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**CAMPUS NOTEBOOK**

**YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR SAFETY**

## Fallen Aggie's legacy lives on

ANDREA ROUSE  
Contributor

The mother of a fallen Aggie wishes to create an Endowed Scholarship in his honor.

George Kevyn Washinton, 18, died after a car accident in October 2008. Sheila Washinton, his mother, is working to turn her tragedy into a way to remember her son.



Washington

There will be a fundraising event held Thursday at two locations for the deceased student. The McDonald's restaurants at 1101 Summit Ave. and 706 College Road are offering a percentage of sales from 5 to 8 p.m. to

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## NSBE hosts young scholars

JASMINE JOHNSON  
News Editor

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) held its sixth annual Pre College Initiative (PCI) yesterday in Stallings Ballroom hosting high school and middle school students from N.C. and Va.

Over 210 students showed up to learn more about engineering and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. PCI day is hosted entirely by college members of NSBE. Public schools from Guilford County also showed up to support the program.

The students arrived at 8:30

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PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

**CANVASING THE NEIGHBORHOOD** Captain Barry L. Black and other officers canvas the Riverwalk community to help to get information about the recent murders and violent crimes in off-campus housing in and around the University area.

# UPD picks up campus patrol

## Surrounding areas still a major concern for campus police

DEXTER MULLINS  
Online Editor

Like a Blue & Gold 'iron curtain,' the perimeter gates to 1601 E. Market St. close loudly each night at 10 p.m., cutting off the campus from the outside world. But are the gates designed to keep crime out, or keep the police in?

In recent weeks, there has been a surge of violent crimes in the city of Greensboro, some of them very close to home, most recently even taking the life of a student who lived in viewing distance of the University Police Department. So where are UPD officers? According to Patrol Officer Ross Cox, if it's not inside the gates, it is the responsibility of the City of Greensboro.

"We can only arrest what happens in our presence or if we can prove it on site," said Cox.

"If a situation arises, like if there is a felony suspect who may get away, then we can arrest him, but we have to be able to prove it."

According to Cox, it is not a problem of wanting to help, but being able to. He says that UPD officers don't have jurisdiction somewhere that is not affiliated with the University.

"Our jurisdiction is anything that is on our property or adjacent to it, or if it

runs through campus. We want to help, but we just can't," Cox said.

That may not necessarily be the case. According to an Oct. 13, 1998 Mutual Aid Agreement with UPD and the Greensboro Police Department, university police have the authority to act outside of the immediate area of the campus under certain conditions.

Sections 3.0-3.3, Extension of Authority of Campus Law Enforcement Agency Beyond Campus, outlines specifically when a UPD officer can and cannot go off campus for. Specifically, an officer can make inquiries and arrests beyond the perimeter of campus in the following cases:

"An offense is committed on Campus for which alleged perpetrator or suspect is no longer present, on campus, whether or not the officers are in immediate pursuit; an alleged offense has been committed by a University student in certain off-campus buildings; if the officer has probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a felony, or; the officer has probable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a misdemeanor in or out of his presence and also has probable cause to believe that specific other conditions exist."

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**CAMPUS CRIME MAP** This map is updated each week on ncatregister.com and reflects the current trends of crime on campus. All the red markers signify crimes that took place from the previous Wednesday to today. Blue markers are older crimes.

**ONLINE LOCAL CAMPUS CRIME MAP**

Keep up with where crime is happening on campus online at [www.ncatregister.com](http://www.ncatregister.com)

**theYARD FACEBOOK CLASS AT STANFORD**

Stanford is bringing Mom & Dad into the 21st Century with their courses on how to do everything facebook.

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Chris Jessany talks about why the news doesn't give the same focus to crime happening to blacks equally.

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**theSCORE HORNETS STING WINNING STREAK**

The Lady Aggies 12 game MEAC winning streak came to a buzzing halt with their two-point loss to the Delaware State Hornets.

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**theSCENE DANCING WITH 'BULLETS'**

Popular Theatrical Production "Bullet Holes in the Walls" returns to campus.

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**WEATHER WEDNESDAY**

High: 47°  
Low: 40°

THURSDAY: Sunny | High 51°  
FRIDAY: Sunny | High 45°



## theBLOTTER

### Vandalism

February 11, 9:30 a.m.  
Laurel Street

A male staff member reported person (s) unknown knocked down the brick wall at the intersection of Laurel and Bluford street. Estimated value of damages \$600. There are no suspects in custody at this time. There were no injuries reported.

### Larceny

February 11, 7:42 p.m.  
Williams Café

A male employee reported person (s) unknown removed the A&T logo from the doorway at the cafeteria. Estimated value of damages \$400. This case remains open.

### Larceny

February 11, 10 p.m.  
Aggie Suites

A female student reported a male student took her camera and would not return it. Estimated value of the camera is \$150.

### Arrest

February 11, 10 p.m.  
Noble Hall

A female non-resident student was arrested on an outstanding order for arrest from Guilford County. She was transported to Guilford County Jail where she received a \$500 bond.

### Simple Assault

February 12, 5:30 p.m.  
Village 3

A female non-student juvenile reported a male resident attempted having sexual relations with her at his residence. This case is under investigation.

### Larceny

February 13, 12:05 p.m.  
Morrison Hall

Two female resident's reported an unknown suspect stole personal items while they were out of their dorm. Estimated value of items \$109.

### Trespassing

February 12, 12:55 p.m.  
Hodgin Hall

A former middle college student was seen trespassing. The former student exited the premises before the University Police Dept arrived.

### Driving After Consuming

February 14, 3:49 a.m.  
Haley Hall

A male student was cited for driving after consuming and driving the wrong way down a one way street.

### Larceny

February 16, 12:21 p.m.  
Merrick Hall

A male student resident reported persons unknown removed textbook and calculator from their book bag while in class. Estimated cost of belongings \$305. This case is still open.

### Vandalism

February 16, 5:10 p.m.  
Cooper Hall

A male student resident reported someone urinated in his hamper in the laundry room. Estimated damages \$5.

### Supplement Arrest

February 16, 1:10 p.m.  
Fraiser Hall

A male non-resident student was arrested on outstanding warrant. He was transferred to Guilford County jail and given a written promise to appear. The original warrant set for Feb. 11th

## Campus may be safest place to be for students

### SAFETY From page 1

If that is the case, then why are UPD officers not also patrolling the neighborhood areas in addition to campus? Legally, while they may have the ability to do so, the UPD must be in route to off-campus property to stop or arrest someone off campus. Additionally, Cox says it is a matter of staffing.

"We shouldn't be doing the cities work when we don't have the manpower for it," he said. "It's not what we get paid for."

With only 27 officers on campus, the department would appear to be stretched thin. All officers' work 12-hour shifts, and must go through a minimum of 700 hours of training before they can work. And the Police Department is no stranger to a shortage of workers and constant change. In the last three years, the University has had four different Police Chiefs.

"We've been through a lot

of changes recently," Cox said. "But we are fortunate to have a bit of stability now. Chief Newell is a really good guy."

Part of the reason so many administrative changes have taken place in the UPD is due to what students fondly refer to as the 'aggie shuffle,' and it has made a big impact in things.

Constant change is not something that the University of North Carolina at Greensboro has had to deal with, but they too have their staffing problems. They have a mutual aid agreement that is almost word-for-word the same as A&T's, so they have some of the same issues. The only difference is a few street names.

"We're limited in people, and our primary responsibility is to protect the campus," UNCG Police Chief Jamie C. Herring said. "We don't mind working together to target specific issues with GPD, but it is still their responsibility to secure their areas."

"We're not bad off, but UNCG has a better relationship with the Greensboro Police," Cox said.

"They (UNCG) don't have as high of a turnover rate as we do, but ours is also down a lot more than it has been previously. That consistency just gives them a different report with the city."

With UNCG's 30 officers and A&T's 27, the two campuses have managed to secure their own areas very well. In fact, A&T has actually seen a decline in incident reports this year by 33 calls.

And A&T's UPD is the only campus police in the UNC system, and the only historically black university in the country, to be certified by C.A.L.E.A., the accreditation body of law enforcement. Not even The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is accredited.

While crime has been taking place outside of campus, internally the UPD has been making significant changes. They

expect to bring on six more officers next year, and a Special Response Team on campus.

A&T Police Captain Barry L. Black says that students are safest on campus, but they also make the conscious decision to live off campus and should be cautious.

"A student apartment complex does not exist," Black said. "The owners of these complexes are running a private business, who have absolutely no ties to the University. So we have no jurisdiction or authority to be there."

Cox says that students need to research where they stay before they make the big move. It is the responsibility of the students to take these issues to their complex owners.

"If you want to have a safe environment, stay on campus where we can protect you," Cox said. "We know our students aren't all here, but legally we can only do so much."

## NSBE hosts high school scholars on campus

### NSBE From page 1

a.m. for breakfast and were welcomed by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Sullivan Welborne.

After being split up into groups, the future engineering students began the competition of building bridges.

Those who did not participate in the first round of competition attended two workshops- Pratt and Whitney on the importance of being a mentor and the PCI committee's transitioning from high school to college.

"It's [PCI day] something they can learn about the STEM program and being on a college campus," said Shauna Adams, chairperson of PCI day, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Hampton, Va.

"PCI day also exposes A&T

to students who may have never heard of it, even if it was in their back yard."

The purpose of PCI day is to lead the world in enhancing the pre-college students academic, technical and leadership skills in order to maximize their opportunities in life.

The chair committee wanted to expose as many high schools students as possible to the world of engineering, problem solving, and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics related fields.

"I'm having fun meeting new people from a lot of places," said Richard Sosa, a junior Dudley high school student.

"I have the opportunity to see and compare programs from other schools to the NSBE program at Dudley."

Sosa wants to major in chemical engineering and attend A&T

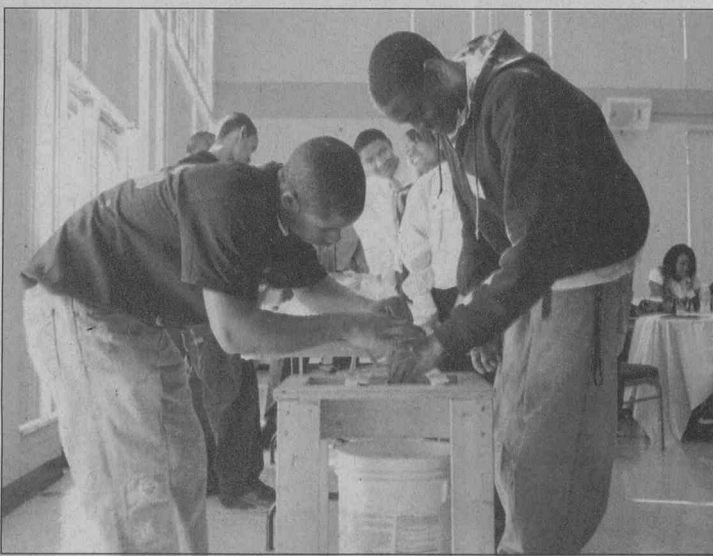


PHOTO BY BRITTANY HANEY - THE A&T REGISTER

**NSBE HIGH SCHOOL DAY** Junior industrial and systems engineering major Stephen Wynn (L) helps high school junior, Jeremy Hammond (R), in the bridge competition in Exhibit Hall.

in future years.

During lunch, the scholars enjoyed a step performance by NSBE step team.

The second groups competed in building bridges, while the other half of participants went to workshops hosted by the CIA on social networks that can affect future goals and computational hip hop using algorithms.

"Everyone seems to be ex-

cited because they are learning basic engineering principles," commented Stephen Wynn, a junior industrial engineering major from Fayetteville, N.C.

After the workshops concluded the pre-college students were given a campus tour. The day ended in McNair Auditorium with closing remarks by Dean Monroe.

### LEGACY From page 1

the George Kevyn Washington Scholarship.

"We are asking that you go out and purchase something, and let the owners know that you are there to support George Washington," Sheila Washington said.

The scholarship will be for people who are interested in the field of medicine. The other criteria for receiving this scholarship are not yet determined.

A second event involves the State Highway Patrol. Officers will be participating in a safety awareness event on February 26th at the Holland Bowl from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a virtual simulation of what happens when one gets into a car accident. The slogan for this event is "Don't Test Your Luck, Buckle Up"

Washington will be remembered as a funny, bright and generous guy, his mother said. He was a people person who had many friends. He was a freshman biology major who aspired to be a surgeon.

"God has never left me comfortless," Sheila Washington said. "This campaign keeps my son alive, through me and through the tireless efforts of all of the friends who loved him."

### inFOCUS by Leroy Mikell



**PRESIDENT OBAMA** on Tuesday signed into action his economic stimulus plan, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, in the total amount of \$787 Billion. The bill was signed at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

# events

WEDNESDAY

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**Engineering Week**  
**How To Market Yourself**  
McNair Faculty Lounge  
2 p.m.

**Battle of the Sexes**  
Stallings Ballroom B  
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Celebrate Black History with**  
**Swing Phi Swing**  
Craig Hall room 133  
7:30p.m.

THURSDAY

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**Spring Career Fair**  
Corbett Sports Center  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Spring Blood Drive**  
Memorial Student Union  
Exhibit Hall  
11 a.m.

**AWE Movie Night: Noah's Arc**  
Memorial Student Union  
Commuter Lounge  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

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**Spring Career Fair**  
Memorial Student Union  
Exhibit Hall & Stallings Ballroom  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

21

**Womens Basketball V. WSSU**  
Corbett Sports Center  
2 p.m.

**Mens Basketball V. WSSU**  
Corbett Sports Center  
4 p.m.

SUNDAY

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**University Studies Movie Night**  
GCB room A218  
1 p.m.

MONDAY

23

**Womens Basketball V. SCSU**  
Corbett Sports Center  
6 p.m.

**Mens Basketball V. SCSU**  
Corbett Sports Center  
7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

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**2009-2010 Housing Selection**  
**Process**  
Moore Gymnasium  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## OFF THE YARD

### Stanford teaching Mom and Dad about Facebook

LISA M. KRIEGER  
San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Status Update: Mom and Dad want to join Facebook.

And, like much else about Silicon Valley parenting, they're enlisting experts to learn how.

A new "Facebook for Parents" course, taught at Stanford University, starts this month and is already full. The four-part lecture series even comes with a lab where Stanford students provide one-on-one Facebook tutoring.

"Responsible parenting means being aware of what your children are doing," said Linda Phillips, who is teaching the class with her brother, Stanford psychologist BJ Fogg. Phillips is the mother of eight children — seven of whom are also her Facebook "friends."

Originally limited to those with a college e-mail address, Facebook has opened its digital doors. So what was once a

youthful private party increasingly has parent chaperones, sticking out like eight-track cartridges at the Apple store.

A social networking site open to anyone over 13, Facebook allows users to connect with one another by asking to be "friends" with other members.

Once friends, users share conversations, photos and daily updates from the elegant prom dresses and poetry, to the embarrassing, say, Fred silly and drunk at last Friday's party.

Some kids say that a "friend" request from parent is like discovering Dad at your beer pong game. Or bumping into Mom in the dressing room of Forever 21.

When Facebook first opened itself to the public in 2007, students circulated an online petition called "Don't Let My Parents Onto Facebook!" to founder Mark Zuckerberg, pleading for a reversal of the decision.

Since then, there has been a proliferation of no parent

groups, such as "For The Love of God — Don't Let Parents Join Facebook." One group is hosted by "The Bureau of Endangered Generation Gaps."

Adults older than 35 accounted for 3.6 million — or 9 percent — of Facebook's 2007 demographics, and are the fast-growing segment of users. Many say they enjoy keeping track of their high school crush, that friend from book club or the neighbor's kitchen remodel.

"I think that it is all right if they are getting Facebook accounts," said Amin Ronaghi, a Palo Alto High School senior.

"However," he added, "I would rather have them not add me."

Many parents would no sooner read their teen's profile than snoop through his or her diary.

But there is a place for responsible parenting, according to many experts. Connecting online has become a new form of dinner table conversation.

"It's great that more parents are wanting to try this new mode of interaction with their very social virtual children," said Larry Rosen, professor of psychology at California State University-Dominguez Hills and author of the book

"Me, MySpace and I: Parenting the Net Generation."

"It shows that people really want to learn what their kids are doing," he said.

In the free Stanford class, open to all parents but designed for those with children younger than 18, Fogg and Phillips teach such subjects as "The ABC's of Facebook," "Ten Steps To Protect Loved Ones," and "Friending, Posting and Updating: Life Skills for the Future."


"It isn't about spying on kids. And it's not just about safety and importance of teaching children to guard their reputation," Fogg said. "It helps you build a relationship."

**College Smokers**  
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## OFF THE YARD

### Con artist who faked her way into Harvard sentenced to about 4 years

LISA M. KRIEGER  
San Jose Mercury News

SEATTLE — A Mountlake Terrace High School dropout who assumed the identities of at least three people to get into some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and fraudulently collect more than

\$100,000 in student loans will serve about four years in a federal prison.

Esther Reed, 30, conned her way into Harvard and Columbia universities and earned a spot on the U.S. Secret Service's "eight most wanted" list by adopting the identities of several people after she left Washington state a decade ago.

Among the identities that Reed assumed was that of Brooke Henson, a woman who vanished from a house party in Travelers Rest, S.C. in 1999.

In 2007, Reed was indicted on several federal charges, including aggravated identity theft. She was arrested a year ago near Chicago.

Lisa Henson, Brooke Henson's sister, who spoke at Reed's sentencing Wednesday in Greenville, S.C., asked the judge to impose the harshest sentence possible for dragging their family through the pain of hoping that Brooke had been found.

"I don't think she was sentenced long enough," Henson said by phone Thursday. "When I made my statement (in court) she wouldn't make eye contact with me."

Reed asked for mercy at her sentencing, contending she sought a made-up world to escape a difficult family life.

"I was desperate to escape an environment I felt I could not survive," Reed said, speaking in a strong voice as she stood before the judge in handcuffs, leg shackles and red prison jumpsuit, her long, dark brown hair tied in a ponytail.

Reed pleaded guilty to mail and wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and student loan fraud in August. She was also facing a Social Security violation charge, but it was dropped when she agreed to plead guilty, said W. Walter Wilkins, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

Reed will serve three years of supervised release after getting out of prison, Wilkins said. Reed requested that she serve her time in Pennsylvania so she

could be close to a friend.

"I have been involved in this case for almost two years now. We took it on like we would any other identity theft," Wilkins said. "The scheme she was engaged in expanded from the East Coast the West Coast. She was very talented in assuming a third-party's identity."

Henson said Reed smiled and laughed in court on Wednesday, acting as if she had done nothing wrong.

"She sly like a fox. She doesn't want to face anybody who she has done wrong," Henson said.

During her nine years on the run, Reed had claimed to be a European chess champion and dated cadets from the U.S. Military Academy, according to police and court documents. She got a passport, passed a high-school-equivalency test, obtained an Ohio identification card, took an SAT test in California and was accepted to the School of General Studies at Columbia University all by using Henson's identity, according to grand-jury charging documents.

Reed disappeared from the Seattle area in 1999 after pleading guilty to possession of stolen property, including a book of her sister's checks. She disappeared before she could be sentenced.

Reed is no longer wanted in King County because her arrest warrant has expired.

In February 2008, police in suburban Chicago tracked Reed to a motel after spotting a car she had been known to be driving. Though she initially provided an Iowa driver's license with another woman's name, Reed soon admitted her true identity.

Reed also had fictitious marriage certificates, a birth certificate in her legal name and a Washington state driver's license. She was arrested and turned over to Secret Service agents.

In addition to the prison sentence, Reed was also ordered to pay \$125,000 in restitution to several victims.

## LOCAL

### Prosecutor seeks death penalty in shooting

(AP) — A North Carolina prosecutor says he will seek the death penalty for a 28-year-old man accused in the shooting death of a security guard outside an Old Navy store.

The News & Record of Greensboro reported Tuesday that Guilford County District Attorney Doug Henderson said he will argue for a death sentence for Isaam Mattay Chaplin, who is being held without bond in the county jail.

Chaplin is accused of shooting 25-year-old Juan Esteban Salado on Dec. 15 as he left the clothing store in Greensboro. Police said Chaplin once worked at the store.

Greensboro police Capt. Janice Rogers said police at North Carolina A&T State University apprehended Chaplin after a confrontation at the school on Feb. 9. Rogers said Chaplin is not a student and didn't provide details of the confrontation.

### Detective on trial for corruption

(AP) — Jury selection is under way in the trial of a suspended Greensboro police officer accused of trying to tarnish the reputation of two fellow officers.

The News & Record of Greensboro reported that suspended detective Scott Sanders is accused of illegally accessing a government computer and conspiracy in an attempt to portray two other officers as "dirty cops."

Sanders' attorney, Seth Cohen, has said the charges are without merit.

Sanders and another officer were indicted in September 2007, a year after the State Bureau of Investigation received information from Greensboro police about possible wrongdoing, including illegal wiretaps, extortion and kidnapping.

The investigation eventually led to the resignation of former Police Chief David Wray.

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## British, French nuclear-armed submarines collide in Atlantic ocean

DAVID STRINGER  
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Nuclear-armed submarines from Britain and France collided in the Atlantic Ocean earlier this month, authorities acknowledged Monday — touching off new concerns about the safety of the world's deep sea missile fleets.

The HMS Vanguard, the oldest vessel in Britain's nuclear-armed submarine fleet, and the French Le Triomphant submarine, which was also carrying nuclear missiles, both suffered minor damage in the collision.

No crew members were reported injured.

Britain's most senior sailor, First Sea Lord, Adm. Jonathon Band, said the underwater crash posed no risk to the safety of the submarines' nuclear reactors and nuclear missiles.

But he offered no explanation of how the rare incident might have occurred.

"The two submarines came into contact at very low speed," Band said in a statement.

"Both submarines remained safe."

France's defense ministry said the ballistic missile submarines had been carrying out routine patrols when they collided.

"They briefly came into contact at a very low speed while submerged."

There were no injuries. Neither their nuclear deterrence missions nor their safety were affected," France's defense ministry said Monday in a statement.

Still, the HMS Vanguard was towed back to a submarine base in Scotland with visible dents and scrapes, the BBC reported.

Le Triomphant suffered damaged to a sonar dome but

returned under its own power to its base on L'Île Longue on France's western tip, France said.

Neither France or Britain would confirm the exact date of the collision, but said it took place earlier this month.

The French military had issued a statement Feb. 6, saying that one of its submarines had struck a submerged object — "probably a container" — but did not say the Le Triomphant had collided with another vessel.

Britain did not comment on the incident until Monday, after some details were reported by the British media.

The defense ministry said the government's usual policy is not to comment on submarine deployments.

Naval experts said they were amazed by the collision. "This really shouldn't have

happened at all," said Stephen Saunders, a retired British Royal Navy commodore and the editor of Jane's Fighting Ships.

"It's a very serious incident, and I find it quite extraordinary."

He said while NATO countries let each other know what general area of the Atlantic they are operating in, neither submarine would have had a precise position for the other.

Saunders said submarines don't always turn on their radar systems, or make their presence obvious to other shipping.

"The whole point is to go and hide in a big chunk of ocean and not be found."

They tend to go around very slowly and not make much noise," he said.

Some British lawmakers demanded an explanation from Prime Minister Gordon Brown's government.

"(The government) needs to explain how it is possible for a submarine carrying weapons of mass destruction to collide with another submarine carrying weapons of mass destruction in the middle of the world's second-largest ocean," lawmaker Angus Robertson of the opposition Scottish National Party said.

HMS Vanguard came into service in 1993, has a crew of around 140 and typically carries 16 Lockheed Trident D5 missiles.

Under government policy, British nuclear submarines carry a maximum of 48 warheads.

At least one of Britain's four submarines is on patrol and ready to fire at any given time.

British lawmakers in 2007 approved a 20 billion-pound (\$30 billion) program to replace the fleet with new nuclear-armed submarines.

France's Le Triomphant carries 111 crew and 15 nuclear missiles, according to defense analysis group Jane's.

Anti-nuclear groups said the crash should remind the world just how dangerous nuclear submarines really are.

"This reminds us that we could have a new catastrophe with a nuclear submarine at any moment."

It is a risk that exists during missions but also in port," said Stephane Lhomme, a spokesman for the French anti-nuclear group Sortir du Nucleaire. "These are mobile nuclear reactors."

Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament called on Brown to end his country's nuclear submarine patrols of the Atlantic.

"The collision of two submarines, both with nuclear reactors and nuclear weapons

## Scientists pursue study of earthquakes in their subterranean lairs

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CHICAGO (AP) — Scientists are pursuing earthquakes deep into their subterranean lairs, studying them on land and below the sea.

Yet, confronted with the question of when and where the "next big one" will occur, an uncomfortable silence sets in.

Based on history there will be quakes in Japan, also in Tibet, said Leigh Royden of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"Will we ever be able to predict them?"

I don't know," she said Sunday at a meeting of the

American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"There have been a few signals associated with quakes, but only in hindsight," she said. "And those quakes are rare."

Quakes most often occur at the boundaries of the many moving plates that make up the surface of the earth.

But some also have been recorded well inside the plates, such as the devastating temblor that shook Wenchuan, China last year or the 1811-1812 quakes at New Madrid, Mo., that briefly caused the Mississippi River to flow backward.

Scientists can tell when a plate is under high stress but don't have a way to determine

where a fracture will occur, launching a quake, explained Harold Tobin of the University of Wisconsin.

Nevertheless they continue striving to learn more about quakes and their causes in an effort to find ways to protect lives and property.

James Evans of Utah State University said researchers have drilled nearly 11,500 feet into the San Andreas Fault in California to install instruments in hopes of "really getting into the guts of the fault zone" to record an earthquake.

Tobin is taking part in similar research in the Nankai trough in the western Pacific Ocean, one of the most active seismic areas

in the world.

"If we want to understand the physics of how the faults really work, we have to go to those faults in the ocean," he said.

"Scientific drilling is the main way we know anything at all about the geology of the two-thirds of the Earth that is submerged."

"The ultimate goal is a series of deep holes in the trough in a few years," he said.

Deep ocean quakes can be especially dangerous if they generate a tsunami, like the giant sea wave that took hundreds of thousands of lives around the Indian Ocean in 2004.

Susan Schwartz, a professor of earth and planetary sciences

at the University of California, Santa Cruz, said researchers have uncovered a third type of slip that occurs along plate boundaries.

Some boundaries have been known to creep along steadily without causing quakes while others stick and then release suddenly, shaking the earth.

Now some have been seen to stick and then slip, but only slowly with ground motion taking from weeks to a year and no earthquake occurring.

Her research team found these slow-slip "silent earthquakes" while monitoring the ground beneath the Nicoya Peninsula in Costa Rica.

"At least two slow slip events

have occurred beneath the Nicoya Peninsula since 2003," Schwartz said.

"When we recorded the first one in 2003, we had only three GPS stations."

By 2007, we had 12 GPS stations and over 10 seismic stations, so the event that year was very nicely recorded."

The slow slip phenomenon has also been observed in the Cascadia fault zone off the coast of Washington and British Columbia and Japan's Nankai Trough.

Qiyuan Liu of the Chinese Institute of Geology said his country has installed 297 seismic stations in the region to study the deep structure.

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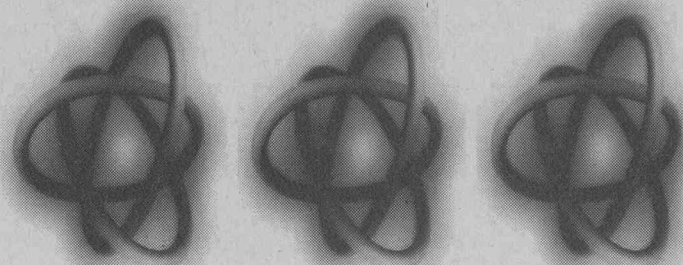
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# Government agency braces for recession

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The deepening recession spells trouble for a little-known government corporation that insures the pensions of 44 million workers and retirees.

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. already has an \$11 billion deficit that seems sure to grow larger as Corporate America suffers through the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

With companies reporting shortfalls in their pension funds, it's all but certain that the PBGC will be forced to take over the pension plans of a rising number of bankrupt businesses.

That means more red ink at the corporation before things possibly can improve.

The future financial health of the agency is hard to forecast. It is hinged on interest rates, the length of the recession and the PBGC's own luck in playing the market, where it has billions invested.

The agency has \$63 billion in assets. But it is obligated to

spend \$74 billion on pension benefits in the coming years. The PBGC might have time to rebound, but over the long term it might become insolvent and require a bailout.

"Someday — probably more than 20 years from now — there's a significant chance that somebody is going to have to pay the piper," said former PBGC Director Charles E.F. Millard, a Bush administration appointee who stepped down on Jan. 20 when Barack Obama became president.

"In the near- to medium-term, there will be no need for a bailout of PBGC."

The PBGC quietly operates in a brick office building a few blocks from the White House. Its fate is important to the workers covered by the more than 29,000 employer-sponsored benefit pension plans it insures, and to all taxpayers who could be asked to foot the bill if its financial picture worsens down the road.

Congress created the PBGC in 1974 to guarantee the retirement security of workers covered by defined benefit pension

plans. These traditional plans, which pay a specified monthly benefit at retirement, are being phased out as companies turn to 401(k)-style programs that require workers to make contributions and shoulder investment risks. The PBGC, which receives no tax dollars, gets its money from premiums paid by companies that sponsor the pension plans, along with revenue from its investments.

The corporation's balance sheet has taken heavy hits in recent years. Nine of the 10 largest pension plan terminations in PBGC's history, including United Airlines, Bethlehem Steel and Kaiser Aluminum, have occurred since 2001.

When a plan is terminated, the PBGC takes over and pays benefits to the retired workers.

But they might not get the full amount that their employer promised. The maximum guaranteed amount currently is \$54,000 a year for a person retiring at age 65.

Some pension experts shrug their shoulders at the PBGC's \$11 billion deficit, noting that the 35-year-old corporation has

been operating at a deficit for most of its existence. They say the PBGC has many years to recoup its losses and fulfill its obligations to pensioners.

"Every time the economy bounces around, everybody acts like everything is going to collapse and that they should worry about the PBGC, and then things come back," says Dallas Salisbury, president of the Employee Benefit Research Institute in Washington.

"Barring some absolutely phenomenal gains in the market or what PBGC's new or future investment strategy comes up with, the PBGC will need taxpayer money at some point in time," said David John, a pensions expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

For now, the PBGC, which is awaiting a new boss, will remain on the Government Accountability Office's "high risk" watch list for the seventh consecutive year because of worries that the economic crisis could mean more pension plan terminations and swell the PBGC's deficit.

Taking over the pension plan

of General Motors Corp., which just announced it will cut 10,000 salaried jobs, would more than double the PBGC's current \$11 billion deficit. But the PBGC also would inherit substantial assets from the automaker's pension fund.

Companies that have underfunded pension plans, but are otherwise on solid financial footing, pose little risk for the PBGC.

It's the companies in danger of going under that present the biggest threat. But declines in the market have left corporate pension plans severely underfunded — to the tune of \$409 billion, according to Mercer, a global consulting firm.

The underfunding trend is likely to continue.

Even though Congress passed a law in 2006 requiring companies to meet target dates to eventually fund 100 percent of their pension obligations, those restrictions were relaxed in December to help them weather the bad economic times.

The business community is lobbying to further waive the rules during the current eco-

nomie slump. Because of plummeting asset values, companies this year are faced with having to contribute to their pension funds two to three times what they had expected, said Aliya Wong, director of pension policy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"Because this is coming out of the bottom line, companies are making decisions not just about freezing their pension plans but whether they can even continue in business," Wong said.

The PBGC successfully shaved nearly \$3 billion off its deficit in the 2008 budget year, which ended Sept. 30, primarily because 13 auto parts makers reorganized and didn't dump their pension liabilities on the institution.

Those gains were recorded before the market tanked.

Still, Millard insists that a new investment strategy, which allows the PBGC to invest more aggressively in stocks and alternative investments, makes it less likely that it will need a multibillion-dollar congressional bailout.

## Ex-inmates hope for aid after prison

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Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ex-convict Vikki Hankins had the misfortune of being freed from prison during the worst recession since the Great Depression.

While serving an 18-year sentence for a nonviolent federal drug conviction, she was assured of taxpayer-funded food and shelter.

Now on the outside after her first offense, she lives in a motel room and struggles to find work.

Like thousands leaving prison amid the economic slump, Hankins could be helped by the Second Chance Act, a program approved by Congress to help nonviolent offenders get a new start on life.

Signed by then-president George W. Bush in April, the Second Chance Act is designed to help ex-convicts get jobs, housing and counseling.

But congressional backers

worry the act may not even see its first dollar as billions in taxpayer money are being shunted to the nation's economic bailout.

"I want to establish a life for myself. But where is my home going to be? What am I going to do for the rest of my life?" Hankins said.

Like many ex-cons, the 40-year-old wants a house, a job and a car. Since her release last spring, she has lived in Orlando-area motels and has been turned down dozens of times for jobs in fast food restaurants serving the Disney World throngs.

Potential employers have been scared off by her past, and she's one of many people looking for work in Florida.

The state's jobless rate hovers above 8 percent, topping the national average.

Hankins does do administrative work with a group started by a retired federal corrections officer, called Advocate 4 Justice, which lobbies lawmakers

to reinstate federal parole — particularly for nonviolent drug offenders.

In exchange, the group helps pay her weekly motel bills and some basics such as toiletries and clothing. Still, she hasn't made enough for a car or a downpayment on an apartment rental.

"In many ways," Hankins said, "it's harder than being incarcerated."

Lawmakers believed the Second Chance Act could help whittle down some of the \$50 billion-plus spent on offenders behind bars.

According to the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2.3 million people in the U.S. are held in jails, state lockups or federal facilities.

The Second Chance law won wide bipartisan support in 2008. Lawmakers anticipated setting aside \$165 million a year in grants to nonprofit organizations, religious groups and states to help prisoners re-enter society, but so far no funding has been approved.

U.S. Rep. Danny Davis, D-Illinois, said funding for Second Chance wasn't part of the stimulus bill; instead, it is expected to be in the annual appropriations package.

Those who work with ex-felons say grant money from Second Chance would support programs already.

In place or fund new ones that would help keep tens of thousands of ex-offenders from going back to overcrowded prisons — saving taxpayer money in the long run.

"In this economy, many of these individuals are going to be left out, left behind," said Davis, who sponsored the Second Chance Act.

"At the end of the day, they will be just as unemployed as before."

Backers say the Second Chance Act is needed now more than ever because money for state or community-funded programs is tight.

"We have to work really hard to make this happen," said Jessica Nickel of the Washington, D.C.-based Justice Center of the Council of State Governments.

"These people are coming home to our community, and having a job and a place to live are critical if you want them to be upstanding, tax-paying citizens."

Kemba Smith, 37, of Washington, D.C., is a former inmate who, like Hankins, received a long sentence for a first-time drug offender.

"Having a record, especially a drug conviction, does limit one's ability to move forward."

How long should someone's past follow them? said Smith, whose sentence was commuted by a 2000 presidential pardon.

Upon her release, Smith was hired as an administrative assistant by a law firm that was familiar with her story.

She has since become a motivation speaker and educator, and a Hollywood producer has optioned her story.

## States compete for stimulus cash

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NEW YORK (AP) — It may sound like a nice problem for states — figuring out how to spend the billions in infrastructure funding they'll receive as part of President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan.

But the task is more complicated than it seems, as state officials try to set priorities while managing competing pressures from communities, watchdog groups and federal regulators over how the money is allocated.

Under the plan Obama is expected to sign into law early this week, states will divide \$27 billion to build and repair roads and bridges.

That is less than half the \$64 billion in projects states told the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials late last year that they had ready to go.

The law also requires that half the money be spent on projects that have been vetted by the federal government and deemed "ready to go" in 120 days, as a way to jolt the economy and create jobs.

That means state officials are under pressure to make decisions quickly on which projects to fund and which to bypass.

While many states have made their lists of "ready-to-go" infrastructure projects available online for public review, others

have resisted, in part because the limited stimulus funding means only a fraction of the projects will receive money.

Watchdog groups say it's likely that state officials fear angering constituents if a project appears on a wish list and then is struck from the final allocation.

"There will be huge internal battles in states about priorities," said Phineas Baxandall of the Public Interest Research Group.

In California, for example, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office rejected a request by The Associated Press for a detailed list of "ready-to-go" projects.

The AP sought the information under the California Public Records Act, but the governor's office last week said the documents were internal drafts adding "disclosure would chill critical communications to and within the Governor's Office, thereby harming the public interest."

The sheer volume of money directed toward state projects has fueled calls for transparency, with journalists, interest groups and others demanding a full accounting of which projects receive the funding, which are rejected, and why.

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick addressed that sentiment last week when he named a local real estate developer to oversee bidding for the stimulus money. Patrick also set up a new Web site with information on every project that receives the money.

"I don't want to send a mistaken impression there are pet projects," Patrick said.

The governor appeared with the state's attorney general, Martha Coakley, who also will help track the stimulus funds.

"An ounce of prevention in handling the money is worth a pound of grand jury investigations and civil litigation down the road," Coakley said.

Mindful of the accelerated timetable they face, states are moving quickly to develop mechanisms for identifying priority projects and disbursing funding for them.

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat, has retained a former U.S. diplomat as a temporary, unpaid "infrastructure czar."

But the Republican-controlled Senate, concerned that Strickland could try to push stimulus funding through the state's Controlling Board instead of through the legislature, has drawn up a separate "spending blueprint" for the federal stimulus money.


Montana's constitution requires that the state legislature appropriate all spending.

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## The 'blacker' the berry, the weaker the news

I'd like to extend a thank you to all the serial killers, kidnapers, and derelicts in this country.

Actually, not so much to them, but to Fox News, CNN, ABC, MSNBC, and all the alphabet soups of journalism. And you want to know why? I bet you do.

It's because so many news networks don't seem to feel that it's necessary to air stories covering the troubles of minorities. CNN had Black in America, but is that it?

I can breathe easier knowing that I won't be seeing any colored people met by personal disaster or folly on the 10 o'clock news any time soon. We at least get to rest our little hearts a bit easier knowing that none of our nephews and grandmothers are going to end up kidnapped today.

While kids of color are raped daily, news outlets are worried about Nadya Suleman asking for a handout. As little Asian and Hispanic kids are battered and abused in our backyards, all we hear about is some 13 year-old fathering a little girl in England.

Even white kids in other countries appear more newsworthy than minorities in our own. Our claim to newswor-



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thy fame seems to be committing crimes: robbery, drugs, and murder amongst others. But as much as we're on the television for heinous activities, no news cameras come to our aid when the shoe's on the other foot.

Sure, we get shafted occasionally.

Remember that unarmed kid those cops shot in Oakland? I'm sure he probably said a mouthful to deserve it. What about Megan Williams? I bet you she was asking for it the whole time (I'll wait while you Google them...)

Even my brother Dennis Hayle, among other fallen Aggies, received about a week of awareness while Caylee Anthony's memorial service completely stopped Anderson Cooper in his journalistic tracks (months after the incident, mind you).

Really, though? Is that how they feel? There's a vast discrepancy of reporting when it comes to the tribulations of minorities.

It's sad, plain, and simple.

If I didn't know any better I'd swear that Shameika's, Priti's, Xi Yu's, and Jose's don't get kidnapped; only Becky's and Zack's do. Why?

I mean, CNN is based out of

Atlanta, the Black capital of this country, yet the only coverage we minorities receive are crimes committed by us, and rarely against us. Remember Sean Bell? What'd you hear more about? His friends hitting the cop or the out-of-protocol shooting by the cops?

Thank you Bill O'Reilly, Michelle Melkin, Anderson Cooper, Katie Couric, and the rest of you note toting, teleprompter reading, unbelievably biased talking heads, I bet Max Headroom would be more "fair and balanced." I'll wait a while you Google him too.

Welcome to America, people. Where your hue determines the news angle and your race determines your level of provided awareness. Land of the free, home of the brave. Yeah, whatever.

In a country finally lead by a minority, I wonder if things are going to change. I wonder if balanced reporting will be more on a rise. Blacks can be presidents, too, so maybe our stories of meeting calamities can be told, just as well.

We'll see what happens and what changes, what remains and what doesn't.

But I tell you what, in the meantime, I'm just glad my high melanin self is safe from those picky robbers, kidnapers, and rapists out there. Cheers.

## With economic crisis, we should pay more attention to America's spending

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If America is about to spend nearly \$7 billion on building a new pipeline for Internet access, then we should clearly understand the spending choices we're about to make.

A place to start is by drawing a comparison to our national network of delivering gas and electricity to consumers. Imagine if federal regulation were so lenient that competing companies in the same community each built their own separate grids and pipelines to deliver these essential utilities.

Everyone would pay more for gas and electricity in order to finance the high cost of excess infrastructure. In the case of gas and electricity, America has one complex grid and pipeline system to serve everyone. Multiple providers each tap into the same system.

Today, it's the opposite in the case of broadband networks. Communications companies such as AT&T, Sprint, Verizon and cable operators such as Time Warner, Comcast and Cox each invest in their own separate networks.

And who pays for this duplication of expense? You do, as a consumer and a taxpayer, whether you're paying for your own Internet service or for service to your schools, hospitals, libraries, public safety forces

and government offices. Making matters worse, the high cost of building a broadband network acts as a barrier to new competitors entering the market.

The stimulus bill does not require an open broad network that is shared and accessible to new providers. However, the plan does make a start in the right direction. About 75 percent of the \$7 billion proposed allocation for broadband infrastructure would go to the underserved in rural communities. State and local governments, nonprofits and commercial providers would compete for this money to finance new open networks.

Yet far more is needed. Beyond this first step, the Federal Communications Commission must establish policy to determine how existing privately owned networks can become part of a common system. Opponents to an open infrastructure argue that tax incentives would be a cheaper option. That is true in the sense that Internet service carriers would receive tax breaks to expand their current infrastructure, in place of new spending. Yet the shortsightedness of this approach is that it would only perpetuate the current fragmented system that drains resources by duplicating efforts. The current plan does not include tax incentives, but you can be sure there will be ongoing efforts to create tax breaks, essentially to perpetuate

the current flawed system.

Our federal leaders must resist the pressure and instead continue on the path of open broadband infrastructure. Ultimately, open Internet access will result in job growth while transforming the very way we live and work. It will enable police and fire forces to develop new procedures to communicate directly with people in distress.

It will allow doctors anywhere in the United States to send complex medical images to leading specialists who can offer advice.

It will let students learn through virtual experiences. Imagine advanced science students tuning in live, with two-way communications, to events such as open-heart surgeries and real-time scientific experimentation.

Right now, our international counterparts are incorporating the best technology has to offer to encourage and advance creative education. We as Americans built our great nation with intelligent foresight that relied on learning and innovation. Now we must rise to this new challenge, and we must be willing to invest new money on new initiatives that benefit the common good. Today, with jobs, the economy and American competitiveness at stake, we must meet the challenge to build a new transportation system to carry information \_ and America \_ through the 21st century.

## Obama won, but Republicans also represent America

The American people are facing yet another stimulus package. To a lot of us, it means higher taxes. To some of us, it means absolutely nothing at all. Whatever it means to us individually, the fact still remains that the main headline on every news network is this new stimulus package from President Obama.

On his first words to the country, Obama brought about a message of bipartisan politics, meaning that, in America, differences of opinion should not hinder us from doing the right thing. But, as voting for this new stimulus package draws near, Republicans and some conser-

vative Democrats seem to be pulling the same things that we have seen for the past eight years.

The President himself has even scheduled a trip to Capitol Hill to muster support for the package. But Republicans seem as embattled as ever against this package passing. They still seem to be quoting the age-old adage that tax cuts stimulate the economy and low interest rates get people to buy more. Normally, I would agree, but how much is too much? The interest rates that the Fed can effectively



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cut are reportedly closing in on zero. Also, as people rapidly lose their jobs, such as the 40,000 reported on the Jan. 26, they have no money to spend or receive that would allow for them to see the benefits of those tax cuts.

It would seem that the only answer to spending our way out of this mess is to increase government spending on public works and infrastructure to create jobs. This is the basis of President Obama's plan. It is estimated that the government would spend anywhere from \$100,000 to \$275,000 per job

that would be created. That is a huge sum of money when you look at the fact that the package proposes to create three million jobs over the next two years. When you take a quick look at it, Obama's stimulus package seems to be the best thing we have seen in eight years. This raises the question "What in the heck are the Republicans thinking?"

Well, let's look at it for what it is. The Republicans in Congress represent hard-working Americans just like their Democratic counterparts. The Congressmen have raised several questions about the stimulus package, and that would lead us to believe

that there are many Americans asking the same questions since the Congressmen are elected to represent their constituency. Why should these Congressmen not have their questions answered?

Obama won, I get it, you get it, and we all get it. That doesn't mean that he just gets to do what he wants. He should have to answer the tough questions, and make compromises if need be.

At the end of the day, we should be working for the betterment of all Americans, not just the majority who won the election. I may not agree with all of the controversy that Republicans are causing on the hill, but

I will defend to the death their right to do so.

Opposing ideas sometimes make a plan better, and sometimes they make your argument that much more solid. I encourage all not to just dismiss the arguments and questions of Republicans as the rumblings of a defeated party, but instead to listen intently. They are also a part of this melting pot called "America".

Let's accept the charge of our new President and move towards bipartisanship on both sides. In the words of the 44th President, "For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness."



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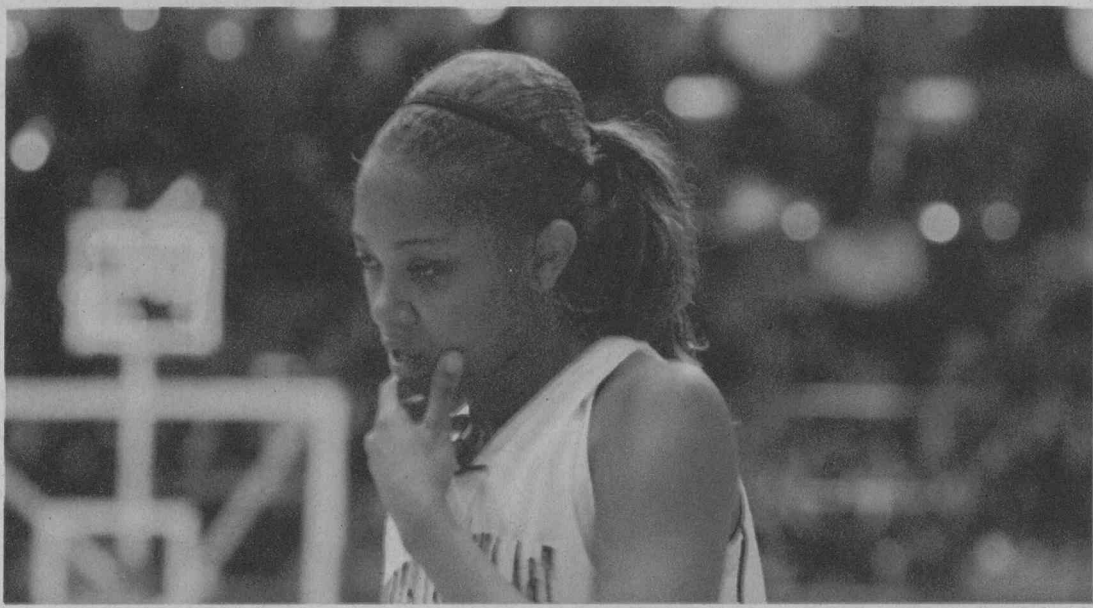


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BRITTANIE TAYLOR-JAMES scored 15 points in the Lady Aggies shocking defeat against the Lady Hornets on ESPN.

## Lady Hornets sting lady Aggies winning streak

LAUREN MORGAN  
Register Reporter

On Monday evening, the North Carolina A&T women's basketball team suffered a 66-68 loss to Delaware State at Memorial Hall in Dover, Del. The Hornets now one game behind the Aggies in the MEAC.

Amber Bland led the Aggies with 20 points and seven rebounds while Brittanie Taylor-James had 15. Jameka Smith led the Hornets with 19 points and five assists.

The Hornets overcame a 15 point half time deficit to cut the Aggies' lead to 53-50 with 8:30 remaining in the game.

The Hornets played aggressive basketball and went on 11-2 run to lead the Aggies 61-60 with 2:22 remaining in the game.

"They were the aggressor to-

night," said head coach Patricia Cage-Bibbs. "There is no question about that."

Bland knocked down a 3-pointer near the Aggies bench to reclaim the lead 63-61. The Hornets' Selena Galloway then made two strong moves to the basket that led to 65-63 lead with 1:35 remaining. Bland would knock down another 3-pointer with seven seconds remaining. Delaware State hit one free throw to lead 68-66. The final play of regulation concluded with Bland missing a 3-point shot which would have lead to an Aggie victory.

The loss to Delaware State ended a 12-game winning streak for the Aggies and gave them their first loss in the MEAC.

"It's hard to be perfect," said Bibbs. "That's why it doesn't happen too often."

On a brighter note, Saturday afternoon the Aggies lead by Brittanie Taylor-James defeated Maryland-Eastern Shore 89-68 on the road.

Brittanie Taylor-James led all Aggies in scoring with 34 points. Jaleesa Sams added 12 points and seven rebounds. Bland added 17 points.

Two Hawk free throws cut an Aggie 11 point lead to 46-44 with 16:38 remaining in the game. Bland knocked down a 3-pointer and Sams hit two free throws to extend the Aggies lead to seven. A turnover by UMES led to a fade away jumper by Taylor-James to put the Aggies up 58-47 with 14:35 to play. A Taylor-James layup and a jumper pushed A&T's lead to 17. Taylor-James' 34 was her career high.

## Aggies place six at MEAC Championships

LAUREN MORGAN  
Register Reporter

At the MEAC Indoor Track Championships in Landover, Md., North Carolina A&T senior Loreal Smith became the conference's 60-meter hurdles champion.

The win over the weekend marked Smith's second straight women's 60-meter hurdles MEAC indoor title after winning last season with a time of 8.48 seconds.

Smith finished second in the preliminaries before winning with a time of 8.28.

The win gave her four MEAC titles for her career in indoor and outdoor track.

"I came over thinking no big deal; I still have two races to run," said Smith in May at the outdoor championships. Smith's last MEAC gold in outdoor track came in 2006 when A&T hosted the MEAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

A&T will host those champi-

onships again this season.

Smith and her teammates finished in sixth place with forty points behind champion Hampton, Norfolk State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Morgan State and Howard.

Junior Kimona Smith and senior Alexandria Spruiel finished second in their events.

Kimona Smith finished second in the long jump with a leap of 19-feet, 2 3/4 inches.

Kimona Smith also finished third place in the triple jump.

The men finished fifth overall behind champion Norfolk State, Morgan State, Hampton, and Maryland-Eastern Shore. Senior Lonnie Phifer placed second in the shot put with a throw of 58-feet, 4 3/4 inches.

Aggie sprinter Calesio Newman finished third in the 60 meters with a time of 6.73. Newman received some tough competition from Hampton's Reggie Dixon who ran a 6.71, and Delaware State's Larrone Moore he finished with a time of 6.72.

## AGGIES RUNDOWN

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
North Carolina A&T	11-1	18-6
Delaware State	10-2	14-11
Coppin State	9-3	10-12
Hampton	7-4	10-12
Morgan State	6-5	14-10
MD Eastern Shore	6-5	10-12
Florida A&M	6-6	10-12
Howard	3-7	4-19
South Carolina State	3-8	6-16
Bethune-Cookman	2-9	9-13
Norfolk State	0-11	0-21

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday  
vs. Winston Salem State  
Corbett Sports Center  
2 p.m.

Monday  
vs. South Carolina State  
Corbett Sports Center  
6 p.m.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Morgan State	10-2	16-10
North Carolina A&T	7-5	12-12
Bethune-Cookman	6-5	12-13
South Carolina State	6-5	11-12
Norfolk State	6-5	8-14
Coppin State	6-5	9-16
Howard	5-5	7-14
Hampton	5-6	11-13
Delaware State	5-6	7-19
Florida A&M	4-6	6-17
MD Eastern Shore	2-9	6-18

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday  
vs. Winston Salem State  
Corbett Sports Center  
4 p.m.

Monday  
vs. South Carolina State  
Corbett Sports Center  
8 p.m.

### NEWS AND NOTES

The Aggie football team released their 2009 schedule for this upcoming season. Slight changes have been made for next season including the original October 10 homecoming date switched to October 31 against Bethune-Cookman. A&T will continue to battle in-state rivals, including their 85-year meeting with North Carolina Central, and will open the season on September 5 at Winston-Salem State.

## O'Neal autographs shoe to President Obama

ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP)

PHOENIX (AP) —The Phoenix Suns center couldn't be around himself when President Barack Obama arrived at Sky Harbor International Airport Tuesday afternoon.


So when the president stepped off of Air Force One, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon's son Jake made the presenta-

tion at the foot of the stairs of a size 23 sneaker personally autographed by Shaquille O'Neal.

Obama set it on the ground next to his own, much smaller shoe, and grinned as photographers captured the moment. Then Obama scooped it up and took it with him as he stepped into the presidential limo.

O'Neal shared MVP honors in Sunday's All-Star game.

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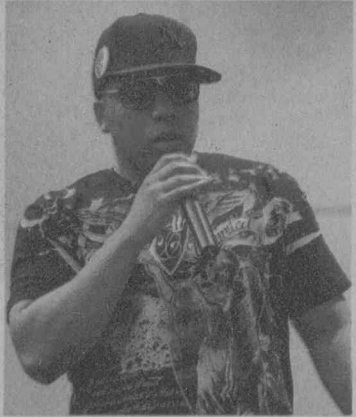




Feb. 18 to 24

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

**& SCENE HEARD**



**MIMS Comes to A&T**

Rapper Mims, who is known for the popular hit "This is Why I'm Hot", came to A&T Thursday to promote his new album entitled "Guilt." P-Mac and WNAA STREET team hosted the event, put together by the WNAA-FM and Students with interest in music (S.W.I.M.)

Mims interacted with his fans by signing autographs, taking pictures and answering questions.

"Hip-Hop is evolving and I love the change because there's something for everybody."

He is confident about the new album and speaks very highly of it. "I feel more comfortable about this album because I have more creative control," continued.

He mentioned that his maturity and growth on this album is evident. He also stated that he is more knowledgeable about the music business this time around. He gave advice for people who want to pursue a career in music. "Be aware of where hip-hop came from and where it's going, and learn how to market and promote yourself."

"Guilt" will be in stores April 7th.

-A.R.

## Dancing with 'bullets'

LAPORSHA LOWRY  
Scene Editor

The revolutionary events in Greensboro during the Civil Rights Movement provide inspiration for the play, "Bullet Holes in the Wall: Reflections on Acts of Courage in the Struggle for Liberation".

The play which is presented by the Department of Visual & Performing Arts, features performers from the E. Gwynn Dancers and the Richard B. Harrison Players. It also has an opening performance from the A&T Jazz orchestra.

"Bullet Holes in the Wall" is an artistic portrayal of important events in Greensboro's history and a big part of Civil Rights movement. It is based on three events—the Greensboro sit-in, the Dudley uprising and KKK Morningside massacre of 1979. The play was created and is directed by Dr. Eleanor Gwynn, who also owns her own dance company. She came up with the concept and brought in several individuals like Nelson Johnson who went through the events to let her dancers get the emotional perspective of it and to find a connection to the experience.

"I had to dig into the dancers' emotions to get anger out. It took a long time because they had to go to the edge but not over. Some people quit, wanted to quit, got hurt or mad but the violence and emotion had to be real. It had to be exciting and real." Zitty Nxumalo, a performer in the E. Gwynn Dance Company, describes the play as a powerful piece that captures the emotion and pain of the events.

"All emotions are tapped into in this play, from fear to pain, frustration, anger and exhaustion. It gives a different sense of struggle of blacks and how they come together. You are able to see the unity, but also the strength and courage of individuals. The music also provides dramatic changes and takes your emotions on an up-and-down ride." Gwynn also stated that she started with movements and built the piece around them, and that movement equals



PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS - THE A&T REGISTER

**BULLET HOLES IN THE WALL** Cortney Key rehearses for the performance of "Bullet Holes in the Wall", a play about the Civil Rights events in Greensboro. The play will be shown at the Carolina Theatre on February 21st.

expression. "You could get hurt if not done right, and the dancers had to make it come alive so that it could relate the understanding of the viewers. If one person is different, then the whole thing would off and it won't work. A total collaboration between dancers and me was necessary to make it a success." Mondre Moffett, the Director of the Jazz orchestra, wrote an original composition entitled "Requiem for the Fallen" for the play. It tells the musical story of what unfolds and serves as the theme song for the production.

"It is a tribute to those who have gone before and our ancestors who gave their lives for freedom," said Moffett. "I was inspired by conversations about the events and what he saw on stage. I wanted to tell the story in music. It has a sense of mourning that moves into victory over struggle and movements represent struggle

and its resolution. People will get the violence that represents the turbulent times of the 1960's." Cortney Key, a freshman performer who has a solo part, best sums up the dedication and commitment that came with the play. When the storyline came alive, she found out it was more than just about dancing.

"When we had to tell the story and convey the message, it hit me and it made sense. I wanted to tell the story right and not come across wrong. The learning process was hard and it was a reality check. I have never worked this hard before and never had anyone work with me to the extent of Dr. Gwynn."

The play is featured at the Carolina Theatre located at 310 S. Greene Street on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Carolina Theatre box office.



ON SCREEN

**MADEA GOES TO JAIL** is the newest Tyler Perry movie to hit theaters on Friday. Madea, who has been known for evading the law, has finally been captured and put behind bars. She comes to the aid of Candace (played by Keisha Knight-Pulliam) who comes into trouble while in jail.

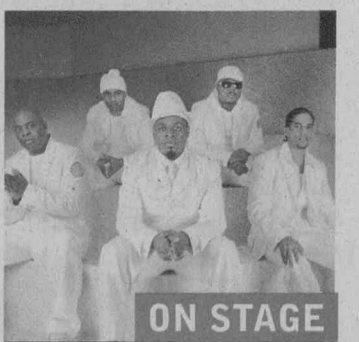
- L.L.



ON SHELVES

**LAW & ORDER: SVU** the complete 8th season is now on DVD. This 5-disc collection will feature 22 episodes from "The 8th Year", as it is subtitled. It was released by Universal Home Video and comes in a box set.

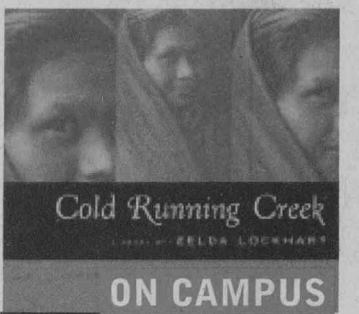
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ON STAGE

**MINT CONDITION** will perform as part of the McDonald's Rhythms of Triumph featuring Mint Condition at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of show. The group is known for the hit "Breakin' My Heart (Pretty Brown Eyes)".

- L.L.



ON CAMPUS

**COLD RUNNING CREEK** will be featured in the College of Arts & Sciences Colloquium Series presented by the Alpha Lambda Delta National Freshman Honor Society. The Text-In-Community will have author Zelda Lockhart to talk about the book at the event that will be held Thursday at 4pm in the GBC auditorium.

- L.L.

## 20 QUESTIONS

1. Do you know how hard it is to be funny every week?
2. How upset would you be if we took a week off?
3. Did you see Shaq breakdancing with the Jabbawockeez at the All-Star game?
4. Will he be on the next season of "Dancing With The Stars"?
5. Have Kobe and Shaq officially made up now?
6. Shouldn't he take a one-year contract and go back to the Lakers?
7. Wouldn't it be like the good old days?
8. Did you see that Allen Iverson cut his braids off?
9. Do you even remember the last time he had no hair?
10. Why did A-Rod admit he did steroids after they put him out there?
11. Would he have admitted it if the report did not surface?
12. How bad would you feel if you released the picture of Michael Phelps smoking?
13. Would you still expect him to come to your birthday party?
14. Why would you throw someone's keys out of the window (Rihanna)?
15. Did you expect for Chris Brown to not be upset if he couldn't find them?
16. Have you seen the Ray J dating show?
17. Why do all of them on there want to be actresses or be in the public eye?
18. Would you expect anything else out of them?
19. Do you think that he is really looking for love?
20. Did you see the human banana split?

**MOVIE REVIEW: FRIDAY THE 13TH**

CHRISTIN HOPE  
Contributor

If you are a moviegoer that is yearns for a gory, violent horror film, the remake of "Friday the 13th" should satisfy the urge.

Jason once again unleashes his terror on the big screen in the movie, released on Friday the 13th. Producer Michael Bay and director Marcus Nispel (who also directed "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" remake) collaborated to make this newer



version more suspenseful and horrifying. The story explores the making of Jason as an infamous super-human beast, and how not getting enough hugs as a child led him to Camp Crystal Lake.

Star leading lady, Amanda Righetti, who plays Whitney Miller, will mysteriously come

up missing. Her brother Clay, played by Jared Padalecki, will head up to the spooky woods of legendary Crystal Lake. At the lake he will find the rotting remains of old cabins behind moss-covered trees.

Receiving advice from police and cautions from locals, Clay continues with the few clues that he has to search for his missing sister. The situation will soon turn for worse when more people are added to the scene. Danielle Panabaker, played as Jenna, is a young woman that will become a companion and confidant to Clay. Unlike Clay, she found her way to Crystal Lake with a group of college students that wants a weekend full of surprise and thrill. With Clay, Jenna and friends all having very different goals little do they know that their lives will change

forever. Armed with a razor-sharp machete, Jason Voorhees, will have a couple of tricks up his sleeve for those who entered on his territory of Crystal Lake. The thrill seeking, suspenseful, horrifying remake will have anyone looking out for the eerie hockey-masked killer on "Friday the 13th".

## Artist tries to make return to industry

NOMA VILANE  
Contributor

On February 6th, new artist Novel held a meet and greet at Four Seasons Mall. Novel was born and raised in Harlem, New York. Novel is a Hip Hop and R&B artist who has a new song out entitled "I Am" which was recently released as a video on 106 & Park.

Novel is not entirely new to music. He had previously released two tracks entitled "Peaches" and "Velvet Sky." But now he is back with new songs and a new outlook. His new sound will have good concepts and stories and it will inspire people.

What makes him different than other artists is that he analyzes things in the world and puts them to music.

"I have a good ear for music and I am able to relate to the people as a whole."

Novel has recently found himself very busy. He was an opening act for Alicia Keys'



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**SOUL SESSION** Novel tries to make his way back into the industry, after releasing two tracks previously. More information can be found on his Myspace and Facebook page.

As I Am Tour for 11 dates. He has been working hard to insure that he makes his mark on the industry.

To learn more about him and

to listen to his music, visit his site at [www.myspace.com/novel](http://www.myspace.com/novel). He also has a facebook page under his stage name, Novel.

Want to see a movie or read a book?  
Want to write a review?  
The A&T Register holds meetings every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.