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Michelle Obama campaigns in Greensboro

MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE
Managing Editor

Chants of "Yes We Can" echoed throughout a line that wrapped around Greensboro's Carolina Theatre nearly two hours before Michelle Obama addressed a packed house on Thursday afternoon. The event was officially a "Women for Obama" rally, which coincides with a larger nationwide campaign effort, "Women for the Change we Need."

"Women are going to make the difference in this election

and that was always the case," Obama said. "Women need in advocate in the White House now more than ever."

However, the surprise of the day may have come from a new advocate for the Obamas.

In what seemed like a shock to everyone in attendance, Maya Angelou, a former supporter of Hillary Clinton, took the stage with the honor of introducing the wife of the presidential hopeful.

"As many of you know I was a sincere supporter of Senator Hillary Clinton," Angelou said.



Obama

Barack Obama is that person."

When Obama began going through her initial thank you's, she made sure to include North Carolina Senator Kay Hagan, who also spoke at the event, and

"I said when she left, she left 18 million scratches on the glass ceiling. What we need really is somebody to break that ceiling down. Senator Barack Obama is that person."

is currently running to unseat Republican U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole.

"We can't forget what's going on in these local races because Barack is going to need some help when he gets to the White House," Obama said.

The campaign's message of help has seemingly resonated with many students at A&T. Although there is no official Students for Obama chapter on campus, there are students and organizations that are taking action.

"When you look at the news,

the economy is down, our relationship with our neighbors abroad is at an all-time low, and it's just depressing," said David Street, senior political science major, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and last year's SGA president. "I get to see the excitement from a different perspective now. It's great just seeing the students who are dedicated to getting out there trying to push their fellow Aggies to do the same thing. It's encouraging and let's you know that Aggie Pride is not dead."

Aggie Pride being dead is

the opposite of what Obama wanted to see as the mother of two spoke for nearly 30 minutes urging the audience to wake up and become active in the campaign. She advised the onlookers to go knock on doors and eliminate the myth from people that voting doesn't matter.

Although the enthusiasm for Sen. Obama has been high, the campaign is not taking anything for granted. The senator's wife reminded the crowd throughout the occasion that the voting reg-

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CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Local ministry reaches out to college students

MARCUS THOMPSON
Staff Writer

There is a ministry to reach out to the sick, there is a ministry to reach out to the homeless, and now there is a new ministry reaching out specifically to college students.

In the hype of promoting organizations that have already existed at A&T for years, a new kind of Christian organization is trying to set roots down in Aggeland.

Summit, an organization that was founded at New Jerusalem Cathedral, has already been established as a college organization at UNCG since 2006, but now Aggies are working to set the organization up in their own neighborhood.

"Summit is a group of college students who love the spiritual side of things, but also love to have fun and enjoy life at the same time," said Ricky Alexan-

der, junior business marketing major from Greensboro and the president of the A&T chapter of Summit.

"The purpose of Summit is not only to witness to people about Christ but also to witness and have them not be ashamed of who they are", said Alexander.

Dr. Kevin A. Williams, pastor of New Jerusalem Cathedral, and Marcus Battle, college pastor of New Jerusalem Cathedral, have used the Summit as a tool to bring more students into the church. Apparently the organization has shown success at UNCG under the leadership of Pharen Johnson, UNCG Chapter President, in collaboration with Williams and Battle.

Summit only requires 12 students to start and the approval of Student Affairs to gain official status as an A&T student

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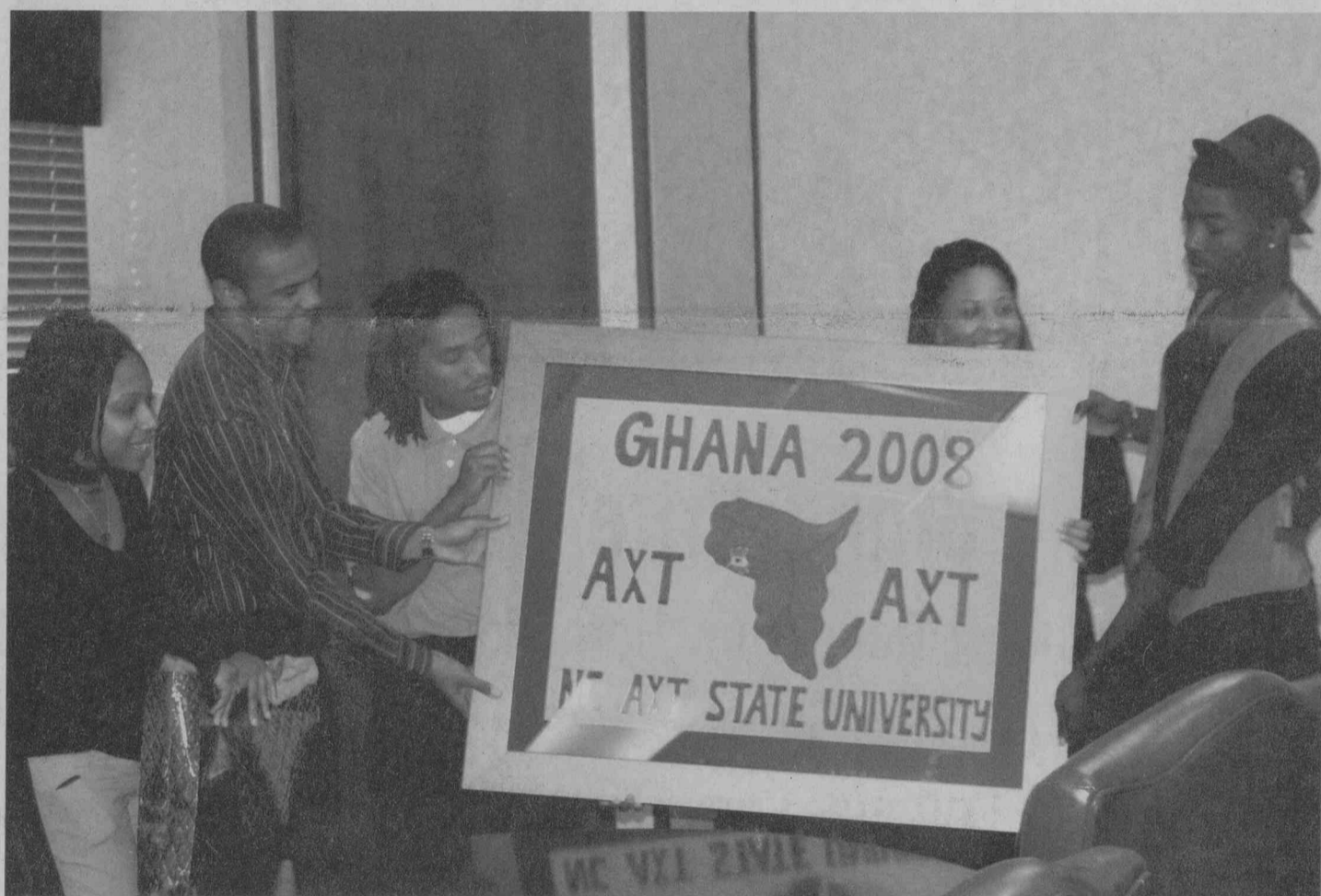


PHOTO BY DEXTER MULLINS

Students from the class of 2011 present Chancellor Stanley F. Battle with a commemorative picture to show their appreciation for sponsoring their trip to Ghana. The students took over 5000 books to elementary school children in Ghana as a part of the program, the class started in the late spring of last school year.

View video of the 'Books to Ghana' trip online at ncatregister.com

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Cheerleaders active in the community

JASMINE JOHNSON
Register Reporter

The blue and gold cheerleading squad does not just perform at football and basketball games; they also perform many hours of community service in the Greensboro area.

Two senior captains, Valentina Barton and Latresha Drummond, lead the cheerleaders. The squads carpool every other week and goes into in the community to offer their services. In order to represent A&T, the squad always wears matching

uniforms during the activities.

Some of the girls even volunteer every week to help young girls, schools, and daycares. The squad has volunteered at Foust elementary school to help teachers with projects. Other organizations the team helps include; the YMCA, Mount Zion Baptist church's Solomon's World Daycare, and Green Urban ministries.

Coaches Adjoa Botwe-Rankia and Wena Bell are both teachers making it convenient for the squad to know when their help is needed. The A&T cheer-

leaders will perform at Wal-Mart and parent teacher conferences. However, the team is willing to help wherever they are needed in the community.

Every athletic team at A&T is required to complete ten hours of community service in compliance with their contract. The extra hours the cheerleaders complete serve as Civic and Service Education program (CASE) hours. Each student of A&T is required to complete 50 hours of volunteered service in the CASE program before graduating.

"The girls love it (giving service); it's the best feeling in the world to see a girl look up to you and want to be like you," said senior Captain Valentina Barton.

The cheerleaders also help weekly at Minj Grille in downtown Greensboro located on S. Elm St. Every Tuesday. The squad volunteers to serve food from 6-8p.m. The owner has agreed to donate the proceeds to the cheerleading squad to help fund their trip to nationals.

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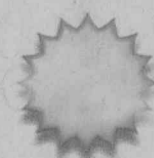
PHOTO BY LEROY MIKELL

Aggie cheerleaders are not only active during the football games, but throughout the year in the community by volunteering every week with Greensboro's youth.

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Senior/Underclassmen Photos
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Community Service Fair
Memorial Student Union
Stallings Ballroom
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Kickball Tournament
Holland Bowl
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Aggie Maniacs Full Body Meeting
NCB A218
9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Mr. Aggie Pageant
Harrison Auditorium
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

THURSDAY
25

Senior/Underclassmen Photos
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Financial Trading Room Grand Opening
Craig Hall room 132
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

S.W.I.M. Full Body Meeting
General Classroom Building
Room 105
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
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Senior photos
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ECE Department "Welcome Back Picnic"
McNair Hall Courtyard
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Football vs. Coastal Carolina
Aggie Stadium
6 p.m.

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Alpha Lambda Delta Inductions
Memorial Student Union
Stallings Ballroom
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Research Scholars Oral Presentation
Memorial Student Union
Stallings Ballroom A
3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
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Old School Video Game Night (Sponsored by the Midwest Aggies Club)
Memorial Student Union
Room 214
7 p.m.

Spoken word event evokes emotion

MARCUS THOMPSON
Staff Writer

On Thursday, the North Carolina A&T State University Lyceum Series and the Creative Writing Program hosted the "What If and Why Not? Re-visioning and Healing the Black Nation" program featuring Righteous A.I.M. in Harrison Auditorium.

Righteous A.I.M., which stands for "artistic, intelligent, militant," is an award-winning and nationally renowned performing arts group. Ebony Golden, Amaris Howard, and Demetrius Noble are three of the artists that started the group in addition to former member Iman Shabazz, and continue with their mission of "empowering the community thru artistic expression, social change, and the divine spirit." The group has also worked under the mentorship of Dr. Anjail Rashida Ahmad, Director of the Creative Writing Program, who did an introduction of the artists with her own performing arts group, the Ohema Mame Sister Drum Circle.

In the Spoken Word presenta-

tion, the group performed their project titled "We Speak" which addresses healing the black community from within. Their performance included free-style poetry, interpretive dance, and video clips of testimonies from the community about the condition of Black America. They addressed multiple issues within Black America, including themes of oppression, politics, the history of slavery, and police brutality.

"To Hell with CNN!" D. Noble exclaimed while reciting his own personal poem titled "Black in America", where he expresses his frustration for America due to continuing oppression of Blacks.

Righteous A.I.M. also made sure to include a tribute to Megan Williams, an African American woman who was kidnapped, raped, tortured, and beaten by six Caucasians in Logan County, West Virginia in Sept. 2007. Even though the kidnappers were caught and tried in court for severe charges, hate crime charges were not recognized in that particular case.

"The struggle continues," Ebony chanted, as images of

Williams flashed across the screen in the background.

D. Noble also made sure to express his political views, questioning what a Black man in the White House could really do for the overall condition of Black America. "If you want to vote, fine, but it's not where the change starts or ends."

Righteous A.I.M. also spoke on the politics within the entertainment industry, stating how artists such as 50 Cent and Nelly become slaves to their image. They referred to how Nelly attempted to speak at a convention at Meredith, but he was rejected for his negative portrayal in the media.

Ebony specifically called out 50 Cent for being a coward due to his consistent gangster image in the media while he secretly helps in his community. They also spoke about how artists such as Wyclef Jean have used their work to positively influence their respective communities.

Righteous A.I.M.'s presentation ended with a joint performance with Ohema Mame, which received a standing ovation from the audience. Follow-

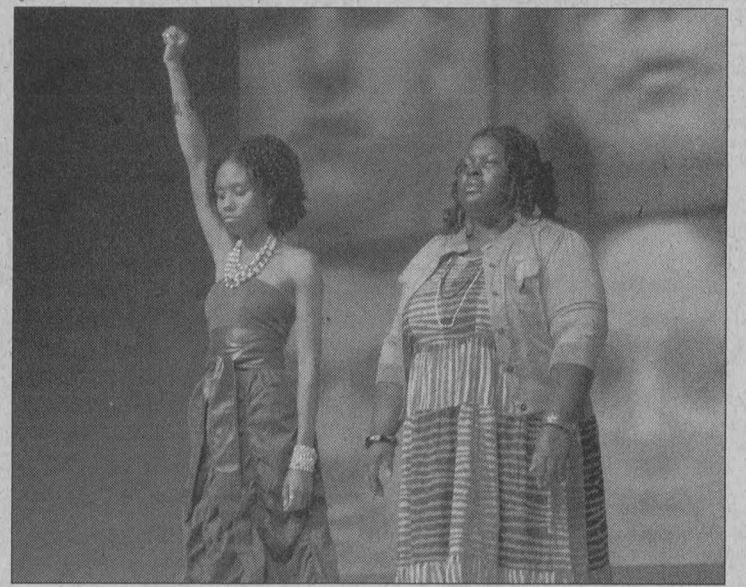


PHOTO BY MICHAELA EDWARDS

Amaris Howard and Ebony Golden recite poems on racism and female violence during the Re-visioning and Healing the Black Nation poetry session last Thursday in Harrison Auditorium.

ing the show, students, teachers, and guests from the community were all eager to have their turn at the microphone for a Q&A Talkback session with the artists. People asked about the meanings of the poems, expressed their appreciation for the presentation, and spoke on their personal beliefs of art and life. Among those who spoke

were friends and family members of the artists. "Vote and change within yourself," said Iona Noble, mother of D. Noble. "Young people, get your education."

With the success of the Lyceum Series, Righteous A.I.M. can be sure to make another appearance at A&T in the near future.

Online classes a gift and a curse for students

MICHAEL JONES
Staff Writer

Choosing to register for an online course in place of going to an actual class can be the difference in paying extra for your education.

Although it sounds nice to not worry about getting dressed or leaving the corridors of your room, students are hit with a distance learning fees when taking courses over the computer. Tedious work is involved, but like everything else, distance learning has its perks.

"Having an online class can take just as much time or more as having a real class," said JOMC professor, Dr. Shirley Whitley. "You have to pay attention to every single point on the discussion board. It also takes more time to put all the material up because you have to make sure everything is perfect since you don't have that face to

face," she said.

"Since you don't have that face to face, there's a harder time explaining and connecting with the student. Some students prefer being in a classroom. I enjoy it. An online class is great for those that can't make it to campus or have time restrictions. Some students can't handle that kind of freedom. They forget to go online and do assignments and take tests. It's sometimes good for faculty because you don't have to be there. You could leave to go on vacation and still be able to teach. It can be a win-win."

Full time students pay an exceptional amount of money to attend school, take classes, and stay on campus. Taking an online course in place of an actual classroom setting will require an extra fee. But some are puzzled as to where the distant learning comes in for those on or near campus.

"The difference between Distance Learning (DL) courses and on-campus courses is the mode of delivery," said Gwendolyn A. Godard, Associate Director for the Center for Distance Learning.

"Although a student may attend a course via Blackboard (online courses) or face-to-face at an off-site location (extension courses), it is the same as the on-campus offering. DL courses are identified by special section numbers: 05A - 05Z for online and 06A-06Z for extension.

In order to enroll in distance learning courses, students must be admitted to the University through the usual application process. Because DL courses are regular courses offered by the University, there must be tuition and fees associated with them."

Students must be mindful of costs and course loads when considering adding an online

or extension courses to their schedule. Pricing is done differently when crossing these with regular on campus classes. Even when taking solely online courses there will be no cap off on fees.

"All DL courses are charged to the student by the credit hour," Godard said. "Effective Fall Semester 2007, this means there is no limit to the tuition and fees a student will pay for DL only or DL plus on-campus sections. If a student enrolls in on-campus sections only, there is no extra tuition or fees for taking more than 12 hours" (Undergraduate; more than 9 for Graduate).

"This is not true for schedules containing DL sections," she said. "Therefore, any student taking 12 or more hours of Undergraduate on-campus sections (9 or more for Graduate) plus DL sections will pay full tuition and fees for the on-campus sections and will pay

for each DL section. This policy is in compliance with the tuition and fees policy set forth in the UNC Policy manual."

Although the pricing coincides with the policy, some students are not in agreement. For students like Liberal Arts major La'Keya Griffin, who takes regular classes as well as online, the extra pricing doesn't sit well with her.

"I've had 3 or 4 online classes," said Griffin. "I'm taking one now for Math. I don't agree with paying for distant learning on top of my regular tuition. If you're actually on campus and attending regular classes, you shouldn't have to pay. I can understand it for those who are actually distant learning and are not on campus taking classes."

Any students wishing to get more information regarding the tuition and fees can visit the center for distant learning website, <http://www.ncat.edu/cdl>.

Local ministry reaches out to students of faith in the Aggie community

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organization.

Alexander stated that the mission of Summit is "to empower, to educate, and to encourage, not only through biblical principles but to enjoy life as a college student and being who you are regardless of who's around."

Alexander said that what sets this particular Christian organization apart from others is that aside from bible study, the group also has seminar-style discussions and they also try to have outside activities for members to enjoy.

"We have bible study every Tuesday night at UNCG, at 7. We talk about real topics, choices in life, problems in life, and solutions to those problems," Alexander said. "Not only what you're going through, but also how to get through the hurdles, what has you jumping over them. We're trying to get the same thing es-

tablished here."

Alexander said that after Summit is established at A&T, New Jerusalem Cathedral wants to expand to other colleges in the local area such as Bennett, Elon, and Greensboro College and later reaching out to other surrounding areas.

Amaya Ricks, an A&T graduate of 2008 from Salisbury, N.C., who now works as the Office of Development Administrative Specialist, is also the business manager of the Summit organization.

"The Summit is going to bring balance to college students," Ricks said. "You can't just study all the time, you can't go to church all the time, there has to be some balance. We're going to bring balance to students spiritually, economically, socially, and politically. We're promoting balance in general for college students."

Alexander and Ricks said that Summit seeks to promote stronger lifestyles for students, offering alternatives to parties,

drinking and smoking. Ricks, who majored in psychology in undergrad, said that most students are generally just afraid to be in the church because they are afraid that they will miss out on something.

"This just gives us a chance to show that we really enjoy life," she said. "We enjoy other things, other than going to church, other than sitting at home praying and reading our Bible all day."

Alexander said that being a part of Summit has had a tremendous impact on his own life and in bringing Summit to A&T he hopes to be an example unto others.

"Matthew 5:14 states 'A house set on a hill cannot be hid,'" Alexander said.

"I want to share the light. I want other college students to see the light He has given me so that He can be glorified. My thing is that it's not about me, it's all about Christ. I'm just trying to go out there and be in service to Christ."

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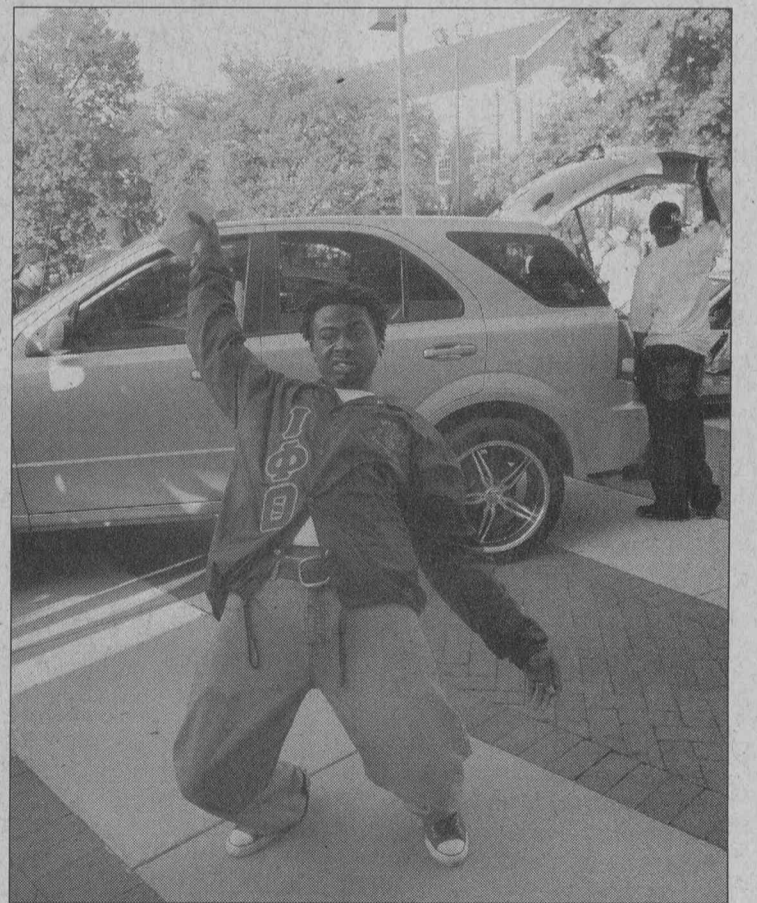


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Austin James, a member of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, junior elementary education major, dances during the car show hosted by the Iotas on their pre-founders day Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, in front of Williams Cafeteria.

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Center hosts event promoting world peace

ASHLEY VENABLE
Staff Writer

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Multicultural Student Center hosted the 3rd annual International Day of Peace.

"It is a time when students can recommit themselves to world peace," said Dr. Maria T. Palmer, Director of the Multicultural Student Center.

"It was my first program as director of the Multicultural Student Center. I was new to campus and I was looking for a 'Day of Peace' on campus and we didn't have one," said Dr. Palmer.

It is a global holiday established by a 1981 U.N. resolution. According to the U.N.,

"Peace Day should be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.

This day will serve as a reminder to all peoples that our organization, with all its limitations, is a living instrument in the service of peace and should serve all of us here within the organization as a constantly pealing bell reminding us that our permanent commitment, above all interests or differences of any kind, is to peace."

Since its beginnings in September 1982, it has grown to include millions of participants in countries around the world.

The celebrations range in size; from the gathering of en-

tire communities or organizations to an individual lighting a candle or meditation.

International Day of Peace is also a Day of Ceasefire. It requires a halt to any and all aggressive and violent acts for the day.

Traditionally "Peace Day" coincided with the opening of the U.N. General Assembly. However, in 2002 Sept. 21st was declared the official date for the International Day of Peace.

At noon with the aid of several student organizations, "the campus 'Day of Peace' commenced at the Holland bowl. Several prayers and spoken word pieces were read to kick-off the campus celebration.

"I believe the Day of Peace was a good event for the campus and the students in times of war and violence such as these," said Angela Stephens, senior, economics major.

"With gang membership being a major problem in this area, a day of peace, in which people have a chance to sit and reflect on something bigger than themselves is a great idea," said Stephens.

"I believe that unfortunately is not all that important to most students only because they are unaware of the event itself, in addition to the impact it has played into friends, co-workers and the nation," said Malcolm Maye, a senior, Business Administration major.

"Many students are unaware of this event me myself was included until this year.

"But being in this event encourages me to do my part to make sure peace abides around me and gives me hope that it can spread through the rest of the world."

"I wanted students to understand that it is incredibly important for students to understand that they have a role to play in world peace," said Palmer.

For more information on the International Day of Peace, you can visit www.internationaldayofpeace.org or stop by the Multicultural Student Center located in Murphy Hall Room 204.

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istration deadline for the state is Oct. 10. To help push this message and get North Carolinians registered to vote, the Obama-Biden campaign is launching an event on Sept. 27th and 28th to make it easy for supporters to get involved called "100,000 Knocks for Barack."

"We can't afford to take any vote for granted," Obama said. "We're going to need you to talk to your friends, to your neighbors, and your family. It does make a difference."

Malcolm Eustache is Chief Media Advisor of 'Students for Change' at N.C. A&T, an unofficial organization that supports but has no affiliation with the Barack Obama campaign. For more information on the group see the story below.

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

'Students for Change' admit they are Aggies first

MICHAEL JONES
and **LAPORSHA LOWRY**
Contributor

With a desire for change and new leadership in the 2008 election, youth are coming out in numbers to be heard and exercise their right to vote. In Aggie Land, a dynamic duo is behind the political uprising, working diligently to get students to get politically involved.

"I'm an Aggie first," said junior JOMC major, Syene Jasmin. "The first time I heard Barack speak was my sophomore year in Durham. I was like 'Wow; this guy is serious about change. Back then he touched real strong on the war and health care. I have family that's in the war and I don't want to see them go back."

Jasmin spent his Christmas break in South Carolina working the campaign. He explained that it was great seeing people come together for a similar cause. People who didn't even know him were letting him stay with them at their house. After this experience, he decided that he wanted to get A&T involved.

Senior JOMC major Gary Brown, had his own run in with Obama before rallying campus up. They met in 2005 when Brown won the Princeton Price Award in the Building Bridges Program. It was designed to help students of different ethnic backgrounds to get a better understanding of each other.

"I started outside of school in the Hampton Homes," Brown said.

"Last February I saw no involvement, excitement or passion for the upcoming presidential election. So I took it upon myself to get A&T involved.

People were real reluctant and nobody believed. It was a real struggle because people had a real apathy towards the government after everything that has happened since 2004. Now that we have the nomination, everyone is excited and more involved. The biggest struggle now is getting people who are registered, to transfer their registration here to Greensboro.

Jasmin, alongside Brown, have been working around campus trying to round up as many unregistered voters as possible, and if they are registered, to transfer here to Greensboro.

With a strong desire to get the community politically involved, they've been going from dorm to dorm and talking to people on the streets, encouraging them to make a change and get politically involved. Their new organization, "Students for Change" was designed for that particular purpose.

However, the organization is not a recognized campus group, according to Shauna Irwin, di-

rector for Student Leadership. NC A&T by law can't be a partisan university so they can't endorse either senator for the election in the fall. The group cannot be acknowledged if it only campaigns for one candidate.

"Students for Change is a vague term," Jasmin explains. "It's a mix of Barack supporters and people who want to get involved in the political process. The main focus is voter registration. We're trying to get people to transfer their registration here because you can't vote here if you're registered elsewhere."

With the election nearing closer, Jasmin and Brown have wasted no time. Holding voter registration drives and educating people on the importance of voting. They realize that this is not only important for the election but for the school as well.

"We lost a precinct in 2004 in Gibbs due to a low turnout," Brown said.

"We have one left and that one is in the [Memorial Student] union. So we are pushing hard to get students to the poll. Not

having a place to vote at is like robbing 10,000 students. I could care less about who you're voting for, I just want people to come out and get involved."

Although the main focus has been this election and trying to cause a trend in political students, Jasmin has stressed that it will not stop here. There are still changes that can take place here on A&T's campus and the group should not be only affiliated with the Obama campaign.

"Barack is not my only platform," he said.

"When I first started I was big on supporting Obama, but like I said, I'm an Aggie first. Change can be anything. It can be about what's going on right here on campus. We all know that we have our problems with A&T and it's up to us to voice those issues.

As far as the election, I could care less about whom people are voting for as long as they are empowered by the process and are educating themselves. Don't vote based on skin color or gender. Listen and do your research."

theBLOTTER

Harassment

September 15, 3:00 p.m.

Riverwalk Apartments

Two female students reported to the University Police that they were victims of verbal harassment, while in the parking lot of the River Walk Apartments. No charges were filed, but this will be forwarded to Student Affairs.

Larceny

September 16, 10:00 a.m.

Fort IRC Building

University Police responded to the Fort IRC Building in reference to the larceny of a laptop computer from the building. The item was valued at \$959.00. There were no suspects, witnesses, or evidence collected. The stolen item was entered into NCIC.

Larceny

September 17, 9:04 p.m.

Holland Hall

A female student reported that her boyfriend stole her cell phones during an argument. No criminal charges have been filed at this time. There were no injuries reported.

Assault

September 21, 7:42 a.m.

River Walk Apts.

The Greensboro Police Department reported that a non resident student was assaulted while in the parking lot of the River Walk Apartments at 0100 hours on 9/21. The student was transported to the local hospital where he is currently being treated for his injuries. There are no suspects. The case is open pending further investigation by GPD.

Harassment

September 21, 2:23 a.m.

Off Campus

University Police reported to Ward Hall on reference to an off campus student reporting that he was harassed by a group of fraternity members of Omega Psi Phi. The incident occurred outside his off campus residence and was reported to the GPD. There was no damage of injuries during this incident.

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Texas mayor to request \$2.3 billion in federal aid from Congress

JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press

GALVESTON, TEXAS (AP) — As repair crews work to make this hurricane-ravaged island city inhabitable for the thousands of residents set to return this week, the mayor is seeking more than \$2 billion in emergency federal aid.

The final price tag to fully restore Galveston after Hurricane Ike plowed ashore early Sept. 13 and displaced most of the 57,000 or so residents is still unknown.

Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas, along with officials from the Port of Galveston and the University of Texas Medical Branch will meet with a Senate ad hoc committee in Washington on Tuesday.

They will seek \$2.3 billion in emergency appropriations: nearly \$1.2 billion for Galveston; about \$600 million for the city's hospital; and about \$500 million for the port.

Hurricane Ike battered Galveston with 110 mph winds and a 12-foot storm surge and has been blamed for 61 deaths, including 26 in Texas.

More than 1 million people evacuated the Texas coast, and about 45,000 residents fled Galveston Island, about 50 miles southeast of Houston.

Many are expected back Wednesday, the first day officials were allowing residents to return to an island still sorely lacking basic services.

Galveston City Manager Steve LeBlanc said officials are working on a plan to provide temporary shelters on the mainland for those who find homes they can't live in.

But LeBlanc stressed the shelters would be available only for a short time.

"It's not there to sustain life on the island," LeBlanc said. "We cannot possibly provide shelter and homes and setups for you long-term."

City leaders are also looking at setting up a shuttle service to take residents from the tempo-



Lyda Ann Thomas

rary shelters on the mainland to their houses during the day so they can make repairs and clean up.

LeBlanc reminded residents who planned to come back Wednesday that the city still only has limited medical, power, water and sewer system capabilities, and that life for them will be difficult upon their return.

It could be several weeks before services are restored.

Residents of the island's west end, which was severely damaged by Ike, were allowed to begin visiting their homes Monday, but they will not be allowed to live in them until their power and water services are restored.

About one-third of customers in the Houston area remained without electricity Monday.

Entergy Texas, which serves much of Southeast Texas, said it expected to have electric service restored to its hardest-hit areas by Sunday — a week sooner than previously forecasted.

American Red Cross officials said only about 7,600 evacuees remain in shelters around the state.

That's down from a peak of more than 40,000 in the days after Hurricane Ike came ashore.

But the relief agency said Monday it isn't sure how long Texas operations will last.

"I can tell you we won't be measuring this operation in weeks," said Joe Becker, senior vice president of disaster services for the Red Cross. "We will be measuring this operation in months."

Gov. Rick Perry on Monday encouraged Texans to donate to the Texas Disaster Relief Fund to help communities slammed by Hurricane Ike.

The Legislature has not given a significant amount of money to the state disaster relief fund in years, and the private fund was developed as an alternative after Hurricane Rita in 2005.

Hunt for Palin hacker shaping up to be simple case

LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hunt for the hacker who broke into Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's personal e-mail account is shaping up to be a remarkably simple investigation, by the standards of major cybersecurity whodunits.

U.S. investigators figure the hacker claimed responsibility in a detailed accounting that included his own personal e-mail address and that he tried to cover his trail using a U.S. Internet anonymity service that has been surprisingly cooperative with the FBI in efforts to peel away that anonymity.

Not exactly the plot of a Hollywood thriller.

In what may be a significant break in the case, the FBI searched the residence of the son of a Democratic state lawmaker in Tennessee over the weekend looking for evidence linking the young man to the break-in, two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press. The apartment the FBI searched is in a complex about five blocks from the University of Tennessee campus, in a neighborhood popular with students.

David Kernell, 20, has not returned repeated phone calls or e-mails from the AP since last week. His lawyer said Monday the family is going through a difficult period. Kernell is an economics major at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"The Kernell family wants to do the right thing, and they want what is best for their son," said attorney Wade V. Davies of Knoxville. "We are confident that the truth will emerge as we go through the

process. David is a decent and intelligent young man, and I look forward to assisting him during this difficult period."

Kernell is the son of state Rep. Mike Kernell, a Memphis Democrat and chairman of Tennessee's House Government Operations Committee. The father declined last week to discuss the possibility his son might be involved in the case.

"I had nothing to do with it, I had no knowledge or anything," Mike Kernell told the AP last week.

"I was not a party to anything of this nature at all," he added. "I wasn't in on this — and I wouldn't know how to do anything like that."

No one answered the door at Mike Kernell's home in Memphis on Monday, and he did not return repeated phone calls Monday from the AP.

Palin's e-mail account with Yahoo Inc. was compromised last week by a hacker who revealed as evidence a few inconsequential personal messages she has received since John McCain selected her as his running mate. The McCain campaign confirmed the break-in and called it a "shocking invasion of the governor's privacy and a violation of law."

Palin used "gov.sarah" in one of her Yahoo e-mail addresses she sometimes uses to conduct state business. The hacker targeted her separate "gov.palin" account.

During the break-in, the hacker used an Internet address that traced to David Kernell's apartment complex in Knoxville. The FBI obtained logs Saturday establishing the connection from Gabriel Ramuglia of Athens, Ga., who operates an Internet anonymity service used by the hacker.

Ramuglia told the AP the

FBI asked him to confirm that the address appeared in his records. Ramuglia said his logs showed the hacker visiting Yahoo's mail service, resetting Palin's password and announcing results of the break-in on a Web site where the hacking was first disclosed.

"I think he just didn't realize the severity of what he was doing until afterwards," Ramuglia said.

After the break-in, a person claiming responsibility published a detailed chronology of the hacking on the same Web site.

That person identified his e-mail address as one that has been linked publicly to David Kernell.

Kernell's father, Mike Kernell, has a strait-laced reputation among his colleagues.

"Mike Kernell is your quintessential Boy Scout," said state Rep. John Deberry, another Democrat. "Mike follows the rules. He will almost get on your nerve as far as making sure things are done by the book."

"If Mike had known anything about this, he would have had a fit on his son," Deberry said.

"When I saw his reaction when he first heard about it, the absolute fear and shock that was on his face, I realized then he had absolutely nothing to do with it."

Experts said the hacker apparently left an easy trail for investigators.

"He might as well have taken a picture of his house and uploaded it," said Ken Pfeil, an Internet security expert.

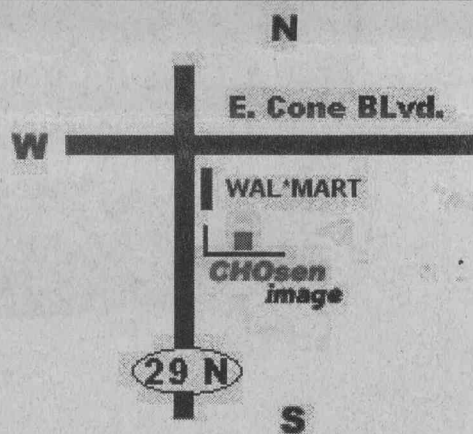
"He should have just set up a big beacon that said, 'Here's my house,' or confessed."

If they can't catch this guy based on all the information posted on the Web then all bets are off."

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Iran's president blames U.S. for international market collapse

KRISTA LARSON
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iran's president blamed U.S. military interventions around the world in part for the collapse of global financial markets and said the campaign against his country's nuclear program was solely due to the Bush administration "and a couple of their European friends."

The interviews of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, before his speech to the United Nations on Tuesday, came after the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency warned that he could not determine whether Iran is hiding some nuclear activities.

Last year, thousands rallied at the United Nations to protest Ahmadinejad's speech. When Ahmadinejad was ushered to the podium of the General Assembly to speak, the U.S. delegation walked out, leaving only a low-ranking note-taker to listen to his speech.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Ahmadinejad said the collapse of global financial markets was due in large part to U.S. military interventions abroad.

"Problems do not arise suddenly," he said. "The U.S. government has made a series of mistakes in the past few decades. The imposition on the U.S. economy of the years of heavy military engagement and involvement around the world... the war in Iraq, for example. These are heavy costs imposed on the U.S. economy."

"The world economy can no longer tolerate the bud-

getary deficit and the financial pressures occurring from markets here in the United States, and by the U.S. government," he added.

In a separate interview with National Public Radio, Ahmadinejad said he does not want confrontation with the United States.

He said he wants diplomatic relations to develop between the two countries and was willing, for example, to cooperate on upholding security in Iraq.

"We do not have confrontations with anyone," he said. "The U.S. administration interferes, and we defend ourselves."

Despite U.N. sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program, Ahmadinejad claimed vast international support for his position and said the campaign consisted "of only three or four countries, led by the United States and with a couple of their European friends."

The Iranian leader warned over the weekend that the military would strike back against anyone targeting his country's nuclear facilities.

"If anyone allows himself to commit even a tiny offense against Iran's legitimate interests, borders and sacred land, our armed forces will break his hand before he pulls the trigger," Ahmadinejad said during a military parade Sunday.

Iran insists its nuclear activities are geared only toward generating power. But Israel says the Islamic Republic could have enough nuclear material to make its first bomb within a year. The U.S. estimates Tehran is at least two years away from that stage.

Ahmadinejad's speech will

come just hours after President Bush makes his final address to the General Assembly.

After seven years of criticizing the U.N. for its huge, costly bureaucracy and indecisiveness in the face of grave problems, Bush is expected to stress the need for multinational diplomacy in a 15-minute speech.

Bush also is to meet Tuesday with Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari.

Topping their talks will be the series of suspected U.S. missile attacks and an American-led cross-border ground assault in Pakistan's volatile northwest that have angered public opinion.

The vice president of Sudan and leaders from Georgia, Lebanon, Kenya, Somalia, France, Liberia and Argentina are also among those addressing the General Assembly on Tuesday.

On Monday, leaders gathered for a high-level meeting on Africa's development needs. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged the world's rich nations to spend \$72 billion a year to help Africa achieve U.N. goals to fight poverty, improve health and ensure universal primary education.

A new report from the secretary-general said not a single African country is likely to achieve all the U.N. Millennium Development Goals by the target date of 2015.

Ban said last week he was deeply concerned that the current economic slowdown and turmoil on Wall Street could have a "very serious negative impact" on the ability of rich nations to help achieve the targets, first and foremost to cut extreme poverty by half.



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Recession certain in absence of bailout

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke bluntly warned Congress on Tuesday it risks a recession, with higher unemployment and increased home foreclosures, if lawmakers fail to pass the Bush administration's \$700 billion plan to bail out the financial industry.

Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee that inaction could leave ordinary businesses unable to borrow the money they need to expand and hire additional employees, while consumers could find themselves unable to finance big-ticket purchases such as cars and homes.

"The financial markets are in quite fragile condition and I think absent a plan they will get worse," Bernanke said.

Ominously, he added, "I believe if the credit markets are not functioning, that jobs will be lost, that our credit rate will rise, more houses will be foreclosed upon, GDP will contract, that the economy will just not be able to recover in a normal, healthy way."

GDP is a measure of growth, and a decline correlates with a recession.

Bernanke outlined his grim scenario as committee members sat in silence, and as the Bush administration pressed lawmakers publicly and privately to act speedily.

Vice President Dick Cheney and Jim Nussle, the Bush administration's budget director, met privately with restive House Republicans, some of whom emerged from the session unpersuaded.

"Just because God created the world in seven days doesn't mean we have to pass this bill in seven days," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas.

Added Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., "I am em-

phatically against it."

Dodd and other key Democrats have been in private negotiations with the administration since the weekend on legislation designed to allow the government to buy bad debts held by banks and other financial institutions.

Despite expressions of unhappiness in both parties, the prospects for legislation seemed strong, with lawmakers eager to adjourn this week or next for the elections.

Differences remained, though, including a demand from many Democrats and some Republicans to strip executives at failing financial firms of lucrative "golden parachutes" on their way out the door.

The administration balked at another key Democratic demand: allowing judges to rewrite bankrupt homeowners' mortgages so they could avoid foreclosure.


Despite the unresolved issues, President Bush predicted the Democratic-controlled Congress would soon pass a "robust plan to deal with serious problems."

He was speaking to the United Nations General assembly. Stocks held steady in pre-noon trading on Wall Street as Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told the Senate Banking Committee that quick passage of the administration's plan is "the single most effective thing we can do to help homeowners, the American people and stimulate our economy."

But even before Paulson could speak, lawmakers expressed unhappiness, criticism of the plan and — in the case of some conservative Republicans — outright opposition.

"I understand speed is important, but I'm far more interested in whether or not we get this right," said Dodd, who spoke first.

"There is no second act to this. There is no alternative idea out there with resources available if this does not work."





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What do you need more: food, gas or a better economy?

As students went to local gas stations last week they may have found themselves baffled at the drastic increase of gasoline prices. Students along with other citizens went to fill up their vehicles in panic that pumps would go dry.



LATISHA FREEMAN

Gas prices varied from station to station but the average price of gas increased over 60 cents.

The main complaint from students was that they could not afford to take a trip home over the weekend.

I truthfully didn't understand the reason for gas to soar any higher. However, after doing research I found that gas inflation was linked to the recent hurricane. As a result of Hurricane Ike, oil refineries in Louisiana and Texas have temporarily interrupted gas production throughout North Carolina and caused the wholesale of gas to rise. Also, the storm has forced gas stations to restrict fuel sales.

Select gas stations in the Greensboro area have been under investigation for reportedly charging customers outrageous prices for gasoline.

These gas stations cheated citizens out of their money by charging as much as \$ 5.99 for a gallon of gas. Inflation is hitting all aspects of the economy. With this increase of prices, students will soon be making a decision between buying gas or food.

I become frustrated because gas prices are nowhere near the prices they were last week. Is this really what our economy has come to? Is this really the future we want for ourselves and for

future generations? The price of gas goes up and up but the salary of American citizens stays the same. Going to the pump is worst than watching the movie Soul Plane for a second time.

Commuter students of the university feel the impact of the climbing gas prices more directly than those who stay on campus.

Commuters who find that buying gas is putting dents in their wallets should change their daily driving habits. One alternative to driving everywhere is using the university shuttle and/or public transportation. Additionally, carpooling to and from school could decrease the amount of gas commuters purchase.

"The increase in gas prices has affected not only my wallet but also my social life. My brother and I both play soccer and since the recent increase the away games are decreasing.

Practices were cut also due to this increase. So with that being said the increase has affected the relationship between me and my passion for soccer," said freshman and commuter journalism major, Y-Pol Nie.

Although everyone would agree that gas prices have reached a new extreme, the simple fact is that it is not going to change any time soon.

With that in mind we should cut down on the complaining and establish new driving habits. Many Aggies have already started going green by recycling so why not do the same with our cars?

Sarah Palin does not know what she is talking about. If you are going to be the Vice-President of the United States and a heartbeat away from the presidency, you have to know a little bit about what is going on in the country as a whole and not just in Alaska.

That's the reason why The McCain-Palin camp has been keeping away from the media, because she cannot answer questions the way that a VP candidate should.

Most media outlets believe that even though she is the big ticket right now it is a no-win situation when interviewing her. If you are hard on her and ask her hard questions, you would be perceived as being sexist. But if you ask her safe questions and are easy on her, then it is not fair.

It is still sexist if you do not ask her the same caliber questions as you would Joe Biden, the Democratic VP nominee. She needs to go on all of the media outlets as a VP candidate and not just a woman, and equally answer all of the questions that people may have.

All of the topics of the election and issues that people have should be fair game for the media. She needs to be able to show whether or not she can answer the tough ques-



LAPORSHA LOWRY

tions and be ready to lead the country if something happens to John McCain. It appears as if she received a crash course from the McCain camp before he picked her as his running mate. How can the Governor of Alaska, which is not a part of the continental United States, possibly fight for the issues that she is not familiar with, like foreign policy and the economy?

In her interviews, she is like a deer in headlights when asked about anything having to do with foreign policy. She said that she could see Russia from her house, but just because people in Detroit can see Canada does not make them experts at foreign policy.

It was like she did not know what to say about certain issues, but when asked about when life begins, she quickly said "at conception" and vehemently stated that she is against abortion even in cases of rape and incest.

When Sarah Palin accepted McCain's invitation to become his running mate, she became a national public figure and opened herself up to public

scrutiny. At the RNC, when she brought her family out and formally introduced them to America, she opened them up to scrutiny as well. From her pregnant daughter to her down-syndrome son/grandson (whichever you believe), they are all open to be discussed because they are in the public eye now. Thank God that the Obama kids are younger and are not as liable to act a fool yet.

You know how if someone tells you not to do something, it makes you want to do it even more? What else would you expect when she is against practicing contraception (i.e. birth control and condoms) and even abortion, but her daughter is a pregnant teenager? If anyone could have used some sort of information about safe sex, it was Bristol Palin.

She has been called their "Washington outsider" who is going to help McCain "reform" Washington. I bet that she is an outsider, considering that she is from the middle of nowhere completely on the opposite side of the country.

Even though the McCain camp boasts that she is the only one on either ticket with executive office experience and that she has the experience to become President if something happens to McCain, I do not think that

a person who was the mayor of a small town with 5,469 people and a state with a 4th smallest population of 683,478 is qualified to be president of a country with 305,219,000 citizens.

A&T has more people than Wasilla, Alaska, with 10,322 students enrolled this semester. Does that mean that Chancellor Battle is qualified to be VP?

Being a black woman, I want Sarah Palin to be asked the same questions as a woman as any other candidate, regardless of gender. I did think that having a woman in the election that had a legitimate chance of winning was remarkable.

Hillary Clinton was a great candidate and she probably would have gotten my vote if I were not totally infatuated with Barack Obama.

With her having such a passionate following, I think that McCain is patronizing the very group of votes that he is so eagerly pursuing. By choosing Sarah Palin, which seemed to be without much consideration of her situation at home and in her Alaskan government, he was just trying to court the voters who were so loyal to Clinton.

By the way, "reform" means the same thing as "change", they exact phrase that Obama had been using from day one, last time I checked.

Who said you have to be friends first?

People always say that you should be really good friends with someone before you get in a relationship with them, but is it really the smartest move to make?

Everyone has experienced that friend that they've always considered getting into a relationship with, but after hearing all the horror stories of how it didn't work out and how the friendships cease to exist, it makes you wonder is it really worth the risk?

Let's examine some of the causes behind this problem. I believe the only time a friendship turned into a relationship does not work is if there is a fear of failure, rejection, and insecurity.

We all know that it's a little scary moving from friendships into relationships, but some of us allow that fear to be the very downfall of the relationship. This person will walk

around being so conscious about making a mistake that they end up messing up the whole relationship.

They will make it so uncomfortable for their mate that they won't want to be in the relationship and even contemplate whether a friendship is safe anymore. In order to avoid this, you have to go into the relationship with the mindset that mistakes will be made. Just because you were friends previously does not change the standards for a relationship, it should actually compliment it more.

Rejection is another aspect that will drive friendships off the road. The only way to conquer the fear of rejection is to ask

Yes, sometimes feelings that you develop for a friend may be a phase, but if you have felt that way for a nice amount of time, it's time to face the music.

Trust me, friends can tell when there is an attraction present whether you admit or not. You never know, they may like you too, and if not, just being that honest can build a stronger friendship.

Insecurity is a big no when transitioning from a friendship into a relationship. You have to be confident in everything you do, because if you are not, it will convince your partner that you were unsure from the start. You cannot become that control crazed girlfriend or boyfriend. Just because you are taking another step in your relationship does not mean you lose sight of the friendship you had.

If you were able to trust them as a friend then trust them as a partner. If you felt like you were

an important friend to them, then you have to believe that you are still important to them now. I personally have learned that insecurities are a major turn-off.

You are not transforming into this super power girlfriend or boyfriend, just stay true to yourself and your relationship. This will show how honest you are about your feelings and how much you really trust them.

In all total honesty, yes there is a certain risk you take with turning friendships into relationships, but the majority of that depends on how you handle that change. Sometimes you need to experience a failed relationship in this case, because it can reveal whether that person was a real friend, or if you were a real friend.

Either way, this type of situation will present an opportunity for growth and a better turnout next time.

Not having the chance to say goodbye

Was there ever something you wanted to say and it was too late? Ever taken all that you are blessed with in life for granted? I never got the chance to say "I am sorry" and "Let's not fight anymore" to a friend I lost on September 15, 2008.



DANIELLE DAILEY

People hold grudges for years at a time; not realizing the importance of letting bygones be bygones. Spending time with those you love can be cut short in an instant.

Instead of experiencing the heartbreak of the loss, value the times and moments spent with that person. Of course, it is our nature to question the reason for the outcome but there are no answers.

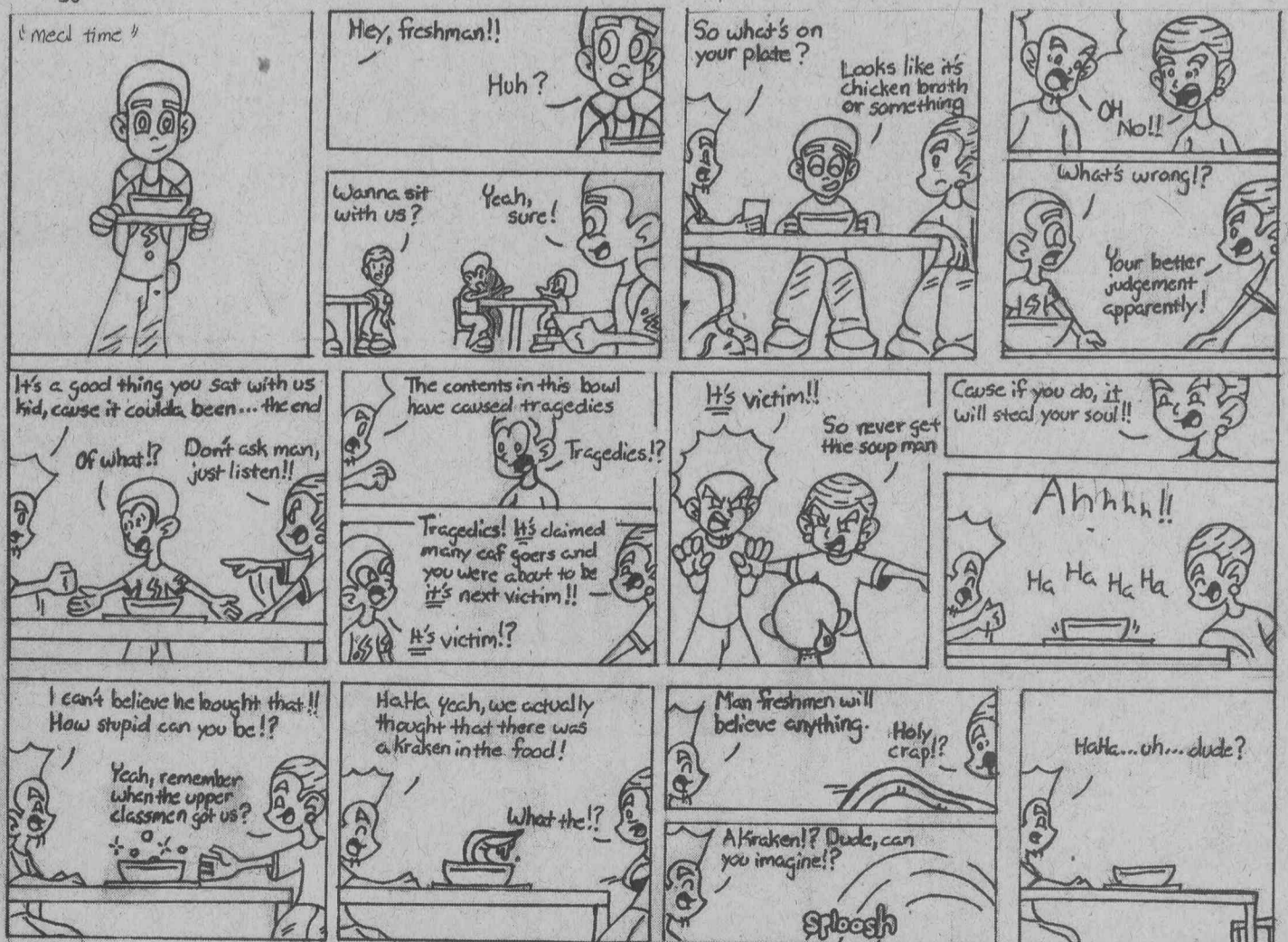
Whether it is your mother, brother, grandparent, or close friend the pain is the same. There are no words to describe what it

feels like. There are unknown reasons beyond our control that take away the people we love. It might have been just their time or a plan put into action long before they were born. Separating ourselves from the world after losing someone does not make the pain go away.

In fact, it makes it even worse; surround yourself with true friends that love you. Be thankful that you get to spend time with those loved ones in your life because time can always be cut short. So, continue to cherish everything given to you and appreciate those who are in our lives for maybe only for a moment.

This article is dedicated to Aaron Thomas and Angela James; angels whose time on earth was never promised.

Aggie Life



By: Evan Summerville

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AGGIE ONE-ON-ONE



Name: Janae Mitchell
Age: 20
Hometown: Fort Worth, TX
Major: Biology
Sport: volleyball
Position: outside hitter
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Q: What goes through your mind throughout the course of a match?

A: Throughout the course of a match, I'm just trying to figure out how to get better each play.

Q: What is the most memorable moment of your volleyball career?

A: My most memorable volleyball moment was the first time I made all-tournament team at Elon.

Q: What other hobbies/ interests do you have outside your sport?

A: Outside of volleyball, I like to read, shop, and just do fun things like going to the zoo and science museums.

Q: What are your normal pre-game rituals?

A: Before a game, I usually listen to music. The type of music I listen to usually just depends on what mood I'm in. If I feel too hype, I try to listen to a little gospel to calm me down. If I need a lift, I go with rap.

Q: Who are your major influences?

A: My family has a major influence on me, particularly my parents.

Q: What are your long-term goals?

A: My long-term goals include pursuing a career in the health field doing some sort of research whether it be cancer or bacterial.

Q: Any advice you would have for an aspiring A&T volleyball player?

A: My only advice is to just pursue your dreams head-on. If you want something, it's worth the sweat and tears.

AGGIES RUNDOWN

VOLLEYBALL

NORTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
MD Eastern-Shore	0-0	7-6
Delaware State	0-0	3-6
Howard	0-0	4-11
Morgan State	0-0	1-15
Coppin State	0-0	0-8
Hampton	0-0	0-16

SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Florida A&M	0-0	2-8
Norfolk State	0-0	2-13
South Carolina State	0-0	2-13
Bethune-Cookman	7-9	1-9
North Carolina A&T	0-0	1-14

THIS WEEK'S GAME:

Friday
@ Norfolk State
Norfolk, Virginia
7 p.m.

Sunday
vs. Winston-Salem State
Corbett Sports Center
Noon

FOOTBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Hampton	2-0	3-1
Norfolk State	1-0	2-2
South Carolina St.	1-0	2-2
Delaware State	1-0	1-1
Florida A&M	1-1	2-1
Morgan State	0-0	2-1
Bethune-Cookman	0-1	2-1
North Carolina A&T	0-2	0-2
Howard	0-2	0-3

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday
vs. Coastal Carolina
Aggie Stadium
6 p.m.

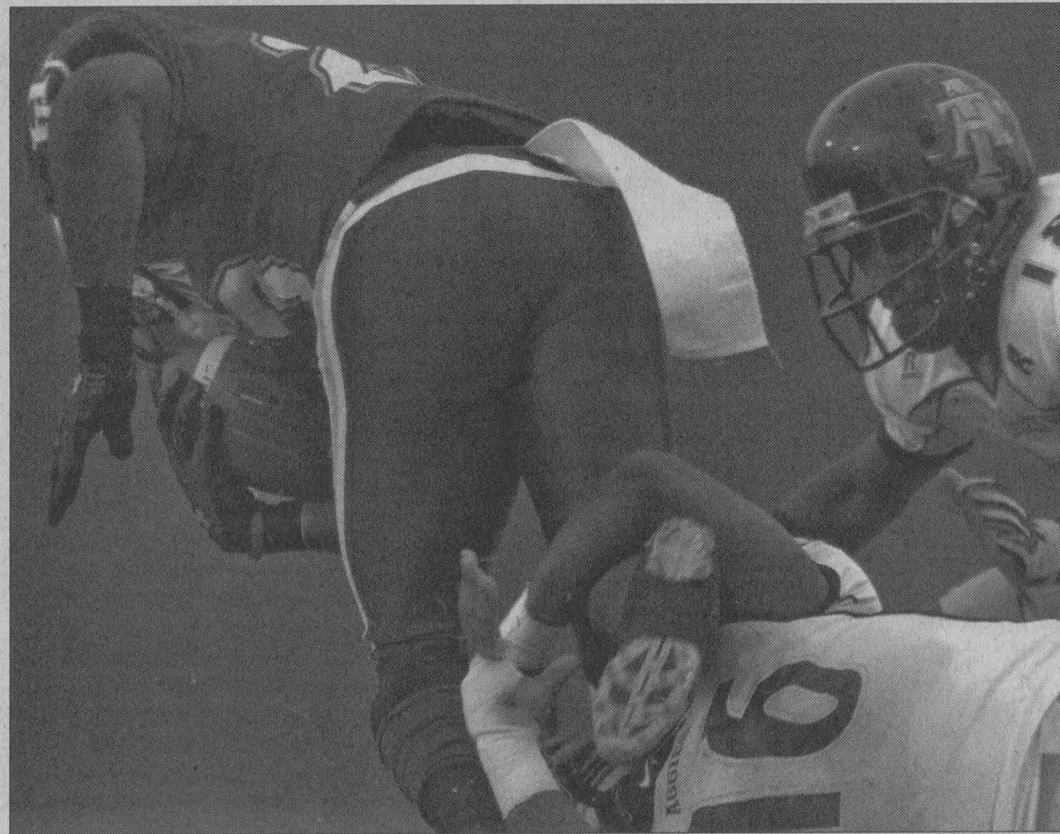


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HAMPTON player tries to avoid Aggie defenders Brandon and Quay Long Saturday in A&T's 44-7 loss in Hampton, VA.

Pirates sink Aggies

MICHAEL J. MCCRAY
New Media Editor

After kicking away from him the entire first quarter, Jeremy Gilchrist's two second quarter punt return touchdowns pushed Hampton to a 44-7 victory over A&T on Saturday.

Those returns along with shaky special teams play kicked the door open on a game that was tied 7-7 before.

A&T (2-2, 0-2 MEAC) was playing its first full game without starting quarterback Herb Miller, who sat out due to a concussion he suffered against Norfolk State the previous week.

The bright spot for the Aggies a 14-play, 80 yard drive that concluded with a Chaz Dawson touchdown reception from freshman quarterback Carlton Fears, who at least on this drive, looked poised against a Hampton defense that made a habit of making him hurry his throws all night.

The Pirate defense sacked Fears three times but the first year player was able to go 13-for-21 for 76 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Mike Ferguson led A&T in rushing with 98 yards on 17 carries, while Giorgio Lawrence and Wallace Miles combined for 10 catches.

Aggie punter Lee Woodson had the busiest night. Woodson punted 10 times.

"Those two big punts started it all, but we've got to do a better job of tackling," said Fobbs. "We had them stopped on several plays and just didn't wrap up."

If we want to be a good football team, we have to do the little things."

Next week the Aggies are back home where they'll take on Coastal Carolina, who is coming off a 31-3 win over Towson.

Aggies hope to defend flag football state title

ASHLEY GILMER
Register Reporter

A&T's Finest are out to do it again- bring home the win in the state championship.

Last year, this flag football team took down many highly ranked teams to win the 2007 Championship. The team players and the coach are looking to make history again in this year's competition.

"The expectation as a whole team, is just for us to get better, take it game by game," said head coach Robert McNair who also serves as the intramural director. "We have very high expectations this year of winning the national championship."

A&T's Finest is one of over a dozen flag football teams here on A&T's campus.

"I feel as though we are a target as far as the state tournament goes as well as on A&T's campus," said strong safety Olajdie Pullen Jr. "People think of us highly; they say that we are a great group of team mates."

The team is looking to make it to the state championship and beyond with the aid of some new additions to the team.

Jeremy Green, sophomore WR, Clifton Simmons, senior LB, and Quan Saunders, junior LB/RB, are the new additions that are expected to contribute more athleticism, speed, and talent to the team.

The nationals will be played in New Orleans during the latter part of December.

Even though no games have been held as of yet, the players have already begun their normal routine of training.

"I feel like our preparation is still the same," said Johnston. "We just stay focused and take one game at a time."

McNair feels that they are in control of their own destiny.

"This year I really feel like it is out there for us, if we take advantage of every opportunity that's given to us," said McNair. I really believe the only one that can stop us is ourselves."

CHEERLEADING From page 1

The national MEAC competition is in Daytona, FL. The A&T cheerleading squad is currently the two-time MEAC champions. In March, they will travel to defend their title.

"We are trying to host competition tryouts during the week of Oct. 18th when the football team plays Delaware St.," said coach Botwe-Rankia. "We're shooting for a couple of hours Tuesday through Thursday."

During basketball season the team also hosts a camp for elementary, middle, and high school girls. The Aggies have the cheer camp for one day and teach the girls different aspects of cheering.

The young girls learn one

technical cheer, one boogie cheer (the hbcu type of cheering), stunts, tumbling, and dancing. After the teaching portion is over, the campers also learn a routine. The routine is then performed with the A&T cheerleading squad during a basketball game.

Along with performing during football and basketball games, the squad also travels with the band and will sometimes perform with the band in community service activities.

"We work hard as a team on and off the field. We always offer positive support for each other," said Barton.

Although the team is willing to offer their services anywhere, they prefer to stay centered on cheering.

Like sports? Like to write? The A&T Register is currently looking for writers to add to 'the Score'. Come to the contributors meetings held every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the NCB, room 328A.



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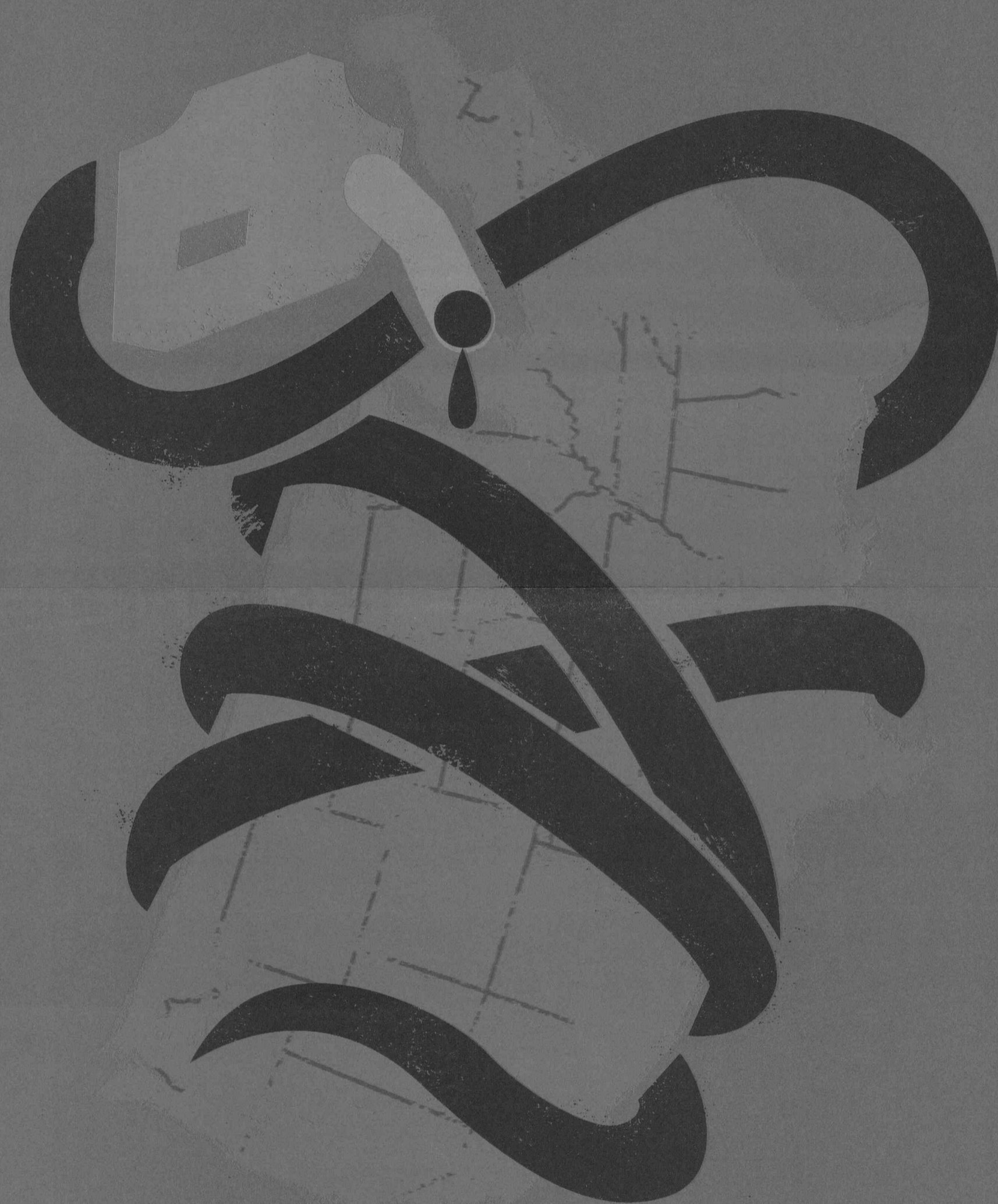
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Aggies get deep with open mic

ASHLEY GILMER
Register Reporter

The mood was set by dimmed lights, candles, and tunes by Floetry, India Arie, Erykah Badu, Lauryn Hill and others playing sweetly in the background.

The night of Sept. 19, it was easy to confuse Stallings Ballroom with a jazzy poetry club.

"Aggies and Poets," an original program presented by the SGA was one in a series of events that comprise the Campus Unity Conference. Dominic Jones, SGA secretary, hosted the affair. The line up of performers included the likes of SBE (Separate But Equal), So Sincere, So Real, Poetess, Champ, and many other great poets.

"At 250 people I almost doubled what I had expected," said Jones. He attributed the big turnout to the fact that "people still love art."

As the night progressed, the audience experienced a wide variety of emotions.

The lyricists took them from the highs of love, to the lows of lost relationships, and from the beauty of blackness, to the tragedy of Sean Bell.

One of the crowd's favorite pieces was "Catch 22" by Rapper/Poet Damiqua "Champ" Champion.



SOUL SESSION SGA hosted the Aggie & Poets show on Friday, September 19, 2008 in Stallings Ballroom. The program featured many Aggies including Damiqua "Champ" Champion, one of the many aggie poets who presented their talent using emotion through words.

PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

The poem expressed the hurt of a relationship gone bad with humor sprinkled over it.

"I was in love, and I was hurt," said Champion when asked what inspired her to write the poem.

She later added, "I write down everything I'm going

through."

Another poet by the name of Arrington Green had the crowd roaring with laughter as he recounted the thoughts and emotions of being a "College Freshman."

Green who was pleased with the outcome of the SGA

production said, "It was a real nice vibe, not too formal and not too ghetto."

At intermission, Jones reminded the crowd that ladies should be the first in line to get refreshments.

After the line up of 21 performers all had their

moments to shine, there was time left before the program was scheduled to end. The show then went into "poetry overtime."

Poets in the audience were allowed the opportunity to recite some words of expression.

The last act of the night was 2/3 of the poetry group, Liquid Sun. They topped off the night with a light and humorous piece that had the crowd rocking with them.

"I was blown away by the last performers. It was a perfect way to end the night because everyone needs to laugh" said freshman, Joel Williamson.

"I didn't realize how many poets there were on this campus," said Jones, who was not able to accommodate all who wanted to perform.

"Poetry means verbal expression of the soul," said Champion, who has been writing since the age of six.

"Life is poetic truth," said Green, who has been performing for audiences since his junior year in high school.

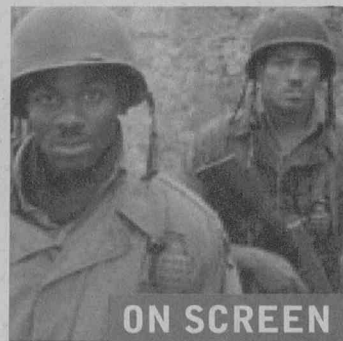
Jones performed several of his own pieces throughout the show.

He concluded the program by saying, "We came here as strangers, but through poetry we became friends."

hotlist

Sept. 24 to 30

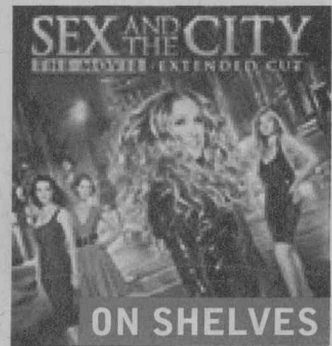
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

MIRACLE AT ST. ANN stars Derek Luke, Laz Alonso and Omar Benson will open in theaters on Friday. The Spike Lee epic explores the lives of four African American soldiers in WWII. Set in 1944 Italy the 92nd infantry division is separated from there unit. The team is in a remote village because one soldier risk his life to save a civilian.

-A.H.



ON SHELVES

SEX IN THE CITY THE MOVIE comes to DVD this week. Fans of Miranda, Charlotte, Samantha and Carrie can replay the memorable moments in the comfort of their very own home. The DVD is based on four New York socialites who in the mist of love and heartbreak still maintain their friendship. Running time is 142 minutes.

-A.H.

Got something to say? Well come write for us!
Contributors meeting every Wednesday @ 5 p.m. in NCB room A328.

ALBUM REVIEW: YEAR OF THE GENTLEMAN

Chivalry is back

KELCIE MCCRAE
Contributor

For all the ladies out there who are tired of dealing with the immaturities of boys and are ready to be appreciated by a real man, then it's time for an upgrade. Put in some Ne-Yo and let him show you what a true Gentleman should be like.

On Sept 16, the 28-year-old singer/songwriter dropped his long-awaited third album, Year of the Gentleman (Def Jam).

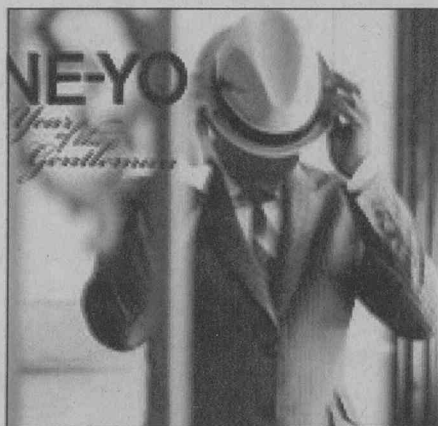
"I was bored by the R&B sound of my previous albums and wanted to take a different direction," Ne-Yo said to Billboard.

Although he said he wanted to go in a different direction, it is evident he kept the same essence of sexiness as his previous albums. He goes on to explain that he realizes relationships aren't perfect with "Mad", then goes on to tell his lover not to be up front about her unfaithful ways in "Lie to Me."

With his lead track, "Closer" already topping the charts at No 7 on Billboard's Hot 100, and "Miss Independent" gaining some steam at No 20, this seems to be Ne-Yo's best album thus far.

As he clearly puts his heart in all of these tracks, there is no question that he knows what it takes to be a great boyfriend and lover. As most guys don't admit when they're wrong, Ne-Yo takes it a step further by admitting that he has been selfish and took his lover for granted in "Why Does She Stay."

In addition to the twelve tracks already on the album, he drops three bonus tracks which include the upcoming club banger, "She Got Her Own", the Miss Independent remix featuring industry powerhouses Jamie Foxx, and Fabolous.



So fellas, if you are in need of knowledge on how to approach a girl, keep her happy, or let her go gently, you need to grab a copy of this album, and become a Gentleman.

Top 3 Album Bangers

1. Single
2. Why does she stay
3. Lie to me

Grade

B+

BOOK REVIEW: HUNGER PAIN IN OUR HEADS

Sit Down with the 'Sit In' Movement

ALEXANDRIA HARPER
Scene Editor

Have you ever wondered what happened to ignite the sit-in movement in Greensboro? Why four A&T students? What happened after?

In the new book "Hunger Pains in our Heads," by Mansel Philip McCleave, these questions and many more will be answered.

McCleave takes readers back to the time of segregation.

A time when the country was so divided that "white paychecks were issued to white teachers and Negroes were paid with pink checks."

Jim Crow was the law of the land and many were not able to fight for change.

The fear of retaliation silenced a nation until one day four courageous young men decided to shake up the world.

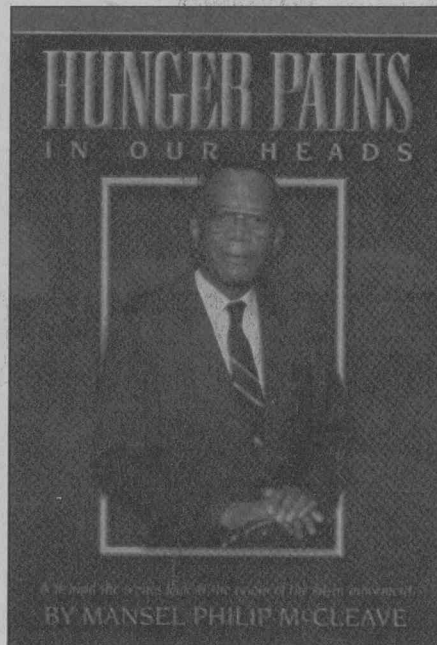
As then faculty member of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Mansel McCleave describes the climate of the time.

In the book he recalls an address given at A&T by the then Governor Luther Hodges.

The governor was introduced by the residing president of the period, Dr. F.D. Bluford.

It was customary for students and teachers to stand for a speaker but none of the A&T students rose.

To add insult to injury the governor had trouble pronouncing the word "Negro" and instead uttered "Nigra." The "students began to boo and shuffle their feet while the R.O.T.C. students



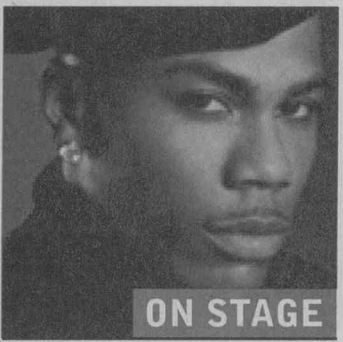
pounded the butts of their rifles on the floor."

In other words, A&T students sat down long before the movement began to take shape.

The author also takes time to sing praises of unsung heroes. People like Ralph Jones who helped in aiding students with clothes and money during the sit-in.

The pool-ins, ride-ins, and march-ins and countless other "-ins" for justice. These "Hunger Pains" McCleave cites still exist in today in education and housing.

If the intent of the author was discussion readers are certainly left with a mouth full to dissolve.



ON STAGE

NELLY AT THE HOUSE OF BLUES will perform in front of thousands of fans on Saturday at 8p.m.. Tickets are on sale at ticketmaster for \$29.50. The event will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. All ages are permitted to attend but no flash photography is permitted in the area.

-A.H.



ON CAMPUS

MY VOTE COUNTS REGISTRATION DRIVE will be at Williams Cafeteria on Thursday. Students can enjoy food, drinks and music all while registering to vote. Cafeteria staff will wear T-shirts in support of this event. Volunteers are also welcomed.

-A.H.

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QUESTIONS

1. Did you know the chic from Norbit (Thandie Newton) is going to play Condoleezza Rice in the movie W?
2. Could we have spelled Condoleezza correctly without the invention of Google?
3. Is Thandie Newton going to have to perform in 'Black Face'?
4. Did you know that RA's still carry pagers?
5. Do people still know pager codes (911, 143, 007)?
6. Did you know the C-Store sells 'black love' incense?
7. How long is that one dusty box of magnums going to hang on the wall behind the counter?
8. Don't ignorant rappers have too much influence?
9. If Gucci Mane's "Shirt Off" played right now, how many people around you would be topless?
10. It wouldn't happen to be you... would it?
11. Shouldn't we place a ban on one letter text messages?
12. K?
13. Is this the only section of the paper you are going to read?
14. Did you miss us last week?
15. Can two men share an umbrella?
16. Why not?
17. When was the last time you saw someone on a pay phone?
18. Is Ice T really "beefin'" with Soulja Boy?
19. Will they have to battle over cassette tape?
20. Will your RA'S receive the outcome via pager?