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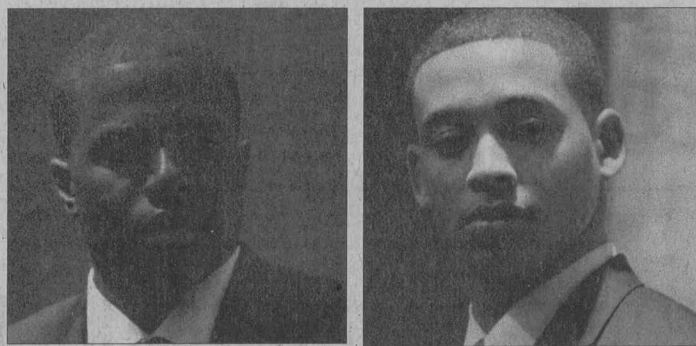
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CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

Proposed budget cuts affecting classes

MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE
Managing Editor

The economic woes that are weighing on the nation have trickled-down to the shoulders of state officials and the minds of A&T students.

How A&T will battle economic crisis in N.C.?

- Protect the classroom and core functions to greatest extent possible.
- Protect the essential student services including security and financial aid
- Strive for University excellence through efficient and effective use of all available resources

In October of 2008, the Office of State Budget and Management, along with former North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley, proposed state budget cut appropriations for the University of North Carolina system that would affect every university in the system by four percent.

But as the global economic crisis has since worsened, new N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue proposed new state budget cut appropriations last month that totaled to \$192 million would raise that number to six percent.

For A&T, the budget cut translates to a loss of exactly \$6,237,789 million dollars. This, on top of a \$6,500,000 million dollar shortfall of unearned revenue due to budgeted enrollment, combines to a \$12,737,789 loss of funding for the fiscal year.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

Florida State ends Lady Aggies historic season

DANIEL HENDERSON
Sports Editor

The greatest season in A&T's women sports history came to a close for the MEAC champion Lady Aggies after suffering an 83-71 loss to Florida State in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The game was only the seventh loss for Lady Aggies (26-7) on the season and was their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 15 years.

In their last appearance, they were trounced by top ranked Tennessee 111-35.

After receiving the highest seeding in MEAC basketball history, the blue and gold proved to the tournament committee the worthiness of their bid.

A&T competed with Florida State throughout the game despite getting off to a slow start.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



PICTURE PERFECT? For the love of God just put a relevant cutline here. It really isn't that hard to do people!

PHOTO BY DEEAN PRIDGEON • DP GRAPHICS

Picture Perfect?

Pressure to achieve image could be hurting black women

ASHLEY REID
Register Reporter

From plastic surgeries to Botox, beauty has become a large investment in the lives of many women. The pages of Cosmo Girl and Vogue hold images of fashion's top models that are admired by all ages of women and praised by men, but has the praise of fashion icons forced women to judge their own beauty harshly?

Every photo the magazine industry publishes is retouched to look completely different from the original. The entire face or body in a photo can be transformed from the original image.

Women are basing their standards of beauty on these photos

that please the eye of the audience. Men create standards on how their ideal woman should look from photos in magazines like King and Playboy.

Sophomore Keu'an Roper believed that all magazine photos were 100 percent real and found it very disturbing to know they are retouched before published.

"It is upsetting because it is saying that those women are fake, and that is false advertisement," said Roper.

Graphic designer DeAan Pridgeon believes beauty is valued a lot in today's society. Pridgeon said that most of his retouching has been performed at the model's request, but does not agree with completely changing a photo.

"There is a thin line in enhancing and overdoing a photo," said Pridgeon. "I like to keep it realistic."

Roper agrees that Photoshop images make women look more desirable to men, specifically the retouches done to the model's body.

Pressures to match the looks of these top models not only affect the reader, but aspiring models fighting to get in the industry.

Niesha Slaughter is a model of Couture Productions and testifies to feeling pressure just to stand out among other models.

"I always felt pressured since I am shorter than most models, so I have to make my walk more dramatic to stand out," said Slaughter.

Slaughter also said too many people look at models as idols and end up feeling like they have to change their own looks.

"They are making it like beauty is everything and women feel like they have to look a certain way, but it actually makes them lose confidence," said Slaughter.

Roper also believes beauty is advertised strongly in our society.

"Look at every ad and you see a sexy lady," said Roper. "Sex sells."

Monroe London, Mr. Verge, believes that retouching photos is simply a part of the industry.

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Golden Key Honor Society inducts new members

MARCUS THOMPSON
Staff Writer

A&T's top scholars were inducted into the campus chapter of the Golden Key International Honor Society on Wednesday, March 18.

The Golden Key International Honor Society is a collegiate honor society that recognizes individuals of outstanding academic achievement and connects people on all levels, while also providing its members with exclusive scholar-

ship opportunities and job opportunities as well.

The top 15 percent of students in each class who accepted the Society's invitation to join were recognized as new members and presented with certificates at the induction ceremony. During the ceremony, Dr. Robert Howard, the chapter advisor, presented the new officers of the A&T chapter with their pins as well.

Honorary members were also recognized, including Dr. Roger

Gagnon from the Department of Management, Dr. George Robinson from the Department of Psychology, and Chancellor Stanley Battle, who also gave the keynote address for the ceremony. Students were also honored with two beautiful musical selections from Yodit Smith, a junior theater major from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Chancellor Battle gave students an inspiring speech in his address of the talent at A&T, the opportunities for students at the university, and

the importance of excellence and scholarship. Battle reminded students to think of how they got here, where they are going, and to strive for excellence for themselves, their families and their foundation.

"Golden Key members should have high scholastic standards, high moral standards, they should represent leadership abilities and they should be students who are involved with campus, who have gotten in-

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theYARD LEGAL EDUCATION CLASS

College of Arts and Sciences Attorney Affinity Group hosted its first Continuing Legal Education class.

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theWORD BEING GAY ISN'T WRONG

Students regarding homosexuality had the notion that something was "wrong" when you are gay.

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theSCORE LADY AGGIES FALL IN TOURNEY

After winning the MEAC crown, the Women's Basketball team fell in a valiant effort to the Florida State Lady Seminoles.

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theSCENE MR. AND MISS A&T FORUM

Candidates for Mr. and Miss A&T was held this past week for students to get a better look of who the candidates are.

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WEATHER

WEDNESDAY



High: 52°
Low: 46°

THURSDAY: Sunny | High 74°

FRIDAY: Mostly Sunny | High 71°

Pressure to be perfect affecting black women

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"If there is a particular image they see, then they are looking for the person to best portray that vision," said London.

London explained that models mix up reality and their idea of what they should or need to look like. London believes models should find natural props to compliment their bodies.

The emphasis of the perfect beauty has created a generation of women who value looks very highly and a generation of girls who measure their own beauty beside models, who do not always look the way they are portrayed.

"For people who look up to

models, be yourself and don't try to be someone you are not," said Slaughter.

London and Pridgeon also agreed that today's woman should not base her beauty by a photograph.

"No one is perfect, the majority of what you see in a photo is retouched to meet the public eye, so don't be too hard on yourself," said Pridgeon.

Women come in all shapes and sizes which is real beauty and should be celebrated. Next time you find yourself worshipping those picture perfect abs, or a sculptured face remind yourself that what you see may be an illusion itself.

College of Arts and Sciences teams up with N.C. Bar

MIA TAYLOR
Contributor

In partnership with the North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina A&T State University's College of Arts and Sciences Attorney Affinity Group hosted its first Continuing Legal Education class, Friday, Feb. 27, in the Royall M. Mack Teleconference Center.

The Attorney Affinity Group (AAG) which consists of over 100 A&T alumni who are practicing attorneys or judges was proud to present this CLE class, titled "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure" and "Ethics/Professionalism and Substance Abuse Awareness."

The CLE class, hosted by Ann McCabe Beamon and Angela Newell Gray, was full with 24 members. The CLE class started at 9:00 am and ended at 1:00 pm. The class consisted

of North Carolina A&T alums within the state of North Carolina who are now attorneys, as well as the attorneys in the surrounding communities.

Attorneys are required to enroll in one CLE class a year. CLE are requirements for attorneys in the United States to maintain their eligibility to practice law after initial admission to the bar.

The AAG will begin to hold continuing education programs to generate additional funds for its initiatives that included scholarships, the UNC in Washington, International Travel, and the Institute on Negotiation Mediation programs. AAG has an overall goal of \$250,000 for raising funds for the College of Arts and Sciences within the four designated areas.

AAG will host a social for its members on April 17, from 6-8 p.m. in the GCB Atrium.

State budgets cuts could mean tough decisions for university

CUTS From page 1

The reversion amount may increase before June 30, 2009.

"The Budget Advisory Committee has been looking at the numbers and coming up with scenarios and just looking at ways that we can curtail the total impact to the university," said Akua Matherson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget and Planning. "Our mood is somber, but we are very optimistic that we're going to protect the vital services of A&T and we will emerge a stronger and leaner university. But it's going to be very introspective. We're really going to have to look at all of our services. We're going to have to look at things like increasing certain class sizes and reducing course sections between semesters."

With pre-registration beginning next Monday, the trickle-down impact of the economic woes may become painfully obvious to students as they enroll for classes in the fall of 2009. All continuing students are being urged by the university to pre-register for classes as soon as possible. The only people who are not eligible to pre-register are incoming freshman and transfer students. Although the 200 level courses will most likely be

"The main issue for [continuing students] is if the courses don't fill, we'll be canceling," said David Aldridge, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies at the College of Arts and Sciences. "Most universities do not let undergraduate courses make a class unless they have 15 students. There is not a hard number for this university, but if it doesn't get up to at least 10, it probably won't exist [in the fall]."

As far as administration, faculty, and staff are concerned, UNC system President Erskine Bowles predicted that there will be as many as 500 positions lost throughout the system. Officials said last week that could translate to as many as 66 layoffs at A&T alone. The university is currently operating on a "vacant position freeze." The freeze is coupled with the proposition of the College of Arts and Sciences, the largest college on campus, to eliminate adjunct professors for the upcoming semester.

"The adjunct professors have already been removed," said Sullivan Welborne, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"The next step is temporary labor. After that permanent positions. What will probably happen with faculty is that [in situations] where they were

teaching three classes they'll probably have to teach four. Where the class sizes were 25, they might now be 35. But you still will probably have a shortage of classes for the available students."

In a letter released to administrators, faculty, and staff on March 17th, Chancellor Stanley Battle outlined three guiding principles while A&T deals with the economic condition of the state

Although the Chancellor outwardly expressed a commitment to protecting the classroom, the extent to which the institution can do so under the current reverted budget is forcing the university to be selective.

The Chancellor has proposed that A&T identify low performing programs, which would be subject to review for possible absorption into "existing high performing programs."

The alternative would be a complete termination of the program all together

"I think that this is probably the most critical period that we've been in as a state and as an institution since we've been a part of the consolidated system," said Welborne. "Culturally, we've always done more with less. I think it might force us to bring out the very best."

GOLDEN KEY From page 1

involved with different activities and different organizations, who have made a name for themselves, not only as far as the university is concerned, but in their own circles," said Ashley Crider, a senior sports science major from Chicago, and secretary of the A&T Chapter of Golden Key.

"People should know who they are. They should have relationships with their professors, their fellow students and the community."

Ivey Moore, a senior marketing and fashion merchandising major from Charlotte, N.C. and president of the A&T Chapter of GKIHS, agreed that

leadership and academic excellence are the key factors that distinguish the Golden Key members.

"I learned a lot about how to work with organizations and how to put on events," said Moore.

"The organization is international so there are a lot of opportunities to go overseas, they have study abroad programs, scholarships, grad school programs and corporate partners that help you get back into school and do internships. So, I think it's a really good organization and I've really gained a lot of leadership skills."

"I feel like in an honor society, there is a reason that it's called an honor society and not a club," said Sade Henry, senior

psychology major from Teaneck, N.J. and the vice president of A&T Chapter of GKIHS.

Henry stated she believes the A&T Chapter of GKIHS has not been as effective as it could have been in the past, mainly due to difficulties with maintaining communication with members, but with the addition of the new members this year, there is potential for growth.

"We hope [the new members] will bring all their ideas and promote them effectively in the hope that the organization will be the best that it can for next school year, since we're not going to be here," said Henry.

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Vandalism

March 16, 12:43 a.m.
Williams Café

A university staff member reported that unknown person(s) shattered a window at the Williams Cafeteria. The total damage was estimated at \$500. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Larceny

March 16, 12:49 p.m.
Brown Hall

A University staff member reported that unknown male entered the bookstore, and took several unknown items. The amount of items stolen is unknown. There is suspect information.

Burglary

March 16, 9:45 p.m.
Pride Hall

A male student reported that unknown person(s) entered his residence and took a PS III without his permission. The estimated value of the stolen property is \$499. There are no suspects at this time.

Drug Violation

March 16, 10:37 p.m.
Pride Hall

UPD Officers responded to

Pride Hall in reference to a drug violation. The room was searched with consent, and yielded drug paraphernalia. The resident was cited for the paraphernalia and released.

Larceny

March 17, 10:40 a.m.
Moore Gym

A University staff member reported that an unknown person(s) entered the basement of Moore Gym and took several text books belonging to the University. The amount stolen is unknown at this time. There are no suspects at this time.

Larceny

March 18, Noon
Graham Hall

A non-resident student reported person(s) unknown removed his laptop computer from a second floor lab. The victim stated he left the computer in the unsecured lab and went to class. Estimated value of the stolen property is \$900. The case remains open.

Larceny

March 18, 1:25 p.m.
Price Hall

A male non-resident student reported person(s) unknown removed his laptop computer and cell phone charger from the

classroom he was in. The victims stated he walked away from the property and when re returned, it was missing. Total estimated value of the stolen property is \$1720. The case remains open.

Larceny

March 18, 12:50 p.m.
McNair Hall

A female staff member reported person(s) unknown removed a laptop computer from a secured storage room. Estimated value of her stolen state property is \$2363. The case remains open.

Disorderly Conduct

March 19, 10:20 a.m.
University Circle

A male non-resident student became disorderly when he tried to take his vehicle off the tow truck after parking illegally. The case was reported to Student Affairs.

Larceny

March 19, 11:00 p.m.
Aggie Suites F

A male, non-resident student, reported person(s) unknown removed his laptop computer from the suite he was staying in, at the conclusion of the investigation, it was learned that the victims housing was terminated and he was staying with friends. Estimated value of the stolen

property is \$500. The case remains open.

Arrest

March 20, 1:55 p.m.
Ward Hall

A female student was arrested on a warrant for Larceny. The female was taken to jail, processed, and issued a Written Promise to Appear in Court. There were no injuries reported during the arrest.

Arrest

March 20, 11:35 p.m.
Cooper Hall

Two male students were arrested. One male student was arrested and charged with Resist Delay and Obstruct a Public Officer, and the other student was charged with Possession of a Firearm on School Property. Both males were transported to the Guilford County Jail for processing and issued a Written Promise to Appear in Court. There were no injuries.

Vandalism

March 21, 10:26 a.m.
Barbee Hall

A female student resident reported some unknown person(s) damaged her vehicle with an unknown object.

There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Arrest

March 21, 11:30 p.m.
Lindsay Street

A male non-student was arrested during a traffic stop on an outstanding warrant for arrest. The male was processed and transported to the Guilford County Jail where he was issued a \$2500 secured bond.

There were no injuries reported.

Information

March 22, 3:50 p.m.
Nocho Street

A male student reported that an unknown vehicle struck his vehicle and fled the scene. Investigation revealed that the accident didn't occur on campus. An information report was generated for documentation only.

If you need help in an emergency, call the University Police Department at 336-334-7675

events

WEDNESDAY

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Softball vs. UNC Greensboro
Aggie Stadium Softball Field
2 p.m.

General Elections
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Battle for the Iron Mic
Moore Gymnasium
7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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S.M.A.R.T. Tutorial Program
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AAS Meeting
Marteen Hall; room 216
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A.W.E. Full Body Meeting
Memorial Student Union
Room 209
6:30 p.m.

NY/NJ Full Body Meeting
Marteen Hall
103 Auditorium
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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Les McCann Concert
Harrison Auditorium
12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Health and Safety Week
Student Union; Exhibit Hall
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

The 90s Bash
Moore Gymnasium
9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

SATURDAY

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Softball vs. South Carolina State
Aggie Stadium Softball Field
1 p.m.

Spring Football Festival
Aggie Stadium Primary Tailgate
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

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University Church Service
Stallings Ballroom
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Toastmasters Meeting
Craig Hall; Room 336
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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Women's Day on Health
Merrick Hall; 125 Auditorium
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Local church hosts first annual Jesus Awareness Week

MARCUS THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Many people know of Jesus, but how many really know who He is? To address this issue, from March 15-21 the United Christian Fellowship hosted the first annual Jesus Awareness Week.

The main purpose of the event was to simply unite the Christian organizations at A&T and to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the campus and the Greensboro community.

Amber Williams, a junior social work major from Charlotte, and Alease Duncan, a junior public relations and political science major, from Capitol Heights, Md. developed the idea for the event and devoted about a year to organizing it and bringing it to A&T.

The week started on Sunday with the Aggie Worship Service, a bible study in which students, faculty, alumni and people from the community could come together for worship.

During the week various seminars were held with topics ranging from the empowerment of women and the role of the Christian man to misconceptions about the church and

Christianity. In the seminars, people were able to engage in a question and answer session with a diverse panel of community leaders, such as ministers and Christian artists, and student leaders as well.

Students and people from the community also engaged in a Christian open mic. Performers shared brief sermons, poetry, raps, and songs with the audience about Christ and the Bible. The whole weeklong event culminated with a gospel concert in the Holland Bowl on Saturday afternoon, introducing various performers from around the local area such as Hazel Brown, B-U and Deacon Authority.

Even though there were some difficulties in promoting Jesus Awareness Week, there were still decent turnouts for each event and there was a greater impact on the lives of those in attendance.

"We wanted to introduce people to Jesus and what Christianity is really about, and I feel like it has been a spiritual success," said Williams.

"There are a lot of different presences on campus—the party culture, Greek life—so we just wanted to have a Christian presence on campus," said Trevor

Hamm, campus minister of Every Nation Campus Ministries, who also aided Williams and Duncan with the event. "People know that Christians are on campus, but it's not something that's prevalent, or outspoken or promoted in a big way."

"Overall, Jesus Awareness Week was a success," said Duncan. "Each and every person's heart that was in attendance was touched by God and many were blessed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. This week allowed Christians to break down barriers and come together as the body of Christ. In the future, I hope that Jesus Awareness Week will only expand, reaching and impacting more students."

Both Duncan and Williams agreed that for next year they plan to start promoting the event earlier.

They also said they intend to survey students and the Greensboro community to see what people really want to know in order to make sure that every event is something that people really want to learn about, so more people will attend in the future.

Journalism Department hosts 17th annual NABJ Conference

LATOYA HAGGINS
Contributor

The department of journalism and mass communication hosted the 17th annual National Association of Black Journalists broadcast short course for students last week. The event began on Wednesday with the welcoming of students from other colleges and universities, as well as students from A&T and a diverse group of media professionals. The short course gives students a chance to experience real life journalism and get valuable information from working journalists.

The students were divided into two groups and alternated being on campus finding stories and being in the studio reporting what they found. Although the three day workshop was admittedly intense, workshop leaders said the students were receptive to everything that was being offered. Jonathan Lowe, an A&T alumnus and currently a reporter for News 14 Carolina said that type of reaction is not typical in his line of work.

"You will find in this business that everyone isn't willing to take constructive feedback. I won't say criticism, because

there's a negative connotation associated with that word."

Lowe said he credits much of his success to being able to take what people say about him and change it for the better. Lowe graduated in December of 2005 and participated in two short courses himself before graduating. He, along with the other media professionals stressed the importance of learning to write effectively, no matter what form of journalism interests the students. Anthony Wilson, one of the lead instructors who is a morning anchor for WTVD-TV Durham, said the students have to learn to write to impress their audience and the people who hired them. "Writing is most important. You have to be creative and that's one of those things you can't teach, creativity."

Wilson said the best advice that he could give to young, aspiring black journalists trying to enter the industry is to strive for excellence. "This is already a business that is notorious for paying people very little when they start so you want to be two to three times better than the next applicant."

Brittany Andrews, a senior A&T broadcast production major said the workshop helped

brush up skills she already had. She said that the only way a student would have struggled through the short course is if they had no idea what they were doing. She said the workshop was efficient and enjoyable. "I think that everyone should take it if they're given the opportunity because it prepares you for the real world and let's you know what to expect."

All of the students, however, didn't experience Andrews' enthusiasm for the short course. Crystal Winston, an electronic media major at Winston Salem State University said that she hasn't decided journalism is what she wants to do. Winston said the short course was "a lot."

"I'm participating in the short course to see if this is really what I want to do, but I don't know."

When the students weren't working on their stories, they sat and listened intently as the journalists talked about their own life experiences in the field and gave the students pointers on what to avoid. They stressed the importance of having a workplace ready email address and monitoring their Facebook pages to be sure inappropriate material was never displayed.

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Jewish extremists' march sets off clash

SEBASTIAN SCHEINER
Associated Press

UMM EL-FAHM, Israel (AP) — Jewish extremists marched Tuesday through an Israeli-Arab town to demand residents show loyalty to Israel, setting off stone-throwing protests by Arab youths that police dispersed with stun grenades and tear gas. The clashes in the northern Israeli town of Umm el-Fahm came at a time of increasing tensions between Israel's Jewish majority and its Arab minority,

and residents said the march was a provocation. The leader of the Israeli demonstrators, settler activist Baruch Marzel, has been involved in violent attacks against Palestinians.

No serious injuries were reported.

Dozens of Arab youths, their faces covered with checkered Palestinian scarves, heaved rocks at heavily armed black-clad police holding up shields, who responded by lobbing back tear gas.

AP Television News footage showed a riot policeman firing

a tear gas canister at a rooftop where a group of women were shouting pro-Palestinian slogans.

Some of the protesters carried large Palestinian flags, running and weaving between cars.

Police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said 16 policemen were lightly wounded and ten protesters were arrested. Another 15 protesters were lightly wounded, said the town's deputy mayor, Mustafa Suheil.

The violence erupted after police tried to push back protesters attempting to block

a bus filled with the Israeli demonstrators, Suheil said.

Hardline Jews carrying large Israeli flags and flanked by security forces marched on the outskirts of the town, apparently targeted because it is one of Israel's largest Arab communities and is known for Arab nationalist sympathies and as a stronghold of the radical Islamic Movement.

"We came to say that the state of Israel is a Jewish state. We came in a show of loyalty and to say whoever is loyal, welcome. But people who flout

the law should get out of here," said Itamar Ben-Gvir, a Jewish ultranationalist who helped lead the event.

The police stationed some 3,000 officers in town, fearing clashes.

Israel's one-fifth Arab minority is made up of ethnic Palestinians who enjoy equal rights under the law but suffer discrimination in government jobs and budgets and tend to be poorer and less educated than Israeli Jews.

Relations between Jews and Arabs have worsened

in recent months following Israel's war in the Gaza Strip and a parliamentary election last month that saw Yisrael Beiteinu, a party with an anti-Arab platform, win 15 seats. The party called to revoke the citizenship of Arabs disloyal to the Jewish state.

The party's popularity reflects rising distrust of Arab citizens, perceived by many Israeli Jews as disloyal and potentially hostile.

Traditionally cool relations have periodically spilled over into violence.

Mexican government offers \$2 million for drug lord tips

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's government on Monday offered up to \$2 million each for information leading to the arrest of 24 top drug lords in a public challenge to the cartels' violent grip on the country.

The list indicated that drug gangs have splintered into six main cartels under pressure from the U.S. and Mexican governments. The two most powerful gangs — the Pacific and Gulf cartels — each suffered fractures that have given rise to new cartels, according to the list published by the Attorney General's Office.

The list offers rewards of up to 30 million pesos (\$2 million) for 24 top members of the cartels and 15 million pesos (\$1 million) for 13 of their lieutenants.

Mexico's drug violence has

killed more than 9,000 people since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 as gangs battle each other for territory and fight off a government crackdown. Some of that violence is spilling over into the United States, especially the Southwest, where kidnaps and killings are on the rise.

The rewards are the largest Mexico has ever offered for top drug lords, said Ricardo Najera, a spokesman for the Attorney General's office. Some of the men, such as suspected Pacific cartel leaders Joaquin Guzman and Ismael Zambada, are targeted by separate \$5 million reward offers from the U.S. government.

The new list appeared to be the first offering rewards for all the most-wanted cartel members at once. The government could be trying to signal its determination to take on the cartels at the same

time, rather than one or two at a time as past administrations have done, said Andrew Selee, director of the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute.

"It tells you a little bit about Calderon's thinking," Selee said. "He really sees this as something he wants to eradicate. He's willing to take them all on as a unit."

Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora declined to say who the single most-wanted suspect is.

"For us, all of these people are important. Of course, some are more emblematic than others," he said.

The document offered insight into the reorganization of the cartels more than two years into Calderon's military crackdown against them.

The Beltran Leyva and Carrillo Fuentes gangs — once considered affiliated with the

Sinaloa group under the Pacific cartel alliance — were listed as their own cartels. So was La Familia, which operates in central Mexico and was once considered a gang that answered to the Gulf cartel.

Calderon's government has attributed fractures in the cartels to the military crackdown, saying the arrest of drug kingpins has set off internal battles for control that have led to Mexico's sharp surge in violence. It dismisses suggestions by some U.S. officials that Mexico is losing control of some of its territory.

The list sends a message that Mexico is using all its resources to root out drug traffickers days before a visit from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and a month before President Barack Obama visits, said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia.

Mexican officials "have been quite defensive about all the talk about Mexico's being a failed state and that the cartels are controlling more and more territory," Grayson said. "I see this as an acceleration of Calderon's policy but with one eye on the upcoming visit of the American leaders."

However, monetary rewards have not proved crucial to the capture of Mexican drug lords in recent years. Calderon's government has not granted rewards for any of the kingpins arrested on its watch, Najera said.

Onereward — for information on a prison escape — has been granted but not yet collected by the tipster. Medina Mora said he expects that reward, whose amount he did not specify, would be collected soon.

Medina Mora said the government was even willing

to pay drug traffickers and cartel members for information leading to the capture of their rivals.

"We are not ruling out that the people offering tips could be members of the same groups. The important thing is to have the information," Medina Mora said. "The offer of payment is open to anyone who offers anonymous information leading to a capture."

In the past, critics have claimed that many of Mexico's big drug busts have come only after traffickers tipped off police about their rival's shipments.

Authorities have created wanted posters, an e-mail account and a phone number to receive tips; callers are given an identification number, but are not asked to give their names. The amount of the reward will depend on the "timeliness, usefulness and truthfulness."

Tokyo airport reopens day after FedEx crash

JAY ALABASTER
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Investigators hauled away charred wreckage and planes began to land again Tuesday morning on the main runway of Japan's largest international airport, where a day earlier a FedEx cargo flight crashed and exploded, killing its two pilots.

About 170 workers labored Monday night under giant construction lights to clean up the scene and remove the remnants of the MD-11 cargo plane, pieces of which were put onto large flatbed trucks and moved to a spot about 1,000 feet (300 meters) away for investigation.

The runway was declared fit

for use by airport officials and officially reopened at 9:10 a.m. Tuesday.

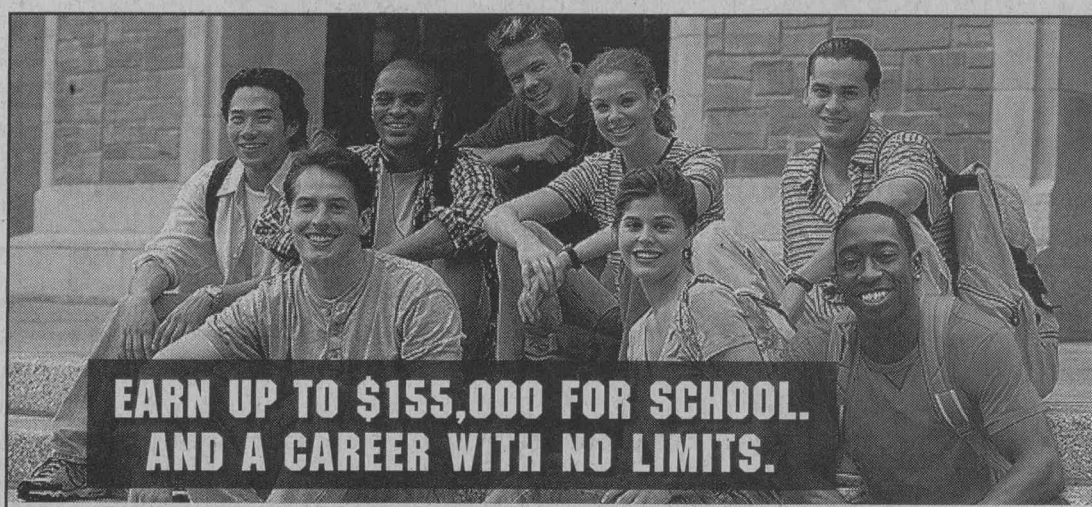
The plane's black box data recorder and cockpit voice recorders have been recovered and the data seems to be usable, according to Transport Ministry spokesman Michinobu Osuka. Officials from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board were expected to arrive in Tokyo on Tuesday afternoon to assist in the investigation, he said.

A team of officials from FedEx Corp. landed in Tokyo on Tuesday morning to take part in the investigation. William Margaritis, senior vice president of communications, told reporters at the airport it was too early to speculate on what caused the accident.

"We have a team of experts here to work closely with our folks here in Japan, and with the government authorities, to get all the necessary information about the incident, and we're going to spend as much time as necessary until we get to all the issues and the facts and the information that we need," he said.

The first fatal crash at Tokyo's Narita airport left a scorched trail down the longer of its two landing strips, which remained closed for about 27 hours. The U.S. pilot and co-pilot, Kevin Kyle Mosley, 54, and Anthony Stephen Pino, 49, were killed.

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PLATFORM

I. ESTABLISH INCREASED SECURITY FOR STUDENTS
 -OBJECTIVE: MAKING SGA SERVE AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT & A&T POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO ENSURE SECURITY FOR THE STUDENTS THAT LIVE ON AND OFF CAMPUS.

-SITUATION: CURRENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A RISE OF CRIME AROUND THE SURROUNDING OFF CAMPUS HOUSING NEARBY A&T. THEREFORE, THE GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COVERING THE RESPECTIVE AREAS, HOWEVER THE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETELY ALLOWED TO PATROL THESE AREAS.

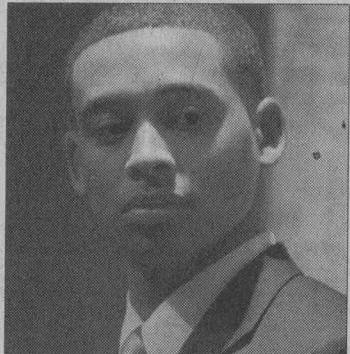
PLAN ACTION:
 FORUMS & WORKSHOPS: WITH A CURRENT RECESSION THAT IS EXPECTED TO WORSEN IN NORTH CAROLINA, THERE IS AN EXPECTATION OF RISE IN CRIMES OF THEFT. THEREFORE, AS SGA PRESIDENT, I PLAN TO IMPLEMENT WORKSHOPS THAT WILL KEEP OUR STUDENTS AWARE OF THEIR SAFETY ISSUES AND DISCUSS HOW THEY CAN IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY.

-ENSURE POLICE PRESENCE: ALTHOUGH I'M CURRENTLY IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE GREENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS SGA PRESIDENT, I PLAN TO ENSURE POLICE PRESENCE IN THE RESPECTIVE AREAS, THAT WILL SERVE AS FOOT PATROLS, CAR PATROLS AND ETC.

-ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN HOUSING AGENCIES: AS PRESIDENT, I PLAN TO MEET WITH THE HOUSING AGENCIES, THAT MANY OF OUR STUDENTS LIVE IN & HELP ENSURE EFFICIENT SERVICE. MY ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SECURITY POLICIES FOR CURRENT & FUTURE STUDENTS.

II. TRANSPARENT ORGANIZATION
 -OBJECTIVE: MAKING SGA SERVE AS A VISIBLE ORGANIZATION AND ESTABLISHING OUTREACH DIRECTLY FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BY ESTABLISHING A GRASSROOTS CONNECTION WHICH WOULD ULTIMATELY BRING MORE STUDENTS TO EVENTS, ORGANIZATION AND ETC. THESE TACTICS WILL TARGET STUDENTS THAT AREN'T GENERALLY INVOLVED IN SGA.

-SITUATION: CURRENTLY THERE IS LACK OF VISIBILITY AMONG THE CURRENT E-BOARD AND AS A RESULT MANY STUDENTS ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. FRESHMAN YEAR AND MOST THROUGHOUT MY SOPHOMORE YEAR, I FELT THAT I COULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND ALLOW MY VOICE TO BE HEARD. DURING THE SPRING TERM AFTER I'M ELECTED I WOULD HOLD A CAMPAIGN THAT WOULD INFLUENCE STUDENTS TO BE APART OF SGA. THERE WILL BE A UNIQUE



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COMMUNICATE: COMMUNICATION IS THE BACKBONE OF ANY GOOD RELATIONSHIP. THE PROBLEMS, ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF OUR COLLECTIVE STUDENT BODY WILL CIRCULATE FREELY CREATING AN INCLUSIVE STUDENT-FIRST ENVIRONMENT. THE BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND OUR STUDENTS WILL NOT SUFFER FROM PROBLEMS DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATION. JULIAN LOVE WANTS TO ALLOW EVERY AGGIE TO BE HEARD AND UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

-PROMOTE MORE USE OF CAMPUS SERVICES SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER, OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES, STUDENT COUNSELING SERVICES AND THE OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT.
 -AGGIE MEDIA: ANTS (AGGIE NATION TV STATION)

SGA WILL COLLABORATE WITH JMC TO USE THE MEDIA AS AN OUTLET OF COMMUNICATION TO UNIFY THE CAMPUS. ALL STUDENTS CAN BE AWARE OF EVENTS OCCURRING ON AND OFF CAMPUS. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENT CLASSES CAN KEEP THEIR PEERS UPDATED ON CURRENT EVENTS. COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY AND THIS INITIATIVE WILL KEEP OUR EVOLVING STUDENT BODY 'IN THE KNOW'.

-SGA WEBSITE: THERE WILL BE AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE SGA THAT WILL BE COMMITTED TO RUNNING, UPDATING AND MAINTAINING SGA WEBSITE ALLOWING FOR AN OUTLET WHERE STUDENTS CAN FIND OUT WHO THERE STUDENT LEADERS ARE, LEARN ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOICE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS AS IT RELATES TO THEIR CAMPUS.
 -ALL STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE EASILY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION TO CONTACT SAFETY OFFICIAL ON AND OFF CAMPUS. JULIAN LOVE WANTS TO WORK WITH UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETIES OF OUR STUDENTS ARE THEIR NUMBER ONE CONCERN.

-JULIAN LOVE WANTS TO PUSH FOR BETTER ACADEMIC ADVISING. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVERY STUDENT KNOW THE EXPECTATIONS OF EVERY COURSE BEFORE SIGNING UP. THE ADVISORS SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR STUDENTS WITH SOUND ADVICE AND PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL MAP AND PLAN OF ACTION TOWARDS GRADUATION.
 -SGA PRESENTS: CAFETERIA TAKEOVER- AN INITIATIVE FOR THE ENTIRE SGA TO MEET AND GREET THE STUDENT BODY IN THE CAFETERIA.

-LOVE PLANS TO SOLVE: THE RETENTION RATE. MAKE (C.A.S.E.) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, AND RECRUITING
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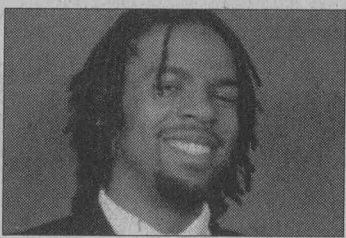


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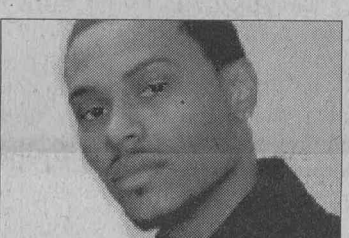


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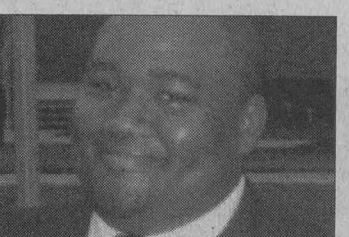


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Homosexuality is not a sickness

The most intriguing idea that I encountered as I interviewed students regarding homosexuality was the notion that something was "wrong" with gay people. Not scholastically or morally, but that something was psychologically wrong. A Morehouse student athlete that I spoke with even equated the sexual preference with a disability.

So is there something "wrong" with homosexual people? At least 75 percent of the people I have interviewed (both heterosexual and homosexual) believe that sexuality is mainly learned behavior, so essentially people learn how to be gay. Now, I am no psychologist, but given these responses, I seem to be a person who moves in an environment severely impacted by a limited understanding of sexuality.

These misconceptions suggest that too many students un-



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derstand very little about sexuality in general, not just in terms of the seemingly abnormal. The most common ambiguity/misconception that I have encountered has to be the defining of sexuality in terms of gender-specific characteristics.

For most people, the expression of certain gender-specific characteristics, commonly categorized as either masculine or feminine, define what it is to be a man or a woman. Yet, the position and expression of gender is not only a learned behavior, but also almost completely defined by the larger society, separate

from biological aspects.

This means that I did not, as a woman, come out of the womb with the urge to wear mascara and hoard things in purses.

My social environment conditioned me to do these things as I grew into my "womanhood." This means that the crossing-over of gender characteristics among gay males or lesbians isn't biologically nonsensical, per se, but more so culturally unacceptable. The thing about culture, however, is that it is constantly changing.

One hundred years ago, it was culturally unacceptable for women to wear pants or short skirts showing excessive skin.

Now, these are both cultural norms, with our pop culture and fashion defined by these very traits. The question is: should our culture change to embrace men with atypical gender expression?

I cannot answer that question. Generations ago, people thought that the style of gyrating dance that Rock N' Roll promoted would destroy the values of our society. This dance style has since then been largely accepted, but did it in fact damage our society's moral stature? Who's to say? The more important thing to look at, perhaps, is whose morals were we supposed to be following in the first place? In many African cultures, the gyrating dance was an encouraged way of expression but to an older European generation, it just wasn't acceptable.

When talking about the United States, it is hard to measure such an intangible quality as morality, especially among such a diverse population. So, then, maybe there is nothing more psychologically "wrong" with homosexual people or those with atypical gender expression

than there was with the generation of young blacks who refused to accept cultural norms and instead wore afros and dashikis throughout the 70s. Perhaps, even, there is something "wrong" with the people who cannot accept change in these forms. For those who think that homosexuality threatens the family unit, then perhaps they should inspect the heterosexual family unit in America, where marriages are almost more likely to fail than succeed.

For those who think that it will somehow rub off on the larger society through cultural exchange, I say that every minority group will have an impact on the larger society, but only so much as is allowed by the consumer. Indian people don't brainwash everyone who comes into a hookah lounge to convert to Hinduism, and "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" doesn't

automatically turn people gay!

The heterosexual men of Morehouse, such as an SGA member who shared with me that the display of "feminine" characteristics in a male is nothing more than "faggoty," remind me an awful lot of the powerful white majority of old America that would have liked for Blacks to act as White as possible and reject any other cultural expression non-complaint with their European one.

I think that America, and more specifically the African-American race and male gender, need to take more significant steps toward understanding and acceptance of the nonconventional in whatever form it comes. Tolerance can be forced but acceptance is a whole different ball game—yet, in a world where the NY Post still views blacks as monkeys, acceptance is apparently a rare commodity.

Do we know our resources for campus safety?

It is a Saturday night and you have to walk from the library back to Pride Hall. Aggie Escort is closed tonight and you have no friends in the area at the time.

Walking back by yourself is an option, but a risky one and you are unaware of any other option. What should you do?

Many students face this decision daily and end up risking their safety when there are valuable resources available. The campus safety forum last Monday addressed the issues of many Aggies and even provided solutions.

Sadly, there were more community residents in attendance than A&T students themselves. Apparently, students don't need to be present to discuss student safety.

The forum was successful in serving its purpose.

The Greensboro Police Department and the A&T Police Department presented valuable solutions to the safety issue on



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and surrounding campus. There are plans to hand out information to all apartment residents about the proper way to report crime and tips on safety prevention.

This solution is very valuable since Greensboro police reported more than half of their reports were dropped because of students reporting crimes the wrong way.

On the other hand, the solution is questionable because not many Aggies will actually read and take the information into consideration even if it is placed right into their hands.

The police departments would also like to start a neighborhood watch, but that requires dedicated student participation. Off-campus students would not

only have to sacrifice time, but also give up their own incorrect actions to correctly do the job.

Truthfully, many students would not participate because they do not want to stop doing wrong themselves.

And, they might have to report friends that are also in the wrong.

It was disappointing to attend a program directed to a very important issue for students and in return receive minimum student support.

The community is working to solve this issue, and we did not support their efforts. We have to make ourselves knowledgeable of our community and our resources.

If majority of us do not feel safe, it should be top priority to attend programs that gives opportunity for students to speak out and contribute solutions. We have to ask ourselves if we are educating ourselves about our issues and trying to correct them.

What happened to our Ole, Aggie Spirit?

Why is it every time you would walk in the stands during a football or basketball game, or in the cafeteria, students stare at you crazy? Why are students getting shot at or murdered right next to campus? Does anybody even know our alma mater? Why is it that students are not taken pride in our institution anymore? As students, do we not even care?

Being on this campus for four years I must say, the campus life spirit has changed for the worse. At the presidential forum hosted by the A&T Register, the two candidates Syene Jamin and Julian Love said they were going to change the morale of campus. One Miss A&T candidate asked in response to that, "Do you have any specific examples that are going to help change the morale of campus?" They both responded that doing more programs to get Aggies involved is going to help. I thought to myself, a program is nice but how is that going to change the spirit of the whole campus?

During my freshman year every organization was active and represented. I knew who was a part of the modeling troupes, student government, athletes, Greeks, artists, foreign exchange



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students, The Green Bench crew, Black History Club group and the poets. I would walk outside of my dorm, and so much life would be happening on campus. Greek organizations would always be outside introducing themselves, passing out flyers, or just showing their face. People recorded their own homemade music videos in front of Holland Bowl. Riverwalk apartments became the set for The Green Bench show. Athletes would all have their own designated tables to sit down at in the cafeteria. Every group, clique and organization had pride in what they were doing and wanted people to notice them in a respectful manner.

It's 2009 and the campus is so different now, and this year was one of our most accomplished years we have since I've been here at A&T. The female sports are dominating, especially Women's basketball and, as always, the Cheerleaders. Miss A&T won the Miss HBCU Hall of Fame. The new fitness center is up along with the new education building. The A&T Register has also stepped up bringing home nine awards from the BCCA conference. They're also many programs that are allow-

ing students to travel abroad. With all of our accomplishments thus far, one would think that the attitude of being nonchalant on campus would be gone, but it still lingers.

Going back to the Presidential Candidates answer, the spirit of campus is unfortunately something that cannot be solved by one person. To me, the whole morale of campus will change until all the leaders and advisors of every organization step up and take pride in what they are doing. We all need to recognize our members and make sure they have a strong presence on campus. If you feel like your organization is hidden on the yard then contact The Register so we can put your event in the paper. Either way, do something that let the students know that you are active on campus.

In 2005 every group represented. They had t-shirts of their organization and would wear them to major campus events or on a specific day in the week and students would know who the members were.

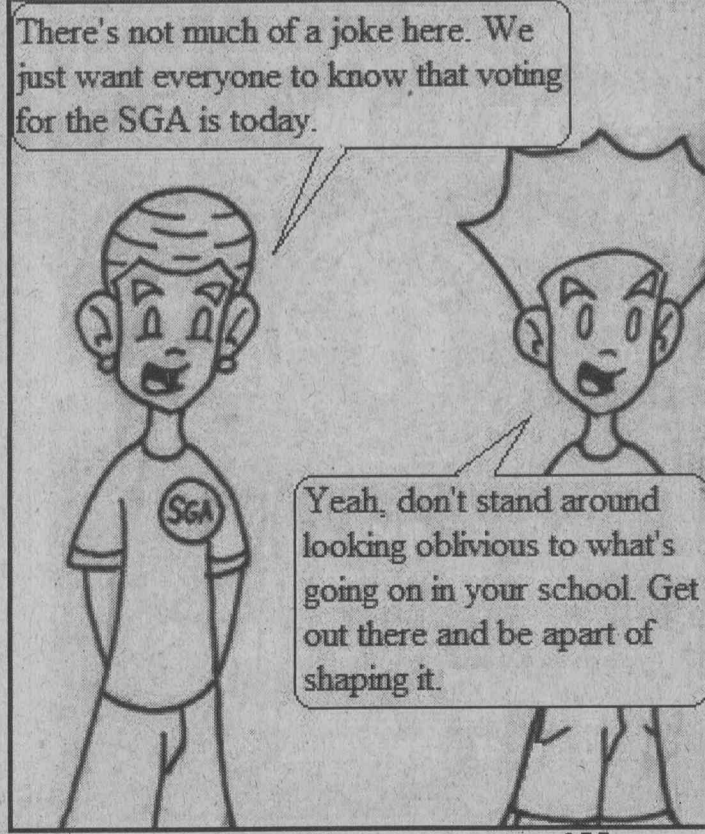
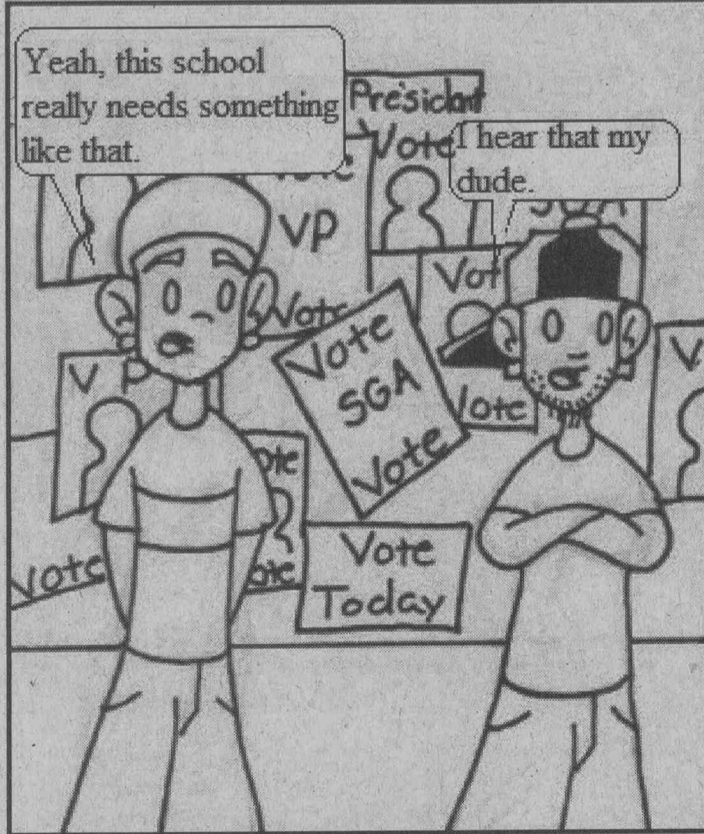
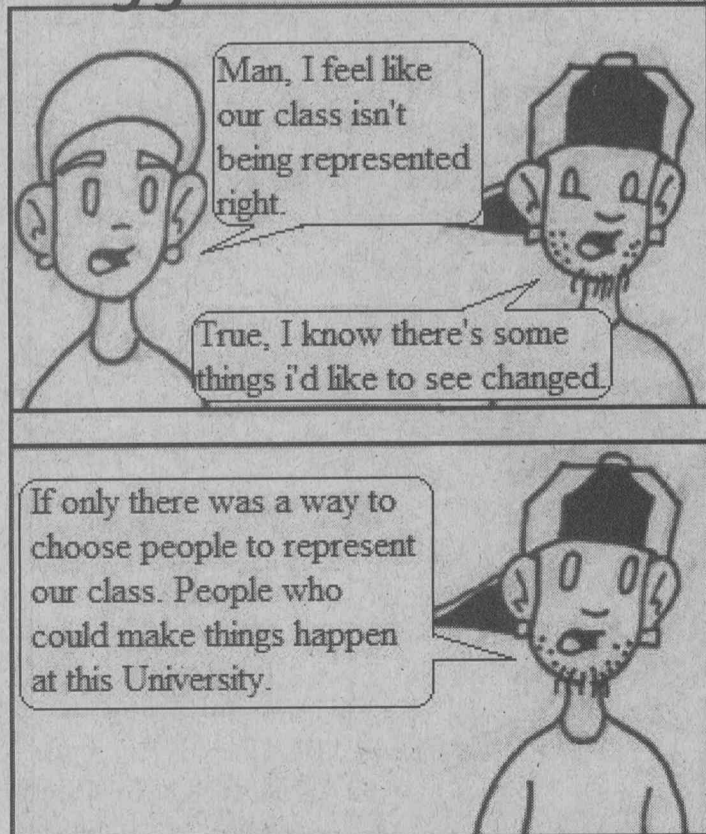
It's a shame that some students don't even know that we have tennis or a swimming team.

We all need to turn a new leaf and take pride in our work.

I'm hoping that the Aggie spirit does indeed come back, and hopefully our leaders for the fall semester of 2009 will take us there.

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Lawson optimistic about injury recovery

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Associated Press

Chapel Hill, N.C. (AP) — Ty Lawson is starting to feel better, just in time for North Carolina.

The speedy point guard said his troublesome toe is still achy after returning to the lineup over the weekend, but he plans to play in the Tar Heels' game against Gonzaga on Friday.

And coach Roy Williams also sounds optimistic, too, that Lawson will be ready for the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

"It's getting better," Lawson said Tuesday. "I'm walking on it better. Hopefully in a couple of days, it'll be back to 100 percent."

Lawson had missed three straight games with a jammed right big toe before helping the top-seeded Tar Heels (30-4) rally past LSU in Saturday's second-round game in the South Regional. He experienced some minor swelling in the toe afterward, but nothing like what followed the regular-season finale against Duke that forced him to the sideline.

He participated in the team's shootaround Monday and expected to go through some drills during practice this week. But the team has been cautious, keeping him out of practice for almost two weeks, in addition to missing both of the Tar Heels' ACC tournament games and their NCAA opener against Radford.

"It's here," he said. "It's going to be here. It's not going to go away."

Lawson injured the toe in practice two days before the Duke game and needed a pain-killing shot beforehand. He nearly had a triple-double in 36 minutes in the win, but the toe swelled unexpectedly afterward. It turned out Lawson — on advice from his father — might have exacerbated the problem when he soaked his foot that night in hot water and Epsom salt.

These days, Lawson is sticking to a steady regimen of icing his foot in the morning, before practice and after practice. Then, when he's at home, he fills a trash can with ice and water and soaks his foot a few more times in the evening.



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THE LADY AGGIES fell to the Florida State Lady Seminoles in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday afternoon in Atlanta, G.A.

LADY AGGIES From page 1

The Lady Seminoles (26-7) assumed an early 11-5 run before head coach Patricia Cage-Bibbs used her first timeout at 15:38 in the first half.

Unfortunately the Lady Aggies could not regain the lead in the remainder of the game.

Florida State went in to halftime with a 40-31 lead, and the closest the blue and gold decreased the lead was 51-48 in midway through the second.

"We knew coming into this game that we had to play at a fast pace but right," said Bibbs after the game. "It was a lot of big shots hit by Florida, but we never gave up, and that's what I like about this team."

The shooting Bibbs referred to was Florida State's relentless performance behind the arc, connecting on nine 3-point field goals for the game.

All-MEAC performers Brittanie Taylor-James and Amber Bland were held to a combined 6-22 from the field.

"They have two great players," said Florida State head coach Sue Semrau about

MEAC Player of the Year Brittanie Taylor-James and Bland. "They're outstanding jump shooters, so I told my team they had to stay out there on the perimeter and guard them closely. If you allow them to get off clean looks both of them can knock down jump shots with regularity."

Fortunately, juniors Ta'Wuana Cook, Jaleesa Sams, and Lamona Smalley stepped up offensively to keep the Lady Aggies in the game.

Smalley used an up and under move that made ESPN highlights to reduce the lead to three, midway through the second half.

Cook later got fouled on a successful lay-up but eventually Florida State's perimeter execution sealed the deal. Cook and Smalley contributed 19 and 14 off the bench respectively to lead the team in scoring, while Sams finished with 13.

Bland was the other only Lady Aggie in double figures with 13, and also led the team with six assists and eight rebounds.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for many spectators was A&T's ability to out-rebound the much

larger Lady Seminoles 33-30.

"We have always all year put a focus on the offensive boards," said Bibbs. "We would not let any team out-rebound us."

"They got 15 offensive rebounds and they had to pay for that. I don't think my team was bothered by their size. Their guards just came through and hit some big shots down the stretch to hurt us."

The game was the finale for seniors Bland and Taylor-James.

Both players came to A&T as transfers in 2006, Bland from Penn State, and Taylor-James from UC-Santa Barbara.

Bland is the second all-time leading scorer in A&T history, while Taylor-James holds the single-season record in points.

They credited Bibbs for their success on and off the court.

"Coach Bibbs has really allowed me to grow up as a woman first, student second, and athlete third," said Taylor James after the game. "I think it's good that when you have a coach that prepares you day in and day out, it really can be a good outcome not only in basketball but life."

AGGIES RUNDOWN

BASEBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
MD-Eastern Shore	3-0	5-7
Bethune-Cookman	2-1	10-13
North Carolina A&T	2-1	6-13
Florida A&M	1-2	8-11
Norfolk State	1-2	4-8
Delaware State	0-0	8-9-1
Coppin State	0-3	0-11

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday & Sunday
vs. Florida A&M
Tallahassee, Fla.
1 p.m.

Tuesday
vs. UNC-Greensboro
Greensboro, NC
6 p.m.

SOFTBALL

NORTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Morgan State	0-0	2-0
Delaware State	0-0	8-4
MD Eastern Shore	0-0	3-3
Coppin State	0-0	4-5
Howard	0-0	11-14
Hampton	0-0	6-8

SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
North Carolina A&T	0-0	9-7
Norfolk State	0-0	9-12
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	9-23
Florida A&M	0-0	9-23
South Carolina State	0-0	2-11

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday & Sunday
vs. South Carolina State
Aggie Softball Complex
Noon

NEWS & NOTES

AGGIE SUPER SATURDAY The North Carolina A&T athletic department will host its first ever Aggie Super Saturday at 9 a.m. The event will include games, tailgating, and A&T athletics.

FOOTBALL The Aggies annual Spring Football Game will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

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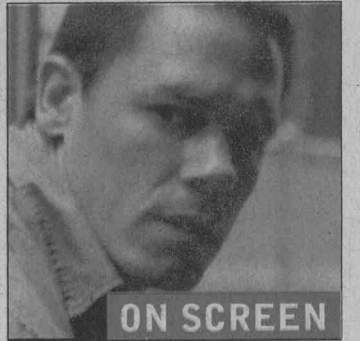
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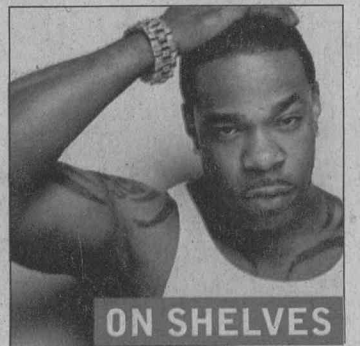
The A&T Register's guide to what's going on this week in arts and entertainment.



ON SCREEN

12 ROUNDS is a new action thriller that opens in theaters on Friday. The film stars John Cena and Ashley Scott. Detective Danny Fisher (Cena) is having the worst day of his life when his girlfriend Molly (Scott) and he is forced into "12 rounds" of dangerous games carefully plotted throughout the streets of New Orleans.

- L.L.



ON SHELVES

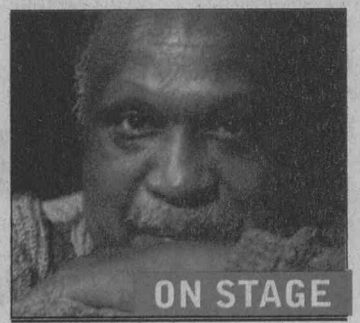
"**Back on My B.S.**" is the eighth studio album from Busta Rhymes. It included the Middle Eastern-inspired first single "Arab Money" and has cameo appearances from Young Jeezy, Pharrell, T.I., Akon, Mary J. Blige, Jamie Foxx, John Legend and Common.

- L.L.



SGA ELECTIONS will take place TODAY in Exhibit Hall from 9am-6pm. Students are able to vote for all SGA Executive Board positions, including President, Vice President of Internal and External Affairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Mr. and Miss A&T. Also, voting will be held for all class positions, such as class presidents, queens and kings.

- LL.



ON STAGE

LES MCCANN will be performing in Harrison Auditorium on Friday at 12 p.m. Presented by the Lyceum Committee and the Theater department, the jazz musician has worked with such artists as Wilson Pickett, The Staple Singers, Santana, and Ike & Tina Turner.

- L.L.

Mr. and Misses Candidates

SIERRA TRIBBLE
Contributor

The annual Miss North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University Forum was held Sunday.

Current Miss A&T Tanisha Fordham opened the forum. The Purpose and Duty of a Queen was presented by Miss Freshmen, Nicole Reynolds. Then the ladies running for Miss A&T entered the room walking to the empowering song "Superwoman" by Alicia Keys. Each candidate gave her own rendition of what it means to them to be a "Superwoman."

Afterwards, the ladies had a timed speech in which they all spoke about their vision for the future of the University and the Aggie Community.

The talent portion of the pageant displayed the ladies characteristics the most. LaPorsha Lowry and Ngozi Opara both began with original poems. Shakeika Colvin did an interpretive presentation of the poem "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou. Both Nakisha Midder, who displayed an original step routine, and Michale Wall, who recited an original poem, displayed their Aggie Pride through their talents. Angela Allen wrapped up the talent portion by reciting the poem "A Dream Deferred" by Langston Hughes. Next, the candidate's bios were read as they walked the stage and then followed the Question and Answer portion of the pageant.

From the audience's response, the ladies did well in that part of the pageant. They were asked difficult questions but all candidates maintained their poise throughout the entire process. Once the votes were tallied the judges picked they're top three favorites, but

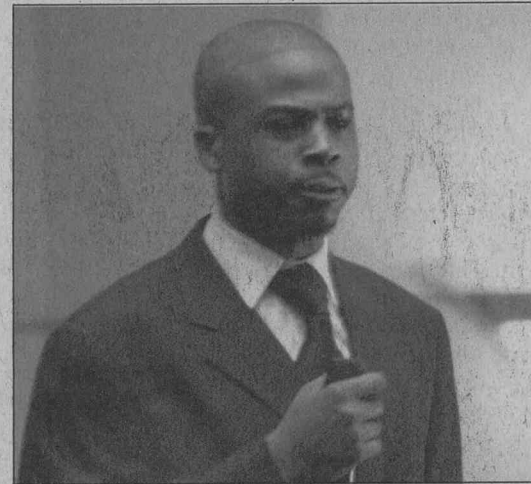


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KING AND QUEEN candidates gave speeches, displayed talents, presented platforms, and participated in debates in front of students in Stallings Ballroom. The Miss A&T candidates performed Monday afternoon and the candidates for Mr. A&T competed Monday evening.

...they're not in any particular order. The top three, in the judges opinion, are Shakeika Colvin, Ngozi Opara, and Nakisha Midder.

History was made with the Mr. A&T Forum on Monday. This position has been in the making for quite a few years and to be a part of it was quite exciting. The forum began with a welcome message from Tiesha Hinton from the Elections Committee and a simple and classy introduction

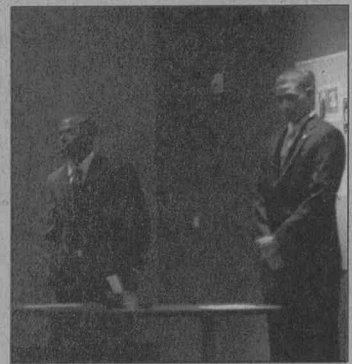
from the candidates, Darius Dawson and Austin James.

Next, the candidates gave their thoughts on what it means to be an "Ideal Man." Afterwards was the talent portion of the show and both candidates presented and original poems. The most powerful part of the show was when the Mr. A&T candidates and the Class King Candidates all came together and performed the poem "There Are Some Black Men." As the show came to a close, Dawson

and James read their platforms and answered questions in the question and answer portion of the show. Both candidates are strong in character and want the best for NC A&T as well as the student body.

Aggies will face a tough decision Wednesday, when they vote for Mr. and Ms. A&T. Each candidate is unique and brings something extraordinary to the table. The list of rankings is next to the SGA office in the Student Union.

SCENE HEARD



Presidential Debates Continue!

SGA Presidential candidates Syene Jasmin (left) and Julian Love participated in another debate hosted by the Elections Committee last Wednesday.

Other candidates for various SGA positions also made their speech presentations to the people who came out.

-L.L.

PRESS PLAY

Britney Spears "If You Seek Amy"

Britney Spears is back! She has officially made her comeback after all of the craziness that has gone on in the past few years of her career. The song is hot and the suggestive lyrics only add fuel to this fire that she has lit with this single.

-L.L.

ALBUM REVIEW: VAPORUB THE MIXTAPE

Aggie's mixtape rap debut is well-crafted, fun and free

ANJAN BASU
Copy Desk Chief

On this campus, everyone knows someone who has dropped a rap album. Aggie and Atlanta native Kentavius Whitt a.k.a TIME, is another rapper with a first-try: "VapoRub the Mixtape." And while a lot of first-tries collect dust on someone's cd rack or serve as a coaster for cold drinks, VapoRub deserves to be played loud and repeatedly. Let it be known this is not an album, but a mixtape.

VapoRub is more of a spotlight on TIME, rather than a complete album. From lyrical content, flow, beats and production, this debut album is well crafted and well executed. The album, in its entirety, reminded me of a line from Khujo of Goodie Mob, "You can deny the lie but you can't deny the truth." TIME gives us a lot of truth, so the quality of this album can't be denied.

TIME has some great word play in his content.

His commentary on politics is on point. "People seems so busy just being patient/ can't see the root of oppression ain't hatred/ it's been stated/ the prophet's the real king of this nation."

His delivery and voice is reminiscent of Ludacris, both having a baritone voice with a southern drawl.

Ludacris sounds like every time he flows, he's letting us in on a funny, little secret.

TIME has mastered the same trick. It keeps the listener's attention, and in the process, finding more gems with every listen.

TIME uses beats from around the world.

Producers from across the globe contributed their beats to the VapoRub project.

The levels were good in production, and he had every type of beat that you'd need for a good rap album. "Weatherman" gives you a good summer bounce. Just imagine, windows down, volume up and a set of 12's in the back. "One Love" is also a good track with a sweeping epic beat and the conent flow matches the beat perfectly.

TIME could do some things better on the next album. Since the entire album is TIME, you only hear his voice for 15 tracks. How about adding someone who can sing? TIME can also play with the intricacies of his doubles. And last but not least, TIME consistently gives us some serious food for thought. Even though TIME always sounds like he's smiling, the message of his music can bog the listener down. Sometimes, the listener wants to laugh along with the artist.

VapoRub has no curse words in it. TIME sows that a good rap album can exist without cursing. For anyone who has ever listened to a friend's first attempt, generally, concessions must be made like, "Well, this flow isn't quite on point, but it's close. This was a great first try." This is not a problem when listening to VapoRub. This album is a success, and the majority of people can get something out of his words and music.

"VapoRub the Mixtape" is available for free download on Facebook under Kentavius Whitt.

MOVIE REVIEW: LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT

New horror king? Remake brings action, fear and gore

JESSICA GRISSOM
Contributor

If you're looking for a movie to keep you holding your fingers in front of your eyes the entire time and make you cringe, then "Last House on the Left" is the film for you.

This remake of Wes Craven's 1972 original version, adapted and directed by Dennis Iliadis, is the true definition of a thriller. Just hearing the name Wes Craven, director of all three "Scream" movies, "The Hills Have Eyes," "Red Eye" and many more, elicits a sense of fear. Therefore, Iliadis had quite a reputation to uphold. However, he wastes no time introducing the horror and action, as the very first scene proves to be gruesome. The entire movie was filled with graphic scenes of violence and vindication.

The basic premise of the film takes place around a successful married couple and their 17-year-old daughter, Mari. During the summer they decide to travel to their secluded lake house for a little tranquility and bonding time. Little did they know that this vacation would prove to be the worst time of their lives.

Their teenage daughter decides to visit her friend a few miles away from the house. Along the way she encounters a group of psychotic murderers who brutally assault her and her friend. Mari manages to barely escape. Ironically enough, the band of murderers end up

seeking refuge at Mari's house. Mari's parents, unaware that their daughter is near death, welcome the strangers and allow them to stay in the guesthouse. Later that night, Mari returns to the house and her parents finally realize what has taken place. The rest of the film is centered on the parents trying to get revenge. Gruesome act after gruesome act transpires as each side tries to gain the advantage. Every day household items become tools of death.

While the film is well made and has an excellent screenplay due to Adam Alleca, it is disturbing and terrifying. The moral is not to forgive and forget, but rather revenge in the worst sort of way.

This movie is not for those with weak stomachs. If you are looking for a horrifying experience and have one other person to watch the film with, then perhaps this is the movie for you. However, prepare yourself for blood and gore from beginning to end.



1. Did you vote yet?
2. If not, why haven't you?
3. Do you know who you are voting for or is it still up in the air?
4. Isn't the presidential election really a battle between "light skin" vs. Obama Jr.?
5. Did you go to the Miss A&T Forum on Sunday?
6. What did you think?
7. Weren't there just one too many poems recited?
8. Is stepping a suitable talent for Miss A&T?
9. Will the new Miss A&T be able to fill Tanisha's shoes?
10. Did you hear that the Kappas are back on the yard?
11. Will they be able to return to running the yard?
12. By the way, who is running the yard?
13. Are you tired of people reciting Drake in their Facebook statuses?
14. Have you seen Syene and Julian lately?
15. Do they really understand that they are running for SGA PRESIDENT?
16. Do you secretly want a "Vote for Love" t-shirt, even if you are voting for Syene?
17. Did you get "lei'd" this week?
18. Did you get some candy too?
19. Did you really think that LaPorsha Lowry was missing when you saw her poster?
20. Did you see her like 5 minutes after you saw it?