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Chancellor Battle set for teaching at A&T

DEXTER MULLINS
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The resignation of Chancellor Stanley F. Battle surprised many on campus, but don't say goodbye to Battle just yet. An article in the May 2 News & Record says that The UNC Board of Governors will vote on a resolution that will allow current Chancellor Stanley F. Battle to go on "research leave" from July 1, the day following his resignation, to Dec. 31.

While on leave, he would continue to receive his chancellor's salary, which equates to \$273,156 a year. He would then return to A&T in January as a full time tenured faculty member in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, where he would teach,



BATTLE

receiving an appropriate salary for his position.

Phone calls and messages left for the Board of Governors at UNC General Administration were not returned by the time of press.

"To my knowledge, all students will be able to enroll in this course," Battle said. When asked, Battle said that no one from the News & Record actually called him to ask if this was true, but he did later confirm it in an e-mail interview with The A&T Register. Battle says he

had nothing to do with the resolution, and he hasn't officially even decided if he would pursue this option. Attempts to reach the News & Record were unsuccessful.

"I have those rights to do so, but I don't know what I am going to do," Battle said. "When I came to A&T I was a full-time tenured professor, like most of our faculty here."

The resolution would still have to be approved by the body of the Board of Governors before it would take into affect.

Battle announced his resignation on Feb. 24, sighting "personal and family reasons," forcing the University to begin another Chancellor Search. The resignation left many students and faculty with mixed feelings.

In a survey conducted on ncatregister.com over the course of 6 weeks, 46 percent of the people surveyed said they believed there were other reasons behind Battle's resignation. 25 percent said that they were completely shocked, and didn't know why he was leaving so soon.

The Board of Trustees has set a goal of finding the next chancellor by July 1; before the new fiscal year starts and an interim chancellor would have to be appointed.

Battle says he is not sure if the University will have found its replacement by then, but the Board is working vehemently to do so. As of Monday, there were 17 applicants being considered for the position, according to an e-mail from University Relations.

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

McCoy honored as Valedictorian of senior class

JASMINE JOHNSON
News Editor

As graduation approaches on Saturday, one A&T student will be honored during commencement as the 2009 valedictorian.

Senior mechanical engineering major Jonathan McCoy, from Columbia, MD. is the 2009 valedictorian of the graduating class, with a grade point average of 4.0. While he always thought he had the possibility of being valedictorian when he came to A&T, McCoy did not think his accomplishment was probable. However, because he was valedictorian of his high school's graduating class of 2005, his track record speaks for itself.

"I just wanted to do the best that I could and learn as much as I could," said McCoy, who is a 2007 initiate into the Beta Epsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. "I knew that would reflect in my grades."

During his four years at A&T, McCoy has joined a Black Greek lettered organization, studied abroad in Ghana, Thailand, Cambodia, England and Venice, honored in Who's Who among college students, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, Golden Key, Tau Beta Pi engineering society, Pi Tau Sigma engineering society, the honors program and could potentially be named as NAMASKAR engineer of the year.

"I am very, very honored and proud. I think it [valedictorian] is representative of all the work I've put in."

Growing up from a 5'6", 105 lb. wrestler his freshmen year in high school, McCoy has no regrets in his college career. Unlike some of his fellow graduates, he is not worried about his future and where he will work. He has accepted a job offer with Booz Allen Hamilton Inc. consultant company in McLean, V.A. During the summer he will



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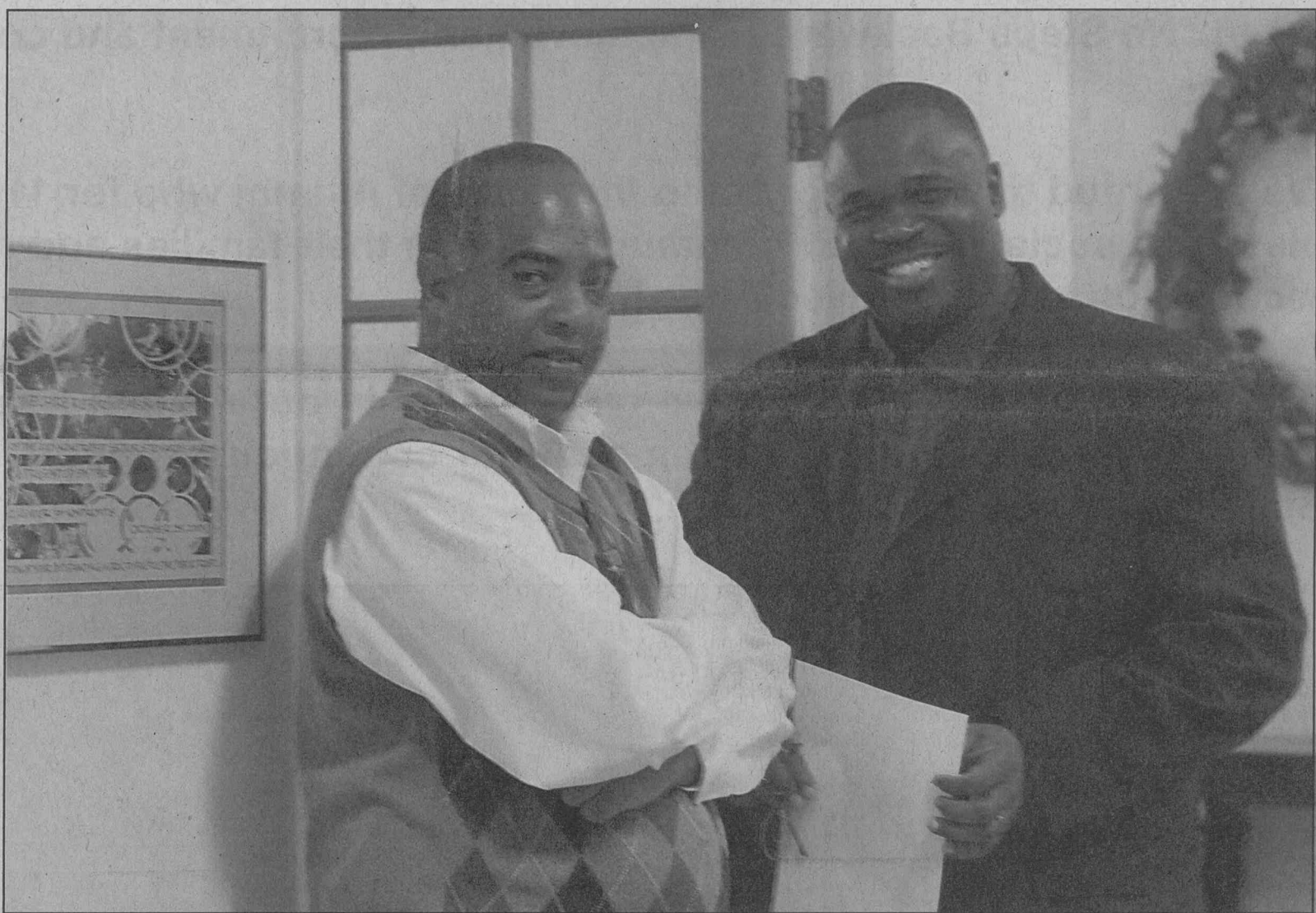


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SEEN HERE IS JERRY BEASLEY (LEFT) AND REV. ODELL CLEVELAND AT THE WELFARE REFORM LIASON COMPLEX IN GREENSBORO NC, APRIL 30, 2009. JERRY IS FOCUSED ON HELPING FELONS REACCLIMATE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

Students give back for internship

Criminal Justice Students used Welfare Reform Liason Project for internship

LATOYA HAGGINS
Contributor

Selected students from the Criminal Justice department used the Welfare Reform Liason Project, here in Greensboro, as a means to fulfill their internship requirement before graduating.

The internship was created by Dr. James P. Mayes, a professor in the Criminal Justice department, and by Rev. Cleveland of Mt. Zion church. The Community Corrections Internship was designed to help reformed offenders find work and maneuver their way back into society after being released from prison as well as giving students the necessary internships they need to graduate.

The coordinator of the program, Jerry Beasley, is also a reformed offender. Beasley spent some time homeless before Cleveland and Mayes presented the

position as coordinator of the program to him.

"I was literally on the streets. I was sleeping on railroad tracks," Beasley recalls.

Beasley was a part of the reformed offenders program before he was a leader for the program. He was finishing up with his classes at the Welfare Liason Project when the position became available. Being that he had some experience as a paralegal in D.C. before coming to Greensboro and also having experienced prison time himself, Beasley was the ideal candidate for the job.

Beasley said he was only convicted of minor crimes, such as being drunk in public and eating food in groceries stores without paying, but, even with that record, it was hard to find work. Community Corrections serves as a helping opportunity for offenders, like Beasley, that have committed such

crimes and more. Prison was designed to serve as a means of punishment to criminals, but also reform them and give them rehabilitation. Most criminals however, find it hard to find work and be treated as equals in society after their release. Community Corrections helps the men find work and get government assistance when they cannot.

They even helped the released felons vote in the recent election, after being told they wouldn't be able to because by law, it was not permissible.

"Chapter 13 is still in effect and it doesn't say some rights will be restored, it says all rights will be restored to the offender once they're released," Beasley said.

The interns from the Criminal Justice department have gained hands-on experience by working with the offenders and seeing that their rights are restored. Some of them visit prisons and get to

hear directly from the inmates about their treatment, struggles and concerns, while others traveled to the polls with the men to make sure they were able to vote on Election Day. Brittany Jackson, a senior criminal justice major, describes what has been one of the most interesting cases she has had a chance to work on, while participating in the internship.

"There is a man, who is a part of the program and he's a Class G felon, who's been trying to get food stamps and they won't let him. His probation officer and everybody doesn't want to allow him to get food stamps, they're throwing everything at him when it's documented that he can get food stamps."

Jackson said that she would say to the people who do not believe Class G felons should be allowed assistance, "everybody makes mistakes and lessons can be learned from experiences, so everybody deserves a second chance."

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Senior Jonathan McCoy sits down with the A&T Register and talks about how it feels to be the valedictorian.

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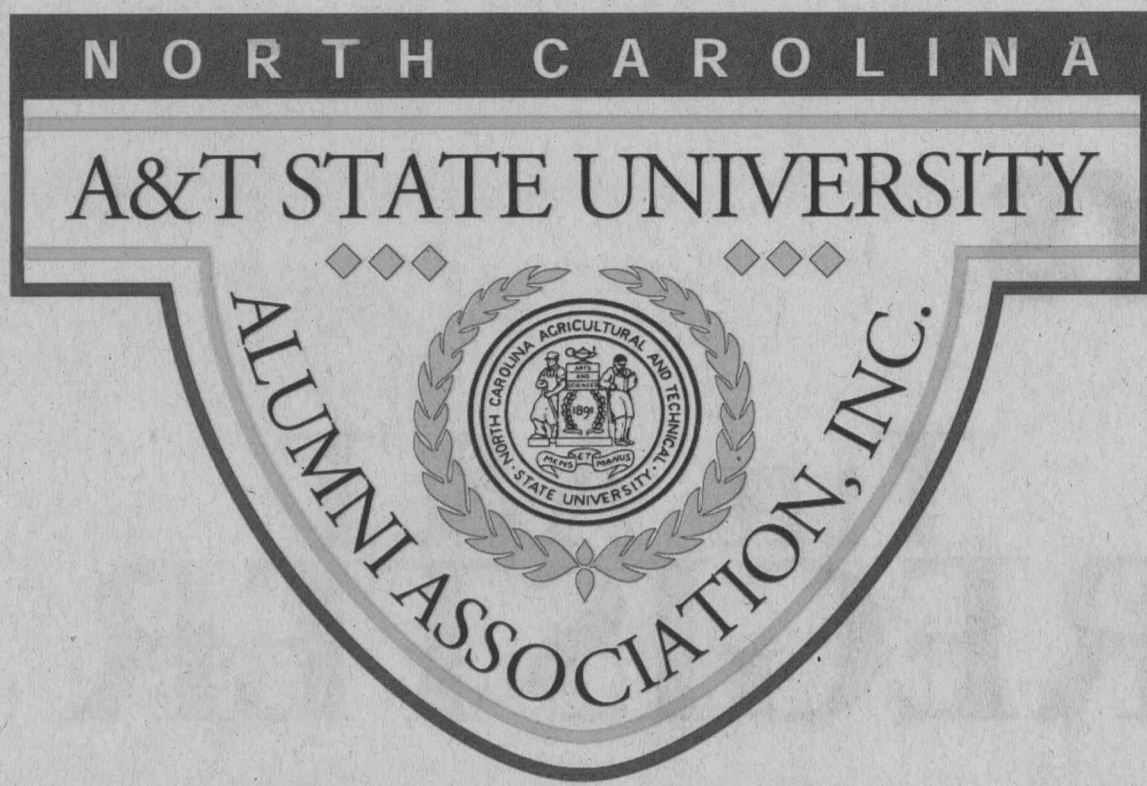
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continue his academic pursuit in a pre-MBA program at Yale University. After he works for a short time, McCoy plans on getting his MBA and JD at an Ivy-League institution.

"Treat every experience as if you are forming a niche in a key, that is going to unlock your door of opportunity," McCoy said as words of advice to his fellow graduates. "Don't sweat it if you don't

have your 50 year plan set in stone. Enjoy your experiences."

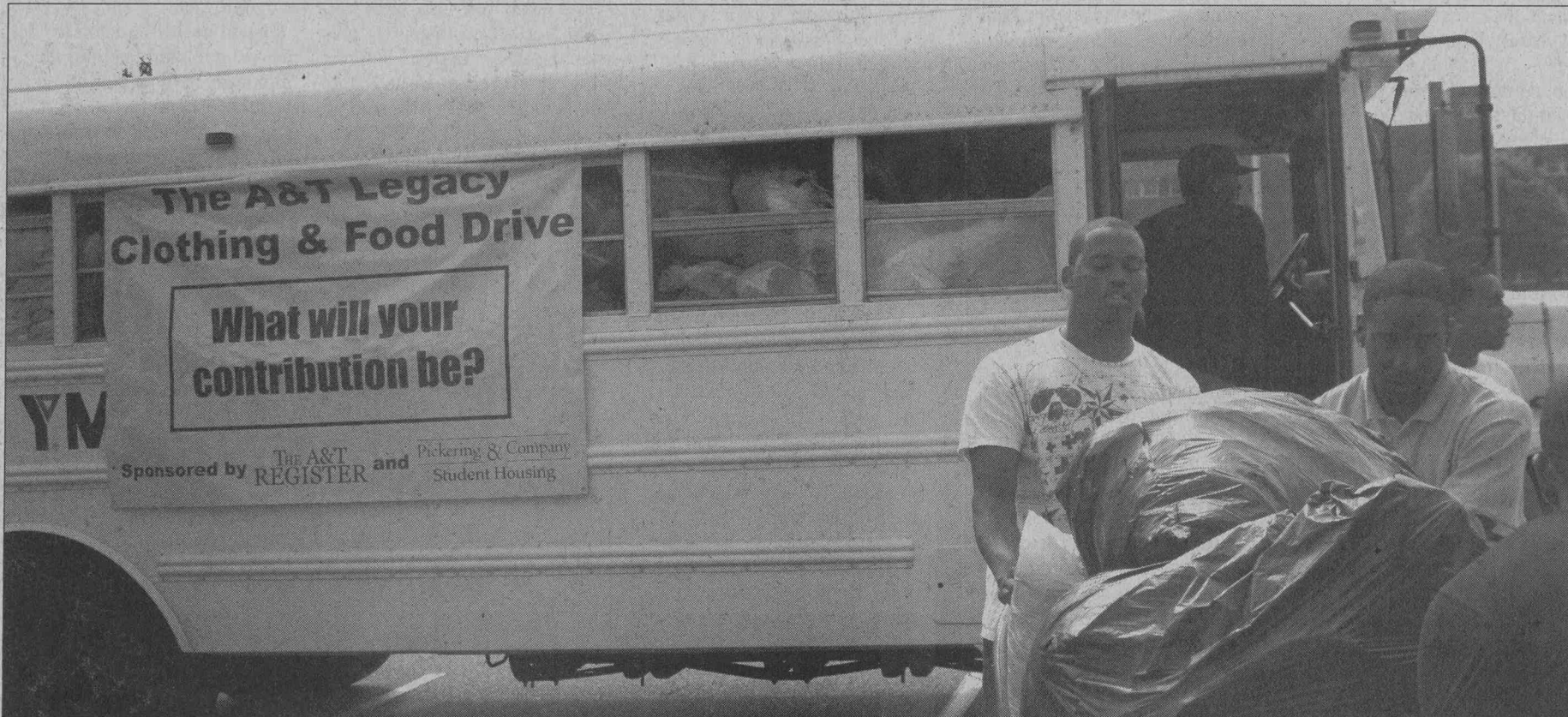
Some of McCoy's most significant memories of his time at A&T include his 2007 probate, homecoming and Aggie Fest step shows, being honored on a channel 2 feature college tour video among others. McCoy is not sure how was he selected to be valedictorian as he thinks two other Aggies also have 4.0 GPAs.

McCoy gives a special thanks to those who have helped him along his college ca-

reer including his parents, God, Sandra Williamson, his Scott 6 Room 108 family, everyone in the college of engineering and his Aggie family. Ten years from now, the 2009 A&T valedictorian has no idea where he sees himself.

"I have absolutely no idea and I'm happy about that. Hopefully have completely grad school by that time and on the verge of a major leadership position in the political or business arena."

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Corbett Gymnasium
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Waste Management Certificate Ceremony
Memorial Student Union
Exhibit Hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Graduate Student Reception
New School of Education
1st floor lobby
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Graduating Seniors Awards Banquet
Memorial Student Union
Stallings Ballroom
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Graduate Awards Ceremony
McNair Hall
Room 240 Auditorium
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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Spring 2009 Commencement
Greensboro Coliseum
8 a.m.

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Mexico says flu ebbing, lowers alert level

DAVID KOOP
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials lowered their flu alert level in the capital on Monday and said they will allow cafes, museums and libraries to reopen this week. World health officials weighed raising their pandemic alert to the highest level.

Mexican officials declared the epidemic to be waning, announcing that Wednesday will conclude a five-day closure of nonessential businesses that was called to stop the spread of the new virus. Health officials need to finish inspecting schools before students can return to class.

Global health experts however said it was too early for countries to lower their guard, but there were no imminent plans to raise the pandemic alert level.

In New York on Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the World Health Organization "has no plan to raise the alert level to 6 at this moment." WHO chief Margaret Chan also told the U.N. General Assembly by videolink from Geneva that "we are not there yet."

In an interview with the Spanish newspaper El Pais published Monday, Chan implied the agency might raise its alert. She played down the impact of going to level 6, saying she was concerned about causing unnecessary panic.

WHO spokesman Thomas Abraham said the comments appeared to be consistent with what the global body has said all along.

"We have consistently said a pandemic is imminent. It's only a matter of time before we move to phase 6 unless the virus sud-

denly becomes weaker and dies off," he said.

According to the WHO's pandemic phase definitions, being in level 5 means the agency believes a global outbreak is "imminent." Though Mexican authorities believe the outbreak may have peaked, WHO maintains it is still too early to tell if the outbreak is slowing down.

WHO also emphasized that a pandemic did not necessarily mean the disease was particularly deadly. The past two pandemics — in 1957 and 1968 — have been relatively mild. WHO said that the term pandemic refers to a disease's geographic spread — in all countries worldwide — rather than its severity.

While Mexico began its first steps toward normalcy, the virus spread to Colombia in the first confirmed case in South America, where flu season is about to begin. More cases were confirmed in North America and Europe — including Portugal's first — with the total number sickened worldwide rising to more than a 1,000 people, according to health and government officials.

With the scope of the disease unknown, several countries have taken urgent measures against arriving Mexicans or those who have recently traveled to Mexico.

In China, 71 Mexicans have been quarantined in hospitals and hotels, Foreign Secretary Patricia Espinoza said. Arriving Mexicans were taken into isolation, said Mexico's ambassador, Jorge Guajardo. Even the Mexican consul in Guangzhou was briefly held after returning from a vacation in Cambodia.

And in Hong Kong, 350 people remained isolated Monday in a hotel after a Mexican traveler there was determined to

have swine flu.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon complained of the backlash against Mexicans abroad, and his government said a chartered plane left Monday morning for China and will make stops in several cities to pick up any Mexican citizen wanting to return home.

"I think it's unfair that because we have been honest and transparent with the world some countries and places are taking repressive and discriminatory measures because of ignorance and disinformation," Calderon said.

"There are always people who are seizing on this pretext to assault Mexicans, even just verbally," he said, though he did not point to any country.

Espinoza planned to talk to Chinese officials about their policy toward Mexicans.

China's Foreign Ministry denied it was discriminating against Mexicans.

But the Mexican Embassy in Beijing sent a circular out to all its citizens saying China had imposed "measures of unjustified isolation" in response to swine flu and urging trips there to be canceled or postponed.

Espinoza also criticized Argentina, Peru and Cuba for banning flights to Mexico, and said Argentina was sending a plane to Mexico on Monday to pick up Argentines who want to leave Mexico.

Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova said at a news conference Monday that Mexico had 727 cases of swine flu and 26 deaths from the virus.

Health officials raised the number of confirmed U.S. swine flu cases to 245 in 35 states late Sunday.

The new number reflects streamlining in federal proce-

dures and the results of tests by states, which have only recently begun confirming cases, said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC's acting chief, Dr. Richard Besser, said swine flu is spreading just as easily as regular winter flu.

"The good news is when we look at this virus right now, we're not seeing some of the things in the virus that have been associated in the past with more severe flu," Besser said.

"That's encouraging, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods yet."

In Alberta, Canada, officials quarantined about 220 pigs infected by a worker who recently returned from Mexico.

It was the first documented case of the H1N1 virus being passed from a human to another species. Cordova presented the most comprehensive description yet of the dead in Mexico.

He said 15 were female and seven were men.

One possible explanation could be that women get poorer health care in Mexico because of its male-dominated culture, he said.

Cordova also said only 4 percent were unemployed; the rest either had jobs or were housewives and students.

More than 50 percent had not graduated from high school and only 11 percent had university education.

Kuri also said there were no deaths among health care workers treating swine flu patients in Mexico, an indication that the virus may not be as contagious or virulent as initially feared.

CDC confirms swine flu case in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A resident of Onslow County who recently traveled to Texas is North Carolina's first confirmed case of swine flu, Gov. Beverly Perdue said Sunday.

Perdue told reporters at the Department of Health and Human Services that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the case.

"Let me reassure all of you that North Carolina is as prepared, and some of us believe, more prepared, than any state in the country," Perdue said.

"We have had an emergency center up and running for more than a week in case this day came, and here it is."

Perdue said everyone who has been in contact with the patient are following CDC

isolation guidelines, as is the patient.

No secondary cases have been reported so far.

The governor stressed to the state's residents and visitors that they should take the necessary precautions, such as washing their hands thoroughly, covering their mouths when they sneeze or cough and stay at home if they feel sick.

State health director Dr. Jeffrey Engel would neither identify nor give any details about the patient, except to say a couple who had traveled to San Antonio acquired the disease.

Engel said he didn't know when they had been there, but did say that they had been there for around five days when they picked up the flu.

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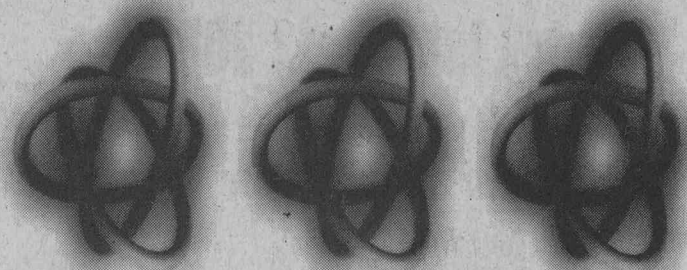
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In all my years at A&T, I have never walked into a lobby and saw students reading the paper. I have never seen copies of the paper running out in a matter of hours and people would find me and ask, "Where can I get a copy of last week's issue?" I have never seen so many artists on campus trying to get their comics printed in the paper, until this year.

The rising interest of The A&T Register from the students speaks for itself. Point blank--this was a successful year for our student newspaper. The success we found is because of the work of the entire staff.

I would like to thank Mrs. Harris for being a great advisor for The A&T Register, for molding me into the best leader/journalist that I can be and for believing me.

I would also like to thank Dexter Mullins, Malcolm Eustache, Mike McCray, Leroy Mikell III, Kenneth Hawkins, Jasmine Johnson, Anjan Basu, LaPorsha Lowry, Daniel Henderson, Stacie Bailey and Marcus Thompson for being such great assets to the A&T Register. All of these individuals went above and beyond every week to come out with a successful



AASIYA TOWNSELL

paper. We all worked together as a team and for that I am thankful and blessed to have the opportunity to work beside you all.

Channel Legette, Shanice Jarmon, Whitney Dickens, Ashley Reid, Michael Jones and Evan Summer-ville all of you were our most loyal contributors and Mrs. Harris's interns as well.

Even though I was the "boss" of The A&T Register, I never thought I was above you because you were all just as important to The A&T Register. From the contributor, the staff reporter, the editors, photographers, and the advisor, we all were an essential piece to the success of our paper.

Now that my time as editor-in-chief is up, let me list the accomplishments we had for this year. We won nine awards from the 11th Annual HBCU Student News Media Conference (BCCA), had outstanding coverage of President Barack Obama, presented the raciest

story ever reported at A&T, "Same Sex Dating," and covered Chancellor Battle. We improved our website, content, and layout. These were all great accomplishments that stuck out to me during my term and for that I am proud.

When I first obtained this position as editor-in-chief I was so terrified. My background in journalism couldn't compare to others, especially Mike McCray's who was the past editor-in-chief. I was just a swimmer, studied fashion journalism in Paris, and was into painting/photography on the side. The only working knowledge I had with newspapers was The A&T Register at that time. My internship didn't come up until the end of my term. With that, I didn't know if I was capable of leading a successful school newspaper.

I would constantly ask questions of my advisor to see if I was doing things right, and I looked at past papers from previous years and communicated with my staff so I could get a clearer perspective of the management with The A&T Register.

The register, and the rest of my college life, challenged me as a leader. There would be mo-

ments where I was afraid to get up the next morning because I remembered around 5 a.m. that we forgot a cut line. There have been times that I would doubt my leadership and sometimes felt that I wasn't being respected, or looked at as leader from the department or to my own staff.

However, I didn't let my insecurities get the best of me. I realized at the end of the day that my name is listed as editor-in-chief for 2008-09, and as long as I felt that I uphold to the duties that come with that title then I shouldn't worry about how others think of me. Plus, being a leader means that people will criticize you, it comes with the job!

I would like to personally thank Mike McCray for being a great person to learn from. During his tenure as editor-in-chief, he was the only staff members of The A&T Register who knew how to layout the paper and how it operates. I was just an intern known as JBG (Juice Box Getter) and everyone else he hired was brand new. With that we would stay up until 4:30 a.m. every Tuesday night, finishing the paper. We lived in that office and it took us hours

to finish the paper. Every Tuesday night you could always find me, Malcolm, Mike and Leroy in the office finishing the last final touches. Those three guys were my brothers and were the foundation of this year success for the student newspaper.

Malcolm, thanks for being there for me and for helping me go through my anxieties as your editor-in-chief. I know you will have much success in law school and please keep writing; you're so talented in that area!

Leroy and Mike, I know you guys will be great leaders for students to and I know you will both make your mark in the journalism world like you did in this department. You all are one of the most talented men I have seen in this department and it has been an honor working with you. You guys also took home the most prestigious awards from the Journalism banquet and you are both strong assets to The A&T Register. That says a lot about the quality of the journalism students that are involved with the student newspaper.

For the new editor-in-chief, Dexter Mullins, I pass this legacy down to you. I know we have had our moments but in the end it made us stronger as individu-

als and brought us closer together. Your mark on with The A&T Register started with your "Same Sex Dating" story. It was so funny at the time because we put a hold on your story for about a month. But, when it finally released it was the biggest talk on campus!

I'm not worried about next year. I know the paper is in capable hands. So, I expect you guys to take home all the awards from the BCCA next year!

Ultimately, I feel like I have accomplished more than what I planned for.

I am so glad that A&T gave me the opportunity to be your editor-in-chief for 2008-09, being a swimmer for the Lady Aggies swimming team and for Chancellor Stanley F. Battle sending me off to Paris, France to study fashion journalism. I am so thankful and I really do appreciate everything this institution has offered for me.

For all the students still on campus, leave A&T with a sense of accomplishment. Leaving your mark on this campus, whether it's through community service, leadership, athletically, or academically says a lot about your character and your dedication to A&T.

A few final words for A&T

What am I going to do without A&T? I sit here writing my last official contribution to the A&T Register wishing I had enough space to offer more of my thoughts than just a simple goodbye. I wish I had time to talk about everything that was good and bad over the last three school years, but I guess these few choice points will suffice. I would think that I have been a decent photographer over the last three years and only wish I could be in more places at once so I could make even more pictures.

Did the 20 questions section of the paper make you laugh or cry over the years? If you were ever angered over any of the insensitive topics covered in 20 questions I am apologizing whole-heartedly with a bit of a smirk on my face. A lot of those questions came from actual group conversations in the A&T Register Office so I also thank the staff for being so inspiring concerning the most random of things. I think it is kind of therapeutic to be able to share everything you find funny outside of my everyday circle.

I guess the question for this paragraph is How old will I be before I have to give buying a ticket to the Alumni con-



LEROY MIKELL III

cert some actual thought? I have had press passes and access to some great A&T events and met a lot of pretty interesting Celebrities, professors, students, and locals during my time here at the paper. I might not have paid for those tickets but I don't remember anybody waiting outside with me for hours because SGA forgot about them either. I really can't wait for homecoming this year because class cramps my style during that time of year.

Who is going to take the pictures if I'm not around? A big acknowledgement goes to the University Photographer Charles Watkins. He is a great guy to learn from especially if you are a hard-head like myself. But I am handing the reins over to Kenneth Hawkins and the tradition of the outstanding probate photo shall continue. Shout out to Beta Epsilon because the lock-n-lean was my personal favorite. As far as all other Greek life is concerned I'm upset because I never got to see a Kappa

or an AKA perform at a step-show.

Isn't it funny how you will still fight somebody for talking about our football team? I am an actual fan that never saw my team win until my Senior year. I took pictures that made them look like pros and I published a couple shots that made them look like Pop-Warner but I love those guys.

I am looking for a 1 game over .500 record next season gentlemen. While we are at the stadium big shout out to Golden Delight because that is where I first practiced shooting fashions. I never checked but I hope some of my shots made their website.

Which HBCU newspaper is the best in the land? Last but not least my goodbye to the Register Staff will be done in a little less public manner.

It isn't cool to write a bunch of inside jokes for our audience to read and not understand, so I will see you all at the banquet. Aggie Pride to the rest of you and I hope to be taking a picture of you in the future for hopefully positive reasons.

Time to make that move

It's kind of weird to be sitting in the newsroom right now, knowing that this is my last day in the spot that's been my office, my second home, my sanctuary and my hideout for the better part of five years.

I poured my guts out last year in this space when my tenure as editor-in-chief came to an end, but I guess at the end you have to look at the beginning.

I came to A&T never planning to stay more than a year and now its a place I dont know what I'd be without.

When I came to the Register, I didn't even write my a story my first few weeks, I just came to contributors meetings and threw out ideas for the kind of stories I liked to see.

Who would have thought that five years later, I would have gone from an confused freshman who wanted to do radio to a polished young man, who was able to rose to top of my campus newsroom, held down a live radio show for four years and host television shows and football games.

It was an interesting experience to be apart of the Register this year without being the one calling the shots.

While there were many as-



MICHAEL MCCRAY

pects I cringed at, there were many proud moments that left me confident that the newspaper I feel like I helped build will be in sure hands next year.

I don't know how I'm supposed to feel right now but I'm sure come August when next year's staff is putting together the paper for a whole new group of students who are probably just going to look at the pictures, it'll hit me.

It warms my heart to know I'm leaving most everything I touched at A&T better than it was when I arrived.

Stories like mine are what A&T is all about. This university took a chance on me coming out of West Charlotte High School with average grades, below average motivation but they recognized that somewhere inside was untapped potential and that's something I'll always be indebted to them for.

I hope people at A&T will look at my path and realize that this university will not stop you

from doing anything. My adopted graduating class of 2009, I want to thank you all for making this fifth year worth the extra tuition. Surrounding myself with a new casts of characters was an endeavor I didn't worry about.

The class of 2009 made sure that my new found free time was going to be used to enjoy college in a way I didn't have the opportunity to do before.

I really wish I could have said something more inspiring or more compelling but right now I'm kind of just numb to the moment right now.

So this here's the victory lap...

A&T and your Aggie experience is all dependent on what you want to do. A&T really does allow you to come in as a freshman, explore your possibilities, discover what your true skills and abilities are and become everything you dreamed of. I know that was true for me and it can be true for every student who's had the privilege to join the Aggie family.

I love A&T, I'm going to miss the people, the atmosphere and the life I've had for the past five years.

Be easy and Aggie Pride.

Created By: WAYNE STAYSKAL



Letter to the editor

FRANCES MCADOO
Contributor

The First Baptist Church of Apple Street would like to express its gratitude to a few young men who attend your institution. They were well mannered, interesting and smart. The church was in need of a number of young men to participate in the annua Easter program, and time was slowly winding down. Shaylon Johnson a freshman at your school agreed to take part in the play, and he asked some of his friends to help out as well. Four other young men agreed to help out. They stated that they couldn't be there to practice un-

til the actual day of the play due to other commitments. The program took place on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009. We really didn't know if they would show up, and we had all but given up hope.

I can't express the joy and thankfulness we felt when we saw those young men walk in to the church. It brought to mind the old expression "oh ye of little faith." The young men came in not knowing what they would be required to do. They listened attentively to instructions and they followed through. You would have thought that they were there for every practice.

We are so grateful for their

participation that we felt we had to share this wonderful experience with others. It is hard to find young men who stand by their word. These young men proved that their word is truly their bond.

Our hats are off to these fine young men and the University, your teachings are being witnessed in the real world as well as in their academic life.

First Baptist Church would like to commend: freshman Shaylon Johnson, Brian Davis, Keshan Cherry, Sophomore Coley Williams and North Carolina A&T State University for a job well done!

Thanks for reading The A&T Register, see you next fall!

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AGGIES RUNDOWN

SOFTBALL

NORTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Delaware State	7-2	21-6
Morgan State	7-2	12-7
UMES	5-4	18-13
Hampton	6-6	19-21
Howard	4-4	15-26
Coppin State	2-9	5-23

SOUTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Florida A&M	9-0	22-27
Bethune-Cookman	5-4	17-14
Norfolk State	6-6	16-15
North Carolina A&T	4-5	20-17
South Carolina State	0-9	6-25

THIS WEEK'S GAME:

Thursday-Saturday
MEAC Divisional Competition
Ormond Beach, Fla.
Winston-Salem, N.C.

BASEBALL

TEAM	MEAC	OVR.
Bethune-Cookman	16-2	26-25
Delaware State	10-8	19-21-1
Florida A&M	9-8	20-25
North Carolina A&T	9-8	17-31
Norfolk State	9-9	18-20
UMES	9-9	11-39
Coppin State	0-18	0-29

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Wednesday
@ UNC Asheville
Asheville, N. C.
1 p.m.

May 14-16
MEAC Tournament
Ormond Beach, Fla.

AROUND SPORTS

Baltimore (AP)- When Michael Phelps was at his lowest, unsure if he wanted to return to swimming, he sat down with a pen and a piece of paper. "I wrote out the pros and cons of swimming," he said, "and quitting." In the end, swimming won out. Phelps is returning to what he does best.

Three Aggies earn MEAC titles at Outdoor Championships

DANIEL HENDERSON
Sports Editor

The North Carolina A&T track and field team placed first in three events Saturday afternoon at the MEAC Championships completing historic careers for seniors Alexandria Spruiel and Loreal Smith.

Smith won her fourth overall track and field MEAC title in the 100 meter hurdles, while Calesio Newman defended his title as the fastest man in the MEAC, winning his second consecutive 100 meter title.

The other first place finish included junior discuss thrower Jerrine Foster's first Outdoor title.

Despite Spruiel's (51.95) second place finishes in the 400 meter and 4x400 relay

team, her events created the most drama.

In the 400 meter race against Hampton national champion Francena McCorory, she lost after maintaining the lead through 200 meters.

After she gave up the lead, she made a final surge just before the finish line that was not enough to surpass the national champion's time of (51.75).

"That was the closest I've ever come to beating her," said Spruiel.

Smith, who also gained the 60 meter hurdle indoor title, ran her 100 meter hurdles in (13.30).

"It was exciting to go out the way I did in my final conference meet," said Smith, who had her conference championship meet cut short last year

because of an injury.

Unlike Smith in her final conference meeting, Newman will have a chance to defend his 100 meter crown next year as a senior.

His 10.30 time gave him a tenth of a second advantage over Hampton's Reggie Dixon. He also placed fourth in the 200 meters, finishing in 21 seconds.

Foster's first MEAC title came a week after she broke the school record in the discuss throw in the Penn Relays. She had her best throw in 155-feet, 4-inches, which was ten feet farther than the second place finish.

Other notable finishes for the Aggies also included the Men's second place finish in the 4x400 relay.



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THE LADY Aggie softball team closed out the regular season with a 2-1 win at home Saturday.

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AGGIE PRIDE!

**Class of
09**

Olympic gold medalist visits Aggieland

THE GAME REVEALS HIS NEW ALBUM **LIV**

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FINALLY!
Aggie using streak with dominating victory

BEAT ATTACK!
Aggie's new album **LIV** is out. Students get ready for a week of activities dedicated to helping our own country.

CONGO WEEK PREVIEW
Students get ready for a week of activities dedicated to helping our own country.

THE A&T REGISTER

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS
Miss A&T gets huge surprise

RELATIONSHIPS
Miss A&T gets huge surprise

CONVOCATION CELEBRATES '11

LUCKY SEVEN!
Aggie's new album **LIV** is out. Students get ready for a week of activities dedicated to helping our own country.

AGE YOUR TATTOOS UNPROFESSIONAL!
Students get ready for a week of activities dedicated to helping our own country.

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BATTLE RESIGNS!
Chancellor cites family and personal reasons for his sudden decision

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Aggie Girls Best In the World!

MEAC CHAMPS!
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WHY WE LIKED THIS STORY
The Lady Aggies won the MEAC conference and made it to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 15 years. Brittanie Taylor-James also won MEAC MVP during the season and Amber Bland won Tournament MVP honors.

THE A&T REGISTER

Seniors showcase art!
An array of magnificent student art by departing Aggies and previous students contributed to the most recent Aggie Art Exhibition that accompanied the Senior Aggie Exhibition that was held in the Student Center.

WHY WE LIKED THIS STORY
We updated our website to a new format to better serve our readers. In addition to the paper that comes out every Wednesday, readers can also get information at the click of the mouse.

the new ncatregister.com

The 1st annual 'Best of the Register'

Our favorite news coverage of the year

Now that the year is over, we decided to let you see what we liked about what we did the best this year.

These were our favorites. What were yours?

THE A&T REGISTER

AND OF COURSE WE COULDN'T LEAVE OUT...

20 QUESTIONS

1. Did you know that Oprah bought everyone in America KFC yesterday?
2. Did you print out your coupon?
3. How long are you willing to stand in line for free chicken?
4. Miss work maybe?
5. Is it considered racist for the richest black woman in the world to buy everyone chicken?
6. Isn't she supposed to be on a diet?
7. Does the fact that it is grilled make a difference?
8. Isn't it still fast food?
9. Isn't Oprah going to cause the whole internet to crash?
10. Was she not satisfied when Twitter started acting up as soon as she logged on?
11. Did you see Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) on 106 & Park last week?
12. Wasn't he on ESPN too?
13. Did you go see the movie because of it?
14. Did you pass all of your classes & exams (seniors)?
15. Will we be seeing any of you next semester?
16. Did you watch the 'I Love Money 2' finale on Monday night?
17. Did you think that it was about to come from behind and win too?
18. Don't you think that there will be another season of 'For the Love of Ray J'?
19. Do you think that he really goes with Tila Tequila?
20. What was the point of their shows then if they ended up together?