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City rep wants students involved

BY CHAD ROBERTS
Copy Desk Chief

Newly-elected City Councilwoman Goldie Wells said she was impressed with the changes A&T has made since she was a graduate student.

"I'm pleased with the progress A&T has made. I think its position of status has been elevated in the minds of the people," Wells said.

Wells is the District 2 representative on Greensboro's City Council.

Her district includes the A&T campus and nearby neighborhoods such as Collegiate Commons and Riverwalk Apartments.

Wells was elected Nov. 2 and sworn-in as a council member on Dec. 6, replacing Claudette Burroughs-White. Wells will serve a two-year term.

Wells said she wants to create a "Collegiate Council," an organization of student leaders from Greensboro's six colleges and universities. She said she wants to improve the civic participation among the city's college-age population, especially A&T students.

"While in school here, you are a resident," Wells said. "So you ought to have some concerns."

Wells estimated that about 80 percent of Bennett College's 600 students voted, while less than 100 A&T students went to the polls on Election Day.

Wells said the 10,000 A&T students could have a significant impact on the city's politics.

"A&T students have the potential of wagging the whole political system - if they register," Wells said.

Wells is a native of Edenton, N.C. She graduated from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University) and earned two postgraduate degrees from A&T. She also has a doctorate from UNC-Chapel Hill.

She worked as a teacher in Greensboro and Raleigh, and retired from the Iredell-Statesville school system.

Before being elected to the city council, Wells worked as the spokeswoman for the Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro, and helped to organize the East Greensboro Coalition.

She said she wants to see students at A&T increase their awareness of local politics and get involved in the decision-making process.

"A&T students should recognize their value to the city," Wells said. "They need to take an active role in what's going on."

About Goldie Wells

Goldie Wells is the representative from District 2, which includes N.C. A&T. Wells is a retired educator who taught in Raleigh, Greensboro, and Iredell-Statesville schools. She can be reached at (336) 621-0634.



Parking deck will fill in for Obermeyer lot

BY MEGAN ROWLS
Contributor

A&T began a \$6.3 million construction project on Thursday Jan. 4.

A new three-story, 514-car parking deck will be built on nearly half of Obermeyer Street parking lot which is directly behind Curtis Hall and Bluford Library.

"We're excited about the construction of the deck. We're taking it as a challenge for the police, but we take pride in taking challenges head on," said Curtis Bigelow, the police chief at A&T.

Parking around these areas will not be available after Jan. 5.

"I think that it is unfair to build a parking lot in the middle of the year because it takes away

from the parking that students had; some students already paid for parking stickers and can't park where they usually park," said Makeda Tillman, a junior journalism and mass communication.

According to Bigelow the new parking deck will contain a swipe-card access for students who have parking permits. Visitors will be able to pull a ticket and then go to the cash machine and receive a token to get in and out of the parking deck. There will also be an opportunity for reserved parking for faculty.

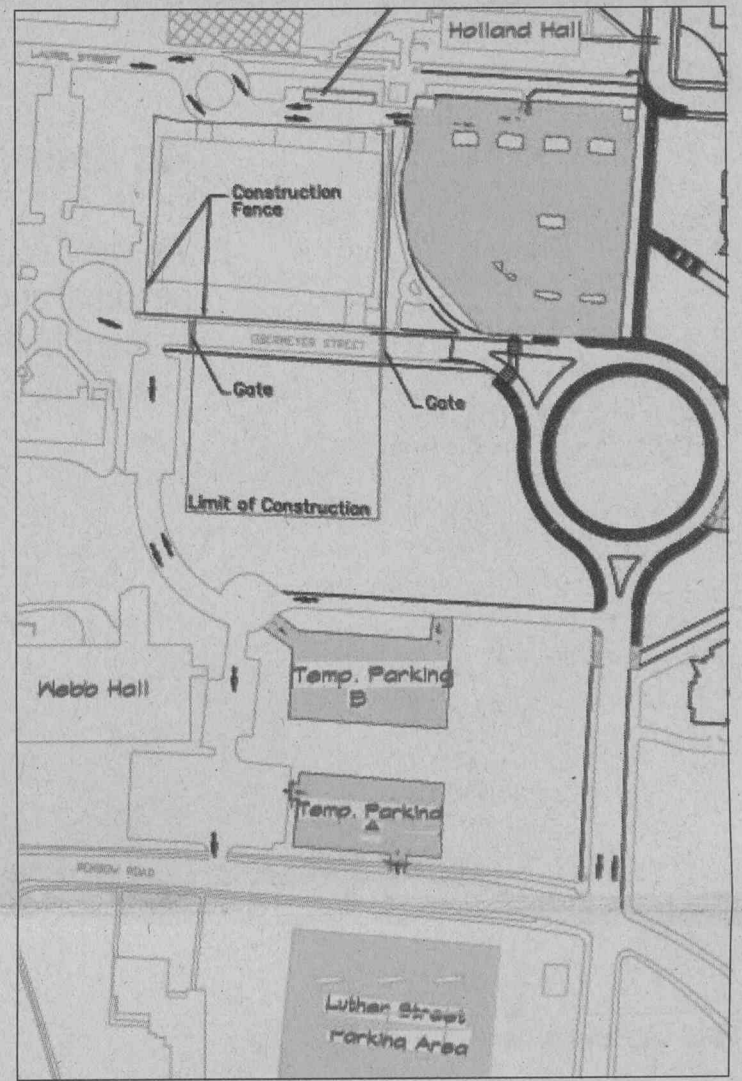
To help with parking while the deck is being built, there will be alternate parking areas for students, faculty and visitors on Luther Street near the new Alumni-Foundation Center.

Commuters can also use the parking area near Daniel Street behind Webb Hall and an area next to Webb Hall facing Benbow Road. The parking area behind Holland Hall on Obermeyer Street will be closed until the end of the semester.

"The staff is properly suffering more than students because there the one's who are losing their lots close to the Dowdy building, but we're going to put them in temporary lots," Bigelow said.

The new construction is making many students have mixed concerns and feelings.

"My only concern is are they going to have it ready by next year and that hopefully there won't be any side effects on the tuition. They should do it over the summer because now there is



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Top: The three-story, 514-car parking deck is needed to meet the fall 2006 completion date of providing additional parking for A&T students.

Bottom: Due to the closing of the Obermeyer parking area, alternative parking is available in the Luther Street, Daniel Street and Webb Hall parking areas.

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Fall graduates look back on college life

BY JASON PUGH
Contributor

"I miss it already. I really enjoyed my experience at A&T," said Joi Bass, a recent graduate of A&T.

Bass was one of the 741 students who received degrees on Dec. 17, 2005. She received a bachelor's degree in manufacturing systems.

Commencement services took place at 8:30 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum. This was a day that many students worked hard to reach, and despite the hardships if any, they made it.

Bass and Robert Watkins, a transportation major, will begin careers in their fields of study in the near future. Bass will be working as a global purchaser for Caterpillar in Illinois.

Watkins will be starting a career with Veolia Transportation. His training with them will take him from Illinois to France.

Bass wants to return to A&T to earn a master's degree in

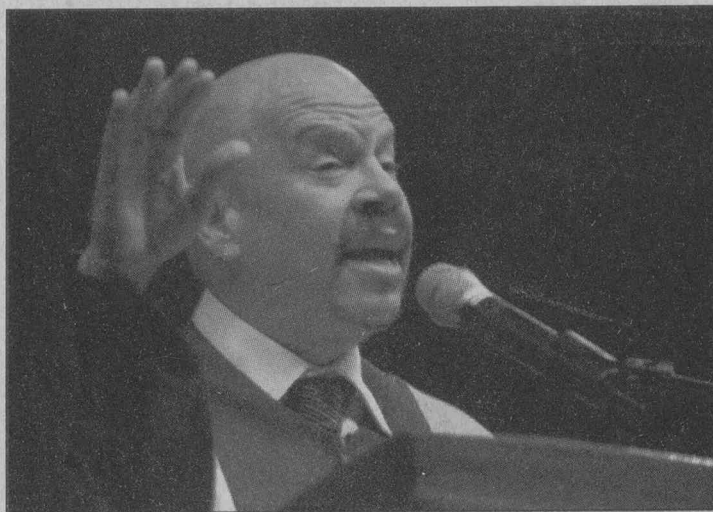


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Tom Joyner, a syndicated radio personality and entrepreneur, made the commencement address to the 741 A&T students and the hundreds in attendance.

school administration.

Bass said that while she was a student she received a grant from Cargill. This grant was for \$6,000 and it went towards a project to create a partnership between A&T and the public school systems.

"It made me happy to see the students I worked with attending

school here on campus," Bass said.

Crystal Arrington, a journalism and mass communication major said that working part time and graduating with honors was one of her many achievements. Arrington plans to work with a

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Area business gives a boost to resumes

BY ANGELA HARRIS
Contributor

One of the most important things that future employers look for on a resume is community service.

According to the service-leader.org, volunteering shows the employer that you have interests outside the classroom and that you will be a well-rounded employee. One place where this can happen is Regional Child Care Resources & Referral.

Regional Child Care Resources & Referral (RCCR&R) is an accredited, United Way child care resource and referral service. With a database of over 850 child care providers, RCCR&R is able to assist parents in finding the child care that meets their needs.

RCCR&R's mission is to "enhance the quality of child care by providing resource and referral, training, nutrition, education, health, safety, and financial assistance to families, the child care workforce, and employers through a team of dedicated professionals."

The mandated core services include information to parents,

providers and employers, counseling, and support for child care providers' compilation of child care data, community education and providing child care services to employers.

For journalism majors, for example, there is the opportunity to help get the RCCR&R's message out to the community.

For business majors, there is the chance to show how the organization can increase its productivity. For nursing, education and social work majors there are opportunities to work directly with practitioners in each field.

For students who are interested in graphic design and computers, there is help needed with website design and upkeep. Even foreign language majors have a place at RCCR&R with the growing immigrant population in the Triad.

Shanai Blackwell, a recent A&T journalism and mass communication graduate is now a public relations assistant at RCCR&R. Blackwell started out as a volunteer and intern. She had worked in child care for five years before coming to RCCR&R.

"When I was a volunteer here,

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Weekly Update

Jan. 12

7 p.m.
BATTLE FOR THE IRON MIC
Moore Gym
hosted by SUAB Social Affairs

10 p.m.
FREE NXLEVEL APPRECIATION PARTY
The Sky Bar
hosted by NxLevel Entertainment

Jan. 13

10 p.m.
BACK TO SCHOOL TAKEOVER
George K's
hosted by the Bloody Mu Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

10 p.m.
SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDRAISER
Phi Beta Sigma/Zeta Phi Beta plot
hosted by the Eta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Jan. 15

9 p.m.
REV. DR. MLK BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Club Vida
hosted by J&K Productions

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I was able to actually do something besides make copies and get coffee," she said. "Mrs. Fairley allowed me to grow as a public relations practitioner."

Joyce V. Fairley is the regional director for RCCR&R and she is always looking for volunteers.

"We need help to get the RCCR&R message to a wider demographic, particularly the Hispanic community," she said. "I need help with brochures, newsletters, press releases, event planning, Web site development, and updating the database."

Marian Little is the scholarship coordinator at RCCR&R. She

provides parents who do not qualify for Headstart with financial assistance. She said the best thing about RCCR&R for her is being able to meet many different, great people and knowing that she is able to assist in their needs.

RCCR&R also address the issue of affordable child care for working parents. They offer scholarships to assist in paying for child care fees.

Additionally, RCCR&R offers employers enhanced information and referral services tailored to specific needs of their employees.

RCCR&R provide lunch-time seminars addressing work life issues. Topics at the seminars

range from selecting child care providers, child development, ages and stages, balancing work life and family, including stress management.

In *The Resume Handbook*, authors, Arthur D. Rosenberg and David Hizer state that a resume should focus on accomplishments that had a measurable effect on where you worked.

If you are a student with a limited work history, some employers are accepting volunteer experience as work experience.

If interested in volunteer opportunities at RCCR&R call (336) 369-5000 or visit www.ucdcccip.org for more information.

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group of publishers to release a book of poetry.

For many of the students networking was one of the major lessons learned from the school.

"It truly isn't what you know it is who you know," Arrington said.

Watkins credits his success with his job to networking through his professors.

"It has allowed me to get two of the most vital internships that I have, allowing me to get this job I have now," Watkins said.

Reflecting on the school and their time here the students all agreed that they enjoyed their

experience.

"The department (JOMC) was nurturing and family oriented," Arrington said.

When asked if they would give back to the university, all of the students said they planned to in the future.

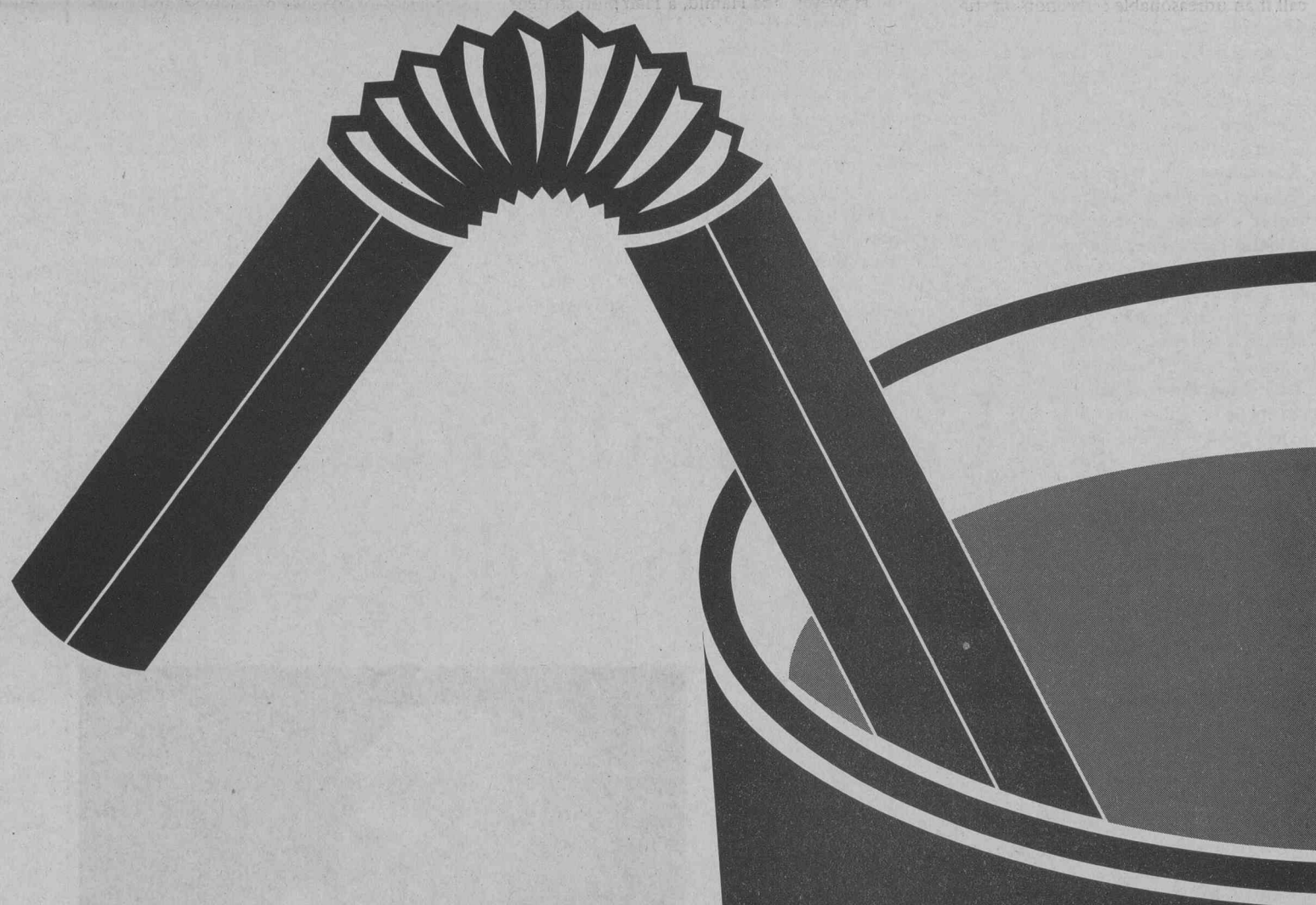
Watkins said he would want his donations to go where he would feel it would benefit the students the most.

"Yes I will, my dean already told me I will be getting a letter in the mail," Bass said jokingly.

A&T is called home by thousands. Most students hope that they too will find a career after receiving education from the university.

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the summer because now there is going to be less parking during the semester," said John Holland, a junior broadcast production major.

To help with the parking issues police and security are getting ways to help students commute around campus and cope with traffic.

"We will have signs and we want students to pay attention to them. Students can go to the police department Web site or on campus broadband. (The radio station) 90.1 is a good source for information about changes," Bigelow said.

Students may have to prepare for a possible increase in the cost of parking permits, according to Bigelow.

"We want the parking deck to be self sustained to pay for itself. We'll do what we can to have reasonable prices for our community and students," he said.

According to Bigelow the parking deck may be an eight-month project.

"We would like to see it open for the fall semester. We want to make deadlines. Once the deck is up things should be much better with traffic and parking. It will be a benefit to the community," Bigelow said.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 30 edition there was an article published titled, "African display: A&T professor recognizes Yoruba culture," that had a few errors..

1) Spelling: Iyalode (Chieftancy) Oyatoki Okunwale

2) The belt around the sculpture was designed by Osabunmi Oyewole Akinsegun, priestess of Obatala, member of the women's society and one of the dancers in the video.

3) Spelling: Sango (Shango)

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The group World Can't Wait, whose Web site includes this illustration, sponsored a nationwide anti-Bush protest Nov. 2.

Say What??????????

Seven Hampton students face punishment in organizing protest of President Bush, Iraq War

By CIARA FAMBLE
Black College Wire

Seven Hampton University students face disciplinary action Dec. 2 after organizing a student protest a month ago, and their plight is gaining national attention from those who call it an unreasonable restriction on students' free speech.

Aaron Ray, John Robinson and Brandon King said they thought they were adding to a legacy of student activism when they encouraged their classmates to participate in a Nationwide Student Walkout against the Bush administration and the war in Iraq.

On Friday, Nov. 18, the three organizers received a summons from the university to attend a hearing over their possible expulsion.

However, Bennie McMorris, the university's vice president for student affairs, said Dec. 2 in the Daily Press of Newport News, Va., that contrary to the students' fears, they would not be expelled, though the students would be disciplined. "This is, in my opinion, a minor offense," McMorris was quoted as saying. "We're not talking about burning down a building."

The students were accused of not following proper protest protocol as outlined in the Hampton handbook. They were said to have been "cajoling" and "proselytizing," as well as putting up fliers that had not been approved by university officials. The maximum penalty for these actions is expulsion.

The hearing was to take place the following Monday, Nov. 21, which left the students minimal time to contact attorneys, parents and administrators.

After the administration was flooded with phone calls from outraged students and representatives of organizations, the administration moved the hearing to Friday, Dec. 2, but with one adjustment: Four more students faced expulsion on the same charges.

Tarla Jones, a junior psychology major at Hampton, acknowledged that the protesters did not follow proper procedure. "You really won't see anything" posted on campus "that's not stamped," she said. "Sometimes you see party stuff, and that's illegal, but they don't know who put it up. This time they know."

However, Eba Hamid, a Hampton student who is helping to defend the accused, said students had collected 25 to 30 papers distributed on campus that were not stamped with university approval. "It's just selective enforcement," she said.

The World Can't Wait - Drive Out the Bush Regime, a national organization supported by such celebrities as actress Jane Fonda, scholar Cornel West and writer Gore Vidal, is circulating an open letter on the Internet that says, "The attacks on the student organizers at Hampton University, a historically black college with a mostly Republican administration, is an ugly harbinger of the 'dissent-free' future the Bush regime is trying to lock into place. These attacks are part of a pattern of repression against high school and college students nationwide . . . that disproportionately targeted black, Latino and other oppressed students."

Ray, Robinson and King, along with dozens of other Hampton students, had gathered Nov. 2 in the student union to read poetry, give speeches and distribute anti-Bush literature as part of a nationwide protest against the Bush administration. It was part of the World Can't Wait's national anti-Bush movement criticizing the actions of President Bush on domestic and foreign policy issues. The organization encouraged people to walk out of classes and stay home that day in 70 cities in more than 200 schools.

According to a March 17, 2000, article in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Hampton began requiring that all campus demonstrations be approved in advance by the administration in 1990, threatening to

take away financial aid from students who participated in unauthorized demonstrations. Hampton President William R. Harvey invited President George H.W. Bush to the campus the next year.

"Many Hampton students and faculty members accused Mr. Harvey of selling out the university for the sake of financial and political gain when he brought President Bush to the campus in 1991 to speak at commencement and receive an honorary degree," the article continued, speaking of George H.W. Bush. "Among their objections, they pointed to Mr. Bush's veto of the 1990 Civil Rights Act."

"Before the commencement, Mr. Harvey had written a memo stating that the critics should 'be mature and astute enough to understand that a visit by the President of the United States will create many positive benefits which will impact directly on salary, research opportunities, scholarships for students and the like,'" the story continued. "We have a venue for anybody to speak out on anything," he says. "If any student wishes to speak out about any issue, they may do so, as may the faculty."

Some Howard University students criticized Hampton for its most recent actions.

Desmond Jones, a sophomore nursing major, said the Hampton students were exercising their right to protest and should not be punished. "I don't feel they should be expelled from school. Everyone has their right to stand up for what they believe in," he said.

Dominique A. Scott, a sophomore legal communications major, said, "This is just another attempt by a university administration to abuse their undeserving power in an effort to silence a student body for the wrong reasons."

Ciara Famble, a student at Howard University, writes for the Hilltop.

10 lose degrees in Southern U. grade scandal

By NIKKI G. BANNISTER
Black College Wire

Ten former students at Southern University have lost their degrees after a two-year investigation into charges that a student presented false credentials to the graduate school.

The former students are subject to criminal indictment.

A former assistant registrar pleaded guilty Dec. 19 to bribery charges stemming from the grade-buying scandal, according to the Baton Rouge Advocate, which said that Cleo Carroll Jr., 56, of Baton Rouge, faced up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

A sentencing hearing was expected in late February or March, the newspaper said.

Carroll was accused of taking \$7,700 from five former and current students to change their transcripts. Prosecutors alleged that Carroll took bribes between October 2001 and February 2003. He worked at the university from 1971 until 2003.

"Southern University is an important institution that has received \$107 million (in federal funds) over the last three years," U.S. Attorney David Dugas was quoted as saying. "This prosecution goes a long way toward maintaining the integrity of the university."

"As indicated in our press conference in March, Southern University will not tolerate any illegal or unethical behavior of any of its operations," Edward R. Jackson, chancellor of Southern University-Baton Rouge, declared in a November statement.

"Where we find such behavior, we will stop it, correct it, and report it to the proper authorities," said Jackson, who also serves as interim president of the Southern University System.

In addition to the 10 students who lost their degrees, 27 others had academic credits revoked, according to the Advocate.

Jackson announced in March 2004 that Southern University System internal auditors had discovered that at least 541 current and former students had been involved in a grade-changing scheme on the Baton Rouge campus.

The university was alerted that a student who had enrolled in one of Southern's graduate programs presented credentials indicating that she was a graduate of the university. The department had no record of her having earned a degree, Jackson said then.

The university was able to trace the undocumented entries of other students and to identify the employee codes that were

used to alter academic records, Jackson had said.

These students lost their degrees, Jackson announced:

-Robert Smith of Vicksburg, Miss., awarded a bachelor's in elementary education in 1989 and a master's in counselor education in 1993.

-Tocquen Hill of Opelousas, La., bachelor's in agriculture and home economics, 1994.

-Shanda Franklin of Baton Rouge, bachelor's in business management, 1996.

-Gregory Thompson of Baker, La., bachelor's in electrical engineering, 1997.

-Donald Kelly of Baton Rouge, bachelor's in biology, 1999.

-Richard Dumas of Baton Rouge, bachelor's in political science, 1999.

-Chanda Rollins of Baton Rouge, bachelor's in speech pathology and audiology, 2000.

-Takiyah Peoples of Baker, bachelor's in therapeutic recreation and leisure, 2001.

-Kimberli Mason of Baker, bachelor's in accounting, 2003.

-Shawanda Leslie of Houma, La., bachelor's in computer science, 2003.

The university shook up the registrar's office after the discrepancies came to light. Marvin Allen, the former registrar, was reassigned and Brenda K. Williams became registrar. State-of-the-art monitoring mechanisms were installed, along with other staff changes.

"With the new internal control systems, along with other changes in the registrar's office, there is no reason for anyone to question the integrity of the records maintained at Southern University," Williams said. "The lapses that happened were in the past. We are an institution with integrity."

Some students said they feared the effect of the scandal on their own degrees.

"This makes it harder for the people who work for it," said Semeko Cox, a graduate student in mental health from New Orleans. "When you tell people you go to Southern University, they second-guess you and your degree."

Nikki G. Bannister is a senior at Southern University-Baton Rouge and editor-in-chief of the Southern Digest.

Southern U. to host national student symposium

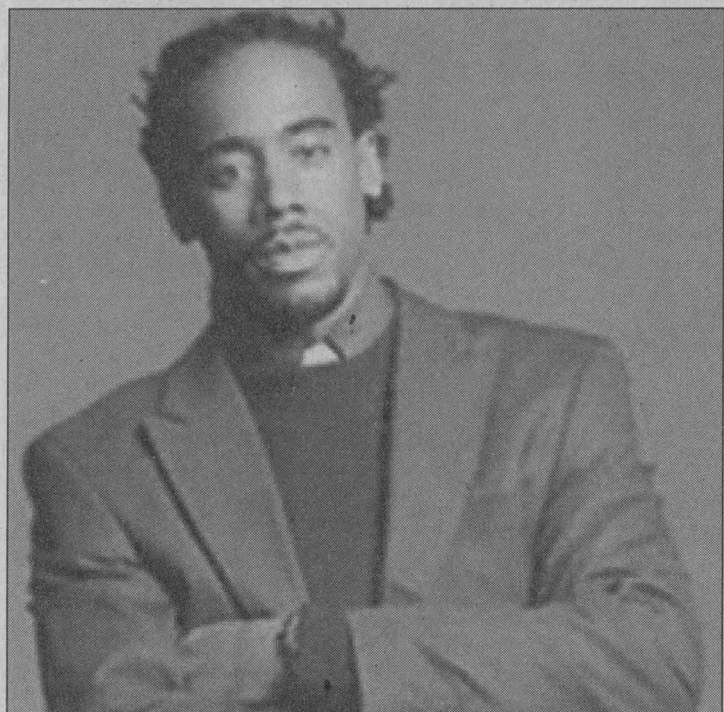


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Jeffrey Johnson is scheduled to host the State of the Black Student Symposium.

By ALEXIS J. ALEXANDER
Black College Wire

"It's time for us to get together and have a meaningful dialogue for our own future to take control of our destiny," said Desherick Boon of Southern University. "Students will feel empowered by listening to students and professionals from across the country by discussing common issues and finding resolutions."

Boon was promoting, in a news release, the first national State of the Black Student Symposium forum, which Southern University is hosting on Feb. 25. He is co-chair.

Southern student Desherick Williams spearheaded the idea for the symposium after watching an installment of Tavis Smiley's "State of Black America" series in the fall of 2004.

"I was inspired to address

needs within the community," said Williams, a junior criminal justice major from Dallas. "There are pertinent issues that we as college students must face and take care of."

Topics to be addressed include higher education, relationships, race relations, religion, the black family, economic empowerment, health, culture, hip-hop and music, volunteerism and alumni issues.

"There are indeed issues, solutions and resolutions to these topics," Williams said.

Southern, one of the largest historically black universities and the only black university system in the country, is expecting thousands from across the nation at the Baton Rouge, La., campus.

The forum is to feature professionals and five students representing colleges from across the country. Jeffrey Johnson of Black Entertainment Television's "The Jeff Johnson Chronicles," a pub-

lic speaker, leadership trainer, African Methodist Episcopal pastor and social activist, is to be the moderator.

"Jeffrey Johnson is our generation's civil rights leader," said Justin McCorkle, Southern University Student Government Association president. "He is a hard worker for black youth. His arrival has nothing to do with him being on BET."

Johnson, also known as "Cousin Jeff," can be seen Wednesdays on the BET program "Rap City," engaging viewers on a variety of social issues. He is national director of the America Votes Young Voter Project.

"The youth of today are the leaders of today. If we fail to sow the seeds of education and real leadership into our young people today, we will be forced to reap the weeds of our ignorance versus the flowers of our love tomorrow," Johnson said in a news release.

Free and open to high school juniors and seniors and to college students, interested participants may register online at www.subr.edu and obtain additional information there.

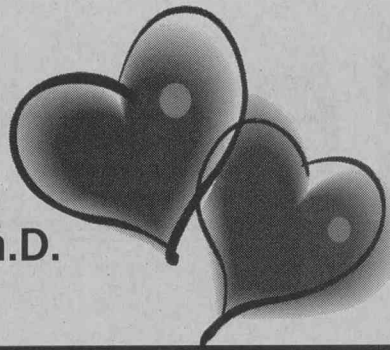
"This will not be a meeting of just talking," said Edna Hickman, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is a time to bring students together, to start networking, and to create solutions."

The event takes place at the F. G. Clark Activity Center from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For further inquiries, contact Williams or McCorkle at (225) 771-2300, Hickman at (225) 771-3922, or Keisha Lacour at (225) 771-4545.

Alexis J. Alexander, a student at Southern University, writes for the Southern Digest.

"It's been real!"
 - Teresa Jo Styles, Ph.D.



Word on the street....

Welcome back!

We are now entering the spring semester and I couldn't be happier, for it is my LAST semester at this institution of higher education.

This holiday break was eventful to say the least.

Comedian Richard Pryor died as did Lou Rawls.

Both were sad losses in the black community. But on a lighter note here is a story I'm sure you will find amusing:

Last Monday night I'm at my friend's house in Atlanta laying across the bed in my sweats watching *Family Guy*. I hear a small tap on the window. I look. See nothing. Lay back down. It had just rained and I thought that it was some random wildlife. Then, about 15 minutes later, I heard another loud rumbling of leaves and I sat up. Something told me to get up and go into the living room and look outside to see what was really going on. So, I slide off the bed and went into the room to the porch door. When I lifted up the blinds, what do I see? A middle-aged Caucasian man in a pink and red lingerie tank top, panties, robe and boots pleasuring himself by looking in the mirror at me! "Eewwwwww" I screamed as I ran into the bathroom and locked myself in! I didn't know what to do. So, I called my mom who was 5 hours away in Charlotte. "Call the police dummy!" she yelled. I hung up on her and called the DeKalb county police A.S.A.P. The moral of that story was, people are nasty and are perverts!

If you hadn't noticed there is no features section anymore because the features and arts & entertainment sections have been combined into this section. All of the fashion, campus events, greek life and just general information will be in this section until the end of the semester.

If you have any stories that you'd like told in the register, e-mail me at cw990549@ncat.edu

A king-sized disaster

REVIEW
 BY CANDRA WHITLEY
 Arts & Life Editor

When a director decides to "remix" a movie, one wonders, does he just sit down and say, "I can make that movie so much better!"

To the dismay of many critics, director Peter Jackson's rendition of the 1930's classic King Kong was, for lack of a better word, boring.

The movie started off in a Manhattan playhouse, and in that playhouse was a struggling actress who had big dreams of being in a major Broadway play. Upon losing her job she stumbles upon the opportunity of a lifetime.

In another part of town, small time movie director, Carl Denham (Jack Black), was devising a plan to travel to a remote, undiscovered island to make a feature length film about the island natives. Upon getting rejected he also lost his lead actress, but finds a new prospect: the recently unemployed Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts).

He cajoles her into joining his production under false pretenses. Once upon the ship, Ann meets with the producer that wrote the play that she longs to be in. And in predictable fashion, they fall in love. On the way, the ship mates get an earful when they figure out exactly where they are going.

In a long drawn out sequence the ship takes a turn in the



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Actress Naomi Watts and King Kong look ahead at the oncoming danger.

wrong direction, encountered rough seas and potential dangerous situations and ends up at the island before they knew it.

Once upon the island the director and his crew decide to test their luck and paddle ashore to start filming. As they traveled deeper into the foliage of the island they see a little boy who

ends up being part of a tribe of island natives who are blood thirsty.

The savage natives kill many of their crew and steal Ann Darrow for the sacrifice to their illusive "Kong". Then, out of nowhere, the super-sized, silver back gorilla appears through the trees and swoops her up into the forest.

For the next two hours the relationship between the lady and the beast was in its beginnings. He tossed her around, threw her, smelled her and basically beat her.

Then after a round of playing dead, he left her alone. Left alone in the woods, and a search party looking diligently for her,

Darrow searches for any signs of life she can find to get off of the island.

To her dismay she finds a batch of dinosaurs who see her as a tasty treat! And out of the island shrubbery comes her savior King Kong (who spends a breath taking 45 minutes fighting and rescuing her from her imminent death).

For the remainder of the story she ends up loving the gorilla and getting rescued by her producer/lover. The director has an idea of trapping the gorilla and taking him back to the states to producing the greatest Broadway show ever. That feat in itself took another 35 minutes.

Once caught and back in Manhattan, King Kong is debuted on stage in Broadway looking sad and lonely. Once he realizes that his lovely Ann is not on stage with him, the shows out! He tore up the stage and theatre running around town grabbing up every blonde woman that he saw. If it was not his Ann, he threw the women back to the ground.

Finally, he stumbles upon his love, and they share a tender moment until the police arrived. He climbs up a building, says Ann is beautiful and gets shot by planes.

This movie, I must say had to be the WORST movie I'd ever paid to see. If I had not paid \$6, I would have immediately walked out. I've heard mixed reviews and I have my opinion but you can be the judge.

Bad breath: A rising problem in the U.S.

BY AMY BERTRAND
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 (KRT)

ST. LOUIS-- Breath mints, breath strips, mouthwash, toothpaste. It's a multi-billion-dollar-a-year industry. Why? Because bad breath leaves a bad impression. But the truth is, it could also be a sign of bad health.

"Bad breath could be because of a problem in the sinuses, mouth, lungs, kidney or airways," says Dr. Prabhakar Swaroop, a gastroenterologist at St. Louis University Hospital. "If someone comes to me with persistent bad breath, I start looking for other causes of it."

He says that recently, a patient complained to him of having bad breath. After several tests, it turned out that the patient had an infection in his lungs. "The halitosis led us to that."

Halitosis is another word for bad breath. It can be an embarrassing problem for those who have it.

"It's such a devastating disease," says Susanne Cohen, a dentist for 21 years in the St.

Louis area and co-owner with her father of a company that makes Smart Mouth, a mouthwash that promises to eliminate bad breath 24 hours a day with regular use. "When they walk into a room you can smell them. It's so embarrassing; it affects their social life, their business, even their love lives."

In the United States, more than 25 million people seek treatment from dentists for bad breath, according to an Encyclopaedia Britannica entry written by dentist Marvin Cohen, Susanne Cohen's father and a leading expert on halitosis.

He says the problem is so serious, ancient civilizations used to refer to it as a "curse."

While for many people bad breath just means it's time to brush your teeth after that morning cup of coffee, for others it's a chronic problem caused by an underlying illness or by no known reason.

"A lot of people think that if someone has a chronic bad-breath problem, they don't take care of their teeth," says Susanne Cohen. "They assume bad odor is associated with lack of adequate dental health. But that's

not necessarily true. Many if not most people who have chronic halitosis have immaculate care. They've been afflicted for so long and spent so much time trying to find a cure."

What is bad breath? The culprits of bad breath are gram-negative anaerobic bacteria, microorganisms that live and function in an oxygen-deprived environment. These organisms naturally exist in the mouth, says Susanne Cohen. The bacteria ingest protein particles and metabolize them, producing sulfur gases.

"That rotten-egg smell," says Swaroop.

This is what causes bad breath. Gum disease, on the other hand, is caused by plaque, which is another form of bacteria, an aerobic or oxygen-loving kind, on the teeth. That bacteria can also cause sulfur gases. Thus, you often find that along with periodontal disease comes bad breath.

"But for those who have a chronic problem, it can't be explained by periodontal disease," says Cohen. "Is it something in their saliva? The truth is, nobody knows."

BAD-BREATH MYTHS

MYTH: Low-carb diets don't cause bad breath.

FACT: Because you consume so much protein in low-carb diets, this protein is food for the anaerobic bacteria that cause bad breath. Certain chemicals, called ketones, are released in the breath as the body burns fat. There are only two ways to excrete ketones, Swaroop says, through urine and through breath. That's why if you are on a low-carb diet, it's important to drink lots of water.

MYTH: People who have chronic bad breath practice poor dental hygiene.

FACT: Many chronic bad-breath sufferers do an excellent job of brushing and flossing, mainly because they are overly concerned about their breath.

MYTH: Tongue scrapers are just another ploy to get you to spend money.

FACT: Scraping your tongue is one of the more important things you can do to fight bad breath. On the surface of the tongue are little hairlike projections called papilla, says Dr. Darren Bremer, a dentist in Wentzville, Mo. "Those papilla are an ideal place to trap food, and then the bacteria adhere there. Air flows over and causes the offending odor." However, most experts say running a toothbrush over your tongue works just as well. Just make sure you go back as far as a tongue scraper would.

MYTH: People who have a bad taste in their mouth will also have bad breath.

FACT: A bad taste is not necessarily indicative of bad breath. People can have a very bad taste in their mouths with no detectable odor. Similarly, people can have no bad taste in their mouths and still have extremely offensive bad breath. They get used to the smell. "If you smell the same perfume again and again you get immune to that smell," says Swaroop.

MYTH: Medications don't lead to bad breath.

FACT: Some antidepressants and antihistamines can cause bad breath, says Swaroop. "They make the mouth dry and promote bacterial growth on the tongue."

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What's News-

In Business and Finance

Job Growth Slows As Economy Cools

Job growth slowed in December, a sign the economy may have lost some steam, but wage growth picked up.

Nonfarm payroll employment rose just 108,000 from November, the Labor Department reported. However, November's job gains were revised up sharply to 305,000 from 215,000. Economists said the 206,500 average for the two months is a better indication of underlying employment growth than the figures for November or December alone.

There were many encouraging signs in the December report. Unemployment slipped to 4.9% from 5%, matching October's four-year low. Hourly wages rose 0.3% from November and 3.1% from a year earlier, the biggest annual gain in almost three years—though still below the most recently reported inflation rate. Moreover, claims for unemployment insurance in recent weeks suggest employment growth may be stronger in January.

Still, the softer December job creation followed a report earlier in the week that manufacturing activity, too, had slowed in December. Taken with a handful of other indicators, the recent data suggest economic growth may have slowed from its 4% pace of the past two years.

Ford to Refocus On Market Share

Ford Motor Co. says it has turned its focus to halting a decade-long slide in its share of the U.S. car and truck market, even as it restructures in North America to be profitable at a lower sales base.

The U.S. auto market was long dominated by the three Detroit auto makers, with foreign auto makers fighting for a third or less of the remaining share. Last year, however, Ford's market share had dropped to 17.4% from around 25% during 1994 to 1998, Autodata says.

The automaker's plan for defending its market share includes a renewed push into the midsize-sedan market and new vehicles for the growing market for crossover sport-utility vehicles, which are smaller than traditional SUVs. Ford projects that market will exceed the traditional SUV market this year.

The company scored a rare hit, meanwhile, with its recent redesign of the Mustang, echoing the 1960s original. Two other muscle-car nameplates returned last year as well: the Dodge Charger and Pontiac GTO. Now General Motors is gearing up for a likely relaunch of the Camaro, a muscle car introduced in the 1960s, and Chrysler plans to reproduce the Dodge Challenger, a sporty coupe popular in the early 1970s.

Telecoms to Press For Net-Usage Fees

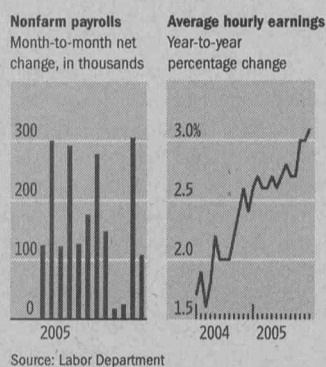
Large phone companies hope to start charging Google, Vonage and other Internet content providers for high-quality delivery of music, movies and the like over their telecommunications networks.

BellSouth said it is in early talks with Internet movie companies and at least one gaming company with the aim of striking agreements on fees to guarantee fast content delivery over the Internet. AT&T executives have expressed support for charging companies to ensure that their content gets priority delivery, and Verizon Chief Executive Ivan Seidenberg said he might favor reaching deals with companies to do the same. "We have to make sure they don't sit on our network and chew up our capacity," Mr. Seidenberg told reporters.

The phone companies envision a system whereby Internet companies would agree to pay a fee for their content to receive priority treatment on increasingly crowded networks. Those that don't pay the fee would find their transactions with Internet users—for games, movies and software downloads, for example—moving across networks at the normal

Mixed Signals on Jobs

Job growth softens but wage gains pick up



Source: Labor Department

but comparatively slower pace.

Web Entrepreneur Gets the Picture

Alex Tew, 21, of Cricklade, England, had a novel idea to help pay for college. He would create a Web site and sell advertising on it by the pixel—the simplest graphical denominator of a computer screen. His goal: one million dollars.

Mr. Tew launched million-dollarhomepage.com in August, selling pixels for \$1 each, with a minimum order of 100. In each space, buyers could put a graphical ad of their choosing and link it to their own site. By year end, he had sold 999,000 pixels, and demand for the last thousand so outstripped supply that over the New Year he put the last 1,000 pixels up for sale on eBay.

The success of Mr. Tew's venture—helped first by attention from bloggers, then British news media—has inspired rival sites. Stickermymummer.com, for one, a marriage of online and outdoor advertising, encourages buyers to purchase ads on an online picture of the body of a Hummer H2; when that's filled the site's owner, a California State University student, promises he'll buy a real one and cover it with the ads.

As for Mr. Tew, the attention his site has received persuaded him to postpone his university studies.

Doctors Concerned About MP3 Overuse

Some doctors say they are seeing young patients with signs of noise-induced hearing loss that wouldn't typically emerge before middle age, and they are worried that the constant use of MP3 players may be partly to blame.

Because the players hold thousands of songs and have long-lasting batteries, people listen to the devices—which blare music directly into the ears—for long periods of time.

The issue hasn't been well studied, and no one knows for certain how much hearing loss might be attributable to music players. But Sony, Panasonic, Etymotic Research, Shure and Bose are all producing headsets that aim to block out background noise, so you can hear the music better at lower volumes.

Odds & Ends

The pace of national spending on health care slowed in 2004, due in part to slower growth in prescription-drug sales, new government data show. Health spending by both public and private payers grew 7.9% in 2004, the most recent year for which complete information is available. That's the smallest increase since 2000, when it grew 6.3%.

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- Stymied by an economic slump, young adults in Japan decide to drop out of the work force.
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- Some universities are so flush with cash that alumni are curtailing their donations.

Will Starbucks Ruin Its Hipster Image With Drive-Throughs?

By STEPHEN GRAY

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif.—As the company that popularized the \$4 cup of coffee pushes beyond its urban roots to caffeine freaks in the suburbs and rural America, a big question is brewing: Can the upscale Starbucks image—painstakingly cultivated with strong coffee, soft chairs and hipster music—survive the drive-through window?

Starbucks is building hundreds of new Starbucks cafés this year with drive-through windows, a fast-food industry innovation pioneered by McDonald's decades ago. To many car-bound customers, it's an innovation whose time has come. "I wouldn't have stopped at Starbucks if it wasn't a drive-through," said Dan Fachner, president of the Icee Co., a convenience-store beverage supplier, who had just picked up a "Grande" black coffee at an Ontario, Calif., Starbucks not far from his office.

But other customers aren't enthusiastic. Laura Kanter, a 41-year-old legal recruiter in downtown Chicago, says she goes to Starbucks to sit down and talk with friends over coffee. A drive-through window, she says, "takes away from them being coffee-shappy."

"In a way," Ms. Kanter continues, the company has "cheapened the brand. There are so many, and half the time the line's out the door and there's no place to sit." She recalls walking with a colleague on a recent morning to a Starbucks near their office, taking one look at the long line and continuing on to another Starbucks two blocks away.

Window Shopping

Drive-through windows nudge Starbucks into closer competition with McDonald's, Dunkin' Brands Inc.'s Dunkin' Donuts and other fast-



Starbucks plans to open hundreds of new outlets this year with drive-through service.

food chains offering lower prices and faster service.

"We are flattered that Starbucks is beginning to follow in our footsteps," says John Dawson, Dunkin' Brands' chief development officer, noting that his company has served drive-through coffee for more than 25 years.

Starbucks is set to make the windows a fixture at more than half of the 700 company-owned stores it is slated to open in 2006 in Seattle, Chicago and other U.S. markets. Currently, out of 7,450 existing Starbucks outlets in the U.S., about 1,000 have drive-through windows.

With so many markets already blanketed by Starbucks outlets, the company is eager for ways to wring out more growth. The average annual volume at Starbucks stores with a drive-through window is about \$1.3 million, or about 30% higher than stores without.

Drive-through service is also an important component in Starbucks' bid to increase its breakfast business with the introduction of hot breakfast sandwiches in some markets. Morning commuters and others buying breakfast on the run contribute as much as a quarter of some fast-food chains' sales. Still, Starbucks executives steadfastly maintain their stores aren't "restaurants"—fast-

for five lattes, two espressos and a cappuccino can't step aside; all that the cars behind it can do is cool their engines.

Rolling Along

At the drive-through window at the Starbucks in Rancho Cucamonga, peering out at Highway 15 connecting Los Angeles and Las Vegas, jazz played over a loudspeaker on a recent afternoon. Employees hand out pastry and beverage samples to customers lined up at the drive-through "chute." As the line grew to eight cars, some people waited more than three minutes to get their orders. Others were served in less than two.

"We fill up the café in the evenings," said Jenna Bailey, the store's manager, "but we're (mainly) a drive-through store." More than 60% of total sales at Ms. Bailey's store come from the drive-through window, she estimates.

Starbucks began opening drive-through outlets in 1994 in Southern California partly to cater to parents with young children and maybe a dog in the car. The concept brings certain risks, such as higher costs for prime roadside real estate. Some communities have mounted opposition to them. Conrad Rybicki, a Northport, N.Y., attorney, recently got 800 local residents to sign a petition to block an effort to attract a Starbucks with a drive-through window to the upscale Long Island community. "I like Starbucks," Mr. Rybicki says. "But to construct a drive-through window in this area, at this location, is ridiculous. It would be detrimental, as far as traffic congestion goes. It's a major intersection. We're a small village."

Drive-throughs complicate Starbucks' efforts to sell whole-bean coffees, CDs and other merchandise that together account for a growing slice of sales. "I think you'd lose some of that spontaneous, add-on purchase at the drive-through," says CIBC's Mr. Glass. At the Rancho store, Ms. Bailey says she keeps bags of whole-bean coffee handy and does some "suggestive selling" by asking customers, "Do you brew coffee at home?"

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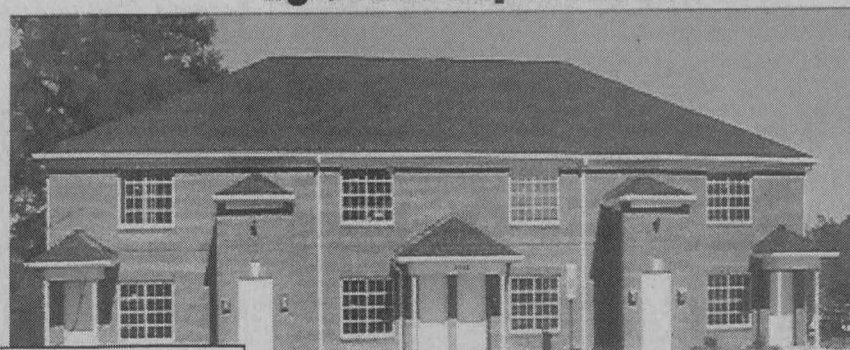
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Hard work pays off

Classroom learning is only part of a college education.

A new generation of North Carolina A&T alumni were born on Dec. 17, 2005, as hundreds of students finally walked across the stage, received their degrees and prepared to enter the world of work.

Ready or not, the day comes when every student says goodbye to the university, and hello to the daily grind of a professional career and the responsibilities of being a full-fledged adult.

No doubt, some are more prepared than others.

For every graduate who lands a great job with a nice salary and impressive benefits, there is one who simply takes whatever job they can get, or starts off at a job that has nothing to do with what they went to college for.

Unfortunately, some students graduate with no job offers at all.

Oftentimes, the difference between hitting the ground running and simply hitting the ground is preparation.

Usually, the students who have completed successful internships off campus, put in long hours, practiced their interviewing skills and researched their careers are the ones who make a smooth transition from full-time student to full-time employee.

Those who spend four, or in some cases, five years on cruise control, doing just enough to get by without sweating too much are the ones who, when asked about plans after graduation, can only offer a shoulder shrug.

What many "undecided graduates" don't seem to realize is the competitiveness of the national job market. It's not just A&T that held commencement exercises last month, but just about every higher education institution in United States.

Thousands of young adults, armed with recently-earned college degrees, set out on the hunt for promising careers around the same time every year. Only the strongest get hired.

College, and the time spent while enrolled, is a training ground, the place to sharpen the skills needed for a successful career. The hard work, no matter what the field of study, should not just be confined to the classroom.

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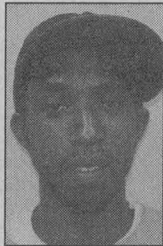
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Old people can't drive

What's the deal, y'all? It's been a minute since I put the pen to the pad, but in case you didn't know - life on Chad Street is pretty hectic.



CHAD ROBERTS

No, this ain't a column to rag on old people. I'm writing about something important - honesty.

I've got a neighbor, a retired guy who's around 65 years old, I guess. We speak, although he doesn't hear too good.

He likes to fish, so I gave him one of my extra fishing poles last year. He recycles, so I give him my empty beer cans.

In return, he'll give me fresh fish or a couple of dollars every now and then.

But anyways, he's got a Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck with the cab on the back. It's huge - longer than a Hummer and wider than a

747. And he keeps it filled with aluminum cans, busted air conditioners, old furniture and anything else he finds that he can recycle.

But anyways, it was Friday, Dec. 16. I got off of work at 5 p.m. and had big plans for the night. The semester was over, exams were done, I had cashed my check and all I needed was a trip to the liquor store to get things started.

I get home and throw my journalism tools (notebooks, pens, pencils, headache medicine) on the floor and rush back out the front door. I walk out to the street, where my car had been parked for the past few days.

I'm about to stick my key in the lock, when I notice something has changed. I know the shape of my car well, and out of the corner of my eye, I can tell something is different. I turned to my right to get a good look.

What I saw was unbelievable (that's right; I saw it with my own

eyes and still didn't believe it) and nearly caused me to blank-out. Somebody hit my car. My jaw dropped to the asphalt and bounced up into my front pocket. The driver's-side back door and rear quarter panel were pushed in about four inches.

"Oh no. No," I thought. "Not tonight. I don't need this tonight."

Then I saw a note on the back door window. It was from the Junkman, explaining what had happened and that he had insurance.

I didn't care. I was mad, as in ready-to-fight mad. Rico - another neighbor - and my homeboy Roger was there. They calm me down with a few cold beers.

The following morning, after the flames and steam had stopped rising from my head, I went and spoke to the Junkman. He apologized, I accepted and we worked through the claim-filing process without any police or unnecessary drama.

Looking back on the incident, I realize how lucky I was, and I see the importance of being honest, being a good friend and a good neighbor. Whatever the odds are of being a hit-and-run victim, even smaller are the odds of somebody going out of their way to own up to it.

The Junkman didn't have to leave the note on my car admitting the accident was his fault. I never would have guessed it was him.

How many people on my street, knowing they could hit a car and get away with it, would actually take responsibility for it?

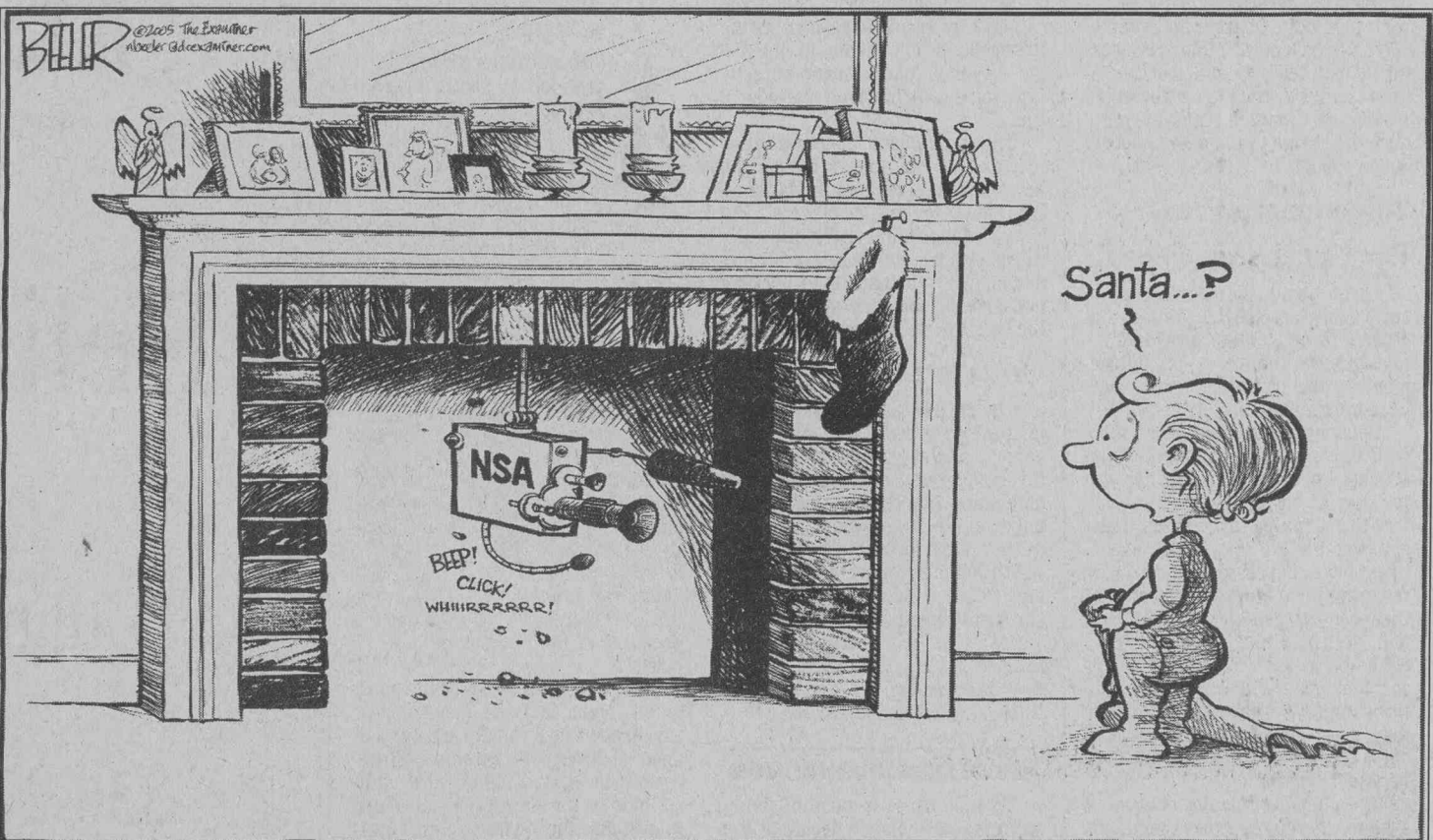
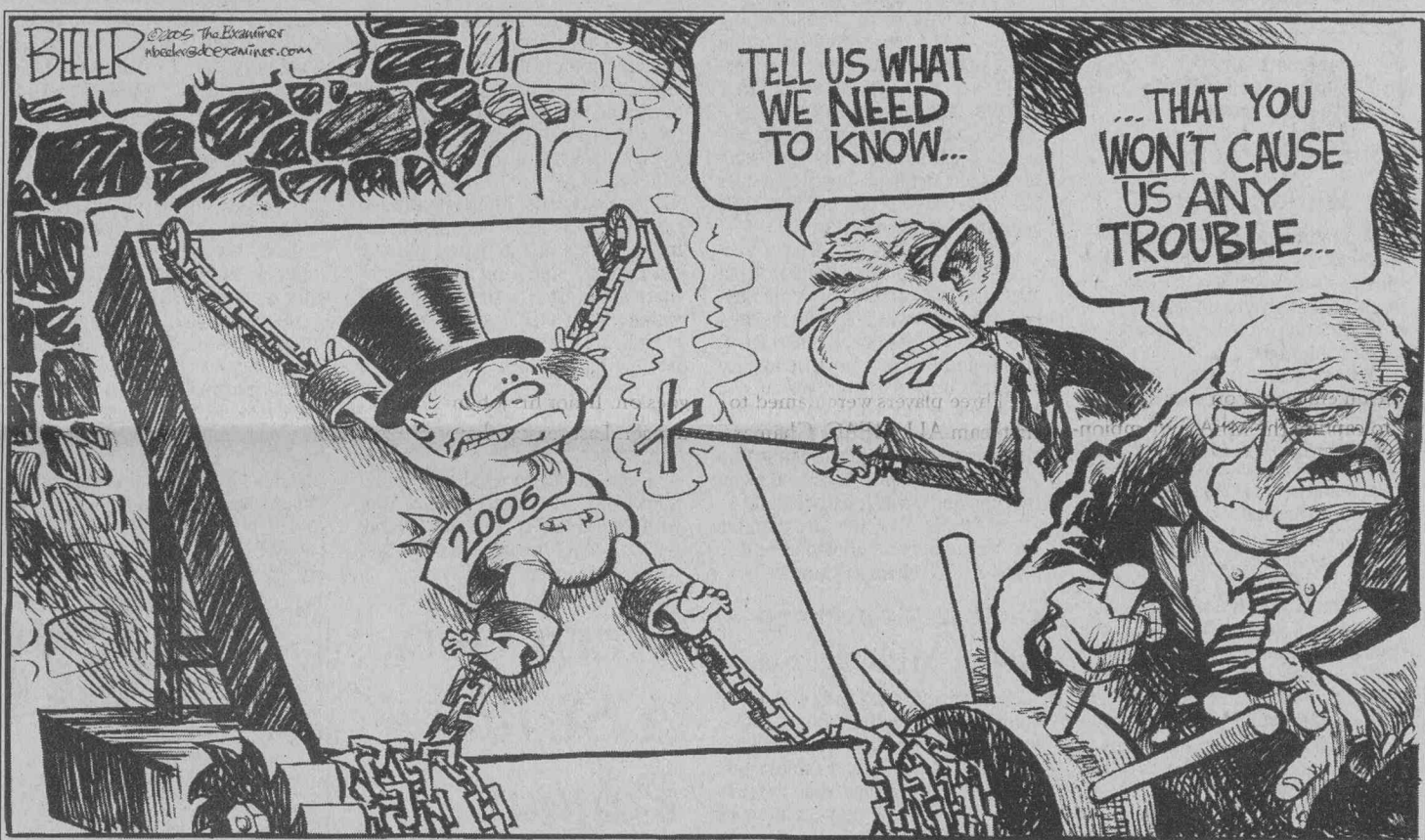
Probably very few.

The Junkman and I are still friends and good neighbors. That monster truck of his, by the way, didn't have a scratch on it.

I hope he keeps it that way. Some of these old people in Greensboro can't drive.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Open the eyes of politicians to the destruction of Africans in Darfur

We all know about the war in Iraq and the devastating tragedies that recent hurricanes have caused in our country, but do any of us know about a tragedy that is happening everyday and is killing 5,000 innocent people each month? The tragedy I am referring to is the ongoing conflict in the Darfur region.



TWI BROWN

For starters, Darfur is in the western region of Sudan and is roughly about the size of Texas. Since the start of open warfare in early 2003, more than 400,000 people have died.

That's almost twice the population of Greensboro. The conflict in Darfur is just the next chapter in the 20-year-old civil war that has plagued the area.

Darfur became thrust into the conflict when rebels in the area took up arms against the government, the rebels being predominantly made up of African sedentary tribes. The rebels claim their actions were in response to economic, political and social marginalization of them by the government. The rebels experienced a string of success in the spring of 2003 and the government responded by arming the Arab "Janjaweed" militia, giving them directions to displace civilian-based populations of African tribes that were believed to be supporters of the rebels. The government has basically set two disadvantaged minority groups against each

other, and the results have been devastating. As a result, in the spring of 2003 alone, 50,000 were killed and 2 million more were displaced from their homes.

Though many efforts for peace have been made, no solution seems to be in sight to end the fighting and the genocide of countless innocent African people.

So, what can we do as students to help stop the conflict in Darfur? The first and most important step we can take as students is educating ourselves and others about this devastating tragedy. By spreading the word about the genocide occurring in Sudan, we can get the word out, bring attention to the cause and get people in positions of power to take notice.

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Young and Bush live up to hype in Rose Bowl

By RANDALL MELL
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
(KRT)

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. -- Texas quarterback Vince Young forced them all to creep to the edge of their seats.

More than 90,000 at the sold-out Rose Bowl, whether they were Texas or USC fans, leaned in to see what phenomenal play he might make next during Wednesday's thrilling 41-38 Longhorns victory in the Bowl Championship Series national title game. Nobody knew which way he would strike next, through the air or scrambling on the run.

Even a day later, after leading Texas to its first national title in 35 years, he still had that magic working.

In the news conference at the Beverly Hills Hilton, the big question was which direction Young's career would turn.

Will the fourth-year junior forgo his senior season and turn pro? Was his performance so magnificent that he could now be on the NFL Draft board as

the Houston Texans' first pick? Is the Heisman Trophy and the lure of back-to-back national titles enough to keep him at Texas?

Young will keep his fans guessing a little longer.

"It's something I still have to sit down with my family and coaches and talk about," Young said.

Young has until Jan. 15 to declare for the NFL Draft. Texas coach Mack Brown wants Young back.

"Somebody asked me if we win the national championship and he leaves, what will I do?" Brown said. "I will kiss him. That hasn't happened yet."

Brown said he will try to unselfishly guide Young.

"If he's back and unhappy, that's the worst thing you can possibly have," Brown said.

"What we want, in reward for Vince, is what is best for him, and that will be the best for Texas."

Brown said there was a surreal feeling to a night that saw the Longhorns win their first national title in 36 years and the morning after that was equally

surreal.

"You know your life is different when your first call is from the president of the United States at 6 in the morning, and your wife asks you if you want to take it," Brown said.

President Bush is from Texas and told Brown he's eager to host the team during its White House visit.

By breaking USC's 34-game winning streak and denying the Trojans an unprecedented third consecutive national title, Texas improved its own winning streak to a national-best 20.

"So often in games so heavily hyped like this, it doesn't live up to the hype," Brown said. "I thought it was better than the hype."

Young was still glowing Thursday over what has to go down as the greatest college football performance with a championship on the line.

He threw for 267 yards and rushed for 200, the 467 yards of total offense being the most in Bowl Championship Series history.

"It's been a long time since

the University of Texas did what we did," Young said.

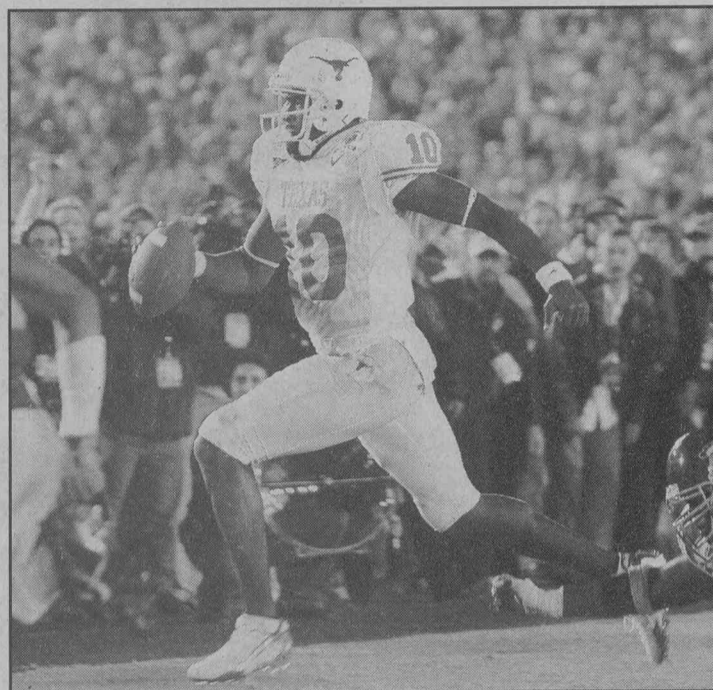
Young's rushing total was a bowl record for a quarterback, surpassing the 199 yards Nebraska's Tommie Frazier accumulated in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl.

"Vince is one of the great players to ever play college football," Brown said. "If he comes back next year, he will have a great shot to win the Heisman. I thought he was the best player on any team this year."

Young was upset that night in New York when he finished second to USC's Reggie Bush in the Heisman Trophy race. He trumped Bush on Wednesday, though, winning not only the national title but Rose Bowl MVP honors, too.

Down 38-26 with a little more than six minutes to play, Young ran for 17- and 8-yard touchdowns to bring the Longhorns back. He did this with USC quarterback Matt Leinart also at his best in the second half.

"Matt Leinart gets credit for being able to read every defense he's seen in his career," Brown said. "Vince is every bit as good



(RON JENKINS/FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/KRT)
University of Texas quarterback Vince Young heads for the goal line to score the winning touchdown late in the 4th quarter as No. 2 Texas beat No. 1 USC 41-38, Wednesday, January 4, 2006 in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

at reading defenses and doesn't seem to get credit for that.

"He needs to start to get

credit for that instead of just for being the guy who makes plays."

A&T athletics year-end review



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The year of 2005 was a roller coaster for the A&T athletic program. It had moments of success and downfalls.

In February, the baseball team embarked on a campaign to capture the MEAC championship. This earned them a spot in the NCAA baseball tournament.

Unfortunately, they fell short of the title round and lost 6-3 in the elimination round to Oral Roberts. This season, which ended in June, was a bright spot for the A&T athletic program.

The baseball team posted many firsts in the record books. Among those were the 27 wins collected and Jeremy Jones' .402 batting average.

This average was the highest ever in A&T baseball history. Jones, an outfielder, was the MEAC Player of the Year in 2005.

Jones was named as a candidate for the 2006 Brook Wallace National Player of the Year award in December. Also, he was named to the 2006 pre-season National College Baseball Writers Association of America All-America Third Team.

On the flipside, the football season will be one to forget. In the midst of a 3-8 season, A&T released offensive coordinator Kent Schoolfield only five games into the season.

At that time, Sports Information Director Brian Holloway cited personnel issues as the reason for his termination. After the conclusion of the season, A&T fired head coach George Small and his staff.

Small, a 1979 alumnus, guided the team to a MEAC championship in 2002. After two losing seasons, he was released.

On Dec. 5, A&T named Lee Fobbs as the new head football coach. Fobbs left his job at Texas A&M to take over Small's job. Fobbs will serve as the head coach and offensive coordinator in 2006.

Three players were named to first-team ALL-MEAC. Chamar Milton, Rickie Lewis, and Walter Stith were honored on the list. Stith, an offensive lineman, was invited to join the Hula Bowl.

Though, the football season was not one to be remembered, in September A&T welcomed ESPN to campus to televise the Hampton game.

ESPN did not just televise football games, they broadcasted volleyball games also.

"Its excellent for the university to get coverage," volleyball coach Millicent Sylvan said. "I've actually had people walk up to me didn't know we even had a volleyball team until this exposure."

The volleyball season was definitely a positive this year.

In November, Sylvan was named MEAC Coach of the Year. She led the team to a record of 20-17 and 9-1 in MEAC. This was a 10-game improvement of the prior season.

The volleyball team ended their season with a loss to Florida A&M in the MEAC final.

The men's basketball team began their season in November, but, only played at home twice since then. On Dec. 2, the team traveled to Virginia Tech. The Hokies handed the Aggies their

fifth loss of the season. This was the beginning of a eight game road trip.

On Dec. 27, the team traveled to Hawaii, but fell short 66-60 to the University of Hawaii. The team was winless in 2005. In February, the men's team finished 6-24 for the 2004-2005 season.

Head coach Jerry Eaves will hope to do better as the season goes on. If not his job may be in danger. Last season, Eaves broke a 32-game losing streak.

The women's basketball team has also been winless so far in the 2005-2006 season. In March, Patricia Bibbs was named the head coach of the women's basketball team. The Lady Aggies finished their season 10-16.

In April, the softball team ended their season at 14-29 and 6-10 in the MEAC. Graduate Lorriane Geiger ended her career on a great note. She was named to Second Team All-MEAC. Geiger was the first Lady Aggie to hit a home run at the Aggie Softball Complex.

Also in April, junior tennis player Damon Martin was named first-team All-MEAC. Martin had a 15-4 record for the season.

The swim team only had one meet in the month of December. The swimmers took advantage of this and came away with their first victory of the season.

The meet came down to the wire. In the final event, Asha el-Shair, Sujotta Pace, Aasiya Townsell and Shanell Thomas teamed up to win the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:45:69.

With the addition of Fobbs and an accomplished baseball team, the 2006 season should be one to watch.

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