

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

NCAT Student Newspapers

Digital Collections

8-20-2008

The Register, 2008-08-20

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, 2008-08-20" (2008). *NCAT Student Newspapers*. 1413.

<https://digital.library.ncat.edu/atregister/1413>

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.



Michael Phelps wins a record 8 Gold medals in Beijing.

PAGE 6

Aggie Fun Fest on Saturday!
Aggie Stadium Parking Lot, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

THE A&T REGISTER

FREE | VOLUME LXXXII, NO. 1

NCATREGISTER.COM

AUGUST 20, 2008 | WEDNESDAY

SERVING THE AGGIE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 80 YEARS

THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER OF NORTH CAROLINA A&T

Battle looks forward to brighter days in Aggieland

WHITNEY DICKENS
Register Reporter

"Oh, what a happy day!" "I am so happy to put my freshman year at A&T behind me," said Chancellor Stanley F. Battle, as he addressed the faculty and some students in a filled Harrison Auditorium recently.

There is a bright future ahead for A&T, and Battle is confirming that in the hearts and minds of both students and faculty alike.

On July 1, 2007, the chan-



Battle

cellor walked into the middle of a storm. It was frustrating, but he didn't blame anybody. Stories were on the front page of papers, and at the top of the news broadcasts for A&T's financial mishaps with the past chancellor. Current enrollment was down and there was an estimated loss of 4.1 million dol-

lars. One thing Battle stated that he learned during his first year was "Aggie Pride." He said, "No one can take Aggie Pride away from you".

With all of the negative talk and actions going on at A&T, Battle reversed the perception of A&T. And that is evident in a quote he enunciated, "The future is not a place that we are going to but one we are creating."

Within just one year, he, along with many others, have seen the campus grow and prosper. Young minds are being

prepared for a lifelong learning experience.

"We are exploring new paths to lead in new directions," he added.

One of the many progressions at A&T is a change in attitude.

Battle is making sure the funding agencies are up to date, and realizes that everything won't be fixed in a short amount of time.

Serious adjustments are being made and he is determined to retain the quality of students

on campus. The chancellor has implemented a program called Dowdy Scholars.

This program is based on GPA and SAT scores of incoming freshman. Four year scholarships are awarded to top of the line students.

This year, 187 students were admitted into the Dowdy Scholars program. Within 25 years, this is the best class coming into A&T. The average GPA has gone from 2.9 to 3.22, and the average SAT score has gone from 888 to 947. A lot is expect-

ed from the Dowdy Scholars, but the main goal is increased retention rates.

Along with the Dowdy Scholars program, two other academic initiatives were implemented. Those include the Cosby kids and the Greensboro Technical Community College (GTCC) agreement. The Cosby Kids program begins with fourth graders and by the time they come to A&T, they have scholarship support. The GTCC

► See **BATTLE** on Page 2



The Campus Recreation Center (above) is one of the new projects set to open during the fall semester.

PHOTO BY MICHAELA EDWARDS

Campus changes continue

Recreation center is planning for a mid-September opening

DANIELLE DAILEY
AND JASMINE JOHNSON
Register Reporters

Many new and exciting things have changed for Aggies this academic year, including a new fitness center, directors of various programs and even completed housing renovations.

The Campus Recreation Center, located behind McCain Hall, is the newest structure on Aggieland, which is tentatively set to open Sept. 22.

The center was funded through different student fees and provides strength equipment, an aerobics room, men's and women's shower/locker rooms, etc.

The building also serves as the new headquarters for all campus recreation and a home

for the new Intramural coordinator, Anita Griffin. Traditional and non-traditional students are welcome, along with those living off-campus.

"The Campus Recreation Center is open to all students, it is not made to target just one particular group," said Robert McNair, the newest Campus Recreational Director. "It will serve as a hub for both intramural sports and registration for sports."

Using a new technology called biometrics the center will make it safer for student use.

AggieOne cards must first be swiped in the common area and then granted access to enter further into the building. The Campus Recreation Center will also include a receptionist greeting as well as a student/

graduate assistant staff.

Another addition to Aggieland is the newly appointed Interim Director of the Honors Program, Dr. Ray Davis. Davis joins the honors program from the School of Technology, where he was the Assistant Dean of programs. With over 25 years experience in administration and 19 years at A&T, Davis replaced Dr. Peter Meyers July 1.

"I had no idea all the things honors does to nurture students in a positive way, but I am excited to work with those who share my enthusiasm," commented Davis.

Davis admits to having "big shoes to fill" taking over Meyers position, but is headed in an upbeat, positive direction.

He plans to implement an Advisory Board consisting of

Alumni and working with the development office to increase the financial support in all aspects of the honors program.

Davis is looking to also hear input from the honor students on how the program could possibly improve.

Among his many accomplishments, Davis just completed his second year as Regional Vice President of Phi Kappa Phi Honors society. He is responsible for more than 62 chapters in five different states.

Also joining the new staff on campus is Williams Cafeteria General Manager Harvey Holmes. Look out for minor changes to the dining areas.

Barbee Hall renovations are complete and serve as housing for many new freshmen. However, Vanstory will not begin renovations until May 2009.

★ RACE TO 1600 ★

McCain and Obama preparing for major party conventions

KAREN THOMPSON
News Editor

With the November 2008 elections steadily approaching, the presumptive nominees, Barack Obama and John McCain, are full steam ahead in their campaign attempts for the White House.

Now that the primaries have ended, and Hillary Clinton has conceded the race, Obama has been able to join John McCain, on the political trail.

While the Democrats were still battling well into June over whether Clinton or Obama should receive the nomination, McCain was hitting the road and beginning to layout his plan to American voters for the next four years in Washington D.C.

Consequently, Obama and his campaign supporters have been playing catch up since June laying out the Democratic vision for America in hopes that voters will positively respond to what Obama calls "A need for change."

These two nominees now have the great task of convincing the American people before November that one of them are indeed the man that should be the Commander in Chief starting January 2009. It has definitely been noted that both candidates have taken much criticism from concerned voters and one another. Some people view Barack Obama as a "secret" Muslim who will try to tyrannically con-

► See **CONVENTIONS** on Page 2

COMMENTARY

Student organizes grassroots campaign to help his native Congo

KUMBALE MUSAVULI
Special to The A&T Register

On August 10, 1998, I was given a safe haven in the United States.

At the age of 17, I was sad to leave the Congo but happy to be alive. My family and I left a few days before the second invasion of the Congo began. With only four outfits in my luggage, I thought to myself "What is going to happen to my country?"

I lived in Kinshasa 1996 when the Rwanda invasion first happened and, I could only imagine how things would get worse.

I took peace from the fact my

siblings and parents made the trip with me.

My feeling of sadness was from thoughts of family and friends we had left behind. Living here in America has been a challenge simply because I still have memories of the beautiful Congo and the people I miss.

It's very hard to be here, knowing my people are not free and realizing that I have the opportunity to live in the most powerful country in the world. I want to be able to help the Congo regain its sovereignty.

10 years after my relocation to America, things are even worse.

► See **CONGO** on Page 2

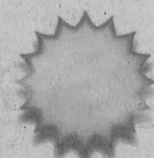
theYARD

Provost and vice chancellor Brewington retires

Dr. Janice Brewington retired her post as provost and vice chancellor of the University on June 30th, she's been replaced in interim by Dr. Alton Thompson.

PAGE 2

YOUR SCHOOL.
YOUR NEWS.
YOUR PAPER.



Hi: 88°
Lo: 66°

theYARD.....2
theWORLD.....4
theWORD.....5
theSCORE.....6
theSCENE.....7

CONVENTIONS From page 1

trol the U.S. after he gets into the White House, even though Obama and his family attend church and profess to be devout Christians.

McCain also criticizes Obama on the grounds of beliefs that Obama is nothing but a swift sweet-talker who has the ability to emotionally move massive crowds of Americans into spirited chants of "Yes We Can!" but not enough domestic and geo-political experience to lead the nation as President.

McCain on the other hand, as much as he tries to differentiate himself from President George W. Bush, has constantly dealt with the criticisms and scare tactics of the Democrats that he will do nothing more than assume the role of the next President Bush. With Bush's overall approval rating from Americans now in the teens, this scare tactic, if not heavily refuted by the Republican Party, may be enough to push a lot of voters who are undecided or independent onto Obama's side for fear of McCain following in President Bush's footsteps.

The Democratic National Convention is set for August 25-28, 2008 and the Republican National Convention will be held on September 1st through the 4th, 2008. The National conventions are designed to officially nominate the respective party's nominees. During these days many Americans will divide over the issues and rally behind their nominees in hopes of pushing their candidate all the way to the White House. These days will also include notable guest speakers, many of whom have served their respective parties for years and many networking opportunities for those people young and old, who are looking for ways to help their parties and its Presidential candidate.

Even though the American people may be divided over the issues such as the war in Iraq, oil prices, the housing crisis and unemployment, one thing that the Presidential hopefuls and the American people definitely agree on, is that something must be done to put America back on the right track. However, as to how that will happen, is up to the American voters to decide in November.

BATTLE From page 1

agreement allows students to attend the college and later attend A&T. This agreement also includes 15 other community colleges.

Also under Battle's administration, band support has increased by 55 percent. 80 students are receiving help with financial aid, choirs on campus are being funded, and new academic programs are being added.

The refund check situation has changed to no more than a week wait. Two new buildings are set to open, and more than 13.4 million dollars has been raised. All while scores in the nursing program are improving significantly, the program has a 95-96 percent pass rate.

He admits, "If we don't have students, we won't be here." "Excellence, intelligence, and honesty will not be compromised." With that, The Chancellor has high expectations for the upcoming year and many goals. In the words of Chancellor Stanley F. Battle, "If we support each other, we can take anybody or anything on."

Provost retires over summer break

Thompson to replace Brewington on interim basis

**DEXTER MULLINS
and BRITTANY HANEY**
Register Reporters

This summer the University underwent some major changes both externally and internally.

While the majority of students were gone doing internships, working their summer jobs, or just taking a break, North Carolina A&T was getting prepared to face the new year. A&T will be facing that year with a new second-in-command.

Monday, June 30, marked the date of retirement for A&T's Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Janice Brewington.

A farewell reception was held in her honor at the University's Alumni Foundation Event Center. Faculty, staff, and students filled the ballroom, gracing Brewington with goodbye hugs and encouraging words as she embarked on a new journey into the world of retirement.

Dr. Brewington worked within the NC state system for 26 years. Her last 14 years of employment were spent at A&T.

Within this time period, she held a variety of positions: Assistant Dean and Interim Dean in the School of Nursing; Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs/Institutional Planning, Assessment, and Research; and most recently, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

"It was my time to go," Brewington said. "I looked back at my accomplishments over the years and decided that my work is done. I am looking forward to what the next life has in store for me."

Dr. Brewington also took administrative leave to be an executive on loan with The Gillette Company as the manager for University Relations Department in Talent Acquisitions, global shared services for North America.

With the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

bringing in a new Chancellor this year, many wondered if her sudden plans for departure would guide her to become the leader of the University, with the two most recent Chancellors being female.

Brewington clarified all rumors of her going to UNCG by restating that she is strictly retiring.

"I will go wherever my journey leads me," she said. "Right now, I have no immediate plans. I am looking forward to spending time at home with my grandchildren," she said.

She will also spend her time helping others. Brewington recently learned that her cousin was diagnosed with cancer. As a nurse practitioner, she will care for her cousin in their time of need.

Brewington stressed the concept of individuals following their unique paths. "Life is a journey," she said. "In this journey, God lets you off at different stops. In each path, there is a learning. After your purpose is fulfilled, He lets you know when it is time to move on."

While leaving one of the more challenging roles of the University, Brewington is confident that the new interim will come with the skills and expertise necessary to enhance academic affairs for the benefit of the students. Also, the interim will be prepared to take on the responsibilities necessary in the process of program-accreditations.

Dr. Alton Thompson, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Science, will assume the position of interim provost and vice chancellor.

"I was asked by Chancellor Battle to perform the duties of this position during the interim period, six months to one year," Thompson said. "I think the transition will be seamless; I will build upon the programs and efforts of Dr. Brewington."

With the University up for reaccreditation from the South-

ern Association of Colleges and Schools commission, having a change in the Universities second highest position could seem a little shaky.

Thompson doesn't think so, and has full confidence in the University's status that it will flow through SACS with no problems.

"A SACS Accreditation Team began work during fall 2007, and meets on a regular basis, and has made significant progress. Dr. Lea Williams and Dr. Vincent Childress serve as co-chairs. This transition will not affect SACS accreditation."

In a time when the University's very reputation is at stake, this focus on SACS could not seem more crucial. Dr. Thompson stated he was aware of some of the areas that needed immediate attention, and planned to pick up where Dr. Brewington left off; giving the special attention needed to some of the areas she may have missed.

One of these main focus areas is retention, something not only Dr. Thompson will be looking at, but Chancellor Battle as well as he indicated in his August 13 opening address to new faculty and staff.

"Our enrollment was down," Battle said. "Retention and graduation rates were low. Students were being accepted who did not meet the admission standards. We had terrible customer service in the Registrar's and Financial Aid Offices."

"We had a fiasco in trying to get refund checks out to students. And, on the academic side, we had a great need for expanded and more diverse academic programs. Aggies love this university and we will not settle for mediocrity."

With all this taking place, the Chancellor also noted that the University has made significant progress in the proper direction this past year, and there is no doubt Dr. Brewington was a part of that.

"Our accomplishments over

this past year have been tremendous," Chancellor Battle said. "We have seen our campus grow, prosper, face challenges and emerge stronger and better equipped to meet and to anticipate the needs of an evolving society. Universities exist to pave the way to tomorrow.

We prepare young minds to be life-long learners. We research to discover solutions to global problems. To continue to do these things we must be prepared to rethink what we do and how we do it, and to explore new paths that may lead us in entirely new directions. And that is exactly what we've done. We are determined to enroll quality students and to retain those students."

As for Dr. Brewington, her affects on the campus and personal touch will not be forgotten.

Dr. Brewington reminisced of her days in the University, and said that the students will always be in her thoughts. She will miss the awards banquets of the schools and colleges, visual arts performances, and choir concerts. Above all, she will miss interacting with the students on a daily basis.

Brewington wants to be best known for her legacy of "doing the right thing for the right people for the right reasons." In her words, the right people are the students.

Dr. Brewington hopes the administration keeps her legacy alive by keeping the students first. "The student body is why we are here. Administrators cannot lose sight of that," she said.

"She will definitely be missed," senior Ferrelli McGilvary says. "I think she was a great asset to the university and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors."

Dr. Brewington left A&T with a smile and these final words: "Always be clear about who you are, where you are from, how you became successful, and who helped you along the way."

events

WEDNESDAY

20

University Registration
Corbett Sports Center
8 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Young Investors Club
Craig Hall
Trading Room (2nd Floor)
4:30 p.m.

New Student Talent Show Auditions
Memorial Student Union
Room 101
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Service Learning Presentation
Memorial Student Union
Room 214
6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

XBOX 360 Domination EXTREME
Williams Cafeteria Breezeway
6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

21

University Registration
Corbett Sports Center
8 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Talent Show Auditions
Memorial Student Union
Room 101
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

22

University Registration
Corbett Sports Center
8 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Welcome Back Cookout
Holland Bowl
4 p.m.

Freshman Talent Show & Greek Life Step Show
Holland Bowl
5:30 p.m.

The Blue & Gold Marchine Machine Performance
Holland Bowl
7:30 p.m.

Welcome Back Gym Jam!
Moore Gym
9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

SATURDAY

23

University Registration
Corbett Sports Center
8 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Aggie Football Fan Fest
Aggie Stadium
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

P.E.E.R.S. DUI Awareness Program
Holland Bowl
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

IN FOCUS



PHOTO BY BRITTANY HANEY

MOVE-IN WEEKEND: Davia McCo rkle and her parents were one of many families who came to campus during the hectic move in weekend.

theBLOTTER

Water Damage
Aug. 16, 3:44 p.m.
Vanstory Hall

A water pipe burst, causing extensive water damage in several rooms. The estimated total damage is \$21,700. The cause of the problem is unknown at this time. There were no injuries reported.

Arrest
Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Mitchell Drive

A non-university related male was arrested for simple possession of marijuana. The male was transported to jail, processed and given a written promise to appear. There were no injuries reported.

Robbery
Aug. 16, 4:00 a.m.
Holland Hall

A male student reported being robbed on Aug. 15, at approximately 2100 hours at gunpoint. The student reported that his

jewelry was taken. The estimated value of the jewelry is \$250.00. There were no injuries reported. There is witness and suspect information.

Vehicle Accident
Aug. 16, 4:25 p.m.
Benbow Road

A vehicle improperly backed from a parked position causing contact with another vehicle. The total estimated damage is \$2500.00. There were no charges. There were no injuries reported.

— Compiled by Tiffany Adams

If you ever see anything suspicious or need assistance call Campus Police

(336) 334-7675

HEY AGGIES!



PAPA JOHN'S
Better Ingredients.
Better Pizza.

STUDENT SPECIAL
LARGE 1-TOPPING
\$9.99

(336) 954-7575

Get free publicity for your campus events!

events@ncatregister.com

THE A&T REGISTER

Box E-25
1601 E. Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27411
Newsroom: NCB 328A
(336) 334-7700
www.ncatregister.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF: Aasiya Townsell
MANAGING EDITOR: Malcolm S. Eustache
ASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Dexter Mullins
NEW MEDIA EDITOR: Michael J. McCray
NEWS EDITOR: Karen Thompson
SPORTS EDITOR: Daniel Henderson
SCENE EDITOR: Alexandria Harper
PHOTO EDITOR: Michaela Edwards
NCATREGISTER.COM: Robert Medley (Online Editor)
EDITORIAL CONSULTANT: Leroy Mikell
BUSINESS MANAGER: Paul Haizlip

COPY DESK CHIEF: Anjan Basu
COPY DESK: Brandon Green
STAFF WRITERS: Stacie Bailey, Michael Jones, Marcus Thompson
REGISTER REPORTERS: Jasmine Johnson, Whitney Dickens, Denise Garrison, Ashley Gilmer, Danielle Dailey, Shanice Jarmon
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER: Britney Haney, Desra Gresham
PAGE DESIGNER: Michael J. McCray
ADVERTISING DESIGNER: Robert Medley
INTERNS: Kristin Hope
FACULTY ADVISER: Emily Harris

THE A&T REGISTER is published every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters by students at North Carolina A&T State University. One copy is available free of charge to all readers. Additional copies may be picked up at the Register's newsroom (subject to availability). All subscription requests should be directed to the Business department. **THE A&T REGISTER** has a weekly circulation of 5,000 copies on-campus and in the community and is a member of The Associated Press, The Associated Collegiate Press and the Black College Wire.

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Gas prices are down locally yet student drivers remain frustrated

MICHAEL JONES
Staff Writer

In a time of record high oil prices, and what were once simple commodities turning into another budgeted bill, the country has found itself struggling.

More and more we see hybrids, bikes, and articles detailing ways to go green and save energy. Like a butterfly effect, prices in every way have soared due to higher oil prices. With all the newfound rises in prices, students are suffering as well while in school.

"Gas prices are outrageously high," said senior student Ieshia Harrington. "And as a college student I have to take out more money for gas which means less money for other necessities that I need such as food and bills. This coming year I will definitely park the car and walk, no more driving across campus to find a park so I'll just have to sacrifice getting to class on time to save gas."

Oil prices per barrel are roughly up \$80 from last year, and the average national retail gas price is \$3.73 per gallon, ac-

ording to the Energy Information Administration.

The average national average has been as high as \$4.11 per gallon. The gas issue has made its way into the grocery stores, due to delivery trucks paying more for gas.

To keep business going, the price of food has been raised. In transportation, airports are instituting luggage charges, and bus stations have increased their fare prices.

Companies are switching to four day work weeks and people are trading in their "gas guzzlers" for smaller or hybrid cars. Everyone is affected and everyone has to make accommodations to keep up with rising energy costs.

Students who are working to get through school will have another assignment on their plate this year; trying to afford all their needs with the little salary they receive and keep gas in their vehicle. Commuters will definitely feel the effects a lot more than the on-campus students.

"Seeing that I stay off campus in between class I will just

stay on campus until my next class even if the gap is more than an hour or two," said Harrington.

"I'm so ready for the presidential election so that somebody can do something about these prices; I mean by the time November gets here gas is going to be well over \$5."

Gosh it makes my head hurt just thinking about it" said a frustrated Harrington. "I mean I work and I feel that I'm going back and forth to work just to put gas in the car."

After taxes, paying bills, the rest that you have has to go to gas. I have a '96 Camry and I remember putting in \$20 and that would last me 2 weeks. Now it takes me \$40 to \$45 and that might last me a week."

As of right now, there is no real immediate "fix" to the countries oil problem. Talks of more drilling and trying to raise oil output do nothing for the problem at hand.

With predictions of \$5 gas, pockets will be sure to tighten up further and remain a serious burden over students' head.

Student pleads with fellow Aggies to help shed light on war in Congo

CONGO From page 1

There have been nearly 6-million lives lost. Close to half of the deaths are children aged five years and younger. Every month, 45 thousand people die in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The equivalent of a Darfur happens in the Congo every five and a half months, yet mainstream media does not cover the Congo properly.

The purpose of the Break the Silence Congo Week is to raise awareness about the devastating situation in the Congo and mobilize support on behalf of the people of the Congo. It will take place from Sunday, October 19 to Saturday October 25. The key organizers are students from North Carolina A&T, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro, University of Maryland, Howard University, Bowie University, and Cornell University.

We've done some grassroots efforts to get the word out and are trying to make the connection with the cell phones and the war in the Congo, we organized a cell phone boycott in March 2008, with help of my friends and a few organizations on my college campus. My efforts resulted in my expulsion from Facebook.

Now we want to engage people in a new campaign called "Break the Silence" Congo Week. This week of awareness is a global initiative led by students to raise awareness about the situation in the Congo. The mission is to provide support to the people of the Congo. I traveled to Chicago for the journalism conference called UNITY 08'. This conference gave me access to over 10 thousand new, veteran and aspiring journalists. After mingling with them I realize that more efforts must be made to inform Mass Media of the importance of the situation in the Congo. Before returning home I met with Sharon Carpenter, André Showel, and Jeff Johnson at BET. I gave a package about The Congo containing information on how the media can spread the word and play a part to everyone mentioned. My visit included time spent with Biron Pitts and Russ Mitchell at CBS news. Roland Martin and Soledad O Brian at CNN, along with many more journalists received these packages.

I sought to encourage these journalists to not only cover the Congo more often but also to get to the root of the problem when they do cover the situation there. I let them know that the source of the conflict in the Congo is the scramble for its enormous wealth and not the

commonly portrayed inter-cine or self-destructive, ethnic bloodletting. I also reminded them that Congo was invaded twice by Rwanda and Uganda with the backing and support of the United States. It was these invasions that unleashed the tremendous suffering in the Congo, my beautiful home.

Why should Americans care about the Congo? As Senator Brownback, stated "Almost every American owns at least one device in which coltan has been used." American corporations have been making billions off the people of the Congo. De Beers, out of Arkansas, produces about 40% of the world's supply of rough diamonds and added Russel Simmons as their nice-face for PR the month before the release of the movie "Blood Diamonds."

Surprisingly, Simmons has become a PR point person for the Diamond Industry.

We know that "In the Democratic Republic of Congo, De Beers estimates \$35 million of rough diamonds were produced by rebel controlled areas in 1999."

Why is it that Simmons is overlooking the fact that blood diamond is a reality in the Congo?

The Answer is Samuel Bodman. Not quite a household name in the U.S, Bodman is the secretary of energy for George Bush. He was the CEO of Cabot Corporation from 1997 to 2001. Cabot has been listed by the United Nations as one of the 85 companies illegally exploiting the minerals in the Congo. Bodman was voted unanimously in the Senate as the Secretary of energy. Cabot extracts a mineral called coltan (columbo-tantalite) out of the Congo which is used virtually in every electronic device such as cell phones, laptops, TVs, VCRs, pacemakers, etc. As Cabot came under fire, nothing is being done to make sure that they are not continuing to exploit the Congo.

Knowing that in past history the Congo has helped the United States greatly only pushes me to think that there is a serious black out on the Congo for a reason.

Who remembers the Hiroshima bomb from the Manhattan project? Not only did the Congo provided the uranium for the bomb but now the mine location in Shinkolobwe, Katanga, is a target for exploitation by other countries since the Congo is unstable. The blood spilled over Japan seems to follow the Congo even though we were under colonial rule when the uranium was extracted.

Why is there such a SILENCE around the deaths of nearly 6 million people? May-

be there is not... CNN covered deaths of four gorillas killed in the East of Congo in July of 2007. As a Congolese I thank them for that. Can you just imagine what could be going through my mind when I saw that? I have my grandparents living in the East and yet the lives of Gorillas are more important than the safety of human beings? 45,000 people die in the DR Congo and CNN appear to be talking more about mountain gorillas? This felt like a slap in the face. Women are being raped, children are being enslaved, men are being killed, and many more horrors but the gorillas are getting support and protection. Why is it that people are desensitized about what is happening to the Congolese people?

In my endeavors to bring the story of the Congolese to light, I have met extraordinary people. What I am finding out is that if people know what is going on, they will help. World activists historically have been at the side of the Congolese. William H. Shepherd, the first African-American to become a Presbyterian missionary to the Congo reported in 1909 so frankly on the atrocities he witnessed in the Congo during colonization. George Washington Williams, another notable African American, traveled to the Congo before Shepherd and advocated for the Congolese when he called the atrocities happening there "crimes against humanity" after he witnessed the brutality of King Leopold in which 10-million people lost their lives. Their advocacy is what helped create the "Congo Reform Association". This movement was supported by notable activists such as Mark Twain who wrote "King Leopold's Soliloquy" describing the arrogance of Leopold II as he defends himself in this political satire, the Polish novelist Joseph Conrad who wrote "Heart of Darkness," British Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle, Edmund Dene Morel, and Roger David Casement who wrote the Casement report.

The Rumble in the Jungle of 1974 is also a pivotal connection where Ali and Foreman came to battle in the Congo, then called Zaire. With this historic bond, I am making an appeal to the American people, and the global community.

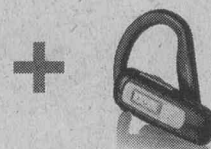
We are trying to engage the students and people of goodwill around the world through "BREAK THE SILENCE CONGO WEEK" to organize an event or activity in their community and/or campuses that will speak about the history, the tragedies, and the potential of a peaceful Congo.

Don't talk about it, WRITE about it!

Contributors meetings every
Wednesday at 5 p.m. in NCB 328A

BECOME THE MOST GIFTED STUDENT ON CAMPUS.

The coolest college gear, great prices and expert advice, that's your neighborhood RadioShack. Come in now and get great deals on all the stuff you need to get your year off to a hot start.



Plantronics Explorer 220 Bluetooth Headset
\$29⁹⁹ Reg. \$39.99
17-2836



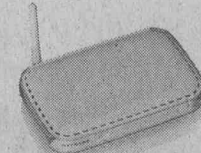
Virgin Mobile ARC
\$49⁹⁹
Totally Unlimited calling plan—
\$79.99 per month
17-3598



AT&T Sierra Wireless 881 USBConnect AirCard
FREE* with qualifying new 2-year agreement for rate plans \$60 or more on the primary line only.
\$279.99 without.
17-2762



Compaq CQ50 Laptop
\$499⁹⁹ after \$100 mail-in prepaid card. Reg. \$599.99
25-497



Netgear Wireless-G Router
\$39⁹⁹ Reg. \$59.99
25-3342



4GB ReadyBoost USB Flash Drive
\$24⁹⁹ 25-275

Offers good 7/27/08 through 9/30/08. Availability may vary by store. See store for details.
*Price requires credit approval, up to \$36 activation fee and \$175 early-termination fee. Monthly access and other airtime charges and taxes apply. ©2008 AT&T Intellectual Property. All rights reserved.

RadioShack.
Do Stuff.[®]
RadioShack.com

VISIT A RADIOSHACK STORE NEAR YOUR CAMPUS.

Summit Shopping Center
926 Summit Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27405

FRIENDS OF THE CONGO AND STUDENTS WORLDWIDE
BREAKING THE SILENCE
CONGO WEEK
OCTOBER 19-25, 2008
WWW.CONGOWEEK.ORG
FOR MORE INFO: EMAIL SUPPORT@CONGOWEEK.ORG
ALSO CALL 1-888-584-6510

Russian military take 20 Georgian soldiers as prisoners

BELA SZÁNDELSZKY
Associated Press Writer

POTI, Georgia (AP) — Russian soldiers took about 20 Georgian troops prisoner at a key Black Sea port in western Georgia on Tuesday, blindfolding them and holding them at gunpoint, and commandeered American Humvees awaiting shipment back to the United States.

The move came as a small column of Russian tanks and armored vehicles left the strategic Georgian city of Gori in

the first sign of a Russian pull-back of troops from Georgia after a cease-fire intended to end fighting that reignited Cold War tensions. The two countries on Tuesday also exchanged prisoners captured during their brief war.

However, Russian soldiers took Georgian servicemen prisoner in Poti — Georgia's key oil port city — and commandeered the U.S. Humvees.

Russian forces blocked access to the city's naval and commercial ports on Tuesday morning and towed the missile boat Dioskuria, one of the navy's

most sophisticated vessels, out of sight of observers. A loud explosion was heard minutes later.

Several hours later, an Associated Press photographer saw Russian trucks and armored personnel carriers leaving the port with about 20 blindfolded and handcuffed men riding on them. Port spokesman Eduard Mashevorian said the men were Georgian soldiers.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said officials were looking into the reported theft of the Humvees.

The deputy head of Russia's

general staff, Col. Gen. Anatoly Nogovitsyn, said Russian forces plan to remain in Poti until a local administration is formed, but did not give further details.

He also justified previous seizures of Georgian soldiers as necessary to crack down on soldiers who were "out of any kind of control ... acting without command."

Russian troops last week drove Georgian forces out of South Ossetia, where Georgia on Aug. 7 launched a heavy artillery barrage in the separatist Georgian province with close ties to Russia. Fighting also

has flared in a second Russian-backed separatist region, Abkhazia.

The short war has driven tensions between Russia and the West to some of their highest levels since the breakup of the Soviet Union, but Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has icily defended Russia's actions.

"Anyone who tries anything like that will face a crushing response," he said Monday.

Later Medvedev handed out military medals to Russian soldiers involved in the fighting.

The cease-fire requires both sides to return to positions held

before the fighting began, but Whitman said Tuesday morning in Washington that it didn't appear Russia had made any significant withdrawal of forces.

"So far we have not seen any significant movement out of Georgia," he said.

In central Georgia on Tuesday, a small column of Russian tanks and armored vehicles left Gori, and a Russian officer said they were heading back to South Ossetia and then Russia. Col.

Igor Konoshenkov, a Russian military officer at the scene, gave no timetable for when the unit would reach Russia.

Insurgents kill 10 French soldiers in Afghanistan

AMIR SHAH
Associated Press Writer

SUROBI, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgents ambushed a group of elite French soldiers as they climbed a mountain pass, killing 10 troops in a militant stronghold outside the capital. In a separate coordinated attack, a team of suicide bombers tried unsuccessfully to storm a U.S. base near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.

French paratroopers and a Foreign Legion soldier were among the dead Monday — the biggest single combat loss for international forces in Afghanistan in more than three years.

The group was on a reconnaissance mission in the Surobi district, about 30 miles east of the Afghan capital, when they were ambushed Monday afternoon, officials said Tuesday. NATO sent backup and said a "large number" of the attackers were killed in the hourslong gunbattle.

France's top military official, Gen. Jean-Louis Georgelin, said most of the French casualties came in the minutes after the team was climbing a mountain pass. The fighting lasted into nightfall, he said.

"In its fight against terrorism, France has just been struck severely," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said in a statement.

Qazi Suliman, the district chief in Surobi, said 13 militants were reported killed. One Western official described the attacks on the French as "complex." But he added, "My determination remains intact."

Qazi Suliman, the district chief in Surobi, said 13 militants were reported killed.

Olympics opener causes concern

GILLIAN WONG
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Martial arts student Cheng Jiangua only saw the army barracks he stayed in and the stadium where he performed at the spectacular Olympics opening ceremony. But his sacrifices were minor — other performers were injured, fainted from heatstroke or forced to wear adult diapers so the show could go on.

Filmmaker Zhang Yimou, the ceremony's director, insisted in an interview with local media that suffering and sacrifice were required to pull off the Aug. 8 opening, which involved wrangling nearly 15,000 cast and crew. Only North Korea could have done it better, he said.

But some news reports have raised questions about the lengths to which Beijing went in trying to create a perfect start to the Summer Games.

Chinese officials were accused of fakery for using computer-generated images to enhance the show's fireworks display for TV viewers.

EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH HP.



\$848

#524867

HP Pavilion dv9819wm Entertainment Notebook PC

Technology and fashion for your mobile, digital lifestyle

- 3GB (max. 4GB)¹ system memory for smooth performance
- 160GB hard drive for your digital media²
- AMD Turion™ X2 TL-62 Dual-Core Mobile Processor for fast, powerful mobility
- 17" diagonal display for high-definition movies and photos³
- Chat face-to-face online with the integrated webcam⁴

HP Wireless Laser Mini Mouse

Wireless technology for freedom of movement



\$39⁸⁸

#521215 (black)
#521179 (pink), #521201 (turquoise)

A GREAT NOTEBOOK
DESERVES A
GREAT PRINTER.



\$69⁹⁷

#533376

*Rollback

HP Deskjet F4240 All-in-One Printer

One machine can do it all—and save you serious money.

- Print, scan, copy and fax—quickly and easily.
- ENERGY STAR® compliant for power efficiency.

DON'T FORGET.

HP 20" Widescreen LCD w2007 Monitor



#501977

- 20" diagonal viewing area
- 16:10 widescreen aspect ratio—ideal for movies or viewing documents simultaneously
- Great performance with 5-ms response time; 1000:1 contrast ratio
- Integrated rear-facing speakers to reduce desk clutter

\$278



#524804, #524811

HP 60
Black and Color
Ink Cartridges
\$15⁹⁷ - \$18⁶⁸

More pages, great reliability, amazing value.
Original HP.



#521819

HP Premium
Photo Paper
\$15⁶⁷

4x6,
glossy finish,
100 sheets



Available at
Walmart
Save money. Live better.

Walmart.com/hp

Greensboro

4424 West Wendover Ave., (336) 292-5070
121 W. Elmsley Drive, (336) 370-0775

Prices valid while supplies last. See product package for complete specifications and details.

¹4GB memory: Up to 1GB may not be available due to 32-bit operating system resource requirements.

²For hard drives, 1GB = 1 billion bytes. Actual formatted capacity is less.

³High-definition content required for HD performance. ⁴Internet access required and sold separately.

© Copyright 2008 Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. The information contained herein is subject to change without notice. The only warranties for HP products and services are set forth in the express warranty statements accompanying such products and services. AMD Turion is a trademark of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. ENERGY STAR is a U.S. registered trademark of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Don't drop the stick

TANISHA FORDHAM
Columnist

The class of 2012 rocks my socks! I am so happy to see fresh faces with amazing unwritten destinies in front of them.

The thought that when I walk into a welcome week program I walk into the presence of future doctors, lawyers, actresses, agriculturalists, journalists, sorority members, fraternity members, SGA leaders and the like is overwhelming.

However, more overwhelming than that notion is the notion that the class of twenty twelve will drop the stick and leave it on the ground.

My hope is not that every student at A&T will share the same experience. I do not believe that every person is destined to come to "Aggieland,"

become a member of a student organization, get all A's and B's and then graduate.

I realize that it is our successes and our failures that create the total Aggie experience but I hope that every student takes their respective stick and run with them.

I lost Miss Junior, and that gave me the strength and courage to run for Miss A&T.

Losing freed me from any apprehension concerning not winning. I had already lost and so I was completely prepared to win. I dropped my stick, and it was in dropping the stick that I realized how to hold it properly after picking it back up.

Why is it that the idea of "dropping the stick" is so taboo within the black community? Throughout our experience in America, as a race, we have ex-

perienced so many faces of oppression, defeat and failure.

We have been handed the stick so many times and on many occasions, for one reason or another (not always as a result of our own shortcomings) we have dropped it.

Our story is the story of oppression and yet in the midst of that oppression we have succeeded exceedingly and abundantly above so many other races in spite of our situation.

That is the legacy of African American's and certainly the same can be said for Aggies.

It is that very fact, we do always overcome, and that makes our dropping the stick irrelevant. You see-- the only way that one can tell that the stick has been dropped is if the person who dropped it chooses to leave it there. This sends the predator

on a mad hunt of who is without a stick, and therefore most vulnerable. If we as people could learn to pick up our sticks quickly after we've dropped them, we'd see that dropping the stick isn't as significant as we thought after all.

There are lessons to be learned in dropping the stick such as: who are our friends that are willing to stand with us in the face of failure, what is the most effective and least painful way to get back on our feet after failure, and how big of a stick are we able to handle without dropping it or falling short of our responsibilities.

The true and most wonderful stories of triumph come as a result of that reality. Surely this much can be said for African Americans and as African Americans, we never allowed

our sticks to hit the floor and even if we did, we fought with all our might in the belief that we would get it back, and so it was.

Which brings us back to the question, "Why is the idea of 'dropping the stick' so taboo?"

The shame in dropping the stick has nothing to do with the actual small defeat or mental stumble, dropping the stick is shameful because of the reprimanding that is associated with it.

The class of 2012 is so beautiful, and did I mention that they rock my socks? They have the opportunity to be whatever they set their minds to, and the same can be said for any other students on campus.

The future is truly, available for anyone who is willing to reach out and touch it, and al-

though little stumbling blocks are sure to cross our paths failure will never triumph unless we choose not to succeed in spite of them.

Failure is not dropping the stick; it is the choice to leave it there for fear of what happens next. I think it's summed up best, "you can only fail one time when you stop trying."

Do not fear dropping the stick. But more importantly, if you do drop the stick, pick it up.

I myself have dropped the stick many a time and I have never in my quest to pick it up received failure.

What I have received is opportunity, which I hope every member of AggieLand gets a chance to experience.

Be aware freshmen

ALEXANDRIA HARPER
Scene Editor

1) Financial Aid- Become familiar with the Dowdy Building. All students, but especially freshmen, need to make sure their bills are paid and up to date before entering their first class.

2) Time Management- It is important to learn how not to overextend yourself. Finding a balance between your studies and social life is top priority. There maybe times when you have to skip a party in order to get your school work done.

3) Be Proactive/Not Reactive- Proactive people take the initiative. These are the "go getters" and the movers and shakers of our society. If you want anything in life you must seize the opportunity. This includes seeking out organizations and groups on campus that you wish to be a part of.

4) Know your Teachers- Make sure that you introduce yourself to all of your teachers. Let them know who you are and what you would like to take away from the course. This includes making frequent visits to their office hours. A teacher seldom fails a student whom they see everyday.

5) Know your Advisor- In the same manner you introduce yourself to your teachers, introduce yourself to your advisor. Ask for a sheet that displays every course you need to graduate.

This sheet is sometimes called a plan of study sheet or a degree curriculum. Also pick up a book that gives course descriptions and cluster layouts.

This way you can plan out all the classes you need to take for future semesters.

6) Declare your Major Early- Do not start out undecided if you know what you want to major in. Declaring a major early helps you graduate on time. Some students put off declaring a major for several semesters, and by then their grades are too low to enroll into a major of their choice. Decide now what you want to do after college.

7) Stay away from Credit Card Companies- Know your means. Limit spending only to necessities. The new Jordan's or those hot pair of eight-inch stilettos do not come before you purchase your textbooks.

8) Learn How to Cope with Leaving Home- As incoming freshmen this maybe your first time away from home. Make sure you are prepared for the rough roads ahead. Put up pictures of friend and family to help avoid a disease known as homesickness.

9) Learn How to get Along with your Roommate/Roommates- It does not matter if you live in a dorm room or apartment, you must learn how to bond with your roommate.

10) Learn your Surroundings- Print out a campus map from the NCAT website (www.ncat.edu). Learn all of the building on A & T's campus.

You never know when you might need something in that building. Get familiar with the nail, barber and beauty salons off campus. Knowing your surrounding will help you feel more comfortable in your new home.

Living like the French

AASIYA TOWNSELL
Editor in Chief

For the summer, instead of sitting in the hot sun on the Lifeguard chair, or being a "yes ma'am" at an internship, I decided to head overseas to study fashion in none other than the fashion capital of the world, Paris, France.

Not only was everyone fashionable, they were heavily active too. Not a day went by without someone pushing on a scooter, riding a bike, roller-blading, skate boarding, running, or one of my favorites, just plain walking. With that, I could count with one hand how many out-of-shape people I saw.

Every Friday the entire city would be on foot roller-blading, covering all the streets with police cars in the front and the back to help guide them. It seemed as if staying in shape was a weekly event for Parisians.

Being that the city is cultured with a lot of their historic buildings, the scenery was breath-taking. No wonder the inhabitants of Paris were always outside walking, laughing and frolicking about.

The amazing part of living in Paris was that I lost weight without trying. I didn't work out nor did I count calories. In all honesty, all I did was pig out on McDonald's and walked everywhere. Oh yeah, and the whole idea of the French eating bite size portions as a meal is a misconception. Their plates

were just as full as ours; just less salty, greasy and they never even heard of ranch dressing.

Before I continue, I'm not saying eating fast food all day doesn't cause weight gain because I can assure you that it can, but walking everywhere helped balance out my poor diet.

Now that I'm back here in the States I see more cars then ever, hardly any walking, and none of roller-blading or using a scooter to get around.

However, unlike Paris, most of the city structures in America almost require a car to get to where you need go. Everything is spread out, especially in suburbia. Now with gas prices being so high, people are actually being forced to find other means of transportation.

It's safe to say that now,

America is slowly adopting the European culture of biking or walking to work but not for environmental reasons, it's more financial.

It is a plus for people adapting to on-foot transportation and staying active, but it should be by choice.

On the upside of things, adopting that part of the French culture would be useful to the betterment of our health. Just think, if it takes you less then 5 minutes to get to where you need to go, why drive? Greensboro is not the biggest city in America, and you can basically cover half of it through cycling.

For me, I personally like utilizing my two feet to get by, versus sitting in a big metal box with wheels, not to mention it's also eco-friendly.

McDonald's commercial gone wrong

DEXTER MULLINS
Assistant Managing Editor

Never have I hated McDonald's more than I did in this particular moment. Sitting in my dorm-room this summer, I decided to check out the documentary, Black in America.

I was completely in support of the entire program until a particular McDonald's commercial came on. Maybe you've seen it. There are two little black boys walking up to the counter to place their order with their mother at hand.

The black clerk leans over to speak to them; "welcome to McDonald's..... (Fill in the usual garbage they feed you when you go to the two archways of death)."

Ordinarily this would be the part when the little boys would ask for a happy meal and their mom would gladly pay for it, and McDonald's would flash a picture of a black kid eating some cheeseburgers and every other nationality children with the apples and caramel, the older of the two boys leans up and asks the cleric if McDonald's offered scholarships.

The entire time the two boys stood there,

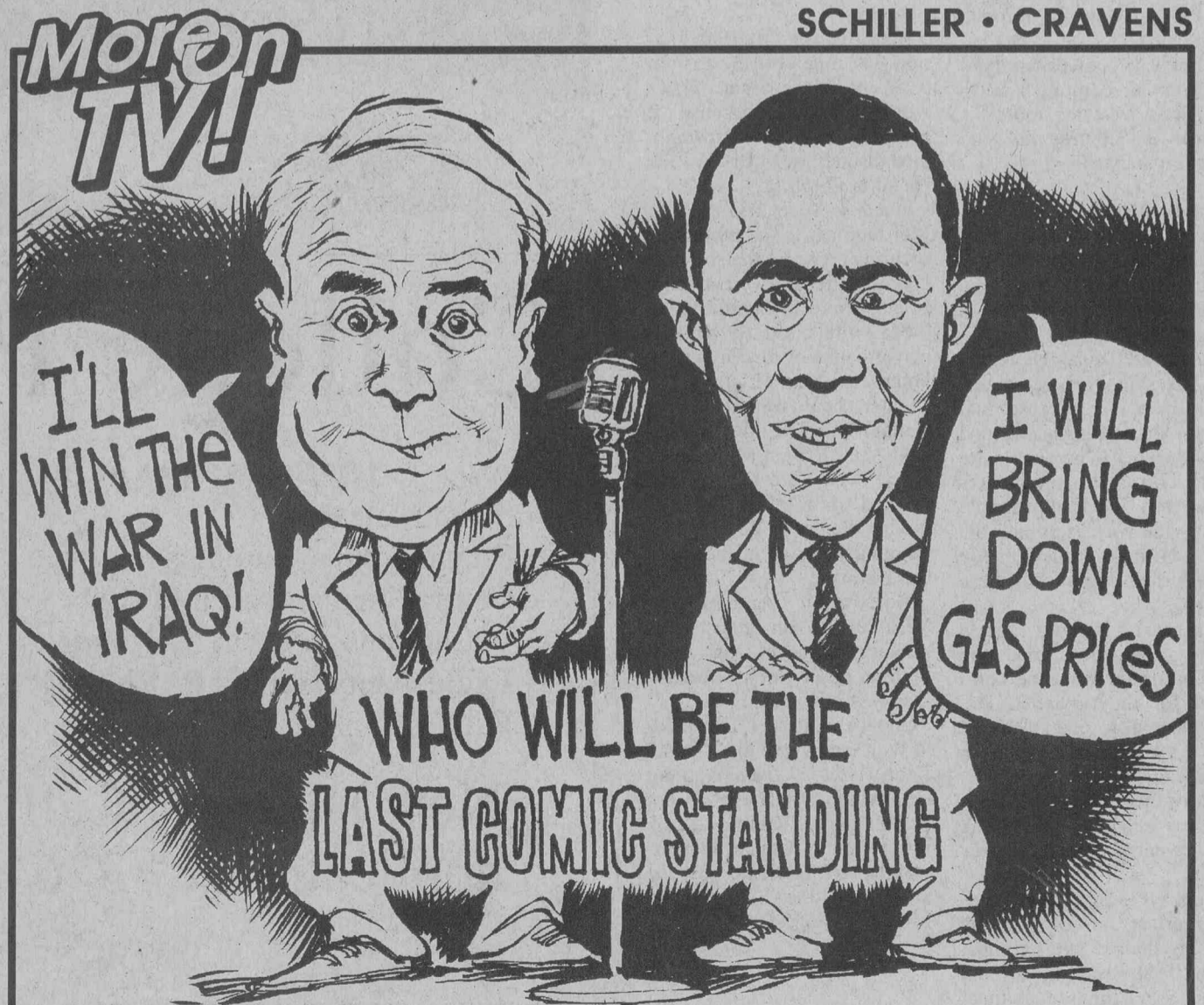
the mom said nothing.

It was like she was proud that her children thought only highly enough of themselves to go to McDonald's University on a McDonald's scholarship only to work for and then own a McDonald's in the same neighborhood they lived in their whole lives.

Or maybe I was looking to deep, but this is yet another funny part. McDonald's sponsored the Black in America piece that CNN was broadcasting.

Mind you I am not saying that McDonald's made you fat, because in the long run, it is always you whom made you fat.

SCHILLER • CRAVENS



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

Beijing Olympics, post Phelps era

JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Welcome to the rest of the Beijing Olympics — the Summer Games of 2008, A.P.

After Phelps. The games continued Monday in search of a new headliner now that Michael Phelps has towed off for the last time. The Bird's Nest seemed the likeliest place for someone to emerge and, indeed, the big news of the day came from the track.

Track and field

The U.S. flag finally rose at the Bird's Nest, and it came from an unexpected source when Stephanie Brown Trafton won the women's discus. It went up again later when Angelo Taylor won the 400-meter hurdles, with Americans Kerron Clement and Bershawn Jackson taking silver and bronze.

After capturing only one of six possible medals in the men's and women's 100, watching the 1,500-meter team of Bernard Lagat, Lopez Lomong and Leo Manzano all fail to advance past the semifinals, and seeing Terrence Trammell get hurt in the opening heat of the 110 hurdles, Brown Trafton's victory was a much-needed lift. The 400 sweep was awfully nice, too, something no country had done since the U.S. in 1960.

Also, Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva won her second consecutive gold in women's pole vault, topping American rival Jenn Stuczynski and then upping her own world record to 16 feet, 6 3/4 inches; Brimin Kipruto made it seven straight Olympics that Kenyans have won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase; and 18-year-old Pamela Jelimo led a 1-2 Kenya finish in the women's 800.

Despite the pain of a lingering hamstring problem and the added bother of a tendon flare-up in his right foot, national pride carried Liu to the start line.

He took off at the gun, took three strides and then began hopping on his left leg, the good one. Someone else false-started, so he could have tried again, but there was no way. He peeled the lane-assignment number off each leg and headed for a tunnel.

"He couldn't imagine the pain he was suffering," said China's track and field coach, Feng Shuyong. "Let me repeat: Liu Xiang will not withdraw unless the pain is unbearable."

So the guy who croons in a music video, appears in TV commercials and looms on billboards will no longer have his gold-medal defense play out daily Monday through Thursday.

"After Liu Xiang's injury, I won't bother coming back to the Bird's Nest for more," a 67-year-old Chinese fan said as he left the stadium.

Gymnastics

It's a good thing Nastia Liukin already won the all-around, because the way she got silver in the uneven bars is enough to drive a gal nuts.

Liukin and China's He Kexin got the same score, requiring a tiebreaker because dual medals are no longer awarded in gymnastics. The details are pretty crazy; all that matters is He won and Liukin didn't. He, by the way, is among the girls who many believe is too young to be eligible for these games.

This was Liukin's fourth medal of the games, matching her dad's haul when he competed for the Soviet Union. Coincidentally, one of Valeri Liukin's golds, on high bar in 1988, came in a tie.

Oddly, there also was a deadlock for the men's vault gold, which went to Poland's Leszek Blanik.

Chen Yibing extended China's perfect run of gold by winning the still rings competition. That string ended only because no Chinese men qual-

ified for vault.

Liukin's silver gave the United States six overall medals. China has five, including team gold.

Also, China's He Wenna won the women's trampoline.

Men's basketball

The "Redeem Team" keeps powering through the Olympics, crushing Dirk Nowitzki and Germany 106-57. Next up: A quarterfinals game against Australia, which gave the U.S. team its only close competition thus far in an exhibition game two weeks ago. The winner goes to the semifinals against the Argentina-Greece winner.

"We feel like we're playing very well right now, but you have to keep in mind it's single elimination," Kobe Bryant said. "You can't afford any slip-ups."

China secured a spot in the medal round despite losing 91-77 to Greece. Yao Ming and his pals will next play Lithuania, while Spain will face Croatia, the winners of those games meeting in the other semifinal.

Baseball

The U.S. team beat China 9-1 in a game that featured rough play such as a home-plate collision that knocked out China's top player, a retaliatory hit batsman and three ejections.

Also, American second baseman Jayson Nix — still recovering from a foul ball off his left eye that resulted in surgery, stitches, bruises and fuzzy vision — said he hopes to still return to Olympic play.

"If the doctors say he can go, he says he can go and (manager Davey Johnson) says he can go, he can go," said Paul Seiler, USA Baseball's executive director. "Time will tell, but he's not a guy you write off."

South Korea remained unbeaten with a wild 9-8 victory over Taiwan and Japan beat Canada 1-0.

Softball

Feel free to move on to the next section if the details of the latest U.S. rout bore you.

It was a nine-run first inning against the hostesses on the way to a 9-0 win over China, leaving the Americans two wins from another gold medal. Their win streak is up to 23; two more and they get another gold before their sport goes off the docket until at least 2016.

Up next is Japan, already a 7-0 loser to the U.S., although their ace was saved for the rematch.

Canada lost to Japan 6-0, but advanced to a semifinal game against Australia.

Boxing

Mauritius is a tiny island nation 560 miles off the eastern coast of Madagascar. That's worth knowing because it has produced a bantamweight medalist, although Bruno Julie isn't done fighting.

Julie beat Venezuela's Hector Manzanilla in the quarterfinals, securing no worse than bronze. Ukrainian featherweight Vasyl Lomachenko also clinched a medal with his third virtuoso performance of the Olympics, pounding China's Li Yang.

Super heavyweight Zhang Zhilei knocked down Kazakhstan's Ruslan Myrdatayev twice in a 12-2 victory that assured China of at least two boxing medals in Beijing after winning just one in its previous history.

Moldova bantamweight Veaceslav Gojan clinched his nation's second boxing medal with an upset victory over India's Akhil Kumar.

Cuba secured its fourth medal with bantamweight Yankiel Leon's victory over Worapoj Petchkoom of Thailand, but Azerbaijan's Shahin Imranov upset young Cuban featherweight Idel Torriente, just the second of Cuba's 10 fighters to lose in Beijing.

Aggies bring the fun



LEROY MIKEL - THE A&T REGISTER

A&T'S FOOTBALL TEAM will host its first ever Aggie Football Fun Fest at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Aggie Stadium with free admission. The media portion begins at 12:30 p.m. and will allow fans to submit questions. The Aggies will open the season at home versus the Johnson C. Smith Golden Bulls on Saturday, Aug. 30th at 6 p.m.

BOOT MANNA

THE ORIGINAL BOOT CLEANER

U THANT DEVLIN
4915 HIGH POINT RD.
SUITE H
GREENSBORO, NC 27407

TEL: (877) 516-2662
FAX: (336) 545-3648

WWW.BOOTMANNA.COM

College Park Suites

On the campus of N.C. A&T at 400 N. Benbow Road

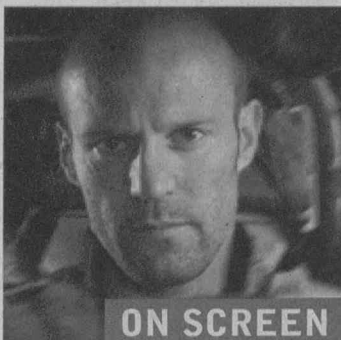
- Separate leases
- Flexible payment plans
- Central heat and air included
- Washer and dryer in each suite
- Exclusive permitted PARKING
- Fully furnished
- Private bedroom with vanity and sink
- All appliances — cable and Internet included
- Phone, cable and modem in each bedroom

Now taking applications! | Call Four Corners Realty
336/854-3260

www.NCSterling.com

August 20 to 27

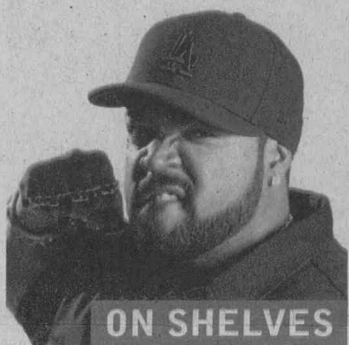
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

DEATH RACE star's Transporter star Jason Statham, Joan Allen and Tyrese in theaters Friday. Remake of the Roger Corman classic about a hyper-violent cross-country race that breaks traditional rules of the road, Jensen Ames (Statham) is framed for a gruesome murder he didn't commit and forced to the mask of the mythical driver Frankenstein.

-A.T.

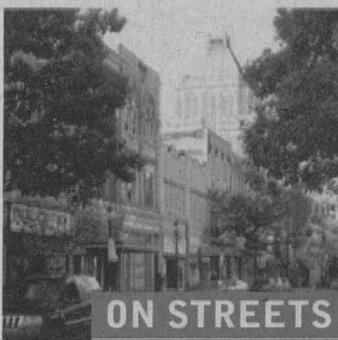


ON SHELVES

ICE CUBE is back and in full effect when his new album dropped on Tuesday entitled "Raw Footage." We all fell in love with Ice Cube when "Today is a good day" hit the radio and his infamous NWA crew. Now, he's trying to reinvent himself since he's now considered a "family man" with his past movie films for children.

This album features a more mature Ice Cube with a political consciousness.

-A.H.



ON STREETS

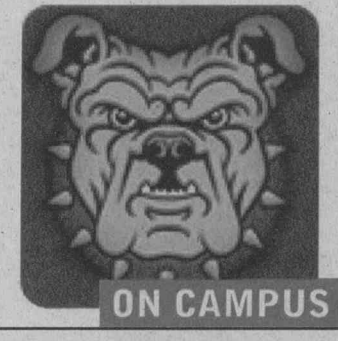
A WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN self-guided tour that is informative and entertaining.

With a 90-minute mp3 digital tour that features voices from Greensboro's past relating stories of human interest and describing noteworthy buildings.

This tour is open to the public until next Wednesday.

For more information visit the Central Library located on Church Street, downtown Greensboro.

-A.H.



ON CAMPUS

WELCOME BACK AGGIE FESTIVAL Freshman Talent Show and Greek Life Step Show
5:30 p.m. Holland Bowl, Hosted by Terrence J, alumni of NC A&T and host of BET's 106 & Park on Friday.

-A.T.

Best in Greensboro

BY SHANICE JARMON
THE A&T REGISTER

Coming as a new freshmen on campus, or a new student in general means that you, are somewhat unfamiliar to the Triad area. Your staying on campus and you only know East Market Street. Well, Greensboro doesn't start or stop there. You have tons of other exploring to do.

Tate Street, West Friendly, or even Lee Street are all places that students should know about when you're venturing off of campus.

Here is a list of specific places students can go to without the hassel of searching.

1) Best place to 'ball out at'- Arigato's Japanese Steak House. It's expensive, but everyone should experience it at least once.

2) Best place to watch a movie- Grand Theatre, Four Seasons. Its down the street and across from the mall. Movies are always a good event to plan with a group of friends.

3) Best place to shop for clothes- This all depends on your personal style but as a broke college student don't be afraid to check out vintage and consignment shops. They're unique and you won't look like everybody else

4) Best place to chill out and relax- Downtown Greensboro Park. It's a good way to get away from school without being too far.

5) Most anticipated parties of the year- The black party (in the fall), and white party (in the spring). I'm getting my outfit as we speak!



PHOTO BY MICHAELA EDWARDS - REGISTER

CHEESE CAKES BY ALEX is a small bakery on the corner of south elm street. Whether you like cookies, brownies and of course chaeese cake this place will satisfy your sweet tooth.

6) Best place to get fat- Cheese Cakes by Alex. Now if you don't like cheesecake try Maxie B's. These two places satisfy every the biggest sweet tooth.

7) Best place to volunteer- Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA. You can volunteer and help out the community around you too.

8) Best late night spot- Jakes Diner. If you're from up north it's the late night diner feel you've been searching for.

9) Best place to order late-night food- Jimmy Johns. This place is always on the move. They have great sandwiches and the always seem to show up right after you hang up the phone.

10) Most overrated but never gets old place- Emerald Point. You've been there a thousand times (maybe you haven't) but I don't know about you'all, fun in the sun never seems to get old to me.

Contributor's Meetings

Every Wednesday Room: 328

at 5p.m.

Movie Review: "The Rocker"

DAVID GERMAIN
Associated Press Writer

"The Rocker" might really have rocked if it didn't feel like a cover of a couple of superior comedies.

The first and most obvious is "School of Rock." As a shlumpy, 40ish drummer who missed his shot at heavy metal stardom, Rainn Wilson is pretty much channeling Jack Black here: the volatile man-child outbursts, the intensely pure feelings about rock music, even some of the crazy eyeball stuff feels way too familiar. And Wilson's character, Robert "Fish" Fishman, similarly gets a chance at redemption when he hooks up with a high school band that unexpectedly finds itself on the rise.

But there are also plenty of elements of "This Is Spinal Tap," one of the greatest musical comedies ever. Twenty years ago, Fish played drums for the up-and-coming Cleveland hair band Vesuvius, but the other members (led by Will Arnett in leopard-print tights, eyeliner and shaggy, blond hair) cast him aside to secure a record deal. Everything about the parody of this type of metal is very Tap-esque, from the gaudy clothes and cheesy songs to the on-stage explosions and offstage egos.

There was some seriously bad music in the mid-1980s, much of which rears its ugly head in "The Rocker." (Though the use of Europe's overlaid anthem "The Final Countdown" does feel relevant in context.)

Nevertheless, Wilson has an engaging, goofy energy about him, as does the movie itself — for the most part. Peter Cattaneo, who earned an Academy Award nomination for directing "The Full Monty," brings some of the same unabashed, let's-put-on-a-show vibe of that 1997 British-American film.

Having long ago given up his dreams of stardom — but hanging onto the ponytail and sideburns just in case — Fish now works as a drone answering calls at a customer service center. Once he gets fired and moves in with his sister (Jane Lynch) and her family, he receives an unexpected request. His insecure, heavyset nephew, Matt (the shy, likable Josh Gad), asks him to play the prom with his high-school band when the drummer drops out at the last minute.

Fish struggles with the decision (and, in the process, repeatedly bangs his head on the ceiling of the attic where he's sleeps, a bit of a tired gag from the start) but eventually gives in and joins A.D.D., as they're known. The other

two members are sullen, sarcastic bassist Amelia (Emma Stone from "Superbad," who nabs some of the wittiest lines) and pretty-boy lead singer and guitarist Curtis (Teddy Geiger), whose downer lyrics spring from his childhood abandonment issues.

It's all pretty predictable stuff from there. After a rough start at the prom, where Fish unleashes his inner Neil Peart with a raucous solo during Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes," A.D.D. experiences a meteoric rise, thanks to a viral YouTube video. Wilson, co-star of TV's "The Office" — who is never shy about showing off his pasty bod — finds himself doing the full monty here for a protracted laugh.

There is, of course, the obligatory montage as the group records its first album, shoots its first music video, goes on tour and experiences the thrill of groupies. Eventually, they argue but there's never any doubt that they will reconcile. Fish, meanwhile, stays drunk nearly the whole time, now that he finally has a chance to live out his fantasies 20 years later. (And the fact that it's been 20 years since Vesuvius dumped him is mentioned so many times, it could be a drinking game itself.)

Janelle Monae: Chase Suite

MICHAEL JONES
staff writer

Her first EP or Extended play Metropolis: Suite 1 was released last year, but has been re-released as The Chase Suite: Special Edition recently.

This is the first of four suites to be released. It takes the listener through the storyline of Metropolis.

Her singles, "Violet Stars Happy Hunting" and "Many Moons" have already created great internet and underground buzz. Following her own blueprint, Monae flaunts her individuality by wearing a personalized tux, keeping it classy and dares you to embrace imagination.

Indulge and engage in a world known as Metropolis, where an android by the name of Cindi Mayweather, has fallen in love with a human and now is on the run for her life.

As you go through the story, take note of the sci-fi, rock, and soulful style of music being delivered to your ears.

Newly signed Bad Boy artist, Janelle Monae, is a woman of style, high charisma, melody and above all, imagination.

Hailing from Kansas and now residing in Atlanta, Monae brings a whole new sound and attitude to the music industry.

She was discovered by Deep Cotton; an Afro-punk rock band who discovered her when she was singing her "Peach Tree Blues" in Atlanta. Now she is being produced by Chuck from Deep Cotton and has her own label. Her label "The Wondaland Arts Society," has the slogan, "Imagination Inspires Nations."

▶ PRESS PLAY

JOHN LEGEND FEAT. ANDRE 3000 "Greenlight"

The first single from John Legend's new album "Evolver" feat. Outkast member Andre 3000. With the polyphonic tunes in the background this song fits "The Love Below" sound.

-A.T.

|| PRESS PAUSE

Mainq
"Hi Haters"

Hi Mom, Hi Dad, oh yea and Hi Haters. Since when did greetings become a title of a rap song? Are rappers running out of things to say? What's the next single, Bye Haters? I'm not impressed.

-A.T.

20 QUESTIONS

1. Is it just me or was CNN's Black in America the biggest disappointment of 2008?
2. Did the special just reinforce every stereotype about black people?
3. Why is it 9:00a.m. and there are already 30 people waiting in line for Financial Aid?
4. Is it safe to say you should expect your classes to be dropped every semester you are enrolled at A&T?
5. Shouldn't this office be more efficient by now?
6. Don't we start school the same time each year?
7. Why do North Carolina men wear high thick socks in the summer time?
8. Why do girls wear high heel shoes to go to Corbett Sports Center?
9. Don't you think the media is over hyping Michael Phelps?
10. Just a little?
11. Don't you think they over did it at the Opening Ceremony?
12. Why does BET broadcast "Hell Date" all day long?
13. Why do they use the same hell daters?
14. Haven't the people on the show figured out their date was on yesterday?
15. Why have class if the professor is only going to hold class for five minutes?
16. Did I really have to walk clear across campus just to get a syllabus?
17. If I cannot find parking on this campus shouldn't I get my \$227 back?
18. Why do people wear Obama shirts that aren't registered to vote?
19. Do you even know his platform?
20. Can you even spell his name?

PICKERING & COMPANY

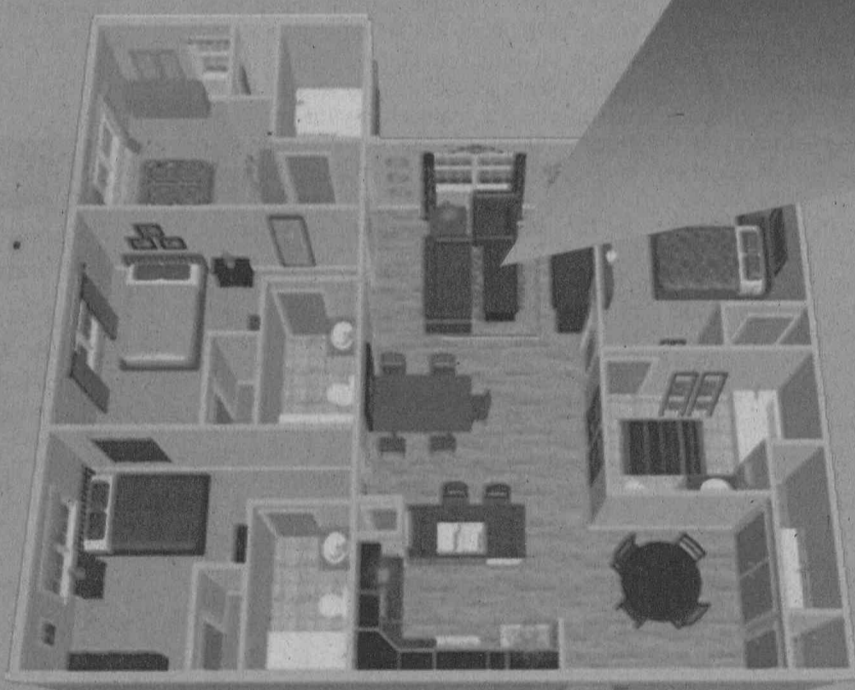
STUDENT HOUSING



ULTIMATE STUDENT HOUSING

STUDENTS ... REDUCE YOUR RENT WHILE HAVING
A GREAT APARTMENT CLOSE TO CAMPUS.

MOST STUDENT HOUSING COMMUNITIES HAVE
ATTRACTIVE AMENITIES THAT YOU WON'T FIND
ANYWHERE ELSE: INDIVIDUAL LEASES, HUGE
BEDROOMS, COURTESY PATROL, ALL INCLUSIVE
PACKAGE



PROPERTIES INCLUDE:
CAMPUS COURTYARD 1 & 2, CAMPUS EDGE,
CAMPUS VIEW AND CHANCELLOR SQUARE.

RENT STARTING AT \$299

\$50 APPLICATION FEE

WE ARE ALSO GIVING AWAY A NINTENDO WII,
NEW CELL PHONE, AND GAS CARD.

PHONE: (336)230-1740

*AMMENITIES MAY VARY BY PROPERTY

WWW.PICKERINGANDCO.COM