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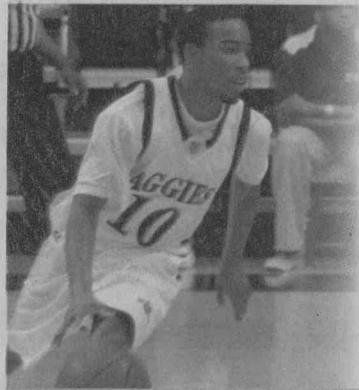
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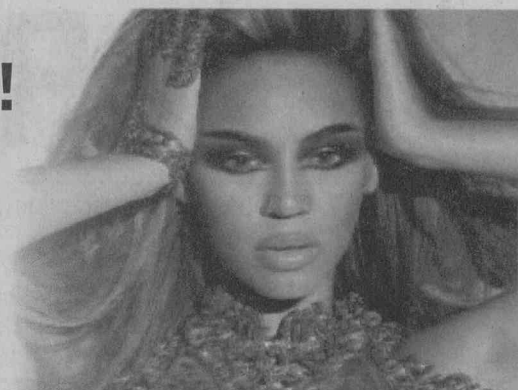
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Beyoncé releases her new double album introducing her sexy alter ego

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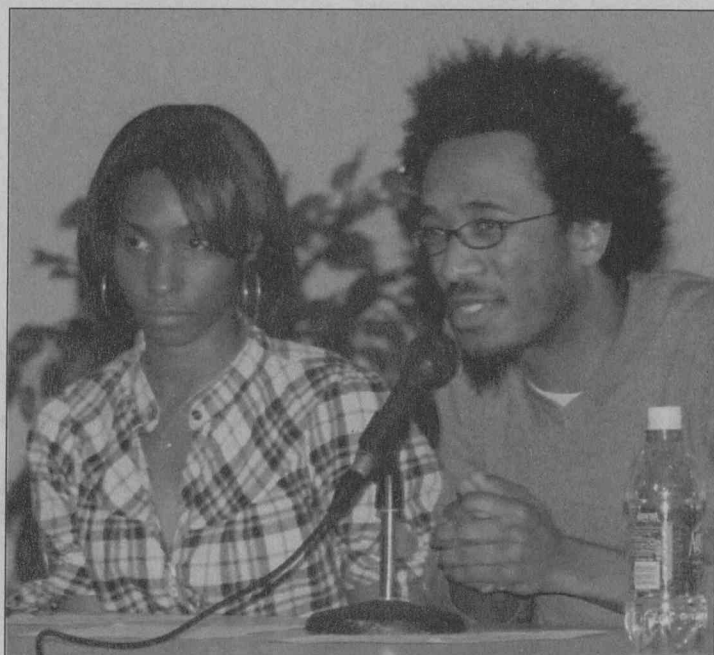


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Atilah Clayborne and Victor Davidson represented the male and female body during a femininity and masculinity forum questioning the male and female positions in relationships.

## Students share views on femininity and masculinity in forum

STACIE BAILEY  
Staff Writer

A mixed crowd of males and females as well as graduates and undergrads gathered in Stallings Ballroom Monday evening to take part in the Femininity and Masculinity forum hosted by Ms. Beta Epsilon of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Ngozi Opara, and Rodney Montgomery, Mr. History Club.

Soft music played as the audience grew and the seats were filled by 7:30 p.m. when the program began. Opara and Montgomery introduced the panel of seven, which included students Octavia Clayborn, Victor Davidson and Cleston Williams in addition to hip hop professor, Bryan Turman, Dr. Brian Simms of the psychology de-

partment and newlywed graduates, Janelle and Jared Martin.

"I think it is important to have discussions like this one because as college students we face many obstacles when it comes to relationships and our interactions with the opposite sex," said Opara, a junior finance major from Washington, DC. "These forums provide us with insight that can help us. We need to learn from each other and forums like this provide an atmosphere of learning and growth."

Questions were posed towards audience members alongside answers of the panel. The first question asked was what it meant to be masculine. Audience members gave their opin-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Donna Bradby leads the children in the Partnership Village Community Outreach Project in an exercise where Bradby asks them to move in a circle like a chain, locking their hands without breaking the chain.

## Visual and Performing Arts teams up with local Urban Ministry

MARCUS THOMPSON  
Staff Writer

The Aggie family always showing commitment to the community, especially around the holiday season, and this year is no different.

The A&T Department of Visual and Performing Arts hosted a show for children in the Partnership Village Community Outreach Project on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the Memorial Student Union Exhibit Hall.

The Partnership Village is a transitional community for individuals and families who are living in temporary housing. The Partnership Vil-

lage Project is affiliated with Greensboro Urban Ministry, an outreach agency committed to providing "crisis intervention and emergency services."

Dr. Eleanor Gwynn, chair of the department of visual and performing arts, said that she became involved with the community outreach project through a leadership program.

"What I find is that you really get more out of it than the children do," said Gwynn. "Anytime you give to somebody, you get back far more in return."

Fifteen children, who live in the Partnership Village housing complex, ranging from upper

elementary school to middle school ages, arrived with eager faces toting their parent- and teacher-chaperones alongside them.

The children were welcomed by Dr. Gwynn, who expressed the university's appreciation for the kids' visit and also introduced the other speakers and performers. Gwynn also encouraged the kids to become Aggies in the future.

Following Gwynn, Mrs. Dina Eagle from the Dean's Office engaged the kids in a discussion about the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Wendell Phillips, from the Chancellor's Office then

explained to the children the obligations of the faculty to the students of the university. During the opening talks, the children and their chaperones enjoyed lunches from Jason's Deli.

Following the opening discussions and introductions, the kids were allowed to participate in various workshops for theater, dance, and music.

Donna Bradby, assistant professor of theater and the marketing and publicity director for the department of visual and performing arts, started the kids off with a variety of vocal

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## American and International Education Week begins on campus

ASHLEY VENABLE  
Contributor

This year the American and International Education Week committee presents "Educating Across Cultures in the Global Society."

This is a week long campus celebration that will take place Nov. 16-21. It is a combination of American and International education weeks.

Traditionally celebrated separately, "we decided to join with American education week because they were being held the same time... it was very fitting to have the two together,"

said Office of International Programs, Program Assistant, Alicia Wallace.

American Education Week has been celebrated for 87 years. It debuted in December 1921. According to the National Education Association, "An education week...observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

International Education Week was first held in 2000 and today it is recognized in over

100 countries worldwide. It is an opportunity to highlight the benefits of international education and exchange globally. "Exchange programs broaden students' perspectives giving them the opportunity to make new friends, learn or perfect foreign languages, and adapt to unfamiliar cultures," stated US Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings.

Over the course of several days there will be events scattered around campus. They range from small intimate conversations in classrooms with faculty and students to an entire day dedicated to one country.

"All of the events are free and open to the public," said Wallace.

A few of the events featured are; "An Afternoon of Turkish Culture," Brown Bag Lunch series, and Darfur Awareness Day.

"Turkey continues to be a big focal point this year," said Wallace. "An Afternoon of Turkish Culture" occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 18th in Stallings Ballroom. "The main goal was to bring Turkish and African-Americans together. This event featured Turkish cuisine and former Ambassador of Turkey to the US Faruk Logoglu.

The Brown Bag Lunch series will occur Wednesday, Nov. 19th thru Friday, Nov. 21st from 12-1pm at the C.H. Moore building in room A-16. They are intimate conversations between faculty and students that will take place in the Office of International Programs. "Bag lunches are places that faculty and students have gone...so we really want to highlight those experiences to encourage more faculty to take students abroad, also highlight some of the research and experiences of faculty and students on campus," stated Wallace.

"One of the other events to highlight is Darfur aware-

ness which is being hosted by a UNST class."

"It was a class project...we were assigned to pick a position and put on the event and eventually it became more than a class project," said sophomore, Kaurie Daniels. She is a student in the Modern World course that was responsible for the Darfur Awareness day taking place on Wednesday, Nov. 19th in Stallings Ballroom from 6-9pm. "It was something we really wanted to do and we decided to go above and beyond what was

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Who has the time to count calories when you good food brings in family and close friends over the holidays.

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Aggie Men face a rebuilding season in their quest for a MEAC championship.

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Students in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts are preparing to bring their annual "Black Nativity" to the stage.

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### WEATHER



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and physical exercises with the aid of some of the students from the theater department. Kids were asked to move in a circle while holding hands without breaking the chain, repeat a series of tongue twisters, and clap in unison.

Gwynn and Melanie Dalton, A&T dance instructor, then led the children and chaperones into a dance accompanied by drum players. In the last workshop, John Henry, professor of music, gave the kids a quick music lesson on the xylophone. Some kids were also allowed to play on the drums and keyboard.

"Any time we are able to perform or pass on material to other people, it's always exciting," said Dalton.

"But today because of the population that is coming in, because of the particular group, the Partnership Village, it's even more special because it feels like an opportunity to share some things that we enjoy with these young people and just excite them about some things."

After the workshops were completed, the guests were treated with a performance. Students from the A&T dance department came out in African-style garments to perform Man-

diani, a traditional dance from the West Africa region. Subsequent to the dance performance, the A&T drumline played the "20 cadence" and "tunnel cadence".

In the final performance, Henry returned to play "When the Saints Go Marching In" on his trombone, accompanied by Joshua Fox, junior electronic media major from Greenville, N.C., on the keyboard.

The whole audience was engaged in the performance as they all got out of their seats to dance and march in line.

"I'm glad that the youth are being exposed to this crucial part of their culture, being able to experience the music and the dancing as well. I'm happy to participate. I like working with children," said Jonathan Rogers, junior construction management major from Raleigh, who drummed for the Mandiani performance.

Before the guests departed, Dr. Gwynn presented them with gift bags. Gwynn said that the VPA is also going to sponsor a Christmas party for the children in their own community in December and the VPA department is giving them tickets to an A&T play and dance concert so that they can visit the campus in the future as well.

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opinions while going back and forth with panel members in a mature discussion about the topic.

Simms and Turman broke down the idea that masculinity had not changed, the social structure reflecting it had. Simms stressed that the individual should not be blamed for the way they are influenced by society; each student who spoke proved Simms' point that society had changed since Simms and Turman were growing up, but the true definition of being masculine or feminine had not.

The person with the microphone held the crowd's attention. Everyone didn't get a chance to talk due to time constraints, but the order of the discussion was kept.

Males and females were given a chance to discuss the related topic and many could be seen taking notes. Other questions from the night included, "How should men express their interest in a woman and is there a correct way?" and "Is it ok for a woman to approach a man?" It was evident that each area of discussion could be applied on A&T's campus and beyond.

Towards the end of the session, a video clip was shown from Tyler Perry's, "Why Did I Get Married?" to introduce the topic of the 80/20 theory used in the film. Students were given the opportunity to voice their

opinions as the program came to a close.

The overall message portrayed throughout the forum stressed the importance of maintaining one's self-identity. For example, being completely honest when talking to someone or being honest about what you really want out of the relationship. When broken down, a lot could be learned from the forum.

While some remained adamant about their views, others were willing to let go of opinions and listen and agree with others. Applauds showed how well the group responded to each other and their comments. No one was booed and everyone could relate to someone in the room in their beliefs. Thought-provoking questions brought about even deeper responses as several people were given a chance to voice their opinions on each topic.

"The reason I chose to come to this event was to gain a better understanding of what it [is] to be a man, and what I am to be looking for in my female counterpart," said junior computer engineering and science major from Fremont, N.C., Richard Artis.

"The biggest thing that I learned from tonight is that many of us are looking for different things in a relationship in college... my view of what it is to be a man, the very essence of my being, was more accurately defined tonight."

## Enduring the holidays without gaining holiday pounds

KAREN THOMPSON  
News Editor

Over the next two months of November and December, thousands of Americans will come together all over America to see loved ones for the first time in a while, and most of all, eat big home-cooked meals.

These meals will more than likely consist of a big turkey with all of the fixings, casseroles, and the sweetest desserts that would make the mouths of many people water for just a taste.

One thing is for sure, during the months of Thanksgiving and Christmas, many Americans are not thinking about counting calories as they sit down at the big table with their families to eat some of the biggest meals of the year.

If anything, this is the time when people set aside all other activities and eat as much as their bodies will hold. Many holiday partakers have already considered and accepted the fact that they will undoubtedly gain weight during the holidays.

One reason may be because they realize that for the next two months, every tempting and mouth-watering dish known to the American society, will be put in front of them to try. As a result, the average American will gain at least five pounds of body fat during the holidays.

Ever since the pilgrims came to America and established Thanksgiving along with the Native Americans, the tradition was for everyone to come together and give thanks

to God for their many blessings and what they have learned throughout the year. Of course, all of this was done around the long table and over a big meal prepared by the colonial women and Native Americans.

Throughout the years, this tradition hasn't changed, but in many ways has grown as families throughout the United States have grown. These times are symbolic for many Americans, as they are not able to see many of their loved ones throughout the year.

In January, the famous New Year's resolutions are highly marketed by companies like Slim Fast, Jenny Craig and Weight Watchers because of those people who gorged themselves with food and now are trying to lose the weight that their bodies have compiled in such a short period of time.

However, even though the holidays offer what it seems like endless opportunities to gorge one's self in the best creations of foods and desserts, caution and moderation should still be considered in the amounts and types of foods eaten. This way, everyone is able to go through the holidays and not have to suffer the after-effects of weight gain, bloating, constipation, and indigestion, which could possibly follow people all the way into January.

There are tips and guidelines that everyone can follow during the holidays to make sure that at the end of all of the memorable moments with family members and friends, no one has to suffer through the after shocks of weight gain

and all other negative body reactions that occur because of over-eating foods that are high in cholesterol and saturated fat.

Some tips for enduring the holidays without gaining the extra pounds are: Balance party foods and meals with other meals. Eat smaller meals with fewer calories during the day so you can enjoy the party - without exceeding one's energy intake for the whole day. For those smaller meals, include low-fat protein as well as fruit, vegetables, and whole grains for fiber, (which helps keep the stomach feeling full).

Don't go to a party hungry. Think about the types of foods present at holiday parties - they may not always be the most healthful. If you go to a party hungry you are more likely to overeat.

Consume alcohol in moderation, if at all. For example, an 8-ounce glass of nonalcoholic eggnog contains more than 340 calories.

Add alcohol to the eggnog and the calories increase to nearly 450. Plus, those calories from alcohol tend to be stored as fat. Control calorie intake by ordering drinks with diet soda or club soda instead of juice and regular sodas. A 12-ounce can of soda is about 150 calories; diet versions have around 2-4 calories and club soda is calorie-free.

These are just some guidelines for surviving the food frenzy during the holidays. More tips can be found either on the Internet or by contacting your family doctor or a local nutritionist. Happy eating!

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expected from us...we are expecting over 300 people to come."

"Our main objective is not to have people come to the event but for people to know what is going on in Darfur... we are trying to raise awareness at A&T to let people know what is going on in the world," said Daniels.

"Our expectation is for everyone to participate," stated Wallace.

It is important to be globally aware in a country where globalization is happening at a rapid pace. "I encourage all Americans to learn more about the worlds beyond our borders, and I encourage students to experience other cultures firsthand," said Spellings.



PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS  
Tarik Bor, graduate food science major is from Turkey and he share his experiences here at A&T at the American International Turkish Week on Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

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Student Union: The Memorial Room  
12 p.m.

International Food Night  
Memorial Student Union  
Exhibit Hall  
4 p.m.

COP Full Body Meeting  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
5 p.m.

Darfur Awareness Day  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
6 p.m.

Definition of Colored People  
General Classroom Building  
Room A218  
7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY  
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American International Week  
Craig Hall: Room 133  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

FRIDAY  
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Aggie and Poets  
Student Union: Exhibit Hall  
7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

SATURDAY  
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Football vs. S.C. State  
Aggie Stadium  
1:30 p.m.

MONDAY  
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Open Swimming  
Corbett Sports Center Pool  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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## AROUND THE STATE

### N.C. State students won't be charged for racist graffiti aimed at Obama

JAY PRICE  
McClatchy Newspapers

**RALEIGH** — Four students who admitted spray-painting racist and threatening graffiti aimed at President-elect Barack Obama at North Carolina State University won't be charged with any crime, but their work was condemned at a student rally Thursday.

About 500 people attended the rally at the NCSU Brickyard organized by the student government to demonstrate opposition to the graffiti.

The graffiti appeared early Wednesday as modifications to positive messages about Obama that someone else had painted in the university's Free Expression Tunnel.

By 10 a.m., university workers had painted the entire tunnel white to erase the offensive messages, and students began replacing them with anti-hate slogans.

The U.S. Secret Service assisted in the investigation, said Jon Barnwell, spokesman for the NCSU police. The federal agency was notified immediately because of the nature of the graffiti, which said "Shoot Obama" and "Kill that n-----."

Campus police used electronic images from the scene and other evidence to identify suspects. Secret Service agents and campus police questioned the four, who quickly admitted what they had done.

Federal agents searched their residences and determined there was no actual threat to Obama, Barnwell said.

Citing privacy laws, university officials declined to name the four.

Even without criminal charges, they could face action by the university, including expulsion.

Campus investigators consulted with the Wake County District Attorney's office before dropping the investigation of a potential hate crime, Barnwell said.

"They said that, while offensive, it was a free speech issue," he said.

The four students would have had to commit another type of crime while painting the offending words for the university to pursue hate crime charges, Barnwell said.

If the graffiti had been painted on just about any other structure on campus, for example, investigators could have used charges of defacing public property and the nature of the language as an aggravating factor to treat it as a hate crime. In the tunnel, though, graffiti is encouraged, so it isn't considered damage.

About a month ago, a cryptic message about a Klan meeting had been chalked on the Brickyard. Also, last year campus police found a noose made of toilet paper hanging from a restroom stall door inside a campus building. Speakers at the rally said repeatedly that they would not allow acts of hate and racism to characterize NCSU.

"We are here today as a commitment that we will not let bigotry, hate and violence define who we are," said Dr. Jose A. Picart, vice provost for Diversity and Inclusion.

## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

### Poli Sci students get family reactions to historic elections

ALEXANDRIA HARPER  
Scene Editor

President-elect Barack Obama's victory was celebrated all around the world. In countries like Nigeria, Brazil and Japan, his triumph has already begun to bring people together. In America, A&T students are at the forefront of history by documenting this event.

With the help of modern technology via Blackboard, students enrolled in Dr. James Steele's Political Science 200, 250 and 445 have engaged in a class-wide discussion board. Steele has asked three of his classes to post the reactions of a close relative on the recent election.

Nina Adams, a social work major from Rock Hill, S.C., interviewed her mother for the assignment.

"My mom explained the feeling she felt the day the schools in South Carolina were integrated as a very similar feeling to the feeling she felt when Obama was elected the new president."

Adams said her mother was at peace after hearing the election results. Her mother "sees this historical moment in time as an opportunity for a better and more unified tomorrow."

Ulysses Hemingway, an economics major from Charlotte, also interviewed a family member. Like Adams, Hemingway's 72-year-old grandfather

linked the recent election to the civil rights movement. His grandfather "remembers the riots during the 1960s."

He lived in Newark, N.J. at the time, which had the highest unemployment of any city in the U.S." His grandfather said, "this country is slow but surely changing" from blacks in the unemployment line to running the entire country.

For Detrice Imafidon, a criminal justice major from Raleigh, Obama's victory meant more than a change in policies on Capitol Hill. "Interviewing my father was a different experience because I never sat down with him formally and asked him questions."

He was more than delighted

to open up with his thoughts. "Times have definitely changed and I'm happy to see that none of my children have to face the racism and discrimination that we faced," he said.

Shakela Jackson, a political science major from Washington, D.C., interviewed her father, who was born Birmingham, Ala. just miles away from Condoleezza Rice.

"This generation has already responded with their vote," her father said.

The common thread in all the posts is the belief that it would never happen during their lifetime. Obama for president has happened and the reaction is overwhelming.

## AROUND THE NATION

### One campus, two homecomings Separate festivities highlight social segregation

MEGAN TWOHEY  
Chicago Tribune

**URBANA, Ill.** — The homecoming football game had just ended, and students clad in orange T-shirts were swarming the quad in search of post-tailgating festivities, but the nearly 1,700 African-American students packed in a nearby auditorium at the Downstate campus barely noticed.

They were engrossed in African-American Homecoming, a separate celebration complete with its own pageant, fashion show and step performance that has stirred controversy and highlighted social segregation at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

With pep rallies and parades, homecomings are designed to unify students and alumni in school spirit. But some black students at the University of Illinois and elsewhere say they do not feel welcome in their school's traditional homecoming activities, nor in the broader social scene on campus — a result, they say, of racial tension and clashing tastes and backgrounds.

There has long been a separate African-American homecoming pageant at Ohio State University. For the second year, the Black Student Union at the University of Minnesota planned its own homecoming events, which took place last weekend.

"The university has taken steps to recruit us, but that doesn't mean that we're socially welcome," said sophomore Ashley Williams, who helped organize African-American Homecoming at the University of Illinois. "It's nice to go to events geared specifically at African-American students."

Despite the administration's diversity efforts, racial tension

persists at the university, students and administrators say. Last spring, controversy erupted when members of predominantly white fraternities and sororities dressed in costumes that portrayed stereotypes of Latinos and blacks.

And because the student body is only 7 percent African-American, many black students say they simply don't feel part of the mainstream. African-American Homecoming, they say, offers them a chance to celebrate their culture and presence on campus.

But some white students complain that separate homecomings foster more racial divisions. The complaints have swirled on the Web site of the student newspaper and in conversations on campus. For the first time, organizers are contemplating removing African-American from the title.

Many African-American-named events started decades ago when black students were not invited to participate in the homecoming courts of predominantly white universities.

"For a long time, African-Americans were not encouraged or invited to participate in homecoming," said Clarence Shelley, special assistant to the chancellor, who was hired by the University of Illinois in 1968 to recruit low-income minority students. "Today, African-American Homecoming is still important. ... African-American, Latino, Asian and Native American students have found that it's more useful to make their own activities that are fun for them and to worry less about integrating activities."

Step shows, in which performers stomp, clap and shout in unison, have long been an African-American tradition. The one during homecoming

in mid-October drew participants from other schools and packed the auditorium. "You guys excited?" shouted the host, a charismatic young man with a shaved head, who took the stage.

The audience roared. Chavia Jackson, a junior in the crowd, said she has had a difficult time adjusting to the university coming from a predominantly black high school in Chicago. She is the only black student in some of her classes.

The insensitive costumes worn by white students last year were an example of why she doesn't feel comfortable in the mainstream social scene, she said.

"There aren't a lot of African-American parties here," Jackson said. "This is our time to find companions and let loose."

Timotheus Gordon Jr., a junior at the University of Minnesota, helped launch homecoming events through the Black Student Union last year after finding the universitywide homecoming events, such as a lip-sync contest and square dancing, unappealing and the broader campus socially segregated. Last year, there was a step show and dance party with hip-hop and R&B. This year, in addition to the dance, the Black Student Union helped organize a "Boondocks" marathon, among other events.

"People of color are included on paper here, but most of us feel like we're not part of the broader university experience," Gordon said. "We're creating an alternative to mainstream homecoming."

But some white students see no point in creating such an alternative. The effect, they say, is more separation.

"People say that it's ex-

clusive and wonder what the purpose is," said senior Paul Schmitt, who used to question the event but has come to see its appeal.

As he walked from the football game by the auditorium, Jason Sandberg challenged the need for the step show and other African-American homecoming events.

"It doesn't make sense," Sandberg said. "I don't see us being racist. Not at all."

He paused and added: "Maybe here and there. You can't stop people from being racist all the time."

Anthony Lising Antonio, an assistant professor of education at Stanford University who has studied the social patterns of college students, said student organizations identified with a certain race can obscure the growing number of cross-racial friendships on campuses.

Black students self-segregate more than other minority groups, he said, because of their history of being excluded and their persistently small numbers.

But, he added, at predominantly white colleges, whites self-segregate more than anyone else.

"White students are still more likely to have all white friends," Antonio said. "We just don't tend to call that self-segregation. We call that normal."

Organizers of African-American Homecoming at the University of Illinois say students from all racial backgrounds have been welcome in years past. Dropping African-American from the titles, they say, would make them that much more welcoming.

"We can be more inclusive and diverse even if the campus hasn't always been that way for us," Williams said.

### Teachers facing disciplinary charges for Facebook posts

ANN DOSS HELMS  
McClatchy Newspapers

**CHARLOTTE** — A Thomasboro Elementary teacher faces firing for posting derogatory comments about students on Facebook, while four other Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools teachers have been disciplined for posts involving "poor judgment and bad taste," spokeswoman Nora Carr said Tuesday.

The Thomasboro teacher listed "teaching chitlins in the ghetto of Charlotte" as one of her activities and drinking as one of her hobbies.

In her "About Me" section she wrote: "I am teaching in the most ghetto school in Charlotte."

Most of Thomasboro's students are minorities from low-income homes. The teacher has been suspended with pay and Superintendent Peter Gorman has recommended firing her, Carr said. The dismissal is not final because teachers have a right to appeal.

Reporter Jeff Campbell of WCNC said he showed district

officials pages involving seven CMS teachers. Carr said four faced unspecified discipline that is less than suspension or dismissal. She would not provide details about the offensive material, but the pages Campbell submitted included photos of female teachers in sexually suggestive poses and a black male teacher who listed "Chillin wit my n \_ as!!!" as an activity and had a suggestive exchange with a female "Facebook friend" accompanying a shirtless photo of himself.

CMS is still reviewing the case of a high-school special-education teacher who used a Facebook "mood box" to post "I'm feeling p \_ ed because I hate my students!" District officials are working on a memo reminding all 19,000 employees that information they post on the Web can be viewed by the public and should be appropriate.

"When you're in a professional position, especially one where you're interacting with children and parents, you need to be above reproach," Carr said.

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## Residents inspect charred Calif. homes

AMY TAXIN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Smoky skies cleared and once-whipping winds slowed to a standstill Tuesday, as another wave of those who fled Southern California's ferocious weekend wildfires prepared to sort through the remains of their homes.

Three fires have destroyed nearly 1,000 homes and apartments and burned 42,000 acres, or 65 square miles, forcing thousands to flee.

The causes of all three were under investigation, although a human cause was suspected in a Santa Barbara County blaze.

Many residents of the 484 homes destroyed in the tight-knit Oakridge Mobile Home Park were expected to line up and walk through and see the worst of the devastation for themselves after authorities made sure there were no bodies in the ashes.

A day earlier, Michael Hernandez pulled a charred photo album from the wreckage of his home, the plastic pages melted and flaking after a wildfire tore through the mobile home where he lived with his grandparents and 7-year old daughter.

It was one of a handful of keepsakes he was able to rescue during a police-escorted tour for some residents of the park that became a flattened field of blackened trees and twisted metal.

"We came here with a little hope and we walked around and pretty much everything's ruined," said Hernandez, a 32-year old artist who splits his time between the park in Sylmar and his studio in downtown Los Angeles.

"I don't recognize my room." More than 500 people made the trip on Monday but were not allowed to sift through the ruins. As cadaver-sniffing dogs scoured the area to make sure no one had died in the blaze.



SIVERADO CANYON residents rush to get a few belongings out after mandatory evacuations orders were given by the Orange County Sheriff Department.

After an exhaustive search, no bodies were found.

Residents whose homes were intact were allowed to quickly pick up clothes, toiletries, and other belongings under police escort.

Most evacuation orders were lifted in Southern California by Tuesday, when the clear skies and calm winds helped firefighters make some gains, bad air remained in some places and classes were canceled at dozens

of schools near fire zones in Orange County.

Warm weather was forecast to remain Tuesday with temperatures reaching the 80s in much of the region, but winds weren't expected to blow much harder than about 5 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

In Sylmar, wild winds blew a wall of fire through the mobile home complex Saturday and set them ablaze so quickly that even firefighters had to drop

their hoses and run.

Firefighters were able to save about 120 homes, but many were badly damaged in the park that residents described as idyllic for its mountain scenery, swimming pool and tennis courts and community spirit.

"It's a disaster. It looks like Hiroshima," said Joan Costa, whose home was spared in the blaze.

Los Angeles police officials were still looking for residents

of 166 properties who have not yet contacted authorities.

Official listed the numbers of those spaces and urged to confirm they are alive and well.

Elsewhere, the largest of the fires has burned nearly 29,000 acres in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties and has destroyed more than 250 homes and apartment units.

Firefighters had it 60 percent surrounded.

San Bernardino became the fourth county to have a state of emergency declared.

In Yorba Linda in Orange County, where more than 150 homes were lost, residents also returned to survey the devastation.

David Waltemeyer, fire chief in Corona near where the fire broke out Saturday morning, told the Riverside Press-Enterprise that authorities did not believe the fire was intentionally set and likely had a mechanical cause such as exhaust from a vehicle on the nearby 91 Freeway.

"I want to allay fears an arsonist is out there," Waltemeyer said.

The first of the wildfires broke out in the Montecito area of Santa Barbara County, about 90 miles northwest of Sylmar.

It destroyed 210 homes, many of them mansions that once had sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean.

It was fully contained by Monday night and the cause was under investigation.

Officials said they believed it was "human-caused."

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said President-elect Barack Obama contacted him Sunday night to offer what help he could.

Obama has turned his campaign Web site home page into a plea to help fire victims that includes a link to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's site, where people can sign up to volunteer or donate.

Schwarzenegger on Monday asked the Bush administration to declare Southern California a federal disaster site.

The governor also requested disaster loans for the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara and San Bernardino.

He said many of the residents affected by the fires — particularly mobile home owners — lacked insurance or are seriously underinsured.

PHOTO BY LEONARD ORTIZ - ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

## Spacewalkers do in-orbit cleanup

MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP)—Two astronauts face a tedious cleaning and lube job Tuesday, the first of a series of spacewalks to resurrect a massive joint that turns one of the international space station's power-generating solar-panel wings toward the sun.

The 10-foot-wide joint has been clogged with metal shavings from grinding parts for more than a year, limiting how much power the solar wing can produce.

"Yesterday was an exciting day. Today's going to be just as thrilling, so stay tuned," called down the space station's commander, Mike Fincke.

Astronauts Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper and Stephen Bowen began putting on their spacewalking gear Tuesday morning, no easy job in weightlessness. They had a putty knife to scrape away the metal grit in the joint, wet wipes for cleaning

and a grease gun to lubricate the area.

"We have a little cleaning and greasing to do, to see if we can make it rotate smoother," Bowen said Monday. "We're going to try to make it come back to life."

Other tasks during the 6½-hour spacewalk include moving an empty nitrogen tank into the docked space shuttle Endeavour's cargo bay for a return to Earth and taking an ammonia hose from the shuttle to store outside the station.

Tuesday's trip outside the space station is the first of four spacewalks planned during Endeavour's nearly two-week visit to the space station. The spacewalks are focused on cleaning and lubricating the troublesome joint and lubricating another joint that is rotating without any problems.

"Certainly the first (spacewalk) of any mission is more significant and you want it to go well," said flight director Holly

Ridings.

The spacewalkers spent the night in a depressurized airlock in an effort to purge nitrogen from their bodies and prevent decompression sickness, a painful condition in which nitrogen bubbles form in blood and tissue.

After analyzing images taken during the three days since Endeavour launched Friday from Florida, shuttle officials said there was no need for an extra inspection of the shuttle's heat shield.

Only a bit more analysis remained before they would be able to clear the shuttle for the ride home with its seven crew members, said LeRoy Cain, chairman of the mission management team.

"Endeavour is doing extremely well," Cain said. "We don't have any outstanding issues of any significance."

Using a robotic arm, astronauts moved a 21-foot cargo container from Endeavour and

attached it to the space station Monday. Mission Control burst into applause and cheers after shuttle astronaut Don Pettit announced that the hatch had been opened between the station and the cargo container, nicknamed "Leonardo."

The container holds an extra toilet, refrigerator and kitchenette, exercise machine, sleeping compartments and a new system that recycles urine into drinking water. The newly delivered equipment will allow the space station to increase from its current crew size of three people to six residents next year. The orbiting outpost is on the verge of becoming a two-kitchen, two-bath, five-bedroom home and will have six full bedrooms in a few more months.

Ridings said it would take some time to get the urine recycling system operating safely.

"If you imagine doing a major project in your house, there are a lot of complicated details and it can take a while," she said.

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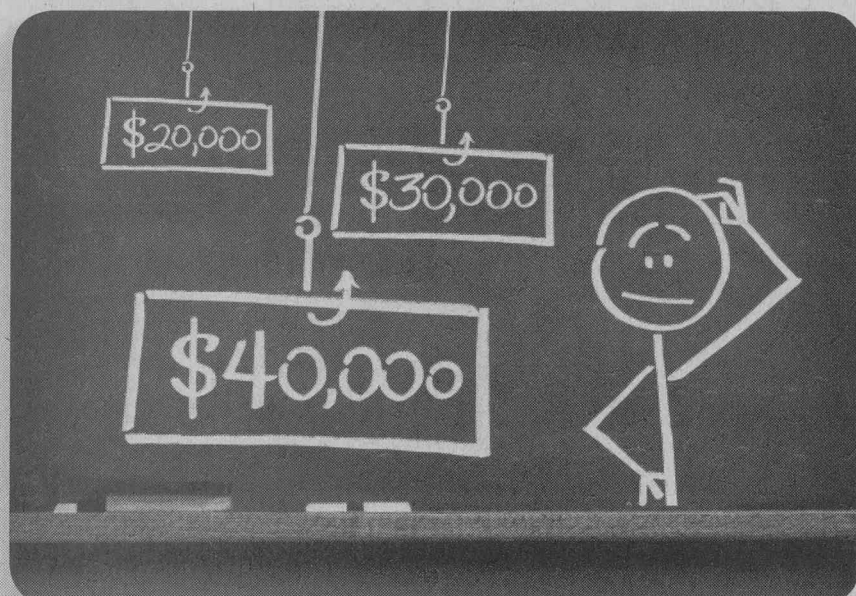
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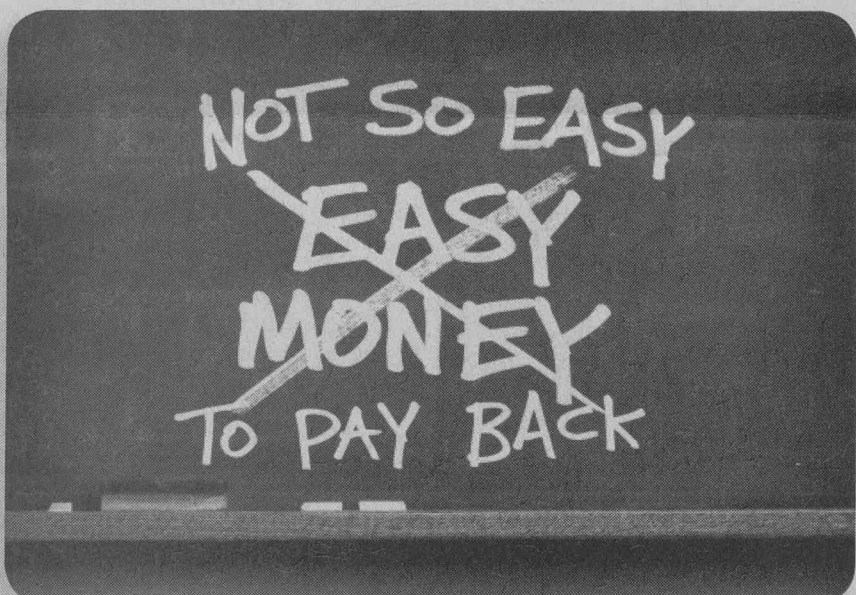


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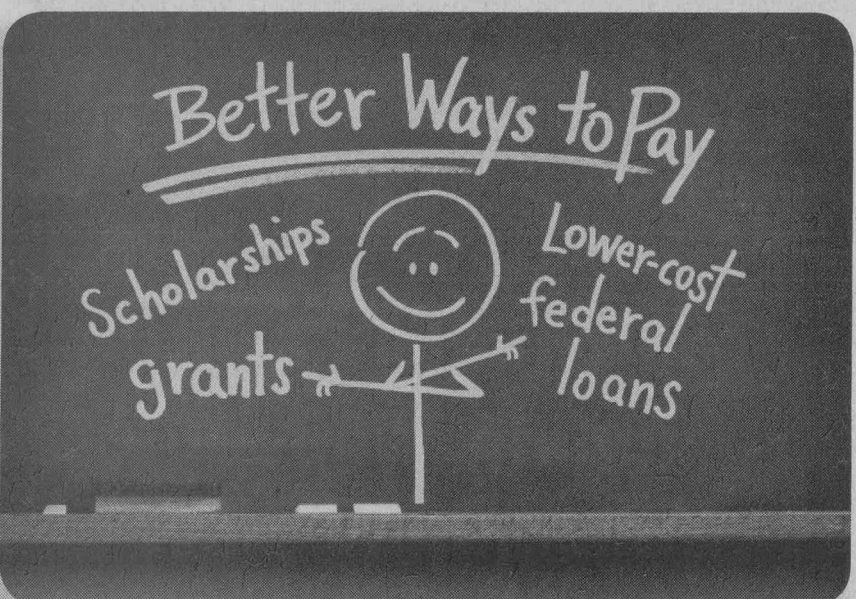
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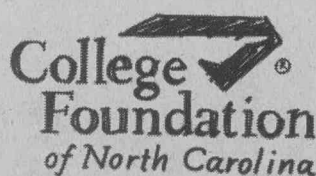


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## Paulson opposes 'Big 3'

JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told Congress on Tuesday that the administration remains firmly opposed to dipping into the government's \$700 billion financial bailout fund for a \$25 billion rescue package for Detroit's Big Three automakers, no matter how badly they need the help.

"There are other ways" to help battered automakers, Paulson told the House Financial Services Committee as the bailout bill clung to life support on Capitol Hill.

Committee members grilled Paulson on the administration's stance that the \$25 billion must come from separate legislation passed by Congress in September. The measure was designed specifically to help auto manufacturers retool their factories so they can make more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The \$700 billion bailout plan enacted by Congress in October and signed into law by President George W. Bush did not envision that the program would be used to help rescue nonfinancial companies, Paulson said. "I believe the auto companies fall outside of that purpose."

At the same time, he testified, "I think it would be not a good thing, it would be something to be avoided, having one of the auto companies fail, particularly during this period of time."

Paulson said that solving the financial problems of the automakers should be done in a way "that leads to long-term sustainable viability" for the industry.

Auto executives, backed by leading Democrats, insist they need another \$25 billion in emergency bridge loans — on top of the \$25 billion already approved and being administered

by the Energy Department — to avert a collapse of one or more of their companies. That would bring the total federal help for the industry to \$50 billion this year.

The executives, along with the head of the United Auto Workers union, were making their case at a hearing before the Senate Banking Committee as auto bailout backers hunted the votes necessary to pass the plan in a postelection session. Aides in both parties and lobbyists tracking the plan privately acknowledge they are far short.

Karen Majewski, mayor of Hamtramck, Mich., said police, fire and public works departments would face major cuts if they lost tax factories from GM and American Axle plants in her city. "We're talking about the lifeblood of our city," she said.

She was among local officials from cities with auto plants making the rounds on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, lobbying for the \$25 billion in auto-industry bridge loans.

The debate comes as the financial situation for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC grows more precarious.

General Motors, Chrysler and Tesla Motors Inc. have already applied for loans under the existing \$25 billion Energy Department program and Ford CEO Alan Mulally said the automaker plans to apply on Tuesday. GM, Chrysler and Ford have not disclosed the amount of aid they're seeking or for what purposes. Tesla said it was seeking about \$400 million in loans for two projects.

Cash-strapped GM said it will delay reimbursing its dealers for rebates and other sales incentives and that it could run out of cash by year's end without government aid.

Mulally argued Tuesday in advance of the hearing that his company already been laboring to "transform our business" into a more profitable one that meets 21st century demands for fuel-efficient vehicles.

Interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America," Mulally denied that automakers resisted restructuring their companies or that it has been badly managed. Sen. Carl M. Levin, D-Mich., an architect of the auto bailout, said that auto executives need to address the perception by some lawmakers "that there's still some quality issues with the Big Three, and they haven't begun to do the necessary restructuring — because they have."

Levin's bill would provide loans with initial interest rates of 5 percent to the U.S. automakers and suppliers in exchange for a federal stake in the companies or warrants that would let the government profit from future gains. Loan applicants would have to give the government a plan for "long-term financial viability."

But it stops short of giving the government a say over the firms' operations through an oversight board or hard limits on executive compensation. While taking advantage of the program, the companies could not pay dividends, award bonuses to executives making more than \$250,000 a year, or give golden parachute payments to top people departing from the firms.

A vote on the measure — which includes an extension of jobless benefits — could come as early as Thursday. But Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., also laid the groundwork for a straight up-or-down vote on the more widely supported unemployment measure, which is probably all that can pass this week.

## Pres. Bush wants to stem holiday season flight delays

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Anticipating another holiday travel crunch, President Bush said on Tuesday that his administration was taking steps to prevent frustrating flight delays during the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

To reduce air congestion, Bush said airspace typically dedicated to the military will be temporarily opened to commercial airliners.

Last year, the Pentagon freed up two East Coast corridors during Thanksgiving.

Bush said that was being expanded this year to include the Midwest, the Southwest and the West Coast, including the skies around Los Angeles and Phoenix.

The military uses the space for exercises, but often makes some available to commercial planes on an ad hoc basis.

This move would allow airlines to count on the extra room in the skies, which will be especially helpful if bad weather further snarls air traffic.

"A lot of our citizens are nervous about travel," Bush said in remarks before hundreds of employees at the Department of Transportation.

"They are saying 'Will traveling home for the holidays be a wonderful life or will it be the nightmare before Christmas?'" Bush said, referring to the films, "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Nightmare before Christmas."

With planes expected to be about as crowded this year as last, the president announced other steps — most already in the works or tried before — aimed at easing congestion.

He said his administration was working with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Transportation Security Administration and the airlines to make more staff available to speed

check-ins and boarding.

The president also said new regulations will be in place in time for the Christmas travel crush that raise the amount airlines must pay to travelers for lost bags and if they fail to notify passengers about hidden fees.

Another recently implemented rule requires airlines to pay higher bump fees when travelers who buy tickets wind up without a seat.

In addition, he announced that he had signed an executive order to make modernizing the nation's aviation infrastructure a top priority for all federal agencies.

Bush's decision to open the military air corridors was applauded by Delta Air Lines Inc. "We've long been a proponent of cooperative efforts to allow airlines to use military air routes to better manage air traffic flow and alleviate congestion," said Delta spokeswoman Betsy Talton.

Others who closely monitor air traffic said the modest moves were welcome, but don't address the heart of the problem.

"It had marginal impact" last year, said David A. Castelveter, vice president for communications at the Air Transport Association, a trade group representing major airlines.

"The main reason for the good performance we saw over both holidays last year was good weather."

The union representing air traffic controllers also said last year's efforts made little difference, and that this year's steps are unlikely to provide any significant relief either.

"It is all for show and, frankly, this show is getting quite tiresome to the American traveling public that has gotten fed up with mounting delays and FAA mismanagement that has degraded the system during the current administration," Na-

tional Air Traffic Controllers Association spokesman Doug Church said.

Approximately 24 million passengers are expected to fly over the 12 days considered to cover the Thanksgiving holiday this year, Castelveter said.

That's about 10 percent fewer than last year, but airlines also have removed about 10 percent of their capacity from the system, meaning planes will be just as crowded.

Castelveter said airplanes will be about 90 percent full at peak travel times and will be 100 percent full in key markets.

Bush noted his administration's work to fix a main source of flight delays: problems at the three major New York City-area airports, John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark-Liberty.

The government says two out of three flights delayed 15 minutes or more were due to cascading backups beginning at one of those three airports.

So the administration is conducting an experiment to auction off takeoff and landing times at the three.

An auction, they say, will use market forces of supply and demand to make airports more efficient, and they are racing to get the auction plan in place before they leave office in three months, with auction winners to be announced in early January.

At the same time, airlines and airports are sprinting to court to stop them.

Bush also highlighted the Transportation Department's plan to spend \$89 million on taxiway improvements at Kennedy, and the capping of flights permitted to come into or out of the three New York-area airports.

And he said that three new runways were opening Thursday at big, busy airports: Washington-Dulles, Chicago-O'Hare and Seattle.



## I love 'Fakesgiving'

Holidays such as, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving all seem pretty shallow. Why? Because it's based on materialistic value.

What do people do during these Holiday's? Spend Money. For Halloween people throw out money for costumes and candy. Valentine's Day it's chocolates, roses and jewelry. For Christmas it's gifts, Christmas trees, the electric bill, and more gifts. And for Thanksgiving it's any type of food mart.

People spend excessive amounts of money on materialistic items that they don't need. Society is turning into an addict for mindless consumerism, making these American Holidays an economic commodity. Not to mention, completely steering the Holiday away from its true meaning without even caring.

However, finding out the true meaning of any American holiday may make you think twice before celebrating it. But I'm not here to talk about all of America's favorite holidays. I'm just going to pick on one for now, Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a time when American families and friends come together for a big feast and stuff their faces with fatty foods until they can't move.



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Thanks-giving is also a time where elementary students make turkey figurines out of cardboard paper and are told lies about the history of the Holiday making this occasion a joyous one when in actuality it was day of deceit.

During the first Thanksgiving in 1621, in the native land Wampanoag, aka Plymouth, Massachusetts Pilgrims arrived to this unknown land.

The pilgrims were unprepared for the harsh winters and were in dire need of help.

The Wampanoag Indians then befriended them and taught the Pilgrims how to harvest. They also helped them with clothes and shelter.

In great gratitude the Pilgrims joined the Indians for a huge feast in celebration of the autumn harvest. From my interpretation, after the celebration, when the Pilgrims were well fed and fit to fend for their own, they ran the Wampanoag Indians out of their land and renamed it Plymouth Massachusetts. What a great way of saying thank you.

It wasn't until 55 years later George Washington

declared the first Thanksgiving Day a National Holiday.

So why do I call this day, "Fakesgiving?" Simple. The day was based on trickery. I'm sure if the Wampanoag Indians knew that they were going to be forced to leave their own land by any means necessary so that the settlers can build their colonial towns they would have thought twice before befriending the Pilgrims.

However, modern America has re-shaped this Holiday and made it into a family gathering, which I'm not knocking. But I am knocking the continuous act of feeding people the lie behind this Holiday.

But unfortunately, lies and deceit seem to be the American way and we want the whole world to know that our poop smells good when in fact it stinks REAL BAD.

So, to all of you who do celebrate this holiday, or any of the other holidays I mentioned previously before, know the history behind it.

During Thanksgiving, try not to eat until you get a stomachache and while you do your research on the true meaning of these great Holidays, I will be enjoying each day off and saving money.

## Pressure to be the best

Why do we put so much pressure on ourselves to be the best? Of course, we should all try to be the best we can at anything, but does that mean expecting to always be number one?

Recently, I had the feeling that no matter what I did, it was not good enough. Because of this feeling, I began to question my abilities and compare myself to others. And although the doubt was a brief stint, the feeling began to consume everything I did. It took someone who knew me very well to help me realize that I was good enough to fit anyone's standards.

During my time of questioning my entire attitude was changed. All I wanted to do was escape to the library and engulf myself in books. I viewed reading as my way out of my life. I even thought about changing my major because I felt I did not have what it took to be a journalist. After all was said and done, I view the

feeling as a learning experience. I learned that everyone, no matter how small or at what point in their life, questions themselves. It was then, that I realized I put entirely too much pressure on myself.

So, how much is too much pressure? Expecting to always be the best at everything is too much pressure. Comparing your life to another student's life is too much pressure. We, unfortunately, cannot carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. It's an equation that will equal disaster. We are all humans and cannot expect anyone to be perfect.

Someone else recently gave me some great advice; you are in competition with yourself. Some of us, including myself, hate to lose. That does not mean I am depressed when I lose, just that I do not like the feeling. However, you have to be



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realistic with yourself and everyone else. If you are fortunate enough to win at everything you ever do, well, you have been greatly blessed. For those of us who do not win at everything- it is okay to lose.

Some of us may be great at writing papers, some at drawing, some at math, etc. Some may be the most attractive person walking and some may have a great personality. Each of us has the capacity to be great at something, but no one will be great at everything.

The best advice anyone can give to someone who is questioning their abilities or doubting themselves is to take a look at some of things they have already successfully accomplished.

It is impossible to meet everyone's standards. In reality, some people expect too much. However, by realizing what you are and are not capable of doing, you eliminate the factors of expecting too much from yourself.

## SGA spreading the 'juice'

I understand the flavor of the "Juicy Campus" week events and I appreciate that SGA is trying to fix the problem, because the gossip site has gotten completely out of hand. However, I have to wonder whether confronting the issue will actually help the situation, or just bring more attention to it.

Even though it is turning into a big thing, there are still people who do not know about the site, and might not care to know.

An entire website devoted to rumor-based discussion is unnecessary and needs to be done away with even though we have all probably talked about some one behind their backs.

The fact that it is anonymous is what is the worst thing about it. People can just talk about you and not say who they are.

The SGA has put together forum-style events to discuss the recent actions that are happening on the Juicy Campus website. The site has gained popularity and even notoriety in the past few weeks, and the topics that are discussed range



FIRST NAME  
LAST NAME

from people's sexual preference to their looks. There are even entire topics about certain people.

The SGA are the leaders of the student body, and it is their responsibility

to discuss and solve problems that have to do with the students.

The best thing that they could do is start petition with students who want to see the A&T section of the site closed, and take it to Chancellor Battle so that he can contact the site.

The rumors that are spread on there are scandalous, whether they are true or not, and are not in the best interests of the student body.

It's okay to try to solve the problem that affects a lot of the students on this campus, but bringing it up for discussion is just going to exacerbate it.

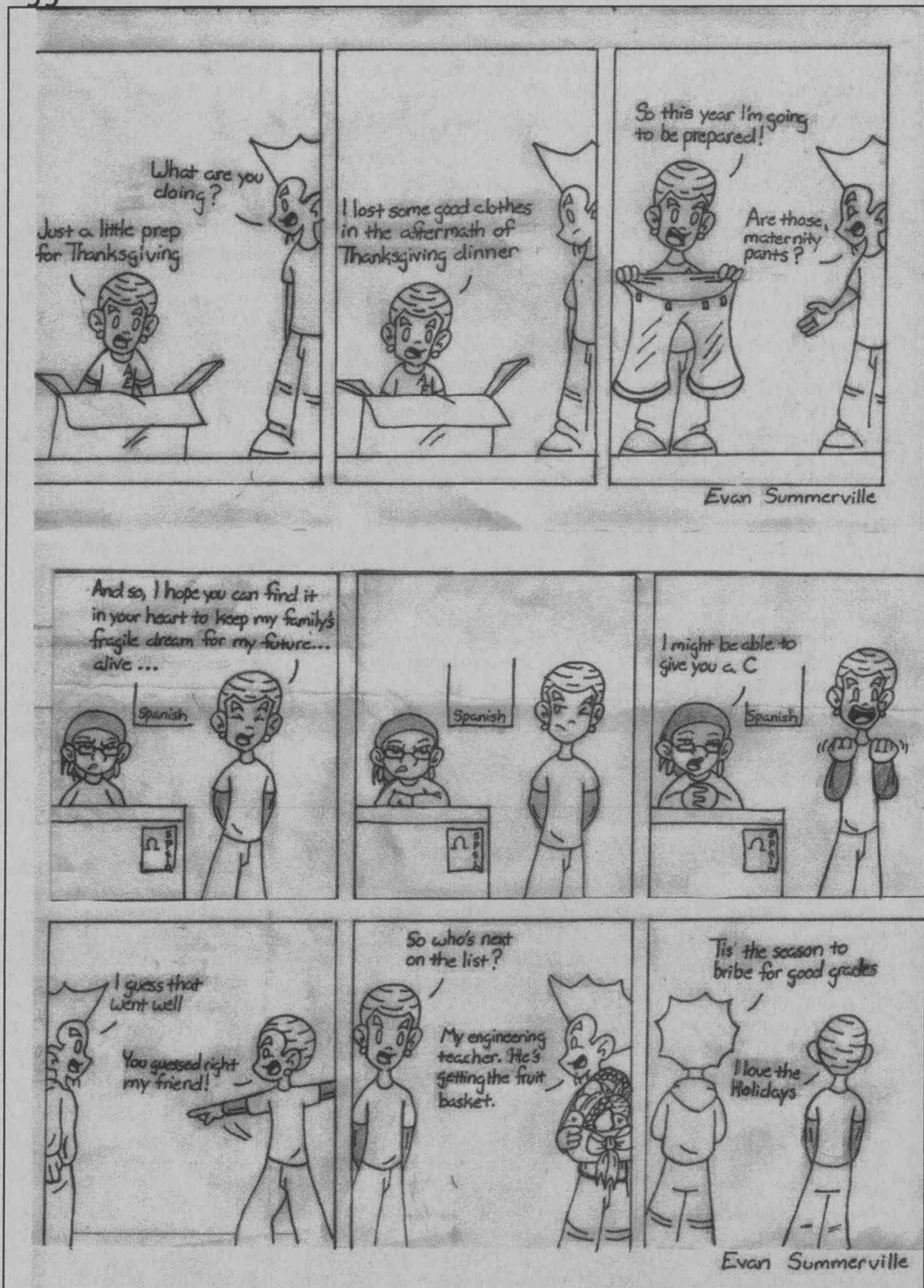
When I first heard about the site, I was curious to see what said just out of fun. It wasn't

until I read hurtful comments about my friends, and even about myself. At first, I did take offense to what was said about me. I know what is true and what is not true, so I do not have to entertain any comments about me.

However, I do know that people are negatively affected by it, and their feelings could really be hurt. It is even some things on there that could effect people's aspirations, like involvement with Greek organizations or things that are not anyone's business like who they have slept with.

Some people might think that it is not that big of deal and do not even think anything of it. Others think that the site is vicious and evil, but I honestly do not think that there is anything that can be done about it. People are going to talk, and there are people who will do it and not think about how it will hurt others. Some may even want to hurt other people, but I do think that it is childish to go on an Internet site and write anonymous site and not garner any consequences for it.

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## AGGIE BASKETBALL PREVIEW

### Aggie men expect a rebuilding season



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**FRESHMAN** Marc Hill, a point guard from Bowie, Md., is new to A&T's backcourt this season.

**DANIEL HENDERSON**  
Sports Editor

When head coach Jerry Eaves first arrived to North Carolina A&T, his job included reviving a basketball program that suffered a tremendous downfall from its glory years.

Slowly but surely the Aggies showed signs of improvement as Eaves eventually pulled together a squad that would give them their first back-to-back winning seasons by his fourth

year. He finished third on the all-time list in 3-pointers made and hit 115 of them during his junior campaign.

Austin Ewing led the offensive attack as the starting point guard for two years and was second behind the perimeter on the team in 3-point field goals.

The Aggies might also find it difficult to replace the versatility of last year's forward Jason Wills who leaves A&T with over 1,000 points, 600 rebounds, and 200 assists.

**WHOS IN:**

Filling the void in the backcourt will include second year guard Tavarus Alston (2.7 ppg, 1.0 apg), who will likely permanently take over Ewing's floor leading duties.

The Aggies do not have a returning player who averaged double figures last season. Senior Ed Jones (7.6 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 0.7 apg) is the leading scorer returning to the pack this year.

The frontcourt returnees are forwards Robert Johnson, and center Thomas Coleman (6.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 1.8 bpg).

Coleman saw significant time as a freshman aiding the Aggies as their best defensive player.

Last season he earned ALL-**MEAC** freshman honors and will need to develop more of a post presence to open up the offense for the young team.

Johnson really began to blossom late in the season last year. This could be a breakout year for him.

**FINAL PROJECTION:**

If the Aggie can overcome their youth and stay healthy, they could possibly be a shocker in the conference.

With a team so young, someone will have to take the team leader role in helping A&T reach its full potential. Until then, only time will tell.

Backcourt: C, Frontcourt: C+, Bench: C

### Ladies look to finish the job

**LAPORSHA LOWRY**  
Contributor

Last season, the Lady Aggies were 2 points away from a **MEAC** championship and a **NCAA** bid.

The Aggies lost just one senior last season and welcome an impressive recruiting class. Therefore, the expectations will be tremendous.

"We are not going to put a lot of pressure on ourselves," said Bibbs, who is 51-40 as the Aggies head coach. "If you enjoy what you are doing, if you're working hard and you're doing the right things, the expectations will take care of themselves and the wins will come."

After a season of accolades that included broken school records in wins, assists, steals, and rebounds, the Lady Aggies have a lot riding on this season. The heartbreaking loss to Coppin State cost the team a bid to the **NCAA** tournament, and they are looking to avenge their defeat and clinch their title.

The Aggies have been chosen as **MEAC** preseason champions in 2008-09.

They return all five starters, including senior star guard Amber Bland. The 2008-09 preseason **MEAC** Player of the Year has been a three-year starter since transferring from Penn State.

Ta'Wuana "Tweet" Cook has garnered two all-conference selections and **MEAC** Rookie of the Year award during her three year tenure as starting point guard.

Junior power forward Lamona Smalley stood out last season and is back for her third season as a starter. Senior Brittanie Taylor-James is a two-time all-conference performer. Sophomore Jaleesa Sams was

a member of the **MEAC** All-Rookie team last season and was a starter for most of it.

**GUARDS:**

Ta'Wuana "Tweet" Cook will bring the same quickness and 3-point skills to the team that she has the past 2 seasons. Junior Tyronna "Wudi" Alford knows how to win and is a good leader when given the opportunity. Taryn Russ, a sophomore who did not play much last year, could make a difference when she gets a chance.

Some followers of the **MEAC** will agree that Amber Bland was snubbed of the **POY** honor because she is very selective with her shots and does not take many ill-fated attempts.

Bland may only take less than 10 shots in a game, but can still score 20+ points because of free throws and her defense. She will be backed up by freshman Tierra Thomas and junior college transfer Reisha Bullock.

**FORWARDS:**

Lamona Smalley was free to roam the **MEAC** last year, and it paid off. She averaged 13.7 points and 8.3 rebounds and earned all-tournament honors. She will be joined by senior Brittanie Taylor-James, who is a two-time all-conference player with a colorful presence on the court, and Jaleesa Sams who can play multiple positions. Ahmad Williams and Shantar Waddell also add depth to the position.

**CENTERS:** Smalley will likely start the season off in the post again, despite being slightly undersized. She is a better fit for the power forward, which should free up playing time for sophomore Brittanie Neely and freshman Nakia Deblanc in the post. Guards:

A-, Forwards: A-,Centers: B

## AGGIES RUNDOWN

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	1-0
North Carolina A&T	0-0	1-0
South Carolina State	0-0	1-0
Delaware State	0-0	1-1
Coppin State	0-0	0-0
Howard	0-0	0-0
Norfolk State	0-0	0-0
Florida A&M	0-0	0-1
Hampton	0-0	0-1
MD-Eastern Shore	0-0	0-1
Morgan State	0-0	0-1

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES:**

Wednesday  
vs. Talladega College  
Corbett Sports Center  
7 p.m.

Saturday  
@ UNLV  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
TBA

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES:**

Friday  
vs. Elon  
Corbett Sports Center  
7 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
South Carolina State	7-0	9-2
Bethune-Cookman	5-2	8-2
Delaware State	5-3	5-6
Florida A&M	4-3	8-3
Morgan State	4-3	6-5
Hampton	4-3	5-5
Norfolk State	3-5	4-7
North Carolina A&T	1-4	3-8
Howard	0-8	1-10

**THIS WEEK'S GAMES:**

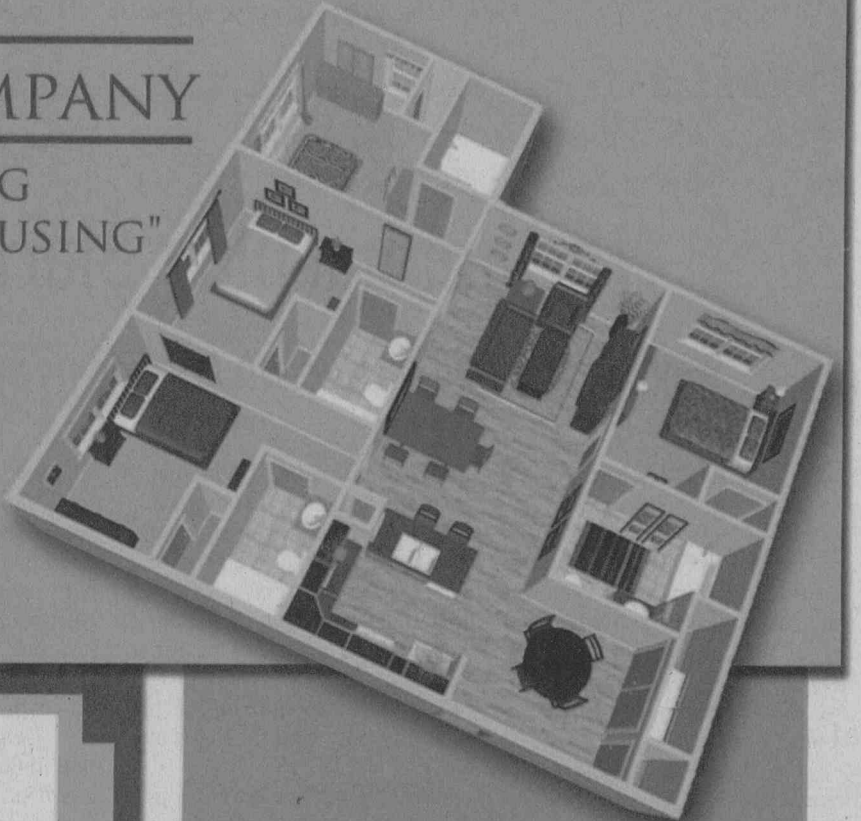
Saturday  
vs. South Carolina State  
Aggie Stadium  
1:30 p.m.

### NEWS & NOTES

Saturday's home football game will mark the final battle of the 2008 season. South Carolina State will enter Aggie Stadium as the **MEAC** champs undefeated in the conference.

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## & SCENE HEARD



### Jennifer Hudson to perform at Inauguration

Jennifer Hudson will open for Barack Obama at the 2009 Inauguration. The singer has decided to sing despite her recent tragedy

-A.H.



### Whoopi Goldberg on picket line

The actress turned The View co-host is protesting against Prop 8, the California law that bans same sex marriages. She believes gay couples should have equal rights.

-A.H.

## ALBUM REVIEW

# Beyoncé becomes Sasha Fierce

Singer's fourth disc is double album introduction to her alter ego

SHANICE JARMON  
Contributor

Beyoncé does it again with her new two-disc CD entitled "I am... Sasha Fierce."

This album embodies both Beyoncé and her alter ego Sasha Fierce. The triple threat has been working on her new album for about a year, which is longer than her last CD "B'Day," but still has hard hitting hits like her two singles "Single Ladies" and "If I Were a Boy."

Showing and proving to everyone that with this he say/she say tabloid-filled world, she will remain consistent and true to herself and her fans.

Beyoncé calls this one of her most confessional records. From the very sensual and vulnerable Beyoncé side of it to



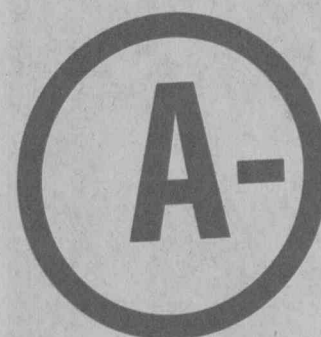
the aggressive and fierce other side known as Sasha. It seems like she puts out all the sides of herself for her fans.

Right from the beginning you can see the dueling personalities. Beyoncé starts off with lyrics like "but your just a boy, you don't understand and you don't understand how it feels

to love a girl, someday you wish you were a better man" and then switches completely to lyrics like "Been the number one diva in this game for a minute, I know you read the paper the one that they call queen, every radio round the world know me cause that's where I be." One side she produces beautiful love songs like "Disappear," and "Ave Marie," and at the same time, pausing and letting people know that she's here to stay by introducing high powered, clap your hands and bounce songs like "Radio" and "Video Phone."

This album does come with a warning on it; "Must Love Beyoncé." That means all sides of her. You're either someone that's going to love all of it, love half of it or love none at all.

Grade



# Jackson too sick to handle \$7 mil lawsuit

RAPHAEL G. SATTER  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Michael Jackson might be too sick to travel to London to testify in a suit claiming he owes an Arab sheik \$7 million, the pop star's attorney said Tuesday.

Jackson is seeking to give his testimony by video link from the United States.

"It would be unwise for him to travel, given what's he's got now," lawyer Robert Englehart said, declining to elaborate "for the obvious reasons."

A lawyer for Sheik Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa said the medical evidence presented by Jackson's legal team was unsatisfactory.

"It's not the first time a sick note has been presented by Mr. Jackson," the lawyer, Bankim Thanki said. He gave no precise

indication of what the illness might be, but told the court that Jackson's condition could be treated with a bandage "if the diagnosis is positive."

Jackson has often been seen wearing a surgical mask in public. In one infamous court appearance in California, he appeared to have a bandage hanging from his hollowed-out nose.

Despite much speculation about his radically changed appearance over the years, he has denied having had any alterations to his face other than two operations on his nose to help him breathe better to hit higher notes.

The judge in the current case, Nigel Sweeney, said he would decide the question of Jackson's travel on Thursday to allow time for medical experts on both legal teams to talk.

Al Khalifa, the second son of the king of Bahrain, claims that Jackson reneged on a contract for an album, a candid autobiography and a stage play, after accepting millions from the sheik.

Al Khalifa was in court Tuesday for the second day of arguments and testimony.

The case is being tried in London by mutual agreement, Al Khalifa's representatives have said, and it is expected to close by the end of the month.

Jackson, 50, and the Bahraini royal first made contact when Jackson was fending off accusations of child molestation in California. Once Jackson was cleared of the charges, Al Khalifa, an amateur songwriter, invited him to the small, oil-rich Gulf state to escape the media spotlight.

Thanki said that the pair

even moved in to the same palace to work on music together.

However, Jackson dropped the project in 2006, leaving Bahrain and pulling out of the contract, a move Al Khalifa considered a slap in the face, Thanki said.

"It's fair to say my client felt a considerable sense of betrayal by someone he thought was a close friend," he said. Thanki said Al Khalifa suffered financially too: Jackson's autobiography, intended to be "a frank and personal account" of the singer's life, was alone expected to rack up \$24 million.

In the meanwhile, Al Khalifa had given Jackson millions of dollars to help shore up his finances and subsidize Jackson's lifestyle in the small Gulf state — including more than \$300,000 for a "motivational guru."

## PLAY PREVIEW

# The annual play 'Black Nativity' starts in session

Play practice is in session while students prepare for the yearly anticipated play of the season

MARCUS THOMPSON  
Register Reporter

The North Carolina A&T Department of Visual and Performing Arts will be reviving the story of the coming of Christ this December in their performance of the Black Nativity play by Langston Hughes.

The Black Nativity play is a gospel musical that chronicles the birth of Jesus Christ through songs and dances of praise and worship. The narration of the story allows the audience a full experience of the biblical story of the birth of the Messiah.

The Black Nativity play has been performed at A&T every Christmas season since 1986. Associate Professor Frankie Day, theater arts program director and executive director of Paul Robeson Theater, said that the only year Black Nativity was not performed was in 1990 when the department decided to

perform "Road to Bethlehem" instead. Edward B. Ford, who was the chancellor at the time, asked the VPA to perform the Black Nativity story again after that one year without it and it has been the primary December performance since then. "The Wiz" was also shown for the first and only time in that same year.

Day stated that even though the Black Nativity play is performed every year, the audience still has the chance to experience something slightly new each time. "What makes it unique is that every director brings their own directorial little niche to it," Day said. "Each director brings their own little touch to it, so that's what makes it different every year, but the story stays the same. It's a biblical story so it never changes; the story never changes but just a touch from the directors. Some add a song here or there, or their

creative input."

Gregory J. Horton, associate professor of theater arts, will be director of the Black Nativity play for the first time this year. Horton has usually been the resident costume designer for the play but he plans to bring his own touch to the production itself this time. Horton said that in the past the nativity story has been done in various ways, including with hip-hop, but he plans to get back to tradition.

"Black Nativity is usually our largest show, our biggest show," Horton said. "I think it's a traditional piece that we've done, which is why we've done it so long, because it's kind of like the 'Black Christmas Carol.' It sort of brings families together during the yuletide season to come celebrate his birth and I think it's a great way to do it."

Horton stated that even though the show has been done all over, including in Winston-

Salem and Durham, he feels the A&T show has uniqueness that people value. The play will keep its traditional African-style community call and the traditional opening African dance, but it will be presented like a regular church service with a minister and choir.

The play will open with the song "Total Praise" and this year the kings will be singing "We Three Kings" as they come to lay their gifts down to baby Jesus. Horton also hinted at a surprise ending for this year's show, which he stated he could not share at the time.

"It's going to end with a really big bang," Horton said. "There's a surprise in there, but if I can say anything about the show this year, we're going back to tradition."

Odori Miyako Hines, a senior psychology and theater major from Charleston, S.C., said he believes that this year's

play will be far more spiritually uplifting than those of the past. Hines has acted in the Black Nativity show for three years, but this year he will be assisting in the production as a stage manager.

"I expect it to be probably the best Black Nativity that I have ever seen," Hines said. "Just the different songs and the different cast, because this time the cast is more dedicated to delivering God's word, so when people hear it it's going to have a significant impact on how they're feeling, or what they're feeling, or what they're doing."

The performance will be shown from December 4-7 in Harrison Auditorium. A&T students will be admitted free with Aggie One cards.

General admission will be \$15, children age 12 and under will be charged \$5, and for senior citizens and non-A&T students there is a \$10 fee.

# hotlist

Nov. 19 to 25

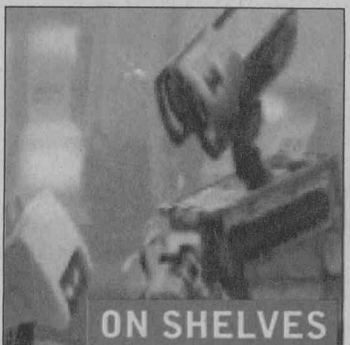
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

**BOLT** is about a dog (voiced by John Travolta) who plays a super-hero on TV, but does not know that his powers are not real. He has to figure out how to get home after accidentally being shipped from Hollywood to New York. Miley Cyrus is the voice of Penny, Bolt's owner who goes on a cross-county search to find in. In theatres Friday.

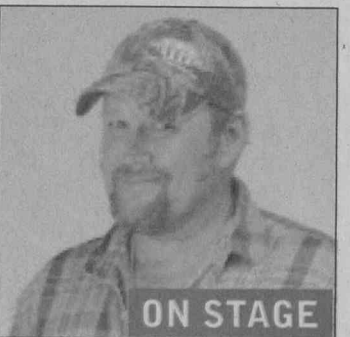
-L.L.



ON SHELVES

**WALL-E** is one of the latest Disney/Pixar collaborations about a small robot with a big heart, who holds the future of earth and mankind in the palm of his metal hand. It is a great family film with an impressive aspect of conveying emotion in a simple robot, made so touching by the magic of Pixar animation. The DVD hit stores on Tuesday, so and check it out.

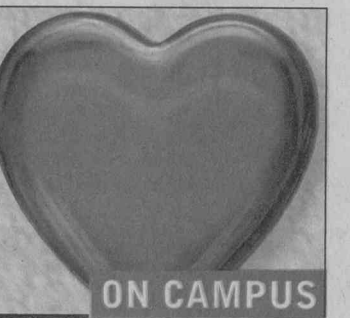
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ON STAGE

**LARRY THE CABLE GUY** will be at the Greensboro Coliseum on Sunday at 8 p.m. The man who coined the phrase Git-R-Done will be live in concert to make an entire audience come to tears with laughter. Tickets are available now at ticketmaster.com for \$44.25. Arrive early for preferred parking.

-A.H.



ON CAMPUS

**LOVE LANGUAGE: VENUS VS. MARS** will be held in the General Classroom Building on Thursday at 6:30p.m. The College of Arts and Science is sponsoring this event in room A218 auditorium. Come out and examine why some believe men are from Mars and women are from Venus.

-A.H.

# 20 QUESTIONS

1. What up Whodi (In a Juvenile voice)?
2. Whatever happend to Cash Money Millionaires?
3. Or No Limit for that matter?
4. What wrong with a first date at McDonalds?
5. Doesn't she usually eat Ramen Noddles on a regular basis?
6. Did we just convince you to take your new crush out for an 88 cent hamburger?
8. Is that person down for you or just a low budget?
9. Did you hear about Katt Williams (Muney Mike)?
10. What about Wanda Sykes?
11. They wild'n out, aren't they?
12. Was Soul-Men, starring the late Benie Mac, funny?
13. Are ladies still mad about the 89 cent hamburger?
14. Are all black women really black queens?
15. If everyone is a black queen, doesn't that diminish the word queen?
16. If my president is black, why can't James Bond be?
17. Is a fashion show really the best way to rep your hood?
18. Did you just get served on the catwalk?
19. Why do certain departments in this school have awards up from 1973?
20. How much wood could a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck could chuck wood?