

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship

NCAT Student Newspapers

Digital Collections

4-23-2008

The Register, 2008-04-23

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digital.library.ncat.edu/atregister>

Recommended Citation

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, "The Register, 2008-04-23" (2008). *NCAT Student Newspapers*. 1411.

<https://digital.library.ncat.edu/atregister/1411>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Digital Collections at Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in NCAT Student Newspapers by an authorized administrator of Aggie Digital Collections and Scholarship. For more information, please contact iyanna@ncat.edu.



Hidden treasures

Local music store celebrates crate diggers everywhere along with other shops around the world **PAGE 8**

1 issue left!

ARCHIVES
F. D. Bluford Library
NCA&T State University
Greensboro, NC 27411

THE A&T REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

VOLUME LXXXI, NO. 29

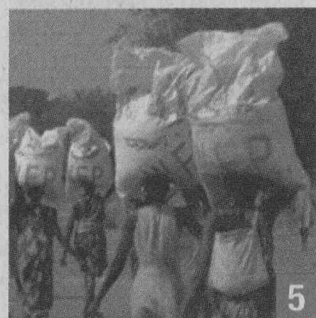
NCATREGISTER.com

theYARD >>>

DORMS STOMP THE YARD

Students from residence halls competed against each other for Aggie Fest at the Corbett Sports Center. **PAGE 3**

theWORLD >>>



GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS

The skyrocketing cost of foods and fuel affect world hunger.

WHAT DID YOU DO FOR EARTH DAY?

Students discuss Earth Day in Aggie Talkback. See what activities they contributed for Earth Day. **NCATREGISTER.COM**

theWORD >>>

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE A&T?

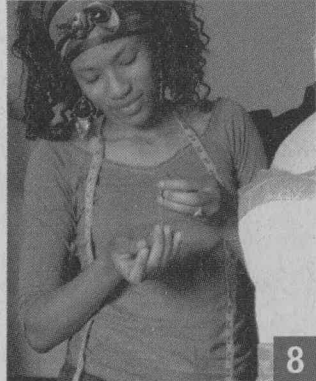
Aggie students may be looked at funny for their reasons for applying to A&T **PAGE 6**

theSCORE >>>

AGGIE BASEBALL EXTENDS WINS

The Aggie Baseball team gets their first win on the road by defeating Wolford Terriers 9-1 in Spartanburg, S.C. **PAGE 7**

theSCENE >>>



STUDENT AND DRESS MAKER

Junior Martinique Lewis design dresses for the next level party and much more. **PAGE 8**

WEATHER >>>



Hi: 72°
Lo: 54°

THURSDAY: Sunny | High 79°

FRIDAY: Cloudy/Sunny | High 81°

INDEX >>>

theYARD.....2
theWORLD.....5
theWORD.....6
theSCORE.....7
theSCENE.....8

Battle to be installed as chancellor

MICHAEL JONES
Contributor

North Carolina A&T is preparing for the installation of its 11th chancellor, Dr. Stanley F. Battle.

The installation ceremony, which takes place Friday, is preceded by public events starting Wednesday that celebrate the installation.

Dr. Janice Brewington, provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, gave a brief insight on the importance of the three-day celebration.

"This is a historic event for North Carolina A&T," she said. "The installation is a formal cer-

emony to signify a leader and to honor the installation of our 11th chancellor."

The installation events will kick off with an all-day lecture series starting today. There will be a combination of academic lectures in the schools and colleges from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"The lectures will be led by students, as well as faculty," Brewington said. "There will be various areas of research such as leadership, recent advances in hurricane prediction, and farmers and business owners through Mushroom Biology. All topics are related to faculty research."

There will also be a special

presentation by DeWayne Wickham, director of the Institute for Advanced Journalism, on "The Importance of Educating the Next Generation of Black Leaders."

But the best part has yet to come. "We have a special treat," Brewington said cheerfully. On April 24 at 7 p.m., Dr. Battle and his twin brother Stewart will perform.

"Not every university has a singing chancellor," she said. "He and his brother are accomplished soloist singers."

Dr. Battle sings baritone and his brother sings bass.

"I think that is something a lot of people may not have

known about our chancellor."

The brothers will perform alongside the E. Gwynn Dancers, and Dr. Audrey McCallum. The concert will take place in Harrison Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. Limited tickets are available at the Ticket Office for \$25.

And to promote this important event, a theme has been made to publicize the installation. "We Believe in A&T. A billboard will also be put up to further the theme," Brewington said.

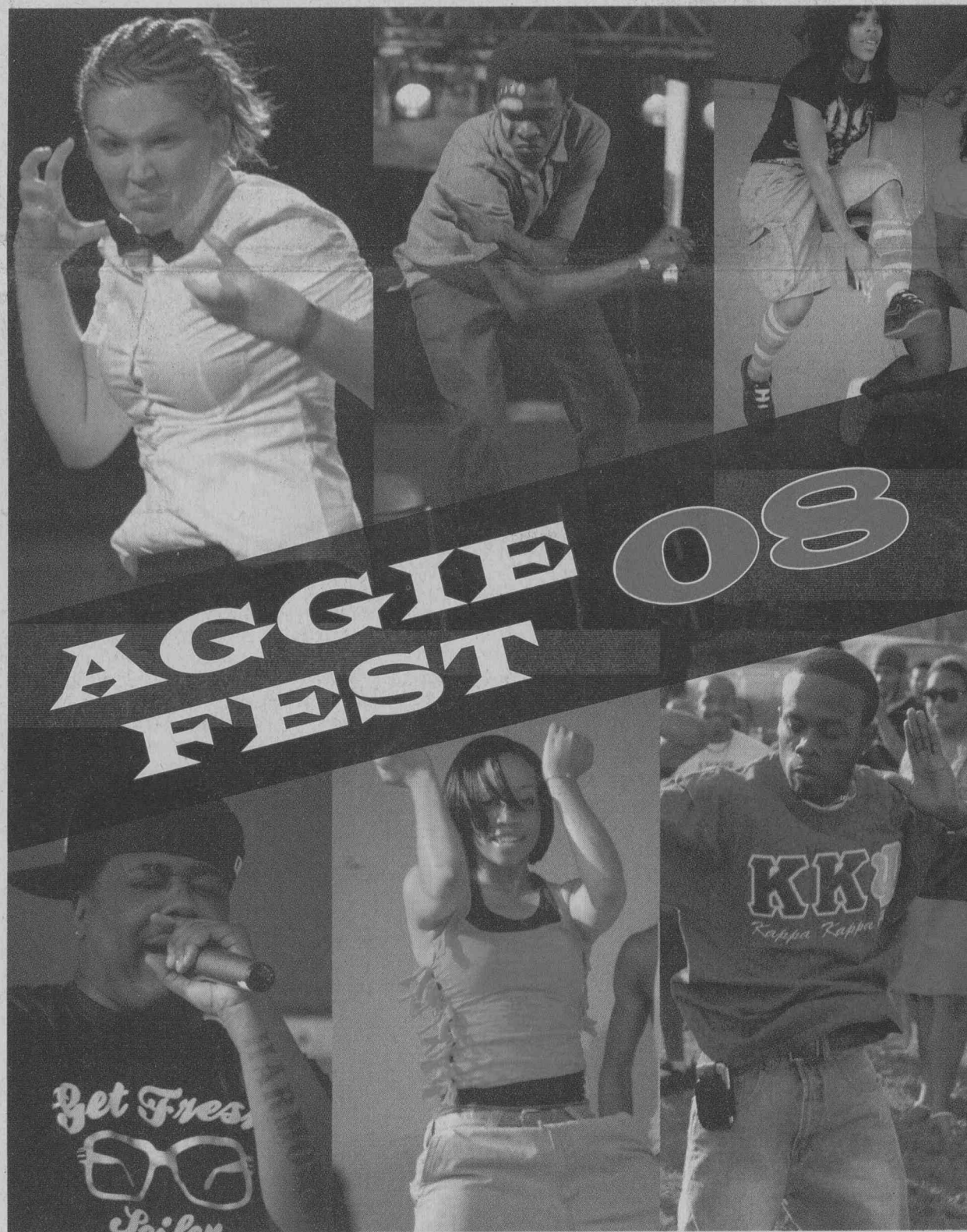
Many believe in A&T. Dr. Nita M. Dewberry, associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences believes in the unity

of the school through the installation. "The installation of a chancellor is an historical event that unifies a university community," she said. "Chancellor Battle's installation gives North Carolina A&T State University this unified vision to move forward."

There was an essay contest hosted by the English Department and University Studies where students described their meaning of the theme. Winners were selected from both divisions.

"There were two 1st place winners, two 2nd place winners, and two 3rd place winners,"

► See **CHANCELLOR** on Page 2



★ RACE TO 1600 ★

Clinton gets huge win in Pennsylvania

DAVID ESPO AND BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton gained a gritty victory in the Pennsylvania primary Tuesday night over a better-funded Barack Obama, staving off elimination in their historic race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The former first lady was winning 54 percent of the vote to 46 percent for her rival with 35 percent of the vote counted, and she hoped for significant inroads into Obama's overall lead in the competition for delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Clinton scored her victory by winning the votes of blue-collar workers, women and white men in an election where the economy was the dominant concern. He was favored by blacks, the affluent and voters who recently switched to the Democratic Party, a group that comprised about one in ten Pennsylvania voters, according to the surveys conducted by The Associated Press and the TV networks.

More than 80 percent of voters surveyed as they left their polling places said the nation was already in a recession.

Clinton won despite being outspent heavily by her rival in a six-week campaign that allowed time for intense courtship of the voters.

She showed her blue collar bona fides one night by knocking down a shot of whiskey, then taking a mug of beer as a chaser. Obama went bowling in his attempt to win over working-class voters.

► See **PRIMARY** on Page 2

Leadership Day inspires new leaders

Coast Guard commander enlightens students on leadership

WHITNEY JONES
and KEISHA THOMAS
Contributors

Are leaders born or are leaders made?

Leadership is no question for Admiral Thad W. Allen, 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, who made a special appearance for Leadership Day at the Leadership Studies Ph.D. Program's open forum in Merrick Hall last Friday.

Considered "The Face of the Coast Guard," Allen serves as a leader for the largest component

of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is made up of about 40,150 men and women on Active Duty, 7,000 civilians, 8,000 Reservist, and 34,000 volunteer Auxiliaries.

He is an expert in various procedures, including safety response on vessels, drug and migrant interdiction, and oil spill operations.

The U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for protecting our ports from terrorism, securing the nation's borders, responding to natural disasters, handling humanitarian procedures, pro-

tecting the marine environment, and saving lives and property at sea.

The U.S. Coast Guard received negative publicity in response to the 1999 Elian Gonzalez case, where a 6-year-old Cuban refugee lived in the midst of an international tug-of-war after his family's boat capsized. He was later found floating in an inner tube while lost at sea.

Although immigration laws at sea would have been normally enforced and migrants would have been held off shore, interviewed, and taken back if proof

is not found, Adm. Allen ordered the 5-year-old Elian into the country to receive medical treatment.

More recently, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which left thousands dead or homeless, Adm. Allen was on call, as a senior leader, to conduct search and rescue on ground. In what he described as "a life-changing experience," he felt it necessary to be on the scene immediately to perform his duties.

In addition to his work with the Coast Guard, Adm. Allen

does leadership forums throughout the country. Ranked as one of America's top 20 leaders by U.S. News and World Report and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University,

Allen says that A&T's Leadership Day forum, consisting of open dialogue with students and faculty, would be an exciting and helpful tool for students to use when going through the education process.

Allen said that leadership exists in how one "leads, guides,

► See **FORUM** on Page 2

Deltas cookout in Center City Park for C.O.D.E. R.E.D.

WHITNEY DICKENS
Contributor

The Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted its fifth annual C.O.D.E.R.E.D. cookout this past Sunday at Center City Park, and eagerly provided food, entertainment, and performances.

The acronym, C.O.D.E.R.E.D., stands for "Collectively Organizing a Day of Excitement Reaching Everyone through Dedication to public service." The festivities and awareness events were free and open to the public.

"The purpose of this event is to exemplify public service through organization. It also interacts A&T's campus with the Greensboro community," said Domonica Langley, a participant in planning and coordinating the event.

C.O.D.E.R.E.D. originated in 2004-2005 as a health fair to get the community involved. The health fair serves as a motivation for awareness of various diseases and health risks that are open and prevalent in the community. The health fair included awareness about HIV/AIDS, high blood pressure, diabetes, and various STD's.

Some of the activities at the event included a dunking booth, face painting, arts and crafts, dodge ball, and hula-hoops.

There was an exciting line up of entertainment with per-

formances by the A&T cheerleaders, Couture Dance and Word, and elementary school steppers and cheerleaders.

Amidst the entertainment provided by university students, Rankin Elementary School step team performed along with an 8-year-old cheerleader from Peck Elementary School, Arrielle Court.

Members from Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. also stepped.

Chi Eta Phi, the nursing sorority, was one of the health groups that set up booths.

C.O.D.E.R.E.D. has grown over the years because more people have become involved. This year, there were more people from the surrounding community participating other than just A&T students. Many of the participants just so happened to be walking by and came out to have fun, participate, and be aware. This year's C.O.D.E.R.E.D. event had a very nice turn out and was beneficial to the Greensboro community, students, children, adults, and those less fortunate alike.

"I feel it was a good turnout. It was good for the community and a good way to give back. The dunking booth was amusing," said Nickea Bell, a participant in the event.

Dorms stomp the yard

WHITNEY JONES
and KEISHA THOMAS
Contributors

Wednesday evening was filled with screaming, stomping, and dancing as many students crowded Corbett Sports Center to watch this year's Residence Hall Step Off.

The theme for the evening was Hollywood stars, and every team showed up and showed out to their themes. The show opened with a brief comedic movie of the RHA E-board, which lightened up the audience's mood, the movie was followed by the DJ's hometown shout-outs to get the energy level up.

Then, every team was given a time limit to perform their show. The participating residence halls included Morrow Hall, Aggie Suites, Pride Hall, Haley Hall, Curtis and Holland Hall. Their performances were full of energy and animated faces.

Vice President of Housing Services, Brian Tennie enjoyed the show this year.

"There was a lot of talent and the teams were ready," said Tennie. "The turnout was also great, 2,500 people attended and personally I think it was the best show ever done."

Criminal Justice major, Quincy Dickens also believed the overall show was good.

"I like how it was put together in terms of intermissions and everything; people were entertained throughout the entire step show," said Dickens.

Putting together such a great show was not so easy for RHA. Tennie explained the process as

a very difficult task.

"It was hard trying to balance everything, cater to everyone such as the university and the teams while keeping in mind the other events taking place during the week," said Tennie.

Sophomore Jessica Gowins commended RHA for putting together the program.

"I think that the organization of the program was thought out well," said Gowins.

By the end of the show, the hard worked paid off and the winners were announced. Morrow Hall took first place followed by the Suites and Pride in last place. Morrow performed under the theme of the Jackson 5 and blew the audience away with their stepping and the signature reenactment of Michael Jackson's Thriller.

"Morrow deserved their victory," said Tennie. "Their performance was great and I don't think that the audience would have had it any other way."

Miss A&T 2008-2009 Tanisha Fordham was excited with Morrow's performance.

Fordham said, "Morrow was the bomb. They were as powerful as some of the male teams, and obviously well choreographed," said Fordham.

Junior Marcus Gladden felt differently about Morrow's performance.

"I believe Morrow did well, but I do not believe they were the best," said Gladden. "I believe Aggie Suites and Pride Hall had more advanced steps than Morrow, but I still congratulate them on their first place finish."

Although the show was generally great, there was a slight downfall for one of the halls.

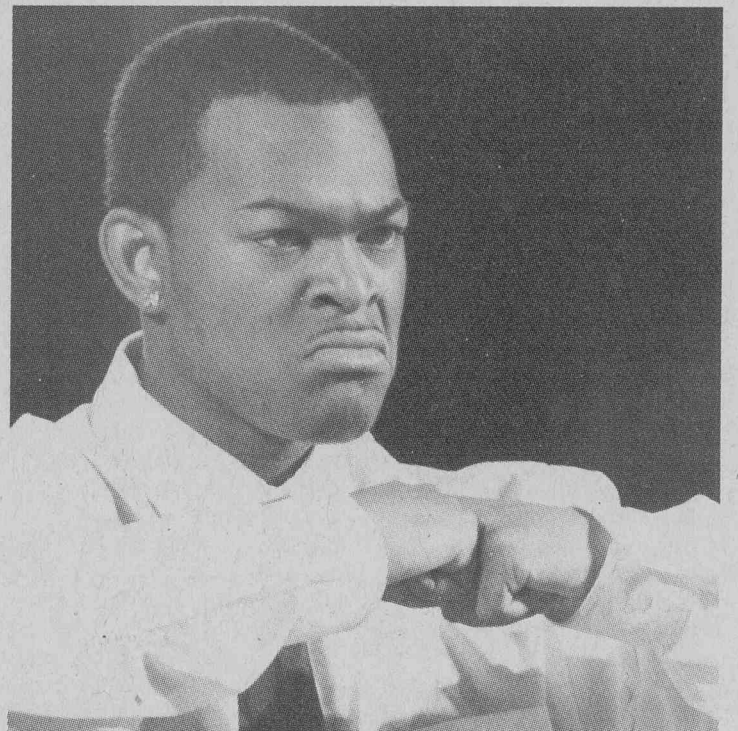


PHOTO BY MICHELA EDWARDS-REGISTER

SERIOUSLY STEPPING Morrow Hall won the Residence Hall Association Step Off at the Corbett Sports Center on Wednesday.

Haley Hall was disqualified due to wardrobe malfunctions. Mid-way throughout their performance, the top to one of the member's outfit slipped revealing her upper-body, but that did not stop the team from continuing their performance. They kept going like professionals, until they were disqualified in mid performance.

Gladden did not agree with the manner in which Haley was disqualified.

Gladden said, "The way they were disqualified was very tacky!" "I believe they should have let the ladies finish and then announced their disqualification backstage," said Gladden.

Fordham also disagreed with the manner that the team was disqualified.

"I wish they would have been allowed to finish, but they were excellent either way," said Fordham.

Tennie explained the reasoning behind their disqualification as simply being mindful of their performance.

"There were Middle School students and their parents in attendance at the show," said Tennie. "I hate that it had to happen that way, but there had to be consequences."

Many students agreed on wanting to see more participation from all of the residence halls, and to continue to have a

Office of the Registrar Attention Graduating Seniors!

Spring Commencement
Saturday, May 10, 2008
Greensboro Coliseum

www.ncat.edu/~newsinfo/announcements/spring_08/Commencement_Spring_2008.pdf

Reminders

Academic Clearance

Meet with your academic advisor now to ensure that you have met all of the academic requirements for graduation.

Financial Clearance

Access your online Aggie Student Account to ensure financial clearance.

Academic Regalia

Order your cap and gown online at www.jostens.com

March 21 — April 16, 2008



Students get Greeks and a concert

LASHAWN PARKER
Managing Editor

Through rain and hurricane warnings Aggies packed Corbett Sports Center on Sat. April 19 for Aggie Fest's Pan-Hellenic step show and Christette Michele concert.

As Aggies, Greeks and visitors piled into the gym to cheer on different competing sororities and fraternities and listen to the melodies of Christette Michele, many couldn't help but laugh at host and comedian, Benji Brown, from BET's Comic View.

While breaking the ice with jokes about females and their shadiness, relationships and how men act when they're really not interested the crowd laughed confirming the truth in the jokes.

As the DJ spun radio and club hits, the crowd seemed to come to life with each new song spun.

The first organization up was the sisters of the Gamma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Their routine opened with a PowerPoint of the three steppers' profiles and a mission impossible theme.

Once they were done another intermission started and the DJ played the Pop It Off Boys' "Crank Dat Batman." The crowd went wild and seemed to be under a trance. Even some members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. along with some other students jumped out of the crowd and on stage to show off their choreography.

The next organization would be the brothers of the Mu Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. They started with a video of them preparing for the step show.

With a hint of humor and the classic locker room scene as the steppers took their exit to deliver a victory, the video ended and the young men came

out to the same music as the then WWF wrestler The Undertaker's theme song. Ending on a comical note the Que's did their step in slow motion instant replay to the Olympic theme music.

As they exited the stage the new single by Lil Wayne, "Millionaire" played. The DJ did an ode to the fraternity as George Clinton's "Atomic Dog" filled the gym. The Que's went wild. Next the DJ spun one for the ladies, Wayne's other single "Lollipop" and it sent women into frenzy while everybody sang out the chorus.

Another intermission went by with a performance from a rap group, which were fellow Aggies. Afterwards the ladies of the Alpha Mu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. took the stage.

With their theme of the State of the Union and military cadence chants, their performance came in three parts. The last to

take the stage before Christette Michele was the Eta chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. but not before a fellow Aggie would take the whole crowd's breath away.

As his girlfriend and he danced to Brian McKnight's "Never Felt This Way" he got down on one knee and proposed to his girlfriend.

The crowd boomed with groans of approval, especially from the women. After acknowledging both his parent's and his girlfriend's parents in the crowd the show continued.

Well not before the host could crack a joke or two on the newly engaged couples. Coming out to Snoop Dogg's "Life of the Party" the Sigma's preceded with their theme of A&T's Best Step Team after the show America's Best Dance Crew.

With their crisp, sharp movements and uniformity the Sigmas captivated the crowd. To

add a twist they imitated three of the other sororities.

Then they stepped blindfolded. Afterwards DJ Red October announced T.I.'s release of an album in October titled "Paper Trail."

Christette Michele performed over a live band and opened with "Let's Rock" from her first album. She then performed songs, "Like a Dream", "Love is You", a dedication to her father with "Your Joy", "The Best of Me", recent single "Be OK", "Good Girl" and "Golden." The songstress captivated some of the audience while others left.

"Some people just don't appreciate good music," said Markia Jackson a junior Elementary Education major from Washington D.C.

"She did really good," said Vanessa Newton a junior psychology major from Washington D.C. The winners were the Delta Sigma Theta and Phi Beta Sigma.

This coupon entitles you to

Absolutely Nothing!

See if you wrote for us we wouldn't have to do this

jobs@ncatregister.com

18-year-old SC student accused of plotting to bomb school

JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A high school senior collected enough supplies to carry out a bomb attack on his school and detailed the plot in a hate-filled diary that included maps of the building and admiring notations about the Columbine killers, authorities said Sunday.

Ryan Schallenberger, 18, was arrested Saturday after his parents called police when 10 pounds of ammonium nitrate was delivered to their home in

Chesterfield and they discovered the journal, said the town's police chief, Randall Lear.

The teen planned to make several bombs and had all the supplies needed to kill dozens at Chesterfield High School, depending on where the devices were placed and whether they included shrapnel, Lear said. Ammonium nitrate was used in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 that killed 168 people.

"The only thing left was delivering the bombs," the police chief said.

Schallenberger kept a jour-

nal for more than a year that detailed his plans for a suicide attack and included maps of the school, police said. The writings did not include a specific time for the attack or the intended targets.

He also left an audio tape to be played after he died explaining why he wanted to bomb his school. Lear wouldn't detail what was on the tape except to say Schallenberger was an angry young man.

"He seemed to hate the world. He hated people different from him — the rich boys

with good-looking girlfriends," Lear said.

In his writings, Schallenberger said he admired the two teens who killed 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado in 1999 before committing suicide, Lear said. The attack happened nine years ago Sunday, but Lear said investigators do not know whether there was any link between the anniversary and Schallenberger's plans.

Schallenberger was one of the top students at the high school of about 580 students and had not caused any serious

problems before his arrest, principal Scott Radkin said.

The school's Web site lists Schallenberger as a member of the 2007 academic bowl squad. He won an academic award from Newberry College in the last school year.

The teen was in the Chesterfield County jail Sunday night, charged with possessing materials to make bombs, the police chief said. A bond hearing was scheduled for Monday. Other than the bomb-making material, no other weapons were found at his home, Lear said.

Lear said Schallenberger did not have an attorney. His parents could not immediately be located Sunday by The Associated Press.

Security will be tightened at the school when students return Monday. Students will walk through metal detectors borrowed from a courthouse, and bomb and drug sniffing dogs have been called in. Lear said he does not expect any problems.

Chesterfield is a town of about 1,500 people in northeastern South Carolina near the North Carolina line.



Spring 2008 MANDATORY EXIT COUNSELING for Graduating Seniors with a Federal Direct Loan

WEBB HALL AUDITORIUM

Thursday, April 24, 2008	12:00—1:00 PM
Friday, April 25, 2008	12:00—1:00 PM
Monday, April 28, 2008	3:00—4:00 PM
Tuesday, April 29, 2008	4:00—5:00 PM
Wednesday, April 30, 2008	2:00—3:00 PM
Wednesday, April 30, 2008	3:00—4:00 PM

Exit Counseling Checklist:

- ♦ Student Identification Card

and

- ♦ Three references with different addresses and phone numbers

Please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 336-334-7973 for further details.

World food crisis affects millions of kids

DAVID STRINGER
Associated Press

LONDON (AP)—Ration cards. Genetically modified crops. The end of pile-it-high, sell-it-cheap supermarkets.

These possible solutions to the first global food crisis since World War II — which the World Food Program says already threatens 20 million of the poorest children — are complex and controversial. And they may not even solve the problem as demand continues to soar.

A "silent tsunami" of hunger is sweeping the world's most desperate nations, said Josette Sheeran, the WFP's executive director, speaking Tuesday at a London summit on the crisis.

The skyrocketing cost of food staples, stoked by rising fuel prices, unpredictable weather and demand from India and China, has already sparked sometimes violent protests across the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

The price of rice has more than doubled in the last five weeks, she said. The World Bank estimates food prices have risen by 83 percent in three years.

"What we are seeing now is affecting more people on every continent," Sheeran told a news conference.

Hosting talks with Sheeran, lawmakers and experts, British Prime Gordon Brown said the spiraling prices threaten to plunge millions back into poverty and reverse progress on alleviating misery in the developing world.

"Tackling hunger is a moral challenge to each of us and it is also a threat to the political and economic stability of nations," Brown said.

Malaysia's embattled prime minister is already under pres-

sure over the price increases and has launched a major rice-growing project. Indonesia's government needed to revise its annual budget to respond.

Unrest over the food crisis has led to deaths in Cameroon and Haiti, cost Haitian Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis his job, and caused hungry textile workers to clash with police in Bangladesh.

Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said more protests in other developing nations appear likely. "We are going through a very serious crisis and we are going to see lots of food strikes and demonstrations," Annan told reporters in Geneva.

At streetside restaurants in Lome, Togo, even the traditional balls of corn meal or corn dough served with vegetable soup are shrinking. Once as big as a boxer's fist, the dumplings are now the size of a tennis ball — but cost twice as much.

In Yaounde, Cameroon, civil servant Samuel Ekwelle, 51, said he fears food prices will rise further.

"We are getting to the worst period of our life," he said. "We've had to reduce the number of meals we take a day from three to two. Breakfast no longer exists on our menu."

Even if her call for \$500 million in emergency funding is met, food aid programs — including work to feed 20 million poor children — will be hit this year, Sheeran said.

President Bush has released \$200 million in urgent aid. Britain pledged an immediate \$59.7 million on Tuesday.

Even so, school feeding projects in Kenya and Cambodia have been scaled back and food aid has been cut in half in Ta-

jikistan, Sheeran said.

Yet while angry street protesters call for immediate action, long term solutions are likely to be slow, costly and complicated, experts warn.

And evolving diets among burgeoning middle classes in India and China will help double the demand for food — particularly grain intensive meat and dairy products — by 2030, the World Bank says.

Robert Zoellick, the bank's head, claims as many as 100 million people could be forced deeper into poverty. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said rising food costs threaten to cancel strides made toward the goal of cutting world poverty in half by 2015.

"Now is not too soon to be thinking about the longer-term solutions," said Alex Evans, a former adviser to Britain's Environment Secretary Hilary Benn.

He said world leaders must help increase food production, rethink their push on biofuels — which many blame for pushing up food prices — and consider anew the once taboo topic of growing genetically modified crops.

But Evans, now a visiting fellow at New York University's Center on International Cooperation, said increasing the amount of land that can be farmed in the developing world will be arduous.

"It's almost like new oil or gas fields; they'll tend to be the hardest to reach places, that need new roads and new infrastructure to be viable," he said.

The will to increase food production exists, as does most of the necessary skills, but there are major obstacles, including a lack of government investment.

Iran upsets al-Qaida

MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt—Osama bin Laden's chief deputy in an audio-tape Tuesday accused Shiite Iran of trying to discredit the Sunni al-Qaida terror network by spreading the conspiracy theory that Israel was behind the Sept. 11 attacks.

The comments reflected al-Qaida's No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri's increasing criticism of Iran. Al-Zawahri has accused Iran in recent messages of seeking to extend its power in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq and through its Hezbollah allies in Lebanon.

The authenticity of the two-hour audio recording posted on an Islamic Web site could not be independently confirmed. But the voice sounded like past audiotapes from the terror leader, and the posting where it was found bore the logo of Al-Sahab, al-Qaida's official media arm.

It was the second of two messages answering questions that were posted to Islamic militant Web sites earlier this year.

One of the questioners asked about the theory that has circulated in the Middle East and elsewhere that Israel was behind the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Al-Zawahri accused Hezbollah's Al-Manar television of starting the rumor.

"The purpose of this lie is clear — (to suggest) that there are no heroes among the Sunnis who can hurt America as no else did in history. Iranian media snapped up this lie and repeated it," he said.

"Iran's aim here is also clear

— to cover up its involvement with America in invading the homes of Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq," he said.

Iran cooperated with the United States in the 2001 U.S. assault on Afghanistan that toppled al-Qaida's allies, the Taliban.

Answering questions about Iraq in Tuesday's tape, al-Zawahri said the insurgent umbrella group led by al-Qaida, called the Islamic State of Iraq, is "the primary force opposing the Crusaders and challenging Iranian ambitions" in Iraq, he said, referring to the Americans.

As he often does in his messages, al-Zawahri denounced the "Crusader invasion" of Iraq, but in Tuesday's tape he paired it with a mention of "Iranian complicity" or "Iranian agents."

In the latest tape, al-Zawahri was also asked if the terror group had further plans to attack Western countries that participated in the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and subsequent war.

"My answer is: Yes! We think that any country that has joined aggression on Muslims must be deterred," he replied.

In response to a question signed by the Japanese news agency Kyodo asking if Japan remains a target because it once had troops in Iraq, al-Zawahri said "Japan provided help under the banner of the crusader coalition ... therefore it participated in the Crusader campaign against the lands of Islam."

Japan deployed non-combat troops to southern Iraq in 2003 to carry out reconstruction work. It withdrew its troops from Iraq in 2006 and now

conducts airlifts to help supply U.S.-led forces in that country.

Al-Zawahri spoke on a wide range of issues, even global warming, which he said reflected "how criminal, brutal and greedy the Western Crusader world is, with America at the top."

He predicted that global warming would "make the world more sympathetic to and understanding of the Muslims' jihad against the aggressor America."

Asked if there are any women in al-Qaida, the terror leader answered simply: "No." In a follow-up answer, he said: "There are no women in al-Qaida jihadi group, but the women of the mujahedeen are playing a heroic role in taking care of their houses and sons."

In several parts of Tuesday's audio message, Al-Zawahri claimed that the Taliban took over 95 percent of Afghanistan and is sweeping Pakistan as well.

"The Crusaders and their agents in Pakistan and Afghanistan are starting to fall," he said.

In another answer Tuesday, al-Zawahri said it was against Islamic religious law for any Muslim to live permanently in a Western country because in doing so they would "have permanent stay there under the laws of the infidels."

Al-Qaida's media arm, Al-Sahab, announced in December that al-Zawahri would take questions from the public posted on Islamic militant Web sites and would respond "as soon as possible." Queries were submitted on the main Islamist Web site until the cutoff date of Jan. 16.



North Carolina A&T State University

Presents

AGGIELAND: THE PATH TO GREATNESS!!

New Student Summer Orientation 2008

SAVE THE DATES!

New & Transfer Student

JUNE 5-6, 11-12, 17-18, 25-26

Non-Traditional

JUNE 10 & 26

For more information please visit us at

www.ncat.edu/freshman or by calling

336-256-2212

First Year Experience
Orientation

Love doesn't start with the eyes

TANISHA FORDHAM
Contributor

The Delta, the Alpha, a former member of gospel choir, the Mason, the afro centric girl on television, the soon to be farmer boy, and the guy from the metro area; that is what so many people see when they look at the Student Government Association Executive Branch for the 2008-2009 academic school year. How do I know, because that is what I too saw when I first looked at the new members of SGA after the March 26, 2008 elections (minus the "afro centric girl on television" of course).

Human beings have a serious complex, a complex that often precedes our ability to act in the accepting ways we were taught so many years as children. This complex plagues the mind and

prohibits ones ability to, "get to know" before deciding you know what you're about to get. How do I know, because that is what I too did when I first met the SGA for the 2008-2009. I looked at Jennifer Monique James and decided, "She's just a Delta, how will we ever relate?" I looked at Sammie Jawan Dow and decided, "He's just a member of Gospel Choir, how will we ever jam out to music together?" I looked at all the members of SGA and decided that I knew what I was going to get, but worst of all, I hadn't given them a chance to show me a new side of them that perhaps I could get to know.

Upon arriving to the SGA retreat Friday evening I found myself flustered at the thought of spending a weekend with students who I believed wouldn't

be able to relate to me in the smallest ways. I felt alone and disenfranchised about the idea of working with people who I had decided didn't want to work with me. I made all of these assumptions and as the saying goes, I made quiet the "a" out of others, but ultimately out of myself.

I heard stories, during the retreat, of my now co-workers who were victims of rape, products of single parent households, and challenged upon arriving to college, much like myself, to fit in. As I sat and listened to the tales of my peers I realized I am Miss North Carolina A&T State University and yet my story is probably a reflection of so many stories that can be found here on campus. I realized, "hey I am the product of a single parent household. Hey, I don't drink or

smoke. Hey, I feel like people don't like me too sometimes."

In three days of retreating my mindset was truly "rehabilitated," and I realized that as the India Arie song states so eloquently, "Love don't start with the eyes, it starts with the heart. Look deep down inside and know that you have a chance to make a choice and make a change; so make the choice to look with the eyes of your heart." In a mere three days it hit me, the physical eyes can truly be deceiving, but the eyes of the heart don't see and therefore are slower to judge. Someone who may seem to have it all together on the outside may be breaking down on the inside. Someone who seems like they are the most popular person on campus may feel like they have no friends. The person who is

drinking and looks like they're having a blast, is sometimes drinking years of hurt and internal turmoil away.

How do I know these statements to be true, because I am a living, breathing representation of someone who is often misunderstood because what I show is not necessarily what you will get.

Who would have known that "the Delta" would not only be a sorority girl, but also the girl truly concerned that everyone had enough money in the budget to carry out programs throughout the year? Who would have known that "the Alpha" would not only be a "fly, business man," but also the most likely to get up, throw something away for you and share his candy when you get hungry during a meeting? Who would have known

that the "farmer boy" would not only be a future agriculturalist but also the most stylish of the group? Who would have thought that the "afro centric girl" would not only be concerned with world peace but also the first one to rock out to, "y-u-l-l-l-l snap and roll?" There are probably not to many who would have taken the time to see past the surface, and how do I know, because I didn't, but when I finally did it was such a pleasant surprise. It was one of those moments in life where I sat back and thanked God for being wrong because it taught me that I am Miss North Carolina A&T State University only because however different we A&T students may be, we are so much more: exactly the same. "I truly am because we truly are."

Why choose A&T

ASHLEY VENABLE
Contributor

Every time I tell my peers that I am from New York, I'm always asked, "What made you come to A&T?" I think to myself, "What made you come to A&T?" Is it because I am from a state other than North Carolina, you think I should be confined to the colleges and universities in my own state? Personally, I would be flattered if someone came from several states away to attend a school in my home state.

I came to A&T because after my research I decided that this school would be a good choice for me. Tianna Harris, a sophomore, psychology major, from San Diego, CA, said, "I chose A&T because I heard it was a good school."

Michelle Donnell, a junior, electronics and computer technology major, from Greensboro said, "I am surprised that they have come this far to go to school." When asked why she chose to attend A&T, she said "because of their electrical engineering program...I am interested in computer technology."

These students have come to A&T because they believe that they will get the best education from this school. People travel from near and far to attend schools like Harvard, Yale, and UNC Chapel Hill. So, why are some students surprised when they hear students from other states have decided to attend this university? Do they feel that this school is not worthy of the same notoriety. Is it that hard to believe that certain stu-

dents have always wanted to attend A&T?

"Often people ask because they don't understand why people would leave home to go so far away," said Ashley Adams, a junior, African-American studies/liberal arts major, from Brooklyn, NY.

"I think people ask because they are interested in knowing if you chose this school for the same reasons they did," said Harris.

Unfortunately, students are not the only people who ask this question. Recently, I have had several interviews for possible internship opportunities and after the initial introduction the interviewer then says, "Why did you decide to go to A&T?" Part of me does not feel that I should have to explain my academic choices. Does where I go to school affect my intelligence? Will I be taken less seriously because I decided to go to a school that the interviewer has never heard of?

When it comes down to explaining why you decided to attend A&T, all you can do is be honest and hope that people understand that you made the choice that was the best fit for you as an individual, and there are several thousand other students who felt the same way. If there is one thing that I want people to take away from this is that, people are always going to ask why you have made certain decisions. And it may get frustrating to be asked the same thing over and over again, but it is part of life and you just have to learn to deal.

Letters to the editor

GEORGE STEPHANIK
Contributor

Political news not reported. I am not part of a political campaign. I am a concerned citizen that not all significant breaking political news is reported.

On April 12, 2008, about 4:37p.m. (Eastern) on CNN Live cable I viewed and heard the television cover-

age of Senator Hillary Clinton's speech in Indiana. Senator Clinton stated words to the effect, "the Chinese are trying to steal from us anything they can't buy."

I was outraged by such an offensive statement. The statement is obviously not true. I know people who are Chinese and Senator's Clinton statement unfairly stereotypes their country and them. Senator Clinton must not narrow the door be-

tween the U.S. - China's current and future foreign relations, especially with our sights on human rights, trade, etc.

The statement appears to demonstrate a lack of judgment in diplomatic and foreign relations, even with her numerous years of political experience.

One rank-and-file Senator must not speak such an adverse personal perspective on behalf of Congress or the United States and People.

Senator Clinton appears to have made another untruthful statement, not misspoken, to win votes, regardless of consequences to herself, and more importantly without regard to our United States, People (to include our sons and daughters) and our future.

Please share my concerns. Edit as appropriate. Thank you.

Mr. George Stephanik Served as an inspector general Graduate Student

BRITTANY RAMSEY
Contributor

Hi my name is Brittany Ramsey and I am a Junior Computer Engineering Major here at NCAT. I am writing this letter in response to the article in the A&T Register entitled, "Too much love for Engineering?" I basically want to clear up a few concerns that I have read. Do people choose the school they come to because they hear it is a "Party" school, or because it would help them obtain several opportunities once they are considering their future career? If I decided to go to a liberal arts school for their engineering program, I would not complain about how much attention the Theater majors were receiving because I would know what I was get-

ting myself into before I even stepped foot onto the campus. First and foremost what students who decide to come to A&T need to realize is that A&T stands for Agricultural and Technical. A&T is known for its Engineering and Business, producing the top number of Black engineers in the nation, and companies are aware of that. A lot of the engineering graduates get jobs at these companies and then choose to come back to recruit other students which builds those connections for the career fair. If you attend any of the career fairs that are said to "cater" to engineering majors and talk to the company representatives, you will notice that most of them did in fact go to A&T. In order to get more of the other majors recognized

at these fairs, students should make an effort to do the same and push their company whether it is a news station, newspaper, or what have you, to come and draft some of A&T's students. After reading the article I feel as though the issue was not address. Yes there were people interviewed but no one helped give full insight to the problem. For the students who did not know this, the career fair this past fall was merged with E-Week. E-Week or (Engineering Week) is where the engineering students participate in different activities including a banquet and a career fair. Usually the career fair is held in McNair on the 2nd floor but this year they decided that it was getting to large for the building and moved it to Corbett during the same time

the regular fall fair was going on. Most of the companies who were stationed in the gym were there for E-Week. Since the student who had the concerns in the paper was in fact a Journalism major, I want to address this to her. Maybe you could get your department to sponsor a career fair in your building for only JOMC students. With this, you will avoid walking up to someone, with resume in your sweaty hands because of your nerves, and get turned away as soon as they see Journalism beside the Major Field. All in all, like the article stated at the end, "Students have to put forth the effort to get what they want because it won't all be done for [you]."

Going green means more "green" for corporations

SEAN SMITH
Black College Wire

While watching television the other day, I noticed the amount of commercials that make reference to the "going green" concept. From the heavily advertised eco-friendly car, to "energy star" appliances, the commercialization of the concept is more and more prevalent in the media.

As a student concentrating in marketing throughout my MBA studies, I began to ponder a startling thought. Perhaps this concept is being exploited by companies to bolster sales volume and increase shareholder wealth.

To the average consumer,

companies may be viewed as socially responsible by offering products that will help reduce one's carbon footprint.

These companies have shown the impact that human activities have on the environment in terms of the amount of green house gases produced, measuring them in units of carbon dioxide.

People may save money on energy bills, but I see it more as a way to tell consumers to buy, buy, buy!!!

Don't get me wrong, the use of eco-friendly products is important, but it seems as though it would be a marketer's dream to have the opportunity to capture consumers with something that most people care about and tell

them you need to buy all new appliances or a new car to be "green."

Commercialization is defined as applying methods of business to a concept or product for profit or to do, exploit or make chiefly for financial gain according to dictionary.com. This is exactly what is happening with the "green" phenomenon.

In a recent ad campaign started by retail giant Wal-Mart, the advertisements urge consumers to buy products that will help the environment. These products range from water filters to organic food products.

One of the ads on Walmart.com features Procter & Gamble's Tide Coldwater, and states "If every Wal-Mart shopper

switched to washing in cold water with Tide Coldwater for 50 loads, we would save 14 billion kilowatt-hours of energy."

This sounds good, but my first thought was how did they choose which products to feature?

It is difficult to determine if advertising the "green" concept is truly a part of a company's effort to be socially responsible or if it is only an exploitation of consumers.

No one will ever know, and since we know a company's main goal is to make money, the true question is, do they care about "green" at all? Or is it all about the mean green... the mighty dollar?

The A&T Register is your chance to be heard. email your editorials to register@ncat.edu

AGGIES RUNDOWN

SOFTBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
NORTHERN DIVISION		
Hampton	7-1	24-12
Delaware State	7-2	22-18
Morgan State	5-2	12-13
Howard	5-3	13-15
MD Eastern-Shore	0-8	7-28
Coppin State	0-8	0-28

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Bethune-Cookman	8-1	18-31
North Carolina A&T	6-3	24-15
Norfolk State	4-5	16-24
South Carolina State	2-7	6-21
Florida A&M	1-5	11-34

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday (Doubleheader)
vs. Norfolk State
Lady Aggies Softball Complex
Saturday: 1 p.m.
Sunday: Noon

BASEBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Bethune-Cookman	12-0	25-15
Delaware State	9-2	14-22
North Carolina A&T	6-5	18-23
Florida A&M	6-5	13-17
MD Eastern-Shore	4-7	5-33
Norfolk State	3-9	13-17
Coppin State	0-12	2-40

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Wednesday
@ UNC Asheville
Asheville, N.C.
3 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday (Doubleheader)

vs. Delaware State
War Memorial Stadium
Saturday: 1 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m.

Tuesday

vs. Wofford
War Memorial Stadium
3 p.m.

NEWS & NOTES

AGGIEFEST Sophomore Johnny Clark's thunderous two-handed dunk with 3.7 seconds remaining in regulation gave Pride Hall the first annual Aggie Organizational Shootout championship win over Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated last Thursday in Moore gymnasium.

The tournament featured eight organizations uniting in battle throughout two 15 minute periods.

The event was sponsored by the Student Union Advisory Board who also participated in the event.

"I thought this would be a good chance to bring all of the organizations together other than just Greeks, to fellowship and have fun," said SUAB president Trevor Thomas. "We will definitely try to make this an annual event for SUAB."

AROUND SPORTS

NFL DRAFT

DAVIE, Fla. — Michigan tackle Jake Long signs a multiyear contract with the Miami Dolphins, who plan to select him with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft on Saturday.

NBA AWARDS

Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett earned the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year on Tuesday afternoon. The 12-year pro joined the Celtics in the fall and led them to the largest turnaround in NBA history.

NBA PLAYOFFS

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — As brilliant as Paul was in his playoff debut last weekend, his encore was better. Paul had 32 points and a franchise playoff-record 17 assists, leading New Orleans to a 127-103 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night that gave the Hornets a 2-0 lead in their first-round series. The old record was 15 assists, set by Muggsy Bogues in 1993.

NBA PLAYOFFS

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker scored 32 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 102-96 victory over Phoenix in Game 2 on Tuesday night after the Suns gave away another double-digit, first-half lead. Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 33 points. Tim Duncan, who finished with 18 points and 17 rebounds.

RACING

Danica Patrick finally won her first professional Indy Car Series victory ever in Japan on Saturday night. The four year veteran started her 50th straight race.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Track prepares for Penn Relays



PHOTO BY MICHAELA EDWARDS - REGISTER

CALESIO NEWMAN has soared above and beyond the competition in his sophomore year.

MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE
Sports Editor

A&T's track and field program has been having one of its most successful years in recent memory.

Sophomore sprinter Calesio Newman has been leading the men's charge all year long, consistently breaking records, and making his mark in the record books.

Saturday was no different. The Green Sea, S.C. native broke the school record with a time of 10.18 in the 100-meter dash finals at the 2008 International Friendship and Freedom Games at Irwin Belk Track.

"He is still very young," said A&T's Sprinting Coach James Daniels. "He has yet to show his best. That's why we are so excited about the kind of athlete he can be here. He ran behind one of the fastest people in the world today. It tells you what kind of athlete he can be if he puts his mind to it."

Newman was even faster one week earlier at the Sea Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. when he

posted his best time ever with a 10.08 in a 100-meter.

But he was not the only one impressing last weekend.

Junior jumper David McFadden won first place in the triple jump and qualified for the East Regionals. Junior thrower Lonnie Phifer won first in the shot put and second in the discus.

Sophomore throwers Jerrine Foster and Katherine Forrester finished first in the shot put and discus, respectively, to represent the women.

No woman represented track and field better than superstar Gayle Devers, who signed autographs, but did not compete.

LaShawn Merrit, the 2007 silver medalist, was one among many athletes with international acclaim who competed in the games throughout the weekend.

"This will be a huge event in Greensboro once we get the community behind it," said Director of Track and Field Programs Roy Thompson. "We had the best here at A&T this weekend."

Softball hits 'home run'

DANIEL HENDERSON
Register Reporter

The A&T women softball team witnessed sophomore pitcher Sasha Philpot throw her third shutout this season 8-0 Tuesday in the second game of a doubleheader, as the Lady Aggies swept Appalachian State Tuesday afternoon at ASU park.

Game 1 remained tied through seven innings before the crucial mistakes by the Lady Mountaineers gave the Lady Aggies a 6-3 lead.

Game 2 win was the only win in the three contests, as the Lady Aggies struggled in game 1 suffering a 10-2 loss.

Luper successfully answered forcing a groundout after regulation closing out the game.

The Lady Aggies (26-15 6-3) will host their final home stretch against Norfolk State this Saturday at 1 p.m. in a doubleheader series, followed by a visit from N.C. Central next Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The MEAC Tournament begins May 8th in Florida.

Baseball extends winning streak

MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE
Sports Editor

Last week the Aggies won their first road game of the season.

The men of blue-and-gold wrapped up their fourth straight victory away from War Memorial Stadium, defeating the Wofford Terriers 9-1 in Spartanburg, S.C. on Tuesday.

Sophomore pitcher Nick Rogers hit a two-run homer and sophomore outfielder C.J. Beatty led the team with two

runs.

Senior outfielder Jeremy Jones added two more hits to his team leading 56 hits, and currently ranks second in the conference.

"There are not too many things Jeremy has not seen in his college career," said Head Coach Keith Shumate. "He is having an outstanding season and his leadership has been so vital to our young players."

Among those feeding off of it have been Beatty, who is trailing Jones in hits with 53.

The Aggies are coming off of an in-state three-game series sweep in Farmville at Lancers Stadium against Longwood.

"I thought we showed a willingness to preserve this weekend," said Shumate. "To come up here and win two games in extra innings against a good team like this is something we can hopefully build on."

The Aggies will be at home for three in a row versus Delaware State and Wofford before heading into the tournament.

The BRYAN MS in Accounting

Creating Leaders Among Accounting Professionals

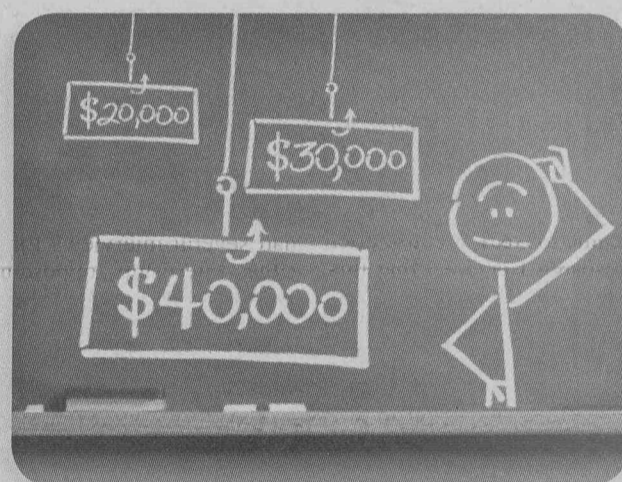


- Open to students from all academic backgrounds
- Delivers cutting-edge, technical knowledge combined with broad-based business and communication skills
- Focuses on the development of learning strategies and critical-thinking skills needed for lifelong professional success
- Satisfies the 150-hour educational requirement for CPA certification and licensure
- Professional graduate career services and internship program
- Day and evening courses
- 15 hours of elective credit

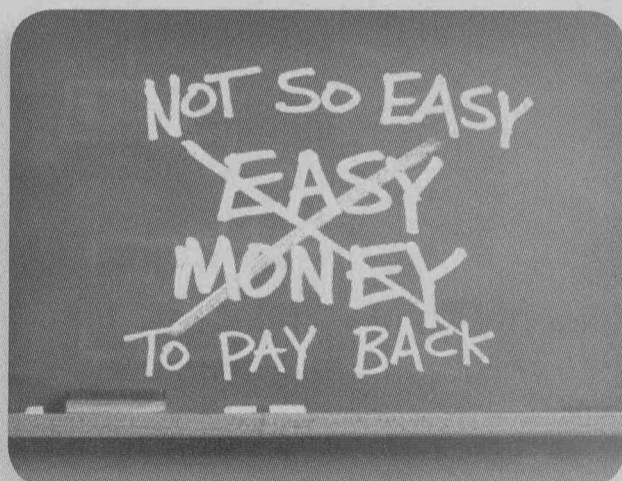
Learn more at
BryanMSA.uncg.edu



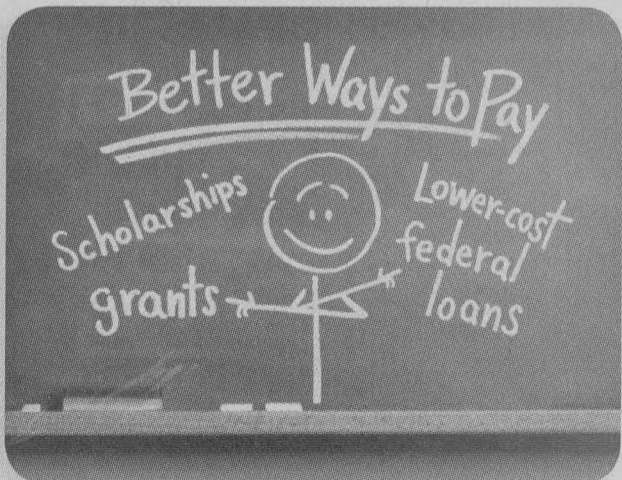
Paying for College 101



Seeing ads about how easy it is to get up to \$40,000 for college?



That "easy money" is probably a high-interest loan—which won't be easy when it's time to pay it back.



Visit CFNC.org and your college financial aid office for free information on better ways to pay for college.

CFNC.org or 866-866-CFNC

College Foundation
of North Carolina

Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college

the SCENE

8 The A&T Register | ncatregister.com | Wednesday, April 23, 2008



PHOTO BY LEROY MIKELL - REGISTER

MARTINIQUE LEWIS is a fashion and merchandising and design major who puts the finishing touches on her latest works. She designs and sews dresses for many A&T students.

Student designer thinks outside the box

STACIE BAILEY
Register Reporter

"Everybody just thinks that our major is just so easy, but it's not. It's a lot of tedious work and our major isn't only making clothes, but that's what everybody thinks."

Well, you've got to think "outside of the box" to do what Martinique Lewis does. The junior fashion merchandising and design major from Oakland, Calif. could easily go out and buy a cute dress to wear, but instead...she makes them, herself.

Initially wanting to be a psychology major, Lewis found a niche for fashion and fell in love with the creative aspect of it. But just as every major has more than one component, so does hers. "There's a business aspect of it, there's a creative process to it and there's a visual merchandising side of it," said Lewis. "There's a way that stores work and there's a way that apparel lines work; it's not just making clothes."

Various girls have requested her work after seeing her or someone else in one of Lewis' creations. She's mad-resses for last December's Black Party and is currently working on four as the White Party approaches this Friday. Others who have sported her work include Tanisha Fordham, who wore Lewis' dress during the Miss A&T pageant and the requests continue to increase.

Having no experience in sewing prior to coming into her major, Lewis has come a long way to where she is now. She explains how, in order to get to the point of actually making dresses, you have to go through four major classes.

A textile class, a sewing class, a section of learning how to make flat patterns, and finally to where Lewis is, making clothes on a regular basis. "I would say flat pattern is the hardest...after that, it gets easier."

Although she doesn't have a favorite designer or a favorite store that she likes to shop in, she admits to having a taste for old, vintage style and often gets her clothes off of Ebay or from GAP, where she currently works.

After college, Lewis expressed a desire to progress in

her field in Europe. "There's just a lot of fashion-forward people out there," she said.

"They're always a year ahead of us in everything they do and their fashion dates back further than ours; that's home of all couture designers and they have awesome colleges over there and everything like that."

Lewis, who would like to attend grad school in Europe, will be at the London College of Fashion for two months over the summer. During her trip, she hopes to gain the experience she needs to build up her portfolio. "There's always going to be someone who comes before you or always someone who has more talent than you."

Due to this knowledge, Lewis has remained humble about her talent and doesn't mind making dresses for those who ask unless time proves to be an issue.

One of her latest creations, a dress for the White Party, took 12 hours to complete, but she is pleased with the outcome. Based off a picture shown to her of Rihanna, Lewis took it upon herself to add gold trim to the top, bottom and middle and make it into her own masterpiece. As with any pursuit, the work is difficult, but the outcome is worth it. "I like the creativity aspect and how I can think outside of the box and be myself. They're [industries] not going to punish you for being creative or innovative and that's what they want more of," said Lewis.

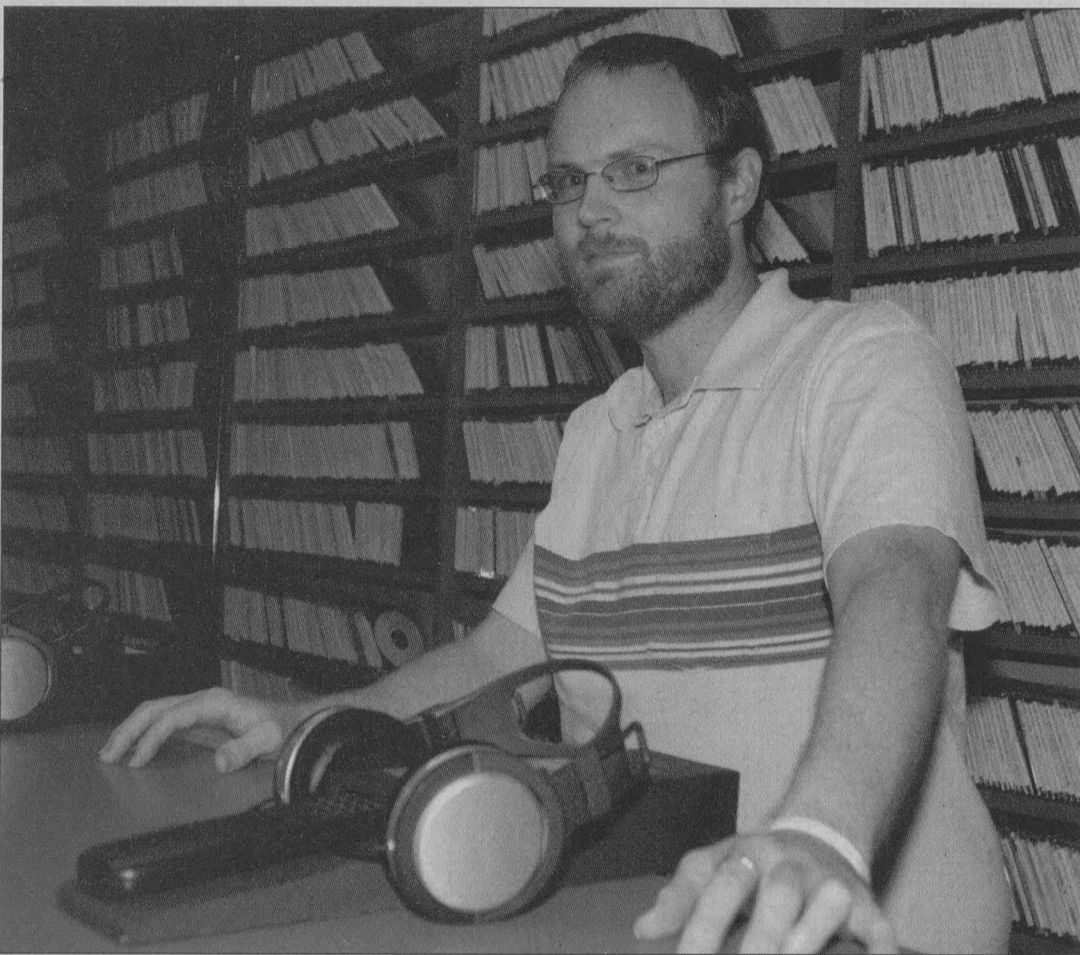
When asked how she got into dress making, besides hearing about A&T's fashion merchandising program, she mentioned having photo shoots in the dresses she'd created.

"I was like well, since I make dresses in class I might as well make dresses for myself to wear in these photo shoots because I just like creative photo shoots," said Lewis.

She cites her favorite dress as the one she wore to the last Black Party.

When she's not in Benbow Hall creating another dress, you can find her in the library honing her craft by checking out various fashion books. Some choose to follow, while others make their own path or in this case, dresses.

AROUND GREENSBORO



PHOTOS BY LEROY MIKELL - REGISTER

DUNCAN DUNN owns BB's Compact Discs and does everything he can to keep the independent music store alive in Greensboro.

The beat goes on

BB's keeps independent music store alive in Greensboro

MICHAEL J. McCRAY
Editor In Chief

The record store used to be the spot where young music lovers worked as curators in modern music museums.

The local music store was once the hottest place to be, then came big box record chains like Tower Records and Media Play cutting in on the market, then large retailers like Wal-Mart got in on the action but none of those could do the damage that digital music has done.

iTunes, Napster and other not so legal programs swept through indie record stores like a hurricane from hell. The casual listener went from browsing shelves on weekends to sitting in front of computers and skimming through online music stores.

Tucked behind a Starbucks and Elizabeth's Pizza, just a stones throw from Guilford College, BB's Compact Discs is one of the last independent music stores left in the Triad and the only one participating in Record Store Day.

Record Store Day is a collaborative effort by record stores internationally to drum up interest in their stores with some shops going all out with live performances.

Owner Duncan Dunn was excited to hear about the day and quickly made sure his business was a part of it. "I think it's great," said Dunn. "With internet downloading and mega chain stores trying to put out local record stores."

Shoppers of all ages, literally babies to graying hippies, browsed the store looking for rare finds or music they've yet to hear. Guys with hipster glasses, fatigue shorts and flops and one in an overcoat more suited for an adult video store than a record store.

Dunn discussed his business and the ever fading presence of record stores today.

"It (business) has been better but you get what you give," said Dunn. "CDs are one of those, I wouldn't say frivolous purchases, but one might pass up for essentials like food or gas."



A&T alum David Locklear spends time looking for hidden jewels with his daughter.

"If I break my arm I'm not going to a dentist, why would I go to an appliance store to buy music?"

- Duncan Dunn, Owner

BB's has a selection of CDs that is a eclectic listeners dream or freaky 90's nightmare.

From the seriously whack, like Jermaine Jackson's 1991 album "You Said" jokingly on display in the used album section for \$2.99. Ron Artest's solo flop "My World" (which was still \$16 for some reason) to the serious steals like J Dilla's "Ruff Draft" and MF Doom's "MM..Food" stashed between artists that buzzed a little but never blew up.

They also have new releases but the biggest draw to the store is their used CDs.

"People bring in boxes of old CDs for cash or store credit," said Seth, a UNCG graduate that's been working at BB's for over two years. He also says weird musical requests are pretty much an everyday thing.

Whether its people who only know a couple lines of a song or those who know exactly what they want and don't know where to find it, BB's will find any album still in circulation.

Adam Thorn, 28, is a fan of BB's used CD selection and usually buys 60's garage rock

and British invasion music, but today it's comedy.

"It's sad to see record stores disappear," said Thorn. "The history of music is to get it smaller and smaller, now it's just a digital blip and people sitting in front of screens."

Although the record store business might have it's best days behind them, Dunn still enjoys what he does. "It's still fun for me to discover new music," said Dunn. "Since middle school I've always enjoyed turning others on to music."

Gate City Noise and Record Exchange are record store casualties locally leaving a huge void for vinyl, which BB's doesn't have on sale.

Dunn says the difference between his store and a mega chain store is that his employees "really care about music."

"If I break my arm I'm not going to a dentist, why would I go to an appliance store to buy music," said Dunn.

One thing Dunn can't deny is the convenience of the internet and digital music and has even slipped into the dark side when he has no other choice for "iTunes exclusives" and bands he "really adores."

"I appreciate the convenience but I like to say if my computer crashes I still have the CD, the nostalgia," said Dunn. "I like to know that I physically own something...I'm a firm believer that people like me will always want something they can hold in their hands."

Dunn, who wouldn't call himself an audiophile, said "I like to hear what's actually been recorded."

"Things you hear on the CD you don't hear on the downloaded version." The iTunes music store usually encodes its music at a low bitrate, stripping songs of their studio quality.

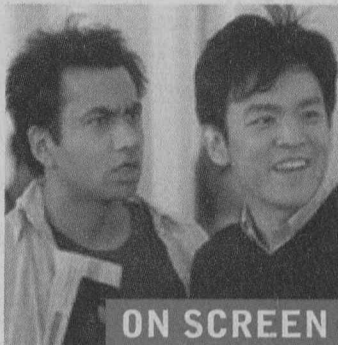
BB's also works to continue the tradition of local record stores championing the cause of independent artist but putting local artists music on consignment in their store for free.

The future of the record store business may not get any better but at least in Greensboro, it's not going down without a fight.

hotlist

April 23rd to 29th

The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

HAROLD AND KUMAR

ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY stars John Cho and Kal Penn as stoner buddies in the sequel to the 2004 cult hit "Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle." Part 2 sees the duo on their way to Amsterdam before they get caught trying to sneak a bong on the plane and become terrorists suspects. Hits theaters Friday. Rated R.

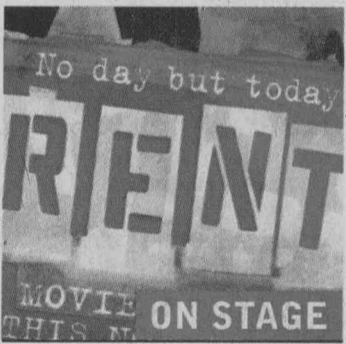
- M.M.



ON SHELVES

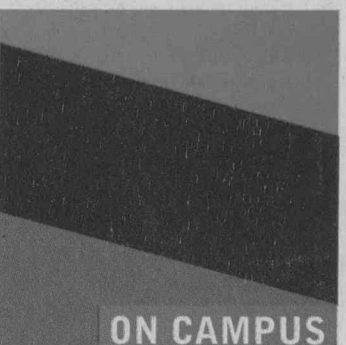
CLOVERFIELD is on DVD now and home viewers will get to experience a monster the size of skyscrapers on their crappy dorm room TV sets. Shot like home video, the film follows a group of young New Yorker's as they try to survive one crazy night. We doubt you'll get sick or get seizures from this movie in your home unless you have a an HDTV and surround sound but this is definitely Pride Hall approved for movie night.

- M.M.



RENT comes to Greensboro's War Memorial Auditorium for two performances and for those who can't make their way to Manhattan to see it on Broadway, it's the next best thing. You can get tickets to one of the most acclaimed plays of all-time starting at \$35.50. Wednesday and Thursday shows both start at 8 p.m.

- M.M.



ON CAMPUS

BLACK UNITY FESTIVAL is going down Saturday in the Holland Bowl from Noon until 5 p.m. and will feature music, games, food, speeches, spoken word poetry and more. The event hopes to get spread a message that in union there is strength.

- M.M.

Fill this awkward space.
jobs@ncatregister.com

20
QUESTIONS

1. Anybody else feel like Aggie Fest didn't start until Friday?
2. If you've seen one step show haven't you seen them all?
3. Is it safe to assume that the Sigmas and Deltas are going to win every step show that KK Psi isn't in?
4. How much Greek hate mail are we going to get after that question?
5. When is the last time you saw somebody wearing a hat with snaps in the back?
6. Is that trend ever going to come back?
7. Can a boy/girl sleep in the same bed and keep it strictly platonic?
8. What would their parents say?
9. Anybody else ready for May 10th to come so seniors will stop their Facebook countdowns?
10. Does anybody actually read on Reading Day?
11. Where are the Africans that used to sell fake Forces and Jordan's outside the Union?
12. Anybody else buy those then realize they'd made a mistake?
13. Why does everybody have Harlem Nights on DVD?
14. Why does it seem like everybody at the Burger King on Summit hates their life?
15. How many people got locked up celebrating 4/20?
16. Who knew it was Earth Day on Tuesday?
17. Does A&T even know what going green is?
18. Have you ever seen one of your professors in the club?
19. What if you did?
20. Would you dance with them?