that those who control the price are at least trying to keep it reasonable.

Now if they could only do something about those textbooks...

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Knowledge is proud that she knows so much. Wisdom is humble that she knows no more." Cowper

# What was Fantasia Barrino thinking?

**BY BRETT HARRINGTON**  
 News Editor

I hear it all day every day, girls walking around singing B-A-B-Y-M-A-M-A. The first time I heard it I was hooked by the creative chorus. I heard the song several times while studying, driving, talking with friends and even on cell phone ringers, but I never really paid attention to the lyrics past B-A-B-Y-M-A-M-A. Making a long story short I finally listened to the words.

What the (fill in the blank with appropriate expletive!)

Baby Mama has got a catchy beat and a few nice lyrics with some exceptions. One such exception is, "Cuz

now-a-days it like a badge of honor to be a baby mama"

What on God's green earth is honorable about being a baby mama? What historically happened to women who had children out of wedlock was terrible, because the idea was considered dishonorable.

In the Bible, Joseph considered having Mary stoned because getting pregnant outside of marriage was punishable by death. In Puritan Colonies unwed mothers wore a big red "A" for Adultery. I know you read "The Scarlet Letter."

Has the idea of struggling single mothers become so much the norm that it should be praised as honorable?

What the world has for

centuries looked at as being dishonorable Fantasia has single-handedly made a wonderful predicament.

There is very little good about being a baby mama. With all due respect to the single mothers out there raising their kids, a single parent household is nothing to be celebrated.

Young men; I mean, no child should be raised minus a parent aside from tragic events such as death.

Further into the song I heard "Cuz we the back-bone (of the hood)." Maybe I was taught wrong but shouldn't men be the back-bone? Has there been a swapping of gender roles that I am unaware of?

The fact that Fantasia would make this dumb-ass song is not entirely her

fault. Some of the blame falls on the shoulders of society that has accepted single-parent families as a normal institution.

Shifting gears for a second; a majority of the blame falls on sorry baby daddies.

If the boys making babies would step up and handle business, there would be no need in the needless song for lines like "see you get that support check in the mail, Ya open it and you're like, "What the Hell," You say "This ain't even half of daycare."

Baby daddies have gotten a bad rap for being worthless as a parent. So long as he satisfies the state requirement for monetary support his job is done. Just because the check says "chsup" (child support) does not

mean the duties of dad have been fulfilled.

It may be cliché but, a boy can make a baby but it takes a man to be a father.

I cannot understand why Fantasia would make a song like this. It almost encourages young women to have a child. The song talks about all the positives of being a teenage baby mama. Being a baby mama is not all good through hard work.

Many baby mamas are babies themselves and end up living with their mama. Many baby mamas can not find a job with benefits. Many baby mamas never get the opportunity to go back to school. Many baby mamas are not the exception to the rule.

Baby Mama was a dumb and thoughtless song and

before it provokes a potential scholar that she can have her cake and eat it too, it should be removed from rotation.

Better still lets not pull the song from rotation; lets add this lyric. "Its okay to be a baby mama but its far better to graduate with honors." I know I have no future in songwriting, but it's hard to come up with this stuff at 1:32 a.m.

All the single mothers in school and doing good, continue to do your best and I wish you the best but for the others ask one of those mothers if it is easy to be single, go to school and raise a child.



## Howard Hilltop remembers Ossie Davis

**BY HOWARD HILLTOP**  
 EDITORIAL BOARD  
 Black College Wire

On Feb. 4, the Howard University community was covered with sadness after the passing of actor, civil rights activist and Howard alum Ossie Davis.

At age 87, Davis lived a long, fulfilling life, affecting many at Howard and beyond.

Davis is admired for many reasons. We learned the importance of recognizing and supporting blacks in the arts through Davis, who witnessed black actors as they moved from the stage to television. Davis worked tirelessly to improve the state of black actors in both outlets.

During a visit to Howard last spring, Davis spoke in the School of Communications and the Department of Fine Arts about the plight of black actors in a world where racism and discrimination

still exist.

Students in both settings learned valuable lessons as he spoke of his experiences as a black actor in the 1940s and 1950s. However, Davis had a more important, underlying message. He encouraged black youth to carry on his generation's legacy by actively pursuing change and acceptance.

Davis also was a visiting professor in the Annenberg Honors Program in Howard's John H. Johnson School of Communications.

Ossie Davis' achievements on stage and in front of the camera explain only about half of what he means to us at The Hilltop and at Howard University.

He and his wife, Ruby Dee, who together produced and starred in a number of stage and television productions, gave us hope that it was possible for black men and women to have healthy, loving relationships.

Davis played an important role in the civil rights

movement by heading fund-raising efforts and speaking out against racism.

Furthermore, he delivered the eulogy at the funeral of Malcolm X, another very important figure in the civil rights movement.

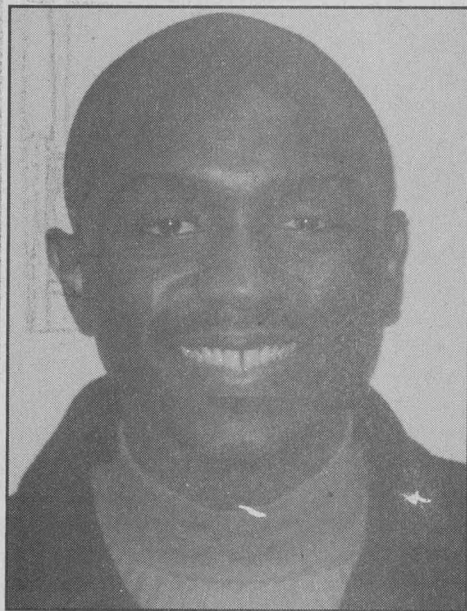
Though we are saddened by his death, we are thankful to have had Davis with us for this long.

His life and achievements meant a lot to us, not just as Howard students, but as young black people who would like to live to create a similar legacy.

We are proud to say that such a wise and talented person began his journey in the same place where we are beginning ours. Howard University has produced some of the most talented and respected people in this country. We can only hope that we are capable of carrying on his great legacy.

*By the editorial board of The Hilltop, the student newspaper at Howard University.*

# The generation without purpose



By **MODUPE BANJO**  
Contributor

As we commemorate and celebrate this month of the annals of black achievers, civil rights leaders, revolutionaries and black activists that brought change to the infamy and atrocities suffered by the black race.

I reflect on how far we've come; is this current generation appreciative, awakened and maximizing the unlimited potential and liberty now given of achieving the highest pinnacle of excellence in life, career, ventures and all endeavors that our ancestors fought for, were burned for, lynched for and died for.

Is this generation nebulous and has become gloomy without purpose or

a sense of destiny. Have they become slaves in the mind, being entangled in too much excess and nonsense; and thereby blinded and covered with darkness.

The generation of our revolutionaries, Martin Luther King Jr, W.E.B Dubois and more cries in their grave. They mourn, they wail for the children, for this generation, for the adults that have lost focus and has failed to

guide the youths. They cry arise, feed your youth with fuel, feed your children with passion for excellence, for advancement, passion for education, positive development, growth and the energy of effulgence to affect the society, to neutralize total racial injustice, stereotypes, labels, mental blocks, oppression, inferiority complex and minority status.

The generation of today reaps the freedom of the toil, sweat and suffering of our ancestors, grandparents, great grandparents, great, great grandparents who were slaves that refused to be treated less than a man, treated as inferior, put in subordination, subject to abuse, defilement and warranted as a property. They refused to remain in this

position, they educated themselves, fought to go to school to have freedom to pursue the right for liberty, justice and happiness. They fought for every right to be equal and enjoy the fullness of the declaration of independence, which says "All men are created equal".

This generation of today enjoys and has that freedom to pursue liberty, justice and happiness, but they do not understand it, they have become lackadaisical in attitude. They have succumbed to foolishness, excess and self-gratification, no more sense of responsibility, no more sense to help the next man, to help your brother or your sister.

The sense of care and love to elevate the brother, to get him out of the ghetto, get him/her out of the streets, get him/her off drugs; to get my kindred to become a productive individual in society has disappeared.

I wonder what would become of this generation, what landmark or footprints are we leaving for the next generation.

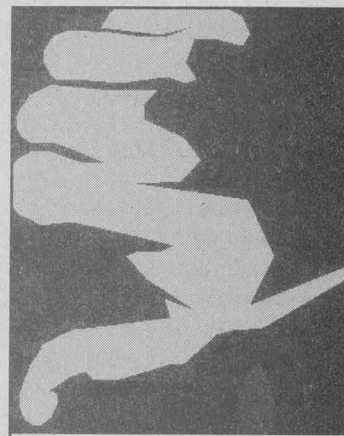
My heart beats, weeps and declaims in the streets, in the society and all around the nation saying; ARISE, ARISE, O ye that sleep and are slumbered. Arise and reach your fullest potential and fulfill your destiny for which you were purposed and sent to your generation.

# THE THUMBS



## Men's basketball coach Jerry Eaves

Eaves finally coaches the Aggies to a win away from Corbett Sports Center, snapping a road losing streak that was bordering 30 games.



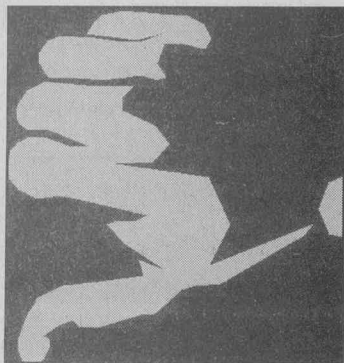
## Cable on campus

No HBO?! If there's no HBO, can you still call it cable? And speaking of cable television, what happened to Aggie TV?



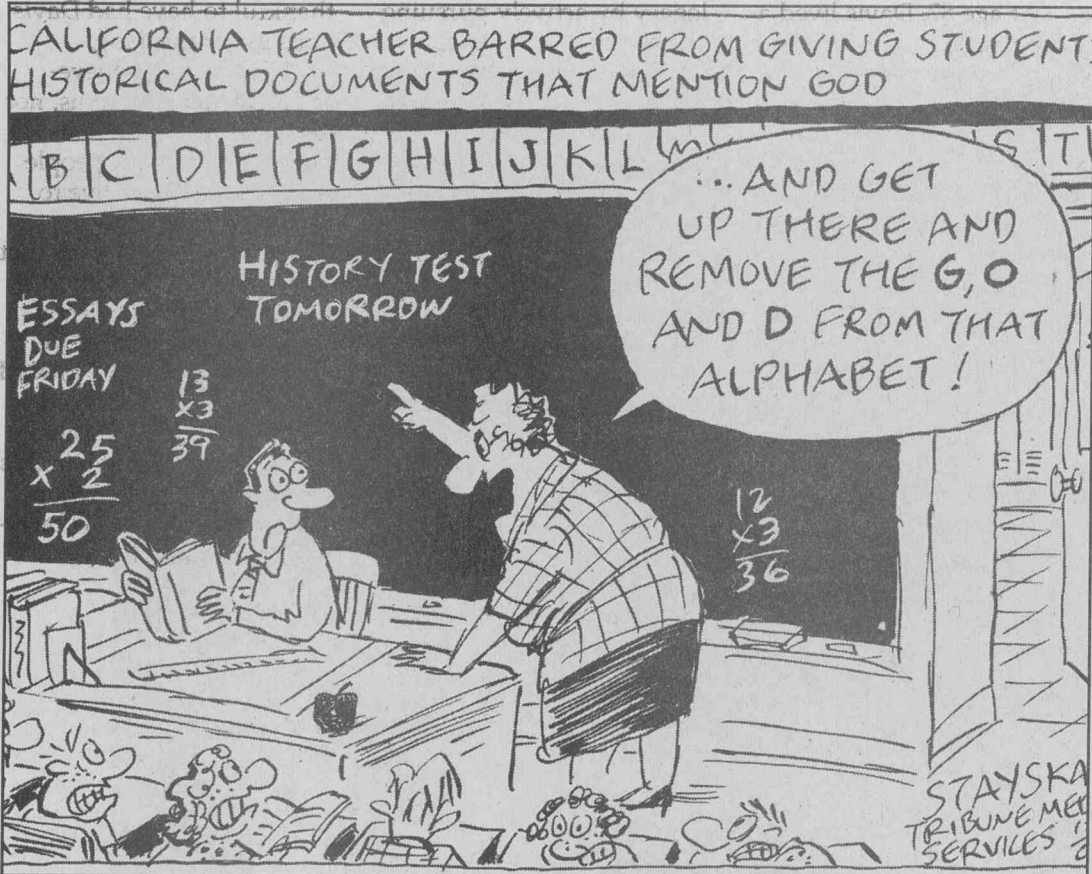
## Parking deck, finally

Students and faculty have wondered aloud for years when, or if, one would be built. If the SGA president is right, one should be coming soon. It's about time!



## Mike Jones (the rapper)

How many times can you say your name in a song before it gets old? And despite his own constant name-dropping, we still ask, who the hell is Mike Jones?



# WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

By **JAMES PERKINS**  
Contributor

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Matthew 6:24

This article was not written in condemnation but in love, so you will come to know the truth.

Among the many choices we make each day, there are some that could make a changing impact on our lives; such as the decision we made to come to college, get an education, and pursue our dreams in our fields of interest.

We hope that the choice to come to college will benefit us in the long run by guaranteeing a successful career and prosperous future. The choice to go to class each day, what to wear, our choice of friends, what to eat, or whether to study or not, all can have a positive or negative impact on you; but it all depends on which choice you make. When you think about it, do all these choices really determine whether you live or die? No, but there is one choice that can.

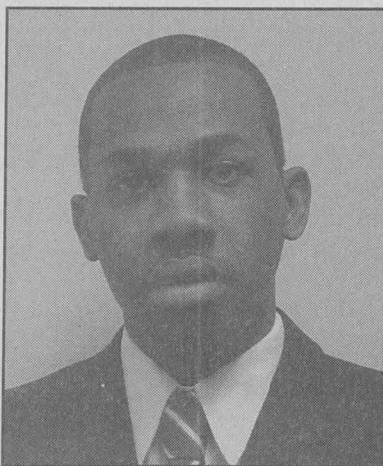
## WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

This decision can lead you down a path of salvation and eternal life or down the path of sin and eternal death.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

This choice will ultimately determine your destiny. It is up to you to make this decision. God gave us all free will to make our own decisions. So the next question is: Will you serve Jesus Christ or Satan? Whether you believe it or not, you do serve one or the other. This is evident by the way you conduct yourselves, the way you talk, what you watch, who you associate with, what you do with your body, what you do with gifts and talents, and ultimately what is in your heart. This is where all issues lie.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23  
We all know what procrastination is.



Perkins

Why risk procrastinating your life away when you don't have to? So today, I encourage you to choose Jesus Christ, for he is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to the Father (which is God), but through him. He was the one who paid the price for the sins of the world 2,000 years ago on the cross, just for you. He shed his blood for us, so we could have a right to eternal salvation. Don't let the short-term pleasures of sin cost you an

eternal separation from God. For he is waiting for you.

His love has always been the same for you no matter what sin you have committed; for there are no categories of sin. Sin is sin; and he has still loved you just the same, nothing has ever changed that. But the only way you can stay in that love without being eternally separated and going to hell is through accepting him into your life as Lord and Savior.

I can not guarantee a smooth ride. There

will be trials and tribulations, because this is the only way to make sure your faith is what you say it is, but be encouraged. He said in his word, "In this world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" John 16:33.

Because you have him in you, you shall overcome also. If you want to choose Christ say this prayer with me:

"Lord I come to you now, confessing that I am a sinner. That I am worthless without you. I confess my sins before you now. I believe that you are the Lord Jesus and I believe in my heart that God has raised you from the dead. I ask you to come into my life and live inside of me. I believe and receive you in the name of Jesus, Amen."

If you have prayed this prayer, you are saved. You are now on your way down a path of eternal life, don't let nothing hinder you. Work out your souls salvation with fear and trembling. Don't worry about the guilt of your past for God said in his word. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor 5:17

If any comments? Questions?  
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## What's Next!!

Fall Back into Fashion

By CANDRA WHITLEY  
Contributor

As promised guys, this week, I'm dedicated to you.

A&T's male population has not always been the most fashion forward crowd, but there are a few that make up for it.

The majority of our guys are caught between hip-hop style and the high fashion look.

### High Fashion Men

If you are one who has every issue of GQ magazine, and Complex, then you already know that and fall lines of every designer have just made an appearance at Fashion Week. And it looks as though some of the classics are still around but a few new trends are peeking through.

The always chic pea coats have made a comeback to the runways this fall.

A new look GQ calls, "Grandad Chic" has hit mainstream fashion. This look is wearing cardigans, pageboy hats, and a T-shirt. Not necessarily all at the same time, but one or two together. You can look old but be trendy at the same time.

Ski jackets have been re-invented in new ultra glossy colors, to give you a more individualistic approach to the classic down jacket.

Double breasted suits, or suit jackets, have made an appearance as well. But the newest trends on the runways this fall had to be the re-invention of the color purple and wearing multiple textures (tweed, leather etc.) at once.

### Hip-Hop Heads

You are the guy who reads VIBE, SOURCE, XXL and other urban publications religiously. You enjoy wearing sweats, T-shirts, fitted hats and sneakers. It's like a religion that you get the new Jordans whenever they come out. There are a few options as far as name-brand companies out there for ya'll.

A new company by the name of L-R-G has come onto the scene. It is reminiscent of Akademics, and the line is endorsed by John Legend and the Gotti Boys.

If you haven't already heard about Evisu Genes, then here you go. As always, it took a hip hop figure to mention it before anyone put any thought into buying it. The logo is similar to that of the new Rocawear symbol, but don't be fooled, Evisu is not for the cheap! The jeans retail from \$150 to \$200.

Evisu also makes shirts, hats, jackets, basically a full line of apparel.

Some of these things may already be in your closet, some may not. But when it comes to clothes, personal style always over-rides trend. Taking hints from magazines and videos wouldn't hurt either. Just don't beat them into the ground.

Try your best to be fashionable, not fashion disabled!

"What's Next" is looking for trendy, fashion setting models.

If you are up on your fashion-do's contact the Features Editor of The Register at (336) 334-7700 and start modeling next week.

By MIKE McCRAE  
Contributor

The Facebook is the latest craze in Aggie Land. It is a social networking site designed for people to meet and get to know their peers through their majors, classes, hometowns or similar interest.

Launched in February 2004, the Facebook is the brainchild of 20-year old Harvard student, Mark Zuckerberg.

In a recent interview with Current Magazine, Zuckerberg said, "The idea for the website was motivated by a social need at Harvard to be able to identify people in other residential houses...while each residential house listed directories of their residents, I wanted one online directory where all students could be listed.

"He [Zuckerberg] wanted to combine an idea for a universal online database with an interactive social interface. The idea was sort of an extension of the traditional college facebooks with terrible freshman ID photos and boring information," said Chris Hughes, co-founder of TheFacebook.com.

Since its inception, the site has grown from a small group of friends to over 1.7 million users at over 400 col-

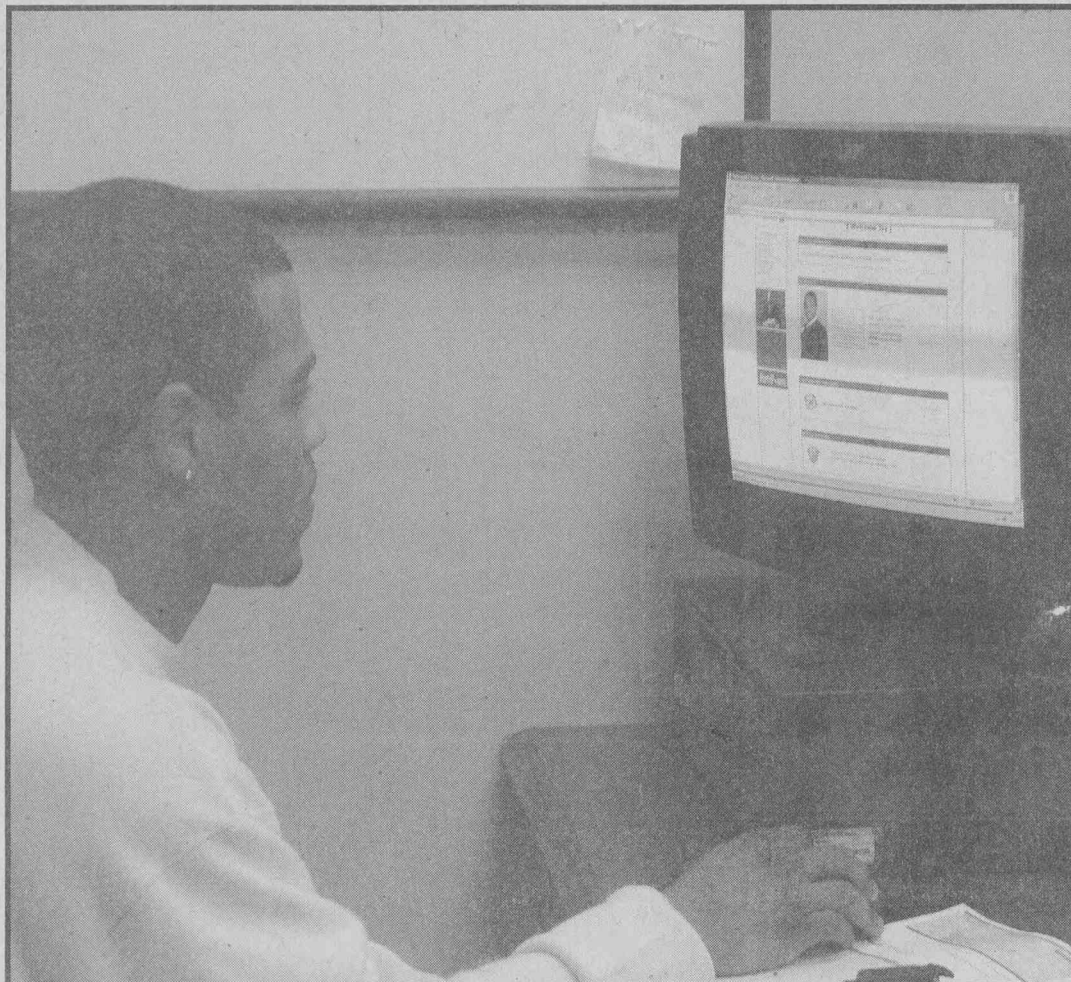


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Brandon Dillahunt, an A&T student, visits The Facebook regularly.

leges and universities making it a nationwide phenomenon.

Facebook has grown through a large grassroots movement with a majority of its users joining from word of mouth. A&T students have definitely taken a liking to the site, which

allows users to create or join groups with similar interest. Some of the most popular groups include; *Cook-Out Addicts*, for those Aggies who can't go more than a week without the greasy goodness that is "Cook-Out."

For those of who miss the

days of Nickelodeon with the big orange couch, they could join *90's Nickelodeon-the Passing of an Era*. There they could converse with fellow A&T students about the "good ol' days," when your weekends consisted of watchin' "Wild and Crazy Kids," "Clarissa Explains It

All" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark."

One of the largest groups is the "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Fan Club" with almost 300 members.

Two of the more interesting features of the site are the wall, which works as a guest book, and "Poking," which is a Facebook creation to randomly frustrate its users who do not know what it means (it means nothing at all by the way).

Nearly 2,000 current A&T students and even a few "old heads" have joined, with that number increasing daily.

"Facebook Stares" are becoming more and more common. It is the look you give when you see someone who is vaguely familiar but you aren't sure why.

Facebook is free but has its minor downfalls like you can't personalize your page.

Terry Mundell, a freshman accounting major, is of the opinion that "the Facebook is a very innovative way to meet people around campus but not enough people know about it and too many people confuse it for a dating service."

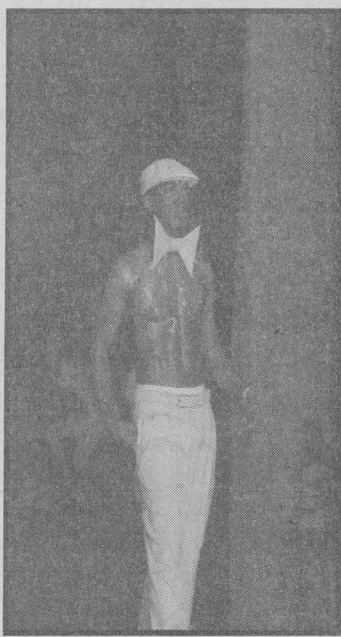
Facebook is NOT a dating service but countless Facebook relationships have sprung up around campus.

## FASHION SHOW High LIGHTS

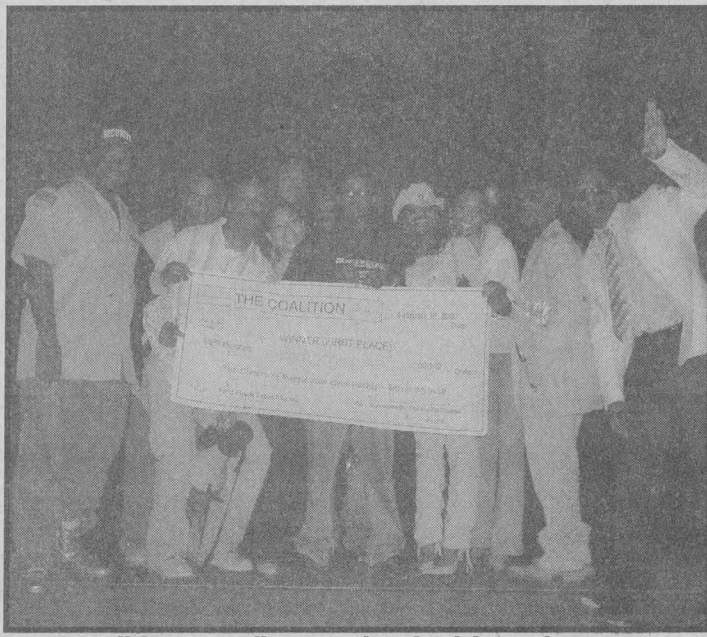
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Members of Omega Psi Phi after their fashion show



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By SHEVAUN J. LASSITER  
Features Editor

Q: What do you want the future Mr. Aggie to continue or start once he takes office?

A: Continue to work with the community and local high school. I work a lot with Dudley High School.

Q: What's the best experience you've had as Mr. Aggie?

A: The best experience I've had besides the pageant was the Think Tank. Based on somethings that were started her, all the kings, presidents and queens came together to see the way kings, or Mr. University's, were feeling. I had the opportunity to be apart of a new spark that happened here at North Carolina A&T.

Q: What are you proposing for the A&T election ballot?

A: One of the things I am proposing is that we create a position, Mr. North Carolina A&T. The school does not have an official male representative. It's not to have anything to do with Mr. Aggie or get rid of it. It's no association with Mr. Aggie. I'm suggesting an official position.

He would serve on the SUAB and the SGA. The SUAB is a programming body and the SGA is a governing body. That way he can make, suggest, or plan

things that can help out.

Q: Why have you extended yourself to the campus?

A: Well one thing is, when I first took the position, I did realize what it was. It was a program. I think I had the opportunity not just because I'm in a fraternity. Take that away from me. I think I had the opportunity wherel can influence some people and sometimes people tend to listen to me.

People who are popular or who are "Seen," their duties are to reach out to the people. That's why I go to the cafe even though I don't get in free. I invite people to stuff and I think this is my duty as an Aggie. That's what Aggie Pride is.

Q: What is the one thing that you want to leave behind for people to remember you?

A: That I didn't think I was better than anybody. That I was just like you. I studied, I went to class, I struggled, I'm an Aggie just like everyone else. I'm a black student just like everybody else. I'm making it just like you.

Q: Are you participating in the Mr. HBCU Pageant?

A: It's cancelled for me.

Q: What was the purpose of your trip to Boston?

A: I'm in the National

Society of Black Engineers and I am the Region II Pre-College Initiative Chairperson. NSBE has a national convention and we send the students from Dudley, approximately 18, to Boston for the national convention.

Outside of NSBE we have meetings and I teach them about time management, we have workshops on college preparation, we teach them how to do resumes and then they come to me for mentoring.

Q: Why did you choose Dudley for this program?

A: Dudley is supposed to be "Little A&T". If they're "Little A&T" why would I not?

Also, I'm having a males rites of passage program. It's going to be a pilot pro-

gram with 14 random students and they'll be learning about sexual responsibility, male leadership, characteristics and roles. After they complete that program they'll be peer educators and I'm hoping the next Mr. Aggie can continue to have a male "Health Week."

Q: What did you participate in this year?

A: I hosted the "Festival of Lights," I did "Hooked on Books" and then hosted some high school stepshows. I did the voter registration drive. I helped with The Ronald McNair Symposium also.

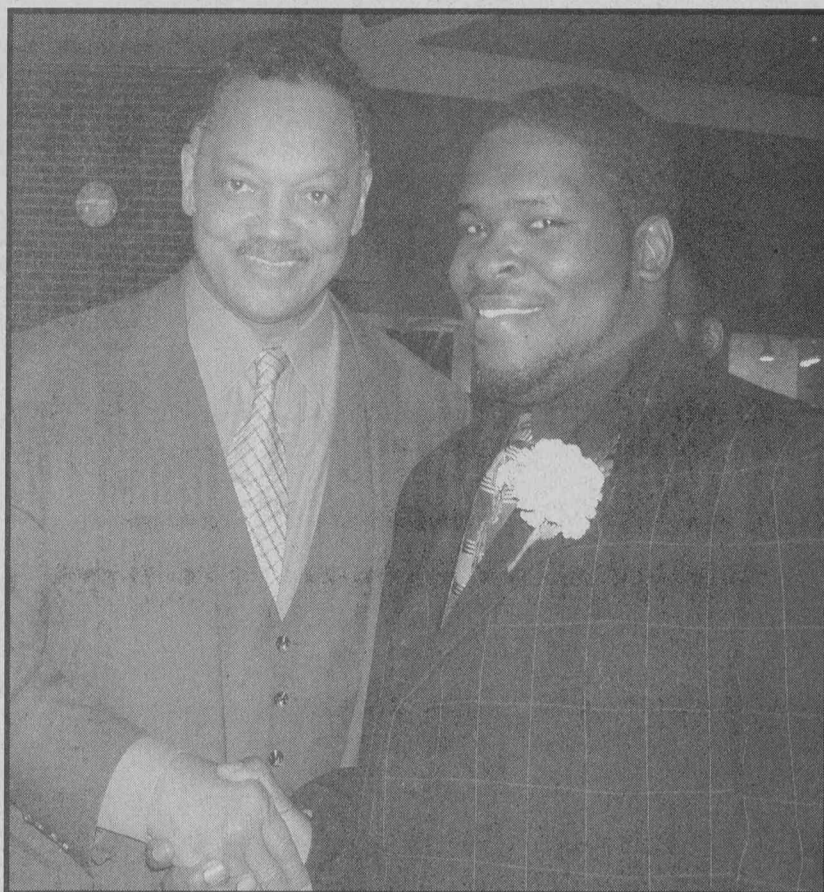


Photo by Brett Harrington

Mr. Aggie, Uche Byrd, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson at the Feb. 1 Breakfast held in Williams Cafeteria

Q: What do you think about the attack on leadership by students?

A: I think it's only fair because that's how some students feel. But, also, you have to remember, your leadership is only what you make it. You can say someone's a bad leader but if you're not trying to be the SGA president or trying to make it better or giving suggestions, you're just sitting

in the background complaining, that's really not cool either.

Sometimes we need to be proactive and do something.

Mr. Byrd would like to thank the SUAB for its diligent and hardwork, the SGA, the student body, Dean Brown, the administration, Ms. A&T, Mrs. Angela Peterson, the staff of Williams Cafeteria, Sodexo and the Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



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Mr. Aggie, Uche Byrd, poses with his fraternity brothers at their fashion show.

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# 'A RAISIN IN THE SUN' HITS ROBESON THEATRE

BY SHASHONDA DUKES  
Contributor

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts presented "A Raisin in the Sun" at Paul Robeson Theatre. The play was held Feb. 17-19 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 3 p.m.

"A Raisin in the Sun" was the first drama presented on Broadway by an African-American female, Lorraine Hansberry. Hansberry was the first African-American and the youngest to receive the New York Drama Critic's Circle Award. Over 45 years, the play continues to hold a place of honor in the American Theatre.

The play is directed by Dr. Vanita Vactor, an associate professor of theatre at North Carolina A&T State University. The journey to produce the play began in the second part of Vactor's African American Drama class during the 2004 spring semester. Her students read the play that semester and saw scenes from the 1961

film. In addition, the students read a controversial scholarly essay about the play, and the reviews of the 2004 production in Broadway featuring Sean Combs (P. Diddy), a music star who has appeared in a couple of movies.

The setting takes place in Southside Chicago, Ill., in 1951. When the play begins, the audience is introduced to the Youngers' poorly maintained, yet clean and tidy apartment with a small kitchen area and living/dining room (designed by Jeff Richardson). At the left, a door leads to a bedroom which is shared by Lena "Mama" Younger (Tasha White) and her daughter, Beneatha Younger (Angelique Foster). At the opposite end, is a second bedroom for Walter Lee Younger (Jamaal Primus) and his wife, Ruth Younger (Melanie Matthews). Travis Younger (Sterling Freeman), the son of Walter Lee and Ruth Younger, sleeps on the living room couch.



Photo Courtesy of Theatre Dept.

## "A Raisin in the Sun": A remarkable '50s drama.

Other production staff members, including stage manager Omolara Sanya, costume designer Felicia Wilson' and sound design-

er/assistant technical director Rashaun Marcus, did an exceptional job making the play come to life.

The Youngers' values,

dreams and aspirations are the core of the play. When Walter's mother, Lena, receives a \$10,000 check from the insurance company for the death of her husband, the family is in conflict over how the money should be spent. Lena wants to use the money for a down payment on a house. Beneatha wants to become a doctor and is hoping that Lena will help her pay for medical school. Walter Lee wants to go into business with friends and open a liquor store.

How each family member meets these dreams fulfills the story. The play's title even derives from the Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes' "Dream Deferred": "What happens to a dream deferred? / Does it dry up / like a raisin in the sun?"

Although there were a few speech impediments, the performance by every character was superb. Each member of the Younger family appeared confident

and energetic throughout the play. Even the characters with smaller lines were memorable. Joseph Asagai (Woodrow Bumbry II) and George Murchison (Justin Parmley) are the young men who are competing for Beneatha's affections. Murchison offers her financial security and Asagai returns her to her African roots. Karl Linder (Steve Willis) is a nervous white homeowner who tries to discourage the Younger family from moving into the all-white neighborhood. BoBo (Christopher Berry) is Walter's future business partner.

The Visual and Performing Arts' "A Raisin in the Sun" is definitely a must-see. Their performance evoked memories of laughter and the challenges faced by African-Americans onstage. Audiences will be entertained and, more importantly they will be educated. The play will be held again at Paul Robeson Theatre Feb. 24-27.

## Student gets a chance to work as an assistant of College Hill staff

BY RASHEEM JAMES  
Black College Wire

I had the experience of a lifetime serving as a production assistant for the BET reality show "College Hill," in which eight Langston University students' lives were taped for seven weeks this past fall.

I was offered the job through a friend and classmate, Lannie Franklin III, who had been hired as the production coordinator. Even though I wasn't going to be paid, the experience would prove to be valuable because it gave me the first screen credits on my resume. Not too many people can say, "I've worked on a reality show," or any TV show, period.

More important, by working on the show, which began airing Jan. 27, I gained hands-on experience learning how to use the cameras. I made contacts with TV industry professionals and earned an offer of a future internship.

Professors are always telling us to explore a field while we're still students. They always say to be willing to start at the bottom. I found out that, actually, they are right. From the director all the way back down, everybody starts as a "PA."

"You're a hard worker. If you can get this down, you can pretty much handle anything," is what the director, Ron De Shay, told me. He wasn't screaming and yelling, although there are some directors who will cuss you out all the time. I learned it's nothing personal: It's just business. These people want their product, their film, delivered under budget and on time.

According to the Virginia Film Office Web site, which published advice for students aspiring to be on a crew, "The best thing you can bring with you as a production assistant is a good attitude. Someone with a positive, can-do attitude will go much farther than someone with more experience who complains and is not

pleasant to be around."

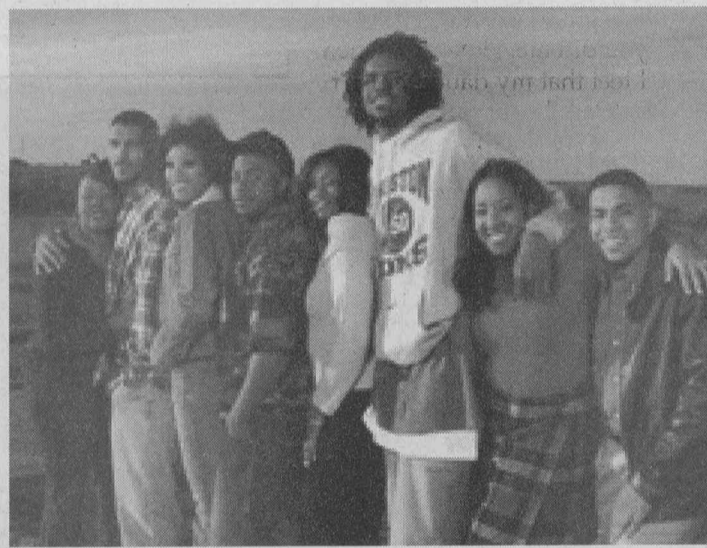
On my first day, I was asked to run a few errands, such as paying bills and getting lunch for the crew members.

That was a job by itself. Just imagine taking 20 different Subway sandwich orders. Sometimes the orders would get mixed up, and it became my job at times to make it right. People would say, "I don't eat pork, and that has bacon on it" -- and those were not even the stars. When I did food runs, it was my job to make sure no crew member got something he didn't want on his sandwich. Certain camera operators, who ate only organic foods, were usually easy to please.

After a week or so, I went from running errands to driving cast and crew members to designated locations for taping. I know some of you are thinking, "Hey, man, you were just a chauffeur," but that wasn't the case. The first thing I learned as a PA was that timing is everything. A lack of planning could jeopardize a whole day of shooting. And because the entertainment business is so deadline driven, a lack of planning, also means a loss of money. It was critical that everything be organized. Because the production team was organized most of the time to the very last detail, even planning the shuttle schedule had a part in whether the production would run smoothly.

The housemates, of course, all are students, and not all of them had cars. The director wanted them to be on a schedule. So we had four shuttles, at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., to carry them wherever they needed to go, to school or to the doctor or dentist, for example. Cameras were mounted in the car, and a camera person would sometimes be in the car to capture trips.

I drove them where they needed to go, to and from the ranch, which is about a 10-minute drive on the outskirts of Guthrie, Okla. I



Part of the the job as an assistant was to drive the cast around to different places.

also drove them to the campus from the ranch, which is an additional 15-minute drive, so they could get to class.

On one of their many field trips, I drove the cast members to the botanical gardens in Oklahoma City. With winter approaching and fall slowly slipping away, the fallen leaves were painted a sun-dance red with a splash of yellow. It gave the illusion of a fallen rainbow. You couldn't help but soak in the scenery.

I accompanied the cast on a visit to a hip-hop church service. The church had a live band, which played renditions of church songs over hip-hop beats. They treated us all like movie stars. The members of the church set up a VIP section for cast and crew.

When I wasn't driving or running errands, senior crew members encouraged me to learn how to use the camera equipment, such as the Pelco cameras used throughout the house. They look like the surveillance cameras in a department store. They were on the ceiling, in the bedrooms, in the hallways and laundry room, in the rec room, in the kitchen and by the phone. I was learning to zoom in to get an extreme close-up on a face, or zoom in on what a person was eating, or I would position the camera on someone who was having a phone conversation.

I also learned how to use a

boom microphone or boom mic. The boom mic is on the end of a long pole or arm. It is very sensitive and used to record natural sound. I learned that it is important to make sure the batteries are charged and meters are checked. Boom mics are used to record sound from those who don't have a portable microphone, and for group conversation. That way, everyone's voice can be heard during a conversation.

I had to fill out log sheets and do tape logging. Now, this actually was fun, because I got to review everything that was filmed for that day. You sit and watch something like nine hours of tape, and jot down what happens every two minutes, so the editors can find certain incidents or conversations on the tape. (I can't give away the plot: That's part of what I learned, too, about working on a show.) I can say this: There are no retakes: Ain't no startin' overs. That's why they buy so much tape and use so many cameras: They want to catch every detail, happy and sad. Most people don't really know what goes on when it comes to producing a reality show or even being a camera operator. These are hard jobs to get.

"Television, video, and motion picture camera operators held about 28,000 jobs in 2002 and film and video editors held about 19,000," according to the U.S.

Department of Labor. Many were self-employed. About half earned between \$20,000 and \$50,000 a year, the department says, though some can earn much more.

Many of the skills are learned on the job and many of these positions are found by networking. Camera operators in the film and television industries usually are hired on the basis of recommendations from individuals such as producers or directors of photography, according to the Labor Department's Occupational Outlook Handbook.

So don't try to overstep your boundaries: I witnessed many production assistants acting like directors, instead of taking this time to learn as much as they could.

There were times I felt things could have been done differently, and there were times my ideas were overlooked, but I had to keep

telling myself, "that's business"; some things have to be done a certain way. In business, you have to have tough skin.

The article, "So You Wanna Be a Production Assistant," on the Virginia Film Office's Web site, had this to say: "We cannot stress this enough. Eventually, you will get yelled at, perhaps for no reason. You might also have an encounter with an actor that may shatter your illusion of him/her forever. Get over it. It's not personal. Remember that this is a job, and everyone involved is under immense pressure to get the film finished on time and under budget."

My ultimate goal was to gain experience, but I also gained new friends, and a new respect for the film industry and the people behind the scenes.

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# Word on the Street

By MYNA WATFORD  
Contributor

## Super Freak gets Super Play

You know back in the day it wasn't cool to be considered a whore, and if you were you surely didn't talk about it. Today however, being a whore, is almost like being a first class citizen; especially if your name is Karinne Steffans. Steffans who goes by the sexually explicit name "Superhead", has quite an impressive rap sheet, concerning stars she has tousled in the sheets with. Some of her more well known celebrity encounters are said to be Usher, Jay-Z, Chris Rock, Ja-Rule, Ice-T, and Vin Diesel among others. However, what's more impressive is the fact that Steffans "just signed a 'lucrative' deal with HarperCollins' imprint Amistad books to 'tell all - and we mean all,' said a publishing insider. The source added, "The memoir is being described as a tell-all, but also a cautionary tale for young women who think that life in the entertainment world is all roses and no thorns. There is juicy dish on a number of multi-platinum and box-office blockbuster celebrities, including never before revealed tidbits about Karinne's escapades with some of hip-hop and Hollywood's leading men." Steffans will detail a "five-day sex romp with a hugely successful, raspy-voiced rapper-actor not long after her arrival in L.A. in 2000; her much cherished time spent with actor Ice-T, whom she considers a mentor and credits with rescuing her and her son from an abusive relationship; and her last days as the ultimate party girl, living it up in Miami on New Year's Eve with the likes of Xzibit and Sean 'Puffy' Combs." Steffans, now a columnist for King magazine, wrote on Vibe magazine's Web site after the mag profiled her last year: "I was the biggest and best whore around... but I was never disrespected once by anyone but myself. I lived with some of these people... met their families, wives, kids included." Steffans says she has sold her rights for a movie and adds: "So, when someone asks, what have I gotten out of this, the answer is my self-respect by being honest and unafraid, and about \$7.3 million." Now normally I would say being flamboyant with an oversexed lifestyle usually doesn't pay off, but I guess in her case it did.

## Say It Ain't So

After being accused of drugging and groping a woman, Bill Cosby is off the hook -- criminally speaking. Authorities in Pennsylvania say they will not bring charges against him because the DA says a joint investigation by his office and the

Police Department determined that there was insufficient evidence. The DA did say that a civil suit may still be filed in connection with the case. Apparently, Bill Cosby didn't get enough of the pudding the first time, because earlier this month, a second woman stepped forward and alleged that she too was sexually assaulted by Cosby more than 30 years ago. In both cases, Cosby, through his attorney, denied the allegations. Question: Now if Kobe got off, and so did Mr. Cosby, who do you think is going to spend time in jail... Michael Jackson or R. Kelly? You be the Judge!

## Don't Worry "The Chappelle Show" Will Be Back

Comedy Central is denying rumors that Dave Chappelle suffers from writer's block. An insider claims Chappelle, who just signed a two-year, \$50 million deal, has been struggling to come up with sketches worthy of the upcoming third season. But Comedy Central spokesman Tony Fox says it's not true of course. He says that Chappelle and his writing partner are hard at work getting ready for the premiere which is May 31. The new season was already pushed back months because Chappelle was supposedly sick with walking pneumonia back in December. Don't you just love Dave Chappelle!

## Sarcoidosis is no Laughing Matter for Bernie

Bernie Mac is dealing with something that is not at all funny. He's suffering from sarcoidosis -- a rare Auto-immune disease that causes inflammation of the body's tissues, mostly in the lungs. In a statement through his publicist, Mac said he has been dealing with the disease since 1983, but said it had not altered or limited his lifestyle. You might remember he was hospitalized last summer for what was initially described as "exhaustion." Sarcoidosis can be fatal. It was cited as the cause of death Reggie White last December.

## What About Nas' B-A-B-Y M-A-M-A

Carmen Bryan, rapper Nas' baby's mother and former Jay-Z girlfriend, is causing a stir with an interview she's posted on her Web site. The interview reads like a ploy to generate buzz for an autobiography Bryan is shopping to publishers. She says the book is all about her life and explores "the good, the bad, the super ugly and then some." I'm not sure how interested publishers will be in an autobiography on Bryan's life -- she hasn't generated half the stir that Karinne "Superhead" Steffans has -- but some of the topics on her Web site certainly raise a

few eyebrows.

On whether she caused the longstanding feud between Nas and Jay-Z: "My honest opinion, yes! I mean of course, they would probably say otherwise, but realistically speaking, no one just wakes up in the morning and decides to make a record about another person for no reason. That just doesn't make sense."

On whether she slept with Nas after he and Kelis began dating: "Yes, and it's all in the book."

On why her daughter Destiny was not at Nas and Kelis' January wedding: "Yes, unfortunately it is true. First, Destiny never received an invitation. No one called for a dress size, a shoe size or anything. Two days before the actual ceremony, Nas called to inform us of the date. Even though it was short notice, the next day Destiny was packed and ready to go. But the tickets never arrived."

On Kelis as a stepmother: "It's been challenging to say the least. Especially since Kelis doesn't have children. When a person that doesn't have kids enters a relationship with a person that does, there's going to be conflict. They don't always possess the skills necessary to deal with issues that are sensitive to a child, such as new relationships. In the beginning I was no less than supportive of their union. In fact, I told Nas, be good to this girl, don't do her like you did me. However, when I feel that my daughter isn't getting the respect that she deserves, I will step to you. From what I understand, Kelis is very bossy and controlling and that's fine, but no one is going to regulate my daughter!"

To read the interview, and the shameless plugs for the book, visit [www.sex-drugsandhiphop.com](http://www.sex-drugsandhiphop.com).

## Birthday Shout Outs for the Month of February

James Ingram turned 49.  
LeVar Burton turned 48.  
D'Wayne Wiggins turned 42.  
Ice T turned 44.  
Michael Jordan turned 41.  
Jim Brown turned 69.  
Chante Moore turned 38.  
"Bad Boys" director Michael Bay turned 41.  
Toni Morrison turned 74.  
John Travolta turned 51.  
Dr. Dre turned 40.  
TLC's "Chilli" turned 34.  
Shakira turned 28.  
T-Mo of Goodie Mob turned 33.  
Earth Wind & Fire Guitarist Al McKay turned 57.  
Hall of Fame Pitcher Nolan Ryan turned 58.  
Phil Collins turned 54.

All informational sources were obtained from [Rnbdir.com](http://Rnbdir.com), [Rapdir.com](http://Rapdir.com), [Uptoparr.com](http://Uptoparr.com), [Allhiphop.com](http://Allhiphop.com) and [Blackvoices.com](http://Blackvoices.com).

# TOP MUSIC ALBUMS

## Top 10 Hip Hop Albums

1. The Game, The Documentary
2. Lil Jon, Crunk Juice
3. T.I., Urban Legend
4. Eminem, Encore
5. Ludacris, The Red Light District
6. Geto Boys, The Foundation
7. Snoop Dogg, R&G: The Masterpiece
8. 2Pac, Loyal to the Game
9. Krazie Bone, Gemini: Good vs. Evil
10. Nelly, Suit

## Top R&B Albums

1. Brian McKnight, Gemini
2. John Legend, Get Lifted
3. Fantasia, Free Yourself
4. Usher, Confessions
5. Destiny's Child, Destiny Fulfilled
6. Ciara, Goodies
7. Mario, Turning Point
8. Ray Charles, Ray(Soundtrack)
9. Tina Turner, All The Best
10. K-Ci & Jo Jo, All My Life: Greatest Hits



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## Aggie baseball lose four straight

By GREGORY BOND  
Sports Editor

The Aggies traveled to High Point University and fell short to Panthers with a 4-3 loss in extra innings on Feb. 19 at Erath Field.

The Panthers has won four of the last five games against each others.

After Aggies' pitcher Michael Hauff walked Josh Doane, Chris Ramirez homered to left field to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the second, Patrick Oates started with being hit by a pitch, then Marcus Mack singled and Nick Mayo singled which brought in two runs to tie the game.

The Aggies took the lead in the sixth with a sacrificed fly by Dustin James to bring home Mack.

High Point came back in the bottom of the sixth with a solo homerun by Josh Cotton.

In the bottom of 10th, Seby Renta hit the game-winning single which brought in Brett Lazar to win the game.

A doubleheader was scheduled, but game two was called because of darkness.

The next day, the Panthers' (3-5) bats were on fire as the Panthers defeated A&T 18-3 at War Memorial Stadium.

Dustin Holtzman went 2 for 4 for five RBIs and scored two runs.

The Panthers pulled away in the fourth with six runs in the inning. Holtzman hit a RBI double to bring in two runs. With two runners still on, Jon Pavalack hit a RBI single which brought in two more runs.

"I am happy that we came out and overcame some tough conditions and we focused on playing some

good baseball," said High Point's head coach Sal Bando Jr. "Fundamentally, we made some mistakes and were happy to see us take better approaches at the plate and played well."

Neil Rosser led the Aggies with two RBIs.

On Feb. 22, UNC-Greensboro traveled to War Memorial Stadium to face off against the Aggies. The Spartans came back from a four-run deficit to defeat the Aggies 10-5 to stay undefeated.

A&T (1-5) jumped out first with a two-run home run by Raul Santiago in the second inning.

In the fourth, Patrick Oates hits a double which brought in two runners which increased A&T's lead 4-0.

In the sixth, the Spartans

(5-0) scored six runs in the inning to take the lead.

John Primus led the Aggies by pitching five innings with five hits, struck out four but gave up four runs.

With bases loaded, Primus walked Chris Mason to end the shutout. Charlie Gamble could not control the ball which brought in two more runners which gave UNC-Greensboro a 6-4 lead.

Clint Summers relieved Primus in the sixth.

Wes McCall got the win for the Spartans. McCall (2-0) pitched five innings allowing two hits and struck out six.

The Aggies will travel to Boiling Springs on Feb. 26 to take on Gardner-Webb in a doubleheader at 12 p.m.

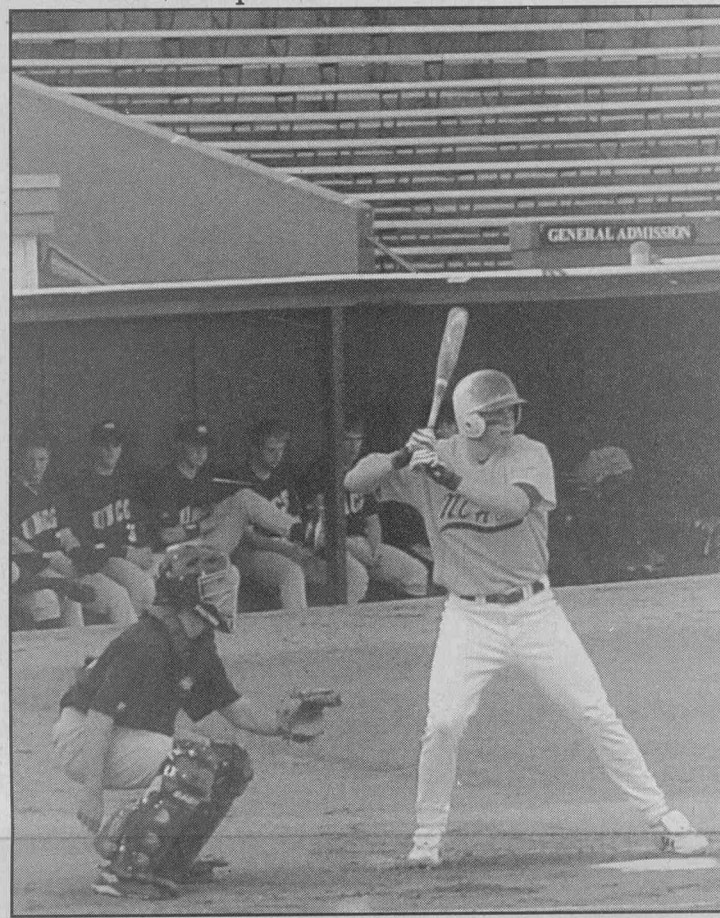


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The Aggies have now lost four in a row.

## AGGIES LOSE TWO OF THREE GAMES

By GREGORY BOND  
Sports Editor

Steven Koger scored his 1000th career point, but the Aggies still continued with the losing streak as it was increased to six game during their loss to Delaware State 69-59 in Dover, Del.

The Aggies defeated the Hornets (12-13, 10-4 MEAC) 70-66 in overtime at Corbett.

Koger scored 18 points, including 6 for 10 from the field for the Aggies.

Terrance Hunter scored a season-high 22 points for the Hornets. Jahsha Bluntt scored 17 points. That was

Bluntt's 15 double digits game.

On Feb. 21, Aggies' head coach Jerry Eaves finally snapped a 31-game road losing streak as the Aggies defeated Howard 67-63 at Washington, D.C.

The win gives the Aggies a sweep over the Bison. A&T has not swept an opponent since 2001-02 season.

A&T (5-11, 4-11) was ahead of the Aggies Sean Booker led the way with 17 points. Booker scored 13 in the second half which helped the Aggies overcome a seven-point deficit. Jason Will scored 10 of his 15

points in the second half. Rechodd Carter added 11. Reggie Bates led the Bison (5-19, 2-13) with 19 points while Will Gant added 13 points.

Howard shot 44 percent from the floor while the Aggies shot 37 percent. This is the first time that the Aggies have not forced at least 20 turnovers since Dec. 18, versus Nebraska, when they only had 11.

The Aggies return home and will face off against Florida A&M on Feb. 26. Game time is at 4 p.m.

## MEAC announces 2004-05 Commissioner's All-Academic honorees

A total of 491 student-athletes from MEAC institutions earn at least a 3.0 GPA

FROM MEAC SPORTS INFORMATION

Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner Dennis E. Thomas announced today the 2004-05 Commissioner's All-Academic Award winners honoring MEAC student-athletes with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better. Eligible student-athletes must be at least a sophomore.

"We are pleased to recognize the student-athletes who have excelled academically," said Commissioner Thomas. "More times than not, they are not recognized for their academic achievements."

"I would like to commend all our student-athletes for the work that they've done in the classroom."

Howard University led all institutions with 77 student-athletes selected. Bethune-Cookman College was second with 51 honorees, followed by Florida A&M University and North Carolina A&T State University with 49 each. University of Maryland-Eastern rounded out the top five with 48 student-athletes earning MEAC All-Academic honors.

North Carolina A&T State University (49):

WOMEN (26) - Adia Dial (Softball, 3.06, Nursing), Lorraine Geiger (Softball, 3.60, Animal Science), Renecia Lovelace (Softball, 3.80, Family and Consumer Science), Tabitha Veney (Softball, 3.13, Psychology), Tiffany Green (Track, 3.27, Fitness/Wellness Management), Carl Ann McBean (Track, 3.27, Criminal Justice), Claudine Smith (Track, 3.63, Political Science), Lillian Galloway (Track, 3.75, Chemical Engineering/Chemistry), Lauren Taylor (Track, 3.79, Fitness/Wellness Management), Kimberly Jordan (Basketball, 3.04, Architectural Engineering), Renee Porter (Basketball, 3.08, Management), Jamie Brungard (Bowling, 3.65, Biology), Danielle Hanna (Bowling, 3.16, Psychology), Michelle Hanna (Bowling, 3.16, Mathematics Education), Amanda Richardson (Bowling, 3.35, Mechanical Engineering), Asha Clinkscales (Swimming, 3.00, Computer Science), Sujotta Pace (Swimming, 3.05, Professional Theatre), Tiffany Mack (Swimming, 3.11, Accounting), Ashley Farr (Swimming, 3.21, Management), Britanni Smith (Swimming, 3.29, Biology), Janelle Mason (Swimming, 3.98, Computer Science), Kathryn Jackson (Tennis, 3.71, Finance), Haniyyah Madyun (Tennis, 3.43, Architectural Engineering), Shannon Pittman (Tennis, 3.12, Journalism and Mass Communication), Tracy Ross (Tennis, 3.18, Nursing), Leinitia Williams (Volleyball, 3.43, Psychology)

MEN (23) - Curtis Walls (Football, 3.13, Landscape Architecture), Ricky Bennett (Football, 3.23, Marketing), Erik Bennett (Football, 3.29, Political Science), Jerome Myers (Football, 3.79, Civil Engineering), Jeremy Jones (Football, Baseball, 3.02, Fitness/Wellness Management), Justin Goldston (Baseball, 3.18, Transportation), Shelby Payne (Baseball, 3.20, Accounting), Caleb Saruse (Baseball, 3.20, Industrial Engineering), Ronnie Battle (Baseball, 3.42, Fitness/Wellness Management), Charles Gamble (Baseball, 3.42, Landscape Architecture), Clinton Summers (Baseball, 3.47, Graphic Communication Systems), Jasper Smith (Baseball, 3.51, Business Management), Richard Hawk (Baseball, 3.57, Fitness/Wellness Management), Dustin James (Baseball, 3.84, Fitness/Wellness Management), Antonio Lee (Track, 3.08, Industrial Engineering), Justin Byron (Track, 3.15, Finance), Devon Rollins (Track, 3.20, Computer Science), Richard Walcott (Track, 3.46, Management Info. Systems), Domonique Camm (Track, 3.56, Political Science/Electronics Tech), Joseph Monkam (Basketball, 3.00, Mathematics), Walter Booth (Basketball, 3.15, Business Administration), Travis Leach (Tennis, 3.00, Electronics Technology), Jose Rondon (Tennis, 3.78, Finance)

## Lady Pirates and Rattlers victorious in MEAC Indoor Championship

By GREGORY BOND  
Sports Editor

The Lady Pirates of Hampton and the Rattlers of Florida A&M won the MEAC Indoor Track & Field Championship, Feb. 18 and 19 at Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex in Landover, Md.

Hampton scored 145 points to win their third straight Indoor Track and Field Championship.

The Lady Pirates were led by sophomore Yvette Lewis. In her first competition, she broke the MEAC individual performance record with 46 points. The previous record was 36.5 held by Kimberly McCollum from Delaware State in 1986.

She also broke the MEAC Indoor Track & Field record in the high jump (5'10").

She is also qualified for the 2005 NCAA Championship in the event.

Hampton won five gold medals, five silver and one bronze during the two-day event.

Florida A&M earned its second consecutive title with a total of 71.33 points. Hampton was second with 60.33. The Rattlers won three gold and silver medals.

Kevin Hicks was voted Most Outstanding Performer. Hicks won the 800 Meter and the mile races.

Hicks was tied in individual points with A&T's own Brandon Via and Justin Byron. Via finished first in triple jump and the long jump. Byron won first in the 200 Meter and 400 Meter dashes.

The Aggies will travel to

Clemson, S.C., to participate in the Clemson Invitational Classic on Feb. 25-26.

**Women Team Rankings:** 1. Hampton (145); 2. Morgan State (73); 3. Norfolk State (51); 4. Md.-Eastern Shore (49); 5. N.C. A&T (49); 6. Florida A&M (35); 7. S.C. State (15); 8. Howard (12); 9. Delaware State (4); 10. Bethune-Cookman (0); 10. Coppin State (0).

**Men's Team Rankings:** 1. Florida A&M (71.33); 2. Hampton (60.33); 3. Md.-Eastern Shore (57); 4. Norfolk State (52); 5. N.C. A&T (47.33); 6. Morgan State (38); 7. Bethune-Cookman (34); 8. Delaware State (27); 9. Howard (24); 10. S.C. State (14); 11. Coppin State (8).

## Lady Aggies lose back to back over weekend

By TERRENCE HILLIARD  
Contributor

The Lady Aggies headed into Dover, Del., on Feb. 19, winning four of their last five road games. With a first-round bye still in their reach for next month's Mid-Eastern Athletic conference tournament, the Lady Aggies lost a 55-53 heart-breaker to Delaware State.

Delaware State (14-9, 10-4 MEAC) won its eighth straight game.

The game was very close

heading into the half with the Lady Hornets leading 27-21.

The Lady Aggies had the ball with a 53-52 lead, but Delaware State's Ashlee Barbage stole the ball to set up Terrelle Waller's jumper that gave them a 54-53 lead.

After a timeout, the Lady Aggies' Shareka Glover missed a jumper with four seconds left. Delaware State's Najmah Fauntleroy hit one of two free throws with three seconds left to close the game.

Fauntleroy led all players

with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Waller, whom was named MEAC Player of the Week, and Tameka Nugent had 10 points each for the Lady Hornets.

Glover led the Lady Aggies with 16 points and four rebounds. Tia Richardson added 13 points and nine rebounds and Yanumbe Sherman and LaKeisha Williams scored eight points each in their losing efforts.

On Feb. 21, Simone Agee scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds as

Howard defeated the Lady Aggies 82-51 in Washington D.C. A&T has lost four of their last five games while Howard has won four of their last five games, including two in a row.

"This is a tough one to swallow," said Lady Aggies' coach Saudia Roundtree, from the Sports Information office. "These are the kind of games you need to win if you want to take the next step in being an outstanding program. We haven't learned how to take those steps yet."

Andrea Jones scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Lady Bison (14-10, 9-6).

The Bison jumped ahead to a 37-25 lead at halftime. Howard's defense forced A&T to shoot 36 percent from the floor while Howard shot 44 percent.

The Lady Bison forced 39 turnovers which turned into 32 points. Howard was 0 for 11 from the field.

Glover led A&T (7-17, 6-9) with 15 points but had eight turnovers. Richardson contributed with 12 points and

grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Lady Aggies will host Florida A&M on Feb. 26. Game time is at 2 p.m.

The last time these two teams met was in Jan. 22 when the Lady Aggies defeated the Lady Rattlers 80-77 in overtime in Tallahassee, Fla. Sherman made nine 3-pointers for the win.

# A&T MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM NAMED 62ND BEST ALL-TIME

## FROM A&T SPORTS INFORMATION

N.C. A&T men's basketball team's accomplishments and standout players are numerous. So much so, they caught the attention of a national publication.

In Street & Smith's special publication of the greatest college basketball programs of all time, its assembled panel ranked the A&T men's program No. 62 all time.

The magazine article pointed out the Aggies seven straight conference tournament championships (1982-1988), the 156-51 record during the 80's, the

16 MEAC tournament titles and the legendary players from N.C. A&T like current Golden State Warriors front office executive Al Attles, senior NBA official Hugh Evans and the Aggies all-time leading scorer (2,143) and rebounder (1,257) Joe Binion.

Former Aggies coach Don Corbett and his 249 wins between 1979-93 were also mentioned in the article. Street & Smith's writer William T. Conroy wrote: "Despite the prolific individuals like Evans, Attles Corbett and Binion, it is A&T's team success that has brought the Aggies the most

acclaim. In fact, only six teams in the history of basketball have won more consecutive conference championships than the seven the Aggies won during Corbett's tenure."

The Aggies are five wins away from 800 all time. The Aggies have more NCAA tournament appearances (nine), more MEAC regular-season championships (11) and more conference wins (278) than any other MEAC school. The former CIAA school also has five championships from that conference.

# Lady Aggies win home opener but lose two straight

By GREGORY BOND  
Sports Editor

It was a new day for the Lady Aggies softball team. A&T opened Lady Aggies Softball Complex and earned their first-ever home victory against Morgan State 6-1 on Feb. 19.

Lorraine Geiger had the first hit at the Complex. With two runners on base, Sylvia Felder blasted a triple to left field which brought in Brooke Wooten and Christina Brock for the first two RBIs at the Complex.

Geiger later hit a single which brought in another runner to go up 3-0.

That was all pitcher Latronda Anderson needed. Anderson earned her first win of the season pitching seven innings with six strikeouts.

Due to darkness, game two could not take place.

On Feb. 23 the Lady Aggies hosted Radford University in a doubleheader. Radford won both games with a 5-0 win in game one and 5-4 in game two.

In game one, the Lady Highlanders was led by pitcher Breanna Felix. Felix pitched a two-hitter shutout with eight strikeouts. Felix also made contributions with the bat. She had two hits with two RBIs. Ashley Smith hit her first home run of the season. Smith hit the first home run at Aggie Softball Complex.

In game two, Morgan Nicholas and Danielle Tompkins each belted a two-run home run as Radford defeated the Lady Aggies 5-4.

Ashley Taylor won her first game of the year, striking out six and giving up four runs.

Geiger hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh for the first home run by an Aggie at the Complex.

Chancellor James C. Renick was at the game and gave his comments on the new field.

"It is beautiful," said Renick. "It is a kind of facility that student-athletes deserve."

The Lady Aggies will travel to Charleston, S.C., to play in the Charleston Southern Invitational on Mar. 4-6.



Photo by Gregory Bond  
**Latoya Lassiter (4) waits patiently for the next pitch.**

# MEAC STANDINGS

## MEN

Teams	MEAC	Overall
Coppin State	11-4	11-13
Hampton	10-4	12-11
Delaware State	10-4	12-13
Norfolk State	10-5	12-11
Morgan State	9-6	11-14
S.C. State	8-6	15-10
Bethune-Cookman	8-6	12-12
Florida A&M	7-7	10-13
N.C. A&T	4-11	5-21
Howard	2-13	5-19
Md.-Eastern Shore	1-14	2-22

## WOMEN

Coppin State	13-3	18-7
Hampton	12-3	12-11
Delaware State	11-4	15-9
Howard	9-6	14-10
Md.-Eastern Shore	9-7	11-14
Norfolk State	8-7	8-15
Florida A&M	7-8	10-14
N.C. A&T	6-9	7-17
S.C. State	4-11	9-15
Bethune-Cookman	3-12	4-17
Morgan State	2-14	3-20

## BASEBALL

N.C. A&T	0-0	1-5
Md.-Eastern Shore	0-0	1-7
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	1-10
Coppin State	0-0	0-7
Norfolk State	0-0	0-8
Delaware State	0-0	0-9
Florida A&M	0-0	0-14

## SOFTBALL NORTHERN DIVISION

Howard	0-0	1-1
Morgan State	0-0	0-5
Delaware State	0-0	0-0
Hampton	0-0	0-0
Coppin State	0-0	0-0
Md.-Eastern Shore	0-0	0-0

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

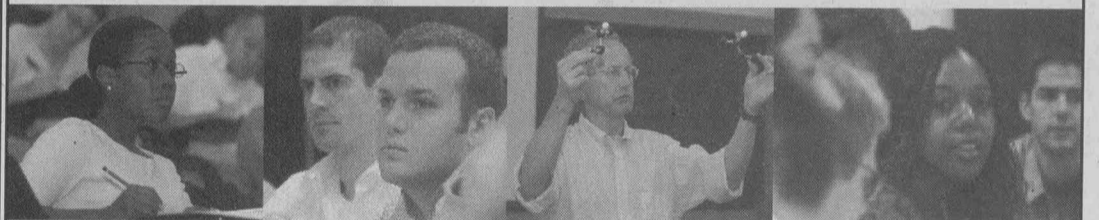
Norfolk State	0-0	2-0
Florida A&M	0-0	10-10
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	7-7
S.C. State	0-0	3-6
N.C. A&T	0-0	1-2

# A&T sports schedule this week

Feb. 24-Mar. 2

**Men's Basketball** - Feb. 26, Florida A&M 4 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center; Feb. 28, Bethune-Cookman 7:30 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center  
**Women's Basketball** - Feb. 26, Florida A&M 2 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center; Feb. 28, Bethune-Cookman 5:30 p.m. at Corbett Sports Center  
**Tennis** - Feb. 26, UNC-Asheville at Aggies Tennis Complex 11 a.m.  
**Baseball** - Feb. 26, Gardner Webb at Boiling Springs 12 p.m. DH; Feb. 27, Gardner-Webb at War Memorial Stadium 1 p.m.; Mar. 1, Charlotte at War Memorial Stadium 3 p.m.; Mar. 2, at Davidson at Davidson N.C. 4 p.m.  
**Track & Field** - Feb. 26, Clemson Invitational at Clemson, S.C.  
**Bowling** - Feb. 26-27, Bayside Classic at Baltimore

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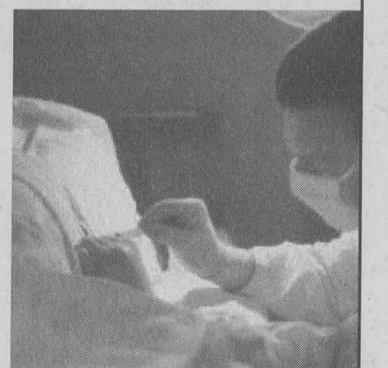


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# New book website makes its 2005 appearance

BY JAMEYA PORTER  
Contributor

A new website, BlackHeritageBooks.com, has hit the World Wide Web as a fresh business primarily designed for an African-American audience.

BlackHeritageBooks.com, a New York home-based business, was founded by Richard Reaves, who serves as CEO and president of the company.

By way of its motto "doing good, while doing well," the company hopes to promote and encourage an increase in literacy and interest in reading among mostly African-Americans.

"Slave-owners did not want us to come into knowledge that we were not equal to them," says Reaves, "and the only way one would realize this is by talking or reading."

Fast-forward up to 2005, it is important for us to read—that is a way of expanding our knowledge and our view of the world; understanding other cultures through reading. Understanding other cultures is extremely important."

The company's director of media relations, who also happens to be Reaves' daughter, Amirah Reaves, says, "[my father] felt the need to help others, [and] what better way to help others than giving them the gift of reading?"

Mr. Reaves said the website that "specializes in

books by, for, and about African-Americans" has "over a million books ready-to-ship." The target audience is 90-percent African American and 10 percent a general audience. They hope to reach primarily adults, ages 25 to 54.

The company's goal "is to become a major and global corporation by 2020," says Mr. Reaves.

Amirah Reaves says, "I want the company to change lives. I want BHB to be a place for people who are not familiar with books, but who are familiar with the Internet, to feel comfortable reading and sharing with their whole family."

In addition to the website's targeted audience, there will also be books available for children, by age group.

"Because we are a family-run business, we make sure the books we put out are appropriate for kids and teenagers," says Mr. Reaves. "However, if there is a book that a customer is looking for, all they have to do is e-mail us asking if we carry that book, and we'll tell them whether or not we carry it."

"The website is extremely convenient, and I have been able to easily place my orders," says Tonja Oates, president and CEO of The TMO Group, Inc. "If there is a book that I would like to purchase and I don't see it listed on the website, I have contacted the customer service department by telephone or e-mail, and my order was processed quickly."

Oates also says that she finds it "easy to navigate through the various pages" of the website. She goes on to say, "I like the earth tone colors of the website. I also enjoy the picture of the adult women and child that are shown reading. The book covers also add a nice distinctive look to the site."

BlackHeritageBooks.com uses a "magazine format, where visitors are given a different theme each month," says Mr. Reaves.

January's theme was Martin Luther King, Jr. The theme for February will be Black History Month; the theme for the remaining months will also relate to Black history in some form or fashion, says Mr. Reaves.

In an effort to encourage reading among African-Americans, the company has established several literacy programs. The company will host book fairs, read-a-thons, reading fairs, book donation programs, Adopt-a-School Domestic Projects, Adopt-a-School International Projects, and a Black Heritage Awards Dinner.

Most of the programs are geared towards elementary, middle and high school children. The book fair, for instance, will consist of establishing a relationship with a school, obtaining a list of desired books from the principal of that school, and offering the books at a discount to the students of the schools.

The read-a-thon involves having a school or non-prof-

it organization collectively select one book that all of the students want to read from a list which the company provides. The process will take 30 days from the time the book is selected until the students are asked to write a one or two page book report for the program.

There will then be a discussion about the book within the classroom, where the local clergy, news media, and local leaders will be invited to participate. Also after the books have been

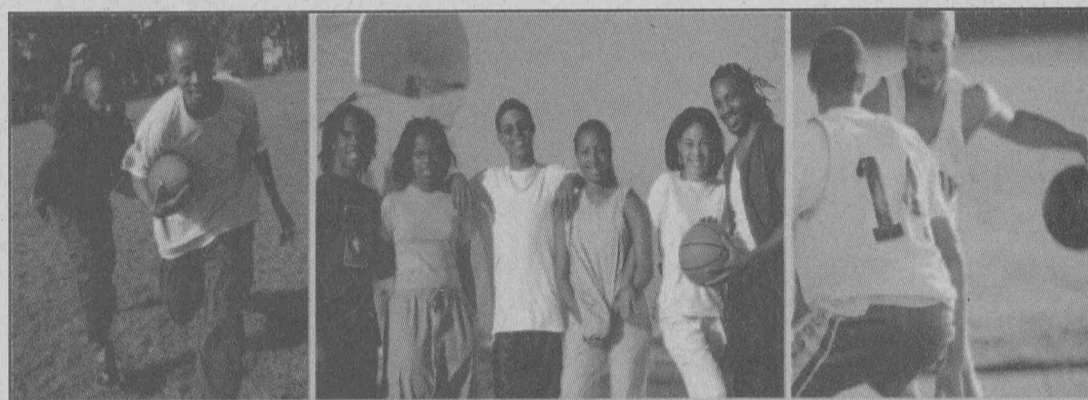
read, they will be donated to the students. Black Heritage Books hopes to find a sponsor for the project. If not, the company will finance the donations.

Since January, the company has already received several orders through publicity generated by BlackPR.com and a couple of interviews on national XM Satellite radio.

Oates says BlackHeritageBooks.com is a great idea because more people are writing books for and about African

Americans and more consumers are purchasing books.

Mr. Reaves says he first got the idea to start the company while attending the Million Man March in 1995. He came back wanting to reach out to and help his community by being a public advocate for literacy locally and nationally, he added.



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