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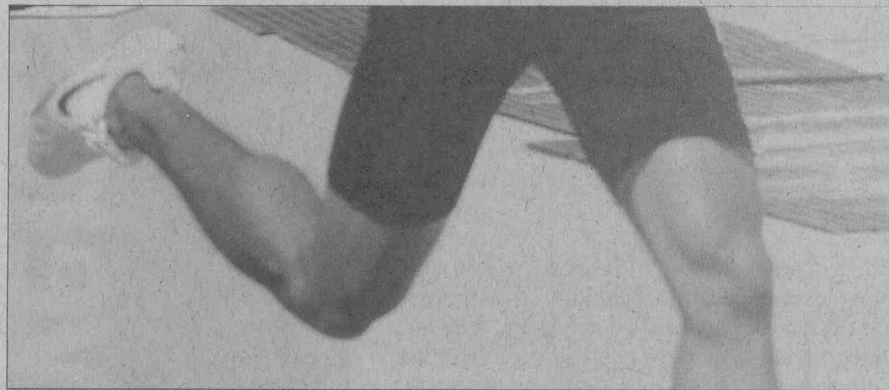
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(ABOVE) Artist rendering of the main lobby of the New General Classroom Building C. (BELOW) The New General Classroom Building C will be located on the west side of the New Education Building.

### ★ CAMPUS ELECTIONS ★

## Jasmin voted SGA President in rare re-election

DEXTER MULLINS  
Online Editor



Jasmin

After an extra week of confusion, a rushed election, and a little rainy weather, junior Syene Jasmin has been officially declared the Student Government Association President for the 2009-2010 academic school year.

Not alone in the run-offs, Jasmin was just one of several positions officially announced a week after the initial election.

Ngozi Opera has been declared Miss North Carolina A&T, and Whitney Dickens

will serve as the secretary of the Jasmin administration. All of the new executive board members will be sworn in at the SGA Inaugural Banquet on Wed. April

15. While the elections have finally come to a close, the impact they had on students

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# The price of PROGRESS

Years of facility upgrades and construction haven't come cheap, but Aggies agree they're worth it

STORY BY MALCOLM S. EUSTACHE | Managing Editor  
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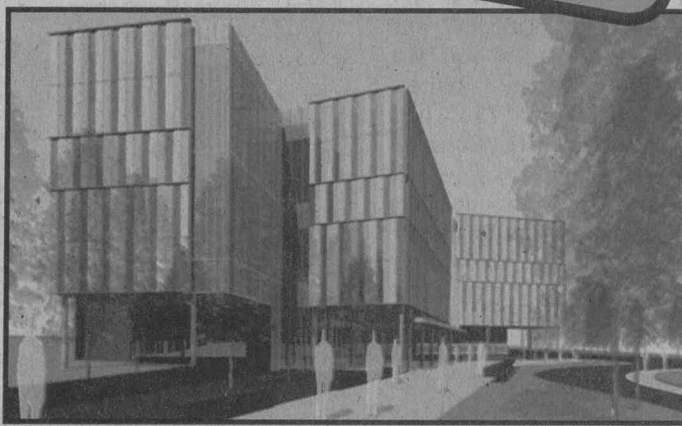
Imagine walking around A&T and not seeing the General Classroom Buildings cast a shadow along Benbow Road. Imagine the Memorial Student Union without the 'Sit In.' Imagine Williams Cafeteria without Pizza Hut or Krispy Kremes. Imagine no Aggie Village, no Pride Hall, no New Fitness Center, no New Science Building, and no roundabout. Ten years ago, that was no imaginary scenario for A&T.

After taking a walk around campus in the present day, one theme is now apparently synonymous throughout — construction. The sounds of machines drilling that seem to drown out the usual chatter of students between classes are the norm. The dust from all of the digging, which would usually lower visibility, has become an accepted reality. The smells that are common with construction are thick at certain locations. All of this has been for the progression of 'Aggie Land.' But with the economic recession hitting as hard as it has, the price of that progression may be costing more than it seems at face value.

"The ongoing big construction projects that you see now, we will continue to complete," said Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, Robert Pompey. "What will happen in the future, if we're having cuts, the amount of money that's available to do the renovations and to keep it as nicely as we want to keep it; some of those things may suffer. One of the potential impacts of this budget cut is that we may not be getting as much money for repairs and renovations to continue to keep it as nicely."

In the short-term, that could mean not being able to put a replacement chiller unit in Marteen Hall, or having to paint academic classrooms every three years as opposed to every two.

The University currently relies upon money from the legislature in terms of repair and renovation dollars on an annual basis to help support the continued operation of the University in addition to the general funds. In the long-term, it appears that will no longer happen. If that does not happen in one to two



years, A&T may have to do some additional belt-tightening to continue to run a very robust renovation program that began in 1999.

In November of last year, the University began looking at how to reduce its expenditures. Instead of going downtown and buying repair parts, workers are now encouraged to get them from A&T's storage area. Doing that has helped reduced budget impacts by

nearly 25 percent.

"In our construction program, however, we're not as dyer because we have been approved by the previous governor's stimulus package in which we have a new academic classroom building funded," said Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Andrew Perkins. "It's going to go right beside the School of Educa-

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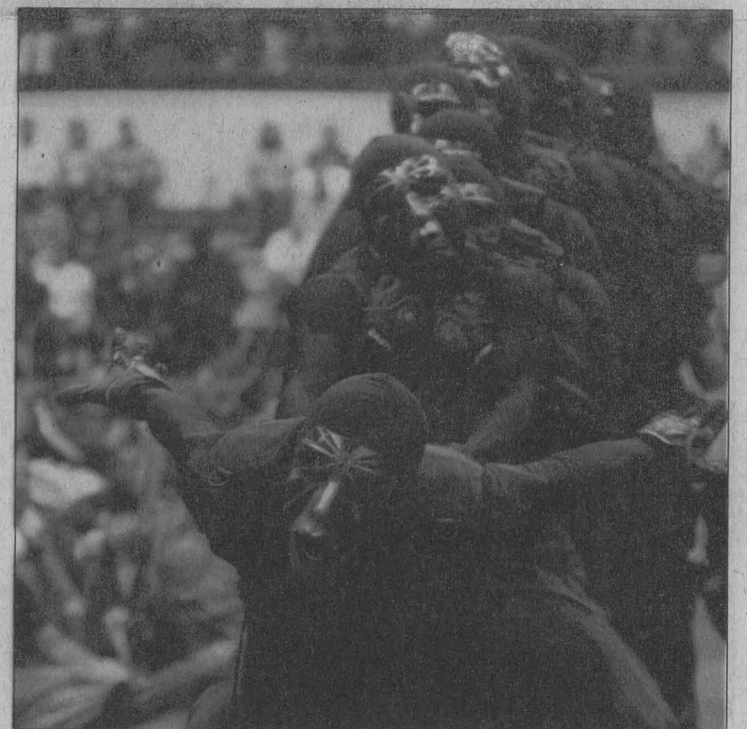


PHOTO BY LEROY MIKELL - REGISTER

PROBATES The Spring 2009 initiates of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. execute the lock-n-lean during their probate in Corbett Sportscenter. 6 other organizations held probate ceremonies.

## New Greeks greet Aggies in Corbett

STACIE BAILEY  
Register Reporter

Looks of surprise, shock and awe were displayed throughout the crowd as the Spring 2009 fraternity and sorority initiates revealed their identities. The stands of Corbett Sports Center were filled in support of the Non Pan-Hellenic and National Pan-Hellenic Council organization's probates on April 1st and 2nd.

On Wednesday, the non Pan-Hellenic organizations, Lambda

Chi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Pi Iota chapter), Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Inc. (Kappa Psi chapter), Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. (Sigma Chi Beta chapter), Pershing Rifles, Tau Beta Sigma Sorority, Inc. (Theta Zeta chapter) and Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Iota Zeta chapter) revealed their new members.

The night began with the Pi Iota chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. bringing in 10 of their 14 new members.

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### ONLINE PICTURES OF THE PROBATES

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### theYARD PROF. "RETIRES" SUDDENLY

Dr. Claude Barnes leaves all of his students in a sticky situation, retiring in the middle of the semester without any warning.

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### theWORD BRING BACK THAT OLD 'HAZE'

Anjan Basu answers Walter Kimbrough's response by arguing that the hazing process should be brought back above ground.

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### theSCORE LADY AGGIES GO 8-0 IN SOFTBALL

The Aggie Softball team snatched their eighth straight win against the rams of Winston-Salem in a 6-2 score.

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### theSCENE GWYNN DANCERS SPRING CONCERT

The E. Gwynn Dancers presented their spring performance entitled "Preserving History: Dream Believe Strive Achieve ... Dance."

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### WEATHER



WEDNESDAY

High: 60°

Low: 44°

THURSDAY: Sunny | High 69°

FRIDAY: T-Showers | High 70°



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tion. It's going to be a 100,000 square foot facility dedicated to instructional capacity for the student population. It will be the home for the Honors Program and the University Studies Department."

The New General Classroom Building C is centrally located on campus, standing on the west side of the New Education Building and the east side of the Obermeyer Parking Deck. The \$20 million dollar project should be going up in June of this year. The bidding for a general contractor is anticipated to open up on the 9th of this month.

Progress, however, does not only hold a price economically, but environmentally as well. Every building built and every renovation made consumes power and water. In recognition of this, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System must certify facilities constructed by the University, such as the New General Classroom Building C. LEED, according to the United States Green Building Council, is a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings.

Reducing utility costs, oil usage, and steam usage are some of the ways in which the University plans to reduce its total consumption of energy. That means installing light sensors in every building that is new or renovated so within 15 to 20 seconds the lights cut out. Replacing the median temperature on the steam lines that are

already in place, so that in the winter buildings are at 68 degrees instead of 72. Those little things, Perkins claims, will help make the difference.

"We think that every building and every renovation that we do, we need to look at smart ways to reduce the consumption of power and to reduce the consumption of water," said Perkins. "When we design buildings, we want them to be green. We want to find ways to build into the new facilities we have with green opportunities. The new academic building and the JSNE are going to be LEED certified."

The Joint School of Nano-Science and Engineering (JSNE) building will be on the south campus of the Gateway University Research Park, a joint venture between A&T and UNC-Greensboro. Originally called the Millennium Campus when it was envisioned with the campus Master Plan in 1999.

The south campus, home of the first building in the project, will also have buildings in conjunction with the School of Agriculture and house offices from the United States Department of Agriculture. In addition, there will be a joint data center to support both universities. The three principle buildings should begin production in the next 24 months. The north campus, as of now, will host some of the smaller programs.

Within the next month, the most obvious project on campus, the Laurel Street construction in front of Bluford Library, should be coming to a close. The University is installing new steam lines. The interconnected pipelines that lie underground

give buildings heat and hot water. The source of the steam is the chimney on the other side of East Market Street emblazoned with the words 'Aggie Land.' Some of the steam lines have not been touched in nearly a quarter of a century.

"If you remember in front of the library looked like a war zone with the steam," said Project Manager Shaban Kaji. "The problem was these steam lines had holes in them due to old age and corrosion. I don't think this has ever been replaced. The problem is you can due minor repairing, but it's like a band-aid. We anticipate the project to be completed somewhere around April 20th. But the condition that we've had with the rain pushes us back. The cost is about a million dollars. Also, when you're doing a project like this, a lot of change orders happen because when you're digging in the middle of a public street, you really don't know what kind of utilities you're going to hit."

Over the next few years, students can expect to see the face of A&T change even more dramatically.

In the same vicinity as the New General Classroom Building is the planned Bell Tower inside of the circle in the roundabout. Several designs have been presented to the Alumni Director and Foundation Director to help encourage money to be raised because the state does not fund non-academic projects. When the Bell Tower is finished, the Master Plan that was envisioned in 1999 will be completed.

The school of engineering is planning to build a new gradu-

ate engineering building, adjacent to the existing engineering building. It would be designed to support the graduate program with conference rooms and classrooms.

The Project Management team is also working very closely with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Sullivan Welborne, to completely renovate the old section of the Memorial Student Union, and bring it up to par with the addition that was put in place six years ago. That project could potentially reach \$7 million dollars.

"We're also looking to build a new Sebastian Health Center for about four or five million," said Perkins. "We want to replace that one because we think that it's woefully inadequate. So we plan to put that one, hopefully adjacent to where the Alumni Event Center is, in the area where the orange tape is around. We think we may be able to put that there."

Perkins also stated that a proposal has gone to the Chancellor to put a Performing Arts Center and a new Brown Hall.

The Chancellor has yet to accept the proposal because of the National Science Foundation's \$18 million dollar grant to establish an Engineering Research Center. For that reason, the project is the number one priority in the coming years.

All of this construction in the future will eventually lead to an inevitable campus expansion. The beginning of that expansion has already begun along Bluford Street.

"We want to go down the street and turn the corner so we can secure that whole block,"

said Real Property Agent James Griffin. "Initially, it will probably be used as parking. The ones that are boarded up are already purchased. We have about two or three others within that block that are in the process of being purchased. Back in '99, engineers came up with a Master Plan, so we can only purchase as money becomes available. We started last year, kind of picking them up as they became available.

The parking lot is the short-term thing; the long-term really has not been decided yet. By the time students come back from summer break, those houses won't be there."

The price of A&T's progress over the years has certainly contributed to the campus' growth from buildings in a residential area to a state-of-the-art institution.

In the whirlwind of the most significant economic challenge for the nation in decades, Perkins believes that they have overcome the odds and sees a little light at the end of the tunnel.

"I came here in February of 1999. I am absolutely heart-warmed about the team that we were able to assemble to help us realize the vision in 1999 to bring it to fruition in 2009," said Perkins. We have made marvelous projects.

I owe this to the 290 people who wake up every day looking for new and innovative ways to improve the students, faculty, and staff's life on this campus.

When it comes to our facilities, we don't have to bow our heads to anyone in the country."

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. entered next as their sisters Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. watched from the sidelines cheering them on.

A total of 12 initiates into the Eta chapter recited their history, made tributes to their sisters, past chapters and their DP before stepping and exiting the stage. The Zeta Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. did not have any new initiates.

Last, but certainly not least, another sea entered onto the floor. This time, it was a sea of salmon pink and apple green as the ladies of the Alpha Phi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. made their way onto the stage to reveal their new members.

They initiated 51 new members this year. With curls tight, pearls on their neck, wrist and ears, the ladies showed their rough exterior as well as reminding the audience how proper they could be.

New inductees for the Alpha Phi chapter included 2009-2010 Miss A&T candidate Shakekia Colvin. Overall, the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. had the two largest lines by far.

After exposing their true identities, once hidden underneath decorative masks and new hairstyles, the new members met with family and friends at their perspective plots.

The show lasted about seven and a half hours, but left all those who came anxious for next year's show.

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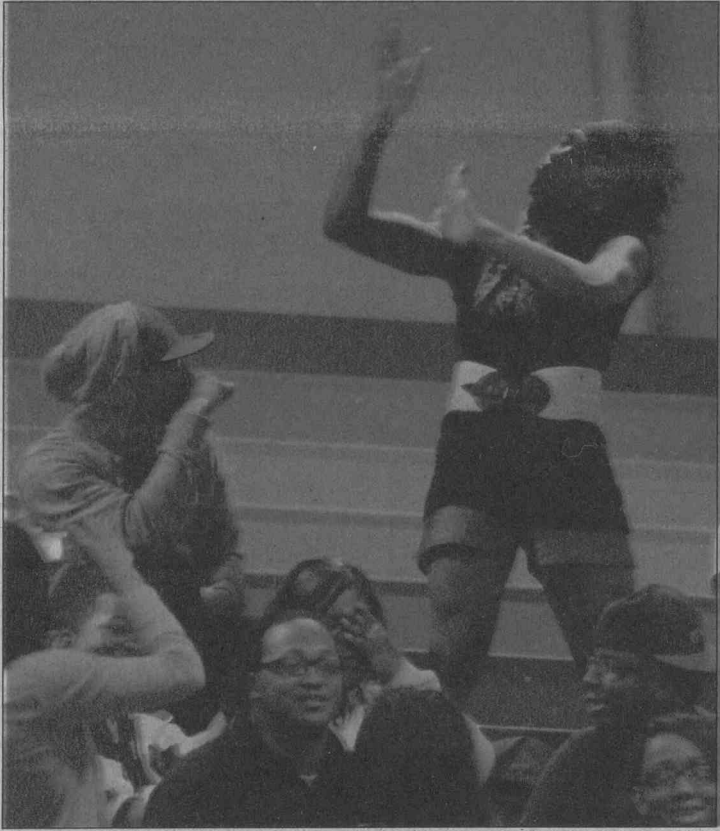


PHOTO BY KENNETH HAWKINS-REGISTER

SPECTATORS enjoyed themselves in the stands during the Spring 2009 Probates last Thursday.

## Jasmin is new President

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across campus may still be lasting.

In a survey conducted on The A&T Register's website, students were asked if they thought that a re-election was the right thing to do.

Of those surveyed, 45 percent said yes, and felt that Jasmin should never have been disqualified in the first place.

However, 30 percent said no, and felt as though Presidential Candidate Julian Love should have been declared president because he followed all of the rules. 20 percent said they didn't even vote, and the remaining 5 percent said that after all the mess, they just wanted an SGA President.

It is unclear how this may or may not affect Jasmin's term in office, but he has a very positive outlook on things.

The Jasmin Administration

had their first e-board meeting yesterday, and will be participating in the annual SGA retreat with Dean of Students Dr. Judy Rashid very soon.

"I feel great, and relieved," Jasmin said. "It's time to get to work."

Knowing that student voted for him not once, but twice, gives Jasmin a renewed sense of dedication to his task at hand and he is looking forward to it.

"I think it only affirms that I have twice responsibility to the students because they voted for me twice. It makes me work harder.

"If you don't stand for something you will fall for anything, and the students didn't fall for anything they stood for a fair elections," Jasmin said.

"Regardless of whether it was me or Julian, the people stood for something. It's going to be a great year."

## PROBATES From page 1

Kyle Dortch, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, proposed to his girlfriend, Kristyl Enoch after his line had been revealed paving the way for more excitement to come. The service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Inc. entered next revealing five new inductees including 2009-2010 Miss A&T candidate, Michale Wall.

Thirteen new members were brought into the Sigma chapter of the nursing sorority, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc. as they danced to Keri Hilson's "Turning Me On." The Pershing Rifles brought in one new member who showed his talent as twirled the replica rifle. The Theta Zeta chapter of Tau Beta Sigma showed their knowledge of history as they recited over a half hour of information to prove what they had learned. The Kappa Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity, Inc. completed the night with eight new inductions.

Thursday, the NPHC organizations: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Alpha Mu chapter), Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. (Zeta chapter), Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (Gamma chapter), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Beta Epsilon chapter), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Eta chapter), and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Alpha Phi chapter) pro-

bated. Everyone from the Dean of Students, Dr. Judy Rashid, to the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. were in attendance as long as they were willing to wait in the long lines outside.

The Deltas began the night marching in 62 deep with a sea of crimson and cream as their tight curls bounced while they walked. Next was the Zeta chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. with five new members and Mohawk haircuts. Following the previous initiations and revealing, the Mu Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. made a tribute to late brother, Dennis Hayle as they stepped to their signature song, "Atomic Dog" by George Clinton.

Four new members were inducted into the Gamma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. as the lovely ladies came in wearing royal blue and gold. Each organization made up their own rendition of songs from the radio just for their DPs and ADPs in their honor. As the Rho's left the floor, one could hear the drums of the Blue and Gold Marching Machine as they headed inside of Corbett. Preceding their entrance, the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. made their way onto the floor jumping around like apes as they made it known who they were. Current SGA President, Marcus Bass, as well as 2009-2010 SGA President candidate, Julian Love, were both revealed on the Alpha's line; they brought in a total of 17 this year.

The men of the Eta chapter of

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# events

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**Internship/Job Career Fair**  
Memorial Student Union  
Exhibit Hall  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**CAS Faculty Awards & Citations Program**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Greek Field Day**  
Holland Bowl  
4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Aggie Spirit Way Tai Chi Club Practice**  
Memorial Student Union  
Room 0005  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Independent Women's Week**  
Street Safe: Self Defense  
Fitness Center  
7:14 p.m.

THURSDAY

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**Grad Student Appreciation Week**  
Memorial Student Union  
Stallings Ballroom  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

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**University Holiday: Good Friday**  
No Class

SATURDAY

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**Bible History**  
Memorial Student Union  
Room 0005  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Hayes Taylor YMCA Yard Sale**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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**Substance abuse**  
Psychoeducation group  
Memorial Student Union  
Room 0005  
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**Final yearbook pictures**  
Memorial Student Union  
Room 0005  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(through thursday)

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## CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

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TANTRIC PARTICIPANTS Jessica Davis, Paris Marion, and Jamecia Wilson came to the forum and participated in a tantric healing session.

## Black Wednesday sponsors tantric workshops for women

PARIS MARION  
Contributor

"I heard there were women in here having orgasms," said Alton Craig, honestly his reason for coming.

The A&T student and verge model joined the Organic Bliss workshop late but enjoyed all the benefits. This open event was organized by alumni Khayr El Love and hosted by the Black Wednesday's - a club he regularly facilitates. The event, which began at 7 p.m. and which was to end at 10:30pm, stretched until 3 in the morning after participants were forced to change venues from Stallings ballroom to GCB.

The workshop began as a discussion about sex as a means

of creation and healing. Rakhem Seku discussed briefly the moon and sun cycles and how these aid in the science of manifestation via the law of attraction over the course of a month and a year.

Master Yao Nyamekye Morris, author of "Awakening the Master Feminine," made a special appearance and along with the other two hosts taught men how to intuitively help women heal using basic Tantric techniques.

With the help of peers several women entered into trancesome lasting 3 hours. They had various emotional, energetic releases from crying to hysterical laughter to full-body orgasms.

Some of the participants admitted that they did not believe

orgasms were possible without very specific stimulation.

However, the captivating presenter, Hakashamut proved this rudimentary idea wrong. She laughingly called clitoral orgasms "little girl orgasms."

Carlyle Phillips, president of the History Club, who worked on three women in one night commented that "when girls say size matters they are dealing with a whole other place." He says he is open to helping other women heal in this hands-off fashion.

Racquel McMullins, who was one of the female participants shared that she did not feel orgasmic but she did feel energy in her back, knees, toes, spine and in every nerve in her face.

## Dr. Barnes retires from a legacy of work with Dudley High

MARCUS THOMPSON  
Register Reporter

Retirement is common in the American workforce, but when Dr. Claude Barnes retired, it had a strong impact and caused some controversy among students and faculty in the North Carolina A&T State University Political Science department.

Dr. Samuel A. Moseley, chairperson of the political science department, said that Dr. Barnes, who is known as a university celebrity for his involvement in the Dudley High School-N.C. A&T "Student Revolt" of 1969 and for his multiple achievements at A&T, had contacted him during Spring Break, stating that he would be leaving for personal reasons.

"It was a time where he looked at his own personal situation and decided that it would be best if he retire early. We were not anticipating it, we were as surprised as everyone else, but the department has to move on."

Even though the main reasons for Barnes' early retirement are unknown, the news may have shocked other faculty members but it was the students who felt the most betrayed.

Alesia Diggs, a junior political science major from Raleigh, said that she was informed of her professor's retirement by another student while she was in the library.

"He just stopped showing up to class one day, we didn't know what was going on," said Diggs. "I don't think he could just up and retire, so I thought something was up."

Diggs said that she met Barnes in Gibbs during his office hours one day to see if the class would be meeting for their next scheduled session.

"I asked him if we had class tomorrow and he was like 'No, because I'm retired,'" Diggs said. "So I don't understand how he could just not give us any warning or at least an e-mail saying what was going on. He just stopped showing up to class and he was pretty relaxed when I asked him. He was laughing and stuff."

Dr. Moseley said that as the chairperson of the department, he had to make sure that students were in the position to obtain all

the classes needed in their curriculum to graduate, so rather than have students simply drop the class he arranged for a new professor to take over all of the classes that Dr. Barnes formerly taught, but he also intended to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Dr. Dennis Rogers, a political science professor, and Dr. James Mayes, the director of the criminal justice program met with students to formulate a new syllabus prior to starting the class again to finish the remainder of the semester. Both Mayes and Rogers already had full workloads with their own classes, in addition to Mayes working as director of the criminal justice department, and Rogers working on a summer project that he has recently had to delay as a result of the extra classes he now has to instruct.

Since Dr. Rogers and Dr. Mayes have taken up the course in Barnes' absence, some students have felt as though their new workload is more strenuous. Some students (most of whom preferred not to be named) stated that they felt it was unfair to be given extra work in the middle of the school year, rather than having it required at the start of the semester.

One class in particular that was originally taught by Dr. Barnes was Research Methods II, which is a major course for political science majors. With the new course load implemented by Dr. Rogers and Dr. Mayes, students are now required to complete a research design, give a presentation, and also take a final exam that was not previously required by Barnes.

"I feel like the [new] work load is unfair," said Diggs. "They said that it would be 'as painless as possible' but it was like a major change for all of us. I mean we went to like a 20-page paper. If we procrastinated [fine], but now we only have like a month to work on it and we have other things to do, and it's very unfair and they need to work with us some more. I don't think they should cram a whole semester's worth of stuff into one month just because of Dr. Barnes' wrongdoing."

C.J. Brinson, a junior political science major from Greensboro, was the only student to voice his opinions about the situation with Dr. Moseley.

"I like A&T and all, but there have been a lot of issues going on with my department that I am highly upset about," said

Brinson. "I don't feel that my department has done a really good job with trying to appease my dissatisfaction."

Brinson said that there were no e-mail notifications, no Blackboard announcements or anything to let students know what had happened for almost two weeks.

"It's not the fact that he retired, but it's how he retired. He didn't give anyone a heads-up, nobody knew and I think it was very unprofessional. I feel like he quit on us, he left us out to dry, and I think that it's wrong. And I also feel that the way the department has handled it is also very unprofessional."

Moseley said that students were not informed immediately because of the time it took to find a professor willing to take up Barnes' courses and because he was not willing to go forward with information that may have been wrong.

Brinson said that while he has nothing against Barnes and he describes him as "a great teacher who has done a lot for this campus," but he believes that Barnes still acted unprofessionally and the way he left deems a lot of what he had done at the university.

Brinson said that while Dr. Barnes' teaching method was a bit more lax, he still felt that he learned a lot and simply altering the workload of the class to compensate for the professor's absence is unfair.

"I think that what you will find here is that you can't please all of the people all of the time," Moseley said.

"You tend to encounter elements that are dissatisfied because of what this person personally thinks should happen. But we cannot allow students to dictate solely what standards are used for a particular course," he said.

"We are concerned about standards. We are concerned that when these students leave that they have covered the proper information that will allow them to be competitive globally. We are aware of the global depression that is going on right now. It would be catastrophic if we allow students to leave here without some of the basics. Most students, my seniors that I teach, don't mind doing a paper that they formulated last semester, they don't mind having a final exam. Students cannot expect to go anywhere where they are not expected to have standards."

## OFF THE YARD

### Man says he remembers nothing of shootings

MIKE BAKER  
Associated Press

CARTHAGE, N.C. (AP) — The man accused of killing eight people in a rampage at a North Carolina nursing home told a hospital nurse after the shooting that he "does not remember anything," according to search warrants released Tuesday.

The court documents say investigators went to the home of Robert Kenneth Stewart, 45, after the March 29 assault and found ammunition on the kitchen table

and a bed, eight guns and an assortment of scopes and gun barrels.

The warrants also say they found unspecified pill bottles and several pieces of notebook paper with writing, but details of what was written haven't been released.


Stewart was shot and wounded by a police officer, ending the rampage. At a hospital where he was treated before being jailed, he told a nurse that he had taken six "nerve pills" and did not remember anything else, according to an affidavit attached to

the warrants.

The warrants also allowed investigators to draw blood from Stewart "to determine if there is any controlled substance in his body."

Stewart is being held in North Carolina's maximum security Central Prison in Raleigh on charges that he killed seven elderly patients and a nurse at Pinelake Health and Rehab Center.

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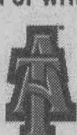
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## More than 200 dead, 1,000 injured during Italy quake

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Associated Press

**L'AQUILA, Italy** — Relatives of the missing watched in agony Tuesday as rescuers dug desperately by hand for earthquake survivors, jarred by a strong aftershock that drove home the continuing danger in this historic central Italian city.

The death toll from Italy's worst earthquake in three decades jumped to 207 as bodies were recovered and identified. Tent camps housed some of the 50,000 left homeless by Italy's worst earthquake in three decades, but many spent the night in the chill mountain air without blankets or covers.

Officials said some 10,000 to 15,000 buildings were either damaged or destroyed. Roofs were missing from modern buildings, old churches had fallen walls and parts of medieval buildings had tumbled to the ground.

Rescuers located four students trapped inside a partially collapsed dormitory Tuesday afternoon.

Tearful emergency workers declined to say whether they were alive or dead, telling reporters that doctors would have to announce that.

Chief firefighter Sergio Basti said rescue crews had to "surgically" remove big chunks of fallen masonry since the four

were in a hard-to-reach spot and the building was so unstable.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi surveyed the devastated region by helicopter and said the rescue efforts would continue for two more days — "until it is certain that there is no one else alive." Some 15 people were still missing, he said before the university students were found.

Berlusconi said that at least 100 of the roughly 1,000 injured people were in serious condition.

Overnight, rescuers pulled the bodies of two people overnight from the rubble of the four-story dormitory. They ran out, appearing confused, when the 4.9-magnitude aftershock hit at

11:26 a.m., the latest in a series of aftershocks that hit L'Aquila and 26 surrounding towns and cities in the snowcapped Apennine mountains. The aftershock appeared strongest around L'Aquila, a city of some 70,000 people.

Two buildings in the suburb of Pettino collapsed following the aftershock, the news agency ANSA reported, citing fire officials. No one was believed to be inside either building.

The ground shook in the nearby town of Onna, about six miles (10 kilometers) away, but caused no panic.

Residents walked around dazed, clutching whatever heirlooms they had managed to

grab from their homes before they collapsed.

"We lost 15 members of our family. Babies and children died," 70-year-old retiree Virgilio Colajanni said as he choked back tears. Onna had about 300 residents and lost 38 to the quake.

Officials said search efforts were complicated by the fact that there was an unknown number of undocumented immigrants in Onna.

Rescuers were still trying to reach more isolated hamlets on Tuesday.

While the elderly, children and pregnant women were given priority at tent camps in the area, others were sleeping in

cars or making arrangements to stay with relatives or in second homes out of the quake zone.

Berlusconi declared a state of emergency, freeing up millions in euros to deal with the disaster, and canceled a visit to Russia so he could deal with the crisis.

It was Italy's deadliest quake since Nov. 23, 1980, when a 6.9-magnitude quake hit southern regions, leveling villages and causing some 3,000 deaths.

The last major quake to hit central Italy was a 5.4-magnitude temblor that struck the south-central Molise region on Oct. 31, 2002, killing 28 people, of which 27 were children who died when their school collapsed.

## Obama declares US not at war with Islam after first visit to Muslim nation

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**ANKARA, Turkey** — Barack Obama, making his first visit to a Muslim nation as president, declared Monday the United States "is not and will never be at war with Islam."

Urging a greater partnership with the Islamic world in an address to the Turkish parliament, Obama called the country an important U.S. ally in many areas, including the fight against terrorism.

He devoted much of his speech to urging a greater bond between Americans and Muslims, portraying terrorist groups such as al Qaeda as extremists who do not represent the vast majority of Muslims.

"Let me say this as clearly as I can," Obama said. "The United States is not and never will be at war with Islam. In fact, our part-

nership with the Muslim world is critical ... in rolling back a fringe ideology that people of all faiths reject."

The U.S. president is trying to mend fences with a Muslim world that felt it had been blamed by America for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

At a news conference earlier with Prime Minister Abdullah Gul, Obama dealt gingerly with the issue of alleged genocide committed by Turks against Armenians during World War I.

He urged Turks and Armenians to continue a process "that works through the past in a way that is honest, open and constructive."

"America's relationship with the Muslim world cannot and will not be based on opposition to al Qaeda," the president said. "We seek broad engagement based upon mutual interests and mutual respect."

"We will convey our deep appreciation for the Islamic faith, which has done so much over so many centuries to shape the world for the better, including my own country," Obama said.

The president spoke for about 25 minutes from a small white-marble-and-teak rostrum in the well of a vast, airy chamber packed with Turkish lawmakers in orange leather chairs.

Except for a few instances of polite applause, the room was quiet during his speech.

There was a more hearty ovation toward the end when Obama said the U.S. supports the Turkish government's battle against PKK, which both nations consider a terrorist group, and again when he said America was not at war with Islam.

Lawmakers also applauded when Obama said the United States supports Turkey's bid to join the European Union.

Earlier, Obama said he stood by his 2008 assertion that Ottoman Turks had carried out widespread killings of Armenians early in the 20th century, but he stopped short of repeating the word "genocide."

Gul said many Turkish Muslims were killed during the same period. Historians, not politicians, Gul said, should decide how to label the events of those times.

In his 2008 campaign, Obama said "the Armenian genocide is not an allegation," but rather "a widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming body of historical evidence."

Now that he is president, the genocide question may not be Obama's best issue for taking a tough stand that antagonizes a key ally. It is important in U.S. communities with large numbers of Armenian-Americans, but it has a low profile elsewhere.

In his speech to the parliament Monday, Obama said the United States strongly supports the full normalization of relations between Turkey and Armenia.

He also noted that the United States "still struggles with the legacy of our past treatment of Native Americans."

And the president also urged Turkey to help Israel and Palestine live "side by side in peace and security."

Obama's visit is being closely watched by an Islamic world that harbored deep distrust of his predecessor, George W. Bush.

In talks with Gul, and Turkey's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Obama hoped to sell his strategy for melding U.S. troop increases with civilian efforts to better the lives of people in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

At end of meeting later in the

day with Erdogan, Obama said: "Turkey is a critical strategic partner of the United States, not just in combating terrorism but in developing the kind of economic links, cultural links and political links that I think will help the world prosper."

Obama recognized past tensions in the U.S.-Turkey relationship, but said things were on the right track now because both countries share common interests and are diverse nations.

"We don't consider ourselves Christian, Jewish, Muslim. We consider ourselves a nation bound by a set of ideals and values," Obama said of the United States. "Turkey has similar principles."

Turkey has the largest army in NATO after the United States. It and tiny Albania, recently admitted, are the only predominantly Muslim members of NATO.



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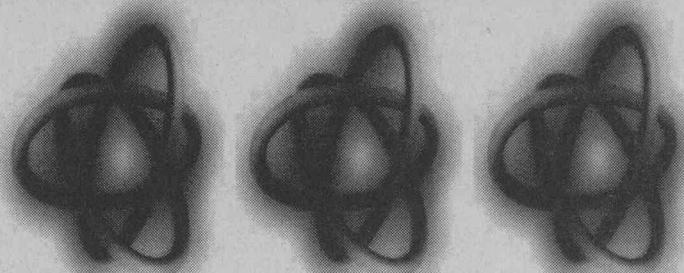
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# Bailed-out firms skip the Masters

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Associated Press

**AUGUSTA, Ga.** — Corporate customers at the Masters normally keep chef Karl Kwoka busy all week prepping gourmet dishes such as Angus beef filets with bleu cheese fritters and crepes de mer with lobster cream sauce.

Catering to elite fans and their top clients during the April golf tournament typically accounts for a quarter of his income.

This year, the unpalatable economy has piled Kwoka's plate with more cancellations than customers.

Four large corporations that in past years hired Kwoka to prepare private meals have backed out, leaving him with a single company to cook for, not enough to justify hiring the usual 30 extra workers.

Kwoka estimates the cancellations cost him more than \$70,000, and the temporary staff are missing out on big money, too.

In its 75-year history, the Masters has established itself as the Super Bowl for those who prefer single-malt scotch to Miller Lite, a sort of Mardi Gras for the country club crowd.

The Augusta Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the tournament pumps more than \$100 million into the economy of this city of 200,000, which relies on the Army's Fort Gordon, a medical college, several hospitals and a smattering of manufacturing the rest of the year.

That kind of cash infusion isn't coming this year.

Augusta business owners who've come to count on Masters money are seeing huge cut-

backs by big-shot visitors who typically spare no expense on trips to the tradition-laden tournament.

"The companies are sealing back, and a lot aren't coming at all," said Kwoka, who wouldn't name those clients but whose past Masters customers include the international law firm Jones Day, which represents many Fortune 500 companies.

"If you've got people in danger of losing their jobs, the last thing you want to come across as is spending money, having a good time at a golf tournament."

Diane Starr, president of Augusta rental agency Corporate Quarters, said it's largely banks and finance companies that are bailing on the 2009 Masters, which starts Thursday after three days of practice rounds popular with fans.

Starr's company usually rents about 400 homes — from two-bed condos to sprawling eight-bedroom houses in gated neighborhoods — to high-end Masters clients.

"Normally they're gone in September," Starr said. "That's what makes this year so unusual."

She expects to fill no more than 300 for next week's tournament, even at steep discounts.

Lavish party homes that usually fetch \$25,000 for tournament week have had price tags slashed to as low as \$16,000, Starr said.

That's not to say Masters week is shaping up to be a total bust. Augusta hotels are reporting solid reservations, though some still have vacancies, and restaurants expect long lines of customers.

Those are generally a differ-

ent class of Masters customer, however, said Alfred Monsalvatge of TravelMasters, a company that normally books VIP hospitality packages for the tournament for up to 20 large companies spending a full week at the event.

"I've got zero this year," Monsalvatge said. "I've got people coming, but I've just replaced them with people that spend a lot less money."

"Basically they're coming in for a day or so to Augusta, see the golf course, maybe go out to dinner and will be gone the next day."

Corporate sponsors pump vital revenue into the PGA Tour, but for companies that took federal bailouts, especially banks, cutting back on hospitality is a public relations move more than a cost-saving measure.

In February, Chicago-based Northern Trust Corp. agreed to pay back a \$1.6 billion bailout loan after the bank hosted hundreds of clients and employees at upscale hotels, concerts and dinners at the PGA Tour's Northern Trust Open at Riviera Club in suburban Los Angeles.

The company said no bailout money was spent on hospitality at the tournament.

In October, Wachovia Corp. — which was acquired last year by Wells Fargo & Co. — took its name off the Wachovia Championship, a PGA stop at Quail Hollow Club in the bank's hometown of Charlotte, N.C.

Even though Wachovia is contracted to sponsor the North Carolina tournament through 2014, Wells Fargo opted against promoting Wachovia in the event's title and ended its practice of entertaining clients during the event.

The company said it wanted to avoid "mixed signals about our priorities."

In February, Wells Fargo scrapped a lavish 12-day casino junket for employees in Las Vegas after being stung by accusations of misusing \$25 billion in bailout money.

Citigroup Inc., which advertised at the Masters several years ago and held "minimal" hospitality events through last year, is not coming to Augusta this week, "in the interest of managing expenses," spokesman Stephen Silverman said.

When it comes to restricting the visibility of corporate sponsors, the Masters stands alone among the major championships.

Many have corporate ads on backboards visible on the tee boxes, allow sponsors to host exhibits on the course and plaster their logos on pamphlets at the gates.

Not Augusta National, where there isn't a single corporate logo to be found on the manicured grounds.

The Masters' three major corporate partners — IBM Corp., AT&T Inc. and Exxon-Mobil Corp. — entertain in chalets tucked away from patrons behind the Georgia pines.

Sponsors get a measly four minutes of commercial spots per hour during Masters telecasts; most golf tournaments run 15 to 18 minutes an hour.

At Augusta, the corporate presence is usually much more apparent off the course.

Companies splash their logos on rented limousines and vans and place signs in the yards of homes they've rented for employees and guests.

Tickets to walk the course

are among the most coveted in sports. In 17 years of booking Masters trips, however, Monsalvatge said he's never seen scalpers' prices so low.

Four-day passes that fetched up to \$3,500 last year are going for \$1,350, he said.

The penny pinching has limo service owner William Murrell expecting "a rainy week in Georgia" during the Masters.

Murrell spent 15 years as chauffeur to the late soul singer James Brown, perhaps the only Augusta native more famous than Masters founder Bobby Jones.

Now Murrell's hired car company thrives on Jones' tournament.

Murrell normally hires up to 45 school bus drivers and other temporary workers who have Masters week off for spring break. His temps will pull down \$2,000 on a good tournament week.

"It means quite a bit," said Gena Archer, 41, a \$15-an-hour school bus driver who has worked for Murrell during Masters week for the past five years.

"It actually puts my account ahead where I can be comfortable for a couple of months where I don't have to worry about bills being paid."

This year, Murrell expects he'll need only about 12 temps. His big-ticket clients simply haven't called, so he's already eyeing his second-most lucrative time of the year: high-school proms.

"They don't compare to the Masters," Murrell says. "We sort of rely on it every year. There's a lot of heavy wallets there."

For the 2009 Masters, those wallets are looking a lot lighter.

## Cisco adds servers to product line

**RACHEL METZ**  
Associated Press

**SAN JOSE, Calif.** — On the surface, there doesn't seem to be much of a connection between the servers that run corporate data centers and a handheld video camera you use to film family vacations. Yet both have somehow become part of the master plan at Cisco Systems Inc.

After growing into one of Silicon Valley's most prominent companies by selling behind-the-scenes computing products, Cisco is now expanding aggressively, using its hefty financial resources to go on the attack while other companies are just trying to survive.

In recent weeks, Cisco said it will start selling servers, opening a new rivalry with longtime partners like Hewlett-Packard Co. and IBM Corp. Cisco also agreed to pay about \$590 million in stock to pick up Pure Digital Technologies, which makes the popular Flip camcorders.

Cisco has not been spared by the recession. Its profit declined 27 percent in its last quarter, which ended in late January, and it reported flat earnings in the previous period. It is slashing more than \$1 billion in expenses, partly by cutting back on travel and freezing hiring.

Yet it also has \$29.5 billion in cash and investments, a solid reputation, a network of product resellers and thousands of sales employees — assets that the company hopes to exploit.

Even if Cisco doesn't stumble, Cisco's rivals will try to use the breadth of its goals against it.

Mike Banic, vice president of marketing for the switches business at Juniper Networks Inc., a Cisco competitor, said it appears Cisco is focusing more on moving into adjacent markets and less on innovations in its core business.

"Based on what customers are telling us, we are seeing they're becoming a bit distracted," Banic said.

Even so, Banic said Juniper remains wary of Cisco. "We never underestimate them," he said.

Mark McKechnie, a Broadpoint AmTech analyst, sees another challenge for Cisco — the potential to spark conflict with its partners by moving onto their turf.

This could happen with Cisco's entrance into the server market, where it will compete against Hewlett-Packard and IBM. Those companies have long resold Cisco's networking equipment to go along with their servers and computers, but may not be as keen to do so now. Ganthier cautioned Cisco to make sure it wants to be in servers for the long haul.

"This is not a market for the faint of heart," he said.

## Butterfield to tour Tarboro boat plant

**TARBORO, N.C.** — Rep. G.K. Butterfield will tour the World Cat boat manufacturing facility in Tarboro, which plans to add 120 jobs over the next three years.

Butterfield plans to tour the plant Monday afternoon.

World Cat recently announced that plans to invest \$2.6 million and add the jobs, which will pay almost \$30,000 a year, plus benefits.

The company now employs 60 people.

Butterfield has said the jobs are critically important to Tarboro, which is located in Edgecombe County, where the latest figures show an unemployment rate of almost 17 percent.

— A.P.

## Perdue speaks at energy summit

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Gov. Beverly Perdue will participate in an energy summit in Charlotte that's being organized by Duke Energy, the Charlotte Chamber and Charlotte Regional Partnership.

The summit begins Monday at the Hilton Charlotte Center City Hotel. It will focus on creating jobs and economic opportunity in the energy sector.

Duke Energy says the region already has 100 energy-related

businesses employing more than 20,000 workers.

Representatives of about 50 of those companies will participate in sessions, some of which will focus on how to position the Charlotte region as a nationally recognized "energy cluster."

Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers will speak about the region's future as a major energy research and development hub.

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## Let's bring back that old school 'haze'

When I initially wrote my article, I was very flippant with my word choice; I chose to elicit emotional response to get my point across. After reading Kimbrough's response, I now see what was intended as a communal conversation has moved into an academic discourse. In light of this, to quote Young Hovi: "Allow me to re-introduce myself."

I argued that there were beneficial outcomes from what is currently considered hazing. In doing so, I did not display the professionalism necessary to make such claims. I did not research the history of hazing and pledging. Nor did I research my claim of how NPHC works. Mr. Walter Kimbrough disagreed with my argument. He said that hazing was wrong, and I was misguided in my beliefs. So, let me offer a clarification: I have been taught that all aspects of the above-ground process, and the hazing and pledging it implies, minus the probate show, are wrong and illegal. I have a problem with that dogma, and I think we should talk about it.

Because of the action's illegality, a 100% live conversation is difficult, in the same way a person can't enter into a discussion about the legalization of marijuana without giving the impression that person has smoked. So,



ANJAN BASU

regardless if my ideas are correct, I'm scared to speak. But Kimbrough wrote back, so...

Right now, as far as I see it, anything

that is outside of the organization's official intake process is hazing. This absolutist stance rests in liability coverage. After all, we are all part of a business, right? But, does that mean that there is nothing good on the other side of the business wall? Are there items of importance and relevance that could be salvaged from the toxic wasteland of the above-ground process? I don't exactly know what those items are, but I hope far smarter people than myself will start looking. Kimbrough never addresses this topic. Rather, he decides to pick apart my chain of logic, without confronting my end result. That's like arguing with Mapquest about a particular route, when the only important thing is to get there.

I am in full agreement with Kimbrough about physical or emotional violence. None of our organizations should have any space for actions like that.

We are not supposed to hurt people. This, I repeat, is not the goal. After doing some random research about the "purpose of pledging," I stumbled across Baylor University's Greek Life website. It said, "The goal of the pledge process is to build unity, develop teamwork, cultivate loyalty, togetherness, communication, respect, courage, and a huge sense of accomplishment." If it's good enough for Baylor, then it's good enough for me.

The current intake process does not, in my humble opinion, foster this "huge sense of accomplishment," because building a sense of loyalty had to move to the underground sub-culture of criminality.

Kimbrough agrees that the process should be examined, but asks more specifically, "... what is the goal of intake? When it works, what's the quantifiable end product?" The quantifiable end product of intake is something akin to catching "the spirit." You don't know how you get it, but when you got it, you know it. To run with this image, is there a metric for seeing respect in a brother's eyes? Can someone please tell me, why is having young people with a sense of accomplishments, considered hazing and therefore illegal? Having the line lock-up, and

march around campus to go to class every day does not injure anyone, but does help to build camaraderie.

N.C. Gen. Stat. §14-35 (2007) states "hazing is defined as follows: 'to subject another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group.'" But under the current regulations, not a single Black Greek can have their pledges locked up in broad daylight. But I know of some white Fraternity's at UNC-Greensboro that did in the early 2000's, without so much as a blinking of an eye.

Kimbrough asks what is the point of "memorizing history, poems and songs; dressing alike to foster unity; developing group consciousness." He answers his own question later in the article when he asks what do these things have to do with "completing the goals and objectives of the organization?" The goals and objectives he refers to are some of the national programs of Alpha Phi Alpha, for example the Big Brother program, which Kimbrough is a member of. However, I am referring to a different type of goal and objective—the positive growth of a young

person. Giving a young man or woman the opportunity to earn something outright. To create a bond that is strong enough to last a lifetime, so even when the individual isn't financial or active, the organization is still with the individual.

On the one hand, I agree with Kimbrough when he said, "the fundamental flaw of our membership process is that you do all the work to get in, and then you have no accountability."

On the other hand though, while it is a major flaw, I don't think that's the fundamental flaw. The fundamental flaw is that we only require a few weekends to make a lifetime commitment. From this perspective then, our current process is the chick at the club we got pregnant the very first night.

And then following Kimbrough's idea of no accountability, now we're full of deadbeat dads.

I also agree with Kimbrough when he says we should look at ourselves in order to fix our organizations, instead of our incoming members. Before we bring in new blood, let's take a look at ours. In these tight economic and spiritual times, I feel that any investments made should be to the self before the other. Kimbrough suggests, "Instead of our obsession with how people get in, we need to

focus on selecting (not trying to make) good people, and how to address those who consistently fall short." I'm with that.

Is Kimbrough suggesting a temporary moratorium while we re-examine our intake process? Or is he offering a period of open enrollment? While we are examining our own stench, are we to continue to allow a process that is made of recycled sewage? Kimbrough indirectly raises these questions, but never offers a solution.

The above-ground pledges learned poems and dressed alike and had mandatory study sessions.

The end results of these actions are not a hallucination. I know the benefits of what you call "hazing."

The evidence lies in the stories of people who've been pledged into BLGO's, and are credits to society. With each subtle texture the story lends, a more complete picture is formed. And yet, it seems these very stories are classified as irrelevant and grossly irresponsible in the eyes of what I like to call, "The Old Guard."

So no Mr. Kimbrough, my thoughts are not a "haphazard attempt to make chicken salad from chicken sh\*t." My thoughts are me, simply stating, "Please stop defecating on my chicken salad."

## Why are you Facebook-thuggin'?

JAMES TOTTON  
contributor

Real G' and thugs bring the drama to your door. Internet thugs are safe from being harmed. Blog sites like the former Juicy Campus and World Star Hip Hop made it safer for internet thugs to remain unidentified, since every blogger logs in under guess.

As a tip, user names like 187pacman and e-thug are great indicators you may be dealing with a cyber thug.

Internet thugs try to be as intimidating as possible through emails, chat rooms, and forum boards.

We already have internet haters. It would seem we could add thugs to the list of stupid stuff people do on the internet.

This article is for the internet thugs that are rough online but pansy in person. I'm airing you people out because you are a disgrace to society and

the world will be a better place without your network drama.

The entertainer will not acknowledge your opinions of an entertainer, but you insist on making a fool out of yourself, not knowing artists may have gotten 15 cents for your comment.

If you don't like what you are hearing, then you're one click away from not listening to it.

If you're looking for a fight then you're not going to find one online.

You make threatening comments on every blog or video you watch for fun and to get some widespread attention.

It's not fun for those who are online to enjoy their favorite videos unless they are the type of people that build off hate.

I can't stand all of you cyber thugs because you think it's cool to bully other bloggers when it's really not.

We all recognize the fake in you, especially when you attack

a certain group of people based on their race, religion, or even sex. In fact, I was watching a video on www.worldstarhiphop.com and there was this one cowardly internet gangsta making racist remarks about African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and Native Americans. Even though he didn't initially identify his ethnic background, it was plain to see that a white male was using derogatory terms because he was defending himself on behalf of himself and other Caucasians.

This battle between him and other bloggers, regardless of whatever race each one was, went on for some time.

Overall, I would say that the White male lost overall because it was too much for him to handle.

The point that I'm making here is that internet debating had nothing to do with the video that was being featured.

I'm also sick of the bloggers

that copy-paste multiple times. I wish there was a program invented that could ban comments that don't relate to the featured video or note. That would mean that there would be no more promotional ads for a rap artist, no more sneaker ads, no more job ads, no more "first" comments, and most of all no more internet beef.

I'm calling for a petition to ban Internet thugs.

Real G's make killing speers not killer comments. Since when has it become cool for a college student to display an A.K.-47 in his dorm as his profile pic? He probably doesn't even know how to use it.

He'll kill himself before he tries to kill someone else. If you're in college trying to major in gangsta credibility then you're headed to your downfall.

Don't take these types of people seriously. After all, what goes around comes around.

## Wrong place, wrong time will cost you

Imagine you were caught up being in the wrong place at the wrong time.



MARICA NELSON

After getting caught doing something that is deemed to be unlawful, you are now considered a criminal, and finding secure employment gets really hard. There is no financial aid for felons so unless you can pay out of pocket, so school is out. You once had a promising future, now you're condemned to work for minimum wage possibly for the rest of your life.

Even if you have committed a crime and are found guilty and suffered the consequences, do you not deserve a second chance? If you can be rehabilitated and learn from your mistake, do you not deserve the chance to live the "American Dream?"

I hope that we have not been so blinded that we consider ourselves better than the next man, because in reality we are only one step or situation away from being that man.

Listening to the radio last week, the subject of felons and the workforce was discussed. President Barack Obama was asked what could be done to help felons who are trying to change their lives. The question came from a man who has not been in trouble for 20 years, but still could not find a job. When answering the question, though sincere in his tone, you could tell that there is not much the president can do. 20 years of being a model citizen, and still unable to find a good job is ridiculous. It is hypocritical that we live in a country built on dreams, but that dream is torn away if you make a mistake.

Some behaviors are learned, while others may be inherited. There is definitely a difference between a person who cannot control his actions and person who makes an unwise decision. For example the justice system says that a rapist cannot be rehabilitated, that somewhere in the back of his mind there

will always be the urge to rape again. This rapist is definitely not the man you want working near your kids or maybe anywhere that women are working. It is understandable to not want a person who cannot control their actions in your work environment. Some behaviors are more of an uncontrollable addiction where as others are survival methods.

So my question is, should two people with two totally different agendas be judged on the same scale? I know many people whose lives have been tarnished by a felony.

There are some good people who are unable to find jobs and provide for their families because of a past that will not go away. What I wonder is, how can you be expected not to commit more crimes if that is the only thing keeping you from being homeless? If we as a people do not save ourselves and become more involved, who will save us?

How many generations will we lose to a system that was definitely not designed in our favor? It's very ironic that a country run by "Christians," built by thieves, would be so unforgiving. Think about the number of black men that are incarcerated, this makes me wonder are we really free?

Don't get me wrong; there are definitely people who deserve to be behind bars. But a person with a blemish on their record doesn't deserve to be called a criminal.

A man robs a store in order to pay his light bill and feed his family. You send him to jail, which is only right because he committed a crime.

The man is released from jail, and cannot find a job because of his record. After a while of unsuccessfully trying to do the "right" thing, eventually what is this man going to do?

The system is a perpetuation of a horrid cycle that has been going on in America forever, which in reality affects one type of people more than another.

In fact a certain set of rules have been put into place, to ensure that a people of former slaves will always stay in a certain situation.

## Open letter to Elections Committee

Dear Elections Committee, Now that the elections have come to a close, let me start by saying congratulations. You have single-handedly managed to muddle the value of the spirit of free elections on campus (yet again).

It's ok though, we all make mistakes, and we the people must also share in the blame. It is partially our fault that we let the same people run for elections committee unopposed year after year.

It's also probably our fault that we don't check you on the constitutional powers you so frequently reference to. No one really seems to catch on when you change the rules in-between situations, or says a thing when you just make up a new rule and "verbally" announce it as though it was written all along.

I must admit, you guys have this elections thing down to a



DEXTER MULLINS

science. You know: open the polls, count up the votes, wait a few days, announce a winner and then change your mind. It must be nice knowing that you

have complete control over the student power on campus for a few days, because without you guys, we would never have had to elect the same person twice.

We wouldn't have had people thinking we had two Presidents at once, there wouldn't have been a change in the junior class presidency this fall, and some of these one-vote races wouldn't be nearly as suspicious. People who don't spend a dime wouldn't be disqualified for not turning in

receipts they never had.

Don't you just love all the irony? But all references to previous elections aside, I would like to make a few suggestions if you don't mind. Next year, let's get some new blood in the pipeline. We know that people are resistant to change, but if the same people keep making the same mistakes...you get the idea.

It probably wouldn't hurt to look at making your rules a little easier to understand so that some candidates interpret something one way, and others see it differently (ex: the fliers in Barbee. People thought they could, then couldn't, then could again hang up fliers. Need I say more?) And while we're on the topic of change, maybe updating that protocol packet you're so vehemently in love with could fix a few things.

One thing in particular

Mad about something? Got a story to tell us?

Want something else in the paper?

Well, write for us!

Contributor's Meeting Every Wednesday

5:30 p.m. at NCB Room 328



## Aggies exhibit versatility

DANIEL HENDERSON  
Sports Editor

The A&T track and field program held its first of six meetings at Irwin Belk track this past weekend.

Although A&T may not have enough depth to compete for the MEAC Championship, they were still able to make up for it with their quality of talent placing in various events.

Junior Gordon Smith, the 2006 400-meter hurdles champion, qualified for the East Regionals with a second place time of 52.43, and jumped with a leap of 6-feet, 10 3/4 inches placing second in the high jump.

In addition to advancing in these events, he also helped contribute to A&T's men's 4x4 relay team first place finish, along with Akinwale Jordan, D-Mitri Boutry, and Jarrell Elliott.

"I am very proud of and happy for Gordon," said associate track and field coach James Daniels, who works with the Aggie sprinters and hurdlers. "He has always worked hard and been very coachable. I believe it is his time to execute what we always believed he could do."

The Aggies had 20 top five finishes in total, as the men contributed with 13 to the women's seven.

"We're not going to get points on depth," said director of track and field programs Roy Thompson about the upcoming MEAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at Irwin Belk Track April 30-May 2. "We have to make sure if we have someone who is talented enough to finish first or second, they need to finish first or second. One thing about not having a lot of depth is that you can't afford to make mistakes. We must minimize our mistakes and maximize on our great talent."

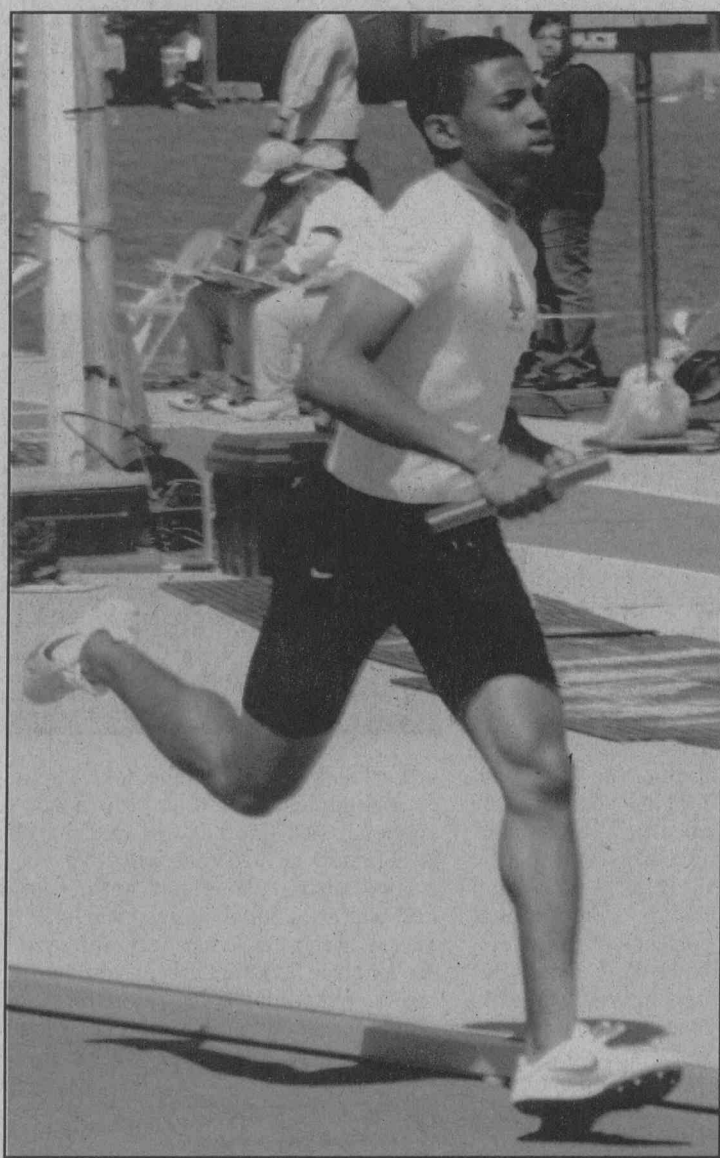


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AKINWOLE JORDAN helped the Aggies in their first place finish in the 4x400 meter men's relay race Saturday afternoon.

The women also helped prove Thompson's theory of his team true.

Senior Brittany Dixon finished second in the women's long jump and the women's triple jump. Her jumps included 19-feet in the long jump and a leap of 40-feet, 3-1/4 inches in

the triple jump.

Jerrine Foster and Katherine Forrester both place in the women's shot put with 47-feet, 9-inch, and 44-feet, 6 1-4 inch throws respectively.

Forrester also place fourth in the discus with her career best throw of 135-feet, 9-inches.

## Softball team cruises to eight straight

LAUREN MORGAN  
Register Reporter

On Sunday afternoon, the North Carolina A & T softball team won their eighth straight game improving to 18-11 on the season. The Aggies 6-2 win over Winston Salem State also marked their eighth straight game scoring over five runs.

Jessie Larson and Bianca Alsobrook led the Aggies with two RBIs apiece; Larson gained her third home run of the season. Sasha Philpot pitched four innings and did not allow a hit. She improved to 8-4 on the season. The Winston Salem State Rams led the Aggies 2-0 before Lillian Bullock scored off an Alsobrook RBI in the fourth inning. In the fifth inning the MEAC's RBI leader Ryanne Hill hit a single to score Yamma White, after a White single and an Ashley Carter walk. A&T tied the game at 2. The single marked Hill's 36th hit on the season.

With the bases loaded in the fifth because of a Tangie Conover walk, Ram pitcher Amber Shore struck out the next two batters. A&T was able to score a walk-in-homerun after Shore walked Alsobrook. The Aggies would score again after a pitch struck Aurora Baker which gave A&T a 4-2 lead. To secure the game the Aggie's Larson added a two-run homer in the seventh.

Prior to the Lady Aggies series concluding sweep, they knocked off the Rams in a 8-2 stomping, right after they used a seven run seventh inning rally to open the series

with a 10-8 win.

Hill also led the Aggies in those games batting 4-8 with two RBIs in the first two games combined.

The opening game rally began when Carter doubled, and RBI leader Hill singled to bring her home.

The Rams walked Conover, and Larson took advantage with a single to left field that brought Hill home cutting the deficit to 8-5.

Eventually errors tied the game at eight a piece scoring Aggies on base, and Carter came back to the plate to close the game with a two-run triple to give the Aggies a two-run lead.

Sophomore Jennifer Luper closed the game retiring the Rams in order.

This same late-game comeback was use in the second game.

Luper was used as an offensive threat in the seventh inning, hitting a run-scoring triple in the seventh scoring three runs and sending the game out of reach for the Rams.

Philpot retired three out of the next four batters aiding the Lady Aggies in the victory.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Florida A&M this weekend to take on the Lady Rattlers in a two-game series.

They will play a game on Saturday at 1 p.m. followed by a Sunday's matchup at noon.

The Ladies will return home to face UNC Greensboro next Wednesday at 2 p.m before they get a week in a half off to continue conference play on April 25th.

## AGGIES RUNDOWN

### BASEBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
UM-Eastern Shore	6-2	8-22
Delaware State	3-1	11-12-1
Bethune-Cookman	2-1	12-15
North Carolina A&T	3-4	7-20
Florida A&M	3-4	6-12
Norfolk State	2-3	11-12
Coppin State	0-6	0-15

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Wednesday  
vs. High Point  
High Point, N.C.  
6:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday  
vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore  
War Memorial Stadium  
Friday: 1 p.m. (Doubleheader)  
Saturday: 1 p.m.

Tuesday  
@ Winthrop  
Rock Hill, S.C.  
6 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Morgan State	0-0	7-3
UM-Eastern Shore	0-0	10-7
Hampton	0-0	14-10
Delaware State	0-0	10-9
Howard	0-0	13-16
Coppin State	0-0	6-9

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
North Carolina A&T	2-0	18-11
Norfolk State	0-0	10-13
Bethune-Cookman	0-0	9-23
Florida A&M	0-0	9-23
South Carolina State	0-0	3-12

### THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Saturday & Sunday  
@ Florida A&M  
Tallahassee, Fla.  
Saturday: 1 p.m. (Doubleheader)  
Sunday: Noon

## NEWS & NOTES

**BASEBALL** The North Carolina A&T baseball team suffered a 9-3, 11-1 doubleheader sweep this past weekend at War Memorial Stadium.

## AROUND SPORTS

### NCAA BASKETBALL

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina saved the last dance for Danny Green. The Carolina blue-clad crowd prodded him, and "Jump Around" blared from the speakers in his honor. So, just as he did before four seasons' worth of tip-offs at the Smith Center, the senior shook his hips, dangled his arms and cut loose one last time. Whoop it up, Tar Heels, you brought another NCAA championship trophy back to campus.

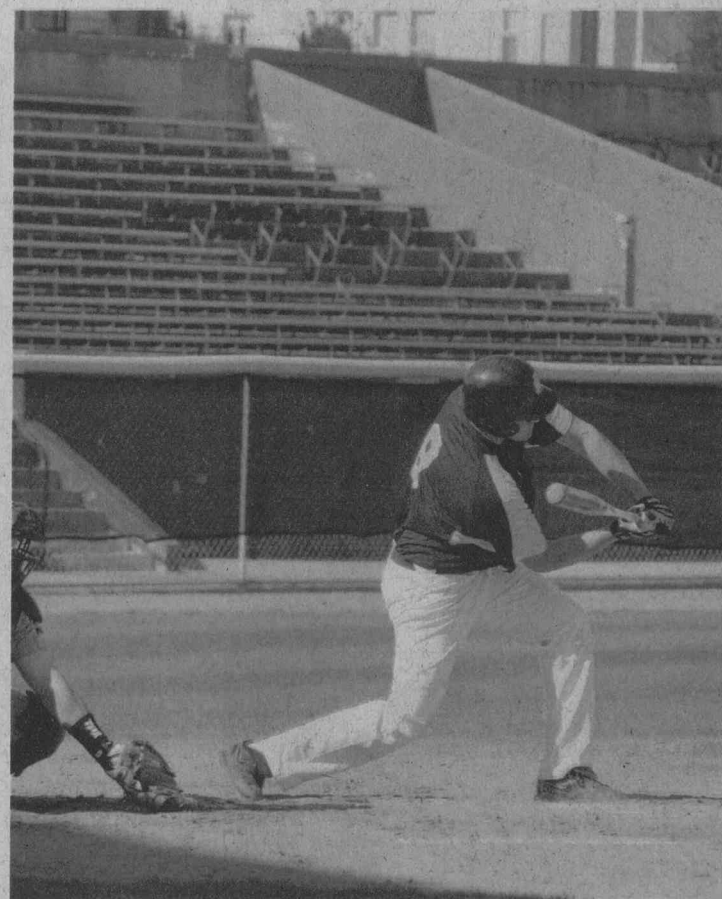


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AYE BATTER! Aggies strike out in double-header against the Wildcats of Bethune Cookman University.

## Aggies struggle in home double-header

DANIEL HENDERSON  
Sports Editor

The Aggies baseball team could not surge enough firepower to overcome Bethune-Cookman's pitching as the Wildcats completed a two-game series sweep Saturday afternoon on an 11-1 victory.

A&T faced one of the toughest pitchers it has seen all season after Junior Ali Simpson struck out ten batters through six innings.

The only run the Aggies were able to gain came in the fifth inning when a leadoff single from Eric Chiz was brought home by James Howard's RBI.

In the first game of the doubleheader, A&T suffered a 9-3 loss after jumping off to an early 1-0 lead on junior Xavier

Macklin's first inning homerun.

The game remained 1-0 through three innings until the top of the fourth inning when A&T had trouble at the mound.

Starting freshman pitcher Blaine McCraw struggled walking five batters with two resulting in runs that would give the Wildcats the lead 2-1.

After the second score, leadoff batter Acevedo Brooks hit a grand slam increasing the deficit to 6-2.

A&T did not score again until the bottom of the seventh inning on a homerun by junior outfielder George Hines that decreased the deficit 6-4.

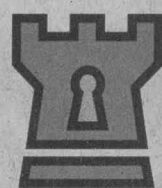
The Aggies finished the doubleheader with ten total hits.

Macklin led all A&T hitters batting .500 with a homerun.

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## More photos of Greek Probate



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**THE BOW AND SHIELD** The Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. death-marching in to reveal the 2009 spring initiates at Corbett Gymnasium.



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**DEVASTATING DIVA** The Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at their probate to reveal the new 2009 initiates at Corbett Gymnasium.



PHOTO BY LEROY MCKELL - REGISTER

**COLD IVY** The Alpha Phi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., mimic their yard brothers the Alpha Phi Alpha.

## MOVIE REVIEW: THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT

# The Haunting in Connecticut is a real scream

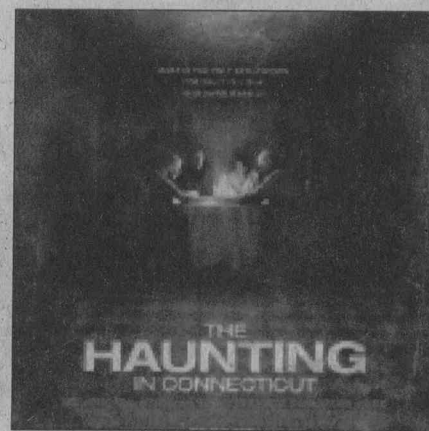
CHELSEA KING  
Contributor

When the house you have just rented has a dank, creepy basement with a mysterious door to a room of unknown purpose, and on top of that it was previously used for necromancy, would you still live in it? Probably not. However, "The Haunting of Connecticut," which is based on a true story, follows the Campbell family who moves into a rental home so they can put their eldest son, who is cancer-stricken, closer to the clinic where he is receiving experimental treatment.

Constrained between economic realities and difficult emotional truths, they stay put even after discovering that their new house was a former mortuary with a dark history. Naturally, Matt likes the idea of his bedroom being in the basement. He likes it a little less when he begins experiencing radical behavioral shifts and visions begin to appear suggesting a creepy presence in the mysteriously sealed-up room next door.

Since he is the first one being targeted by this strange phenomenon, he is seen upon his family as being crazy and is eventually diagnosed with schizophrenia. Soon, the experiences spread to the rest of the family and it becomes worse. Meanwhile, Matt's sister Wendy, along with younger brother Billy and niece Mary, have literally stumbled upon a secret stash of photographs and a tin box full of eye-lid trimmings. Some really scary things happen, and it comes down to Matt to save his family from ghosts of the past.

The film, from first-time feature director Peter Cornwell, delivers some genuinely grisly imagery and a slew of ectoplasm. Even though the grisly images on the previews might have you jumping out of your seats to go see this



horror flick, it may come to a slight disappointment that it is only a conventional storyline but will find that it is definitely a flick that will give you a good scare. "The Haunting in Connecticut" is definitely a must-see horror movie for those who has been waiting to see a horror flick that creeps you out. It forces you to think twice before moving into a genuinely nice house that seems too good to be true and finding an honest realtor.

Grade



## E. Gwynn Dancers present fundraising spring concert

NOMA VILANE  
Contributor

This past Saturday, the E. Gwynn Dancers presented their spring performance entitled "Preserving History: Dream Believe Strive Achieve... Dance." The show opened up with sounds of African drums. As they went to the stage, the E. Gwynn drummers, dressed in African costumes, set the mood for the performance to come.

The first piece was named "Harvest" and it was based on a traditional West African dance. From the beginning, the energy onstage was incredible. The costumes and the music helped to get the audience engaged in the dance. The costumes stood out and aided in the telling the story.

Eleanor Gwynn introduced each piece. She also informed the audience that all of the dancers rehearsed 6 days a week and worked out to stay in shape to maintain the pace of the dances for the entire performance.

The dance performance used a variety of methods, including images, in several of the pieces to further bring out emotions. A powerful poem, written for the dance, "For All Black Men," was read, evoking strong emotions from the crowd. A slide show of Black males was shown and then the actual dance began.

In a couple of pieces, the drums added to the traditional feel of the piece, while in other cases, tracks relating to the dance were played. The pieces of-

ten had rapid movements and an energy that captivated the audience.

The African and the Jamaican dances were based on actual traditional dances that are performed. They didn't use the stereotypical movements that are popularized in music videos or on television. The Jamaican piece was true to modernized traditional Jamaican dance moves that are popular in Kingston.

Then the track of Luther Vandross' "Dance With My Father" played for the dance. The piece was created for Chancellor Battle's Installation in April of 2007. Eleanor Gwynn spoke about how Chancellor Battle was a big supporter of the Arts and how he had donated money for scholarships totaling \$22,000 for dance. Two A&T students in the performance, Jeremy Sims and Courtney Key, received scholarships.

After the dance, "Images of My Father," the E. Gwynn drummers took center stage and impressed the audience with their performance.

At the end of the last performance, the E. Gwynn Dancers received a well deserved standing ovation.

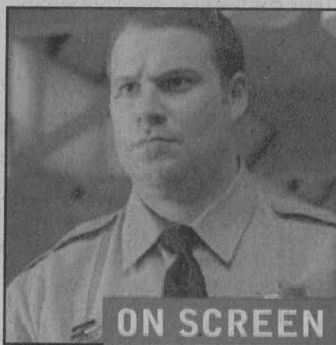
The reception that followed after the concert in Dudley had refreshments. People reflected on the concert while enjoying the food. On the second floor, the auction took place. The items ranged in bidding prices from \$5 to around \$500. The auction included items such as hand-made jewelry, furniture and paintings. There was even a small replica of the mural inside of the Union.

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hotlist

April 8 to 14

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



**OBSERVE REPORT** starring Seth Rogen, Ray Liotta, Michael Peña, Anna Faris, Dan Bakkedahl and Jesse Plemons is in theaters Friday. This film is about head of security Ronnie Barnhardt (Seth Rogen) at Forest Ridge Mall seizes the opportunity to showcase his underappreciated law enforcement talents on a grand scale record.

-A.T.



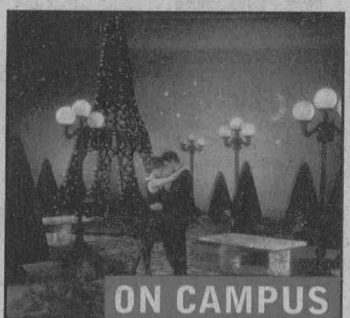
**CASSANDRA WILSON** the Grammy award winning jazz singer debuts her latest album 'Closer To You - The Pop Side' in stores everywhere. You may have recognized her unique voice from covers of U2, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and more.

-A.T.



**PAN-HELLENIC STEP SHOW** will take place at the Greensboro Coliseum on Friday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 for students and \$20 the day of event for everyone at the Brown Ticket Office. The host of Friday's event will be 106 and Parks Terrence J also a A&T alum. Arrive early for good seats.

-D.M.



**MISS A&T PROM** will be held at the Memorial Student Union on Wednesday at 7p.m. Presented by SGA come celebrate with Miss A&T. This event will be free of charge and is open to all students. Tell your friends and classmates as this event will go down in the history books.

-D.M.

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QUESTIONS

1. Is it just me or did the whole campus just cross last week?
2. Speaking of probates did you see the any of the joints on Wednesday?
3. Shouldn't the nursing sorority be allowed to haze?
4. Don't they have Neosporin on deck?
5. Could they get extra credit for good beside manner?
6. Have they even elected a SGA president yet?
7. Didn't more students show up for the probates then the SGA run off?
8. How many people missed class for probates?
9. Why?
10. Why does senioritis hit you your sophomore year?
11. Isn't crossing suppose to be a secret?
12. So what's up with the psychic friends getting the right number ballons?
13. Doesn't Ciara's new video come off like 80's porn?
14. How many people are gonna try one of her moves on that twin size in the suites?
15. Don't you wish you were a Tar Heel?
16. You didn't have the grades either huh?
17. Don't you wish our men's team was just as good?
18. How would we celebrate?
19. Free wing night at the sit in?
20. Bring your own plates?